

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Kay Colapret ~

Hi Texas East Area 53,

Participation. The November is just around the corner, which means the November East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA) is just around the corner. In fact it is November 6-8, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas! For more information about the assembly see the flyer in this edition of the Beacon. On behalf of District 12 and East Texas Area 53 Al-Anon World Service Committee as the support "district", we invite you to an action packed weekend. I hope your group will send a group representative (GR) so that your group's collective group conscience will be voiced at the business meeting on Saturday. Our Assemblies are such a great way to have Al-Anon fellowship and recovery mixed with Area business. On Friday night we have fellowship and recovery with a workshop and a speaker. Saturday morning and afternoon are filled with a business meeting, interchanges, WSC Delegate report, and workshops. Saturday night is dinner on your own at the River Walk followed by a speaker meeting. Sunday morning will be a speaker panel. So the weekend is just not a boring business meeting--although that is important and the purpose of the meeting. I truly hope that you will come and participate in the assembly. We have a great area because of all the participation at the group, district and area level. Participation is how we grow spiritually. I know we are all busy and have to give up something to come to the assembly (I am giving up going to a college home football game), however, just like the group you attend-if no one comes-the group (or area) eventually dies. The rewards and the spiritual growth gained from doing service work are unbelievable and will rocket your recovery to the next dimension! I know it did for me. Assemblies are a safe place to practice the 36 principles of the program so that we can use them in all of our affairs.

Business Meeting. We will continue with the chosen business agenda items. This is where everyone attending the assembly has voice on the items that will be voted on in the afternoon. The two items we will discuss and vote on are: 1) Payment of Past Delegates expenses to the Southwest Region Delegates meeting and 2) Budget for 2016. These items are discussed in more detail in the Beacon. Please ask your Higher Power for the willingness to be of service to your group by coming and voicing your thoughts vocally and with vote on these issues.

Group Representative Rollcall at the Business Meeting.

Rollcall is used to determine the number of GRs at the business meeting. We use this number to establish a majority or 2/3 vote. In non-election assemblies, voice rollcall is optional. In the past at all assemblies (non-election and election assemblies) we have verbally called roll from the sign in sheets. This is an opportunity for every GR to say "present" and have voiced that they are representing their group. At the last business meeting it was a non-election business meeting so we had the District Representatives (DRs) take their district's roll and report the number and people to the secretary. I would like to know what method the GRs prefer so email me at etaaa.panel55.chair@gmail.com and let me know what you think! Please feel free to contact me with your ideas and/or concerns about the Area by using Concept 4-*Participation is the key to Harmony.*



Calendar of Events

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

ATAAC
Feb. 19-21, 2016
Irving, Texas

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

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

ETAAA Spring Assembly
May 13-15, 2016
Kerrville, Texas

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

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AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2015-2017

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly
Spring Assembly 2016
May 13-15, 2016

P.E.A.C.E.

Participate! Everyone's Attitude Changes Everything!

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1001 Junction Hwy
Kerrville, Texas 78028

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Hotel Reservations: 1-800-292-5690

Ask for ETAAA rates:

\$109.00 for Single or Double

\$119.00 Triple ; \$129.00 Quad

Reservation Cut off Date: March 30, 2016

Email Questions to: texasmiracle@hotmail.com

Delegate Report ~ Joyce Y.~

Have you seen the **2015 World Service Conference Summary – Living our Spiritual Principles – Expanding Our Vision?** The Conference Summary can be read online or downloaded from the members website at

http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/summary/summary_2015.pdf. A hard copy of the summary (P-46) can also be purchased from World Service Office for \$5.00.

Points of Interest in the Summary:

- Page 38-42: Vision for Service Leadership and program attraction
- Page 54-59: Memorial Contribution Discussions – Conference members were asked for their input, insights, thoughts, and serious consideration of the matter with spiritual principles at work through the discussions. The Conference requested the Policy Committee to work on preparing language regarding a one-time memorial contribution. The Conference can then review again to assure what is the best interest of Al-Anon as a whole.
- Page 45-48: Is the current model of Alateen the best model for the future of both Al-Anon and Alateen? In some Areas, what is stopping our kids from coming to Alateen? *(Due to concerns that some members may have misunderstood the discussion, the July 2015 Chairperson of the Board letter stated “The focus was on finding ways to encourage more attendance and participation by teens to ensure the future of Alateen.Hence, the conversation began at Conference and continues at each Board meeting until we figure out the right questions to ask and receive specific guidance from the teens.”)*
- Page 73-75: Abundance and Spirituality – Many financial discussions in the past have centered on lack and scarcity rather than abundance. This year the Conference was asked how can the spiritual side of the program be applied and a look at finances through Spiritual Abundance? Several strategies were presented to overcome some of the barriers of money discussions by showing the importance of abundance and spiritual principles in financial conversations.

Did you know?

- Reminder about Quarterly Appeal Letter from WSO as stated in 2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P24/27), Pg 58. It is an opportunity for individual members to participate in Twelfth Step work beyond the group level. “..... an opportunity for members to **contribute in gratitude** for what Al-Anon/Alateen has given them.....”
- Under “Passing the Basket” groups are encouraged to read the entire quoted section from Page 23 of the 2014-2017 Service Manual in your meeting. In part it encourages members “to contribute in gratitude for what Al-Anon/Alateen has given us.”

On a personal reflection, Spiritual Abundance is a way of expressing my gratitude for the principles of living so freely given to me and to assure it will be here for those who will need it in the future. **How can Spiritual Abundance be applied to other areas of the program such as Participation (Concept 4), Communication, Service and Leadership (Concept 9)?**

Alt. Delegate/Literature/Forum Coordinator ~ Margaret F. ~

Hello Texas East Area 53 Al-Anons and Alateens!

I thought it might be helpful to provide you with some talking points/interesting facts for your Forum report.

- From the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, p. 104, “*The Forum* can be used, and is encouraged to be used, by all members and groups for meetings. *The Forum*, as a concept is Conference Approved...”
- The magazine does not generate any income. The subscription cost pays for printing and postage – it does not cover the cost for staff resources to process submissions, develop the content, and design the magazine.
- Subscriptions are basically holding around 20,000 – down by approximately 4,000 since 2010. Currently, there is still, on average, only 1.4 subscriptions per group. The latest subscription report is in the “Subscription Reports” folder on e-Communities. Check it out to see how many subscriptions there are in your State or Province.
- Portions of the magazine are translated into Spanish and French for inclusion in *en acción* and *Le lien*.

Texas has, as of March 2015, six hundred one (601) groups and subscribes to 863 Forums which is up by 12 subscriptions from December 2014. Have you ever thought about giving your Al-Anon friends a subscription for their Al-Anon birthday or ordering an extra copy to give to new comers?

The new daily reader hopes to include sharings that represent the fellowship as it is today. How can I help more members submit writings that reflect the inclusiveness of our program? The Associate Director of Communications—Literature said this can be challenging, because since our books don’t include the names of those who write, it can be difficult to know if a man or a woman wrote the story. Diversity is not always evident in most of the sharings received so far. A coordinator suggested encouraging writers to include more descriptive information about themselves in their writings. For example, they could start the sharing with, “I’m a young man from Nebraska...,” or “As a grandparent of an alcoholic....”, and then share how they use the program in these particular situations. The hope is that the daily reader will let members who feel alone and isolated know that they do belong.

