

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Kay C. ~

Dear Texas East Area 53,

Well, I thought my last report was my last, but Lynn asked us to write a "wrap-up" report for the first quarter edition of the 2018 *Beacon* so here we go. I have had a wonderful spiritual journey being your Area Chair, and I look forward to being Delegate to the World Service Conference. The Fall Assembly was a tremendous success with 188 Al-Anons, 10 Alateens and 5 AAs in attendance. We also had more voting GRs in attendance than the last Assemblies (120 vs 97). I hope we can keep this trend going. Thank you District 6 for hosting this event. I know you had some obstacles, but in the spirit of love, everyone (especially Anna) stepped-up and nothing was missed.

On reflection of the discussion around what a "majority" is, I think it was a great experience for us all and firmed up my belief that Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) is the only way to conduct business. Since the election instructions were not clear to everyone, we had a medium long discussion (about 1 hour) on what a "majority" meant and then motion came out of that discussion as to how a majority of votes pertained to the election of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Coordinators. Ironically, we did not need a definition of majority for the rest of the election as only one person stood for each office. In retrospect, maybe we should have dealt with that issue when it was actually needed. Oh well, we have three years to refine our balloting procedures. Luckily, the 2018 *WSC Conference Summary* has a lot of guidance as voting revisions were approved for the *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*.

We have several items for the new panel to continue to discuss and hopefully bring to the Assembly with a clear plan of action. They are 1) Assembly Liaison roles and responsibilities, and 2) realignment of Districts 4, 5, and 7. The AWSC has been asked to review Assemblies (e.g., length, content, etc.). We have used the same format since 1997 so some updates/changes are probably needed. Let Lynn or I know if you have any thoughts or suggestions. I am excited about the new panel and know they will bring fresh ideas to all of these subjects. If you have any questions, please contact me at my new email kacetxdel58@gmail.com.

Realignment of Districts 4, 5, and 7. Recently, there has been some discussion as to how the realignment should have been approached, for example, should Districts 4, 5, and 7 decide on what is best, or the Area. Actually, it should be a combination of both as the division of the districts effects the unity of the Districts and the Area as a whole (Tradition 1). The September issue of the *Beacon* had an article on how the unity of the Area (including the districts) is affected by having a district with over 130 groups. The Service Manual provides guidance on how a district is formed.

The **district** is a geographical segment containing a number of groups, located relatively close to one another. Group Representative attend district meeting to discuss business matters, and share their group experiences with each other. (*Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, page 71) **Districts** Convenient segments into which an Area is divided by the Area World Service Committee, with the approval of the Assembly. (*Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, page 132).



Calendar of Events

ATAAC

February 16-18, 2018

Airport Hilton Hotel

611 NW Loop 410

San Antonio, TX 78216

POSSE

March 23-25 2018

Gonzales, Texas

TEA AC

April 13-15, 2018

Gonzales, Texas

Spring Assembly 2018

May 4-6, 2018

Clifton Event Complex

8727 Highway 124

Beaumont, Texas 77720

Fall Assembly 2018

Nov 2-4, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn

905 East Hawkins

Parkway

Longview, Texas 75605

Deadline for Submissions for
the next issue of *The Beacon*

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An advantage of dividing into smaller **districts** is that they can be covered more conveniently by the DRs. (*Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, page 150)

The AWSC established a Task Force to propose convenient segments that are relatively close to one another in Districts 4, 5 and 7 with input from the effected districts. The efforts have included:

Numerous meetings and discussions within the Task Force and gathering input from members;

A presentation and Q&A at the 2017 Spring Assembly;

Discussion and Q&A at several District 4, 5, and 7 district Meetings (The Task Force held a presentation and answered question at 3 separate District 5 meetings);

A Q&A meeting was held in the Memorial Area of Houston;

A letter was mailed to all the groups in the District 5 to ask them to vote by email to Redistricting.Reponse@gmail.com;

An email was sent to all the groups in the District 5 asking them to vote;

The deadline for responding was extended to allow more time for recovery from Hurricane Harvey and to encourage participation;

A volunteer phone tree was created to call all the groups in District 5 that had not yet voted to ask them to vote by email or at the district meetings.

As of December 1, 2017, only 30% of the groups in District 5 had expressed an opinion. Said another way 70% of the effected groups in District 5 have not expressed their opinion. Of the 30% that voted, 82% of the votes were "Yes" to realign. A breakdown of the votes is shown below.

Some have expressed an opinion that more discussion needs to be had over where the new districts should be and how many.

| Proposed District | AFGs in Proposed District | Count of Responses | | | | Percentage of Responses | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | Number Not Responding | Number Responding | "Yes" Vote Response | "No" Vote Response | % Not Responding | % Responding | "Yes" Vote | "No" Vote | "Yes" / Total Votes |
| 04-Galveston | 7 | 7 | 0 | | | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | n/a |
| 05-Central | 29 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 55% | 45% | 34% | 10% | 77% |
| 07-Montgomery | 11 | 7 | 4 | 4 | | 64% | 36% | 36% | 0% | 100% |
| 14-Near West | 20 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 85% | 15% | 5% | 10% | 33% |
| 15-West | 23 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 65% | 35% | 30% | 4% | 88% |
| 16-North | 17 | 12 | 5 | 5 | | 71% | 29% | 29% | 0% | 100% |
| 17-Southeast | 23 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 74% | 26% | 22% | 4% | 83% |
| Grand Total | 130 | 91 | 39 | 32 | 7 | 70% | 30% | 25% | 5% | 82% |

All of this information will be reviewed by the AWSC and a path forward will be decided. There are many options still available such as: 1) more discussion in District 5 as only 30% of the groups in District 5 responded; 2) do nothing; or 3) proceed to the Assembly for a vote. No decision has been made as to the realignment of the groups in the Districts so if you have a concern or a different idea, or just want to chat, please contact me.

