

# THE BEACON

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE EAST TEXAS AREA AL-ANON/ALATEEN ASSEMBLY

## A Message from the Chair ~ Kay C.~

Dear Area 53,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring that has come to East Texas. As I write this report, the bluebonnets are blooming, oak pollen is in the air (sneeze, sneeze), and East Texas is a great place to live.

### A Note About Service and Why We Have Assemblies

We are approaching our first Assembly for Panel 55, which is both an exciting, but a fearful idea for me. I, however, know with the help of my Higher Power, whom I call God, it will be a great experience. I do know from past experience, that the next three years will be an opportunity for growth for me because when I have done any type of service work I have experienced growth in my personal recovery. By doing service work, I get to practice the principles of the program in a safe environment. I hope that you as member of Al-Anon and Alateen, will consider doing service work. Thank you to those who are doing service work. Early in my Al-Anon years, I wondered why we had Assemblies. They seemed to be boring and no fun! I just wanted to go to conferences/conventions/round-ups and hear someone speak about their experience strength and hope and be inspired. I did that for many years while doing service work at the group level. As I listened to the speakers from the podium, they all talked about doing service work as way to pay back Al-Anon for all the blessings and recovery that they had been given. So I challenge each and every one of you to examine and take an inventory with your sponsor about your level of service work. As I did service work at the group level, I eventually agreed to be a group representative (GR). As a GR, I went to district meetings and Assemblies. I was totally confused and did not understand why

the same issues seemed to be rehashed from Assembly to Assembly. I led (still do) a busy life with a highly demanding job, active alcoholism in my life, then sobriety in my life, and then as I got more recovery in my life there were other things I wanted to do on the weekend. I just didn't have time! Have you ever felt that way? If so, please know that you are not alone. In fact, before the last elections, I was feeling that same way, I stated publically that I would not serve another term on the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) because I believed in rotation of service and had already served for over 10 years at the Area level with the last of those 6 years serving on the past two AWSC panels (as web coordinator and group records coordinator). I was done! My God/Higher Power, however, had other thoughts, and I got encouragement from others in the fellowship to stand for Chair. I prayed about it and decided I was willing to stand and, if elected, would serve-so here I am. I have truly been humbled by the experiences I have had so far in my short tenure as Chair. I know that my God has given me the opportunity to learn how to LISTEN and learn. What a gift I have been given, which I would not have experienced if I had done what I wanted to do, or thought was right for me. I am so glad I listened to that urge in my soul to just be willing. I hope that if you in your daily meditation and prayer will ask your God/Higher Power how you can be of service and give back and ensure that Al-Anon/Alateen is there for the newcomer and the members of family who might want this program.

Back to why we have Assemblies. The reason we have Assemblies is to assure adequate interchange of information and ideas about service activities, not only in Area 53, but from

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### Calendar of Events

**ETAAA Spring Assembly**  
June 5-7, 2015  
Franklin, Texas

**AWSC Meeting**  
September 19, 2015  
Smithville, Texas

**ETAAA Fall Assembly**  
Nov. 6-8, 2015  
San Antonio, Texas

**P.O.S.S.E.**  
March 18-20, 2016  
Gonzales, Texas

**TEA. AC**  
April 29, 30 May 1, 2016  
Gonzales, Texas

**Deadline for Submissions**  
for the next issue of  
**The Beacon**  
July 1, 2015

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## **AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2015-2017**



**East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)**  
**Fall Assembly 2015**  
**November 6 – 8, 2015**



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**No Banquet This Assembly – Time to Enjoy the Riverwalk**

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Registration opens Friday @ 4pm, Speaker Friday night starts @ 7:30pm, and Business meeting starts @ 8am Saturday

When registering, all Alateens must turn in a completed Behavioral Guidelines Form and be accompanied by a responsible, registered adult. Notarized Permission and Medical Forms are to be kept by the responsible registered adult. Forms can be obtained from an Alateen Sponsor or Alateen Coordinator.



### Delegate Report ~ Joyce Y. ~

Spring is in the air and for me along with it comes new beginnings and lots of gratitude, particularly gratitude in action through service. The Area World Service Committee (AWSC) in early February was a weekend of new committee members and outgoing committee members exchanging ideas and visions for unity and growth of Al-Anon and Alateen in Texas East.

All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference (ATAAC) - February 20-22 in Irving, Texas: Some highlights of weekend include Alateen Panel with West Texas Alateens sharing from the heart, Cindy K. sharing the use of the Traditions with her family life, and Al-Anons and Alateens working together to complete jigsaw puzzles between meetings and put into practice the theme for this year's Conference "Life's a Puzzle, Al-Anon is the Missing Piece".

Next was South Central Regional Delegates' meeting held in Irving, Texas the first weekend of March. The purpose of SCRDM is to bring together the Delegates of South Central Region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas East and Texas West) prior to the World Service Conference each year to prepare current delegates for a more productive WSC and bring closer communication and understanding to our Region. Rosie M. served as Program Chair. The love, support, encouragement, thoughts and ideas shared are things I will cherish always and definitely take to heart as I attend my first World Service Conference (WSC) in mid April. **Words of Wisdom I heard** - *Listen and learn, be your own delegate, relax and have fun!!*

P.O.S.S.E. (Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything) in late March provided me the opportunity to meet training requirements for Alateen sponsorship, to understand more about the Alateen program, and to meet other sponsors for sharing experiences, strengths, hopes and ideas. Thanks to Anita C., Nancy P. and Lynn S. for your work to make it a great weekend.

**Practicing Spiritual Principles: Expanding our Vision** will soon become a reality as I attend my first World Service Conference in Virginia Beach as your Texas East Area Delegate. Each new delegate is assigned a Delegate Mentor and a Trustee Mentor to work with. Both have given me support, encouragement, and answered questions to help prepare the way for a successful WSC experience.

In order to broaden the scope of certain selected committees at the WSO, Delegates are appointed to these committees as members in-the-field. This year I have been assigned to the Literature Committee and recently participated in a conference call and will be attending another committee meeting at the conference. Thank you Linda B., an At Large member from Texas East, for serving as the Committee Chairman.

As part of the twice yearly solicitation for service volunteers at the WSO level, the number of positions available annually are:

#### **3 at-Large Trustees**

#### **3 Regional Trustees (rotates depending on Region)**

#### **1 at-Large member, Executive Committee for Real Property Management**

#### **1 at-Large member, Alateen Work Group (trial)**

#### **5 at-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee**

#### **5 at-Large members, Literature Committee**

#### **5 at-large members, Public Outreach Committee**

#### **1 at-large member, Audit Committee**

**Trustee at Large TAL** - Potential candidates' résumés must be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed to the WSO on or before **August 15, 2015**. Up to six candidates are selected in October by the Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT). Then, up to three nominees are selected by the Board in January. The selected nominee's name will be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC) for traditional approval. Requirements for Trustee include the following have at least 10 years of continuous membership in Al-Anon, not be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), become an AMIAS, attend Trustee meetings ranging from 28-60 days a year; have the stamina to carry your luggage and be willing to share a room. In addition Delegates must wait until two WSCs have passed after their term's end before they can be considered.

**Regional Trustee (RT) - Our South Central Region is not in rotation for this year.** In addition to requirements same as Trustee at Large (TAL) must live within the Region of their election, and the resume form is submitted through the applicant's Area selection procedure.

**Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM):** The nominating process is the same as that for Trustee at Large. Members serve one three-year term and may not be re-elected. Requirements include the following have 7 years of continuous membership (including Al-Anon service beyond group level); have special skills and experience that include areas of property management, finance, business, accounting, law, business administration or technology; be available for meetings a minimum of 4 days during the year; be willing to share a room; and meet additional abilities as noted on resume form. Remember, **August 15** is the deadline.

Contact me at [txepanel55jy@gmail.com](mailto:txepanel55jy@gmail.com) or 281-728-7633 for further information/requirements for any of these positions as well as the Resume Form which must meet specific size and font requirements.

**Job Openings at WSO** - Check out Job Openings for Associate Director of Member Services - Groups and App Developer and Graphic Illustrator available through World Service on the Members website at <http://al-anon.org/members/wso/inside-the-wso>. Please share these job openings with your members or any other individual who has the necessary skills and would be interested in applying.

