

# 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,

The start of Fall makes me think of cooler weather, football, and the **ETAAA FALL ASSEMBLY** in Corpus Christi, TX. I cannot wait to spend the first weekend in November (4-6) in South Texas on the beach. I hope you will join me. The committee has been working hard and the weekend should be a great mix of business and fellowship. I have heard from several of you about how we can make the Assembly weekend a better experience and I appreciate your feedback. Many people I talk to think that it is a weekend filled with controversy and arguments, or that it is all business. **THIS IS NOT SO!** Since the establishment of Knowledge Based Decision Making, we have had very few arguments or disagreements. We move through the business rapidly - ok not really, but it is faster than a tortoise and we are striving to reach hare speed. We now we take time in the morning to discuss what we are going to vote on in the afternoon. The fellowship includes Speakers, Al-Anon, AA and Alateen, if available. Al-Anon is a **bottoms-up type** organization so your voice and vote as a GR is what determines what we as an Area is best for our Area (Traditions 1 and 2). If your group does not have a Group Representative (GR) please come represent your group at the Assembly to **SEA YOUR MIRACLE HAPPEN.**

We have several items we are going to vote on at the Business Meeting, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. The Chosen Agenda Items are as follows:

1. **Changing of Boundary between East and West Texas.** The DR's did an exercise where they listed all the groups in each county in their District. Out of this, we realized that Junction Al-Anon Family Group (AFG) in Kimble County has been participating in District 13 events ever since they formed. Junction AFG wants to remain in Texas East and they are the only AFG in that county.

**Proposed GR Motion.** I \_\_\_\_\_ move that Kimble County be moved from Texas West Area 54 to Texas East Area 53.

2. **Changing of Boundary between District 11 and Districts 9, 8, and 7.** Currently District 11 has no District Representative, and 5 of the 7 AFGs in that District participate in District 9 events. Two of the AFGs, Seven Points AFG and Lufkin AFG have not responded to email, phone or mail inquires concerning the District changes. At the AWSC we reviewed what groups were meeting in what Districts. The AWSC recommends that reassigning District 11 AFG's, by county, to different Districts (i.e., District 9, District 8 and District 7) so that they can be better served by the links of service. The decision for **Seven Points AFG** (Limestone County) and **Lufkin AFG** (Angelina County) was done based on distance to the largest city in Districts 6-9. Leon County and Houston County currently have no AFG groups so it is proposed that they be placed in District 7 for the purpose of record keeping.

**Proposed GR Motion.** I \_\_\_\_\_ move that Anderson, Cherokee, and Nacogdoches Counties be associated with District 9.

**Proposed GR Motion.** I \_\_\_\_\_ move that Angelina County (Lufkin AFG) be associated with District 8.

(cont. page 3)



### Calendar of Events

**Fall Assembly 2016**  
**November 4-6, 2016**  
**Holiday Downtown**  
**Marina**  
**707 N Shoreline Blvd**  
**Corpus Christi, Texas**  
**78401**

**ATAAC**  
**February 17-19, 2017**  
**Airport Hilton Hotel**  
**611 NW Loop 410**  
**San Antonio, TX 78216**

**POSSE**  
**March 24-26, 2017**  
**Gonzales, Texas**

**TEA AC**  
**May 5-7, 2017**  
**Gonzales, Texas**

**Spring Assembly 2017**  
**May 19-21, 2017**  
**Hyatt Place Hotel**  
**16730 Creekbend Dr.**  
**Sugar Land, Texas 77478**

**Deadline for Submissions**  
**for the next issue of**  
**the Beacon Dec 1, 2016**

### Inside this issue:

2015 AWSC Roster	2	District Reports	8-9	Assembly Agenda	16
Delegate/Alt. Delegate	4-5	AIS/LDC	11-13	Fall Assembly Flyer	17
Alateen Reports	5	AWSC Minutes	10	Assembly Minutes	18
Coordinator Reports	5-7	Financial Report	14-15	Area Contribution Form	19



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

For Contact Information for East Texas Area 53 Area World Service Committee Members

Contact your Group Representative or Send a Request to: [web@texas-al-anon.org](mailto:web@texas-al-anon.org)

### **AREA CONTRIBUTIONS**

Mail to: ETAAA Treasurer

P.O. Box 34102

San Antonio, TX 78265

**Proposed GR Motion. I \_\_\_\_ move that Limestone (Seven Points AFG) Leon and Houston Counties be associated with District 7.**

3. **Changing of Boundary between District 3 and District 6.** Currently the two AFGs in Lockhart Caldwell County participate in District 6. There are no other registered AFGs in Caldwell county.

**Proposed Motion. I \_\_\_\_ move that Caldwell Counties be associated with District 6**

4. **Funding of Texas East Area 53 Public Outreach. Projects** We asked Judy W., Area 53 Public Outreach Coordinator, to investigate Area wide Public Outreach **opportunities** that we could support with our excess money. She will be presenting a request for money to spend on two (2) items that the District Outreach Committee decided they would like to have the Area fund: 1) Outreach Starter Kits and 2) posters. See her report for more detail. The AWSC has had some other ideas presented to them about how to use the excess money so if you have ideas let us know and we are in the process of setting up thought forces on these ideas.

**Proposed Motion. I \_\_\_\_ move that \$\_\_\_\_\_ of the excess money be used for Public Outreach in Texas East Area 54 (e.g., posters, Public Outreach starter kits).**

5. **2023 International Al-Anon Convention with AA Participation.** Mattie T and Dolores W. will provide information for having the convention in Houston or San Antonio, respectively.

6. **Proposed Budget for Texas East Area 53 2017 Fiscal Year.**

## **Do Not Let Lack of Funds Keep YOUR GR From Participating!**

We have recently heard that many GRs do not come to the Assembly due to the lack of funds. Many of us can relate to those groups who do not have, or choose not to provide funds, to send their GR to assembly. Many of us have served as GR for groups with as few as 3-5 members and we struggled with this same issue. Expenses for GR in addition to registration includes transportation, room, and food as well. Early on in mine and other's service journey, we were taught that you do not have to have money to be a trusted servant. Here are some ways Groups in our Area have addressed this issue in order to send their GR to Assembly.

Pass an extra basket or having penny or loose change jar

Have workshops/speaker meeting and passing the basket

Have handcrafted items donated by members available as a fundraiser

At one point , members of our group decided to have a "personal" community garage sale (with no mention of Al-Anon), and members then donated their share to the group to cover the GR expenses. Not only did we learn about being self-supporting, but we developed both personal and group relationships of trust and unity as we worked together.

Members with special talents (such as baking or green thumbs) would sale their goods, and then make a personal donation to the group or district. It was amazing to watch the growth in these members as they accepted and committed to responsibility for themselves as well as the group. This was a tremendous growth opportunity in self-worth and self-respect.

Asked at a District meeting if anyone is willing to carpool and/or share a room.

Page 97 of the Service Manual under Fund Raising states

"Many groups, districts, Areas, Information Services, Conventions, Conferences, Assemblies, or other gatherings of Al-Anon/Alateen members often raise funds to provide services. Fund-raising activities such as potluck suppers, dances, or other social events are conducted only within the fellowship and in agreement with the groups direct involved. If, however, such events are open to the public, use of the name Al-Anon or Alateen would violate the spirit of our Traditions."

### **TOP 7 REASONS FOR HOUSTON TEXAS TO HOST THE 2023 AL-ANON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

#### **THE FOURTH LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

1. DOWNTOWN HOUSTON CONVENTION District IS UNDER A \$1.5B ENHANCEMENT, MAKING IT THE LARGEST MEETINGS CAMPUS IN THE SOUTHWEST AND THE FIRST AND ONLY CONVENTION CAMPUS IN TEXAS WITH TWO CONNECTED HEADQUARTER HOTELS (YES IT IS ADA COMPLIANT)
2. TWO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS WITH MORE THAN 174 INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL FLIGHTS DAILY
3. 24 HOTELS WITHIN A 1 MILE RADIUS – THAT'S A TOTAL OF 7,656 ROOMS
4. METRO RAIL LINES TO THE GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER
5. THE SECOND LARGEST STARBUCKS IN THE WORLD ALL BORDENING THE 12 ACRE DISCOVERY GREEN PARK AS ITS CENTER-PIECE.
6. GALLERIA HOUSTON IN UPTOWN IS THE LARGEST SHOPPING COMPLEX IN TEXAS WITH MORE THAN 200 STORES AND 20 FULL SERVICE RESTAURANTS AND THE FOOD COURT ALL IN A PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, THERE WILL BE PLENTYH OF OPTIONS.
7. HOME TO A RESPECTED AND ENERGETIC ARTS COMMUNITY, CELEBRATED RESTAURANTS, AND WORLD RENOWNED THEATER GROUPS AND THE BRAINS BEHIND THE U.S. SPACE EXPLORATION.

### **Delegate Report ~ Joyce Y.~**

***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***. Conference Chairperson Tina stated “You have each made a profound commitment to be present and to participate in a large part of guaranteeing that very Declaration—to truly, let it begin with you; with all of us here. If this seems like a daunting task, let me remind you that all we need to do is bring our best selves and invite our Higher Power into our decisions and we will have done our best work.....” “Did any of you plan on a spiritual journey when you walked through the doors of Al-Anon for the first time, hopeless and filled with despair? Like many of our newcomers, I was only looking for relief from the pain, frustration, and loneliness of loving an alcoholic. What I found were people who understood my despair and offered me the tools to reach for so much more than what I originally sought. Those same tools—our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service—are available to thousands of members throughout the world today because of the work done by our pioneers and our World Service Conference members with our Higher Power’s guidance.” Her words were encouragement to all of us attending the 2016 World Service Conference, but can apply to all of us in service as we all have the opportunity of ***Realizing our Spiritual Potential***.

