

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Kay C. ~

Hi Texas East Area 53,

Wow! What a great Assembly we had in Sugar Land-lots of discussion about Area business, great speakers, and wonderful fellowship! Thank you Districts 4 and 5 for hosting. We had about 200 registered with 97 voting GRs. However, this is still less than 25% of the Groups that we have in the Area. The next Assembly is in Austin, November 3-5, 2018 so try it out and bring the voice of your group to the Area. I was excited that so many SWAT (Service Without A Title) members came to the Assembly.

We voted on two items at the Assembly and had an information session on the realignment of Districts 4, 5, and 7 (College Station/Brenham, Houston, Greater Houston) Districts.

Alateen Sponsorship Training. The Area voted to make permanent that first time Alateen sponsors will have to do an on-site training and that all current Alateen Sponsors have to be take training onsite or on-line every year. Everyone has to have a background check every year. This will take effect June 2, 2017 for the June 2017-2018 year. If you have questions, please contact Bennie P, Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) or Norma W, Area Alateen Coordinator.

Assembly Liaison. The Area voted to go ahead and develop a job description for the Assembly Liaison to be voted on at the 2018 May Assembly. The Assembly Liaison is a person who would provide continuity with the DRs in the planning based on previous assemblies' information and answering questions, clarifying procedures, and knowing who to ask if additional assistance is needed based on their experience. The Area World Service Committee (AWSC) decided that this would be beneficial to the Area as a whole. A Task Force has been formed to develop roles and responsibilities for the Assembly Liaison, how the Assembly Liaison is determined, and if financial funding is necessary.

Realignment of Districts 4, 5 and 7. The Task Force for the realignment of Districts 4, 5, and 7 gave an information session to the Area. The Task Force was formed to address the size of District 5 (135 groups) and the difficulties getting to District functions due to the traffic congestion and large geographical Area. These concerns were raised by past and current district representatives (DRs). The large number of groups and district size makes it nearly impossible for the DR to visit the groups and get to know the groups and hear their concerns. The Service Manual states, "A district is a geographical segment containing a number of groups, located relatively close to one another. Group Representatives attend district meeting to discuss business matters, and share their group experiences with each other." (Service Manual, page 71). Since the realignment could involve groups in Districts 4 and 7, DRs from these districts were asked to participate or provide a representative to the Task Force, so they could bring their groups/district ideas and thoughts to the Task Force and *vice versa*. The Task Force consisted of Mattie T (District 4, DR), Kurt N (District 7, member as a substitute for Jane M., District 7 DR), Anita C. (District 5, DR), and Peggy T (District 5 member). The Task Force came up with the following suggested *proposed* realignment:

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Calendar of Events

Al-Anon Town Hall

Meeting

June 24, 2017

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Chapelwood UMC

Courtyard Room

11142 Greenbay St

Houston, TX 77024

AWSC Meeting

August 12, 2017

First English Lutheran

Church

Felgar Hall

516 N. Main St

Victoria, Texas

Fall Assembly 2017

November 3-5, 2017

Holiday Inn Austin

Midtown

6000 Middle Fiskville Rd

Austin, Texas 78752

Deadline for Submissions

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AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2015-2017

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Contact your Group Representative or Send a Request to: web@texas-al-anon.org

AREA CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. District 7. Move all the groups in Montgomery County into District 7. This means the **Woodland AFGs** would be in District 7.
2. District 4. Move all the groups in Galveston County into District 4. This means that groups in **League City AFGs** would move to District 4. District 5. Divide the remaining groups into 5 districts. A map of the proposed realignment of District 5 is posted on the website. The new districts were grouped according zip codes with each district having 20 to 30 groups. This should allow easier travel to the district meetings and better communication between the DR and the groups.

There was good discussion about the proposal from the groups attending the information session. The next step is to have further discussions at the district level. Based on input from the Task Force and the DRs at the August Area World Service Committee, a path forward will be decided.

Elections. Finally, elections for Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Area Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Area Alateen Coordinator, Area Alateen Process Person, Archivist, Group Records, Newsletter Editor (*Beacon*), Area Public Outreach Coordinator, Area Spanish Coordinator, and Website Coordinator. The job descriptions are being published in the *Beacon* and on the web site <http://texas-al-anon.org/>. Resumes are available on the web site. If you have any questions, please contact me at etaaa.txpanel55.chair@gmail.com

Love to you all-Kay

Opportunity to Experience the Joy of Service at the Area Level as:

TEXAS EAST AREA 53 CHAIRPERSON JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election).

PURPOSE: (Reference: *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*) *A Chairman should have leadership and organizational ability, serving rather than dictating. It is essential to be able to plan an agenda and conduct meetings in an orderly manner. Communication and cooperation with others are key elements of a good chairmanship.*

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Any person that has served three years as a District Representative or as an Area officer in the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen.
- Has remained active in the East Texas Area 53 by not missing more than two (2) assemblies during the current panel term. Current District Representatives must also not have missed more than four (4) Area World Service Meetings during the current panel term.
- Regularly attends Al-Anon Meetings.
- Is not also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at Assemblies.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Chair conducts all Assemblies and AWSC meetings.
- Calls the Assembly for the election of a Delegate, other officers and area coordinators.
- Works closely with Delegate, Area Coordinators and Area Officers. If any officer other than the Delegate resigns before the end of his term, the Chairman appoints another DR to fill the office temporarily. As soon as convenient, an Assembly should be called to elect a successor for the un-expired term.
- Chairs and sets business agenda for AWSC and area assembly meetings.
 - Provides the business meeting agenda to *The Beacon* to be published prior to assembly.
 - Reviews and approves fliers for assemblies.
 - Reviews and approves program agenda for assemblies.
 - Reviews and approves local budget for assemblies.
 - Requests how the meeting room should be setup with microphones, TV/DVD or other Audio/Video equipment as needed for presentations and speakers.
 - Keeps the AWSC and area assembly business meeting discussions on track, on topic and on schedule.
 - Starts and ends business meetings on time.
- Writes an article (report) for *The Beacon* four times a year.
- Requests and processes discussion topics for both the AWSC and Assemblies.
- Provides the membership with discussion topics and background information well in advance.
- Is a resource for information on how various topics for Districts and/or groups (e.g., conflict, use of terms or language in groups, etc.)
- Creates committees, thought forces, and/or task forces as needed.
- Attends South Central Region Delegates meeting.
- Turns in Area related expenses to the Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.)

Picture Yourself in Baltimore July 6-8, 2018

Can you picture yourself in Baltimore, Maryland "Celebrating One Day at a Time?" Plan to join thousands of Al-Anon, Alateen, A.A. members, and guests at Al-Anon's 2018 International Convention with A.A. participation to re-connect with old friends, make new friends, and celebrate recovery.

Plan to attend workshops during the day on Friday and Saturday, and Big Meetings Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning.

Registration opens in September.

Delegate Report ~ Joyce Y.~

2017 World Service Conference Theme: ***Our Members: Our Hope for the Future*** (Nuestros miembros: nuestra esperanza para el futuro, Nos membres : notre espoir pour l'avenir) The Conference provided the opportunity for focusing our discussions on looking to our future and reaching out to new members, while keeping the foundation of our Legacies in the forefront of our minds. "For stagnation is retrogression. There is no standing still." –Lois Remembers (B-7, p. 195).

In 2016 the total number of Al-Anon and Alateen groups worldwide was 24,919. There were 4,585 certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). There were 157 electronic meetings which include 51 on-line meetings in English, Spanish, German, Russian, French, Danish, Polish, Portuguese, and Icelandic. We are truly a **Worldwide Fellowship**.

The Executive Director position has been posted on WSO websites and national internet job search sites with May 1 – June 15, for Application and Resume submissions; June 26-30 video conferencing interviews; week of July 17 for Final candidate interviews with the Board of Trustees at Virginia Beach. Announcement of the new Executive Director is expected mid-August with an anticipated start date of September 5, 2017. Mary G., Interim Executive Director, has committed to stay a period of time to assure smooth transition.