Writing Workshop Guideline for New Daily Reader, is intended to help members write thoughtful meditations that are in keeping with the intended spirit of the project. By the way, the daily reader writing guideline was included as an insert in every copy of the July issue of *The Forum*. Please encourage members to use it. If you are interested in a writing workshop and do not have the Guideline, go to <http://al-anon.org/>

members/feature-publication-send-your-sharing. I encourage all members to share their experience, strength and hope. What you have to share might be just the thing someone needs at that moment.

Intimacy piece update: We have received over 1,140 sharings, but can still use more.

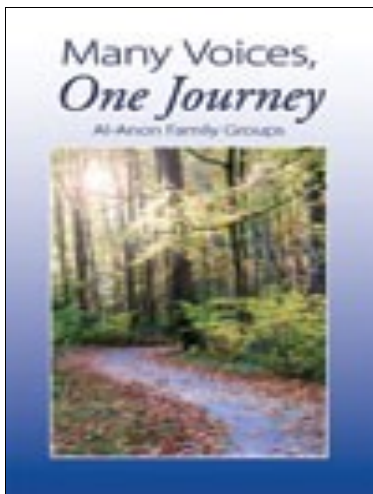
Also, we are now accepting proposals by Al-Anon members who are experienced, professional freelance writer/editors who are interested in working on this new piece of literature in development.

Qualified members are invited to submit a bid by going to www.al-anon.org/members. Enter your password—any variation of your group name followed by AFG. Then click on the “WSO” tab on the home page. Click on “Inside the WSO.” Then click on “Freelance Writers/Editors” under “Employment Opportunities.” All the information needed to submit a proposal can be found there. Submission deadline is October 15, 2015.

Parents & grandparents pamphlet: WSO has received over 150 sharings, but need many more—especially about how parents and grandparents apply the Twelve Steps to the specific situation of being affected by a young person with a drinking problem. WSO is also looking for Al-Anon members who are experienced, professional freelance writer/editors to submit proposals for this pamphlet. Interested, qualified members can find further information on the Members’ Web site by following the steps listed above.

“CAL Corner”: September’s “CAL Corner” articles in *The Forum* focus on how *Discovering Choices* (B-30) has helped members in their recovery. The October articles will be about *So You Love an Alcoholic* (P-14).

CAL Sample Chapter: Each quarter we post a sample chapter of Conference Approved Literature on the Members’ site, www.al-anon.org/members. Through the end of September, the chapter is from *Paths to Recovery* (B-24). From October through December, it will be *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31).



Group Records ~ Candy N.~

A positive note is that an editable version of the Group Records Change form (GR1) is readily available on the Texas website thanks to Lisa, our Area Website Coordinator. Go to texas-al-anon.org, click on the Members tab*, scroll down to **Access Area 53 (Texas East)**, scroll down to **GR Information**, and click on **Editable Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)**. Type in the information, save the edited form as a .pdf file and e-mail it to me.

My challenge is to coordinate group changes throughout all the districts and information services. During the first week of October I will be sending out updated lists to all of the District Representatives. I will ask them to provide the latest contact information for others in their districts who need to be notified of group changes. I want to be sure that everyone in the East Texas Area who uses or maintains group information has the latest information available. Gratefully in Service.

Public Outreach ~ Judy W. ~

There is a lot of great work going on within our East Texas Area District Public Outreach Coordinators (DPOCs). We have 12 active districts and 13 DPOCs.

Area Summary Highlights:

- Public Service Announcements (PSAs) by the Area Coordinator were distributed so that "Thank You" District campaigns could be initiated to the local radio and TV stations.
 - Five districts reported activity in working with churches and various health fairs.
 - Four districts are involved with Alateen related activities.
 - Three districts have started or are continuing to work with treatment centers.
 - Two districts reported using the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* literature in their districts.
- Two districts are working with the judicial system.

DPOC Cool Shout Outs:

- District 6 (South) has discovered that 2 person panels are working well in their monthly treatment center visits.
- District 7 is organizing an "Uncle Al(-Anon) Wants You" campaign to get volunteers involved in various public outreach activities.
- District 2 found contacts for sharing their Alateen flyers at the regional Independent School Districts.
- District 12 gave public outreach workshops to eight groups.
- District 4 shared "Al-Anon and Alateen Role in Recovery" CD (AV-31) at a treatment center.
- District 10 had two Alateen sponsors participate in a college service health fair.

We will continue our networking events at the next Fall Assembly in San Antonio. Hope to see everyone there!



Spanish Coordinator ~ Anita C.~

Hola,

Gracias por la oportunidad de servirles como Coordinadora de los Grupos Hispanos de Area 53. Por la gracias de mi Poder Superior he conocido unos de los propositos de mi vida, hoy, que es Servicio a los demas.

Como su servidora tengo la posibilidad de comocer mas miembros de esta hermandad que es Al-Anon y Alateen. Aunque solo por hoy son como cuatro mas Coordinadoras Hispanas de esta area es un gran comienzo. Durante la Asamblea en Franklin, TX., algunos miembros, de la comunidad Hispana, se unieron a un taller para compartir las ideas positivas de mejor servir ala comunidad Hispana de Al-Anon. Mi sueño es que asistan mas miembros ala Asamblea en San Antonio para escuchar cuales son. Anelo motivar a la comunidad Hispana en tener mas participacion es las Asambleas de Otoño y Verando de la Area 53 ya que tememos el apoyo de exponer de los aparatos para traducir todo en Español. Al-Anon/Alateen es para todos que son afectados por la bebida de otra persona, tambien nos recuperamos con la ayuda de otros compartiendo fortaleza, experiencia y esperanza en Al-Anon y Alateen.

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Norma W. ~

Area Alateen business has slowed down over the summer, once recertification was complete June 1st. I have answered a few emails that were forwarded to me from WSO. These were professionals with in our Area seeking information on Alateen. I put together information packets and mailed them.

I had to opportunity to participate in some awesome public outreach opportunities this summer. One was with all the judges and probation department at the Brazoria County Court house. AA, Al-Anon and Alateen programs were all shared with these professionals. Second was with family members at 2 different treatment facilities.

I'm sorry to report that we had an Alateen group close in District 8 and in District 1. The Hope and Cope Alateen in Sugarland has reported they if their attendance does not increase the will be closing as well at the end of the year.

What are we or can we do as AMIAS (Al-Anon members involved in Alateen service) doing to keep these meeting thriving and growing? One thing I have done is make a flyer, with the local Alateen meeting location, day, and time. I have left them with local treatment centers and circulated them with the nearby AA and Al-Anon meetings. I would love to hear any ideals you have. norwar2000@yahoo.com

While on the WSO member website, I came across the Alateen WSO Facebook page. There is a picture of 5 Texas East Area 53 Alateen members at the TEA-AC this past April. Please check it out.

P.O.S.S.E will be March 18-20, 2015 Flyers and registration will be sent out soon.

TEA-AC will be April 29-May 1, 2015 flyers are complete and will be sent to all Alateen groups. Registration will be sent out after January 1, 2016 these are both available at texas-al-anon.org

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Bennie P. ~**GREETINGS TO ALL AREA 53 MEMBERS**

Not much to report right now. Things slowed down after the annual recertification in June and I took advantage of the extra time to work on the Alateen files, reviewing and updating them, as well as shredding some of the old documents. Not done yet, it's not an easy task! This is an ongoing process.