Love in Service –Kay

Delegate Report ~ Joyce Y.~

Welcome to our newly elected Trusted Servants at the Area, District and Group levels. May this experience be one of opportunity and growth potential as you move forward in this phase of your service journey. **"Each of us has, as a person, an enormous potential."** From One Day at A Time in Al-Anon (B-6), August 15 Reading, Page 228. This can apply to our "Service" life as well as personal life.

2018 World Service Conference – Al-Anon There is No Standing Still will be held in West Harrison, New York, **April 16-20, 2018**, instead of Virginia Beach this time. The New York site will allow the opportunity for the full Conference to visit Stepping Stones during Conference Week.

"Celebrating One Day at a Time" - 2018 International Convention – July 6-8, 2017. Online registration can be easily completed by going to www.al-anon.org and clicking on the International Convention link in the top right-hand corner of the website. Our Convention block of hotel and lodging options will be available once you complete your registration. Be sure to note your registration number as it is required to complete your hotel reservations. Dates for the 2018 International are Friday, July 6th–8th. Registration fees are \$130 through December 31, 2017; \$165 January 1–May 31, 2018; \$195 June 1, 2018 through the event. Can you picture yourself in Baltimore in 2018?

Day of Connecting: In addition to the International Convention, a **Day of Connecting** has been planned by the Board. The **Day of Connecting** will be held on **Thursday, July 5th**. Registration is a separate fee of \$40 and will increase to \$45 after May 31, 2018. It will be a day of learning, sharing and deepening your understanding and commitment to our third legacy: Service.

50th Anniversary One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (ODAT) commemorative edition, complete with gold lettering on the cover and gold ribbon book mark has been approved by the Board. This special edition of the ODAT will be available at the 2018 International Convention and for the remainder of 2018 until supplies are gone. A limited number of books will be printed and for a purchase price of \$15. A commemorative book plate will be included *only* for those purchased at the convention.

2023 Al-Anon International Convention – Congratulations to Albuquerque, New Mexico as the chosen site for the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention.

Finance Update: As of end of third quarter 2017, literature sales are ahead of budget. Unfortunately, contributions are below projections based on our 2017. What does this mean in numbers? If broken down visually and into smaller numbers to understand what \$600,000 could look like and how attainable that number really is, we would easily meet our budgeted 2017 contributions goal if 60% or 9,000 of all our registered groups contributed \$60 and 5,000 members contributed \$15 each and 55 Areas contributed \$500. The Board and staff thank you for continuing to think abundantly.

Service, the third legacy, has given me the biggest boost to my recovery. I look forward to continuing my service journey as a Past Delegate and a longtimer. Lois W. in her letter to the Longtimers in *Al-Anon in Many Voices, One Journey* (B31), Pages 146-147, provides insight on how to transition from longtimers to those younger in service. "From a place on the sidelines, oldtimers can give the group purpose and continuity, but not management—unless asked to fill a special function. We are always willing to help where we can, but the active leadership of the group should be in newer hands."

A very grateful member and much Al-Anon love,

Joyce Y., Outgoing Delegate – Panel 55
Concept 4 – Participation is the key to harmony.

Alt. Delegate Report ~ Margaret F. ~

Welcome new Alternate Delegate **Mattie T.**

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Norma W. ~

Welcome new Area Alateen Coordinator **Jayne G.**

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Bennie P. ~

Hello Everyone! Hard to believe that I'm finishing my second three year term as your Area Alateen Process Person. As I mentioned, at our Fall Assembly on Nov 4, 2017, I have decided to step down from Area service. I have been serving and attending Assemblies and it has been a long journey and I have enjoyed almost every minute of it! I got to admit, there were some difficult challenges along the way but it helped me grow spiritually. However, I do plan to continue attending Area Assemblies, Conferences or Delegates meetings and serve as needed without a title! It's time for the younger generation to step up to serve!

I thank all of the AMIAS that have stepped forward to serve our Alateen Fellowship! I also want to welcome all our incoming panel of officers, Coordinators, District Representatives as well as all AIS/LDC Liaisons. Look forward to seeing all of you in Gonzales at our AWSC Transition Meeting.

I'm still working on updating the AMIAS forms as we speak. The Criminal background check company has increased the fee from \$6.50 to \$6.64, and that has to be updated. I hope to have it done by the end of the year. I ask you for your patience. You may still send your AMIAS application if you have gone through the training. Your Trusted servant!

Public Outreach ~ Judy W. ~

Welcome new Public Outreach **Lynn B.**

Website Coordinator ~ Lisa W. ~

Welcome new **Dorie J.**

Group Records Coordinator ~ Candy N. ~

In October I participated in a WSO conference call for Area Group Record Coordinators. It was the last of several such conference calls. Most of those attending were from the north-west United States and Canada. WSO was concerned about "broken links" when it came to accurate and up to date meeting information. WSO wants to encourage the Areas to use the

WSO database as it is so difficult to sync multiple databases. They were requesting input from us to help revamp their database so the meeting lists can be user friendly and more helpful for the newcomer. For example: discussion meeting, step meeting, literature meeting, Alateen or AA meets at the same time, stag meeting, women only, better meeting location instructions.... So whatever your desires are, please let me know. I will notify WSO through AFG Connects.

WSO recognizes it is imperative the newcomer can find a meeting. They have discovered that many of the "Reported Not Meeting" notifications are due to insufficient meeting location directions. It's not that the meeting is no longer active, it is that the newcomer can't find it! In that vein, they have already expanded the "Location" field and now allow upper case letters.

One of the things WSO already has in place is the "WSO Locator" with Google Maps. Any website can link to WSO's Meeting Locator by contacting Scot Powers at WSO (scot@al-anon.org). This feature allows anyone to enter a zip code and find the meetings nearby. This certainly helps with locating meetings in the same place with different names.