Check out the **2016 World Service Conference Summary**. Here are a few discussion item references for your review:

[www.al-anon.org/members/individuals/featured-publications/item/371-2013-world-service-conference-summary](http://www.al-anon.org/members/individuals/featured-publications/item/371-2013-world-service-conference-summary)

- Discussion at the 2015 World Service Conference of Chosen Agenda Item “Is the current model of Alateen the best model for the future of both Al-Anon and Alateen?” mentioned the lack of Alateen attendance at both face-to-face meetings and chat meetings. One conclusion was that the Al-Anon adults have created the current Alateen model without input from the Alateens (2015 Conference Summary, pages 45-48). A survey was created to receive input from the teens for what they think is/is not working and to ask the Alateens what they would like to see as the Alateen model. his survey was conducted from March 1 through March 20, 2016 with 170 Alateen members 21 years of age or younger completing the Survey. Some of the rewarding and encouraging comments received from the teens on their favorite things about Alateen were: being able to talk to people I can trust, can talk about things that have happened in our households, the people, I am not alone, have a group of teens who understand what I’m going through, share stories and people won’t judge me, the love, camaraderie, support and friendship. During the discussion following survey results, someone shared that every Area should review its Minimum Safety Requirements to see if the Area is protecting the kids or the adults. Their area was willing to put rules in place regarding how Alateens behave, but it should be about how we make sure Alateens are safe in their meetings—that was the WSO Requirement. You can follow the survey results and discussion on Page 30-32 of the **2016 Conference Summary**.
- Discussion of “Meet the Board” and “TEAM” events can

be found on Pages 36-37 and 41-43 respectively.

- See Pages 57-60 for background and discussion of Literature Committee’s question “Should the WSC give conceptual approval to remove the “Prayer for Today” from Conference Approved Literature?” Following these thoughts, there was consensus to keep the conversation going, take it back to the Areas for discussion, and bring it back to the 2017 World Service Conference. Thank you to all who have provided input to me from discussions in the area, districts, and groups so that I can carry the voice of Texas East back to the discussion in 2017. I appreciate your feedback.
- Pages 73-77 provides the discussion of issues and suggested strategies for various issues during breakout sessions of additional WSC agenda items on:
  - \* Alateen – What is the key to unlocking the success with Alateen throughout the areas?
  - \* Balance between trusted servants who dominate and those not fulfilling their jobs.
  - \* Groups that are not following the Traditions
- Since 1986 through present day, a handful of family members each year have wanted to make a contribution to the World Service Office as a gesture of gratitude for the benefits Al-Anon brought to them through a member of their family. Some family members and Al-Anon members feel that families grieving the loss of a loved one should not be denied the opportunity to make this spiritual statement of love and gratitude. They cite Tradition Five, which defines Al-Anon’s purpose (in part) as ‘giving comfort to families of alcoholics.’ Discussions on how to address this request began at the 2011 WSC. At this year’s conference following discussion as found on Page 61-62, a motion was passed to amend the text on page 95 of the “Financial Matters” section “Memorial Contributions” in the 2014-2017 Service Manual. See Page 98 of the Conference Summary of the newly approved policy which in part states “This one-time gift of gratitude is limited to an amount no greater than \$500. Memorial contributions by non-members are not solicited.”

### ***Dates to Remember***

- **Meet the Board** – October 22, 2016 – Fayetteville Arkansas – Chancellor Hotel. What a great opportunity to get to know our Board of Trustees and enjoy some wonderful fellowship time.
- **The World Service Conference 2017:** Monday, April 24 – Friday, April 28 in Virginia Beach. Theme is:

### ***Our Members: Our Hope for the Future***

**Nuestros miembros: nuestra esperanza para el futuro**

**Nos membres: notre espoir pour l’avenir**

- **2018 International Al-Anon Conference** – July 5-8, 2018 – Baltimore, Maryland.

(Only 675 days away as of Sept 1, 2016)

Look forward to seeing everyone at the November Area Assembly at Corpus Christi. Service = Gratitude in Action

### **Alt. Delegate Report ~ Margaret F.~**

Be informed! Want news from your WSO?

Subscribe to AFG Announcements. Now members can sign up to receive a free subscription to AFG Announcements—all that is needed is your email address (you can easily unsubscribe at any time). This communication system for individual members will deliver announcements from the World Service Office (WSO) right to your inbox.

Some examples of announcements include: new literature, surveys, WSO employment opportunities, and *Group eNews*, to name a few.

*Members in service who currently receive information through this "Announcements—WSC Structure" community here on AFG Connects will continue to receive announcements in that manner so there is no need to subscribe.*

Members in your group can go to the Members' website to sign up, or share this link with them:

As an Area Literature Coordinator, the "CAL Chat" podcast was the biggest Area outreach project I could come up with to explore & celebrate our Conference Approved Literature for an audience of both current & prospective Al-Anon members. In a time when people seem to want info in sound bites, it doesn't make sense for me to say, "Oh, everything in the CAL Catalog is great... read everything!" That would only put them off. Whereas with the podcast, it is like the listener is overhearing other members having a conversation about some literature they just read & the person listening walks away thinking, "Maybe I should take a look at that one!" I think that's the value & result of attraction.

The podcast went live on July 1st. Every episode will feature a different piece of literature. My goal is to post a new show at the beginning of each month... if I can get enough members to participate...

The "CAL Chat" podcast can be found on Apple iTunes & also Google Play Music under their Podcasts categories. Just search by the show name "CAL Chat".

While I certainly hope you enjoy listening to each show, I would suggest treating this podcast as you would any other recovery related podcast that is produced outside the Members' website.

Don't forget that *Why Conference Approved Literature?* (P-35) and *Group Inventory: Use of Conference Approved Literature* (S-62) are both available as free downloads at:

<http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/P35.pdf> and <http://www.al-anon.org/members/pdf/S62.pdf>

Sharings are still needed for Group Representatives be ready to use your Al-Anon Service Manual 2014- 2017 at the East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly, November 4-6, 2016 in Corpus Christi.

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

Fall Greetings to All

I want to congratulate Nancy and Steve, two AMIAS from Texas East Area 53 who have sharing's published in the summer 2016 Alateen. I believe these sharing's were from the writing workshop held at P.O.S.S.E. 2015.

At the Assembly in Kerrville I had said I would get the Self-Guided Alateen Sponsor Training Manual updated and on the Texas Website. After reviewing the manual, Bennie and I would like to revise and update it in a better presentable form. A member from my group, who is a graphic arts designer has volunteered to help me with this. I hope to have it soon. Yours in Alateen Service

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

AMIAS Recertification 2016 took a lot longer than last year but I was able to get our Area in before the deadline! We now have a total of 96 AMIAS and 32 Alateen groups.

AMIAS Certification is done year-round. Anyone interested in serving as an AMIAS (Alateen Sponsor please check with your District Representative, District Alateen Coordinator, AAC (Area Alateen Coordinator) or myself. You can also go to our Texas Website <http://texas-al-anon.org> to download the Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Guidelines and Registration Forms. These are the forms you must submit along with a check in the amount of \$6.50 payable to ETAAA.

- AMIAS Registration Form
- Criminal Record Release Authorization Form (must be notarized)
- 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 your application. For all first time members, you will also need to participate in Alateen sponsor workshop. Joy in Alateen Service,

### **Group Records ~ Candy N.~**

Current details for all groups in each district were sent out in July both in pdf pages and an excel spreadsheet. This information came directly from WSO and reflects what is in their database. I encourage each district to compare the information provided with their local meeting lists as it is important that both the WSO and local information agree. Since group record changes tend to be reported at several levels, there are many opportunities for errors and omissions. If changes are needed to the WSO database, please submit a Group Records Change Form (GR-1) to [candyn07@icloud.com](mailto:candyn07@icloud.com). I will enter the information in the WSO database and notify the local districts. There is no need to notify WSO also.

An editable version of the GR-1 is available on the Texas website. Go to [texas-al-anon.org](http://texas-al-anon.org), click on the Members tab\* (\*password is **afg** or **anonymity**), scroll down to and click on

**Access Area 53 (Texas East)**, scroll down to **GR Information**, and click on **Texas East Al-Anon Registration/Group Change Forms** [here](#). Type in the information, save the edited form as a .pdf file (be sure to remember what you name it and where you save it). Then e-mail it to [candyn07@icloud.com](mailto:candyn07@icloud.com) as an attachment. Gratefully in Service,

### Public Outreach ~ Judy W.~

Public Outreach (PO) Funding Surplus Recommendations for Districts:

#### **Background:**

Last May during the Spring Assembly, the District Public Outreach Coordinators (DPOCs) met to brainstorm ways to use East Texas area surplus funds. All DPOCs were invited to a June follow-up teleconference to discuss the top two themes of the brainstorming session; designing an image for use in East Texas and creating a basic starter (pamphlet) kit for use to attract newcomers. The June attendees divided into two teams to further work sub-team objectives. Each sub-team met two more times to reach consensus on shared decisions, thoughts & recommendations.