Niketa Bailey, the new Director of Finance, shared "I am not working for the bottom line, but working for a **vision**". Our contributions hit \$2,000,000+ in 2016. Cost of services by WSO per group in USA/Canada was \$261.10 last year. 57.1% of the groups in Texas East contributed \$47,095 for an average of \$186.15 per group. Thank you for your contributions and your example of spiritual abundance support to allow carrying the message of Hope to continue.

"Road Trip: You and Your Board Connect" (formerly "Meet the Board") will be hosted by Colorado on October 21, 2017 in Aurora. More details for the 2017 event can be found in Delegate's Report at www.texas-al-anon.org. As trial period has been approved through 2019. Texas East will consider submitting a bid (by September 15, 2017 deadline) to host the October 20, 2018 event.

Open & Closed Meeting Designations: After previous online conversations and open mic on Conference floor – Consensus of the Conference was to ask the Policy Committee to consider the terminology and alternate wording for modern times while preserving anonymity, confidentiality, and safety for all members.

Just for Today: Delegates were given an opportunity to share about format used to discuss this issue in their areas and what did you learn that would help expand the Conference's discussion of this topic? There was a broad spectrum of responses ranging from "Keep the prayer to take the prayer out completely". The Consensus of the Conference was to stop for now and remain open for options that may come up in the future.

Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual Revisions: Look for these revisions to be posted on the WSO Members website as well as being included in the new 2018-2020 *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27).

- Amend the text on pages 95-99 in the "Financial Matters" section to clarify how Al-Anon's principles of giving and receiving reflect a spiritual approach to all financial matters and identify the responsibility of being self-supporting members, and giving out of gratitude and spiritual abundance for help received in Al-Anon.
- Amend text on pages 85-86 and 123-125 in the "Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions" section to identify core spiritual principles that characterize Al-Anon/Alateen events and principles in our Twelve Traditions that distinguish events as Al-Anon and those to announce at our meetings.
- Amend text on pages 131-165 in the "World Service Handbook" section with changes to text and complete change in order in which text is written to improve ease of use by new members as well as experienced users.

We received a huge and warm "Welcome Home" from the Board of Trustees and staff as we visited the WSO Office on the first day of Conference. What a delight to visit with the staff and see the 60th Anniversary of Alateen exhibit. Happy Birthday Alateen!

Dates to Remember: July 6-8, 2018 – Celebrating One Day at a Time – Baltimore, Maryland

July 5, 2018 – Day of Connecting – Pre International Conference day of service – Baltimore, Maryland

April 16-20, 2018 – Renaissance - Westchester Hotel in West Harrison, New York, visiting Stepping Stones on April 18.

2023 International Convention: The final three sites are Albuquerque, Denver and Seattle. Visits to all three will be made this summer with recommendation made to Board of Trustees no later than January 2018 and final announcement by the Board.

A more detailed report of the conference can be found in Delegate's Corner at www.texas-al-anon.org under the members tab, the May, 2017 Chair of the Board Letter, and in August in the World Service Conference Summary.

Mixed emotions of joy, gratitude, and sadness were with me as I attended my third and final Conference as your Texas East Delegate. What an honor and privilege to have served. Lifelong friendships were made. The love received from my fellow delegates, the Trustees, WSO staff, and all of you in our awesome Texas East Area speak volumes of the kind of passion and commitment in recovery and carrying the message each of you has. Your support with words of encouragement, prayers, calls, texts, gifts and cards is such a gift. Members supporting members, working together in unity, talking to each other, reasoning things out without gossip or criticism exemplifies our theme ***Our Members: Our Hope for the Future***.

Alt. Delegate Report ~ Margaret F. ~

No Report

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Norma W. ~**HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY
ALATEEN!!!****Group Services Update to the World Service Conference 2017**

As many of you are already aware, 2017 is the 60th Anniversary of Alateen. We have made such significant strides over the years to support and promote Alateen. When the Board officially recognized Alateen in 1957, I don't think they ever imagined that Alateen would have grown to the size it has to 900+ meetings in the WSC structure and 680+ meetings in the International structure. We recognize the importance of teens having a place of their own to talk to each other and reason things out and want to celebrate their "Diamond" anniversary. Please encourage your members and Al-Anon/Alateen groups to send us postal and electronic "Happy Anniversary" cards for a special display to commemorate Alateen this year!! Alateen's most effective public outreach tool is YOU...the Al-Anon member!

Please remember that there are still few active Alateen groups in comparison to Al-Anon groups. We want to remind everyone that, according to our policy on "Membership Eligibility" on page 81 of our *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, "Where there is no Alateen meeting available, young people are encouraged to attend Al-Anon meetings."

The WSO is also collecting rocks for a rock pond celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Alateen. Alateens can decorate rocks and send them to the attention of Sergio at the WSO.

The WSO is excited to announce that we are expanding our Alateen social media outreach to include Twitter. Twitter is a great place to carry Alateen's message as high-school-aged teens are the most active age group on Twitter. Members can participate in this outreach project by:

- Following @Alateen_WSO on Twitter
- Retweeting our Tweets
- Liking our Tweets.

Find us at twitter.com/Alateen_WSO or by following the links at al-anon.org.

In keeping with Tradition Eleven and the "Anonymity and the Media" policy on page 93 in the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" section of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27), please remember to protect your anonymity on social media by not making comments or using screen names that would reveal your Al-Anon or Alateen membership. This announcement is informational only as Al-Anon does not endorse any specific social media provider.

At the Assembly on May 20, 2017 it was voted on and passed to make the Trial Alateen Certification Process from 2014-2017 a permanent process with a few recommended changes. More information to follow in the 4th Quarter *Beacon*.

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Bennie P. ~

Hi Everyone! It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of our current "55" Service Term! Talking about challenges! It's has not been easy working with 100+ AMIAS to get them to send their applications early or at least by the due date! About 60% did but 30% didn't and the other 10% didn't let me know they were not recertifying! This impacts the groups when the AMIAS are Alateen Group Sponsors!

I know I've mentioned this before, but I can't say it enough! **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) Requirements and Certification 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 Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements before submitting your application. For all first time members, you will also need to participate in an Alateen sponsor workshop/training.

Successes: Learning and adapting to the all on-line Certification process. It is so easy and quicker than handwritten process we used to do. Thanks to WSO for making it possible!

Public Outreach ~ Judy W. ~

No Report Submitted

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: February 28, 2017

Current Report Submitted: June 1, 2017

Are YOU interested in becoming the NEXT East TX Website Coordinator for 2018 – 2020? Elections will be at our NEXT assembly in Austin this fall. Please see the job description and personal use resume for your consideration.

[Web Coordinator Job Description](#)

[Personal Use Resume](#) (from the Member's page, scroll all the way to the bottom to download this document – password is "anonymity")

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2nd Quarter Website Visits (started tracking this in February 2016)

- Visits Year to date 36,990
- = Monthly Average 3,082.50
- = Weekly Average 700.50
- = Daily Average >100

Action Items Completed:

- Attended the ETAAA Spring Assembly in Sugar Land, TX – May 19 - 21, 2017
- Coordinated reading and responding to >82 Texas Al-Anon website emails with Texas West Website Coordinator, Marcia H.
- There are 5 upcoming events <http://texas-al-anon.org/events/>
- The district meetings have been recently updated with the WSO list and the printable meeting lists are ready for your distribution.
- Changed the Spanish Speaking meetings to S instead of E and 12 steps to SS instead of S on the meetings and the legend for San Antonio

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- Updating website plug-ins
- 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 <https://goo.gl/VK18yK>
- Updated Group e-News for May in 3 languages <http://goo.gl/cl6lk1> Scroll down to GR Information divider.

