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

A Message from the Chair ~ Kay C.~

Hi Texas East Area 53,

I hope you have had a peaceful and serene holiday season (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's)! I had fun seeing family and friends. This was not always the case, but due to the 36 principles of Al-Anon, I can visit and enjoy my family and friends in holiday settings that involve drinking. The Fall Assembly was a huge success and put us in a great frame of mind for the upcoming season. We had fun, fellowship, and did a lot of business and finished early in the afternoon. Here is a short recap.

Public Outreach. We passed the Public Outreach funding of \$3000.00 for posters and Public Outreach starter kits for the Districts to use.

Budget. We passed the budget for next year. However, we did notice that Group Contributions are down so we ask your Groups to consider supporting the Area. The Area thanks those groups who do send money. The money pays the expenses for the Area Delegate, Officers, and Area Coordinators. Currently our Group Contributions are down by about 40%.

Realignment of District Boundaries. We reorganized the Districts so that all groups in the Area are linked through a DR to the World Service Office. District 11 is no longer active so we moved all the Counties in District 11 to Districts 7, 8, and 9. We did not renumber the Districts. We also moved Caldwell County into District 6 as District 6 supports the Lockhart Prison Women's meeting, which is the only meeting in Caldwell County.

Realignment between East and West Texas. We also voted to add Kimble County to East Texas as the meeting in Junction attends District 13 functions, which is not reflected on the new map, as West Texas needs to approve this suggestion.

2017 Goals. As I reflect over the past year and make goals for the New Year, one thing that has been recurring in my meditation is **CARE**. Al-Anon teaches us to take care of ourselves. This means various things to people such as setting boundaries, personal hygiene, doctor's visits, etc. My goal for 2017 is to **CARE** for Al-Anon/Alateen. If we do not **CARE** for our Groups, Districts, or Area, Al-Anon may not be there for the newcomer who needs a new way of life and help with dealing with the effects of alcoholism. I **CARE** for my home group by showing up every week so that the doors of the meeting place are open for the newcomer. I **CARE** for my District by being part of the Fall Assembly Committee. I **CARE** for my Area by being willing to serve as the Area Chair. My service as Area Chair has pushed my spiritual growth to a new level. Left up to my own will, I would not have stood for Area Chair, however, I have learned in Al-Anon that I should be willing to stand for every position and let GOD/Higher Power decide whether my spiritual path should be enriched by serving in that service position, thus I stood for Area Chair. I am so grateful that I have been able to serve in this position. It has truly been a blessing in my life. I **CARE** for Alateen, by being an Alateen Sponsor, which is definitely outside my comfort zone, as I do not have children so the idea of being in a room of teenagers was frightening.

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Calendar of Events

AWSC

February 4, 2017
Waller, Texas

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 March 1, 2017

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AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2015-2017

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AREA CONTRIBUTIONS

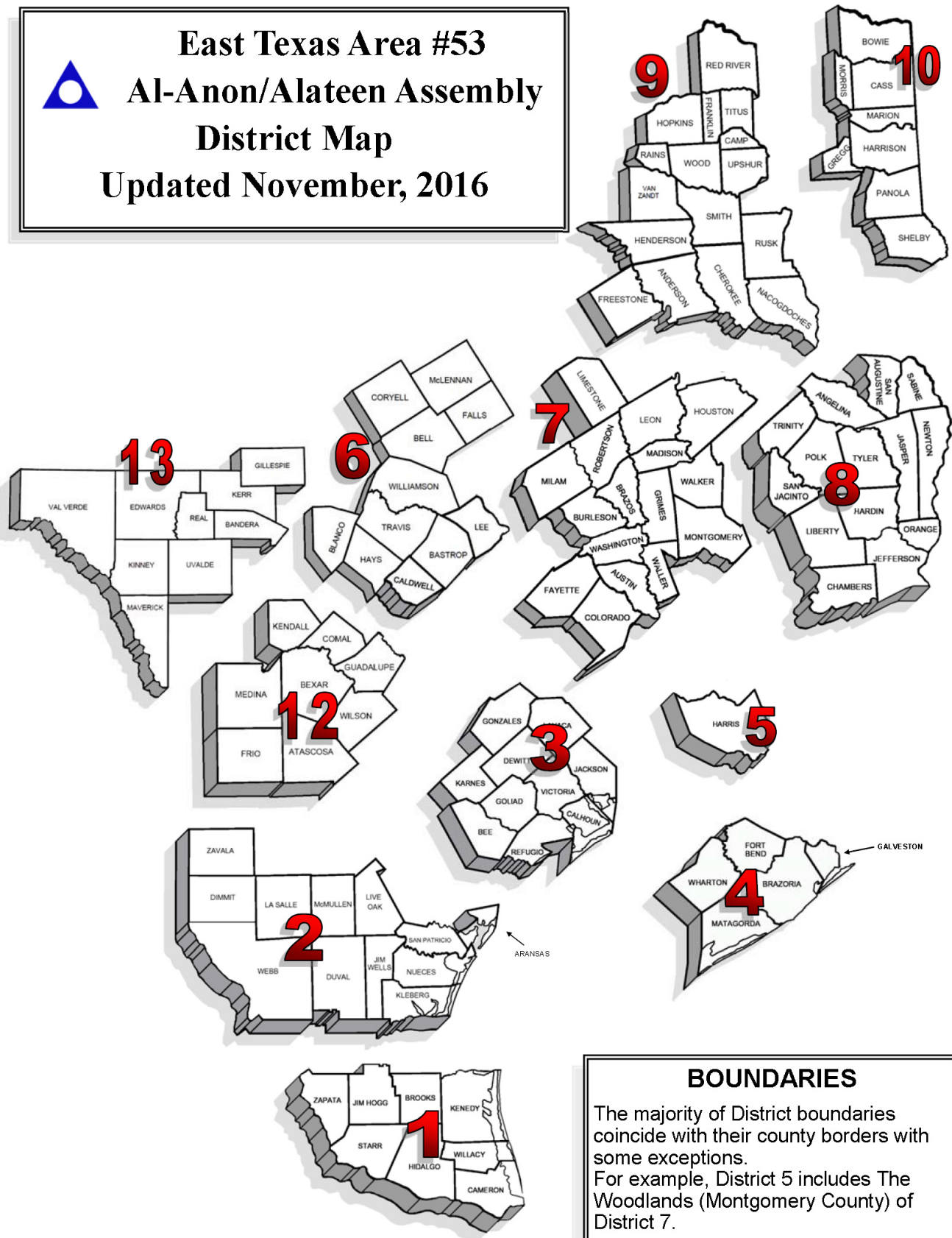
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East Texas Area #53
Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly
District Map
Updated November, 2016



BOUNDARIES

The majority of District boundaries coincide with their county borders with some exceptions. For example, District 5 includes The Woodlands (Montgomery County) of District 7.

I have grown so much from the wisdom of the teens that come to the group. I am going to pray for GOD to direct me on how to **CARE** for the Al-Anon/Alateen this year and see what happens. I ask that you pray for your GOD/Higher Power to show you how to **CARE** for Al-Anon/Alateen this year.