#### **Sub-Teams Shared Decisions/ Thoughts:**

##### Overall:

- 1) Materials for public outreach would be available in both English and Spanish.
- 2) Materials would consider best use (best value) of area funds; best return on cost invested.
- 3) Plans would be made in each district to consider use of each set of public outreach material (posters and/or basic kits). Materials would not be ordered by a district unless a plan of action on where to use the materials had been submitted with the estimated district's numbers.
- 4) All PO material would be designed to gently attract potential members and/or inform professionals to share information with newcomers on considering membership & finding meetings. For example, asking questions vs. providing a guide of dos & don'ts.
- 5) When possible, PO materials would be hand delivered instead of mass mailings to ensure materials were wanted, will be used, and if needed, a source / contact from the local Al-Anon entity would be offered to continue relationships and discuss ways to provide more information in the future.

##### PO Image Sub-Team:

- 6) The PO Image sub-team decided that billboards were too costly and based on other district's experience, use could not show any significant increase in meeting attendance. This sub-team would focus on posters and selected the image from the member's Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Website ([texas-al-anon.org](http://texas-al-anon.org)) that was titled, "When you don't know

where to turn... because someone drinks too much...". To meet WSO guidelines, this team decided to use the Texas url & the WSO 800 number (1-888-4AL-ANON).

##### PO Basic (pamphlet) Kit Sub-Team:

- 7) PO Basic Kits would not replace Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) magazines, which can be ordered two times per year, but could provide other similar packet use in between ordering AFA ordering periods in similar public outreach activities (i.e. health fairs, professional use, etc.).
- 8) The PO Basic Kit would primarily contain the following materials in each packet to target a generic Al-Anon member, Alateen, and men. The specific literature selected for the kit (packet) would be: 1) Free Al-Anon Bookmark (M-44), 2) "Are you troubled by someone's drinking?" (S-17), 3) "Has your life been affected by someone else's drinking?" (S-20), and 4) "Al-Anon is for men." (P-1). Many other diversity pamphlets are available (i.e. Adult Children, American Native, etc.) to members, but the sub-team felt the primary audience focus areas would be covered with these key items.
- 9) Each PO Basic Kit would be placed in an envelope (common to an airline ticket holder) that would hold all pamphlets. The envelope could be stamped by each district as needed to best provide their contact information.
- 10) Each PO Basic Kit can be used to add a generic cover letter to target various professional groups in the community. The generic cover letters on the WSO website today include: Spiritual Leaders (OS-1), Doctors (OD-2), Lawyers (OL-3), Police (OP-4), Teachers (OT-5), & HR Professionals (OH-6).

##### Cost:

- 1) The Area PO Coordinator has met with the graphics artist and will use **\$100** of her budget to create the two poster images; one in English & one in Spanish.
- 2) Two competing bids for poster counts were obtained and a primary vendor selected for best price. For estimation purposes, we used **500 posters (\$.41/ea) & 1500 posters (\$.34/ea)**.
- 3) The **Basic Kit (cost - \$.46/ea)** would include the envelope, the free bookmark, and three pamphlets (See #8 above).
- 4) The **Professional Kit (\$.56/ea)** would start with a Basic Kit and add a free bi-lingual pamphlet, "Note to the Professionals", with a specific targeted professional cover letter from the WSO website, for an additional \$.10.

##### **Recommendation For Next Steps:**

The Area Public Outreach Coordinator will continue to work

with each DPOC and/or District Rep to create a plan by district that provides estimates for: a) number of posters & b) number of basic / professional kits. (see also, *Sub-Teams Shared Decisions & Thoughts*, #3) Each district's plan would include material needed in preferred language: English and/or Spanish.

Each district's plan would be consolidated and rolled up into one budget request (not to exceed cost) recommendation by the Area Public Outreach Coordinator for the Fall November Assembly. *The goal is to collect all district's plans by mid-October.*

#### **Website Coordinator ~ Lisa W. ~**

The website coordinator serves as a "virtual link of service" between existing and prospective members, groups, and districts in the East Texas Area.

**Last Report Submitted:** June 2, 2016

**Current Report Submitted:** August 13, 2016

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 an email suggestion was presented by Judy W for a counter to be placed on 2 front web pages with a date so we could get a feeling on hits. The first is the Texas web page & then the member's first / front page.

Results are as follow:

#### **3rd Quarter Website Visits to date**

(Number of times webmaster east opened the page)

- Website Home Page 10,226 (77)
- Members Home Page 1,568 (46)
- Members Area 513 (35)

#### **Action Items Completed:**

- Attended the AWSC Meeting in Houston, TX – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Presented Thought Force report regarding Web housing of meeting lists. It was determined to continue business as usual and that no further actions were necessary.
- Coordinated reading and responding to approximately 73 Texas Al-Anon website emails with Texas West Website Coordinator, Marcia H.
- Uploaded and/or managed edits of 9 upcoming events with West TX web coordinator Marcia H <http://texas-al-anon.org/events/>
- Uploaded new meeting lists as provide in Excel format by WSO records coordinator Candy N for Districts 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13
- Made several other meeting changes that came down from WSO group records  
Updated website plug-ins

#### **Action Items In-progress/Pending:**

- The Google Maps plug-in went down to our meeting lists due to a system update. Marcia H and I are looking for a new plug-in and the maps will have to be rebuilt.

#### **Announcements:**

"AFG Connects" offerings added to the website include the following:

- Updated the letter from Chairperson of the Board <http://goo.gl/uhNHGy>
- Updated Group e-News for July & August in 3 languages <http://goo.gl/cl6lk1> Scroll down to GR Information divider for this information

I continue to encourage you to submit events for posting to the Texas Al-Anon website to increase attendance by all members. \* <http://texas-al-anon.org/events/>  
All East Texas District meetings that are housed on the Texas Al-Anon website may now be printed and reproduced with confidence for distribution within your District cities and areas.

The "printable meeting list link is located just above the meeting list in the left corner.

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

#### **Newsletter Editor ~ Lynn S.**

The next *Beacon* deadline is December 1 Please help me put the newsletter to bed before everyone gets caught up in the holiday spirit and forgets to submit their reports.

#### **Spanish Coordinator ~ Anita C.~**

No Report

#### **Archives Coordinator ~ Becky F.~**

No Report

### **District Reports**

#### **District 1 ~ Flor P.~**

No Report

#### **District 2 ~ Myrthala C.~**

No Report

#### **District 5 ~ Anita C.~**

No Report

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

No Report



**District 3 ~ Jocelyn B. ~**

District 3 is having a quiet summer and looking forward to the upcoming Fall Assembly of which we are the support for District 2, Corpus Christi. We have been in contact with District 2 and will assist where we may be needed.

Our Alateen group "Hope for Today" is growing 1+1+1+1. We are pleased with baby steps.

Our recent District Meeting discussed that the 2017 is election year. Meetings on "service" may spark interest in members. District 3 will host the AWSC meet on August 13, 2017 to be held in Victoria at the First English Lutheran Church Felgar Hall. We were excited to have a workshop on Sponsorship given by Richard M, Dan M, and Al M. This was an excellent presentation and sharing on sponsorship.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in November. Keep cool. Serving with a grateful heart.

**District 4 ~ Mattie T. ~**

Greetings from District 4 what a beautiful hot, humid, rainy 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.

Thank you, thank you, thank you District 4 and to everyone that came out for our Day In Al-Anon "WHAT A CONCEPT" Let's Celebrate was held July 30, 2016 at the Alvin Taylor Street Club. Judy P, past delegate and currently living in Texas E, held a very interactive workshop on the Concepts of Service in Al-Anon. What a treat. Judy P, thanks so much for taking the time to come and enlighten our day with your smiles, hugs and wisdom. It was a big success and we had a wonderful day of fellowship.

Our skit "What A Concept" using the Tradition of our program was an original presented by District 4 and I do believe the actors as well as the audience enjoyed it. We love to have fun in our fellowship and there were plenty of laughs.

We also had a silent auction, lots of door prizes, bookstore, plenty of good food and a delicious birthday cake that captured the 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year of Al-Anon.

District 4 is working away on our plans for hosting Spring 2017 ETAAA Assembly. The theme "MOVING FORWARD IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS" will be held May 19-21, 2017 in Sugar Land, TX. We held a planning meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, our flyer is out and we are currently working on speakers for the Assembly.

August 19-21 I went to Kerrville, TX to attend the 41st Annual District Hill Country Round Up with lots of Al-Anon participation. Thank you, Ingram Dam, for hosting some excellent Al-Anon meetings for the weekend and sharing the pamphlet on the format for an Al-Anon meeting.

The "The Courage To Change Too" Alateen group had a great summer of recovery and fun. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month this summer they enjoyed an evening of movies, laser tag and pizza dinner and bowling.

During our quarterly meeting in June, 2016, I shared with the district what I learned at the Spring Assembly in Kerrville, Texas from Joyce Y., Texas E Delegate Panel 55, where she challenged each and every one of us to DREAM BIG with Spiritual Abundance.

Our next quarterly District 4 meeting will be held Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00am-12:00, hosted by the Margaret F. in Liverpool, TX.

**District 6 ~Lori L.~**

Greetings from District 6! Hope you are all well and looking forward to fall weather as much as I am! Our last meeting was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> by Spiritual Awakenings AFG, co-hosted with Hope For Today AFG and Serenity Seekers AFG in Austin. Our hosting group showed an awesome film on our Al-Anon co-founders! Everyone loved it! They rented the film from the WSO for \$25 in case you are looking for an idea for your workshop/skit at your next District meeting. We focused mainly on District 6 hosting the 2017 Fall Assembly. After some entertaining brainstorming from the District, the Committee chairpersons voted on "Elect to Serve" as our theme. All of our committee chairs have now been filled and we had our first meeting right after the District meeting. Kay C. has invited the Interim Executive Director from the WSO, Mary G., to be our speaker, and she accepted the invitation! I will keep you in suspense of what our buffet dinner will be but I promise you it will be good! Our next District meeting will be October 15<sup>th</sup> hosted by Just For Today in Elgin.