I am really encouraged by these actions through WSO.

Newsletter Editor ~ Lynn S.

Congratulations to Rene D. your next *Beacon* editor. Please continue to send your reports for *The Beacon* to beaconnewsletter@yahoo.com as Rene will be using this email address to 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 she will copy it to a Word document. Thank you for your support this last three years. **The next deadline for reports is April 1.**

Archives Coordinator ~ Ann R. ~

Welcome new Archives Coordinator **Dolores W.**

District Reports

District 1 ~ Flor P. ~

Welcome new DR **Mandy T.**

District 2 ~ Myrthala C. ~

Welcome new DR **Ginny McC.**

District 3 ~ Jocelyn B. ~

Welcome new DR **Susan J.**

District 4 ~ Mattie T. ~

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all. The past 3 years have been amazing, thank you all for allowing me to serve as the District 4 Representative and thank you for the outpouring of love and support during my tenure.

Please help me welcome our new Officers for the District 4 effective January 1, 2018:

District Representative – Carol B

Alternate District Representative – Sheri B:

Secretary – Renee G

Treasurer – Linda F

Alateen Coordinator – table for next meeting

Archivist – Carla G

Public Outreach Coordinator – Pam J

Alternate Public Outreach Coordinator – Diane S

District ISR - Barbara H

Newsletter Editor – Laura B

If you have not elected a GR for your group, I encourage you to do so; this is your voice at the District meetings and the Area Assemblies.

Have you read the emails containing the Chairman of the Board letter? Here are some highlights:

Highlights of COB Letter

2018 International Convention - 7/6-8/2017 - Baltimore, Maryland.

50th Anniversary of *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (ODAT)* commemorative edition to be available at 2018 International Convention

Day of Connecting -Thursday - July 5, 2017 - Will include presentations, panels and participation in Leadership Talks and Roundtable Discussions.

Announcement of location for 2023 International Al-Anon Convention - Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the Realignment of District 5. I have been in contact with members from the Bay Area Club about the possibility of them moving to District 4

District 5 ~ Anita C.~

Welcome new DR **Alison B.**

District 6 ~ Judy W. ~

Many groups elected new Group Representatives (GRs) since our last report. We have between 80 to 90 registered groups in District #6 and are the second largest district is East Texas Area (ETA); District #5 is the largest district with a very densely populated Harris county area of over 130 groups. At our district and assembly meetings we average ~22 voting GRs; under 30%. Anna A (our new Alternate District Rep & recent Fall Assembly Chair) hope to visit more groups to encourage more participation in district and area business activities and to take information back to their group as a critical link of service.

District 6 Meeting Highlights (from October 26th):

- Attendance included: a total 45 Al-Anon members

(including one Alateen and 26 voting GRs)

- Discussed election procedures using the service manual,
- Conducted elections which resulted in naming a full set of officers and coordinators (first time in three years)
- Provided updates from outgoing officers and coordinators
- Received updates on old business topics; a) Distributing Alateen School Posters, b) Increasing Alateen Membership
- Dissolved the Unallocated Funds for Public Outreach Thought Force until next year's 2018 budget can be set to engage participants
- Formed a new Thought Force to establish a 2018 district budget
- Asked that groups consider hosting 2018 meetings in January, April, July & October. *(A list of roles/responsibilities for the district hosting groups was drafted and we hope to queue up other hosting locations soon.)*

Assembly Fall (Business) Highlights (from November 5th):

Attendance included: a total 203 registrations which included 5 AA, 10 Alateens, and 188 Al-Anon members. Of the 188 Al-Anon attendees, 121 were voting ETA GRs which included 28 voting District 6 GRs.

Financially, the event was a success with a surplus of \$712.41 after returning the area's \$3500 seed money and the District 6's \$2500. Received a detailed report from the Treasurer Chair which contained other useful notations.

Several host committee chairs have submitted their reports and the final report (containing all chair report highlights) is being composed to share with the area and other districts.

District 7 ~ Jane M.~

District 7 held its election of new officers Oct. 21. Our new DR is Allyn D., alternate Jana B. I know they are going to be awesome officers. We still need a secretary and archivist. At the same meeting, Peter C's emergency response plan was discussed. Two of our members have expressed an interest in working on the plan. Groups are seeing an increase in attendance. A new meditation meeting has been started Thursdays 6:00 pm at A&M United Methodist Church in College Station. The group has not registered yet.

The district donated to the hospitality committee for the Fall Assembly and led, with Margaret's help, a writing workshop on the Legacies.

Next district meeting will be Feb. 10th 804 Texas Ave, Bryan 10:00 am. That same weekend is the Unity Conference with Al-Anon participation at the Kurten Community Center in Kurten.

District 8 ~ Jennifer S. ~

We held our last district meeting on October 21st. We had a costume contest. It was fun to see the creative ideas!

Our elections were held as well. We have a new member involved in service in our District which is very exciting. She has volunteered to be our Public Information person.

Our Spring Assembly planning is coming together. We are getting closer to May!

Our next district meeting is still to be determined. We have several events happening in January in which we are participating including selling literature in Tyler, participating in SETA and our transition meeting.

District 9 ~ Debby C. ~

District 9 is very happy to report that our groups are continuing to spread the message of hope and help to those still in need of healing during this holiday season. Alcoholism; cunning, baffling & powerful, takes its toll on family relationships and never more so than during the holidays. Thanks to all who suit up and show up to meetings even during this season to share your ESH to those newcomers and others who need it.

Our next district meeting will be on Saturday 01/13/18 at Harvey Hall during the AA Anniversary-noon. Please grab a bite to eat and join us for our meeting in the side room. We will be holding elections at this meeting. Please come and bring your newly elected GRs.