Love to you all-Kay

Delegate Report ~ Joyce Y.~

Joy of Service – Service has given me the opportunity to give back what has so freely been given to me. Some of the joys I have learned through Service are tolerance, responsibility, flexibility, vision, ability to listen and learn, strive to *do as well as to be*, participate, harmony and unity. What awesome gifts!!

Chosen Agenda Items (CAI) – The World Service Conference will discuss one CAI on Conference floor and 2 or 3 other topics in small group breakout sessions. The submissions should relate in some way to the 2017 WSC theme **“Our Members: Our Hope for the Future”**. Topics that can be answered by using the Service Manual or are answerable by WSO department resources will not be eligible. Submissions date to me was extended until December 15 in order to meet required December 31 submit to WSO.

Meet the Board (MTB) – By “Getting in the car”, over 100 members from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Texas East, Texas West, Oklahoma, and Bermuda were in attendance for the October 22 MTB in Fayetteville, Arkansas. What an opportunity to experience the spiritual abundance of the program through sharing of volunteers in service, learning more about responsibilities of the Board and Executive Committee and their work based on spiritual principles in Al-Anon language as cited in Concepts and Traditions, work of the Board and Trustees to keep Al-Anon going forward and work to help recovery from the family disease. MTB now has a new name beginning in 2017 - “Road Trip! You and Your Board”.

2018 International Convention – “Celebrating One Day At A Time” - July 5-8, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland. The theme has multiple layered meaning: *we are celebrating; we are celebrating one of our slogans, “One Day at a Time; and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our daily reader “One Day at a Time in Al-Anon.”* As of December 1, 2016 the 2018 Convention is only 1 year, 7 months, and 3 days away. Check out this link <http://www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org/> for countdown and updates. Wouldn't it be fun to charter a bus and travel together! Who knows what might happen with this idea “One day at a time”.

Spiritual Abundance – This is an expression of “giving back” out of gratitude. Through members practicing this principle in finances, contributions for 2016 were \$320,553 higher through September 2016 than the same period in 2015. With this kind of giving, the Board is very optimistic that we will meet and maybe even exceed our budgeted revenue numbers for 2016.

Chairperson of the Board Letter – October, 2016 – Check out on members website for more details of the Board, including updates from the Policy Committee, Finance Committee, and Conference Leadership Team (CLT). <http://al-anon.org/members/> under the WSO/Board of Trustees/

Letters from the Chairperson of the Board.

2017 World Service Conference – Our Members: Our Hope for the Future – April 24-28, 2017 Virginia Beach, Virginia – Wyndham Virginia Beach Resort Hotel.

2023 – International Convention Bid - I have submitted to WSO the Texas East bid for hosting the 2023 Convention in Houston. Thank you to Mattie T., District 4 DR, for all her contact and follow-up work with VisitHouston Convention Center as we worked together on the bid. Also thank you to Delores W., District 12 DR, for her footwork and efforts in San Antonio. What a team effort it has been. All bids will be reviewed for meeting the minimum requirements as well as feasibility of location and conforming bids will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for January 2017 meeting. Following the 2017 WSC, bid cities will make presentation to the Convention Site Committee who will screen info submitted and determine its top 3 choices. Based on inspection trip by a Site Selection Committee to the top 3 cities, a choice will be recommended to the Board in October 2017 or January 2018. The Board of Trustees has overall responsibilities, but there will be numerous opportunities to serve on the Host Committee for the successful area.

World Service Office Changes – Welcome to Niketa Bailey (non-member) as the new Director of Finance (changed from Director of Business Services) for Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. In welcoming Niketa, we will be saying goodbye to David Zach, Director of Business Services who will retire in January.

Celebrating One Day at a Time with Our Members: Our Hope for the Future through Concept 4

Alt. Delegate Report ~ Margaret F.~

Wow! Another year is almost at an end and it has been a privilege to serve as your Alternate Delegate/*the Forum*/ Literature Coordinator. Never in my wildest dream did I ever think that I would have such an experience. Thanks to all the Group Representatives for their support and participation in sharing at the GR exchange at the assemblies. If you have questions or topics that you would like to discuss, please send them to me. I have ideas for more in the future. Stay tuned! Now for some information worth sharing to all group members.

There will be an article in January to help members understand the difference in writing a sharing for *The Forum* and writing for a daily reader. Many of the sharings we have received for the new daily reader have been more like *the Forum* sharings. Staff will e-mail a draft of this article to the Literature Coordinators, with the understanding that they use it as a resource, but not make and distribute copies.

Please keep in mind when considering new writing workshops that the WSO always needs sharings on the Traditions, Concepts, and Steps Four through Twelve. In addition, the Literature Committee would like the new daily reader to be the first one to include a sharing on each Step, Tradition, and Concept of Service.

Encourage members to purchase printed literature over electronic literature. The Associate Director—Literature, Tom

Coffey, shared that we encourage the purchase of all CAL—electronic and print—because all sales support the WSO and services for members. Many members do not know that e-literature exists. The WSO now lists the specific vendors that e-literature is available through to make it easier for people to find. One coordinator received a request from a local member for more large-print literature. An advantage of e-books is that you can make the print as large as you want.

The Policy Committee is finalizing its work on incorporating spiritual principles into the text portion of the 'Financial Matters' section of the "Policy Digest," pages 95-99, and the text of 'Conventions and Other Events' formerly title 'Conventions,' pages 85 and 86, of the 2014 -2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27). The goal of the Committee is to bring the revised text for both sections to the 2017 World Service Conference (WSC).

Until we meet again, may you be blessed with a spectacular Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Norma W. ~

No Report

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Bennie P. ~

Hi Everyone! I can't believe how fast this year is going!

Not much happening with Alateen AMIAS and groups right now. We have a total of 96 AMIAS and 32 Alateen groups. I continue to update all AMIAS files with training information. Want to ensure that everyone has their information by early next year so we can program the necessary training. I will work closely with the Trainers to ensure they have the information for AMIAS in their Area that will need training. Hopefully, we can get started early next year.

Don't forget that AMIAS Certification is done year-round. To download the necessary forms, please go to our Texas Website <http://texas-al-anon.org> ; 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 Form

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. Your trusted servant!

Group Records ~ Candy N. ~

I was recently asked for feedback by our Area Delegate concerning "Open" and "Closed" meetings. Based on the Change Forms I receive, I realized that many individuals and

groups in our area do not fully understand the terms. Page 36 in "Groups At Work 2014-2017" P24/27 describes both. "Open" Al-Anon meetings allow attendance by people who are not families and friends of alcoholics such as professionals or students who work with alcoholics and their families. "Closed" Al-Anon meetings are limited to those who are affected by someone else's drinking. By default, Al-Anon meetings are "Closed" unless declared "Open" and all Alateen meetings are "Closed". "Open" and "Closed" meetings should not to be confused with "Active" and "Inactive" meetings.

An editable version of the GR-1 is available on the Texas website. Go to texas-al-anon.org, click on the Members tab* (*password is [anonymity](#)), scroll down to **Texas Areas** and click on **Access Area 53 (Texas East)**, scroll down to **Group Records Change Forms**, and select either the English or Spanish **Group Records Change Form GR1**. Type in all available information, mark what is to be changed, 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 as an attachment. The form can also be sent by regular mail. Gratefully in service.