As I mentioned in my 3rd quarter report, our Area ended with **84 AMIAS and 26 Alateen Groups after recertification.** Number of AMIAS remains the same but we now **have 24 Alateen Groups.**

AMIAS Certification is done year-round. Anyone interested in serving as an Alateen sponsor must participate in AMIAS Sponsor Training prior to submitting their application. Training is required for the first two consecutive years and every three years thereafter during continuous service as an Alateen Sponsor. Once you meet this requirement, you may proceed to fill out the 3 page certification application which consists of the following forms. These can be found on our Texas website:

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

Please read the instructions carefully to ensure you meet all of the Safety and Behavioral Requirements before submitting it.

By year's end, I will be notifying everyone personally, of the training needs in order to recertify next year. If you don't hear from me, please contact me. Love in Alateen service.



Younger people come together to:
share experiences, strength, and hope with each other
discuss their difficulties
learn effective ways to cope with their problems
encourage one another
help each other understand the principles of the
Al-Anon program learn how to use the Twelve Steps
and Alateen's Twelve Traditions
Alateen is a fellowship of young Al-Anon members,
usually teenagers, whose lives have been affected by
someone else's drinking.

Web Coordinator ~Lisa W.~

I am sad to have missed the AWSC Meeting in Smithville on the 19th. I'm aware as a new coordinator the importance of getting to know all of you and get the word out regarding the use of our website. I did; however, have a great time cycling 65 miles around our beautiful bay of Corpus Christi in an annual cycling event I had previously committed to.

Email Correspondence

This last quarter, Texas West Web Coordinator Marcia H. and I have tended to over 125 emails that have come in to web@texas-al-anon.org from prospective members seeking meeting information, members of committees corresponding on project updates, and existing membership seeking to post events or news to the website.

Website Revisions and Statistics

Just to remind you, there are now separate pages in the Texas East Area for the following sections:

Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)

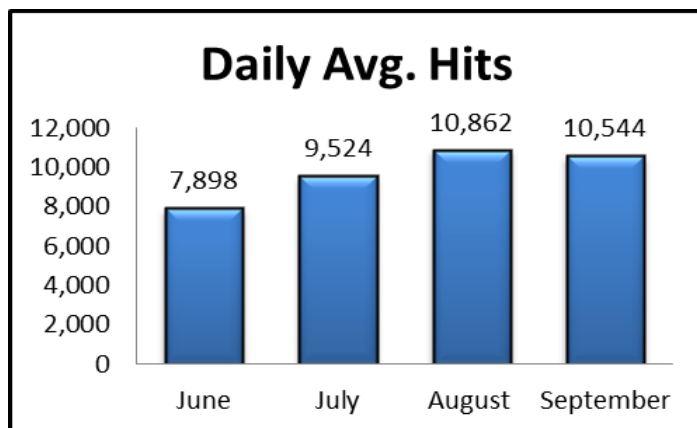
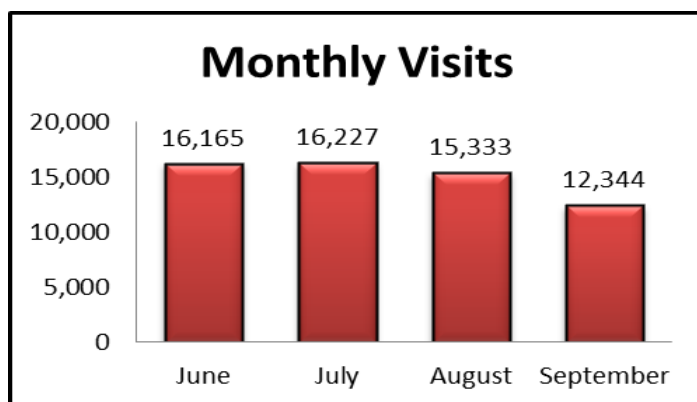
Delegate's Corner

Group Representative (GR) Information

GR Contribution and Expense Forms

All section titles have been alphabetized for easy navigating .

Third Quarter Statistics



Either contributions for the website have been low this past quarter or we are forgetting to include the website in our external and internal outreach.

The following are some ways to contribute and use the website.

How you can contribute?

- Send me details and flyers for events in your district or group so I can post these online for anyone interested to see and attend. Email: web@texas-al-anon.org
- Share the links to our website with your groups so that they can get used to using it as a resource and wealth of information.
- Send me suggestions for things you'd like to see posted in our members section, such as reports, updates, etc. and we can collaborate on how that might look.

Our website address: www.texas-al-anon.org.

Tutorial Videos to help you get familiar with the site are published at

<http://texas-al-anon.org/webtutorials/>

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to our fellowship, area, and state.

Newsletter Editor ~ Lynn S. ~

The AWSC voted to try a change of months for the 4 issues of the *Beacon*. The next *Beacon* deadline will Dec 1, 2015 for the first issue of 2016. The next issues will be March, June and September. The goal is to get the paper copy of the *Beacon* in the hands of the groups in plenty of time before the area assemblies.

A paper copy of the *Beacon* is mailed to each registered Al-Anon and Alateen group. If your group is not receiving this copy please check with your Area Group Records Coordinator, Candy N., to inquire as to your group Current Mailing Address (CMA) information.

To the groups that send a \$6.00 contribution for their "free" subscription to help defray the cost of the *Beacon*, "Thank You". Groups wishing to receive an email copy of the *Beacon* should use the subscription form on the address page of this *Beacon* sending the form with your \$6.00 check or money order to the Area Treasurer, Tricia L. Personal subscriptions are \$6.00 for U.S. mail or \$6.00 for email. The subscription year is Jan. 1 to Dec 31. A good time to renew, contribute or place a new subscription is at the Fall Assembly. This year that will be November 6-8, in San Antonio.

District Reports**District 1 ~ Alicia (Licha) T.~**

No report

District 2 ~ Myrthala C. ~

Hello from District 2, ***A SEA OF MIRACLES !***

We are excited to report District 2 will be hosting the next Fall Assembly 2016. We are working our way in planning for this assembly. We have committees formed, have secured a post office box and bank account. The assembly will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas on November 4-6, 2016. Theme for this conference is ***A SEA OF MIRACLES***. Please save the date, a flyer with more information will be in the next *Beacon* edition.

We had our district meeting August 8th in Corpus Christi, Tx. hosted by Southside Comfort group. Added to the agenda was a 3-5 min presentation by the host group on a piece of literature so members can be aware of CAL. Flyers for future conferences were provided.

Our quarterly speaker for 08/17/15 was Marianne R. it was well attended.

Our next District meeting will be held on October 10, 2015 in Laredo, Texas hosted by Libertad group. The emphasis of this meeting will be on the Fall Assembly 2016.

Hope to see you in San Antonio! Yours in service.

District 3 ~ Jocelyn B. ~

Hello, All. Hope all are enjoying the color changes of the season!

We are doing well in our groups. Keep Coming Back AFG has gained several members through the summer. Our Public Outreach Coordinator is continually leaving CAL in several areas. (Thank you, Maria.). At our recent district meeting, we decided to meet twice a year to include a workshop each time. We hope to see group members attend. Short & sweet this time! Hope to see all in November. Serving with a grateful heart.

Al-Anon Declaration

Let It Begin With Me

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there,
and – *Let It Begin With Me*

District 4 ~ Mattie T.~

Greetings from District 4 what a beautiful hot, humid summer this has been but I must say it has been a wonderful summer, I hope you enjoyed the time with family and visiting old friends and making new ones. I have attended several Al-Anon meetings and will continue to visit groups encouraging them to elect a GR.