**District 7 ~Jane M.~**

Hope all of Area 53 is having a great summer. District 7 had its latest district meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> in Bryan. It was special because 15 people came to hear Joyce Y. our WSO delegate speak on service in Al-Anon. A tasty lunch of brisket followed the meeting. Plans were made for the AWSC meeting Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> in Waller, hosted by district 7. We voted to close the district website and have the Area and Houston Intergroup websites carry district news. Keith, a new Alateen sponsor for Harmony Alateen, was welcomed. From group reports, it is obvious that our groups use a variety of meeting formats and literature. Montgomery AFG celebrated its 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary the end of July. Next district meeting will be Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 804 Texas Ave., Bryan at 10:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow.

**District 8 ~ Jennifer S.~**

We have just had a wonderful, spiritual filled weekend at the 35th District 90 AA Convention with Al-Anon participation. What an amazing weekend filled with local speakers for the 4 Faces of Al-Anon portion, an incredibly courageous local Alateen and an outstanding speaker from Alabama (Corrie) as our main speaker. We are blessed to have this opportunity to participate yearly in this amazing event. If you ever get a chance come to Beaumont in August and check it out!

We had some new representatives for meetings at our last district meeting on July 23rd which is always nice. A date was



set for a fundraiser for our AIS/LDC located in Beaumont. We are having a Step Workshop with AA and Al-Anon participants on a panel sharing how they work the steps. Check out our website ([setxalanon.org](http://setxalanon.org)) and click on Upcoming Events to see our flyer for all the details! We continue to look for volunteers to be Alateen sponsors in our district. Our next district meeting is October 15th.

### **District 9 ~ Debby C. ~**

District 9 is alive and well. We had our last district meeting 7/16/16 in Tyler. It was reasonably well attended. Special guest, Susan Little, District 10 Representative, came to discuss a joint fundraiser "A Day with the Delegate" tentatively for some time in 2017.

We are very excited to invite Joyce Yoder, our Texas East Delegate to come and speak. District 10 will pick the venue and we will have good food, fellowship, good food, door prizes and oh by the way...did I mention good food? District 9 & 10 have some amazing cooks and we are all looking forward to this event.

We had reports from the Spring Assembly, Public Outreach, and Alateen. We also had one GR attend his first district meeting!! Always excited to see new people get onto the SERVICE BANDWAGON.

The only other issue we voted on was purchasing *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017* magazines to provide to the Tyler AA Central Service office to hand out to anyone asking about Al-Anon information along with meeting lists and other low cost or free literature. The AA Central Service office in Tyler has agreed to provide these to anyone needing the message of Hope that Al-Anon offers. Service Fuels My Recovery.

### **District 10 ~ Susan L. ~**

- Last district meeting June 4 in Longview hosted by Greggton group
  - District 10 is in planning stages for an evening speaker meeting in Longview on October 22.
  - Next district meeting in Marshall, on September 17.
  - District 9 and 10 are planning a Day with our Delegate in Longview in 2017. We will arrange a date with Joyce after next district meeting.
  - I was able to visit District 9 and attend their last district meeting.
- Service is alive and well in District 10

### **District 12 ~ Dolores W. ~**

Hello Area 53, our July district meeting was one of fellowship and sharing by our GRs. We had voting 16 Group Representatives; also attending were guests and host group members we rounded out to about 25 folks. The business part of the district was completed and we finally had time to give the opportunity for the group representatives' time to share about their groups. Of the 15 group representa-

tives who shared we heard on what was working for their groups so that they could grow and pass on the word of Al-Anon in their public outreach projects. Also, what wasn't working, such as not enough Alateen meetings or the concern of where are the Alateens in District 12? Shrinking or very small groups, groups that have 2 or 3 members what can they do to attract more membership. It was wonderful to have time to "reason things out with one another" using the principles and tools of the Al-Anon program. Look for your group representative's sharing on your group published in the Group Concerns section of the *Al-Anews*. We still have the Spanish Coordinator and Public Outreach Coordinator positions to fill.

Lynn S., Alternate DR, and I had the pleasure of attending a meeting with Abamos El Corazon GFA, 722 Balcones Heights Road, San Antonio TX 78201 they hold 3 meetings per week M/W/F 8pm in Spanish look for them on the website <http://texas-al-anon.org/sanantonio/san-antonio-area-meetings-east-dist-12-13>.

Joyce Y., Area Delegate, is coming to our October 15, 2016 district meeting starting at 9:30am 7100 281 N Spring Branch, TX 78070 we will have the business meeting, Joyce Y. presentation, and fellowship potluck lunch.

Anyone interested in District 12 *Al-Anews* newsletter email [district12alanews@yahoo.com](mailto:district12alanews@yahoo.com); when you are on the *Al-Anews* email list you will not only receive the district's quarterly newspaper but also *Al-Anews* informational flashes of events, needs, or opportunities.

### **District 13 ~ David S. ~**

District 13 was so tuckered out from hosting the May Assembly we took a vacation in July and did not hold our District Business meeting (Actually there were just too many conflicts so a consensus was reached by email to defer the meeting until October and to make reports to our District newsletter, Spotlight 13.

I have received phone calls from two individuals recently wanting to get new groups registered in our district! One individual is moving to Eagle Pass from Houston, and in visits to Eagle Pass she had discovered there is no group there so she wants to start one. I sent her information on how to go about creating a new group and am excited by the possibility of having a new group in the far southwestern reaches of our District. I was also contacted by an individual in Camp Wood that is a member of Nueces Canyon AFG a small group that has been on the "inactive" list for a few years but is now working towards getting moved back to "active" and wants to participate at the District and Area levels of Al-Anon. We are also happy to welcome two new groups to our District from Del Rio, Amistad AFG and Un Nuevo Amanecer Hijos Adultos GFA.

The final numbers for the the Spring Assembly that our District hosted in Kerrville are in and we have sent the Area Chairperson our final assembly report and sent a check to the Area Treasurer to return the \$3500 seed money plus an additional \$768.60. Final attendance numbers were 128 Al-Anon and 8 AA.

Our next District Meeting will be October 15, 2016.

**Area World Service Committee Meeting****August 6, 2016 Houston, Texas****Chairman:** Kay C. opened the meeting at 10:02 am.

**Treasurer:** Tricia L. met with banker 6/30/16 and closed existing CD to get promo rate on new CD of 1.05% interest rate (Ample Reserve Fund) and increased fund to \$20,000.00. Balance on area checking account is \$26,450.87. There is seed money out for assemblies. Will pay for website this year. SA contributed \$25 towards website expenses. Reconciliation of budget to take place. Asked everyone to please remind groups to use current ETAAA Treasurer address to make contributions.

**Area Delegate Report:** Joyce Y. reported that she is in between conferences right now so not a lot of new things to report on. Joy of Service (S57) how DR's and GR's give and receive is ready for distribution. Links of Service (S28) describes responsibility of each level of Al-Anon participation. Discussed how agenda items change at WSC. Items are requested from Delegates and one is chosen for discussion at WSC. Discussed Alateen topic: is current model of Alateen what is best for the future of Alateen? A survey was done on Alateens. Results showed favorite parts of Alateen were meeting face to face with people they could talk to and trust, that they didn't feel alone. They received understanding, love and friendship with no judgment. Technology rated low on list. Areas should review their safety requirements for Alateens, not adults. Discussed Meet the Board and TEAM events. Discussion of removal of Prayer for Today from Just for Today bookmark. Joyce will take our responses to these topics back to 2017 WSC. Joyce also reported on the guidelines related to Al-Anon family members wanting to make memorial contributions to the WSO. Donations of not more than \$500 can be accepted. There will be a Meet the Board event in Fayetteville, Arkansas on Oct. 22, 2016. 2018 Al-Anon International will be in Baltimore. Joyce stated she has visited all the Districts. Full report is on record and will be in the Beacon.

**Alt Delegate/Literature Report:** Margaret F. reported the Forum Book needs more sharings. Asked that Districts let her know when they are having writing workshops. Encouraged everyone to read the 2016 Conference Summary. Encouraged groups to hand out P67 Alateens Share with Adults in Their Lives at meetings and possibly include in newcomer packets. P35 Why Conference Approved Literature? and S62 Group Inventory: Use of Conference Approved Literature are available for free download on WSO members website. There will be sample chapter from "In All Our Affairs" available on member site next month. Sharings are still needed for New Daily Reader, Parents/Grandparents of Problem Drinkers and Intimacy books. Al-Anon/Alateen guidelines have been updated.

**Secretary:** Paula H. acted as secretary in David S. absence. Roll was called. 24 voting members of the AWSC present. The following AWSC Officers or Coordinators were not in attendance: Secretary, Archivist. The following Districts had no representative in attendance: Districts 2, 3 and 13. The following AIS/LDC's had no Liaison in attendance: Waco AIS.

Minutes from the May 13, 2016 AWSC meeting in Kerrville were accepted as printed in the Beacon.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. District 13 Report on Spring 2016 Assembly:** David S. not in attendance no report give. A question was asked of Kay as whether or not the Area should reimburse Taper for mileage to and from assembly. This expense is not an automatic reimbursement covered by the assembly and would need to be determined by the local committee.

**2. District 2 Report on Fall 2016 Assembly:** Assembly to be held Nov. 4-6 in Corpus Christi at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina. October 14 is the cut-off date for reservations. Fliers are to be mailed to groups. Also available online at Texas Al-Anon website. They want to have a bilingual workshop on Friday night, but so far no one is available to do the workshop. Seeking an Alateen speaker.