I am truly humbled to have been allowed to serve our district these past 9 years off and on. I appreciate all the wonderful support from all of you as well as our officers. It has been a powerful growth experience. I will be stepping aside and allowing another to serve as your District Representative this term. We need to practice rotation of leadership as the traditions state. Remember to Celebrate Serenity.

District 10~ Susan L. ~

District 10 is busy planning for Fall Assembly that will be held in Longview, Texas on weekend of November 2-4, 2018. We have been working on a budget, and at this time it appears the assembly will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, 905 East Hawkins Parkway, Longview, Texas. Details to follow. Theme will be "Grateful Hearts....." Details to follow with flyer that we be distributed in Beaumont, at Spring Assembly. Next District meeting to be held December 9, 2018 in Longview, hosted by Monday and Wednesday AFG. We will be a Christmas ornament exchange, planning meeting for Assembly and we will hold election of District Officers.

We enjoyed the wonderful Assembly held in Austin, Texas and look forward to Spring Assembly in Beaumont, Texas.

District 12 ~ Dolores W. ~

District 12 has concluded its business for the year and term and now have newly elected District Board members and coordinators in place. The Spanish Coordinator position is still vacant and are on the hope and hunt for volunteer(s) to fill this service opportunity.

All though I did not personally visit every group in our district: I have made outreach contacts to all in hopes to garner more group representatives to the district meetings using phone calls, postal mail, email and even texting. I have found we have groups that are wonderfully diverse, active and solution orientated in District 12. Service work as given me a greater insight on my Al-Anon program and how to apply it.

I would like to thank the District groups again, for their trust my service work for this term. I have learned much and am grateful for the support and trust that was given me during my term. The following I heard at the November Area Assembly meeting and is from our Conference Approved Literature (CAL) this sharing speaks so much of what would I like to close my last report: from Courage To Change October 2

It is essential to my recovery to help my Al-Anon group by accepting any of the various responsibilities necessary to keep things running smoothly. Perhaps the principal reason that service is so vital is that it brings me into frequent contact with newcomers. I can get caught up in the trivial problems of everyday life and lose perspective on the many gifts I have received since coming to Al-Anon. Taking with newcomers brings me back to reality. When I set out literature, make coffee, or chair a meeting, I become someone a newcomer might think to approach.

I remember the frustration of struggling with alcoholism by myself. I had no tools, no one to talk to. Al-Anon changed that. Now, no matter how difficult things may seem, I have a fellowship and a way of life that help me cope. I am no longer alone.

Today I have much for which I am grateful, but I need to remember how far I have come so I don't get lost in negativity over relatively unimportant matters. Service helps me remember.

Today's Reminder...

The Al-Anon program was there for me when I needed it. I will do what I can to ensure that it continues to thrive. I know that any service I offer will strengthen my own recovery. "God did for me what I couldn't do for myself. He got me involved in service work,... It saved my life, my family, my sanity."

... In All Our Affairs

District 13 ~ David S. ~

Welcome new DR Sarah W.

All sessions at the “Day of Connecting” will be conducted in English only.

For more information: al-anon.org/day-of-connecting/

PRESENTATIONS

- Al-Anon’s International Reach—Our Worldwide Fellowship
- Telephone Book or the Internet—What’s Your Digital Age? Al-Anon on Social Media
- Know Your WSO—Service IS Its Middle Name!
- Al-Anon’s Financial Stewardship—Gratitude in Action

DISCUSSION MEETINGS

- Dusty Bookshelves Full of CAL – Going Beyond the Daily Readers
- Tag—You’re It! NOW WHAT?—Becoming the Leaders Others Know You Can Be
- Attitudes—Are Mine Worth Catching? The Twelve Traditions
- The Three T’s of Public Outreach—Tips, Tools and Techniques—Successful Public Outreach

PANELS

- Are They Still the Best Kept Secret in Al-Anon? Living the Twelve Concepts of Service
- Young Members Wanted: Alateen Opportunities
- Big “P” or Little “p” — Big “T” or Little “t”
- “FaceTime” it’s not what it used to be!—The Changing “Face” of Meetings

LEADERSHIP TALKS

Learn more about how Al-Anon works. Listen to Al-Anon members in leadership roles share their service experiences. Hear about service involvement, time commitments, and how serving has affected their personal lives.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Seize this opportunity to collaborate with someone from another Area in an informal setting. Grab a chair and enjoy sharing your experience, strength and hope.

Day of Connecting July 5, 2018 *Al-Anon’s International Convention Baltimore, Maryland*

If you are coming to the International Convention, why not come early and spend the day before the Convention, learning, sharing and deepening your understanding and commitment to our third legacy: Service.

Hosted by the Board of Trustees and members of the WSO staff.

There is a participation limit; registration is required.

There is a separate registration fee of \$40.00 U.S. if received by May 31, 2018 and \$45.00 U.S. if received June 1 through the event.

What’s Happening 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 reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and celebrate recovery.

COME A DAY EARLY: Thursday, 7/5/2018

“Day of Connecting” Connect with volunteers and staff from the WSO who will be presenting workshops and holding a variety of meetings.

KEEP THE PARTY GOING! Friday, 7/6/2018

“Language of Love Parade” Friday evening before the “Big Meeting”.

PIONEER LUNCHEON Saturday, 7/7/2018

Attend the luncheon and celebrate our history by hearing longtime members share their recovery. Please note that seating is limited. Tickets are \$65.00. The deadline for purchasing a Pioneer Luncheon ticket is May 31, 2018. No tickets will be sold at the door.

al-anon.org/al-anon-international-conventions/

**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly
November 4, 2017
Austin, Texas**

Opening: Kay C., Chairman opened the meeting at 9:19 am.