The weekend of July 2-5 I attended the 75th International Convention of Alcoholic Anonymous with Al-Anon Participation and there were over 60,000 people from all over the world in attendance, and District 4 was well represented. We had several members to chair workshops and share their experience using the Al-Anon program in different aspects of their lives today.

Thank you to everyone that came out for our Day in Al-Anon "Expand Your Vision: Using the Tradition July 25 at the Alvin Taylor Street Club. It was a big success and we had a wonderful day of fellowship. Cindy K, past delegate from Texas W held an interactive workshop and ended the event by sharing her experience, strength and hope.

Our skit "As Seen on TV (A Labor of Love)" an original presented by District 4 was enjoyed by the actors as well as the audience. We love to have fun in our fellowship and there were plenty of laughs. As I always say "good people, good food, good fun" what better way to enjoy the day. Since this event, I have received many calls from individuals stating that they are now ready for service work. Just like our literature say "When I Got Busy, I Got Better".

On August 8 I attended Santa Fe Group A.A. 43rd Annual Anniversary and listened to Sheri B share her Al-Anon journey. It was a great celebration and an awesome experience of courage, strength and hope. Thanks Sheri for your willingness to serve whenever you are called on.

August 14-16 I went to Beaumont, TX to attend the 34th Annual District 90 Convention where I heard an Alateen share from the heart, her experience growing up in an alcoholic home. To witness a young person share her courage and strength in front of many people is very humbling and heart warming to see the healing.

On August 22 Delia B and other Al-Anon members spoke at the Brazos Place Treatment Center in Freeport. We spoke to family members who were there to visit their loved one and showed the *Al-Anon and Alateens Role In Family Recovery* (AV -31) CD, a valuable tool to use in reaching out. If you haven't seen it you need to. It was an awesome presentation!

A new Alateen group "The Courage To Change Too" started September 10, 2015, 6:30pm at 2425 FM 1092, Missouri City, TX. Thank you to the Santa Fe Al-Anon AFG and Linda C. for their donation of many Alateen and other literature.

During our quarterly meeting in June, Joyce Y, Texas E Delegate Panel 55, continues to challenge each and every one of us to DREAM BIG with Spiritual Abundance.

District 5 ~ Anita C.~

As the DR5 I am still launching toward goals I want to accomplish with experience, strength and hope in my walk to recovery in the Al-Anon/Alateen program.

- Encouraging members to become involved in service.
- Encourage groups to participate in service activities.
- Participation is the key to harmony — involve GRs in the district meeting.
- Keep it fun! *Make it interesting*

As the district, our objective should expand the idea of using the links of service to further inspire discussion about group formats, group problems and outreach projects with all our group representatives and group members. As a service to the groups our objective is to increase awareness about the value of all the WSO service tools.

Just in the amount of time during my first nine months of service, as a district representative, I have had the opportunity to learn from other members who are involved in service. I have come to realize that I am here now to welcome the newcomers to give back what I have accomplished. I have created confidence in myself that I did not have. The whole body of Al-Anon and Alateen grows and builds itself up in love as each person does their part through their works and achievements. I have experienced spiritual victory in Al-Anon and Alateen and appreciate all of your support.

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A medida que todavía soy RD5 todavía estoy lanzando hacia las metas que quiero lograr con experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza en mi caminar hacia la recuperación en el programa de Al-Anon / Alateen.

- Alentar a los miembros a participar en el servicio.
- Animar a los grupos a participar en actividades de servicio.
- Involucrar a los representantes de los grupos en la reunión de distrito. La participación es la clave de la armonía
- Que sea divertido! Que sea interesante

Como distrito, nuestro objetivo debe ampliar la idea de usar los eslabones de servicio para inspirar mayor discusión sobre los formatos de grupo, problemas de grupos y proyectos de alcance con todos nuestros representantes de los grupos y los miembros de los grupo. Como un servicio a los grupos que nuestro objetivo es aumentar la conciencia sobre el valor de todas las herramientas de servicio de la OSM.

Justo a la cantidad de tiempo durante mis primeros nueve meses de servicio, como representante del distrito, he tenido la oportunidad de aprender de los demás miembros que participan en el servicio. Me he dado cuenta de que estoy aquí ahora para dar la bienvenida a los recién llegados a devolver lo que he logrado. He creado la confianza

en mí mismo que yo no tenía. Todo la hermandad de Al-Anon y Alateen crece y se edifica en amor, ya que cada persona hace su parte a través de sus obras y logros. He experimentado la victoria espiritual en Al-Anon y Alateen y apreciar todo su apoyo.

District 6 ~Lori L.~

Hi all! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for fall! Our last meeting was held July 18 in Georgetown, hosted by Georgetown West AFG. The next district meeting is scheduled for October 17 to be hosted by Steps to Freedom AFG, Anderson Mill AFG and Faith AFG in Austin. This makes the hosting duties easier to divide instead of all of the responsibilities lying with one group. This is a positive change in our district.

When I attended the Spring Area Assembly in Franklin, our Area Chair, Kay C. asked the DRs to share one good thing happening in our districts and one challenge. For District 6 I shared that we are asking at the district meetings for members to share about what is working in their groups to help keep the focus on the solution. A challenge is in our new roles as officers and coordinators, is learning to work together and to communicate better as well.

District 6 hosted the AWSC meeting on September 19th in Smithville. The major glitch that I found out a little too late was to "ask" the neighboring church if they were not going to be using their parking lot that Saturday and would it be okay for us to use it! Lesson learned! About 10 AWSC members and volunteers had to get up in the middle of the meeting to move their cars. What can I say? Progress not perfection....! I would like to recognize the volunteers that came out that day to help and they were as follows: Doon, Anna, Bill, Pat, Alice, Judy and Nancy. I sincerely appreciate your time and efforts that you put into the meeting for it to come together as nicely as it did despite the parking situation! The food was great and the fellowship was enjoyed by all! Thank you!

District 6 still has the Spanish Coordinator position open and recently the District Alateen Coordinator position has come open. We hope to fill these positions soon. Looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio in November!

District 7 ~Jane M. ~

District 7 thanks everyone for a successful Spring Assembly June 5-7th in Franklin, TX. The food was delicious and plentiful. The speakers were inspiring. Business went smoothly. There was music, laughter, and tears as we remembered past mentors in the program.

After a rest, the district is planning a family picnic Oct. 24th at Royalty Pecan Farm on Hwy 21 near Bryan. Bring a dish to pass, your own drinks, and family 11:00 am-1:30 pm. There's an optional tour of the farm at 12:30 pm.

District 8 ~ Diane B.~

District 8 is happy to report that we had a great time as the Support District for the last assembly in Franklin. Great fun, great meeting venue and inspiring speakers. The only real

challenge is that we need a new District Representative. We are hoping to have this resolved by the end of the year. We have had great success with our attendance at the District Meetings which follow our local AIS/LDC meeting. We also look forward to being with the rest of the ETAAA at our next Assembly.

District 9 ~ Beverly C.~

District 9 is comprised of 23 Al-Anon Family Groups meeting in Tyler and 12 other surrounding towns in northeast Texas. Within the last couple of years we have been joined by 4 AFGs formerly part of District 11, as they wished to be in a district with an active DR and regularly scheduled GR meetings. These groups are Murray Hilltoppers AFG and One Day at A Time AFG in Nacogdoches, Freedom AFG and Paths to Recovery AFG in Palestine. We had 3 of those groups represented at our last district meeting in July. We are also happy to have learned that Open Doors AFG of Mt. Vernon is now active again and has elected a GR.