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/>

REMINDER: All East Texas District Group meetings that are housed on the Texas Al-Anon website have a "printable" meeting list. The link is located just above the meeting list in the left corner.
<http://texas-al-anon.org/meetings/>

Group Records Coordinator ~ Candy N.~

I apologize for missing the Spring Assembly but I will be thinking of you all. Other than the Job Description for the Area Group Records Coordinator there are a few things to consider. As I was told when I was considering the position, it is a job that can be done in your pajamas, at any time of the day or night, and music or the TV can be on in the background. You do need to be very detail oriented, reasonably computer literate, know how to use Excel, and have dependable e-mail. I truly enjoyed the flexibility of the job and that I could be of service to the groups, districts, and information service centers in Texas East.

Newsletter Editor ~ Lynn S.

The next *Beacon* deadline is September 1. Please send your reports for *The Beacon* to beaconnewsletter@yahoo.com using this email address helps keep 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. The first person to call me and let me know they read my report wins a prize! Also, when you are referring to multiple GRs there is no apostrophe. Thank you.

Archives Coordinator ~ Ann R. ~

Thanks to all of you who visited the Area Archives display (as you ate ice cream!) at our recent Assembly in Sugar Land.

It was fun to look through memorabilia from Al-Anon Adult Children of Alcoholics' weekend conferences held at Camp Capers in 1990-1996. They were initiated by San Antonio groups who were celebrating 10 years of meetings in 1990.

Two handmade banners from days gone by seemed to receive the most admiration.

District Reports

District 1 ~ Flor P. ~

No Report

District 2 ~ Myrthala C.~

Hi Area 53, hope you are enjoying the beginning of summer. District 2 had its latest district meeting April 22, 201 in Corpus Christi. It was well attended.

Since this is an election year, GRs were encouraged to participate at the district level of service. A Group Conflict Workshop: Debate or Discuss was done during our district meeting. Feedback from participants was to always refer to our Traditions when facing conflict.

Plans continue for a Day in Al-Anon that will be held in September. Mary P. from New Hope AFG, shared her experience, strength, and hope during A Day in AA. Very inspiring story.

Our next district meeting will be held July 22, 2017 in Corpus Christi. Hope to see everyone at our next AWSC meeting!

District 3 ~ Jocelyn B.~

District 3 is doing well and grateful for this program as we are preparing to host the AWSC meeting on August 12, 2017 in Victoria at the First English Lutheran Church. Meeting will held in the Felgar Hall located on 516 N Main Street, Victoria Texas.

A workshop on Service was presented to the Keep Coming Back group. The information was "planting seeds" toward members to consider service positions. This is election year for all service positions.

Hope for Today Alateen group attended the recent TEA AC in Gonzales. They enjoyed the fellowship and appreciate this conference very much. Thanks all that continue to serve

us in our Hope for Today!

It was great to attend the Spring Assembly in Sugarland to see old friends and making new ones. Thank you, District 5, great job!! Grateful in service.

District 4 ~ Mattie T.~

What a weekend of fun, food and fellowship and of course lots of business at the ETAAA Spring Assembly, 2017 in Sugar Land, TX at the T. E. Harman Community Center. District 4 planned the event and we had a wonderful outcome. We had an attendance of 225 registered. Many thanks to our speakers: Pat E, Austin Texas (Al-Anon); Drew D, Lake Jackson (Alateen); Dawn B, Nassau Bay (AA) and Jenny P, Eureka Springs, AR (Al-Anon). What a wonderful spiritual high they left us on.

After much discussion, we decided to reduce registration on Saturday after 4pm to \$15.00. This allowed people who are not GRs to come and enjoy the speakers that otherwise could not afford to come.

Thanks to South East Texas AA, I was able to borrow their translational equipment and our Area Spanish Coordinator; Anita C translated from English to Spanish and our Hispanic community was able to participate.

The Redistricting Committee presented a proposal to change the boundaries of District 5 at the Spring Assembly and it is as follows:

Proposed New Districts

- a. This committee proposes that District 5 be divided into five Districts; 5, 14, 15, 16 and 17
- b. The new districts would contain approximately 25 groups each
- c. To form the proposed districts, after first considering using cities or roads, the task force ultimately ended up using groupings of zip codes. This allows for new groups to be added to any zip code in the boundaries of each new district.
- d. We were careful to mix in people with different socio-economic situations.
- e. We only included groups in Harris County in the proposed districts. Some groups in Montgomery and Galveston counties, which are currently a part of District 5 due to past, special circumstances, would be reassigned back to their geographically closer districts, 7 and 4 respectively.

I am always in awe when I get to attend the South Central Delegate Conference, this year it was held in Bentonville, AR and I left there on a spiritual and emotional high. These ladies and gentlemen who give of their time and energy so freely to help others are amazing human doers.

On to our next event, we are planning our Day in Al-Anon, July 29, 2017, our theme is: Many Voices, One Journey and Joyce Y will be our Workshop Leader.

District 5 ~ Anita C.~

No Report Submitted

District 6 ~ Lori L. ~

Hi all! I hope you are enjoying your spring thus far and ready for some summer fun! Our last meeting was held April 8th in San Marcos, hosted by San Marcos AFG. They had us break into groups and then once our individual groups came up with a skit to act out the slogans for the others to figure out which slogan it was, the movie people out in Hollywood will be knocking on our doors soon! It was a lot of fun, well thought out and very interactive! Thank you again San Marcos AFG! The next district meeting is scheduled for July 15th and while we do not have a hosting group, we do have volunteers from Let It Begin With Me AFG to come and set up a light breakfast and to set out the potluck lunch in Smithville at the Presbyterian church on 300 Hudgins and Loop 230. Our Delegate will join us and share her report from her attendance at the World Service Conference (WSC) she attended in April. We are looking forward to Joyce coming to be with us!

Here are the highlights from our meeting:

- We had 23 voting GRs including one Alateen GR (Yes!)
- We took up a Love gift to send to our Delegate and two cards were passed around that members signed, sending words of encouragement and love to our Delegate
- District 6 has a new District Alateen Coordinator! I had the pleasure to formally introduce Bill W.! He stated that he wants to get more Alateens active at the district meetings and welcomed any suggestions
- WACO AIS did 2 appeals to the groups in that area to continue but due to no interest to do so at this time,
- WACO AIS was dissolved at the end of April
- Deanna M. did an update on the Alateen poster distribution for Rosemary. Judy W gave a history to the district on the start of the Alateen poster distribution, all of which came about with lively discussion of how to carry the message
- GRs did updates on successes and challenges in their groups
- Paula H. had received a call from an Austin Spanish group who learned that the Fall Assembly will be held in Austin and how could they help. She appealed to the district that she would like some members to go with her in solidarity. I met Paula at their Sunday night meeting and Paula did the talking! It was an awesome experience!
- Public Outreach South's report was that they desperately need volunteers on Wednesday night to come to the Lockhart Prison for the women's Al-Anon meeting there. If you are looking for service work to do, please contact Public Outreach South Coordinator for more information found in the newsletter
- All positions in District 6 are filled with the exception of a Spanish Coordinator. An anonymous birdie told me that we might have someone interested! Yes! Waiting to hear more information!
- In reviewing my recent emails from our Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), District 6 has 5 new AMIAS! Thus far I have seen that there are 5 re-certifications. Also, there is a new Alateen meeting in Round Rock that

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just started! I am sure our AAPP is not done yet in processing! I will keep you posted! We closed the meeting about 2-2:30 with the Al-Anon Declaration.

District 7 ~ Jane M.~

District 7 celebrated Alateen's 60th birthday at the April district meeting. Framed posters were signed to present to the two Alateen groups in the district. A report about district 4,5, and 7's proposed realignment was given by Kurt K. Waller Hope for Today AFG moved into a house for 12 step groups, 1218 Smith St., Waller. Gratitude AFG of College Station now meets in A&M Church of Christ, 2475 Earl Rudder Fwy, College Station, TX 77845.