Delegate's Report: Joyce Y., went over Chairman of the Board letter. Reminded those in attendance that the Al-Anon International is coming up in Baltimore, Maryland July 6-8, 2018. There will be a "Day of Connecting" on July 5, 2018 planned by the Board of Directors. There will be workshops and presentations. The 2018 World Service Conference will be April 16-20, 2018 in West Harrison, New York. The theme is "Al-Anon-There is No Standing Still". WSO Website has been updated. The Board approved the sale of a 50th Anniversary Edition of the daily reader *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* it will be available until the end of 2018 or they run out. This year contributions to the WSO are \$600,000 below projected amount with 3 months left in the year. The Nominating committee is looking for a member at large to serve on the Executive Committee for Real Property Management. Resumes due by November 30, 2017. The 2023 International Al-Anon Conference will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Complete Delegate report will be in the *Beacon*.

WSO Vision: Vali F, new WSO Executive Director introduced herself to the Area giving a brief summary of her qualifications and personal background. She then explained the duties of her position, oversight responsibility for all functions of the WSO and to make sure they are meeting the needs of the fellowship. Discussed the shift to technology and changing demographic of the membership. Her primary responsibility is to empower the team at the WSO and to help work towards the Board Mission Statement: "Anticipate the future and Al-Anon's place in it and ensure that the necessary resources are available."

Conversation Items:

1.) Budget: Tricia L. presented the 2018 Area 53 budget and explained how budgeted amounts were determined. Answered questions from the floor.

2.) Delegate Expenses to the Al-Anon International: Joyce Y. talked about a line item in the 2018 budget to pay for Area Delegate expenses to attend the International. Explained that if this addition to the budget is approved by the Area it needs to be done with a motion so that there will be a record of the transaction. Discussion followed.

3.) Alateen Liaison: Brendan G. has been elected by the Alateens in attendance as the new Area Alateen Liaison.

4.) Coordinator Reports:

Coordinator reports were given by: Judy W. (Public Outreach), Candy N. (Group Records), Ann R. (Archivist), Anita C. (Spanish), Lisa W. (Website), Bennie P. (Alateen & Alateen Process Person), Lynn S. (Beacon Editor), Margaret F. (Forum). The reports are on file and will be in the *Beacon*.

5.) Update on Task Forces: Kay C. gave an update on the District 4, 5 & 7 Realignment Task Force is working on this reaching out to groups in the districts for feedback. This task force will continue on into the next panel. A new deadline of November 30, 2017 was established for groups in the District 5 to respond to the topic. So far 42 out of 130 groups have

responded. Kay also gave an update on the Assembly Liaison Task Force. The task force is working on roles and responsibilities and will make a presentation at the next AWSC meeting.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:30 am

Meeting resumed at 1:00 pm with Roll Call beginning at 1:15 pm. 121 voting Group Representatives were present broken down by District as follows. D1 (6); D2 (8); D3 (3); D4 (10); D5 (26); D6 (28); D7 (9); D8 (4); D9 (6); D10 (1); D12 (16) D13 (4). Number needed for majority is 61, number needed for 2/3 majority is 81. Kay C. went over voting procedure for elections. For Delegate and Alternate Delegate must be elected by 2/3's vote. All other positions by majority.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made, seconded and approved to waive reading and accept the minutes from the business meeting held May 20, 2017 Assembly held in Sugar Land as published in the *Beacon*. (Vol. 49, Issue 4).

Treasurer: Tricia L. passed the gratitude basket (\$1,065.18 was contributed). Contributions are to remain in the Area.

Area has \$40,772.12 in checking account and \$20,270.92 in the ample reserve fund. The balance in the POSSE account is \$6,460.30 and in the TEA AC account is \$5,744.34. Upcoming expenses for the end of this year will include expenses from this assembly for officers/coordinators, seed money for 2018 fall assembly and paying Delegate's equalized expenses to the WSO in the amount of \$2,500.

Alternate Delegate/Literature Coordinator's Report: Margaret F. Literature Report. New Newcomer packets (K12) are now being sold for \$2.00. WSO is having a sale on literature through December 31, 2017 on *The Al-Anon Family Groups - Classic Edition* (B-5), *Discovering Choices* (B-30) and *Many Voices One Journey* (B-31). The WSO's online store has 13 items which can be downloaded for free. There was a Dear Abby article relating to Al-Anon published on September 22nd. Please continue to send in sharings for literature to the WSO.

No Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1.) Elections: Following a motion to keep voting procedures the same, Elections were held for East Texas Area Officers and Coordinators. The following are the results of the election:

Area Delegate: Kay C.
Alternate Delegate: Mattie T.
Chairperson: Lynn S.
Secretary: Paula H.
Treasurer: Jennifer S.
Alateen Coordinator: Terry D'A.
Alateen Process Person: Brenda H.
Area Archivist: Dolores W.
Group Records: Al M.
Newsletter Editor: Rene D.
Public Outreach: Lynn B.
Spanish Coordinator: Myrthala C.
Website Coordinator: Dorie J.

(See Motions 1 – 6 Below related to Elections)

2.) Budget:

Topic of paying the Area 53 Delegate's expenses to attend the 2018 Al-Anon International Conference was discussed. A motion was made a passed for the Area to allot \$1500 to cover Delegate expenses to the International. (See Motion 7 Below)

The 2018 Area 53 budget was again presented and discussed. A motion was made and passed to accept the budget as presented. (See Motion 8 Below)

3.) Assembly Reports:

Assembly reports were given for: Fall 2017 in Austin (D6), Spring 2018 in Beaumont (D8) and Fall 2018 (D10). Reports are on file.

4.) District Representative-AIS/LDC Reports:

Reports were presented by: Myrthala C. (D2), Darlene (D3). Reading of reports by remaining District Representatives and AIS/LDC Liaisons were waived due to time and will be published in the *Beacon*.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration: 4:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
David S.
Area Secretary

Motions Passed 11/4/2017:

Motion #1: I, Rene D., move that we keep the voting procedure the same.