We have postponed our Fall fundraiser in hope of holding it in the Spring. We hope that it will include an outdoor pot luck picnic, a bake sale and a guest speaker from one of our new groups in Nacogdoches. Our district funds are currently sufficient to support DR expenses through the end of next year.

The current challenge in our district is service. We still have 7 AFGs without an "official" GR, and no one holding the office of Literature Coordinator, Public Outreach Coordinator, and Spanish Coordinator. In addition, we have chosen to close our local website as there is no one willing to keep it updated. With the loss of the Tyler AIS office, outreach continues to be a struggle. However, we do have one of our groups that sends members regularly to a behavioral health treatment center in Tyler to talk about Al-Anon during their family support group meetings.

District 10 ~ Susan L. ~

Greetings from District 10.

Our next district meeting will be held on July 18.

I attended the Spring Assembly in Franklin. Four of our eleven groups were in attendance, for business meeting.

Vera S and Mary A have been recertified as Alateen sponsors. District 10 has an Alateen meeting on Thursday evenings in Longview, at the same location and time as an Al-Anon and AA meeting.

District 12 ~ Dolores W. ~

Hello I am Dolores Wilson District 12 Representative. One successful situation that has worked for our district has been the open communication at district meetings and one challenge area is Al-Anon members available, informed of, or willing to help fill the need of service work opportunities within the district.

We have one district meeting left for this year and I am sur-

prised how quickly the year has gone. Our district has held two workshops in conjunction with our district meetings, one a writing workshop and the second public outreach workshop. District 12 Public Outreach Coordinator has been very active visiting district groups with public outreach information and ideas. The Alternate District Representative and I have visited two groups introducing ourselves and inviting them to attend the district meetings. These visitations have given us the opportunity to attend a couple of wonderful meetings and meet more AFG family.

District 12 has had the additional opportunity to host the rapidly approaching East Texas Al-Anon Alateen Fall Assembly this November 6 thru the 8th 2015, at Staybridge Suites 123 Hoefgen Boulevard, San Antonio TX 78205. Our Assembly theme is "Can We Talk?" the 3C's Commitment, Communication, and Cooperation. At the assembly in addition to the business meetings there will be a workshop Friday night, speaker's meetings, early bird, night owl meetings, drawings and to round out the weekend a speakers panel meeting on the assembly theme of Commitment, Communication and Cooperation Sunday morning. Our host Literature chairperson is accepting literature pre-orders, contact Dan M dnrcyh@gvtc.com 210-573-5159 *orders due no later than 10OCT 2015. Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Assembly with the prospect of creating lasting fellowship friends.

District 13 ~ David S.~

District 13 held its last district meeting on July 18, 2015. The meeting was well attended and after our usual reports on district business we continued working on planning for the upcoming 2016 Spring Assembly which we will be hosting on May 13-15, 2016 at the beautiful Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas. We have not completed a flier yet, but you can make your hotel reservations now. Please see the "Save the Date" flyer elsewhere in this issue of the Beacon for hotel contact and rate information. Our theme for the conference is P.E.A.C.E. which stands for: Participate! Everyone's Attitude Changes Everything! Start gathering your P.E.A.C.E. gear!!!

Our next District meeting will be held on October 17 at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville. We will be taking a tour of the facility, finalizing our flier and planning, planning, planning!!!

I am excited about the upcoming fall assembly in San Antonio and hope to see you all there!



Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)

Please send this form through your Area Process or the WSO

1. Group Record

WSO I.D. Number _____

District Number _____

Area Name (Abbreviation) _____

2. Status

- ☐ New
☐ Change
☐ Inactive
☐ Not Sure If Registered

3. Changes (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Group Name
☐ Current Mailing Address (CMA)
☐ Mtg Place
☐ Mtg Day ☐ Mtg Time
☐ GR ☐ Contact

4. Group/Registration Overview

Group Name _____ Mailing Language _____

Reflects Al-Anon principles and is inviting to all. See Instructions to fill out the GR-1 Form. Please note that group names not in compliance with the Al-Anon policy will delay processing of the registration. Contact your Area Group Records Coordinator or the WSO for further information.

Location: Meeting Place _____

Meeting Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Group e-mail _____

Contact First Name _____ Phone Number _____

Contact First Name _____ Phone Number _____

5. Meeting Details

Day _____ Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Type: ☐ Open ☐ Closed

Spoken Language _____ Member Count _____

☐ Beginners* ☐ Introductory** ☐ Limited Access***

☐ Handicap Access ☐ Babysitting ☐ Fragrance Free

☐ Smoking Permitted ☐ Sign Language

Location Instructions _____

Additional Meeting

Day _____ Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Type: ☐ Open ☐ Closed

Spoken Language _____ Member Count _____

☐ Beginners* ☐ Introductory** ☐ Limited Access***

☐ Handicap Access ☐ Babysitting ☐ Fragrance Free

☐ Smoking Permitted ☐ Sign Language

Location Instructions _____

* Held in conjunction with a regular Al-Anon group meeting; not considered an Al-Anon group. Provide newcomers a simple introduction to Al-Anon.

** Attendance changes frequently; not considered an Al-Anon group. Attendees are invited to go to regular Al-Anon meetings.

*** Meeting access is limited due to the facility's entry restrictions. These groups meet at sites such as military bases, institutions, industrial plants, or schools.

6. Current Mailing Address (WSO mail for the group is sent to the CMA postal and e-mail addresses)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

CMA e-mail address is entered here. Please enter Group e-mail address in section #4 (See instructions for more information)

7. For Area Use

☐ Group Rep ☐ Other _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

The WSO will register any group designating itself as an Al-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and that meeting will be open to any Al-Anon members. Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27), "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies"

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Austin AIS/LDC ~ Paula H.~

The Austin Al-Anon Information Center is doing well financially. At this time, our income is above what it was in 2014. Donations, literature sales, and inquiries have all increased.

Our last board meeting was August 18. At that meeting the board voted to keep the Austin Information Center at its current location, 6301 Manchaca Road, Suite F, Austin, TX 78745, for another 6 years.

Also, the board is researching Internet access for the center. It is hoped that the daily management of the office will be made easier by having a computer with Internet access.

A finance committee is studying what constitutes an ample reserve for the information center. After the committee completes its study, a recommendation will be made to the board.

The board is currently meeting four times a year at alternate locations, both north and south. Our next board meeting is November 16, at 6:30 P. M. at 6301 Manchaca Rd., Suite F, Austin, TX 78745. Elections for officers will be held at that meeting. Also, there is a need for volunteers to help at the information center as well as a need for meeting list, literature, and finance committees. In Al-Anon service,

Beaumont AIS/LDC ~ Carole L. ~

The Beaumont AIS/LDC office is located at 6640 Eastex Frwy. Suite 144, Beaumont Tx. 77708. Hours of operation are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Monday - Thursday. Phone 409 899-3343. We now have volunteers for these days and are looking for substitute volunteers if someone needs to be out.

Our office carries all Conference Approved Literature, in both English and Spanish. We will ship to you, or meet you 1/2 way to your location if you don't have an AIS/LDC in your area.

Our web address is www.setxalanon.org. There is an updated meeting list for District 8 on this website.

Our challenge—Our office manager sent out appeal letters asking each group to dig a little deeper into their pockets to send a little more, or give for the first time. This makes them feel a part of our AIS/LDC and district. Thank you District 8 for your support. Please keep giving to the four arms of service, help you AIS/LDC, District, Area, and WSO. This is how we keep Al-Anon strong.