**Does your group have a Group Representative (GR)?** The GR is the first link in the chain that leads to our World Service Conference. This link is vital in the continuing function, growth, and unity of worldwide Al-Anon.

Hugs in Service, Joyce Y.

Texas East Delegate, Panel 55

**Concept 4 - Participation is the key to harmony.**

**Alt. Delegate/Literature/ForumCoordinator**  
**~ Margaret F.~**

Hello to Texas East Area 53 Al-Anon Groups

Spring is here and so it is time to clean out the old and start with the new. Found some questions and answers that I once had so I imagine there are others that would like to know.

**Q: If I have some ideas for brand new CAL books, would I submit those to the WSO or to our Delegate to bring to the World Service Conference?**

A: You (or any other member) can submit ideas for new literature directly to the WSO, which we will forward to the Literature Committee for its review. If the Committee agrees, it will send a recommendation to the WSC for discussion. However, you (or any other member) can also submit ideas instead through the links of service (from your group to your district to your Assembly). If the Assembly agrees, your Delegate could make a motion on the Conference floor. The first avenue would have the backing of the Literature Committee; the second would have the backing of your entire Area.

Please send your ideas to the Area Delegate and Area Chair to be discuss in the future at an Assembly.

**Q: Can a group photocopy a couple pages from our books and hand them out to newcomers?**

A: If the intent is to do this at random, as "handouts" for newcomers to take home and read, or to supply on an ongoing basis, the answer is no. As you probably know, all Al-Anon literature is copyrighted. Our "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" in the *Service Manual* provides procedures to follow regarding this. (See pages 107-108 of the 2014-2017 edition.) Forms to request reprint permission are available from the WSO, and each request is evaluated on its merits and the circumstances. As it states on page 107 of the *Manual*, for most reprint requests we can only grant written permission for "limited excerpts" (usually a couple sentences to a paragraph).

If the intent of photocopying material is to express our gratitude for the program by "paying it forward" with generosity to the newcomers, we recommend giving them a complimentary Newcomers packet, pamphlet, or the new soft cover edition of *How Al-Anon Works* (B-32). This makes it clear that the material is actually Conference approved, and reflects our program in the best light.

**Q: Can I photocopy a single page from CAL for one-time use at a meeting?**

A: Members may copy Conference Approved Literature (and *The Forum*) for use in Al-Anon/Alateen meetings or workshops without written permission, provided it is for a one-time use (such as for a meeting topic), the photocopy is limited to what can be reasonably discussed within one meeting, and the material is not for sale or being distributed beyond the group. We do ask that you include the following credit line, "From \_\_\_\_\_, copyright 20\_\_, by Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. One-time reprint permission granted by Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc."

**Creating pamphlets and using the CAL logo**

**Q: Can members create a pamphlet and put the Al-Anon logo on it?**

A: As it states on page 107 of the *Service Manual*, "The World Service Conference has authorized Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., also known as WSO, to be the sole publishing agency for the fellowship worldwide. Therefore, no Al-Anon group, Information Service (Intergroup), Literature Distribution Center, or any other service arm may produce or publish its own literature or sell outside literature and/or materials."

Please allow me to give you some historical perspective as to why this is our policy. Conference Approved Literature came about from discussions held in 1961 at Al-Anon's very first World Service Conference. At the time, we had very little material of our own. Many local groups and service structures were writing and distributing their own literature, which varied widely in quality and content. Other groups were using more and more outside literature, much of which did not reflect Al-Anon philosophy. These pieces were sometimes religious in tone, or one person's opinion of what to do to "fix" the alcoholic. As a result, great disparity existed from meeting to meeting.

At that first Conference, our cofounder, Lois W., described why she felt we needed a process for Conference approval:

You see, this whole idea of the Conference is to continue Al-Anon into the future, in usefulness and in unity. The matter of unity is why we should have Conference Approved Literature, so that sometime one part of the country doesn't get a particular slant and go off on its own way while another section goes another way—all under the name of Al-Anon.

The first few Conferences developed a process to give conceptual approval for the development of Al-Anon literature, and it was the will of the Conference to recommend exclusive use of CAL in Al-Anon meetings.

As far as use of the Al-Anon logo, page 107 of the *Manual* also states: "The logo without the AFG was adopted by the WSO for easy identification of stationery, service tools, and other Al-Anon/Alateen material. Al-Anon/Alateen service arms (such as Areas, districts, and Information Services) and conventions with Al-Anon/Alateen participation may use this logo without alteration.

All of these answers come from the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" (*Service Manual*- P24-27) so make sure your group and the Group Representative have a copy.

Your trusted servant,  
 Margaret F.

## Public Outreach ~ Judy W.~

During the last quarter, I reached out to all district public area coordinators and began discussions on what each district wants to focus on in the upcoming months. In some cases, we discussed best practices and challenges as well as what I can do to help support the 12 active districts. We are having a small meet and greet Sunday morning meeting at the Spring assembly where all public outreach coordinators can get to know each other better and brainstorm more ideas for public outreach.

We have also received the Public Service Announcement (PSA) log from WSO notifying us where PSAs have been played in East Texas during the previous year. This log will be shared with the public outreach coordinators so that they may call the media entities (radio, TV, etc.) to personally thank them for playing our PSAs. This relationship will hopefully continue as we get more PSAs in to share this year so that we all can continue to carry the message.

Love in service, Judy W.

## Website Coordinator ~ Lisa W. ~

Dear All,

With the New Year comes the invoice for our website. This year Texas West pays the website fees. They are \$119.88 per year and NOT our expense again until 2016.

If you should happen to take a look at the Member's Section of the site (<http://texas-al-anon.org/>), and have forgotten the password, it is still **anonymity**. Additions to the Texas website since last quarter include and/are not limited to the following:

**Several Events including the East Texas Al-Anon Area – Spring Assembly 2015 and Bake Off.** <http://texas-al-anon.org/event/east-texas-area-al-anon-assembly-spring-2015/>

**Public Outreach images from District 6 and approved by WSO intentionally designed for multi-purpose use; bill boards, posters, cabs & buses, etc.** <http://texas-al-anon.org/members/> (scroll down to the Public Outreach divider heading)

**Meeting updates, additions, deletions and emails answered**

There is current discussion going on between Kay C., Tricia L., Marcia H. (West Texas Website Coordinator) and I regarding EXACTLY how the “sub-sites” work. I hope to better be able to explain this in a “breakout” workshop at ETAAA Spring Assembly in Franklin.

We continue to link to Al-Anon websites outside of [www.texas-al-anon.org](http://www.texas-al-anon.org) that are located in several of our districts. Please do the best you can to keep your meeting up-to-date on these sites!

**Reminder:** As you are restructuring or building your sites, please remember the Seventh Tradition and ask permission before using art work, graphs, writings, etc. from other Al-Anon sites. Ideally, it is a good idea to just create your own. If you do use something, and have permission, it is important to credit the entity that developed it. The World Service Office (WSO) has specific guidelines for this and a list of all items we

can use (“Materials to Post Online”) along with a credit line acknowledging that permission is granted. The Legacies continue to require written permission to be granted annually.

In service, Lisa W.

## Spanish Coordinator ~ Anita C.~

Saludos y gracias a todos por su apoyo en mi nuevo servicio en la Area. Estoy lista para trabajar con los demas coordinadores de los grupos Hispanos. Con mi poca experiencia que obtuve en el Distrito 5 con el servicio similar, puedo usar las heramientas.

Que use para esta nueva pocision. Por medio de la internet pude comunicarme con casi todos los representantes de los distritos para obtener los nombres de sus respectivos coordinadores de grupos hispanos. Desafortunadamente solo puede conseguir tres nombres.

Hay una vision de la necesidad en la comunidad hispana de pasar el mensaje de Al-Anon y Alateen. Gracias ante mano a todos los representantes de los distritos por su ayuda. Mi madrina, que ya no esta para mis necesitadas sugerencias, le mando las gracias por todo lo que me enseño. Gracias Lyn B.

Anita C.