Passed by Majority

Motion #2: I, Peggy H., make a motion that the person receiving the most votes is elected. In case of a tie draw on the individuals that tied.

Passed by Majority

Motion #3: I, Ann R., move we elect Lynn S. East Texas Area Chairman by acclamation.

Passed: 119 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstentions

Motion #4: I, Beth S., make a motion to elect Paula H. as secretary by acclamation.

Passed: 120 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions

Motion #5: I, Cora N. move to elect Jennifer S. by affirmation. (Treasurer)

Passed: 120 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions

Motion #6: I, Jana B. motion that in the remaining elections for Texas East Area positions that if there is a single candidate then the candidate be selected by acclamation.

Passed: 115 For, 3 Against, 2 Abstentions

Motion #7: I, David S. move that the Area allot \$1500 to cover Area 53 Delegate expenses to the 2018 Al-Anon International Conference.

Passed: 116 For, 0 Against, 4 Abstentions

Motion #8: I, Sarah W. move that we accept the 2018 budget as presented in the Treasurer's written report.

Passed: 120 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstentions

CONTRIBUTIONS TO - EAST TEXAS AREA 53

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

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

Make checks payable to: **Treasurer- ETAAA.** *Please do not send cash by mail.*

Mail to: Treasurer - ETAAA, PO Box 1324, Silsbee, Texas 77656

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CALENDAR!

January 10 – February 27, 2018

Please plan to participate in the WSO's 2018 Al-Anon Membership Survey
on any computer, mobile phone, or tablet with internet access

Al-Anon's Membership Survey is:

- Conference Approved
- Anonymous and confidential

The WSO's triennial survey is conducted to:

- Provide professionals with statistics about our program and how Al-Anon helps us to recover
- Encourage and increase professional referrals to our program



Where: WSO website, www.al-anon.org/18membersurvey

Celebrating One Day at a Time
Al-Anon's International Convention 2018

July 6—8, 2018

Baltimore, MD

Registration Now Open

\$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

al-anon.org/al-anon-international-conventions/

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**TEXAS EAST AREA TWENTY-FOURTH ROUND-UP WEEKEND
FOR ALATEEN SPONSORS, ADULTS INTERESTED IN
SPONSORING AN ALATEEN GROUP, AND DISTRICT ALATEEN
COORDINATORS**

WHEN: MARCH 23, 24, 25, 2018

WHERE: DISCIPLES CONFERENCE CENTER, GONZALES, TX

**WHAT: WORKSHOPS ON: SETTING BOUNDARIES, ATTENDING
CONFERENCES, SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES, STARTING
NEW GROUPS, PROGRAM IDEAS, AVOIDING BURNOUT**

**COST: \$125.00 PER PERSON - Included in the cost is two nights lodging,
Saturday meals, Sunday brunch & registration.**

REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 9, 2018

Chairman: Bennie P.

Registrar: Lynn S.

etxposse@yahoo.com

Austin AIS/LDC ~ Paula H. ~

At the last Austin Al-Anon Information Center Board meeting on November 13, 2017, we had the following successes and challenges.

SUCCESSIONS

1. The embezzlement from several years ago was repaid in full. Our ample reserve is now adequate, and the information center is operating in the black.
2. New Officers were elected: Chair – Carolyn K.
Secretary – Mary Evelyn
Treasurer- Celeste T.
3. Literature inventory will be conducted.
4. The finance committee will continue to monitor all accounts connected to the information center.
5. Over \$700 was raised for the information center from the sale of literature at the East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Area Assembly, November 3-5, 2017 in Austin.

CHALLENGES

1. Volunteers are needed at the information center from 2-4 P. M.
2. Some meetings on the Austin Al-Anon meeting list are incorrect. Groups need to send in the GR1 change forms to the East Texas Area Group Records Coordinator, and they need to notify the information center of changes.
3. Our current web manager is resigning so the information center needs a new webmaster.
4. No one volunteered to be the Austin Al-Anon Information Center Liaison for 2018-2019.

Last but not least, our wonderful, beloved Austin Al-Anon Information Center employee, Kitty G., is retiring after 17 years of faithful service, effective December 31, 2017. She will be a hard act to follow, and she will be greatly missed. There is a celebration planned for her retirement in December, 2017.

The next Al-Anon Information Center Board Meeting will be held on February 20, 2018 at Northland AFG at 6:30 P. M.

San Antonio AIS/LDC ~ Nancy M.~

The San Antonio Al-Anon Information Service/Literature Distribution Center business meeting was held July 29, 2017, in the Schertz United Methodist Church. Nine (9) District 12 voting Information Service Representatives (ISRs) and three (3) guests were in attendance.

The San Antonio Al-Anon/Alateen 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. Services to the public and the groups include: a 24 -7 telephone service; maintains a list of Al-Anon and Alateen meetings for District 12 and 13; channels local Alateen and Public Outreach inquiries to the district coordinators; and maintains a San Antonio website:

www.texas-al-anon.org/sanantonio

Contributions from the Al-Anon and Alateen groups, as well as fundraisers, such as the SAAIS Monthly Speakers' Meeting

and the annual Serenity Celebration Speaker Dinner, support these and other expenses.

September 16, the SAAIS was host to A Day in Al-Anon workshop. The workshop leader, Ric B. led 29 attendees in the workshop on **"Using the Leadership Essay Concept 9) and the Concepts of Service in our Personal Lives"**. A soup and salad lunch was provided for \$10.00 by Nancy M. Thank you to all helped to set-up, clean-up and participate in the full day.

Serenity Celebration XVI "Reaping a Bounty in Recovery" was held October 7 with Claudia B. of Scroggins, TX, Al-Anon and Vangie H. of San Antonio, TX, AA sharing their stories of recovery.