Katy B. from the Traditions AFG, College Station, spoke at the Brazos Club Alkathon Apr. 22nd. Allyn D. from Waller Hope for Today spoke at the Houston Intergroup fundraiser May 13th. Eight voting GRs from the district attended the Spring Assembly in Sugar Land. Congratulations to Districts 4 & 5 for a great assembly! We said goodbye to longtime Al-Anon member Martha T. of Hearne. She has been an inspiration to many.

The next district meeting will be July 22nd, 804 Texas Ave., Bryan. Registration at 9:30, meeting at 10:00, potluck lunch following. We will discuss our support for District 6 at the Fall Assembly and vote on the realignment of the district.

District 8 ~ Jennifer S.~

Our district meeting was on April 22nd. We talked about the upcoming Spring Assembly in Sugar Land and encouraged attendance since it was so close to our district. We discussed the elections will be held in October for our district and November's assembly will include elections for our area officers.

We have a nice group going to the Spring Assembly and I look forward to introducing our new AIS Liaison as well. She has stepped up a bit early and we are glad to have another member being involved in AWSC. We are grateful for the work and dedication of our previous liaison Carole L.

There was also discussion on the format of our meetings and where they are held. I announced I would be sending out a survey (through Survey Monkey) to collect data, thoughts/opinions and suggestions on our meetings. Several responses have been received and I look forward to getting more.

Our next district meeting is July 22nd along with our AIS meeting. AIS meeting starts at 9 am with the district meeting to follow at 10:30.

District 9 ~ Debby C.~

No report submitted

District 10~ Susan L.~

No report submitted

District 12~ Dolores W.~

Our District held an Afternoon in Al-Anon workshop in February with 48 people in attendance the workshop subjects were Al-Anon history and Sponsorship lectures. The hosting committee started the afternoon off with a luncheon Bill Miller meats and pot luck sides and desserts contributed by the workshop attendees. Although this was a District 12 sponsored workshop and only Conference Approved Literature is to be used, the hosting workshop members choose to share non-conference approved literature. At the district meeting this was addressed and opened discussion and conflict resolution on why using only Conference Approved Literature is important for the Al-Anon program. I spoke at the Assembly on the district has currently 4 Alateen groups one of these groups is a bilingual group. As District Representative I attended the Al-Anon Members In Alateen Service (AMIAS) training held on the 13th of May found this to be a very rewarding training experience. Lynn S.'s instruction was well presented, informative and planned. I feel our district's challenge continues to be Group Representatives attending the area assemblies and district meetings.

District 12~ David S. ~

District 13 held its latest District Meeting on April 8, 2017. The meeting was held in Kerrville at the Dietert Center hosted by New Beginnings AFG. Seven Group Representatives were in attendance at the meeting. Discussion topics included the District's upcoming elections which will be held in October. Discussion was also held related to the topic of the format of the Area Assembly. Public Outreach materials from the Area were distributed to groups.

Our next meeting will be on July 15 at 2 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Ingram hosted by Ingram Dam AFG.

P.O.S.S.E. 2017 ~Judy R.~

12 AMIAS members attended representing Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 12. Judy R. was the Chair and Bennie P. was the Registrar. Fun and fellowship was had by all attended!

A panel discussion was held on Saturday evening on "How To Take Alateens To TEA AC". This was informative as 15 Alateens attended TEA AC 2017!!!!!!

P.O.S.S.E. 2018 will be held March 23-25. Bennie P. will be the Chair and Lynn S. will be the Registrar.

Please consider attending next year. Our Alateens continue to need Sponsors and your support!

TEA AC 2017 ~Pat E.~

Texas East Area-53 Alateen Conference was held May 5-7, 2017 at the Disciple Oaks Retreat camp in Gonzales, Texas. The host groups Courage to Be Me Too, Missouri City and Serenity Seekers Alateen, Lake Jackson (both groups from District 4) hosted our weekend conference. The theme for the conference was "Reaching for the Stars".

Our attendance for the weekend was sixteen (16) Alateens and twelve (12) AMIAS (sponsors) for a total of 28. The host groups did a great job with the conference and we enjoyed hot dogs for our Friday night dinner. The weather was just perfect with warm temperatures and a sunny weekend. Our attendance last year 2016 consisted of 8 Alateens and 7 sponsors for a total of 15. We worked hard to try to get our numbers up and had two new Alateen groups that had never attended before.

North Loop Alateen from San Antonio was elected host group for 2018. We worked with the camp to try to get the date of the conference moved back into April trying to get the conference away from the last month of school as we felt this was affecting our conference attendance. TEA AC will be held April 13-15, 2018. We also secured the date of April 12-14, 2019 to assure the April date. By securing these dates and putting up a deposit, we are able to keep our current price for the camp as they are expecting an increase next year.

It was a great weekend for the Alateens and sponsors and we felt there was a lot of healing and bonding for the Alateens as well as the sponsors. Love in Alateen Service.



July 6—8, 2018

Baltimore, MD

Registration starting in Sept, 2017

\$130 by 12/31/2017

\$165 by 5/31/18

\$195 by 6/18/2018

Additional

Registrations

Δ March in Love Parade

Δ Pioneer Luncheon

Δ "Day of Connecting"

Thursday, 7/5/2018

CONTRIBUTIONS TO - EAST TEXAS AREA 53

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

District Number: _____ Group # _____
 Group Name: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 City: _____
 Amount: _____ CK/MO #: _____
 Sent by: _____

Please do not send cash by mail.

Make checks payable to: Treasurer- ETAAA.

Mail to: Treasurer - ETAAA, PO Box 34102, San Antonio, Texas 78265

Opportunity to Experience the Joy of Service at the Area Level as:

TEXAS EAST AREA 53 DELEGATE JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election).

PURPOSE: (Reference: *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*). The Delegate is a channel through which information flows from the Area to World Service Conference. The conscience of Al-Anon can work effectively only if it is informed.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Has served three years as a District Representative or as an Area Officer in the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon /Alateen.
- Has remained active in the East Texas Area 53 by not missing more than two (2) assemblies during the current panel term. Current District Representatives must also not have missed more than four (4) Area World Service Committee Meetings during the current panel term.
- Regularly attends Al-Anon meetings.
- Is not a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Must have computer knowledge and own a computer and printer. This is essential, since most of the communication from WSO comes by electronic files.
- Must be thoroughly familiar with the Service Manual. The Delegate is also the bridge of understanding which links the groups with WSO to help them continue to function in unity. The Delegate also serves as the link for any inquiries to the WSO.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at Assemblies.

RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE AREA

- Gives a report concerning the World Service Conference at the Spring Assembly every year.
- Gives a report at the Fall Assembly.
- Visits Districts when invited.
- Attends four (4) Area World Service Committee meetings annually.
- Submits an article to the Beacon before the deadline.
- Turns in Area related expenses to the Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, WSC, etc.).
- Attends South Central Region Delegates meeting.

RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE CONFERENCE

- Attends the World Service Conference each year and attends all sessions of the Conference so that he/she can get a clear and comprehensive picture of our worldwide fellowship to bring back to the groups.
- All Delegates have to serve on a committee, but have the option of selecting the committee he/she prefers.
- The Conference lasts approximately five days and days are very long. You are expected to make your own travel arrangements but the WSO will reimburse you for it as soon as you make your airline reservation.
- Since a lot of the information comes electronically, it would be nice for the person to own a laptop and projector but not necessary. (As of 2015 WSC, can take electronic notes during the meeting.)

In addition to the above qualifications, must have willingness and a love of service!

TEXAS EAST AREA 53 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ LITERATURE COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election).

PURPOSE: The Alternate Delegate works along with the Delegate as much as possible in communicating with groups.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Has served three years as a District Representative or as an Area Officer in the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon /Alateen
- Has remained active in the East Texas Area 53 by not missing more than two (2) Assemblies during the current panel term. Current District Representatives must also not have missed more than four (4) Area World Service Committee Meetings during the current panel term.
- Regularly attends Al-Anon meetings.
- Is not a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at Assemblies UNLESS he/she is also a Group Representative.