**3. District 4 Report on Spring 2017 Assembly:** Assembly to be held May 19-21 in Sugar Land at the T.E. Harman Senior Center. Hotel reservations available at the Hyatt Place. Cut-off date for hotel reservations is April 28, 2017. Registration to be \$30 until May 9, 2017 then will go up to \$35. They have received seed money. Speakers are being sought. There will be lunch on Saturday but no banquet.

**4. District 6 Report on Fall 2017 Assembly:** Assembly to be held Nov. 3-5, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Midtown on Fiskville Rd, Austin, TX. Theme is "Elect to Serve". Flier is being worked on. Registration to be \$30 and \$35 for late. There will be a banquet for \$25 and perhaps the last performance of the recovery band The Furrballs.

**5. Meet the Board 2017 Interest/Bids:** There has been no interest expressed to the Area of hosting this event.

**6. 2023 International Al-Anon Convention with AA Participation:** Mattie reported for Houston. Convention Center can hold 40,000 plus, there are 24 hotels available by light rail, bus, shuttle or Uber. Catering services are available, 20+ restaurants nearby, 2 airports. The Houston Convention Center has penciled in the event for June 30- July 2 & July 7-9. Dolores reported for San Antonio. The San Antonio Convention Center has penciled in the event for June 30-July 2. 6,500 hotels rooms are available within walking distance. In house catering. The assembly needs to vote in November whether we want to do this and if so Houston or San Antonio. Mattie and Dolores will put bullet points in the Beacon for GR's in order to have information to vote in November. Mattie and Dolores will communicate with convention centers on dates and WSO will decide on location no later than 2018.

**7. Discussion/Update on Area Assembly Guidelines /Format:** Diane, Nancy and Rose referenced the Service Manual pages 65, 145 and 163 as well as G20 Al-Anon/Alateen Area Conventions as good sources for information on hosting Assemblies. Discussed procedure for when an assembly has a deficit. Seed money is to be returned to the Area. Section 9, page 6 of guidelines doesn't have provision for deficit so this needs to

be addressed. The Committee will continue to work on this section for rewording. Kay asked everyone to review the guidelines and we will re-address in November.

#### **New Business:**

**1. Website Thought Force:** There is concern regarding meeting lists hosted on the Texas Website and Independent web sites being in conflict or having errors. Proposed to give all information to the Texas Website Coordinator, which will then be disseminated. Area Records Coordinator provides updates to Area Web Coordinator, DR's & to Individual web-sites. It is not the Area Records Coordinator's responsibility to make sure individual meeting lists are correct. It is the responsibility of the districts to coordinate with AIS meeting list coordinators to make sure lists are correct.

**2. Public Outreach on Excess Funds:** Judy W. charged districts with coming up with ideas to utilize public outreach. Input she received was to create a public outreach image that would benefit the Area. Also to create a generic public outreach kit containing various pieces of Al-Anon literature, fact sheets, WSO cover letters, etc. Judy would like to approach all district public outreach coordinators to ask how many kits they would like. If districts submit orders, funds would come out to the Area's excess funds. The AWSC consensus was to allow public outreach excess funds task force to go to districts to ask how many kits they want. Every district will get a starter kit, each district public outreach coordinator determines # of kits they want. A graphic artist is to design a "When You Don't Know Which Way to Turn" poster in both Spanish and English for a cost of \$100. Committee is to finalize the list of kit and contents and present all to Assembly in November.

**3. Bi-Lingual Workshop for Fall Assembly:** No one offered to do this workshop as it was unclear how it could be done.

**4. AWSC Meeting at Fall Assembly:** Kay has received a request to start the AWSC meeting at assembly earlier. The meeting will be held at 8 or 9 pm, right after the Speaker meeting.

**5. Alateen Certification Trial Process:** The current trial Alateen certification process will expire June 1, 2017. A vote needs to be held at the Spring Assembly in May of 2017 on how to proceed with the process. Norma will put information in the January and March 2017 *BEACONS* so GR's can vote on topic at May 2017 Assembly.

**6. Assemblies:** Kay went over input she has received regarding assemblies. Long travel distances. Keep business meeting on Saturday. Need to rethink holding assemblies in tiny districts. No circuit speaker anymore. Idea was presented to use excess Area funds to bring one circuit speaker to assembly. Kay will work on a motion regarding this.

**7. District Boundaries:** Kay needs to communicate with Texas West we left out some counties to move from West to East. Junction AFG in Kimble County has been attending District 13 meetings and wants to continue to participate in East Texas Area. Move Nacogdoches, Cherokee, Anderson Counties to District 9. Move Caldwell County to District 6. Move Angelina County to District 8. Move Limestone, Freestone, Leon and Houston County to District 7. Move Zapata County to District 2.

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

Send events to Lisa to get on the Texas Website.

Next Beacon deadline is September 1, 2016.

Meeting was closed at 3:24 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Haschke for David R. Scheel

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

The Austin Al-Anon/Alateen Information Center Board Meeting was held on August 30, 2016 at 2809 Northland Dr. in Austin at 6:30 P. M. Twelve voting members were present as well as several non-voting members. The minutes from the May board meeting, submitted by Secretary Charlotte T., were approved as amended.

Joyce L., the AAIC Chair, reported that she and Peggie F., the AAIC Treasurer, opened a savings account, as authorized by the board. A new phone system was purchased, as there were problems with the old system. There is now a capability for people to leave messages on the new answering machines so that their calls can be returned. The phone bill for the information center is over \$90 a month, and there is a possibility that it can be renegotiated to a lower price in January. Joyce also completed revisions to the information center office manager guide and gave it to the AAIC office employee and her assistant to review.

Peggie, the AAIC Treasurer, reported that the information center's current operating finances are adequate. However, there is not a sufficient ample reserve. A motion was made and passed to put a portion of the embezzlement repayment into the ample reserve. The amount that was voted on to put into the ample reserve was \$3860. \$36,630 has been repaid to date from the embezzlement in 2012; the balance owed is \$19,497.94. Repayments are being made monthly.

Kitty, the Austin Al-Anon/Alateen Information Center Employee, gave a report on literature sales, donations, walk-ins, and calls from the last 71 day period. Literature sales and donations are slightly lower than the previous period, but out of town sales and sales from walk-ins have slightly increased. A literature inventory was conducted, and the total from that inventory was \$8694.21. Here is a complete breakdown of calls and walk-in's to the information center in the past 71 days: May – 33 calls and 27 walk-in's; June – 67 calls and 35 walk-in's; July – 88 calls and 49 walk-in's; August – 76 calls and 35 walk-in's.

At this time, I need to amend my April, 2016, report regarding the information center walk-in's and calls. I reported that calls and walk-in's might have increased due to the Al-Anon/Alateen posters that were placed on Capital Metro buses. However, in looking at the data from June, 2015 to June, 2016, it appears that the calls and walk-in's were around average for January, 2016 to April, 2016. Therefore, it cannot be specifically determined that the calls and walk-in's were directly due to the Capital Metro bus posters.

(cont from page 11)

A motion was made and passed for the Treasurer do a comparison of literature sales from the last 5 years and to give a report at the next board meeting. A chair is still needed for the volunteer committee. Full documentation regarding the Austin Al-Anon/Alateen website is available at the information center should another website coordinator be needed in the future.

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the use of technology at the information center. Two computers and supporting equipment have been donated; however, at this time the center does not have Internet access. Therefore, a technology committee was formed to research the feasibility of having a computer and Internet access available in the future. Group input is wanted regarding this issue so groups can send their input to the committee; committee members are Joyce L., Gail, and Julie.

There were several items that were tabled until the November board meeting. Discussion on how to promote literature sales was tabled, extending information center office hours was tabled, and how to determine the underlying issues regarding group participation in the information center was tabled. Also tabled were sending out another appeal letter and record retention for items such as sales tickets.

**IMPORTANT!!!! OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR, TREASURER, AND SECRETARY** will be held on November 14, 6:30 P. M., at the Austin Al-Anon/Alateen Information Center at 6301 Manchaca Rd. All groups are encouraged to attend this very important meeting and to share the following with your groups.

The terms for the Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary are from January 1 to December 31. Currently, the terms are for one year, with the possibility of extending the term to two years. A motion was made to consider changing the By-Laws to extend the term to possibly three years. A printed motion regarding this possible change in the By-Laws will be distributed at the meeting on November 14 at 6:30 P. M. prior to the regular business meeting. Board members will vote on the motion during the regular business meeting.

**REQUIREMENTS** for Officers, per the Austin Al-Anon/Alateen Information Center By-Laws:

1. Must be 18 years or older.
2. Must have attended Al-Anon/Alateen meetings regularly for 2 years.
3. Cannot be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.
4. Must be either a current board member OR must have attended at least 2 board meetings in the past.

Duties for the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary can be found at [www.austinalanon.org](http://www.austinalanon.org) under the AAIC Board tab. Click By-Laws of the Al-Anon/Alateen Information Center. Duties for Chair are in section 7.7; Secretary, 7.8; and Treasurer, 7.9. The current officers have done an outstanding job, and their service is greatly appreciated.

With joy and gratitude in Al-Anon service.

### **Intergrupala Hispana de Houston ~ Virginia L.~**

Les envío un saludo deseando sus asuntos estén fluyendo en armonía. Les comparto que me encuentro muy agradecida por el privilegio y oportunidad de ser útil a través de este servicio.

Para refrescar información les puedo decir que a la fecha contamos con una Mesa de Servicio, y tres comités: Información Pública, Literatura, y Eventos y Festejos.