The SAAIS has many people to thank for this evening of great speakers, food, fun and fellowship. First on the THANK YOU list is Nancy M. and Donna D. for the delicious dinner and their servers, next Tricia L. for the beautiful table and room decorations, then there's the dessert auction coordinator, Brenda M., JP ticket sales coordinator with Mai F. helping at the door making sure everyone had a ticket and knew where their table was. Bill P., Nancy P., Al M., Rene D., Tricia L., for setting up and cleaning up. Last but not least all the bakers of the best desserts in Texas and David A., our auctioneer, that once again made it so much fun to spend our money! This was a very successful event.

South Texas AIS/LDC ~ Bennie P. ~

We had our quarter meeting on October 14, 2017, at which time, we did hold elections however, we had no volunteers for any of the open positions.

Current officers will remain active until, someone steps up for these positions, otherwise we will have to close our AIS/LDC.

Chairperson – Bennie
Secretary – Gladys
Treasurer - Everica

Attn: District 1 seasoned members, we need you! There are other ways you can serve besides these positions. Step up and join us, we need you!

Public Outreach is slow right now but we are on the lookout for opportunities to pass out our literature and meeting schedules. December is a busy month and we have had quite a few calls and newcomers.

Official address:
SOUTH TEXAS AIS
P O BOX 720178
McAllen, TX 78504
956-975-7303

Beaumont AIS/LDC ~ Suzanne R.

No Report Submitted

INTERGRUPAL HISPANA DE HOUSTON

~Rosalba R.~

Es un placer comunicarles la apertura de un nuevo grupo al norte de Houston.

Grupo de Familia Al-Anon UNIDOS EN LA ESPERANZA hubicado en:

2200 Lake Woodlands Dr. The Woodlands Room D 212.

Reuniones Viernes 5:45 Pm 7:00 Pm.

The Woodlands United Methodist Church.

Contacto: Omar C 346-224-8488

Se hara el cambio de servidores del Intergrupo Hispano de Houston el Domingo 3 de Diciembre a las 11:00 am. Esperamos contar con su precencia.

La participacion es la clave de la armonia 4o concepto

pag. web; alanonhispano.org

e-mail. intergrupohispanohouston@gmail.com

Top 5 Reasons to use the new digital 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual!

1. It's portable!

It can be downloaded on a mobile device (phone, tablet, laptop) for easy access. No need to print pages.

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The topics listed in each section's Table of Contents topics link to their respective pages with just one click!

3. It's spiritual!

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Revisions to all four books of the Service Manual approved by the World Service Conference since 2014 are incorporated.

5. IT'S FREE!!!

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2018 World Service Conference

Al-Anon—There is no standing still!

Delegates and other trusted servants will meet in West Harrison, New York, April 16-20, 2018, for Al-Anon's 58th Annual World Service Conference. Trusted servants enjoy receiving mail from members and groups in their Areas while they are attending the Conference.

Send cards and notes of support to:

Our Delegate:

Kay C. (Hold for WSC 4/16-4/20, 2018)

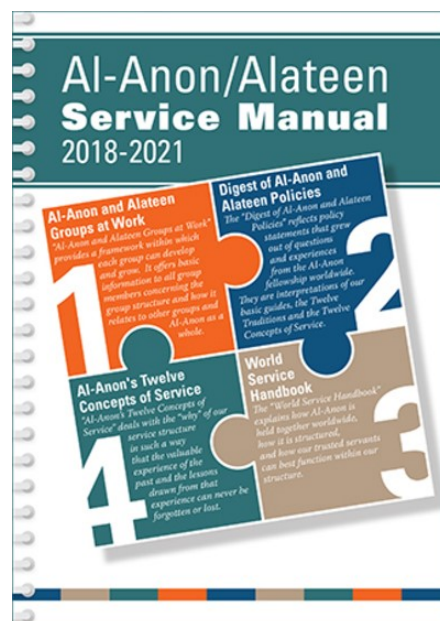
Renaissance Westchester Hotel

80 W. Red Oak Ln.

West Harrison, NY 10604

Our own **Rosie M.**, Trustee at Large, using the same format as the above address.

Please plan to have your cards arrive **after April 13th**. Remember to write your trusted servant's name and address in the return address section of the envelope in the event that mail delivery is delayed.