Houston Al-Anon Intergroup ~ Ann R. ~

Houston Intergroup is celebrating having a full board of directors with four new officers and also having a new office manager who is computer savvy.

We invite each one of you to come to our annual fund raiser Face To Face [October 24](#).

South Texas AIS/LDC ~ Bennie P. ~

We have been busy carrying public outreach activities with some of the local churches, University of Texas RGV and

Housing Authority.

We should be launching the UT-RGV meetings in the very near future. The University will be referring some of their students to our meetings and we have asked all the groups to please welcome these students by having open meetings.

A local housing authority has also invited us to start Al-Anon meetings at their location. We committed to start one on a trial basis for six weeks and if there is a need, we can make it official and register the meeting.

We were finally able to resolve the bank issues and make the necessary changes. Thanks to everyone that helped us accomplish this.

We placed an order for 4000 *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016* magazine. These have been very useful in communicating with the health professionals in our district. We hope to place another order in February. We are hoping to participate in some local events in regards to "October is Domestic Violence Month" using these magazines. District 1, we still need your contributions!

Literature is available and is sold on Wednesdays before and after the noon meeting and by appointment by calling Bennie 975-7303, Sandra 821-0216 or Gladys 286-4044.

San Antonio AIS/LDC ~ Nancy M.~

SAAIS has changed the combined meeting with the District 12 and is holding them at separate times and locations to encourage groups to have both a Group Representative and an Alternate Group Representative. To accomplish this both the DR and our Alt. DR and a few members of our District have been visiting the groups and encouraging them to participate in their respective meeting. We have had several new meetings start with good attendance because of strong support from our leadership and active members.

Our 12th annual fundraising banquet is Oct 3, 2015 and we expect to have about 100 in attendance. The outstanding dessert auction is the success over the top financially.

Challenges:

We have had 2 Literature Distribution Centers (both registered with the WSO) for many years in the city of San Antonio. In 2003 when the SAAIS lost our special worker and did not have enough volunteers to maintain an office space for the San Antonio AIS/LDC the SAAIS polled the groups and sent out an inventory giving the group the ability to make an informed group conscience. It was followed up by a vote at the following meeting, the decision was to make our LDC inactive and maintaining it in name only operating as a virtual office, this is accomplished by making a yearly order from the WSO for at least \$100.00 a year in literature. We have continued to maintain a telephone answering service, thru which questions regarding meetings, meeting times and Al-Anon related inquiries are answered.

Intergrupala Hispana de Houston ~ Virginia L. ~

Es infinitamente emocionante el caminar y sorprenderse constantemente sirviendo a los demas: sin embargo, es aún mas maravilloso el crecimiento personal pero sobretodo espiritual al que se obtiene al atravesar con valor y fé lo que sin un Poder Superior me era imposible.

Muchas gracias por tomarse el tiempo de leer los reportes de cada uno de mis hermanos/as. Sin alguien que este dispuesto a enterarse de las buenas nuevas y actualizacion de informacion, esta edicion simplemente no tendria sentido.

La Oficina Intergrupala de Al-Anon en Houston sigue sirviendo a la comunidad através de la linea de informacion. Tenemos una página web. donde se puede ver una secuencia de los grupos de Houston y áreas circunvecinas. Este no solo es un recurso para aquellos que quieren llegar a un grupo por primera vez; la página web también es una herramienta para los miembros que saben navegar el internet y que a su vez quieran darle vida a nuestra declaracion de Al-Anon. Simplemente cuando alguien necesite ayuda podemos ir a la página y fotocopiar la direccion de x grupo y compartirlo con quien lo necesite. Se hace todo lo posible por hacer las actualizaciones necesarias. Agradecemos la humildad, buena voluntad y disposicion de los Grupos al enviar sus actualizaciones. Si se dieron cuenta, en la edicion anterior mencioné la posibilidad de nuestra participacion como Grupos hispanos en el Evento Face to Face, que es un evento anual que lleva a cabo La intergrupala Anglo y que será el día 24 de Octubre de 9:00a.m – 3:00p.m en The Council on Recovery localizado en 303 Jackson Hill Sreet, Houston Texas 77007 Pues puedo confirmarles hoy que ya es un hecho. El Comité Eventos y Festejos está trabajando para la parte que nos corresponde como Intergrupala Hispana responsable ante los Grupos a los cuales servimos. Les invitamos y animamos a hacer la Unidad reservando su registracion para el día 24 de Octubre, ser parte del evento con su disposicion a servir o venir a compartir su Experiencia ,Fortaleza y Esperanza

También les adelantamos que tendremos una informacion Pública con motivo de un año mas como órgano de servicio (Aniversario) La fecha es el Sábado 20 de Febrero de 3:00p.m – 8:00p.m y es muy posible que sea en el 4419 N Main St. 77009; estamos esperando confirmacion del lugar. Estémos pendientes!

A los Grupos y miembros individuales les recordamos que la Intergrupala Hispana al-Anon en Houston es a su vez un Centro de Distribucion de LAC. Toda la Literatura que llega a este (CDP) viene diractamente de la Oficina de Servicio Mundial (OSM), al comprar la Literatura Aprobada por la Conferencia (LAC) en el Intergrupo; usted esta contribuyendo sustancialmente a la OSM para que el mensaje de esperanza siga llegando a los familiares de los alcohólicos que aún sufren.

y através del Comité de Literatura surte pedidos y también se hace presente en las informaciones públicas de los Grupos si es que así ustedes lo solicitan y pues para separar la fecha solo hay que llamar a la linea, enviar un correo electrónico o hacerse presente en nuestras reuniones mensuales el 3er Domingo de cada mes a las 11:00a.m. Se agradece su paciencia. Sigamos adelante! Por un propósito en común.

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~ Inside Al-Anon Family Groups ~

By Claire R.

Anonymity—Our spiritual foundation and me

This short “quiz” is the first of a three-part series for members to reflect upon the principle of anonymity. It is an opportunity to assess my understanding of anonymity and how I apply this spiritual principle to my recovery—within and outside of our fellowship.

This first article is about personal anonymity. The second and third article encompass anonymity within and outside of our fellowship.

As Tradition Twelve says, “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions...” But this principal can be misunderstood. As our cofounder, Lois W. states on page 194, in her *Lois Remembers* (B-7) memoir, “Let us not mistake anonymity for secrecy.”

Personal anonymity—My comfort zone

Some Al-Anon members prefer to maintain a higher degree of anonymity that others do. We respect the personal decisions of others, without judging them and without fear of being judged.

Over time, I might change my mind about the degree of anonymity that I choose to maintain. The real issue is my personal “comfort zone” with anonymity.

The number of “never,” “seldom,” “usually,” and “always” responses can tell me a lot about myself and my personal need for anonymity. It is only a measure of where I am today. If I am growing in my recovery, my point of view may change.

Reflections:

How much anonymity do I really need among people I know (outside of meetings)?

If I am still keeping my Al-Anon membership a secret from family, friends, and people I know (non-members), what am I trying to hide from them?

Finish this article on page 18—19 in the September 2015, The Forum.