RESPONSIBILITIES: (Reference *Alternate Delegate in the World Service Handbook of the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*)

- Becomes familiar with all the Delegate's duties, so that if the Delegate is unable to finish their three-year term, the Alternate can step in to complete it. If the Alternate must complete the term, a temporary Alternate is at once appointed by the Chairman from among the DRs to act until a special Assembly can be called to elect a new Alternate.
- May share the responsibility with the Delegate in visiting groups in the Area.
- Assists Delegate while she gives her report at Assemblies where applicable.
- Chairs the Group Representative Orientation at Spring and Fall Assemblies.
- Prepares Group Representative packages with the following information.
 - Assembly welcome letter.
 - Knowledge Based Decision Making.
 - Assembly Voting Procedures.
 - Group Representative Guideline (G-11).
 - Tips for GRs as Forum Representatives.
 - Tips for Assembly and Procedures.
 - Al-Anon/Alateen Group Records form.
 - Any other pertinent information for Group Representatives.
- Submits an Article to *The Beacon* before the deadline.
- Provides Literature/Forum report at Spring and Fall Assembly.
- Provides Literature/Forum report at Area World Service Committee Meetings.
- Sends Literature report to District Literature Coordinators when she receives updates from the World Service Office.
- Participates in Literature Conference Calls with World Service Office and other Areas when calls are scheduled.
- Promotes subscription to Forum throughout Assembly and use of Conference approved literature and submissions to e-CAL.
- Orders any free pamphlets or literature for Area, where deemed applicable.
- Attends South Central Region Delegates meeting.
- Turn in expenses reports to Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.).

Opportunity to Experience the Joy of Service at the Area Level as:

AREA WEBSITE COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election).

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

EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL SKILLS:

- Access to a computer, internet and e-mail, and E-Communities.
- Working knowledge of WordPress website builder
- Basic knowledge in Excel, Google Maps, and web tools for website maintenance.

QUALIFICATIONS: Regularly attends Al-Anon meetings.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at assemblies UNLESS he/she is also a Group Representative.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend and provide a report at the Area World Service Committee meetings and Area Assembly about on-going website activities. (4 per year)
- Provide a written report to The *Beacon* Editor by the deadline.
- Inform WSO about website changes or electronic communications.
- Coordinate reading and responding to inquiry emails with Texas West Website Coordinator.
- Share information received from the WSO via E-Communities by emailing AWSC members and/or posting to the Texas Website.
- Encourage members to submit events for posting to the Texas Al-Anon calendar to increase attendance by all members.
- Update the website with relevant online and printable meeting schedule information and reports/documents throughout the term of service. Coordinate with Secretary and Newsletter persons for the posting of reports for minutes and The *Beacon* publication.
- Check and respond to website email regularly (at least every 48 hours).
- Encourage website navigation and event posting at assembly through workshops.
- Turns in area related expenses to the Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., assembly, AWSC, etc.)

Al-Anon_WSO – now reaching out on Instagram!

The WSO recently launched the official Al-Anon Family Groups Instagram account. Would you consider joining us in this Public Outreach effort?

By liking and sharing AlAnon_WSO posts on Instagram, you can help carry the Al-Anon message of hope to many people, including young adults, affected by someone else's drinking that may not have heard about the support that Al-Anon offers. Find us on Instagram by searching for "AlAnon_WSO," or by clicking on the link located on the WSO Public Outreach website, www.al-anon.org.

Alateen_WSO - now reaching out on Instagram, too!

The WSO has further expanded its Social Media outreach by creating an Alateen_WSO Instagram account. Please help us with our Public Outreach efforts by following and liking Alateen_WSO posts on Instagram. You can help spread the word of the Al-Anon/Alateen message of hope to teenagers affected by someone else's drinking who may not have heard about the support that Alateen offers.

Find us on Instagram by searching for Alateen_WSO or by clicking on the Alateen_WSO Instagram icon located on the WSO Public Outreach website, www.al-anon.org

Please remember to protect your anonymity on social media by not making comments or using screen names that would reveal your Al-Anon membership. This announcement is informational only. In keeping with our Traditions, Al-Anon does not endorse any specific social media provider.



How will your group commemorate the diamond anniversary of Alateen? Consider:

- Asking an Alateen to speak at your next group anniversary.
- Using Alateen Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in an Al-Anon meeting. The daily readers, *Alateen—a day at a time* (B-10) and *Living Today in Alateen* (B-26) are great resources. Sharing on a Fourth Step meeting using *Alateen's 4th Step Inventory* (P-64).

We are calling on all Alateens and Al-Anon/Alateen groups to send "Happy Anniversary" cards all this year to the World Service Office (WSO) for a special display. Please send your cards to:

AFG, Inc
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454
Attn: Groups

Or send your e-cards to wso@al-anon.org, with "Alateen 60" in the subject line

Austin AIS/LDC ~ Paula Ha.~

The Austin Al-Anon Information Board met on May 15, 2017, at 6:30 P. M. at the Austin Al-Anon Information Center. Eleven voting members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as amended.

The center's finances are adequate but improvements could be made. Another appeal letter will be sent to groups asking for donations, as the operating cash balance has continued to decline since 2012. A possible reason for the decline is that literature sales have declined due to people possibly buying Al-Anon literature online and at discount book stores. One solution may be to price the literature higher. There is a committee studying the possibility of increasing the price of the literature. It was mentioned that it would be helpful to track how many copies of *How Al-Anon Works* and how many newcomer packets have been sold over a certain period of time. The finance committee is continuing to monitor the bank statements and financial reports as well.

Some new business was discussed. In order to foster better communication with the groups, it was discussed that the minutes of the board meetings will be sent as a draft to groups. The minutes will continue to be published on the Austin Al-Anon website (www.austinalanon.org) after approval by the board. Also, a member with experience in Al-Anon is being sought to answer e-mails sent to the center's inquiry web address. In addition, in August, payment will need to be made for our website. It is quite costly for a three year renewal so suggestions were made to investigate a cheaper service.

A survey on the effectiveness of the information center will be sent electronically and via regular mail to groups soon. Deadline for submission of the survey is in July, and the results of the survey will be announced at the next board meeting on August 22, 2017, at 6:30 P. M. at Northland.

Houston AIS/LDC ~ Peggy T.~

- The April 30, 2017 annual ISR Meeting was very well attended. At the preceding board meeting, 5 new board members were elected for a total of 10, which were affirmed by the ISRs. Lisa H. was elected President of the organization.
- In April 2017, District 5 took down its website and is redirecting all web traffic to the Houston Intergroup website, for meeting information, etc.
- The Houston Intergroup recently held a well-attended fund raiser where Allyn D was the speaker.

San Antonio AIS/LDC ~ Nancy M. ~

The San Antonio Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) exists to aid the groups it serves in the common purpose of carrying the Al-Anon message to the suffering families and friends of alcoholics. The many areas of services to the groups include: a 24 hour, seven days a week, telephone service; maintains a list of Al-Anon and Alateen meetings for District 12 and 13. Channels local Alateen and Public Outreach inquires to the district coordinators. Holds periodic meetings attended by

Information Service Representatives (ISRs) from the Al-Anon groups and last but not least maintains a San Antonio web site:

www.texas-al-anon.org/sanantonio

The successes of the SAAIS are the fund raisers, Monthly Fundraiser Speakers' Meeting, and the annual Serenity Celebration Dinner with an Al-Anon and AA speakers topped off with a dessert auction that makes spending money fun.

In addition to providing income, the Monthly Speakers' Meetings offer a platform for those affected by alcoholism to share their experience, strength, and hope. Just as important is the opportunity to come together in fellowship with others who have walked the same path and thereby share our individual support to one another.