Public Outreach ~ Judy W.~

The starter kits and posters that were requested by the District Public Outreach Coordinators (DPOCs) were totaled, budgeted as a motion not to exceed \$3000, and approved at the Fall Assembly by the group representatives. The materials have been ordered.

The Area Public Outreach Coordinator used the rest of her 2016 budget to order a few extra English and Spanish starter kits. There will also be some extra English and Spanish posters available to all districts on a first come first serve public outreach need basis.

The materials are expected to arrive in Austin by early January. Service volunteers will help divide the bulk materials to fill each district's request. The materials will be distributed as soon as possible to each DPOC, and at the latest, brought to the February 4th AWSC meeting to use other district representative members to help move the remaining materials into the districts.

(For additional public outreach needs throughout the East Texas area that have surfaced after your district's numbers were submitted, please get with your DPOCs quickly to request some of the extra materials.)

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: August 13, 2016

Current Report Submitted: December 3, 2016

This is the 2nd Quarter for us to track the 'Open' rate for 3 pages on the website. It's encouraging to see an increase in visits to the website and will be even better NEXT year when we can track quarter to quarter looking for creative ways to increase traffic.

Results are as follow:

4th Quarter Website Visits to date

*(Number of times Webmasters East/West opened the page)

- Website Home Page 15,391 *(81) 35% increase over 3rd quarter
- Members Home Page 2,042 *(40) 23% increase over 3rd quarter
- Members Area 624 *(25) 18% increase of 3rd quarter

Action Items Completed:

Attended the ETAAA Fall Assembly in my home town of Corpus Christi, TX – November 4 – 6, 2016

- Presented a challenge and a success as a website committee report. Challenge was regarding website plug-in and widget updates and lost data such as the Google Maps meeting calendar. The District 12 AIS gentleman flagged me down after the report and exclaimed how much he relied on those maps. This has prompted more action.
- Candy N (records keeper coordinator) and I met by phone on Wednesday, November 16th to brainstorm some easier ways to load the website and more accurately coordinate between WSO and Texas sites.
- Coordinated reading and responding to approximately 72 Texas Al-Anon website emails with Texas West Website Coordinator, Marcia H.
- Uploaded and/or managed edits of 7 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 and created printable lists for distribution purposes.
- Made several other meeting changes that came down from WSO group records updating printable meeting lists each time.
- 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. This is still pending with a goal to have the maps up on or before the next AWSC meeting.

Announcements:

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

- Updated the letter from Chairperson of the Board – October 2016 <https://goo.gl/FkAwSq>
- Updated Group e-News for December in 3 languages <http://goo.gl/cl6lkl> 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/>

Spanish Coordinator ~ Anita Camargo ~

Greetings from Area Hispanic Groups Coordinator:

Great year 2016,

I am still working on the names of some of the Hispanic coordinators in the different districts for Area 53.

Some of our districts are still not having members step up to this position. Several of the Hispanic members at the Area assembly in Corpus and I mentioned the need of more communication with having someone to bring the Hispanic groups voice to assemblies. Translation was one of the top of the list.

Thank you for the opportunity to service at the Area level.

Saludos Coordinadora de Zona de Grupos Hispanos:

Gran año 2016,

Todavía estoy trabajando en los nombres de algunos de los coordinadores hispanos en los diferentes distritos para el Área 53.

Algunos de nuestros distritos todavía no están teniendo miembros para esta posición. Varios de los miembros hispanos en la asamblea del Área en Corpus y yo mencionamos la necesidad de más comunicación con tener a alguien para llevar la voz de los grupos hispanos a las asambleas. Traducción fue uno de los primeros de la lista.

Gracias por la oportunidad de servicio en el nivel de Zona.

Newsletter Editor ~ Lynn Starkey

The next *Beacon* deadline is March 1. Please send your reports for the *Beacon* to beaconnewsletter@yahoo.com, using this email address helps with the possibility of a report being missed in another email account. If you don't have Word send your report in the body of an email and I will copy it to a Word document. Also, when you are referring to multiple GRs there is no apostrophe. Thank you.

Archives Coordinator ~ Ann Ray ~

No Report

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 #: _____

District Reports**District 1 ~ Flor Pena ~**

We had our District Meeting October 15, 2016. Few people showed up from 21 Group Representatives about seven Group Representatives showed up.

We talked about the Fall Assembly and encouraged the GRs to invite their groups to attend so they can get an idea of what we do in an assembly and to find out why it's important to send their GR to the assembly because they are the ones that will be able to vote on any issues that we have. We talked about how to attract new comers and Alateens.

Adriana, our Public Outreach Coordinator, called to let us know that she had ordered the kits for our public outreach.

We let the GRs know that the area will be submitting a bid for the 2023 Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention.

We, also, made them aware that next year will be election year and that they should be thinking of new group representatives and district representative, in case they have any questions to not be afraid to ask. We would like new people participate in the new elections.

A few groups are going to be celebrating anniversaries and that's a good way for the whole district to get together.

We also scheduled our district meeting for next year.

District 2 ~ Myrthala Collazo ~

District 2 just hosted Fall Assembly in Corpus Christi, it was a great success. We are working on final numbers and expenses and will have our final report by next AWSC meeting. Thank you, Area 53 for supporting this Assembly with your attendance.

District 2 had our last District meeting October 8th, 2016 in Rockport and it was hosted by New Hope and Safe Harbor.

25 members came to hear and meet Our Area Delegate Joyce and alternate Margaret, who were our guests during this District meeting. Our WSO delegate spoke on service in Al-Anon. A tasty pot luck was served and silent auction held as fundraising for Assembly expenses.

District 2 continues with our quarterly speakers meeting. Last speaker for 2016 was Mary P. from New Hope AFG, who shared her experience, strength and Hope and it was hosted by Step Together Step group.

From group reports it is obvious that our groups use a variety of meeting formats, some of them continue to grow, others attendance is low.

The challenge continues to be the attendance of the Alateens to meetings.

During this last District meeting we approved our budget for year 2017 and set quarterly meeting schedules with host AFG.

District 3 ~ Jocelyn B.~

No Report

District 4 ~ Mattie T.~

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to All:

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. This is a season where many of us reflect on the many blessing of the year as it comes to an end. My gift to myself each and every day is "Love", that's what this beautiful program continues to give me.

I recently had the privilege of attending the Meet The Board of Trustees in Fayetteville, AR; October 22, 2016. This was a one-day very insightful event. Meeting the individuals that are working the spiritual part of this awesome program to keep us moving forward was inspiring.

The Fall Assembly was very insightful. I took away a lot of positives for the planning of our Spring Assembly. There were 7 GRs present to represent our District. We would love to have a stronger representation of our District at the Assemblies. The foundation of the Al-Anon fellowship is the membership. The district is the first link from the Area to the WSO to the World Service Conference.

To have your voices heard it is important that the GRs attend the Assemblies to share our success and our challenges.

Planning for the 2017 Spring Assembly is making progress. We have selected 2 dynamic Al-Anon speakers, Friday (Pat E of Austin, TX) and Saturday (Jenny P. of Eureka Springs AR) night.

Special thanks to Bev L and Marcia T for setting up a pre-registration table in Corpus Christi, TX for the 2017 Spring Assembly to be held May 19-21, 2017 in Sugarland, TX. There were 24 pre-registrations and 2 winners will be selected to receive free registration at the District Meeting on December 10th.