ETAAA Financial Report 9/18/2015										Proposed
Income	1 st Qtr 3/31/15	2 nd Qtr 6/30/15	3 rd Qtr 9/30/15	4 th Qtr 12/31/15	Total YTD	2015 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	2016 Budget		
Assembly Surplus	\$3,263.20	\$0.00	\$3,238.60	\$0.00	\$6,501.80					
Fall 2014	\$3,263.20				\$3,263.20					
Spring 2015			\$3,238.60		\$3,238.60					
Beacon Income	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$132.00	\$200.00	(\$68.00)	\$200.00		
Group Subscription	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$24.00		\$66.00					
Personal Supscriptions	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$42.00		\$66.00					
Contributions Income	\$5,372.22	\$3,217.55	\$6,077.32		\$14,667.09	\$20,820.00	(\$6,152.91)	\$22,700.00		
Fall Gratitude Basket					\$0.00					
Miscellaneous Income					\$0.00					
Total Income	\$8,665.42	\$3,253.55	\$9,381.92	\$0.00	\$21,300.89	\$21,020.00	\$280.89	\$22,900.00		
Expenses										
Travel / Expenses	\$961.54	\$2,676.62	\$822.65		\$4,460.81	\$11,000.00	(\$6,539.19)	\$12,000.00		
Alateen Coordinator		\$723.48			\$723.48	\$800.00	(\$76.52)	\$1,000.00		
Alateen Liaison					\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$400.00)	\$400.00		
Alateen Process Person	\$135.43	\$312.11	\$214.72		\$662.26	\$800.00	(\$137.74)	\$1,000.00		
Alternate Delegate			\$231.61		\$231.61	\$600.00	(\$368.39)	\$600.00		
Archives		\$183.30			\$183.30	\$500.00	(\$316.70)	\$500.00		
Beacon Editor		\$104.35	\$158.31		\$262.66	\$500.00	(\$237.34)	\$500.00		
Chair	\$74.83	\$202.63			\$277.46	\$800.00	(\$522.54)	\$800.00		
Delegate		\$121.69			\$121.69	\$1,500.00	(\$1,378.31)	\$1,500.00		
Group Records		\$275.31			\$275.31	\$500.00	(\$224.69)	\$500.00		
Public Outreach	\$68.60		\$218.01		\$286.61	\$600.00	(\$313.39)	\$600.00		
Past Delegates	\$98.40				\$98.40	\$1,500.00	(\$1,401.60)	\$1,500.00		
Past Area Chairperson					\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$500.00		
Secretary	\$197.34	\$200.62			\$397.96	\$500.00	(\$102.04)	\$800.00		
Spanish Coordinator	\$33.83				\$33.83	\$500.00	(\$466.17)	\$500.00		
Treasurer	\$291.34	\$326.88			\$618.22	\$500.00	\$118.22	\$800.00		
Website Coordinator	\$61.77	\$226.25			\$288.02	\$500.00	(\$211.98)	\$500.00		
Other Expenses	\$2,682.30	\$1,216.35	\$1,017.70	\$0.00	\$4,916.35	\$4,420.00	\$496.35	\$4,300.00		
Beacon Publishing	\$1,122.60	\$613.66	\$732.70		\$2,468.96	\$3,100.00	(\$631.04)	\$3,100.00		
Storage Unit for Archives	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00		\$810.00	\$1,080.00	(\$270.00)	\$1,080.00		
Transitional AWSC Meeting	\$1,220.03				\$1,220.03					
Web Hosting Fee					\$0.00	\$240.00	(\$240.00)	\$120.00		
Audit Committee Expense		\$317.69								
Miscellaneous Expense	\$69.67	\$15.00	\$15.00							
World Service Conference	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$3,200.00	(\$2,900.00)	\$3,200.00		
Area's Gifts to WSC	\$300.00				\$300.00	\$ 300.00	\$0.00	\$ 300.00		
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC					\$0.00	\$ 2,500.00	(\$2,500.00)	\$ 2,500.00		
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC					\$0.00	\$ 400.00	(\$400.00)	\$ 400.00		

SC Regional Delegate Meeting									
Delegate	\$513.49	\$626.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,139.82	\$2,400.00	(\$1,260.18)	\$3,400.00	
Chair	\$193.81				\$193.81	\$600.00	(\$406.19)	\$600.00	
Immediate Past Delegate	\$319.68				\$319.68	\$600.00	(\$280.32)	\$600.00	
Active Past Delegates*		\$427.01			\$427.01	\$600.00	(\$172.99)	\$600.00	
Alternate Delegate								\$1,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$4,457.33	\$4,519.30	\$1,840.35		\$199.32	\$600.00	(\$400.68)	\$600.00	
Net Income Less Expenses	\$4,208.09	(\$1,098.14)	\$7,541.57		\$10,816.98	\$21,020.00	\$280.89	\$22,900.00	
Extraordinary Income/Expense									
	1st Qtr 3/31/15	2nd Qtr 6/30/15	3rd Qtr 9/31/15	4th Qtr 12/31/15	Total YTD				
Income									
Returned Seed Money	\$2,000.00		\$3,500.00						
Received Attn. Background Checks	\$39.00	\$454.50	\$62.00						
Spring Birthday Basket		\$696.56							
Returned Beacon Advance	\$1,122.60		\$331.86						
Total Extraordinary Income	\$3,161.60	\$1,151.06	\$3,562.00						
Expenses									
Seed Money	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00							
Fees paid Attn Background Checks	\$65.00	\$370.50							
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO			\$696.56						
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$3,565.00	\$3,870.50	\$696.56						
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	(\$403.40)	(\$2,719.44)	\$2,865.44						
Profit/(Loss)	\$3,804.69	(\$3,817.58)							
Checking Account Balance	3/31/2015	6/30/2015	9/30/2015	12/31/2015					
Beginning Balance	\$27,996.21	\$31,384.14	\$27,398.95	\$37,988.82					
2014 Expenses Reconciled in 2015	(\$416.76)								
Increase/(Decrease)	\$3,804.69	(\$3,817.58)							
Ending Balance	\$31,384.14	\$27,398.95	\$37,988.82						
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)									
Beginning Balance	\$13,764.52	\$13,783.13	\$13,801.97						
Increase/(Decrease)	\$18.61	\$18.84	\$3.48						
Ending Balance	\$13,783.13	\$13,801.97	\$13,805.45						

East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen AWSC Minutes September 19, 2015 Smithville, Texas

Chairman: Kay C., Chairman opened the meeting at 10:30 am.

Treasurer: Tricia L. reported on financial status of the area and passed out the financial report with proposed 2016 budget. Kay C. reported she had obtained all old financial records from Shelly S. past treasurer and has given them to Tricia.

Area Delegate Report: Joyce Y. passed out copies of the World Service Conference Summary to all AWSC members. Next week she will be participating in a call with her Trustee the topic is to be about closing the WSO's budget deficit. She went over other topics the WSO is discussing including the Alateen model, (Do we have the right kind of Alateen structure?) and the Memorial Fund policy. Joyce looked into old Area motions and reported a motion was passed by the Area in November of 2007, that the area would pay equalized expenses for the Delegate rounded up to the nearest \$100. She wants to visit all the districts in the area and asked that all districts with newsletters please include her on their distribution list or send her link if it is published online. She reported the WSO is looking for professional writers to work on new literature in the process of being developed. She announced AFG Connect will begin Monday, August 21, 2015 replacing e-communities. The floor was then opened for discussion on budget deficit discussions. With no resulting discussion, she said to give her a call or email her any suggestions. Joyce's full report will be in the Beacon.