## Beacon Editor ~ Lynn S. ~

Greetings fellow readers. So far this year, I have discovered that each issue (four each year) will be a learning issue. Editing the articles to fit the pages and not lose the intent of your reports is something I work very hard to master. Remember that I need your reports as soon as possible, and remember that I cannot edit pdf documents.

While I would like to include the flyers of your upcoming events in each district, it is not possible because it adds to the printing and mailing cost to increase the number of pages to the newsletter. Therefore the only flyers that will be printed in the Beacon will be the spring and fall area assemblies. Please send your flyers to Lisa W., the area website coordinator, and she will post the flyers for everyone to view and download.

The next Beacon deadline is July 1st. As you know that is just before a big holiday weekend and it will be a busy time for most. I will email a reminder around June 15th. Please help me get the Beacon edited, printed and in post office by July 15th. It would also help if when you receive my email you would reply that you received the mail. That will assure me that you have been reminded. If each member of the AWSC sent a report there would be 30 reports and the financial report.

In service, Lynn S.

## District Reports ~

### District 2 ~ Myrthala C. ~

Greetings from District 2. As a new DR, we held our quarterly district meeting on April, 11. Our meeting was held during “A Day in AA” in Corpus Christi. Karen M. from Progress not Perfection-Kingsville was the Al-Anon speaker. We welcomed 4 new GRs to our district and we presented 2 pieces of CAL, When I Got Busy I Got Better (P-78) and Al-Anon Alateen Groups at Work (P-24).

Group representative guideline was reviewed during our



meeting. It was suggested for upcoming district meetings to have 1 or 2 members prepare a 5-10 minute presentation on a piece of literature. This to help members aware of CAL. I started with the pamphlet The Joy of Service. Overall, GRs sharing ideas on how to do public outreach. Groups stepping up in service by volunteering to host District meetings.

Our next District meeting will be held August 8, hosted by Southside Comfort group in Corpus Christi. I am looking forward to serving District 2 for the next 3 years.

With Gratitude in Service, Myrthala C.

#### **District 4 ~ Mattie T. ~**

Greetings from District 4, it has been an exciting first quarter of the year. We held our first quarter District meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Alvin Taylor Street Club and our attendance was great. Let's give a big welcome to our newly elected group representatives and our newly elected public outreach coordinator (Delia B).

I continue to encourage groups in the District to have a GR as a voice for their group. I give out a packet stating the top reasons to have a GR. The Group Representative (GR) is an important service position for a group. If you are not already, please consider serving your group and the District in this position. The Group Representative... represents the group's concerns and wishes, as well as informing the group of what is happening in Al-Anon beyond the group level.

During the meeting it was voted that we would continue to have meetings quarterly on the second Saturday of the month. We also submitted a bid to host the AWSC Meeting in January/February 2016. We elected to make tote bags love gifts for the Delegate Conference being held in April. On Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> we met at the Alvin Taylor Street Club and made over 100 t-shirt tote bags (t-shirts were collected from the groups) and they are being mailed out on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

District 4 will hold its Day in Al-Anon, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 8:45am-3:00pm; "Expand your Vision: Using the Traditions", Cindy K, past delegate (Texas W) will present workshops and share here experience using the Traditions.

Sheri B, District 4 ISR gave a report and stated that Intergroup is currently looking for new board members.

Public Outreach: Williams Elementary in Pasadena hosted a health fair, and requested Alateen/Al-Anon participation. Norma W, Delia B and Jay J who is the public outreach for Houston Intergroup attended. It was a great opportunity to share Al-Anon/Alateen message of hope.

A new CD is out on Public Outreach and Norma W shared this video during the meeting. This video can be purchased at the Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. Social Media Sites, go to: [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org). This video was introduced at the South Central Regional Delegates Meeting in March in Fort Worth, TX.

We continue to reach out and encourage groups to consider Alateen sponsorship. Norma W facilitated an Alateen workshop after the meeting for those who were interested.

We ended the meeting with lunch hosted by the Alvin Al-

Anon AFG and a silent auction.

I attended the ATAAC convention on February 19-21, 2015 in Irving, TX, what a wonderful weekend of sharing. The speakers and workshops were very good. I must admit I had a lot of fun with the icebreakers and the interactive skits.

The ATAAC committee met and set the meeting date for the next meet, it will be held August 8, 2015 at the Westin Hotel in Irving, TX.

I attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRD) meeting in Fort Worth, TX March 6-8, 2015 and met a lot of new and past delegates. The theme of the meeting was "Living our Spiritual Principles: Expanding our Vision". This was a weekend of growth and definitely expands my vision in the fellowship. I left this weekend filled with excitement in my role as district representative. Some key points of interest were: Honesty, Hope, Integrity, Courage, Compassion and Forgiveness.

I am on a journey of continued growth and this program continues to give me that opportunity and for this I am grateful.

Love in Service, Mattie T.

#### **District 6 ~ Lori L.~**

Our last District 6 meeting was held on April 18, 2015, in Austin, Texas, hosted by Bridge to Shore AFG. We had a skit that was focused on the role of the Group Representative.

During our business meeting, we discussed the position of the Spanish Coordinator that is still available that needs to be filled. An update was given on Phase I spending for Public Outreach. We had an update from the Financial Thought Force on the prudent reserve. The outcome was to maintain a 50% prudent reserve for operating expenses and a separate reserve for the Assembly.

We revised the 2015 budget and set up a Thought Force on spending remaining unallocated funds. For the groups that had successes since the last District meeting, ideas were shared.

A collection for the Love gift was taken up for our Delegate, Joyce Y.

We concluded our meeting with Georgetown West AFG to host for our July 18<sup>th</sup> District meeting where the Delegate will come and give her report.

In Service, Lori L.

#### **District 8 ~Diane B.~**

The District Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> was held following the quarterly Beaumont AIS meeting. The Downtown AFG hosted and we appreciate all who came. The main topic at this time is how to provide support at the Spring Assembly. We have several members of our District who are going and who say they are willing to help in any way. We have some raffle items to bring and some easy to carry deserts. We also have a theme for the Fall Assembly raffle basket. Several of us had the same idea so it must be a good one!

Sadly, we have lost a group in Cold Spring. It seems that it was a difficult meeting to get started. Hopefully some day we will have a group in that area. We look forward to seeing everyone at Assembly.

Love in Service, Diane B.

**Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Norma W. ~**

Hello ETAAA!

This first quarter has been a busy one. I attended the AWSC (Area World Service Committee) transition weekend the first weekend in February. This was a great opportunity to share and receive experience strength and hope for our new service rolls.

I attended the ATAAC (All Texas Al-Anon Alateen Conference) in Irving, TX in February. I was so impressed by the West Texas Alateens, who shared their stories on the Alateen Panel Saturday afternoon. I attended a workshop on service and would like to share something I heard, "Service is paying rent for my recovery." This is so true, if we want to keep what we have received from this program we must be willing to give it away by serving.

I attended the SCRDM (South Central Regional Delegates Meeting) the first weekend in March. I met and shared with Billy M. the Texas West Area 52 Alateen Coordinator. Texas East was well represented, and we were able to share our experience when issues were brought up from other Areas, including Alateen training. There was interest from OK, MO, and LA to hear about P.O.S.S.E. weekend, and to see our new Texas East Self-Guided Training Manual, presented by Melissa H. in 2014. It also gave me hope to have met a young lady in her late twenties, who started in the Alateen program, transitioned into Al-Anon and is currently serving as Alternate Delegate for Missouri.

I attended the 21<sup>st</sup> P.O.S.S.E. (Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything) March 20-22, 2015 in Gonzales, Texas with 26 in attendance. Four ladies from Texas West joined us this year. Anita C. was the P.O.S.S.E. Chairman and Nancy P. was the Registrar, they both did a fantastic job, along with Lynn S. one of the Co-Founders of P.O.S.S.E. I had the opportunity to lead a workshop: AA & AFG Events with Alateen Participation. I also had the opportunity to share with the DAC's on "What is my Job?". The 22<sup>nd</sup> P.O.S.S.E. is scheduled for March 18-20, 2016 in Gonzales and the cost is \$125.00. We hope to see you there. I will be the Chairman and the Registrar is TBA.