It takes many willing participants to make any event a success. Let's always look at the positives and enhance on them.

Hurray for Houston, it was voted and approved by Texas East to submit a bid to WSO for Houston to host the 2023 International Convention. I have happy to have been a part of this process. Joyce Y will get the bid submitted to meet the December 1, 2016 deadline.

I want to encourage each and every one of you to attend the All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference being held on February 17-19 2017 in San Antonio, TX. Let's all get in the car and make it a Road Trip 2017.

I am looking to each of you to give me feedback on how to get more participation from the membership to get your GRs to attend the area assemblies.

District 4 has a very strong support system. The GRs and members of the groups attend district meetings, support district events and community affairs. Hugs.

District 5 ~ Anita C. ~

We had a good year! District 5 was the co-host of the AWSC and it was a very spiritual experience for me as the district representative. Hope smiles on the threshold of the year to come as we are preparing to be the co-host with District 4 next spring assembly.

All is well and ends well – Group representatives are showing an interest in service this past year. New suggestions have been presented and participation has been consistent. Registrations were given away as an incentive for participation at the area assembly. A panel of attendees was prepared for a presentation on their experience at our last meeting from the GRs who attended the assembly in Corpus Christi.

Encouragement has been made on the use of our service manual so that we may be able to play a part in service outside of the group. I believe if I have it give it away.

As always we like to involve the Hispanic community to our district meetings. Translation is the key word for draw in. We still have approximately 22 Hispanic groups very much active.

Alateen is also ongoing with seven groups in the district.

I was invited to get the opportunity to "Meet the Board" in Fayetteville, Ark and learned the rolls each of our trusted servants at the World Service Office. We are very fortunate to have a Trustee flourished from one of our Hispanic group as she was present at this event, Rosie Morin. Thank you Rosie.

And now let us welcome the New Year full of the things that have never been.....

Saludos del Distrito 5,

Tuvimos un buen año! El Distrito 5 fue el co-anfitrión del Comité de Zona y fue una experiencia muy espiritual para mí como representante del distrito. La esperanza sonríe en el umbral del año venidero mientras nos preparamos para ser el co-anfitrión con la asamblea de la próxima primavera del Distrito 4.

Todo está bien y termina bien - los representantes del grupo están mostrando un interés en el servicio el año pasado. Se han presentado nuevas sugerencias y la participación ha sido consistente. Las inscripciones se dieron como incentivo para la participación en la asamblea del área. Un panel de asistentes fue preparado para una presentación sobre su experiencia en nuestra última reunión de los RGs que asistieron a la asamblea en Corpus Christi.

Se ha fomentado el uso de nuestro Manual de Servicio para que podamos desempeñar un papel en el servicio fuera del grupo. Creo que si lo tengo lo doy.

Como siempre nos gusta involucrar a la comunidad hispana en nuestras reuniones de distrito. La palabra clave es "traducción" para traer a los miembros. Todavía tenemos aproximadamente 22 grupos hispanos muy activos.

Alateen también está en curso con siete grupos en el distrito.

Me invitaron a tener la oportunidad de "Meet the Board" en Fayetteville, Ark y me intere de las responsabilidades de cada uno de nuestros fieles servidores en la Oficina de Servicio Mundial. Somos muy afortunados de tener un fideicomisario florecido de uno de nuestro grupo hispano como ella estuvo presente en este evento, Rosie Morin. Gracias Rosie.

Y ahora damos la bienvenida al Año Nuevo lleno de las cosas que nunca han sido

District 6 ~ Lori L.~

Hi all! I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends! Here are the highlights from District 6's last district meeting on October 15th:

Just for Today AFG in Elgin hosted the district meeting with a great skit on finding recovery in Al-Anon and an Al-Anon song to Deep in the Heart of Texas to get our blood pumping. We had 38 in attendance, with 19 voting GRs. Also, we had 9 new members attend the District meeting.

The GRs voted on the following motions and all passed; 1) \$2,000 to the 2017 Fall Assembly to defray the costs of the banquet, 2) A one-time \$2,000 donation to the WSO, and 3) \$135 to print more of the Alateen posters.

The GRs also decided to table the idea of forming a thought force for the remaining unallocated funds until the January district meeting. Anna will be presenting her research regarding cost information on the Cap Metro placard campaign as part of our public outreach project.

A quick update on the 2017 Fall Assembly: the flyer has been completed and approved by the Area Chair. Cut off dates for making reservations **and** for the banquet is October 15, 2017. You can now make your reservations at the booking link. I have forwarded the flyers to our *Beacon* newsletter editor and to our Website Coordinator. Our Website Coordinator may need more from me than just the flyer so please be patient as I gather what is needed. I admitted to them that I am new at this part of my "DR-ness"! Last, we will have 3 speakers at the assembly that weekend.

Our next district meeting is January 28th in Harker Heights. Please be safe in your upcoming Holiday travels and looking forward to seeing you at the February 4th AWSC meeting in Waller! In Service.

District 7 ~ Jane M.~

Hope everyone in Area 53 is keeping warm this holiday season. District 7 had a meeting Oct. 15th. Groups seem to be growing. The Saturday Porter group has moved to a new building at the same address. The Gratitude AFG in Bryan-College Station recently moved to Aldersgate Methodist Church, 2201 Earl Rudder Fwy., College Station. We lost Dorothy M. of the Bellville AFG the end of September. I'm sure her group misses her a lot. One of the members of Lost & Found AFG in College Station spoke at a meeting in The Woodlands.

We are looking forward to hosting the AWSC meeting Feb. 4th at Waller Methodist Church in Waller. A Unity Conference with Al-Anon participation is Feb. 10-12th at Kurten Community Center (just east of Bryan). The next district meeting will be Jan. 21st at 804 Texas Ave, Bryan.

District 8 ~ Jennifer S.~

We are getting busy planning to host our 2018 Spring Assembly! We had a rush of enthusiasm after attending such a wonderful Fall Assembly in Corpus Christi! We continue to sell our Serenity Prayer shirts (they will be available in Tyler the weekend of January 7th) and will take orders if anyone is still interested in purchasing one. All proceeds go to the Spring Assembly.

Our next district meeting is January 28th and we look forward to having our Delegate Joyce come and visit us! In Love and Service.

District 9 ~ Debby C.~

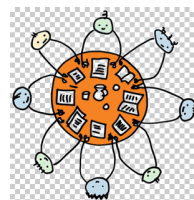
Well the holiday season is underway and as such, we are preparing for newcomers as this season seems to perpetuate more family problems due to alcoholism. Here's hoping some will find their way into our meeting rooms looking for hope and a solution.

I really enjoyed our last Assembly at Corpus Christi. Sea of Miracles was a wonderful theme and the host committee did an excellent job, as always, there was great fellowship, entertainment and awesome speakers. My own personal miracle started with a lost then found cell phone Saturday Morning. Great DR meeting and well attended and well organized business meeting as well as a 1st time GR represented in our district.