A través del Comité de Literatura pueden los grupos de la Localidad de Houston y lugares circunvecinos de habla hispana encontrar una variedad extensa de LAC (Literatura aprobada por la conferencia, folletos, pampletos, etc. Para surtir pueden hacerse presentes en la reunión de Asuntos de Intergrupo el último Domingo de cada mes. Para solicitar que este Comité se haga presente con Literatura en algún evento de Al-Anon o Información Pública pueden enviar por anticipado una carta a nuestro correo electrónico [intergrupohispanohouston@gmail.com](mailto:intergrupohispanohouston@gmail.com) para separar la fecha.

También les compartimos que El Comité Eventos y Festejos esta trabajando en los preliminares del la segunda parte del Taller de Conceptos: Séptimo Concepto al Duodécimo' que tendremos el día Domingo 13 de Noviembre del 2016 de 9:00 am a 3:30pm en el 7474 S. Kirkwood Dr. Houston, Tx. 77072. (Suite 20 en el segundo piso) Les invitamos a motivarse ya sea personalmente o por Grupo con un bocadillo para compartir ese día. Pronto llegará carta con la información. Sin embargo son bienvenidos a la reunion de asuntos del Intergrupo donde puedes tener la oportunidad de aportar tus apreciaciones, puntos de vista y si lo deseas apoyar en el mismo. Agradecemos de antemano su buena voluntad y disposición.

El Comité de información Pública empezó un Proyecto con una diferente forma de alcanzar a aquellos que aún no conocen Al-Anon. Consiste en donar una cantidad de libros en la biblioteca mas cercana de cada Grupo de Familia Al-Anon. Los libros que se estan manejando para este servicio son: Viviendo con un alcohólico sobrio, el dilema del matrimonio y Como ayuda Al-Anon a los familiares y amigos de los alcohólicos. Si tu Grupo no tiene un RSI (Representante de Servicio de Información) y desean que el proyecto se haga cerca de su Grupo, pueden llevar sus libros directamente al intergrupo, si no los tienen, surtirlos allí mismo ó entregar su aportación especificando para lo que es. El Comité de Información Pública hará los arreglos necesarios para hacerlos llegar a su biblioteca pública mas cercana.

***El servicio, propósito vital de Al-Anon, es acción.*** (Manual de Servicio. Pag. 19)

**INTERGRUPAL HISPANA DE AL-ANON - AIS**  
 Reunión de asuntos de Intergrupo: Último Domingo de cada mes de 11:00am - 1:00pm.  
 Dirección física: 6160 Glenmont Dr. Houston, Tx. 77081  
 PO BOX: 1975 Bellaire, 77402  
 Pag web: [alanonhispano.org](http://alanonhispano.org)  
 e-mail: [intergrupohispanohouston@gmail.com](mailto:intergrupohispanohouston@gmail.com)  
 Tel: 713-6811296

**Houston Al-Anon Intergroup ~ Ann R.~**

Houston Area Intergroup continues to provide literature distribution and information services to the greater Houston area that now includes almost 7 million people (mind boggling, isn't it?).

A Penny Drive from August 1-October 31 is being held to raise funds for our Intergroup. Bring pennies to your meeting and see how all our change can add up. Change is good! A little from all means a lot FOR all. Drop pennies off at the Intergroup Office or call Dana B. at 281-723-3780

TRANSFORMING OUR LIVES is the theme of this year's Face to Face, a day of speakers, meetings, lunch and lots of fellowship. It will be held OCTOBER 22, 2016  
9am-3pm at The Council on Recovery 303 Jackson Hill Street, registration information is on our website, houstonalanon.org

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

The SAAIS meeting was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> with 9 voting members from District 12 in attendance, no motions were made at the meeting, but several reports were given, I am presenting a brief summary on what was discussed.

- Lynn S. the Serenity Celebration chair reported plans are on track for the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> event, and all committees are in place including a caterer from the New Braunfels group.
- David A. has agreed to again be the dessert Auctioneer.
- A report was sent in by Coordinator of the speaker meetings. The main concern was the present script is too lengthy and would like revisions to the speaker handbook to see the verbiage shortened. It was read and discussed and a decision was made to downsize the verbiage that will be read by the chair of that meeting.
- Answering Service reported that calls for this quarter have been down, but does not reflect the value of this service.
- Website coordinator reported that we can go directly to Lisa W. to submit information regarding events.
- Lynn S. reported she is still working on the appointments for the LDC thought force.
- Report on literature for Spring Assembly, Sales were around \$800.00 and the monies were returned to Group 12 AFG bookstore, the SAAIS provided the literature as a service to District 13.

**Under unfinished business**, a committee was formed to investigate the costs involved in the creation of printing a calendar for use by groups and for public outreach. Information has already been received from WSO concerning quotes provided from them.

**New business:** Chairperson asked members to consider the rental of a climate/controlled storage unit, after discussion the consensus of the members present that it was a good idea and

that there needed to be further investigated. A follow up with her findings will be presented at a later date.

Next meeting: November 12, 2016 at Rolling Oaks Christian Church

**Waco AIS ~ Cindy J. ~**

The Waco Information Service is not a Literature Distribution Center. We pay the bills for the Al-Anon pager, the local post office box, and the Yellow Pages and on-line ad. These cost \$19.24 for the pager monthly, \$33.00 for the post office box biannually, and \$317.52 for the Yellow Pages and on-line ad annually. Our current balance is \$146.25. We receive contributions from local groups and occasionally groups outside Waco. These are what we pay our bills with and are greatly appreciated.

We cooperate with the Public Outreach for the Northern part of District 6 when doing Health Fairs, etc. In Grateful Service.

**South Texas AIS/LDC ~ Bennie P. ~**

We have been slow all summer and all of a sudden things are happening. The UTRGV Collegiate Recovery Program has launched an extensive celebration for National Recovery Month starting September 15<sup>th</sup> and we have been invited to participate! A local church is also having a Health Fair and we are making arrangements to participate. We need to ensure we have enough pamphlets to hand out.

The South Texas Literature Distribution Center will be selling literature during the November Area Assembly in Corpus Christi, Texas; individuals wishing to pre-order may do so by contacting Bennie at benniepena@hotmail.com.

For our Rio Grande Valley Al-Anon groups and members literature is sold on Wednesdays before and after the Help AFG noon meeting in McAllen. Literature may be purchased by appointment from Bennie P. 956-975-7303, or Gladys 956-286-4044. We have been slow all summer and all of a sudden things are happening. The UTRGV Collegiate Recovery Program has launched an extensive celebration for National Recovery Month starting September 15<sup>th</sup> and we have been invited to participate! A local church is also having a Health Fair and we are making arrangements to participate. We need to ensure we have enough pamphlets to hand out.

The South Texas Literature Distribution Center will be selling literature during the November Area Assembly in Corpus Christi, Texas; individuals wishing to pre-order may do so by contacting Bennie at benniepena@hotmail.com.

For our Rio Grande Valley Al-Anon groups and members literature is sold on Wednesdays before and after the Help AFG noon meeting in McAllen. Literature may be purchased by appointment from Bennie P. 956-975-7303, or Gladys 956-286-4044.

ETAAA Financial Report 8/31/2016							2016 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Proposed 2017 Budget
Income							Total YTD		
<b>Assembly Surplus</b>							244.13		
Fall 2015	(524.47)	0.00	768.60				(524.47)		
Spring 2016	(524.47)		768.60						
<b>Beacon Income</b>	48.00	30.00	24.00				102.00	(98.00)	200.00
<b>Contributions Income</b>	5,387.29	2,413.19	3,354.61				11,155.09	(11,644.91)	22,800.00
<b>Fall Gratitude Basket</b>							0.00		
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		25.00					25.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	4,910.82	2,468.19	4,147.21	0.00			11,526.22	(11,473.78)	23,000.00
<b>Expenses</b>									
<b>Travel / Expenses</b>	661.32	3,172.89	541.45	0.00			4,375.66	(7,624.34)	12,000.00
Alateen Coordinator	125.00	392.24					517.24	(482.76)	1,000.00
Alateen Liaison							0.00	(400.00)	400.00
Alateen Process Person	171.93	390.93					562.86	(437.14)	1,000.00
Alternate Delegate		230.38					230.38	(369.62)	600.00
Archives							0.00	(500.00)	500.00
Beacon Editor	81.91						81.91	(418.09)	500.00
Chair	130.68	208.00	220.12				558.80	(241.20)	800.00
Delegate		130.39					130.39	(1,369.61)	1,500.00
Group Records		180.88	50.00				230.88	(269.12)	500.00
Public Outreach		276.65	128.77				405.42	(194.58)	600.00
Past Delegates		129.70					129.70	(1,370.30)	1,500.00
Past Area Chairperson							0.00	(500.00)	500.00
Secretary		360.73					360.73	(439.27)	800.00
Spanish Coordinator							0.00	(500.00)	500.00
Treasurer		438.67					438.67	(361.33)	800.00
Website Coordinator	151.80	434.32	142.56				728.68	228.68	500.00
<b>Other Expenses</b>	2,106.45	1,099.20	10.00	0.00			3,215.65	(1,184.35)	4,400.00
Beacon Publishing	1,821.45	655.00					2,476.45	(623.55)	3,100.00
Storage Unit for Archives	270.00	270.00					540.00	(540.00)	1,080.00
Transitional AWSC Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
Web Hosting Fee		126.95					126.95	6.95	120.00
Audit Committee Expense							0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	15.00	47.25	10.00				72.25	(27.75)	100.00
<b>World Service Conference</b>	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00			700.00	(2,500.00)	3,200.00
Area's Gifts to WSC		300.00					300.00	0.00	300.00
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC								(2,500.00)	2,500.00
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC		400.00					400.00	0.00	400.00