On March 28, 2015, I participated in a health fair at Williams Elementary in Pasadena TX, along with Jay J. from Houston Intergroup public outreach, and one other Al-Anon member. The school nurse reached out to WSO looking for Alateen/Al-Anon participation; WSO passed the information on to me. It was a good opportunity to share the message of Al-Anon/Alateen recovery.

TEA AC will be held on April 24-26, 2015 in Gonzales Texas.

With Love in Service,  
Norma Warnasch

**Area Alateen Process Person ~ Bennie P. ~**

Attn: Area 53 Members

TOPIC: Extend the New Trial Alateen Sponsor Certification Process

Presented by Area Alateen Coordinator, Norma W. and Area Alateen Process Person, Bennie P.

At our Spring 2014 Assembly in Humble, Area 53 approved the following recommendations as presented by The Area Alateen Task Force Committee.

**These were the Recommendations presented at the 2014 Spring Assembly:**

1. Removal of 2 different levels of AMIAS, so that the only level is that of Sponsor.
2. Changes to Sponsor Training requirement to remove the need to attend a 6-hour training workshop and instead require attendance at a workshop facilitated by an Area Trainer approved by the AAC or completion of a self-guided manual to be reviewed by an approved Area Trainer. Training will be required annually for all AMIAS for the first two years and every three years for annual recertification.
3. Removal of District meeting attendance requirement (highly recommended but not required).
4. Removal of Alateen meeting attendance requirement (highly recommended but not required).
5. Removal of District Alateen Sponsor meeting requirement (highly recommended but not required).

These recommendations were enacted on a trial basis for a one year trial period, starting June 1, 2014 thru June 1, 2015. This new certification process has proven to be effective and members seem to like the simplicity and less paperwork.

A motion will need to be presented by a Group Representative at the 2015 Spring Assembly.

**Suggested Motion:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, move to extend the 1 year trial Alateen Certification Process from June 1, 2014-June 1, 2015 to a 3 year trial, adding 2 years starting June 1, 2015 through June 1, 2017

We are hereby, making an official request to present to Area 53 Al-Anon/Alateen members, at our next Area Spring Assembly, our recommendations to extend the current one year trial period, AMIAS Certification Process to three years, adding 2 years starting June 1, 2015 through June 1, 2017. This will give this current panel (55), the opportunity to experience this new process during their full 3 year term.

**World Service Office (WSO) Board of Trustees Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements For Alateen Sponsors**

All registered Alateen groups must adhere to these requirements. Our Area continues to adhere to these requirements. Area 53 has included background checks and other requirements as suggested by WSO, in the 2004 WSC Summary, page 80.

**1. Every Al-Anon member involved with Alateen service must:**

- a. Be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings
- b. Be at least 21 years old.
- c. Have at least two years in Al-Anon in addition to any time spent in Alateen.
- d. Not have been convicted of felony, and not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior, and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.

**2. There must be at least one Alateen sponsor at every Alateen meeting.**



**3. The area requirements must prohibit overt or covert sexual interaction between any interaction between any adult and Alateen member.**

**4. The area requirements must prohibit conduct contrary to applicable laws.**

**5. The area requirements must contain procedures for parental permission and medical care when applicable.**

**6. The area requirements must be reviewed by local counsel.**

Attn: Miembros de Area 53

TEMA: Extension de el Nuevo Proceso de Certification para Al-Anons que estan en el Servicio de el progama de Alateen.

Presentado por la Coordinadora de el Area, Norma Warnasch y Coordinadora de el Proceso de Alateen, Bennie Pena,

En nuestra Asamblea de Primavera de 2014 en Humble, Area 53 aprobo las recomendaciones presentadas por el Alateen Task Force Committee,

Estas fueron las recomendaciones presentadas en la Asamblea de Primavera en 2014.

1. Remover los 2 diferentes niveles de AMIAS, y asi tener solo un nivel de Padrinazgo.

2. Cambios al entrenamiento de Padrinazgo removiendo la necesidad de asistir a un entrenamiento de 6 horas y en ves cambiando a un taller facilitado por un entrenador de Area aprobado por la Coordinadora de Alateen de Area o el complemento de un por si mismo manual revisado y aprobado por un entrenador de Area. Entrenamiento sera requerido annualmente para todos los AMIAS por los primeros dos años y cada tres años para certification.

3. Remover el requerimiento de asistir a junta de Distrito (altamente recomendado pero no es requisito).

4. Remover el requerimiento de asistir a junta de Alateen (altamente recomendado pero no es requisito).

5. Remover el requerimiento de asistir a junta de Padrinos de Alateen (altamente recomendado pero no es requisito).

Estas recomendaciones fueron establecidas en base de ensayo, por un periodo de un año empesando, 1ero de Junio 2014 al 1ero de Junio, 2015.

Por este medio, estamos hacienda una peticion oficial para que nos otorgen presentar este tema a los miembros de Area Al-Anon/Alateen, en la proxima Assamblea de Area, nuestras recomendaciones para una extension al nuevo proceso de certification en vigor, asi agegando dos años al proceso de certification a tres años, empesando 1ero de Junio, 2015 hasta el 1 de Junio, 2017. Esto dara la oportunidad al los miembros de el Panel 55 la experiencia al nuevo proceso durante su termino de tres años.

Se necesitara una mocion de parte de un representante de grupo para ser presentada en la Asamblea.

Sugerencia de Moción;

Yo, \_\_\_\_\_, propongo extender el Proceso de Certification de Alateen de un año de ensayo por el periodo de 1ero de Junio, 2014 al 1ero de Junio, 2015 a 3 años de ensayo, agredando dos años empesando 1ero de Junio, 2015 al 1ero de Junio, 2017.

Gracias por su apoyo a nuestro programa de Alateen.

Su fieles servidoras!

La

**Oficina de Servicio Mundial (OSM) emitio Requisitos Minimos de Seguridad y Compartamiento para los Padrinos de Alateen.**

Todos los grupos de Alateen registrados deben adherirse a estos requisitos. Nuestra Area continua apegandose a estos requisitos. Ademas, hemos incluido el reporte historial de antecedentes penales y otros requisitos sugeridos por OSM, en su reporte de 2004, en pagina 80.

Todo miembro de Al-Anon envuelto en el servicio de Alateen debe:

ser un miembro que asiste a reuniones de Al-Anon regularmente.

tener 21 años de edad.

tener por lo menos dos años en Al-Anon ademas de el tiempo que estuvo en Alateen.

no debe de ser convicto de una felonía y que no haya sido acusado de abuso contra niños, o cualquier abuso sexual inapropiado, y que no haya demostrado problemas emocionales que pudieran resultar en daño a los miembros de Alateen.

Debe de haber una Madrina o Padrino en cada junta de Alateen.

Los requisitos de Area deben prohibir abierto o cubierto relaciones sexuales entre un adulto o un miembro de Alateen

Los requisitos de Area deben prohibir conducta contraria a las leyes aplicables

Los requisitos de Area deben contener procedimientos para que los padres otorgen permisos de atencion medical cuando sea necesario.

Los requisitos de Area deben ser revisados por un abogado o consejero local.



## GREETINGS TO ALL AREA 53 MEMBERS

**AMIAS RECERTIFICATION BEGAN APRIL 1, 2015** and I thank all of those that have submitted their applications. **Recertification deadline is June 1, 2015!**

I'm concerned that there seems to be some confusion on our New AMIAS Certification/Recertification process for East Texas Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements. The Registration forms and Instructions can be found on our Texas Website; [www.texas.al-anon.org](http://www.texas.al-anon.org). You can also contact your District Alateen Coordinator or the District Rep or myself.

**ALL CURRENT AMIAS** must recertify if you wish to continue serving as an AMIAS. You will need to check your sponsor training status with your District Alateen Coordinator, District Rep or myself. Please refer to Page 1, item 7 under the East Texas Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements, it reads as follows;

**ALL AMIAS must participate in AMIAS Training. Training is required for the first two consecutive years as an AMIAS and every three years thereafter during continuous service as an AMIAS.**

Once you meet this requirement, you may proceed to fill out the 3 page certification application which consists of the following forms.