The biggest challenge for SAAIS is having ISRs willing to represent their groups.

And last but not least the SAAIS is extending an invitation to come to San Antonio September 16, 2017 and participate in A Day in Al-Anon for a Concepts of Service and Leadership Workshop with Workshop Leader, Ric B. from Virginia Beach, VA. I have "Save Date Flyers" for you to take back to your home group.

South Texas AIS/LDC ~ Bennie P. ~

Personally, Challenges have been abundant! Since taking this position, I have stumbled into many problems but thanks to the members that have stepped up to help we are in a better place now. We managed to do a literature inventory and as a result, had to order some more to replenish the ones we were short of. Also, ordered the 2018 Public Outreach Magazine! Now we need the support of our district to sell it. This is a good way of supporting our Intergroup (South Texas AIS). We now have some new "Newcomer Packets and the *Paths to Recovery Workbook*". We have plenty on stock but the Newcomer Packet is going very fast! It's a condensed version of the previous one and easier to handle. The good thing is the price is the same!

Thanks to the Area and Public Outreach Coordinator that supplied the literature for the area wide Public Outreach project. Also want to thank our District Public Outreach Coordinator that took charge of this project in our district and was a Big Success!

Official address:
SOUTH TEXAS AIS
P O BOX 720178
McAllen, TX 78504

Beaumont AIS/LDC ~ Suzanne R.

Hello to you all from Southeast Texas. I'm the newly-elected liaison for the Beaumont area, replacing our former terrific AISL, Carole L. I proudly represented District 8 for the first time at the AWSC meeting during the Spring Assembly in Sugar Land, and I'm looking forward to serving as a link between the AWSC and Southeast Texas for the next three years.

The Beaumont AIS held its most recent quarterly board meeting on April 22, and we were happy to announce three newly-formed groups in our district: Compassion AFG in Vidor, Bridge City AFG and Simpre hay una Esperanza in Pt. Arthur.

Our AIS has a new web host and a redesigned website at setxalanon.org, thanks to our DR, Jennifer S.'s, efforts. We can now add events online as well as post updates to meeting lists. We're still working out the idea of including an online store as an additional feature.

A motion was passed to purchase a credit card processor for our LDC to use for literature sales both in the office and at away events. Research supported buying software from PayPal for this purpose, and the purchase has been made. We're hoping to have it implemented for our literature sales in August at the 36th Annual AA District 90 Convention, where we will once again offer Al-Anon literature for sale to attendees.

Our LDC is pleased to have been invited to provide literature sales at other groups' events, and we saw a need for an identifying banner to use at such times. The AIS Board provided funds for a handsome banner for such use at both those times and many other activities which we foresee.

Election of 5 new Board members was held, as was that of 3 nominees for the 2017-18 Nominations Committee.

Multiple by-laws changes, which had been approved during 2016, were merged into the old version, and the group, having reviewed the proposed document emailed to them prior to the meeting, approved it in toto.

It was decided that appeal letters will be sent out in September rather than July.

The next AIS Quarterly Board Meeting will be held on July 22, 2017; host group and location to be determined later.

INTERGRUPAL HISPANA DE HOUSTON

~Rosalba R.~

Les envío un saludo deaceando que sus asuntos esten fluyendo en armonia.

Llegando a nuestra comunidad hispana, se han entregado a las bibliotecas del condado de

Harris los siguientes libros:

- 5 Como Ayuda Al-Anon
- 8 Senderos de Recuperacion
- 9 Abamos el Corazon
- 9 El Dilema deMatrimonio con un Alcoholic

Gracias a las donaciones de algunos grupos y seguimos recibiendo para cubrir el condado.

Dos grupos se han abierto en Houston.

Hijos Adultos "Unidad y Confianza". 1319 W. Bell St, Houston, TX 77019.

Reuniones: Sabados 6.00pm a 8.00pm. Contacto: Elda 281-250-8898.

Serenidad y Bienestar, 11011 Hall Rd Salon 1, Houston, TX 77089, St Luke Evangelista.

Reuniones: Lunes 7.00 pm a 9.00pm.

El servicio proposito vital de Al-Anon es accion (Manual de Servicio pag. 19).

Intergrupual Hispana de Houston: AIS Rosalba Roman.

Reunion de asuntos del Intergrupo: Ultimo Domingo de cada mes de 11:00am a 1:00pm.

Direccion fisica 6160 Glenmont Dr. Apt.155, Houston, TX 77081.

P.O. Box 1975, Bellaire, TX 77402.

Pag. Web: alanonhispano.org e-mail intergrupohispano-houston@gmail.com

Opportunity to Experience the Joy of Service at the Area Level as:

AREA PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election)

PURPOSE: *Our goal is to attract to our program those whose lives are of have been affected by someone else's drinking, so those who need our program can find the help and hope we offer.*

QUALIFICATIONS: Regularly attends Al-Anon Meetings.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at Assemblies UNLESS he/she is also a Group Representative.

RESPONSIBILITIES: (Reference: World Service Organization Guideline G-38): General duties for Area Coordinators are in the World Service Handbook. More information about the Public Outreach Coordinator duties is in G-38. Information of the Public Outreach Coordinator connections to others is in the Service Manual.

- Communication link between the WSO (World Service Office) and East Texas Area 53.
- Communicate and work with Area Chairperson, and the Delegate.
- Motivate districts and Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) to form outreach committees.
- Make presentations or hold workshops at area assemblies or district meetings.
- Distribute service projects and information from the WSO to area assemblies, districts, and AISs.
- Educate the fellowship about the need to attract those who are still suffering to our program.
- Request reports of public outreach activities from the districts and AIS have to share with the assembly and the WSO.
- Attend all Area World Service Committee Meetings.
- Attend all Area Assemblies and present report.
- Provides the written report to the Beacon Editor 4 times a year by the deadline.
- Participates in Area Conference calls with WSO and other Areas when calls are scheduled.
- Turns in Area related expenses to Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.)

ETAAA Financial Report 2017								YTD Validation
	1 st Qtr 3/31/17	2 nd Qtr 4/20/17	3 rd Qtr 9/30/17	4 th Qtr 12/31/17	Total YTD	2017 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	
Income								
Assembly Surplus	3,842.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,842.36			0.00
Fall 2016	3,842.36				3,842.36			
Spring 2017								
Beacon Income	60.00	6.00			66.00	200.00	(134.00)	
Contributions Income	5,253.73	1,076.28			6,330.01	22,800.00	(16,469.99)	
Fall Gratitude Basket					0.00			
Miscellaneous Income	25.00	25.00			50.00			
Total Income	9,181.09	1,107.28	0.00	0.00	10,288.37	23,000.00	(12,711.63)	0.00
Expenses								
Travel / Expenses	866.61	167.04	0.00	0.00	1,033.65	12,000.00	(10,966.35)	0.00
Alateen Coordinator					0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)	
Alateen Process Person	245.19	167.04			412.23	1,000.00	(587.77)	
Alternate Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)	
Archives	151.80				151.80	500.00	(348.20)	
Beacon Editor	123.45				123.45	500.00	(376.55)	
Chair	93.06				93.06	800.00	(706.94)	
Delegate	13.42				13.42	1,500.00	(1,486.58)	
Group Records	66.00				66.00	500.00	(434.00)	
Public Outreach					0.00	600.00	(600.00)	
Past Delegates					0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	
Past Area Chairperson					0.00	500.00	(500.00)	
Secretary					0.00	800.00	(800.00)	
Spanish Coordinator					0.00	500.00	(500.00)	
Treasurer	116.10				116.10	800.00	(683.90)	
Website Coordinator	57.59				57.59	500.00	(442.41)	
Other Expenses	1,846.88	97.42	0.00	0.00	1,944.30	4,400.00	(2,455.70)	0.00
Beacon Publishing	1,525.00				1,525.00	3,100.00	(1,575.00)	
Storage Unit for Archives	175.00	92.42			267.42	1,080.00	(812.58)	
Transitional AWSC Meeting					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Web Hosting Fee	131.88				131.88	120.00	11.88	
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	15.00	5.00			20.00	100.00	(80.00)	
World Service Conference	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	3,200.00	(2,500.00)	0.00
Area's Gifts to WSC	300.00				300.00	300.00	0.00	
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC					0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC	400.00				400.00	400.00	0.00	