Alternate Delegate Report: Margaret F. requested members take back to their Districts and Groups that the WSO still needs sharings for upcoming literature. Suggested having workshops and stressing how important our literature is to recovery. Reported that E-Connect will be replaced with E-Communities. Suggested using Area Highlights for meeting topics, and to change up meetings by using more of our literature. She will be having a conference call on October 17 regarding literature. Conflict Resolution tools are now available in Spanish from the WSO. The World Service Conference Summary is available online. There is a new guide available for navigating the Texas Al-Anon Website. Margaret's full report will be in the Beacon.

Secretary: David S. called the roll. 23 voting members of the AWSC were present with a simple majority of 12 needed to approve voting items. The minutes from the June 5, 2015 AWSC meeting were read and accepted with correction. Corrected September 2016 AWSC meeting host to "To be Determined".

Unfinished Business:

Assembly Reports: Districts 7, 12, 13 and 2 presented reports on past and upcoming Area Assemblies.

Meet the Board: Joyce Y. and Kay C. made a submittal to the WSO for the Area to host the October 2016 Meet the Board.

Leadership Support Committee: To date, Kay has received two officer/coordinator job descriptions. Request all remaining officers/coordinators to send her a description of your job

to help in the establishment of a committee to review and support job functions and conflict resolution.

New Business:

Area Budget: The 2016 budget was presented, discussed and amended. Rosie M. moved that the AWSC make a recommendation to the Area to include in the 2016 proposed budget a separate line item of \$1000 for active past delegates to attend the South Central Region Delegate meeting. The motion passed. Rosie M. will prepare an article describing the payment of the past Delegate's expenses for the Beacon. This item will be a Chosen Agenda item for the ETAAA business meeting.

Lynn S. moved that the proposed budget, amending the budgets of the Alateen Coordinator and Alateen Process Person to \$1000.00 each and upon approval by the Area Assembly, a line item of \$1000.00 to budget paying expenses for Past Delegates active at the AWSC to attend the annual South Central Regional Trustees meeting be added. The motion passed.

Feedback on the Spring Assembly: Kay has received positive feedback on new assembly procedures tried at the Spring Assembly. Some discussion was held regarding the change to the roll call procedure whether or not it limits voice of GR's. Discussion on need to clarify DR duty when they are presenting roll call numbers to Secretary.

Beacon Publication Schedule: After discussion, in an effort to get the Beacon out to groups in time to review information prior to assemblies, the deadlines for submittals to the Beacon were changed to March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st, beginning in December of 2015.

Upcoming AWSC Meetings:

November 6, 2015 (District 12-San Antonio. Meeting time will be 9 pm)

February 6, 2016 (District 4-Pearland. Meeting time: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm)

August 6, 2016 (to be determined)

Jan/Feb 2017 (District 7)

August 2017 (to be determined)

Unfinished Business (Continued):

Assembly Guidelines: Kay presented guidelines updated from past area motions and updated some nomenclature to reflect current terms. A committee was created to look into how to maintain the guidelines and pass on information consisting of: Nancy M., Diane B. and Rosie M. Rosie M. recommended that Final Assembly reports be posted on the Texas Al-Anon website. The website coordinator will be contacted to see how this could be done. Pat E. moved that the Assembly Guidelines be accepted as updated. Motion passed.

Assembly Meeting (continued)

Reports: District Representatives, Coordinators and AIS/LDC Liaison reports are on file and will be in the Beacon.

Meeting was closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Scheel

Motions:

1. Rosie M. moved that the AWSC make a recommendation to the Area to include in the 2016 proposed budget a separate line item of \$1000 for active past delegates to attend the South Central Region Delegate meeting. The motion passed.

2. Lynn S. moved that the proposed budget, amending the budgets of the Alateen Coordinator and Alateen Process Person to \$1000.00 each and upon approval by the Area Assembly, a line item of \$1000.00 to budget paying expenses for Past Delegates Active at the AWSC to attend the annual South Central Regional Trustees meeting be added. The motion passed.

3. Pat E. moved that the Assembly Guidelines be accepted as updated. Motion passed.

AWSC RECOMMENDATION

At the 9/19/15 AWSC meeting a recommendation was approved for the ETAAA to add a line item to the budget in the amount of \$1,000.00 for expenses to be paid for immediate active past Delegates to attend the South Central Regional Delegates meeting (SCRDM) which is held on March, yearly. Each immediate active past delegate will have \$250.00 each allotted to them for this purpose.

The discussion was held and it was relayed that several other Areas in our South Central Region pay for immediate Past Delegates to attend the South Central Delegates Meeting (SCRDM) and it was suggested that our East Texas Area Assembly also consider paying an allotted amount for our past Delegates to attend this SCRDM with the criteria that they be active in our East Texas Area Assembly.

The South Central Region Delegates Meeting (SCRDM) has a purpose of preparing those Delegates, (including our Texas East Delegate) which will attend the World Service Conference (WSC). All past Delegates in attendance from the states in our Region along with our South Central Regional Trustee, current Trustees, Chairmen, Alternate Delegates and visitors are invited to attend these meetings and we collectively provide our support and prepare these Delegates for their participation at the next World Service Conference (WSC) with the weekend meetings, workshops, etc. We are a self-supporting body which maintains a modest prudent reserve held for the meeting room arrangements and miscellaneous expenses.

This will be placed on the Business Meeting Agenda for our next Assembly to be held on November 7th in San Antonio, Texas for a vote by the ETAAA Group Representatives.

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East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)

San Antonio, TX – November 7, 2015

Proposed Business Meeting Agenda

(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE AWSC-ON NOVEMBER 6, 2015)

- 8-9 a.m. **GR Interchange –Margaret F. Alternate Delegate**
(all GRs are requested to attend)
- 8-9 a.m. **DR 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**
Payment of Expenses for Past Delegates Active in the Area to attend the SW Region Area Delegates Meeting.
(15 min)
2016 Budget. (15 min)
GR Rollcall (15 min)
- 11:30 a.m. **LUNCH BREAK**
- 12:45 p.m. **ETAAA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING RESUMES**
- 12:50 p.m. **Non-election roll call: Group Reps. (GRs MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE !!!!!)**
Determine VOTING PROCEDURE
Secretary's Report – David S.
Treasurer's Report – Tricia L.
Alternate Delegate Report/Literature Coordinator Report – Margaret F.
Coordinators Reports (2 minutes) Please report on 1 challenge / 1 success
- ~2:45 p.m. **Unfinished Business - None**
New Business
Chosen Agenda Items: Further Discussion if necessary.
Payment of Expenses for Past Delegates Active in the Area to attend the SW Region Area Delegates Meeting. –
Need motion from the floor
2016 Budget – **Need motion from the floor**
Gratitude Basket Total –Tricia L.
AIS/LDC Reports (2 minutes each) - Please report on 1 challenge / 1 success
Past, Present, and Future Assembly Reports (2 minutes each please)
DR Reports (2 minutes each)- Please report on 1 challenge / 1 success
- ~3:30 p.m. **Close ETAAA Business Meeting with Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration**
- ~3:45 p.m. **WORKSHOPS m/ INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS**
Newsletter Websites Alateen Sponsors Others -TBD
Announcements: Beacon Deadlines – December 1, 2015
AWSC Meeting–February 6, 2016 –Pearland, TX (District 4 hosting)
ATAAC – February 19-21 – Dallas, TX (Ric B from WSO is speaking)
ETAAA Spring Assembly, May 13-15, 2015 – Kerrville, TX
- 4:45 pm Dinner on your own
- 8:00 pm Speaker Meeting



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