1. AMIAS Registration Form
2. Criminal Record Release Authorization
3. Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service

**For ALL first time AMIAS, you must have Sponsor training prior to submitting your application and follow same instructions as outlined above.**

**Do not forget to include a check in the amount of \$6.50 for the background check. Payable to ETAAA and mail it to my attention.**

Your trusted servant.

Bennie Pena, Area Alateen Process Person

## TEA AC ~Pat E.~

The Texas East Area Alateen Conference was held the last weekend in April at the Disciple Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzales, Texas. The attendance was about the same as last year which is down from our expectations. However, with the smaller attendance it is noted that the Alateens and sponsors bond and seem to have more communication and interaction with each other. Our Host Group for the weekend was Hill Country Alateen in Kerrville. They did a great job with their theme "Overcoming Fears". We had three Alateen speakers from the host group as the teens are learning to speak from the podium with a little more ease. Despite the rainy and stormy weekend, great fun was enjoyed by all. We had two groups attend for the first time: Way Out Recovery, League City and Hope and Cope, Sugar Land. Our conference in 2016 will be held April 29, 30 and May 1<sup>st</sup> in the same location with host group being Way Out Recovery in League City; one of the new groups attending for the first time. In fact we had four groups volunteer to be host group in 2016, and Way Out Recovery was voted in unanimously. Pat English, Northland Alateen sponsor, was elected Chairperson for 2016 and Norma W. sponsor for

Way Out Recovery, League City was elected Registrar/Treasurer.

Thank you for the opportunity of growth to be with the Alateens at their 2015 conference.

Love in Service, Pat E.

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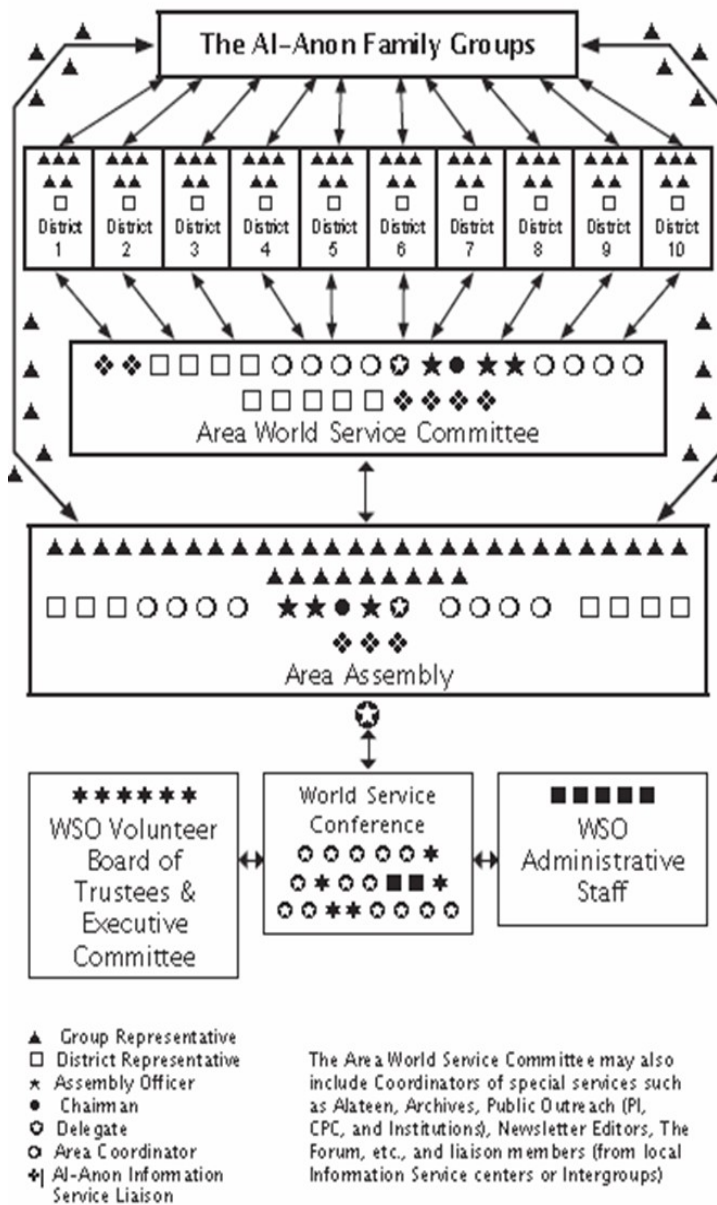
the World Service Office (WSO) (See, Service Manual 163). How do we do this interchange in Area 53? We have interchange from WSO to the Area through our Area 53 Delegate, Joyce Y., as she is our voice and vote at the World Service Conference (WSC). Al-Anon and Alateen is one of the few organizations that is a bottoms up groups-see the service structure on page 11 from the Service Manual, which is reprinted with permission from WSO. The only way that Joyce can hear your thoughts is through interchange at the Assemblies with your GR, DR, Area Officers, and Coordinators. I hope to encourage that interchange at the Assemblies this year by having at least one Chosen Agenda Item on the Agenda for discussion by the GRs in attendance at the business meeting starting on Saturday at 8 am. For the Spring Assembly, the first Chosen Agenda Item will be the extension of the trial period for the Alateen approval process. Please read the framing and background that is in the 2015 First Quarter issue and this *Beacon* issue presented by Norma and Bennie. If you have a topic you would like to see as the Chosen Agenda Item, please email me at [ettaa.panel55.chair@google.com](mailto:ettaa.panel55.chair@google.com). If we have more than one item, on Friday evening we will do a quick vote by the people in attendance on the agenda items that we will, as a group, discuss for about for 1 hour on Saturday morning.

If you are reading this article and your group does not have a GR, please consider standing for that position and representing your group so you can be part of the link of the World Wide fellowship of Al-Anon. With all that being said, here are 10 reasons to go to an Assembly.

1. Growth in Personal Recovery
2. "Being a part of"
3. Learning about what is happening at the World Wide Level of Al-Anon
4. Learning what new Literature is being developed
5. Meeting other people in the Area and learning how they do meetings, etc.
6. Workshops
7. Travel to a place in Texas you have never been.
8. Meeting in the car.
9. Service Position requires me to go.
10. My sponsor gently suggested I attend at least 2 Assemblies a year to see if I wanted what "they" have.

In Service,  
Kay C.

## WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE



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**District 5 ~ Anita Camargo ~**

It seem as I finally chose the path of Al-Anon and Alateen I cannot imagine where it would take me someday. I have had the privilege of meeting many members who have been my encouragement in this journey of recovery. I was so enthusiastic when I was the alternate in most of my service work. I observed my sponsor as she amazingly carried these spiritual service positions. It seemed I had lots of time before I would raise my hand and take up a service in this program, a new way of living life today. I lived life playing a part in the drinking problem and I hardly had time for myself. I take it only one day at a time now and I have carried on my service as the representative for District 5. It is a challenge for me and I am so grateful to have a Higher Power whom I can lean on to carry me and that I do not have to do it alone. As I chaired my first meeting it gave me the opportunity to realize that I could confront my own obstacles. It seems that at my second meeting I could see those beautiful group representative's smiles of love and reassurance and I am here to represent them. I was also so excited to have visitors from another district to sit in our spiritual meeting and that to me was really a good feeling. The door to my heart is open to all of you.

District 5 Representative, Anita C.

Me parece como que finalmente elegí el camino de Al-Anon y Alateen y no puedo imaginar a dónde me llevaría algún día. He tenido el privilegio de conocer a muchos de los miembros que han sido mi apoyo en este camino de la recuperación. Yo estaba tan entusiasmada cuando era la suplente en la mayor parte en el servicio. Observé a mi madrina cuando ella increíblemente llevaba estos puestos de servicios espirituales. Parecía que yo tendría un montón de tiempo antes de que yo llegara a levantar la mano y tomar un servicio en este programa fuera de mi grupo base. Viví la vida jugando un papel en el problema con la bebida y parecía que no tenia tiempo para mí. Supongo que sólo un día a la vez y solo por hoy he llevado mi servicio como representante para el Distrito 5. Es un reto para mí y estoy muy agradecida de tener un Poder Superior donde puedo apoyarme y que yo no tengo que hacerlo sola. Cuando presidí mi primera reunión en el distrito me di la oportunidad de darme cuenta de que podría enfrentar mis propios obstáculos. Me parece que en mi segunda reunión pude ver esas hermosas sonrisas de los representantes de grupos de amor y confianza y estoy aquí para representarlos. Estaba muy emocionada de tener visitantes de otro distrito para sentarse en nuestra reunión espiritual, y que para mí es realmente una buena sensación. La puerta de mi corazón está abierta a todos ustedes.