District 9 is preparing to support the 70th Tyler AA Anniversary coming up January 6-8, 2017 with support at the registration tables for anyone looking for Al-Anon information or meeting lists. This will be held at Harvey Hall/Rose Garden Complex in Tyler, Texas. Also, thanks to Beaumont LDC for providing literature for this conference. Since the closing of the Tyler Al-Anon AIS/LDC, no Al-Anon literature has been available at this event. Our next district meeting will be held during the lunch hour on Saturday 01/07/17 at the Harvey Hall.

We will be discussing the upcoming "Day with the Delegate" joint fundraiser w/D-10 during our next district meeting and hopefully firming up dates and details.

Not much else to report at this time but always remember and never forget that "When I got busy, I got better"



District 10~ Susan L.~

Our September district meeting was hosted by Marshall One Day at a Time AFG. We had reports given from committees as we completed plans for an evening speaker meeting that was held on October 22, 2016. We heard Maureen W, share her Al-Anon story and her husband, Buddy W share his AA story. The meeting was well attended, 74 registered participants. The meeting was a fundraiser to help raise funds, to augment district ample reserve.

We continue with plans to invite Joyce Yoder, our Texas East Delegate, to Longview for a District 9 & District 10, "Day with our Delegate".

Christy T. and I were able to attend the Al-Anon fall assembly, "A Sea of Miracles, November 4-6, in Corpus Christi. We enjoyed the Al-Anon fellowship, and the opportunity to represent our district.

We will have our district 10 meeting on December 10, 2016 at 10 am. The meeting will include an ornament exchange. Service is alive and well in District 10.

District 12 ~ Dolores W.~

Hello everyone District 12 is doing fine with we have had a few more groups added to our meeting list and a few groups have had to find new meeting sites this year. Our district is looking into a storage shed rental for the District Officers and Coordinators to store the supplies and documentation. We are planning a Day In Al-Anon for early March and the committee has an exciting and informative day planned for those attending I am sure, please look for the flyer on the Texas website soon.

I had the opportunity to research San Antonio as a bid possibility for the 2023 Al-Anon international convention and learned interesting facts about the city I have lived in for over 10 years, Houston has been chosen and with hopes we will all be traveling there in 2023.

Our District have 3 vacant positions Public Outreach, Spanish Coordinator and *AlAnews* editor anyone reading this from District 12 and would like ONE YEARS service opportunity please contact me as soon as you can.. keeping my fingers crossed.

I am grateful for this program and service opportunities along with the many blessings of fellowship and leadership I have learned from my "regular"/service sponsors and Al-Anon members. Now on to the next right thing: wishing you all a blessed holiday season and Happy New Years. Hugs

District 13 ~ David S.~

District 13 held its last District Meeting of 2016 on October 22, 2016. The meeting was held in Uvalde and hosted by the Uvalde AFG. There were 9 in attendance. The most exciting thing was having all of the 3 new groups that moved from Texas West to Texas East represented at the meeting. We got to meet new friends and even introduced the two groups from Del Rio to each other! They had not previously been in contact with each other so a new connection was made by

coming to our district meeting. We also learned that there is another unregistered group that meets in Brackettville that we hope to visit soon.

Our next meeting will be on January 22, 2017 in Camp Wood, Texas hosted by Nueces Canyon AFG.

I had a great time in Corpus Christi at the Fall Assembly in November and want to thank Districts 2 and 3 for the great job they did! Have a Happy New Year Everyone!

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SECOND PRINTING OF *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017*

Al-Anon's public outreach magazine

Also available in Spanish and French

Two very different purposes!

Many of us had to overcome multiple challenges before we were ready to give Al-Anon Family Groups a try. We had to overcome denial that there was a problem with a loved one's drinking. Some of us didn't want to ask for help because it was embarrassing, and we didn't want anyone to know what was going on at home. Even if we were aware that Al-Anon existed, perhaps the misconception that it's a religious group kept us away. Still others believed that no one could possibly understand what they were going through.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism is designed to address those challenges. Members write about their own denial, or share how they overcame the fear of reaching out. Most of all, members share hope, understanding, and compassion with the potential newcomer.

In *The Forum*, members share how the various tools of the program including the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service have helped them find—and keep recovery! Even the newcomer walking through the door for the first time, someone who has already overcome the challenges of reaching out for help, could benefit from reading the experience, strength, and hope that we share in *The Forum*. They may be confused by our Legacies and even some of the language we use, but Al-Anon and Alateen members will be there to help. Imagine how daunting it could be for a potential member, someone who may have never even heard of Al-Anon, to read about Concept Three or Tradition Five for example.

With that in mind, please encourage members and groups in your area to share *The Forum* with one another and share *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* with their community!

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Area World Service Committee Meeting**November 4, 2016****Corpus Christi, Texas****Chairman:** Kay C. opened the meeting at 8:59 pm.

Secretary: David S. called Roll. 23 voting members of the AWSC present. The following AWSC Officers or Coordinators were not in attendance: Alateen Coordinator, Archivist, Public Outreach Coordinator. The following Districts had no representative in attendance: District 11. The following AIS/LDCs had no Liaison in attendance: Houston Hispanic AIS, San Antonio AIS/LDC, Waco AIS.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Meeting minutes from the AWSC Meeting in Houston on August 6, 2016 as published in the *Beacon*.

Treasurer: Tricia L. gave update on the Area's bank balances. Went over proposed 2017 budget. Will present the budget to Assembly with same numbers as 2016 budge. Reported that the Area is approximately \$9,000 under the projected income for 2016 with two months left in the year and asked members take this information back to their groups. Requested that all officers and coordinators turn in all unpaid expense reports to her by December 1, 2016.

Area Delegate Report: Joyce Y. reported that the 2017 World Service Conference will be held April 24-28, 2017. A Board of Trustees meeting will be held on April 29, 2017. Discussed that the time is drawing near for the WSC to chose Chosen Agenda Items for the 2017 WSC. Asked for input on topics to present and that they be sent to her by December 1, 2016. Conference members will vote on topics to discuss choosing the top three.

Alternate Delegate Report: Margaret F. will give her report at tomorrow's Business Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Assembly Guidelines Task Force: Diane B. reported that the task force is still working revisions and additions to the guidelines.

New Business:

Area Archivist: Kay announced that she had received an email from Area Archivist Becky F. stating that she was resigning from her position. Kay will bring this up at business meeting tomorrow to see if anyone is interested in filling the position for the remainder of the term. Storage Unit is paid up in Ingram through the end of the year.

Approval of ETAAA Business Meeting Agenda for 11/05/16: Kay presented the Agenda for tomorrow's business meeting. There was discussion of the each of the chosen agenda items and the item related to filling the Area Archivist position was added. After all discussion ended, Mattie T. made a motion to accept the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Lori L. and passed.

Bank Accounts: Kay explained there are 3 bank accounts that exist under the umbrella of the Area's bank account: The Area's Operating Budget account, an account for TEA AC, and an account for POSSE. Since the two additional accounts exist under the Areas Operating account, TEA AC and POSSE

needs to present an accounting of their financial information to the Area along with the Area's Operating Budget account.

Also relating to the Area's Bank account District 4 had established an account using the Area's EIN for the upcoming May 2017 assembly. After discussion it was decided that in order to keep a firewall of protection between the Area and the District the Area is asking District 4 to close their account associated with the Area's EIN and to start a new separate account.