<b>SC Regional Delegate Meeting</b>		1,276.69	734.20	0.00	0.00	2,010.89	3,400.00	(1,389.11)	3,400.00
Delegate			379.20			379.20	600.00	(220.80)	600.00
Chair		505.82				505.82	600.00	(94.18)	600.00
Immediate Past Delegate						0.00	600.00	(600.00)	600.00
Active Past Delegate		770.87				770.87	1,000.00	(229.13)	1,000.00
Alternate Delegate			355.00			355.00	600.00	(245.00)	600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		4,044.46	5,706.29	551.45	0.00	10,302.20	23,000.00	(12,697.80)	23,000.00
<b>Net Income Less Expenses</b>		866.36	(3,238.10)	3,595.76	0.00	1,224.02	0.00	1,224.02	0.00
<b>Extraordinary Income/Expense</b>									
<b>Income</b>									
Returned Seed Money		3,500.00		3,500.00		7,000.00			
Received Attn. Background Checks		52.00	279.50	299.00		630.50			
Spring Birthday Basket			836.00			836.00			
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>		3,552.00	1,115.50	3,799.00	0.00	8,466.50			
<b>Expenses</b>									
Seed Money			3,500.00			3,500.00			
Fees paid Attn Background Checks		52.00	312.00	253.50		617.50			
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO						0.00			
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenses</b>		52.00	3,812.00	253.50	0.00	4,117.50			
<b>Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses</b>		3,500.00	(2,696.50)	3,545.50	0.00	4,349.00			
<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>		4,366.36	(5,934.60)	7,141.26	0.00	5,573.02			
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>									
Beginning Balance		32,259.82	36,626.18	24,507.37	12/31/2016	32,259.82			
Increase/(Decrease)		4,366.36	(5,934.60)	7,141.26	0.00	5,573.02			
Transfer to CD			(6,184.21)						
Ending Balance		36,626.18	24,507.37	31,648.63		37,832.84			
<b>Ample Reserve Fund (CD)</b>									
Beginning Balance		13,808.93	13,812.36	20,000.00	20,034.96	13,808.93			
Increase/(Decrease)		3.43	6,187.64	34.96		6,226.03			
Ending Balance		13,812.36	20,000.00	20,034.96	20,034.96	20,034.96			



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

**Corpus Christi, TX – Nov. 5 2016**

**Proposed Business Meeting Agenda**

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

**Times subject to change**

8-9 a.m. **GR Interchange –Margaret F. Alternate Delegate**

8-9 a.m. **DR Interchange** Share ESH concerning your position (e.g., challenges etc.)

9:10 a.m. **ETAAA Business Meeting Opens- Kay C. Chairperson**

9:15 a.m. **Delegate's Report** – Joyce Y. – Panel 55

10:30 a.m. **Chosen Agenda Item- Details are printed in the Beacon**

Changing of Boundary between East and West Texas.

Changing of Boundary between District 11 and Districts 9, 8, and 7

Changing of Boundary between District 3 and District 6.

Funding of Area Public Outreach Projects

Proposed Budget for Texas East Area 53 2017 Fiscal Year.

11: 30 a.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

12:30 p.m. **ETAAA BUSINESS MEETING RESUMES**

12:45 p.m. **Non-election roll call: Group Rep.'s (GR's) MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE**

**VOTING PROCEDURE:** Determine by consensus the method of Voting for the Business meeting 2/3 vote or Simple Majority

**Secretary's Report** – David S.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tricia L.

**Alternate Delegate Report/Literature Coordinator Report** –Margaret F.

**Unfinished business** None

**New Business**

**Chosen Agenda Items:** Further Discussion if necessary. **Need a Motion for each item**

Changing of Boundary between East and West Texas.

Changing of Boundary between District 11 and Districts 9, 8, and 7

Changing of Boundary between District 3 and District 6.

Funding of Area Public Outreach Projects

2023 International Al-Anon Convention with AA Participation

Proposed Budget for Texas East Area 53 2017 Fiscal Year.

**Gratitude Basket Total** –Tricia L.

**Assembly Reports (2 minutes each please)**

**Links of Service Reports:** (2 minutes each)1 challenge / 1 success

~4:30 pm **Close ETAAA Business Meeting with Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration**

~4:45 pm **WORKSHOPS / INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS**

65 Years  
of  
Miracles

East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)  
Fall Assembly 2016  
November 4 – 6, 2016



## "A Sea of Miracles"

Holiday Inn Downtown Marina

707 N. Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Hotel Telephone: 361-882-1700 ♦ Hotel Reservations: 1-888-729-5058

### Speakers:

Friday—John S.—AA  
Saturday—Rosie M.—Trustee  
Sunday—Cindy S.—Al-Anon

### ETAAA Rates

Standard King - \$109.00 + tax  
Two Double - \$112.00 + tax

Reference Group Code: ETA

Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date: October 14, 2016

*Parking is \$10 for Weekend (covered parking garage). Hotel Amenities Include  
On-Site Fitness Center, Complimentary Wireless and Business Center*

First Things First

Easy Does It

How Important It Is

JUST FOR TODAY

Live & Let Live

GR \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_ AMIAS \_\_\_ FIRST ASSEMBLY (Y/N) \_\_\_ # of Yrs in Program \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_

Address \_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_

Group Name \_\_\_ District # \_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_ Email \_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$25 Al-Anon Registration

\_\_\_ \$25 AA Registration

\_\_\_ \$5 Alateen Registration

\_\_\_ \$20 Luncheon

Make Checks Payable to **District 2 ETAAA**

Mail to: **Attn: ETAAA Registration**

**PO Box 10022**

**Corpus Christi, TX 78460**

Email questions to: [fallassembly2016@gmail.com](mailto:fallassembly2016@gmail.com)

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

Keep it Simple

BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD

Let It Begin With Me

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT

One Day At A Time

Listen and Learn

KEEP AN OPEN MIND

Progress Not Perfection

Principles Above Personalities

Love, Learn, and Grow

**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly**

**May 14, 2016**

**Kerrville, Texas**

**Opening:** Kay C., Chairman opened the meeting at 9:10 am. The 12 Traditions and the Concepts were read. Thanked everyone for coming and honoring their commitment to themselves and their groups. Roll call procedure was explained. Officers were introduced.

**Delegate's Report:** Joyce Y., Area 53 delegate reported on her attendance of the World Service Conference April 11-15, 2016 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Changes have been made to WSO organizational structure. Ric B. is no longer in office. Mary G. has been chosen as Interim Executive Director until position is filled. Rosie M. is our newest Trustee at Large. South Central Regional Trustee position is open. Deadline to apply is August 16, 2016.

Complete Delegate report will be in the Beacon.

**Chosen Agenda Items:**

**1.) Reimbursement of AWSC members for printing on home printer**

Kay C. presented to the topic of reimbursing AWSC members at a rate of 5 cents per page for the printing of business related items at home. There was no discussion from the assembly.

**2.) Transfer of monies to Prudent Reserve Fund**

Kay C. presented topic of transferring Area funds from the Area Checking account into the Area Prudent Reserve fund in an amount to bring the Prudent Reserve up to \$20,000. Discussion followed.

**3.) Prudent Reserve Fund**

Kay C. and Trisha L. presented topic of allowing the ETAAA Treasurer to roll over the CD when it matures in June or invest the Ample Reserve in a Money Market account, whichever one pays the most. Discussion followed.

**4.) Donation to Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc.**

Topic of East Texas Area 53 making a one time donation of \$2000.00 to Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc. was discussed.

**Meeting adjourned for lunch.**

**Meeting resumed** at 1:15 pm with Roll Call. 79 voting Group Representatives were present broken down by District as follows. D1 (4); D2 (3); D3 (5); D4 (7); D5 (12); D6 (14); D7 (7); D8 (5); D9 (5); D10 (4); D11 (0); D12 (7); D13 (6). By consensus, the voting method will be by simple majority. (40 needed for simple majority).

**Secretary:** Motion was made, seconded and approved to waive reading and accept the minutes from the business meeting held November 7, 2015 Assembly held in San Antonio as published in the Beacon. (Vol. 48, Issue 1).

**Treasurer:** Tricia L. passed the gratitude basket (\$836.00 was contributed). Contributions will donated to the WSO.

Area has \$32,964.99 in bank account and \$13,808.93 in the ample reserve fund.

**Alternate Delegate/Literature Coordinator's Report:** Margaret F. gave Forum and Literature Report. Forum subscriptions have increased. Courage to Change is now an Audio Book. Sharings needed for Forum Book and Intimacy in Relationships book. Area Highlights are available on Website. There will be a Meet the Board event on October 22, 2016 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Complete report in the Beacon.

**No Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**1.) Reimbursement of AWSC members for printing on home printer**

Topic of reimbursing AWSC members for printing Texas East business materials at home was presented and discussed. A motion was made to reimburse ASWC members at the rate of 5¢ per page of printed material for business related printing. The motion passed. (See Motion 1 below)

**2.) Transfer of monies to Prudent Reserve Fund**

Topic of increasing the amount in the Area's Prudent Reserve Fund was presented and discussed. A motion was made to increase the Ample reserve to \$20,000 by transferring money from the general checking account. The motion passed. (See Motion 2 below)

**3.) Donation to Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc.**

Topic of the Area making a one time donation to the Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc, was presented and discussed. A motion was presented to donate \$1,000 to the WSO. This motion failed to pass (20 F, 56 A, 2 Ab). A motion was then made to make a one time donation to the WSO in the amount of \$2,000. This motion passed. (See Motion 4 below)

**4.) Prudent Reserve Fund**

Topic of allowing the ETAAA Treasurer to roll over the CD in June or invest the Ample Reserve in a Money Market account, whichever one pays the most interest was opened for discussion. After discussion a motion was made to allow the Treasurer be authorized to decide the best investment option for the ample reserve fund. This motion passed. (See Motion 5 below).