Representante de District 5, Anita C.

**Austin AIS/LDC ~ Paula H. ~**

The Austin Information Center continues to provide valuable services to the Austin area and surrounding communities. Kitty, our information center employee, is an integral part of the success of the center. During a 43 day cycle, almost \$6000 of literature has been sold. Donations have totaled over \$3300. The center averages 3-5 calls per day and 1-2 walk-ins.

The center currently has some needs. The speaker list needs to be updated, and more volunteers are needed. At the next district meeting on April 18, 2015, these needs will be mentioned.

The next Austin Information Center board meeting will be held on May 18, 2015, at 6:30 P. M. at the information center, which is located at 6301 Manchaca Rd., Suite F, Austin, TX 78745. Since the last board meeting there have been two committees working on some issues. One committee has addressed developing a policy on selling Al-Anon literature at AA conventions with Al-Anon participation. The committee has two proposals to submit for a vote at the board meeting in May. Another committee has been studying issues regarding a prudent reserve for the information center operations and will present its findings and recommendations at the May meeting also.

Dates of future board meetings are August 18, 2015, and November 16, 2015. The meeting in August will be held at Northland AFG, and the meeting in November will be held at the Austin Information Center. By rotating locations of board meetings, it is hoped that more members from different parts of the area will be able to attend.

The phone number of the Austin Information Center is 512-441-8591. If your group needs literature, please call the center, and the literature will be mailed to your group.

In Al-Anon service,  
Paula H.  
Austin AIS Liaison

**Beaumont AIS/LDC ~Carole L.~**

The book store has been running smoothly. We have filled all volunteer positions to keep the book store open Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. At night the phone service has volunteers to take call forwarding. Be sure to call before you come to the book store, as sometime we may have a volunteer that is out.

Our next meeting will be April 18, so I have no new information, and there are no fund raisers scheduled as of this time.

In Service  
Carole L.

**Houston Intergroup ~Jeannie J.~****Greetings from Houston Intergroup!**

Our annual BOD meeting will be held this year on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Chapelwood United Methodist Church. The main purpose of this annual meeting will be the annual election of new board members. The annual ISR meeting will take place immediately following the BOD meeting for the purpose of affirming the

newly elected BOD members. We remain thrilled to have so many ISR's attending the meetings. We look forward to their continued interest and support as well as that of so many volunteers. As always our board and ISR meetings are open to any and all members of Al-Anon. Visitors are always welcome!!!

We are always seeking members to join our various committees, especially public outreach. If you are interested in helping on any committee or in any other way please contact the office at 713-683-7227. They will put you in touch with the proper board member or committee chair. Our public outreach chairman, Jay J. is very, very busy indeed and is frequently in need of help with the many outreach opportunities he attends. This is a wonderful way to give back. Jay can be reached by contacting the intergroup office.

The Intergroup's website [www.houstonalanon.org](http://www.houstonalanon.org) remains in good order. Our very special volunteer, who prefers to remain anonymous, keeps the meeting list and schedule up to date as needed. The zip code meeting finder is up and running and continues to be a great help to many.

We continue to accept credit cards for purchases made from the Houston Intergroup Literature Distribution Center (LDC). Just make a list of what you need and give the office a call at 713-683-7227 to place your order with your VISA or Master Card. It's as simple as that! Eddie and our office volunteers will box it up and send it out to you. This will save you a trip to the office thru all that continual road construction that has been going on for so long. Of course all are welcome to come by and pay via check or with cash and stay for a visit with us.

Save the date for Houston Intergroup's annual fundraiser Face-To-Face. It is scheduled to be held this year on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for further information.

It is been recently decided that an advisory panel is to be formed. The panel will function as an information resource for the current BOD. We are seeking long-time Al-Anon members who have been actively involved in service work, especially if they have previously served on the Houston Intergroup BOD. If you are interested please contact the office.

Our new newsletter is available online at [www.houstonalanon.org](http://www.houstonalanon.org). The 2015 Spring edition will be released soon.

Please come by and visit our office located at 9800 Northwest Freeway, Suite 201. Please feel free to give us a call at during our new business hours Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. After office hours one of our super phone volunteers can assist you.

It has been my pleasure to serve for the last three years as the Liaison between Houston AIS/LDC and the AWSC for Area 53. I have made so many new friends and learned so very much. I thank you all. It is possible someone will replace me as Liaison during our annual BOD meeting in two weeks. If that is the case this will be my last Beacon report. I will however attend the Spring Assembly in June. Hope to see you all there!

Blessings to you all for a safe and glorious continued 2015!

Jeannie J.



**Intergrup al Hispana de Houston ~ Virginia L. ~**

Les envío un cordial saludo Esperando todos sus asuntos fluyan en armonía y amor. Lo primero que quiero compartir con ustedes es que me siento muy agradecida y emocionada a la vez de estar llevando a cabo este servicio dentro de una Intergrup al. La experiencia que se vive sirviendo en un órgano de servicio como este me ha confirmado no solo la gran necesidad que existe de que el programa de Al-Anon llegue a la comunidad, sino lo importante que es que yo este dispuesta a servir.

Les comunico que nuestra participación en Austin, Texas fue de una magnitud increíble, pues muchos otros miembros de la hermandad se motivaron a aprender como funciona un Intergrupo y su vínculo con la comunidad. Se avecinan seguimientos de apoyo a las ciudades que estuvieron presentes y que desean comenzar un servicio de información en su comunidad.

Tomando en cuenta las guías a seguir para Información pública ( Actualizadas ) encontramos que se pueden llevar a cabo "reuniones ambulantes" Después de una información en una institución; se pueden realizar cierto número de reuniones solo como seguimiento y luego referirlos a un grupo. Cualquier miembro de Al-Anon es bienvenido a hacerse presente en las reuniones ambulantes para compartir su Experiencia, Fortaleza y Esperanza, así que si te sientes motivado y tienes la buena voluntad puedes localizarlas haciéndote presente en la Intergrup al, por correo electrónico ó llamando a la línea para que seas conectado con el Comité de Información Pública.

Han nacido cuatro grupos mas! " Una Nueva Esperanza" en Galveston , "Paso a Paso", "Hijos Adultos: Unidad y Confianza" en Houston, y "Vive y Deja Vivir" en Winnie Tx. Para ver donde estan localizados pueden ir a la pag. Web: [alanonhispano.org](http://alanonhispano.org) y entrar la palabra: grupos en el buscador. Les recordamos una vez mas a los grupos del Area de Houston que hemos empezado nuestro recorrido de visitas, así que agradecemos de antemano su paciencia y el amor con que nos reciben.

Como ya algunos sabemos, Uno de nuestros libros: *Many Voices, One Journey* ha sido traducido al español siendo: *Muchas voces, Un mismo viaje*. Trae una recopilación cronológica de eventos ocurridos en la evolución de nuestra hermandad de Al-Anon hasta el día de hoy, con citas de sucesos ocurridos con los fundadores y pioneros de Al-Anon. Y pues les invitamos a conocer la historia de nuestra hermandad.

Sigamos adelante! Unidos en un propósito común: Llevar el mensaje a los amigos y familiares de los alcohólicos.

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**San Antonio AIS/LDC ~ Nancy M. ~**

We started this year with a new chairperson, and all new officers. Our first meeting was held on February 28, 2015 and is being held separate from the District meeting.

Our new chairperson, Lynn S., has had much experience with literature and Al-Anon Information Service. She has created a renewed interest in the groups to get a representative to the AIS meetings. We held our AIS meeting the month following the District meeting and our attendance more than doubled.