SC Regional Delegate Meeting	2,222.37	528.07	0.00	0.00	2,750.44	3,400.00	(649.56)	0.00
Delegate		470.53			470.53	600.00	(129.47)	
Chair	778.04				778.04	600.00	178.04	
Immediate Past Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)	
Active Past Delegate	999.99				999.99	1,000.00	(0.01)	
Alternate Delegate	444.34	57.54			501.88	600.00	(98.12)	
Total Expenses	5,635.86	792.53	0.00	0.00	6,428.39	23,000.00	(16,571.61)	0.00
Net Income Less Expenses	3,545.23	314.75	0.00	0.00	3,859.98	0.00	3,859.98	0.00
Allocated Expenses	1st Qtr 3/31/17	2nd Qtr 4/20/17	3rd Qtr 9/30/17	4th Qtr 12/31/17	Total YTD	Allocated Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	
Public Outreach Project	2,682.43				2,682.43	3,000.00	(317.57)	
Total Allocated Expense	2,682.43				2,682.43	3,000.00	(317.57)	
Extraordinary Income/Expense	1st Qtr 3/31/17	2nd Qtr 4/20/17	3rd Qtr 9/30/17	4th Qtr 12/31/17	Total YTD			
Income								
Returned Seed Money	3,500.00				3,500.00			
Received Attn. Background Checks					0.00			
Spring Birthday Basket					0.00			
Total Extraordinary Income	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00			
Expenses								
Seed Money	3,500.00				3,500.00			
Fees paid Attn Background Checks					0.00			
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO					0.00			
Total Extraordinary Expenses	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00			
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Profit/(Loss)	862.80	314.75	0.00	0.00	1,177.55			
Checking Account Balance	3/31/2017	4/20/2017	9/30/2017	12/31/2017				
Beginning Balance	26,340.54	27,203.34			26,340.54			
Increase/(Decrease)	862.80	314.75	0.00	0.00	1,177.55			
Transfer to CD								
Ending Balance	27,203.34	27,518.09	0.00	0.00	27,518.09			
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)								
Beginning Balance	20,105.06			0.00	20,105.06			
Increase/(Decrease)	51.87				51.87			
Ending Balance	20,156.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,156.93			

Opportunity to Experience the Joy of Service at the Area Level as:

TEXAS EAST AREA 53 SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election).

PURPOSE: To record the minutes and maintain the official records of the Area. Primarily, the Secretary attends to all the regular secretarial work associated with the Area Assembly business and takes, produces, and distributes the minutes of all Area Assemblies and Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Any person that has served three years as a District Representative or as an Area officer in the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen.
- Has remained active in the East Texas Area 53 by not missing more than two (2) assemblies during the current panel term. Current District Representatives must also not have missed more than four (4) Area World Service Meetings during the current panel term.
- Regularly attends Al-Anon Meetings.
- Is not also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at Assemblies UNLESS he/she is also a Group Representative.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attends all Area Assemblies and AWSC meetings.
- Prepares and sends notice of AWSC meetings to the Area World Service Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives, and Past Delegates.
- Prepares and sends notice of Area Assembly meetings to all World Service Committee Members and each group.
- Maintains an AWSC address list.
- Records additions or corrections to minutes.
- Takes and transcribes the meeting minutes for all Area Assembly meetings. Produces meeting minutes and distributes them. Retains the minutes in an electronic format to be passed along to the Secretary who will follow.
- Keeps in close contact with the Area Chairman.
- Calls roll of Group Representatives signed in to vote at Area Assembly.
- Provides ballots and pencils for Election Assembly. List on a presentation board or chalk board all candidates for each office at the Election Assembly.
- Following elections or changes in Area World Service Committee members prepares the Area World Service Committee Update Form and sends it to www.al-anon.org/members entering "Attn: Associate Director of Membership Outreach Records" in the subject line.
- Other duties as assigned by the Area Chairperson.
- Files itemized list of expenses with the Area Treasurer on a timely basis, includes paid receipts and retains a duplicate copy of secretarial expenses.
- Turns in Area related expenses to the Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.).

TEXAS EAST AREA 53 TREASURER JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election)

PURPOSE: Primarily, the Treasurer attends to all the regular financial duties that involve the collection and distribution of Area finances. The treasurer should have a basic knowledge of bookkeeping and banking.

SKILLS: Computer experience is helpful but not required. The treasurer does what we all have done – balance the check register, pay bills, keep up with where the money is coming from, try to keep to a budget, and file– Then tell someone about it in a simple, clear, understandable manner.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Any person that has served three years as a District Representative or as an Area officer in the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen.
- Has remained active in the East Texas Area 53 by not missing more than two (2) assemblies during the current panel term. Current District Representatives must also not have missed more than four (4) Area World Service Meetings during the current panel term.
- Regularly attends Al-Anon Meetings.
- Is not also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at Assemblies UNLESS he/she is also a Group Representative.

RESPONSIBILITIES: (Reference Treasurer in the World Service Handbook of the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual)

- Handles all Assembly collections and funds.
- At least once a year the treasurer prepares a special appeal letter to be sent to all groups asking them to contribute to the Area treasury to cover Assembly expenses, including contributions to the Delegate's equalized expense.
- Forwards to the WSO, before January 1, the Delegates' equalized expense amount.
- Issues receipts to GRs for any contributions they make on behalf of their groups for the Assembly.
- Pays all bills for expenditures approved by the Area Assembly. It is a sound business practice to have four member authorized to sign checks; of these, two signatures should be required on every check.
- Makes quarterly written financial reports to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and periodic reports to the Assembly.
- Attends all Area Assemblies and AWSC meetings.
- Presents proposed budget to Assembly in November for vote.
- Prepares report for each Area Assembly and AWSC meeting itemizing income and expenditures. Submits report to *The Beacon* editor for publication.
- Provides a copy of the financial report to each voting member at AWSC/Assembly.
- Pays expenses, authorized by the AWSC, in a timely manner.
- Keeps records for prior 5 years, turning records older than 5 years over to the Archives Coordinator.
- Understands that all records are the property of the ETAAA and returns them to ETAAA at the end of his/her term.
- Keeps bond policy current and maintains a post office box.
- Files all necessary local, state and/or federal information returns/reports in a timely manner. Files Federal Income Tax Return. Notifies all entities of change in address, officers and/or other information.
- Keeps all records in a safe, secure environment with privacy of member information a primary concern.
- Turn in Area expense reports to the Area Chair within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.).

Opportunity to Experience the Joy of Service at the Area Level as:

TEXAS EAST AREA 53 GROUP RECORDS

COORDINATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election).

PURPOSE: To provide timely group information to and from the World Service Organization (WSO) and the Area.

WSO REQUIREMENTS: Have access to the internet and be able to enter information into a database.

QUALIFICATIONS: Regularly attends Al-Anon Meetings.