Assembly Liaison Position: Kay presented the topic of possibly creating a position in the Area of an Assembly Liaison. This person would serve through multiple assemblies during their tenure and would be a resource to Districts hosting assemblies to provide a source of experience and continuity. A thought force committee was created to look into the possibility of creating this position. Members of the committee are: Kay C., Lynn S., Dolores W. and Joyce Y.

Assembly Reports:

Fall 2016 – Corpus Christi, Myrthala C. reported there are currently 143 registered and have sold 140 lunch tickets. The bilingual workshop held earlier was a large success. Grateful for District support.

Spring 2017 - District 4. Mattie reported Spring 2017 Assembly will be held on May 19-21st in Sugar Land at the T E Harman Senior Center – 226 Matlage Way, hotel will be the Hyatt Place . Speakers have been lined up. Fun and Games Saturday night.

Fall 2017 – District 6. Lori reported Fall 2017 Assembly will be held in Austin at the Holiday Inn Midtown on November 3-5th. Requesting seed money this weekend. Have a flier available. Cut off date on the hotel is October 15, 2017. Theme is "Elect to Serve". District 6 will be donating \$2000 to underwrite the costs of the banquet.

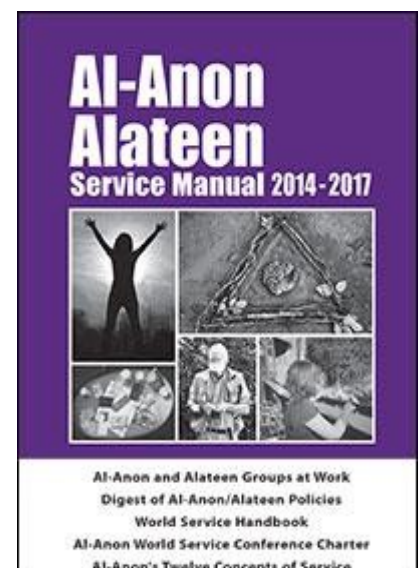
Next AWSC Meeting:

February 4, 2017, Waller, Texas (District 7)

Meeting was closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. S.



Austin AIS/LDC ~ Paula H.~

The Austin Information Center held its meeting on November 14 at 6:30 P. M. Elections were held, the position of Chair* remains vacant at the present time. (*Eligibility for the position of Chair and duties of the Chair can be found on the www.austinalanon.org/infoctrdocs/By-LawsRevised-16 Nov 2015.pdf.) Secretary for 2017 will be Carolyn K., and Treasurer will be Peggie F.

Many motions were made and passed. They are as follows:

1. A semi-annual literature inventory will be e-mailed to the Board.
2. A task force was formed to develop a survey for the groups regarding what services at the AIC are working and what groups would like to see so that the AIC can serve its members better. The task force is composed of Cathy, Carolyn K. (Chair), Peggie F., and Joyce L. The task force will report on the progress of the survey questions at the next board meeting.
3. A tentative motion was made on how to increase literature sales. The motion passed, but discussion was tabled until the results of the survey are shown.
4. Approval was given by the AIC to use its non-profit 501C3 to assist the District with community outreach, should the District decide on another public outreach campaign with Capital Metro buses. District 6 would give a check to the AIC, and the AIC would write the check to Capital Metro. This process has been cleared through WSO.
5. A change was made to AIC By-Law 7.4.6. The new 7.4.6 By-Law reads, "An Officer may be re-elected to a second or third term for either the same office or to a different office."
6. An appeal letter will be sent to the groups in December asking for donations to the AIC.
7. An AIC Open House will be on December 3, 2014, from 2-4 P. M. at the Austin Information Center, 6301 Manchaca Rd., in honor of its 30th anniversary. Speakers will be Pat E., Bill H., Jan W., and Mary D. Refreshments will be provided.
8. Minutes from the last AIC meeting were approved, and a yearly Christmas bonus for our office employee was approved.

The next AIC Board Meeting will be February 21, 2017. 6:30 P. M. at Northland AFG.

Beaumont AIS/LDC ~ Carole L.~

No Report

Houston AIS/LDC ~ Ann R.~

No Report

Waco AIS~ Cindy J. ~

No Report

San Antonio AIS/LDC ~ Nancy M.~

San Antonio Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service held our last meeting of this year on December 10, 2016 in Seguin with a nice turn out and good discussion. We found the profits on the yearly fund raiser, The Serenity Celebration, were better than first reported, we determined that next year we can make improvements and all agreed that it was great fellowship and voted to continue the banquet.

The Monthly Speakers' Meetings, is another fundraiser for the SAAIS. The groups are asked to be responsible for providing a chairperson, an Al-Anon and an AA speaker for the evening. Five groups signed up to host a month during the meeting.

A yearly calendar was sent out for use by all members to have next years dates on all District meetings, assemblies and workshops so we have a head start on next year.

The answering service reported that they continue to get an average of 3 to 4 calls a week. There has been an increase in e-mails that go directly to the website and bypass the answering service. There were a few 12 step calls that came in and were handled by the Al-Anon members. The service is still providing us with a good service.

September 3, the SAAIS Secretary, Carola T., passed away. She was the best at every service position she took on. Her organizational skills were the reason the Serenity Celebration was able to go on without a hitch. She will be missed by many in both the district and area fellowship of Al-Anon. Love to serve.

South Texas AIS/LDC ~ Bennie P.~

We have been very busy this past quarter preparing to sell literature at the Fall Assembly hosted by District 2 in Corpus Christi. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. We also want to thank Paula, C. and the members she assigned to help us! We couldn't have done it without their help. Congratulations District 2! This was one of the best Assemblies!

UTRGV Collegiate Recovery Program launched an extensive celebration for

National Recovery for the month of September and we were able to participate!

As a result, the university has cleared the way for AL-ANON meetings on campus! We had the first meeting on November 17th! Due to the Holidays, there will be no meetings in December but we will resume them in January 2017. I'll need District 1 members help to chair these meetings. Please contact me for more information.

We continue to serve our District 1 with their literature needs. Thanks to our groups that continue to support us through their support and contributions.

Happy Holiday Season to Everyone!

Intergrupala Hispana de Houston ~ Virginia L. ~

No Report

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
☐ GR
☐ Mtg Time
☐ 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: _____

Email: cand07@icloud.com

Or mail to: ETA 53 GRC, c/o Candy N. 15005 Saint Hedwig Rd., Saint Hedwig, TX 7852