We continue to hold monthly speaker meetings at Club 12 on the first Saturday of each month with Sandy S. as chairperson and 11 groups volunteering to chair the meetings, we have both an AA and an Al-Anon Speaker each month. Our main fund raiser – The Serenity Celebration - will be held on October 3, 2015. The Serenity Celebration includes a catered dinner, 2 speakers and a dessert auction. The location is the Bulverde Senior Center in Bulverde, Texas and we cater it ourselves which increases our profits.

We continue to be a virtual office, with an answering service that takes all calls 24/7. Dan M., chairs this standing committee and with 2 others members rotates taking 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls. December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 the San Antonio Al-Anon Information Service received 88 calls which were referred to the email address from the answering service.

We anticipate a busy year along with assisting District 12 to host the Fall Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,  
Nancy M.  
SAAIS Liaison

**Area Treasurer ~Tricia L.~**

Oops...I'm just going to chalk the Report printed in the last Beacon to 'transition jitters'! I want to make it right, so here is the correct version which was sent to the Audit Committee for examination. The 2015 Treasurer's report will be available at the Spring Assembly in Franklin, Texas, and in the next edition of the Beacon for your review.

In service,  
Tricia Lemay  
Area 53 Treasurer



ETAAA Financial Report 12/31/2014	2013 Totals	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 3/31/14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 6/30/14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 9/31/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 12/31/14	Total YTD	2014 Budget	Over/ (Under) Budget
<b>Income</b>								
Assembly Surplus	\$3,966.87		\$2,012.00		\$0.00	\$2,012.00		
Fall 2013	\$3,248.88		\$2,012.00			\$2,012.00		
Spring 2014	\$717.99					\$0.00		
Fall 2014	\$0.00					\$0.00		
<b>Beacon Income</b>	\$330.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$320.00	\$200.00	\$120.00
Group Subscription	\$42.00	\$36.00	\$18.00		\$30.00	\$84.00		
Personal Subscriptions	\$288.00	\$24.00	\$12.00		\$200.00	\$236.00		
<b>Contributions Income</b>	\$15,429.45	\$2,158.75	\$5,288.66	\$3,331.82	\$3,095.33	\$13,874.56	\$24,630.00	(\$10,755.44)
<b>Fall Gratitude Basket</b>	\$505.00				\$737.16	\$737.16	\$0.00	
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$20,231.32	\$2,218.75	\$7,330.66	\$3,331.82	\$4,062.49	\$16,943.72	\$24,830.00	(\$7,886.28)
<b>Expenses</b>								
<b>Travel / Expenses</b>	\$10,647.27	\$3,765.74	\$2,276.83	\$2,345.53	\$3,867.10	\$12,255.20	\$15,700.00	(\$3,444.80)
Alateen Coordinator	\$893.79	\$491.30	\$498.44			\$989.74	\$1,200.00	(\$210.26)
Alateen Liaison	\$219.18	\$24.22				\$24.22	\$500.00	(\$475.78)
Alateen Process Person	\$929.83	\$220.44		\$1,050.76	\$514.92	\$1,786.12	\$1,000.00	\$786.12
Alternate Delegate	\$499.66	\$48.82	\$144.50	\$82.04	\$154.28	\$429.64	\$500.00	(\$70.36)
Archives	\$270.00	\$331.19	\$207.24		\$538.43	\$1,076.86	\$500.00	\$576.86
Beacon Editor	\$733.11		\$328.97		\$364.82	\$693.79	\$800.00	(\$106.21)
Chair	\$351.96	\$456.12		\$106.27	\$396.44	\$958.83	\$1,500.00	(\$541.17)
Delegate	\$1,822.13	\$1,817.57		\$520.05	\$259.54	\$2,597.16	\$1,500.00	\$1,097.16
International Conference	\$1,456.09					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group Records	\$121.60	\$300.00	\$227.73		\$193.35	\$721.08	\$800.00	(\$78.92)
Public Outreach	\$0.00	\$25.25	\$185.06		\$200.08	\$410.39	\$600.00	(\$189.61)
Past Delegates	\$255.06		\$299.04		\$369.13	\$668.17	\$3,000.00	(\$2,331.83)
Past Area Chairperson	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$900.00	(\$900.00)
Secretary	\$483.59			\$219.76	\$185.55	\$405.31	\$800.00	(\$394.69)
Spanish Coordinator	\$285.86				\$224.62	\$224.62	\$500.00	(\$275.38)
Treasurer	\$545.30		\$166.73	\$145.55	\$202.32	\$514.60	\$800.00	(\$285.40)
Website Coordinator	\$700.11	\$50.83	\$219.12	\$221.10	\$263.62	\$754.67	\$800.00	(\$45.33)
<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$2,896.22	\$997.33	\$884.03	\$1,261.37	\$2,279.69	\$5,422.42	\$4,420.00	\$1,002.42
Beacon Publishing	\$2,896.22	\$607.45	\$614.03	\$991.37	\$2,009.69	\$4,222.54	\$3,100.00	\$1,122.54
Storage Unit for Archives	\$1,080.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00	\$0.00
Team Event	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Hosting Fee	\$0.00	\$119.88				\$119.88	\$240.00	(\$120.12)
<b>World Service Conference</b>	\$2,668.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,910.00	\$1,590.00
Area's Gifts to WSC	\$300.00					\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC	\$1,968.00	\$2,000.00				\$2,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,290.00
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC	\$400.00					\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$400.00)



SC Regional Delegate Meeting	\$1,246.43	\$898.68	\$170.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,069.20	\$1,800.00	(\$730.80)
Delegate	\$595.34	\$635.81				\$635.81	\$600.00	\$35.81
Chair	\$651.09	\$262.87				\$262.87	\$600.00	(\$337.13)
Past Delegate	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alternate Delegate	\$0.00		\$170.52			\$170.52	\$600.00	(\$429.48)
Total Expenses	\$17,457.92	\$7,661.75	\$3,331.38	\$3,606.90	\$8,646.79	\$23,246.82	\$24,830.00	(\$1,583.18)
Net Income Less Expenses	\$2,773.40	(\$5,443.00)	\$3,999.28	(\$275.08)	(\$4,584.30)	(\$6,303.10)	\$0.00	(\$6,303.10)
Extraordinary Income/Expense	Total YTD	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 3/31/14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 6/30/14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 9/31/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 12/31/14	Total YTD		
Income								
Returned Seed Money	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$6,000.00		
Received Attn. Background Checks	\$514.50	\$13.00	\$19.50	\$396.50	\$52.00	\$481.00		
Spring Birthday Basket	\$770.75		\$1,149.77			\$1,149.77		
Total Extraordinary Income	\$5,285.25	\$2,013.00	\$3,169.27	\$2,396.50	\$52.00	\$7,630.77		
Expenses								
Seed Money	\$2,000.00					\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Fees paid Attn Background Checks	\$559.51	\$19.50	\$240.50	\$188.50		\$448.50		
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO	\$770.75		\$1,149.77			\$1,149.77		
Durable Goods	\$0.00		\$41.45		\$32.46	\$73.91		
Tax-Exempt Re-instatement/Statement copies	\$0.00				\$483.00	\$483.00		
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$3,330.26	\$19.50	\$1,431.72	\$188.50	\$4,015.46	\$5,655.18		
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	\$1,954.99	\$1,993.50	\$1,737.55	\$2,208.00	(\$3,963.46)	\$1,975.59		
Checking Account Balance				10/23/2014	12/31/2014			
Beginning Balance	\$28,412.64	\$33,141.03	\$32,841.16	\$33,578.29	\$37,817.95			
Increase/(Decrease)	\$33,141.03	(\$299.87)	\$737.13	\$4,239.66	(\$9,821.74)			
Ending Balance	\$33,141.03	\$32,841.16	\$33,578.29	\$37,817.95	\$27,996.21			
Ample Reserve Fund				9/17/2014				
Beginning Balance	\$13,583.71	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,726.55			
Increase/(Decrease)	\$67.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.02	\$37.97			
Ending Balance	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,726.55	\$13,764.52			
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Hello I would like to introduce myself Dolores W. District 12 Representative for Panel 55. I am excited and a just a little amazed with my new service opportunity in Al-Anon (totally blessed with a wonderful sponsor and service sponsor to work with).