**5.) Change in Boundaries between Texas East Area 53 and Texas West Area 54.**

The topic of changing the boundary between Texas East and Texas West was presented and discussed. After discussion, a motion was made to set the boundary as agreed upon by the Texas East/Texas West task force addressing this subject and as was presented on map. The motion passed. (See Motion 6 below). As part of Texas West redistricting activity, three groups in Texas West asked to be moved to Texas East. By consensus of Texas East Area 53 Group Representatives, it was agreed that the following groups be part of Texas East Area 53.

502299 Crossroads, Edgewood, TX

13151 Amistad AFG, Del Rio, TX

30607358 Un Nuevvo Aanecer Hijos, Del Rio, TX

#### Assembly Reports:

Assembly reports were given for: Spring 2015 in Franklin (D7), Fall 2015 in San Antonio (D12), Spring 2016 in Kerrville (D13) and Fall 2016 in Corpus Christi (D2).

#### Area Coordinator & AIS/LDC Reports

Reports were presented by: Bennie P. (Alateen Process Person), Norma W. (Alateen Coordinator), Paula H. (Austin AIS/LDC), Becky F. (Archivist), Anita C. (Spanish Coordinator), Candy N. (Group Records Coordinator), Lisa W. (Website Coordinator), Judy W. (Public Outreach), Carol L. (Beaumont AIS/LDC), Allyn (Houston AIS). Reports will be in the Beacon.

#### District Representative Reports

Reports were presented by: Flor P. (D1), Myrthala C. (D2), Jocelyn B. (D3), Anita C. (D5), Laurie L. (D6), Jane L. (D7), Jennifer S. (D8), Pat R. (D9), Susan L. (D10), Dolores W. (D12) and Becky F. (D13). Reports will be in the Beacon.

#### Open Discussion

##### Just for Today Bookmark

Topic of the use of the Pray of St. Francis of Assisi on the Just for Today Bookmark was presented by Joyce Y. Discussion from the floor.

#### Alateen Discussion

Discussion on ideas to create more participation in Alateen at Alateen events, Assembly, etc.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully Submitted,

David Scheel

Area Secretary

#### Motions Passed 5/14/2016:

**Motion #1:** *I Carol B., move that the AWSC members be reimbursed 5¢ per page of printed material for home copies made for Texas East Area 53 business purposes (e.g., Assemblies, Workshops, AWSC meetings).* Passed: 77 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained

**Motion #2:** *I Sarah W., move that we increase the ample reserve to \$20,000 by transferring money from the general checking account.* Passed: 77 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained

**Motion #4:** *I Colleen want to make a motion that Area 53 make a one time love gift/donation to WSO in the amount of \$2000.* Passed: 70 For, 7 Against, 1 Abstained

**Motion #5:** *I Jennifer S., move that the Treasurer be authorized to decide the best investment option for ample reserve investment.* Passed: 68 For, 6 Against, 2 Abstained

**Motion #6:** *I David S., move that the Boundary between Texas East and Texas West be set as agreed upon by the Texas East/Texas West Task Force at a meeting held February 19, 2016 in Richardson Texas as shown on attached map.* Passed: 75 For, 2 Against, 1 Abstained

(Note: After the Area Assembly, Joyce Y. was informed that the meeting between West Texas and East Texas was in Irving, Texas and not Richardson, Texas. The motion submitted to WSO included the city of Irving, Texas. Since the meeting place is not a substantive change, no re-vote on the motion is necessary)

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO - EAST TEXAS AREA 53

(Please attach this form to your check or money order)

District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

CK/MO #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent by: \_\_\_\_\_



## *L.o.v.e. Is ... Letting Others Voluntarily Evolve*

### 38th Annual All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference

February 17-19, 2017

#### AIRPORT HILTON HOTEL

611 N.W. Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas, 78216

Room Rate: \$107.00 Single/Double includes 2 breakfast coupons per room

For Hotel Reservations: Call 888-728-3031 (Mention ALTX for the special room rates). Reservations Deadline is January 18, 2017



TO REGISTER: Return this flyer or go on-line at [www.ataactx.com](http://www.ataactx.com)

Mail check or money order payable to "ATAAC" to:

ATAAC

Attn: Trina Haro

420 N. Milam

Seguin, TX 78155

#### SPEAKERS:

- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| - Ellen C., AFG, Addison TX      | - Spanish Speaker, AFG (TBD) |
| - Brenda J., AFG, San Antonio TX | - Alateen Panel Discussion   |
| - Jo Etta M., AFG, KY            | - A.A. Speaker (TBD)         |

#### REGISTRATION FORM (Mail-in Deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Al-Anon ☐ Alateen\*\* ☐ A.A.

Name on badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of responsible adult accompanying Alateen\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**COST:** - Registration for Al-Anon & A.A. - \$25 (\$30 at the door); Alateen - \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Saturday Lunch Ticket (limited Quantity, advanced purchase recommended) - \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST** (Registration + Lunch Ticket) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact:

Nancy Mate – Chair

Candy Neal – Co-Chair

[nanmate@gvfc.com](mailto:nanmate@gvfc.com)

[candyn07@icloud.com](mailto:candyn07@icloud.com)

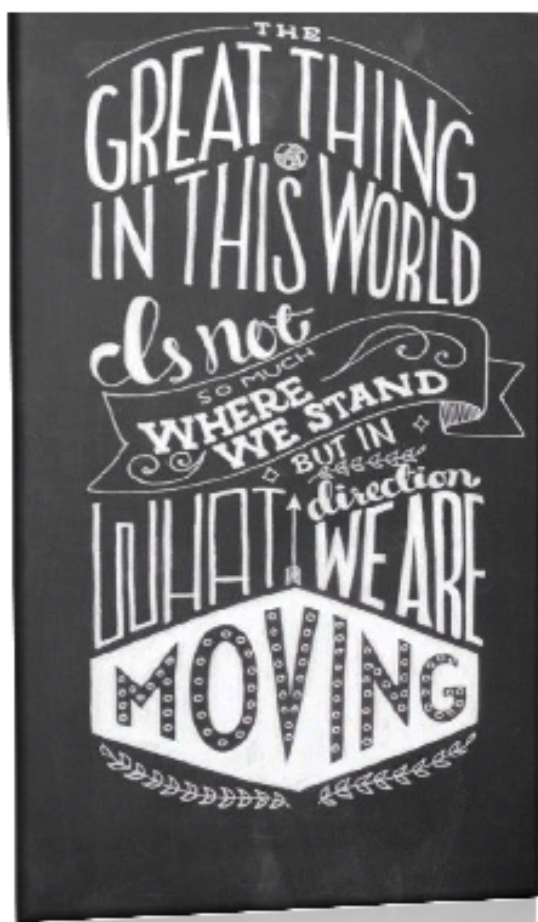
210-367-0661

210-846-0877

\*\* (Alateen must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times)







## East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)

Spring Assembly 2017

May 19 – 21, 2017

*“MOVING FORWARD IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS”*

ETAAA Rates – Includes Complimentary Breakfast

Standard King - \$119.00 + tax Two Double - \$125.00 + tax

**ETAAA Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date: April 28, 2017**

HOTEL	ETAAA
Hyatt Place 16730 Creek Bend Drive Sugar Land, TX 77478	T. E. Harman Senior Center 226 Matlage Way Sugar Land, TX 77478
Doors & Registration Open at 5:00 p.m.	

**Hotel Reference Group Code: G-ETAA**

To make your reservation you may call 888-492-8847 or book online by clicking the link below, enter date of arrival & departure, click on check availability and you will be directed to the group page with the discounted rate.

<http://www.houstonsugarland.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home>.

GR \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_ AMIAS \_\_\_ FIRST ASSEMBLY (Y/N) \_\_\_ # of Yrs in Program \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Doors and Registration Open at 5:00 p.m. – No Earlier**

___ \$30 Al-Anon Early Registration (Ends May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2017)	<b>Make Checks Payable to District 4 ETAAA</b>
___ \$30 AA Early Registration	<b>Mail to: Attn: ETAAA Registration</b>
___ \$5 Alateen Registration	P. O. Box 2811
___ \$35 Al-Anon/AA at the Door	Pearland, TX 77588

*Email questions to: [ETAAACreg\\_Spring2017@outlook.com](mailto:ETAAACreg_Spring2017@outlook.com)*

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.

**ETAAA**

4846 Corian Springs Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78247



**NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX 78247  
PERMIT NO. 1581**

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Fall 2016**



**BEACON SUBSCRIPTION \$6.00**

Annual Subscription for Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Published : Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec

☐ Group Contribution  
☐ Personal Subscription  
☐ Gift Subscription

☐ Group E- Mail  
☐ E-Mail  
☐ US Mail

**Please use a separate form for each subscription**

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Personal Only:** ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Address  
Change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Group Only: District # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make *check or money order*  
Payable to: **ETAAA**

Mail to: **ETAAA**  
**P.O. Box 34102**  
**San Antonio, TX 78265**

To change a Current Mailing Address:  
***please use the: Group Records Change***  
**Form GR-1**