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS: Votes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings but not at Assemblies UNLESS he/she is also a Group Representative.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be a current Al-Anon member.
- Attend 2 Area World Service Meetings and 2 Assemblies every year.
- Good organizational skills and the ability to pay attention to detail.
- Strong general computer and internet skills. Must have a computer with internet access, ability to communicate via e-mail and be knowledgeable in Microsoft Excel.
- Have a WSO Service Manual to answer questions about the requirements for starting and naming a new group.
- Be flexible. A lot of the information from groups comes in an e-mail rather than on a GR-1. Although the GR-1 is preferable, requiring the GR-1 can slow down the process or prevent information from being disseminated.
- Upon receipt, or soon thereafter, of information from a group, DR, or Information Center:
 - a. Enter the new information in the WSO on-line database.
 - b. Notify the Information Center and DR of the Group's District all the information about the group (e.g., send an email to the DR, the information center and/or the ETAAA web coordinator the new information and describe changes).
- Upon receipt, or soon thereafter, of information to organize a new group:
 - Review the name and make sure it meets WSO standards for the name.
 - Enter the new information in the New Registration section of the WSO on-line database. Contact the person if the name includes the name of the facility they are meeting at as this will be an automatic rejection from WSO (for example, Faith AFG meeting at Faith Church).
- Once WSO registers the new group and assigns the Group Number, send all of the information about the group to the Information Center, DR of the Group's District, and/or the ETAAA web coordinator (e.g., send an email to the DR, information center and/or the ETAAA web coordinator with the new group information).
- On a timely basis (e.g., once a week) report any group changes sent to WSO to the DR, the information center and/or the ETAAA web coordinator.
- On a timely basis report to the DRs any group(s) in No-Mail status and ask them to contact the group.
- Once a quarter, prepare a list of mailing addresses or mailing labels of all active AFGs to the *Beacon* Editor. The format of how this is done is worked out between the two entities.
- Twice a year ask the DRs and the information centers if they want a complete listing of the Groups. The DRs have access to the WSO on-line database. Provide the listing as requested.
- Provide any Alateen information received from the Area Alateen Process Person to the DR, the information center and/or the ETAAA web coordinator.
- Turns in Area related expenses to the Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC).

Contact Information-Who Gets a Report in What District as of Panel 54 (2015-2017):

District 1: DR, Information Center, and ETAAA web coordinator

District 2: DR and ETAAA web coordinator

District 3: Information Center and ETAAA web coordinator

District 4: DR and Houston Information Center

District 5: District Group Records Coordinator, DR, Houston Information Center, and, if a Spanish AFG, Houston Spanish Information Center

District 6: DR and Austin Information Center

District 7: DR and Houston Information Center

District 8: DR and Beaumont Information Center

District 9: DR and ETAAA web coordinator

District 10: DR and ETAAA web coordinator

District 11: DR and ETAAA web coordinator

District 12: DR, District Secretary, San Antonio Information Center

District 13: DR and San Antonio Information Center

Excel Spreadsheet Tips:

- Mailing lists and labels.
- The spreadsheet that is exported has the meetings on each row and database information in each column. To identify just the groups (and not multiple meetings) the following commands can be executed.
- Select the Data tab
- Choose "Remove Duplicates"
- A list of columns will pop up. Choose "Unselect All". Then check the box "Group ID"
- A new list will generate.
- Save the list to a new worksheet. This list can be manipulated to generate mailing labels. All GR information must be deleted. All columns are deleted except for the Group ID, Group Name, Status, CMA Name, and the columns associated with the CMA address.
- When providing spreadsheets to the Information Centers you will not want to remove duplicates, as each row is a different meeting. All GR information should be deleted/cleared.

Area World Service Committee Meeting May 19, 2017 Sugar Land, Texas

Chairman: Kay C. opened the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Secretary: Paula H (acting for David S) called the roll. 19 voting members of the AWSC present. The following AWSC Officers and Coordinators were not in attendance: David S., Tricia L., Ann R., Candy N. The following Districts had no representative in attendance: Districts 1, 2, 10 and 13. The following AIS/LDC's had no Liaison in attendance: San Antonio and Waco AIS.

A motion was made by Jocelyn and seconded by Lynn to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2017 AWSC meeting in Waller as published in the *Beacon*. The motion passed by consensus.

Treasurer: Tricia L. not present. Kay C. mentioned that the financial report to be given tomorrow will have one additional line item related to the Public Outreach project that is not in the financial report published in the *Beacon*. Kay also reminded officers and coordinators to get their expense reports for the weekend in to Tricia preferably in the next two weeks.

Area Delegate Report: Joyce Y. expressed gratitude for spiritual aspects of the 2017 World Service Conference she attended. The Texas East bid to host the 2023 International Al-Anon Conference was not accepted. Top 3 cities selected to compete to host are Albuquerque NM, Denver CO and Seattle WA. Meet the Board has been renamed "Road Trip – You and Your Board Connect" and will run from 2017 through 2019. The next available date to have them come is October 20, 2018. A submission for that date needs to be made by September 15, 2017. Joyce has the criteria. Mattie will get bids to host the meeting in Houston and Kay will do so for Austin. Joyce explained what happens at "Road Trip" meeting. The next "Road Trip" meeting will be in Aurora CO on October 21, 2017. The South Central Regional Trustee position is currently vacant. Annette T's term expired in April. Anyone interested let Kay know. Must be voted on at tomorrow's business meeting. Joyce's full report to be given at tomorrow's business meeting.

Alt Delegate/Literature Report: Margaret F. will give her report at the business meeting tomorrow.

Unfinished Business:

1. District 5 Realignment: Mattie T. reported that the committee has been working jointly with District's 4, 5 & 7. Districts 4 and 7 would be gaining some new groups and District 5 would be split into 5 new Districts defined by zip code. Committee will make a full presentation at tomorrow's business meeting of what they are proposing. Members of the Spanish community in the district were contacted and discussion was had related to creating a separate Spanish District. The consensus was no this was not desired as it might result in separation from the English districts. No vote on this subject tomorrow. Districts 4, 5 & 7 will have further discussion after tomorrow's presentation and get back with the committee with a possible vote on realignment at November's business meeting. There are already volunteers to be District Representatives for new districts if they are created.

2. Assembly Task Force: Kay C. reported that at the last AWSC meeting in Waller a motion was made and passed that the Area go forward with keeping with spiritual principals of an area assembly and make the assembly meeting separate from the convention style meetings as in the past. After the meeting she did some research and found a motion that was passed by the Assembly in 1996 that set up the Area Assemblies in its current format. Any change to the current format would have to be done by the Area at Assembly. Only one person has volunteered to be on the Task Force. Anyone else interested in being on the task force contact her. She described how Areas in other states do their Assemblies/Conventions.

3. Assembly Motions Book: Kay would like everyone to have an updated motions book.

New Business:

1. Approval of Business Meeting Agenda: Kay presented the Agenda for tomorrow's business meeting, adding under new business South Central Regional Trustee position. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to accept the agenda as amended.

2. Alateen celebrating 60 years: Joyce announced there will be cards in the Archives room to sign and send to the WSO. Alateens can send rocks to WSO with group's birth year.

3. Elections-Eligibility to serve: Kay working on list of those eligible to serve as officers at November election. List to be sent out in future prior to election. Resume forms available for information.

4. Assembly Rotation Schedule: Sent out schedule to Area and it will be in GR Packet. Will discuss more at August 12 AWSC meeting in Victoria.

Assembly Reports:

1. Spring 2017-Mattie T. Dist. 4: 123 Preregistration. Hotel contract obligations were met. Trouble with translation equipment. Recommend to use new "call-in" translation system in future.

2. Fall 2017-Lori L. Dist. 6: Preregistration tomorrow, Deadline to register October 15, 70 rooms blocked. Banquet, entertainment from Furrballs.

3. Spring 2018-Jennifer S. Dist. 8: May 4-6, 2018 in Beaumont, flyer available, to be held in event center, Holiday Inn includes breakfast for \$107 room rate. "Come Go With Me" 50's theme.

Next *Beacon* deadline is June 1, 2017.

Meeting was closed at 10:11 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Update to Minutes for AWSC meeting held 2/4/2017 in Waller, Texas.

An item was inadvertently omitted under "New Business". A task force consisting of the District Representatives of Districts 4, 5 & 7 and 1 to be named was created to look at the boundaries of those districts and the possibility of a Spanish District. Mattie T., Dist 4, is to the chair of the task force.

Respectfully Submitted, Paula H. (Secretary ProTem)

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