ETAAA Financial Report 10/31/2016							1 st Qtr 3/31/16	2 nd Qtr 6/30/16	3 rd Qtr 9/30/16	4 th Qtr 10/31/16	Total YTD	2016 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Proposed 2017 Budget
Income														
Assembly Surplus							(524.47)	0.00	768.60	0.00	244.13			
Fall 2015							(524.47)				(524.47)			
Spring 2016									768.60		768.60			
Beacon Income							48.00	30.00	30.00	12.00	120.00	200.00	(80.00)	200.00
Contributions Income							5,387.29	2,413.19	3,327.85	2,032.45	13,160.78	22,800.00	(9,639.22)	22,800.00
Fall Gratitude Basket											0.00			
Miscellaneous Income								25.00			25.00			
Total Income							4,910.82	2,468.19	4,126.45	2,044.45	13,549.91	23,000.00	(9,450.09)	23,000.00
Expenses														
Travel / Expenses							661.32	3,172.89	943.66	65.00	4,842.87	12,000.00	(7,157.13)	12,000.00
Alateen Coordinator							125.00	392.24			517.24	1,000.00	(482.76)	1,000.00
Alateen Liaison											0.00	400.00	(400.00)	400.00
Alateen Process Person							171.93	390.93	152.69		715.55	1,000.00	(284.45)	1,000.00
Alternate Delegate								230.38			230.38	600.00	(369.62)	600.00
Archives											0.00	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
Beacon Editor							81.91		213.58		295.49	500.00	(204.51)	500.00
Chair							130.68	208.00	220.12		558.80	800.00	(241.20)	800.00
Delegate								130.39			130.39	1,500.00	(1,369.61)	1,500.00
Group Records								180.88	50.00		230.88	500.00	(269.12)	500.00
Public Outreach								276.65	128.77	65.00	470.42	600.00	(129.58)	600.00
Past Delegates								129.70			129.70	1,500.00	(1,370.30)	1,500.00
Past Area Chairperson											0.00	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
Secretary								360.73	35.94		396.67	800.00	(403.33)	800.00
Spanish Coordinator											0.00	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
Treasurer								438.67			438.67	800.00	(361.33)	800.00
Website Coordinator							151.80	434.32	142.56		728.68	500.00	228.68	500.00
Other Expenses							2,106.45	1,099.20	1,038.00	5.00	4,248.65	4,400.00	(151.35)	4,400.00
Beacon Publishing							1,821.45	655.00	753.00		3,229.45	3,100.00	129.45	3,100.00
Storage Unit for Archives							270.00	270.00	270.00		810.00	1,080.00	(270.00)	1,080.00
Transitional AWSOC Meeting											0.00		0.00	
Web Hosting Fee								126.95			126.95	120.00	6.95	120.00
Audit Committee Expense											0.00		0.00	
Miscellaneous Expense							15.00	47.25	15.00	5.00	82.25	100.00	(17.75)	100.00
World Service Conference							0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	3,200.00	(2,500.00)	3,200.00
Area's Gifts to WSC								300.00			300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC												2,500.00	(2,500.00)	2,500.00
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC								400.00			400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00

SC Regional Delegate Meeting	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
Total Expenses	4,044.46	5,706.29	1,981.66	70.00	11,802.41	23,000.00	(11,197.59)	23,000.00
Net Income Less Expenses	866.36	(3,238.10)	2,144.79	1,974.45	1,747.50	0.00	1,747.50	0.00
Extraordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
Returned Seed Money	3,500.00		3,500.00		7,000.00			
Received Attn. Background Checks	52.00	279.50	292.50		624.00			
Spring Birthday Basket		836.00			836.00			
Total Extraordinary Income	3,552.00	1,115.50	3,792.50	0.00	8,460.00			
Expenses								
Seed Money		3,500.00		3,500.00	7,000.00			
Fees paid Attn Background Checks	52.00	312.00	253.50	6.50	624.00			
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO				836.00	836.00			
Contribution to WSO				2,000.00				
Total Extraordinary Expenses	52.00	3,812.00	253.50	6,342.50	10,460.00			
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	3,500.00	(2,696.50)	3,539.00	(6,342.50)	(2,000.00)			
Profit/(Loss)	4,366.36	(5,934.60)	5,683.79	(4,368.05)	(252.50)			
Checking Account Balance	3/31/2016	6/30/2016	9/30/2016	10/31/2016				
Beginning Balance	32,259.82	36,626.18	24,507.37	30,897.06	32,259.82			
Increase/(Decrease)	4,366.36	(5,934.60)	5,683.79	(4,368.05)	(252.50)			
Transfer to CD		(6,184.21)						
Ending Balance	36,626.18	24,507.37	30,897.06	26,529.01	32,007.32			
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)								
Beginning Balance	13,808.93	13,812.36	20,000.00	20,052.75	13,808.93			
Increase/(Decrease)	3.43	3.43	52.75	17.23	76.84			
Ending Balance	13,812.36	20,000.00	20,052.75	20,069.98	20,069.98			



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Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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Three As: Awareness, Acceptance, Action Three Es: Get off Their Back, Get out of Their Way, Get on With Your Own Life

First Things First Let Go and Let God Keep an Open Mind Easy Does It Let Go and Let God

East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly**November 5, 2016****Corpus Christi, Texas**

Opening: Kay C., Chairman opened the meeting at 9:14 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 she has visited 4 of the Area's Districts and is scheduled to visit 4 more in 2017. Thanked everyone for Love Gifts and messages sent to her at the 2016 World Service Conference (WSC). Texas has a good reputation for their Love Gifts. The next WSC will be April 24-28, 2017 at the Wyndam Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The theme will be "Our Members: Our Hope for the Future". Joyce explained about Delegate Equalized Expenses and how this spreads the costs to attend the WSC so that all Delegates pay the same amount. She asked for input from the Assembly on possible Chosen Agenda Items for the 2017 WSC. Please send ideas to her by December 15, 2016. Don't submit topics that are already covered by the Service Manual. Three topics will be chosen for the WSC, one for discussion on the floor of the conference and two will be discussed in breakout workshops. Joyce also asked for input from the Area Assembly regarding the topic of the Just for Today bookmark and the use of the Prayer of St. Francis. She stressed that the decision has not been made to remove the prayer but that the topic will be discussed at the next WSC. Joyce encouraged all to read Conference Summaries which are available on the WSO website. All past summaries are available. Joyce also discussed the topic of the term "Closed Meeting". Should this name be changed to something else as it can sometimes cause confusion among those that don't understand the term as it is used. She also conveyed that the WSO has had an increase in donations that has closed the deficit.

Complete Delegate report will be in the *Beacon*.

Chosen Agenda Items:**1.) Funding of Area Public Outreach Projects**

Kay C. presented that Judy W. has been working with Districts to come up with public outreach projects. Two projects were proposed and presented. First project is a Starter Kit project. Area to provide public outreach kits to Districts for distribution to schools, health fairs, professionals, etc. Area would order materials for kits in bulk for more economy and distribute to Districts. Project two is for the printing of public outreach Posters for distribution to schools, libraries, etc. The Area will order posters and distribute to the Districts. The Public Outreach committee is requesting that the Area commit \$3,000 to fund these two projects from the Area's regular checking account. Discussion followed.

2.) Proposed Budget for Texas East Area 53 for 2017 Fiscal Year

Tricia L presented the proposed 2017 Budget. All budget items will remain the same dollar amounts as the 2016 budget. Discussion of the budget and the effect of the proposed \$3,000 commitment for the proposed public outreach projects followed.

3.) 2023 International Al-Anon Convention with AA Participation

Kay C. presented the topic of Texas East Area 53 putting in a bid to the WSO to host the 2023 International Al-Anon Convention. Presentations were then made for two possible host cities for the Convention. Mattie T., District 4 Representative gave a presentation on the merits of having the Area present Houston as the host city. Dolores W., District 12 Representative then gave a presentation on the merits of having San Antonio presented by the Area as the host city. Both presentations were able to host the convention either June 30 – July 2 or July 7 – July 9. Discussion followed the presentations.

4.) Changing Boundary between East and West Texas.