District 12 had our first District meeting in January with good attendance, after the District meeting Mark K. lead a mini workshop on writing and literature information. Our next District meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup>, we are hoping for a greater turn out due to the Public Outreach workshop lead by Carola T.

Our website has had an address change to <http://texas-al-anon.org/sanantonio>. I hope you will take a moment to check out the site. On the home page just under the Contact Us 210 -829-1392, Toll Free 888-829-1312 and E-Mail contact [saais@yahoo.com](mailto:saais@yahoo.com) you will find a link for Meetings information and News information. Taking a looksee under the News link you will find a full copy of the current Al-Anews read, print and share with another Al-Anon member or two.

District 12 is hard at work on planning and preparations for the East Texas Al-Anon Alateen Assembly Fall 6-8 November 2015, at Staybridge Suites 123 Hoefgen Boulevard, San Antonio Texas 78205. Our assembly theme is **Can We Talk?** the **3Cs** Commitment, Communication, and Cooperation. At the assembly in addition to the business meetings, we will hold a workshop Saturday and Speakers. This is a wonderful new site for the Assembly, just a short walk to the Downtown River Walk area here in San Antonio. The facility offers many wonderful amenities and cost saving opportunities; rooms can accommodate up to five guests, with In-Suite kitchen, dishes, mini refrigerator, and stove available for those who prefer to cook for themselves. Staybridge Suites also provides a breakfast buffet in the morning. The Sunset Train Station is right across the street from Staybridge Suites, what an exciting alternative way to travel for those who have never had the opportunity to take a train ride.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Assembly, and meeting many new friends of AFG.

Dolores W. District 12



**District 7 ~ Jane M.~**

With only two months before the Spring Assembly in Franklin, TX, plans are happening fast and furious. Please see the flier in this newsletter. Calling all bakers in ETAAA, bring your fabulous desserts to the dessert contest June 6<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishable desserts only, please. They must be at the assembly no later than 10:00 am. Judging begins at 10:30 and prizes will be awarded and desserts eaten at noon (see contest flier). Houston Intergroup will be selling literature at the assembly. You may order ahead of time to pick up at the assembly and avoid shipping costs. There will be fun & fellowship for all. Alateens will have a pool party Sat. night.

Pat M. from the Gratitude AFG was the Al-Anon speaker for the Unity Conference (AA with Al-Anon participation) Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> in Bryan. Our next district meeting is Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> at 804 Texas Ave, Bryan. Registration is at 9:30, meeting starts at 10:00 am. A potluck lunch will follow.

Houston Intergroup is offering preorders to be delivered to the Spring Assembly, no shipping charges. Groups/Districts may preorder literature to be delivered to the Spring Assembly in Franklin, Texas.

Orders should go directly to **Eddie** in the Houston Intergroup Office by phone, but preferably by email. Along with the list of items needed, be sure to give complete contact information i.e. group name and location and WSO number if available, address, phone number, email, etc.

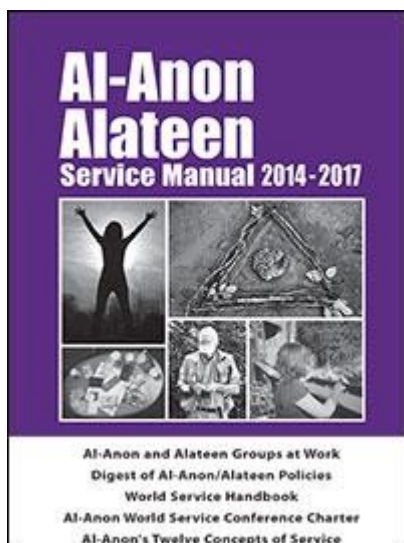
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**ETAAA - AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday June 5, 2015 – Franklin, Texas

**AGENDA**

**Chairperson** – Kay C. – Open with the Serenity Prayer

- ☐ Read Traditions, Concepts, Warranties
- ☐ **Welcome and Introductions** – recognize any visitors; Announce who has voice and vote

**Secretary** – David S. – Roll Call

- ☐ Minutes from AWSC meeting – Feb. 6, 2015 – Alvin, Texas
- ☐ Motion will be entertained to accept the minutes as printed in the Beacon

**Treasurer** – Tricia L. – Treasurer Report (2 min)

**Delegate Report** – Joyce Y. (5 min).

**Chair** – Kay C. – Read AWSC meeting purpose from service manual

Thank District 7 for Hosting our AWSC meeting and the Assembly

**Unfinished Business**

1. Finance Committee –need for Alternate treasurer
2. Brief Update on District 11 /District lines– Kay
3. Brief Update on Conflict / Resolution – Kay
4. Brief discussion on Area Assembly Guidelines –Kay

**New Business**

1. Approval of Area Agenda
2. Explanation of Roll Call during business meeting.

**Announcements**

1. Beacon Deadlines – July 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015
2. AWSC Meeting–September 19, 2015 –Smithville, TX (District 6 hosting)
3. ETAAA Fall Assembly – November 6-9 San Antonio, TX

**Thank you all for your participation and Close Meeting with:**

**Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration**

**Concept 4 - Participation is the key to harmony.**

**Concept 9 - Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity.....**



## East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Spring Assembly 2015 June 5-7, 2015

# Where To Turn?



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Franklin, TX 77856  
June 5-7, 2015



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\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Al-Anon Registration (before 5-22-15)  
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When registering, all Alateens must turn in a completed Behavioral Guidelines Form and be accompanied by a responsible, registered adult. Notarized Permission and Medical Forms are to be kept by the responsible, registered adult. Forms can be obtained from an Alateen Sponsor, Alateen Coordinator.

**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)**

**Franklin, TX – June 6, 2015**

**Proposed Business Meeting Agenda**

**(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE AWSC)**

- 8-9 a.m. **Group Representative (GR) Interchange –Margaret F. Alternate Delegate**  
**(all GRs, Area Officers, Area Coordinators are requested to attend)**
- 8-9 a.m. **District Representative Interchange**
- 9:10 a.m. **ETAAA Business Meeting Opens**  
**Chairperson – Kay C.**
- 9:15 a.m. **Delegate's Report** – Joyce Y. – Panel 55
- 10:30 a.m. **Chosen Agenda Item**  
Proposed agenda item: Extension of Alateen Recertification process to a 3 year trial (6/1/2015 to 6/1/2017)  
Others Chosen Agenda Items-time permitting
- 11:30 a.m. **LUNCH BREAK**
- 12:45 p.m. **ETAAA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING RESUMES**  
General Announcements
- 12:50 p.m. **Roll Call – Group Reps (GRs) MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE !!!!!**  
**Non-election roll call:** Each DR will establish number of GRs present in their District. The DR will provide the names and number of GRs to the Secretary. The Secretary and another Officer will tally the numbers and the total number of GRs will be announced.  
**VOTING PROCEDURE**  
Determine method of Voting 2/3 vote or Simple Majority  
**Secretary's Report** – David S.  
Minutes from November 1, 2014 Assembly held in Tyler, TX  
A Motion can be made by a GR to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as published in the Beacon  
**Treasurer's Report** – Tricia L.  
**Alternate Delegate Report/Literature Coordinator Report** –Margaret F.  
**Coordinators' Reports** (2 minutes)
- ~2:45 p.m. **Unfinished business**  
**Audit Committee Report** – Diane B and Lynn S.  
**New Business**  
Extension of Alateen Recertification process – **Need motion from a GR**  
**AIS/LDC Reports** (2 minutes each)  
Please report on one good/new item in their District and one challenge in their district  
**Assembly Reports** (2 minutes each please)  
**DR Reports** (2 minutes each)  
Report from Workshop and DRs will report on one good/new item in their District and one challenge in their district
- ~3:30 pm **WORKSHOPS / INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS**  
Public Outreach, 2) LDC/AIS, 3) Newsletters, 4). Websites, 5).Alateen Sponsors
- ~4:30 pm **Close ETAAA Business Meeting with Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration**

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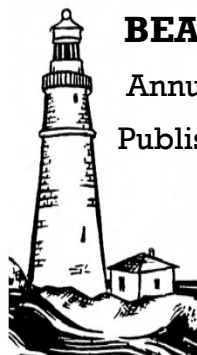


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