Kay informed the Area that she had received information that during our past assembly discussion and voting on redrawing the boundary between East and West Texas, Kimble County was overlooked. This County is in West Texas and has one group in Junction that has been participating and wishes to continue to participate in District 13 of East Texas.

5.) Changing Boundary between District 11 and Districts 9, 8 and 7. Kay opened discussion. Due to the inactivity of a District level of service in District 11, Kay proposed moving the counties in this district to neighboring districts as follows: Freestone, Anderson, Cherokee and Nacogdoches Counties to District 9. Angelina County to District 8. Leon, Houston and Limestone Counties to District 7. Discussion followed.

6.) Changing Boundary between District 3 and District 6.

Kay discussed moving Caldwell County from District 3 to District 6. There is only one meeting in the County in a prison that is hosted by a group from District 6. Discussion followed.

7.) Archivist Position. Kay informed the Assembly that Becky F. has stepped down as Area Archivist. The position is available for 1 year term.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Meeting resumed at 12:40 pm with Roll Call. 97 voting Group Representatives were present broken down by District as follows. D1 (5); D2 (11); D3 (5); D4 (7); D5 (15); D6 (19); D7 (5); D8 (10); D9 (4); D10 (1); D11 (0); D12 (12); D13 (3). By consensus, the voting method will be by simple majority. (49 needed for simple majority). It was also agreed that voting would be by standing and counting off with the exception that the vote to choose between San Antonio and Houston for the International host city be done by ballot.

Secretary: Motion was made, seconded and approved to waive reading and accept the minutes from the business meeting held May 14, 2016 Assembly held in Kerrville as published in the *Beacon*. (Vol. 48, Issue 4).

Treasurer: Tricia L. passed the gratitude basket (\$865.05 was contributed). Contributions will remain for Area 53 use.

Area has \$32,007.32 in bank account and \$20,069.98 in the ample reserve fund. There are balances of \$6,460.30 in the P.O.S.S.E. account and \$6,733.05 in the TEA AC account. The Area's Ample Reserve Fund (CD) matured June 30, 2016 and it was closed and a new CD created at 1.05% interest rate. Upcoming expenses include: The Delegate's equalized expenses for the upcoming WSC. The Area pays the full amount of the equalized expense rounded up to the nearest

\$100.00.

Alternate Delegate/Literature Coordinator's Report: Margaret F. gave Forum and Literature Report. Give Forum subscriptions as gifts. There are free subscriptions to AFG Announcements available online. Just send in you email address to the WSO at the members website. *Lois and the Pioneers* is available for rental from the WSO. Alateen chat meetings are available online via a PC or Laptop. Cannot be accessed by phones. Sharings needed for Forum Book and new Daily Reader. Margaret asked that any Districts doing writing workshops email her and tell her how they do it. Complete report in the *Beacon*.

No Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1.) Funding of Area Public Outreach Projects Topic of the Area funding public outreach projects for a poster and outreach kit to be distributed to the Districts was presented and discussed. A motion was made that the Area use \$3,000.00 to fund these projects. The motion passed. (See Motion 1 below)

2.) Proposed Budget for Texas East Area 53 for 2017 Fiscal Year Topic of the 2017 Budget for Texas East was opened for discussion. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. The motion passed. (See Motion 2 below)

3.) 2023 International Al-Anon Convention with AA Participation Topic of the Area making a bid to host the 2023 International began after discussion with a vote by ballot to determine which city the Area would choose to present. The Area voted to present Houston by a vote of 63 for Houston, 30 for San Antonio and 4 abstentions. A motion was later made that the Area submit a bid to host the Convention in Houston. This motion passed. (See Motion 7 below)

4.) Change in Boundaries between Texas East Area 53 and Texas West Area 54 Topic of changing the East Texas/West Texas boundary by moving Kimble County from West to East was opened for discussion. A motion was made to move Kimble County from Texas West to Texas East. This motion passed. (See Motion 3 below)

5.) Changing Boundary between District 11 and Districts 9, 8 and 7. The topic of moving the counties currently belonging to District 11 to neighboring districts was opened for discussion. A motion was made that Freestone, Anderson, Cherokee and Nacogdoches Counties be associated with District 9. This motion passed. (See Motion 4 below)

A motion then followed that Angelina County be associated with District 8. This motion passed. (See Motion 5 below)

A final motion on this topic was then made that Leon, Houston and Limestone Counties be associated with District 7. This motion passed. (See Motion 6 below)

6.) Changing Boundary between District 3 and District 6. The topic of moving Caldwell County from District 3 to District 6 was opened for discussion. A motion

7.) Archivist Position Kay addressed the Assembly regarding filling the remaining term (1 year) of the Area Archivist position. She explained the qualifications and duties and asked if anyone was willing to serve the Area in this capacity. Ann R. stood for the position and a motion was approved by acclimation to accept her.

Assembly Reports:

Assembly reports were given for: Spring 2016 in Kerrville (D13), Fall 2016 in Corpus Christi (D2), Spring 2017 in Sugar Land (D4) and Fall 2017 in Austin (D6). Reports are on file.

Area Coordinator & AIS/LDC Reports

Reports were presented by: Pat E. (TEA AC), Bennie P. (POSSE),(Alateen Process Person)&(South Texas AIS), Paula H. (Austin AIS/LDC), Anita C. (Spanish Coordinator), Candy N. (Group Records Coordinator), Lisa W. (Website Coordinator), Carol L. (Beaumont AIS/LDC), Ann R. (Houston AIS), Virginia L. (Houston Hispanic AIS), Lynn S. (San Antonio AIS/LDC). Reports are on file and in the *Beacon*.

District Representative Reports

Reports were presented by: Flor P. (D1), Myrthala C. (D2), Jocelyn B. (D3), Mattie T. (D4), Anita C. (D5), Lori L. (D6), Allen (D7), Jennifer S. (D8), Debbie C. (D9), Susan L. (D10), Dolores W. (D12) and David S. (D13). Reports are on file in the *Beacon*.

Meeting closed at 3:25 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully Submitted, David S., Area Secretary

Motions Passed 11/05/2016:

Motion #1: I, Sarah W., move that \$3,000.00 of the excess money be used for Public Outreach in Texas East Area 53 e.g. posters and Public Outreach starter kits. Passed: 93 For, 1 Against, 3 Abstained

Motion #2: I, Sarah W., move that we accept the 2017 budget as proposed. Passed: 91 For, 0 Against, 5 Abstained

Motion #3: I, Sarah W., move that Kimble County be moved from Texas West Area 54 to Texas East Area 53. Passed: 94 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

Motion #4: I, Pat R., move that Anderson, Cherokee, Freestone and Nacogdoches Counties be associated with District 9. Passed: 94 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

Motion #5: I, Jennifer S., move that Angelina County be associated with District 8. Passed: 94 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

Motion #6: I, Jocelyn B., move that Livingston, Leon and Houston Counties be associated with District 7. Passed: 97 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

Motion #7: I, Ann R., move that we submit a bid for the 2023 International Al-Anon Convention with AA Participation to be held in Houston, Tx. Passed: 86 For, 1 Against, 9 Abstained

Motion #8: I, Pat E., motion to move Caldwell County from District 3 to District 6. Passed: 97 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

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