| ETAAA Financial Report 2017 | | | | | | | | | | 2018 Budget | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--|--|-------------|--|
| Income | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 st Qtr 3/31/17 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 nd Qtr 6/30/17 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 rd Qtr 9/30/17 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 th Qtr 12/31/17 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total YTD | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2017 Budget | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over/ (Under) Budget | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assembly Surplus | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fall 2016 | 3,842.36 | 0.00 | 5,629.51 | 0.00 | 9,471.87 | | | | | | |
| Spring 2017 | 3,842.36 | | 5,629.51 | | 3,842.36 | | | | | | |
| Beacon Income | 60.00 | 72.00 | 12.00 | 252.00 | 396.00 | 200.00 | 196.00 | | | | |
| Contributions Income | 5,253.73 | 3,212.66 | 4,068.41 | 5,819.39 | 18,354.19 | 22,800.00 | (4,445.81) | | | | |
| Fall Gratitude Basket | | | | 1,065.18 | 1,065.18 | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 25.00 | 25.00 | | | 50.00 | | | | | | |
| Total Income | 9,181.09 | 3,309.66 | 9,709.92 | 7,136.57 | 29,337.24 | 23,000.00 | 6,337.24 | | | | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Travel / Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alateen Coordinator | 866.61 | 2,311.51 | 908.99 | 2,737.66 | 6,824.77 | 12,000.00 | (5,175.23) | | | | |
| Alateen Liaison | | | | 173.66 | 173.66 | 1,000.00 | (826.34) | | | | |
| Alateen Process Person | 245.19 | 610.93 | | 287.44 | 1,143.56 | 1,000.00 | 143.56 | | | | |
| Alternate Delegate | | 377.09 | | 326.62 | 703.71 | 600.00 | 103.71 | | | | |
| Archives | 151.80 | 207.50 | | 238.16 | 597.46 | 500.00 | 97.46 | | | | |
| Beacon Editor | 123.45 | 160.39 | 75.90 | 134.46 | 494.20 | 500.00 | (5.80) | | | | |
| Chair | 93.06 | 158.03 | 291.31 | 186.70 | 729.10 | 800.00 | (70.90) | | | | |
| Delegate | 13.42 | 126.00 | 42.24 | 164.92 | 346.58 | 1,500.00 | (1,153.42) | | | | |
| Group Records | 66.00 | | 27.98 | 206.31 | 300.29 | 500.00 | (199.71) | | | | |
| Public Outreach | | 310.05 | | 322.26 | 632.31 | 600.00 | 32.31 | | | | |
| Past Delegates | | | | | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | (1,500.00) | | | | |
| Past Area Chairperson | | | | | 0.00 | 500.00 | (500.00) | | | | |
| Secretary | | 172.26 | 130.02 | 213.74 | 516.02 | 800.00 | (283.98) | | | | |
| Spanish Coordinator | | | | | 0.00 | 500.00 | (500.00) | | | | |
| Treasurer | 116.10 | | 341.54 | 266.73 | 724.37 | 800.00 | (75.63) | | | | |
| Website Coordinator | 57.59 | 189.26 | | 216.66 | 463.51 | 500.00 | (36.49) | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 1,846.88 | 1,349.92 | 816.64 | (54.12) | 3,959.32 | 4,400.00 | (440.68) | | | | |
| Beacon Publishing | 1,525.00 | 815.70 | 769.39 | (69.12) | 3,040.97 | 3,100.00 | (59.03) | | | | |
| Storage Unit for Archives | 175.00 | 449.92 | | | 624.92 | 1,080.00 | (455.08) | | | | |
| 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 | 84.30 | 47.25 | 15.00 | 161.55 | 100.00 | 61.55 | | | | |
| World Service Conference | 700.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 3,200.00 | 3,200.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| Area's Gifts to WSC | 300.00 | | | | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC | | | | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 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) | 3,400.00 |
| Delegate | | 470.53 | | | 470.53 | 600.00 | (129.47) | 600.00 |
| Chair | 778.04 | | | | 778.04 | 600.00 | 178.04 | 600.00 |
| Immediate Past Delegate | | | | | 0.00 | 600.00 | (600.00) | 600.00 |
| Active Past Delegates | 999.99 | | | | 999.99 | 1,000.00 | (0.01) | 1,000.00 |
| Alternate Delegate | 444.34 | 57.54 | | | 501.88 | 600.00 | (98.12) | 600.00 |
| Total Expenses | 5,635.86 | 4,189.50 | 1,725.63 | 5,183.54 | 16,734.53 | 23,000.00 | (6,265.47) | |
| Net Income Less Expenses | 3,545.23 | (879.84) | 7,984.29 | 1,953.03 | 12,602.71 | 0.00 | 12,602.71 | |
| Allocated Expenses | 1st Qtr 3/31/17 | 2nd Qtr 6/30/17 | 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) | 0.00 |
| Delegate's Expenses to 2018 International | | | | | | | | 1,500.00 |
| Total Allocated Expense | 2,682.43 | | | | 2,682.43 | 3,000.00 | (317.57) | |
| Extraordinary Income/Expense | 1st Qtr 3/31/17 | 2nd Qtr 6/30/17 | 3rd Qtr 9/30/17 | 4th Qtr 12/31/17 | Total YTD | | | |
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| Returned Seed Money | 3,500.00 | | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 10,500.00 | | | |
| Received Alateen Background Checks | | 558.50 | 13.00 | 59.98 | 631.48 | | | |
| Spring Birthday Basket | | 830.00 | | | 830.00 | | | |
| Total Extraordinary Income | 3,500.00 | 1,388.50 | 3,513.00 | 3,559.98 | 11,961.48 | | | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Seed Money | 3,500.00 | | | 3,500.00 | 7,000.00 | | | |
| Fees paid Alateen Background Checks | | 481.00 | 97.50 | 39.84 | 618.34 | | | |
| Spring Birthday Basket to WSO | | | 830.00 | | 830.00 | | | |
| Total Extraordinary Expenses | 3,500.00 | 481.00 | 927.50 | 3,539.84 | 8,448.34 | | | |
| Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses | 0.00 | 907.50 | 2,585.50 | 20.14 | 3,513.14 | | | |
| Profit/(Loss) | 862.80 | 27.66 | 10,569.79 | 1,973.17 | 13,433.42 | | | |
| Checking Account Balance | 3/31/2017 | 6/30/2017 | 9/30/2017 | 12/31/2017 | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | 26,340.54 | 27,203.34 | 27,231.00 | 37,801.12 | 26,340.54 | | | |
| Increase/(Decrease) | 862.80 | 27.66 | 10,569.79 | 1,973.17 | 13,433.42 | | | |
| Transfer to CD | | | 0.33 | | 0.33 | | | |
| Ample Reserve Fund (CD) | 27,203.34 | 27,231.00 | 37,801.12 | 39,774.29 | 39,774.29 | | | |
| Beginning Balance | 20,105.06 | 20,156.93 | 20,210.10 | 20,251.10 | 20,105.06 | | | |
| Increase/(Decrease) | 51.87 | 53.17 | 41.00 | 60.33 | 206.37 | | | |
| Ending Balance | 20,156.93 | 20,210.10 | 20,251.10 | 20,311.43 | 20,311.43 | | | |

**Area World Service Committee Meeting
November 3, 2017
Austin, Texas**

Chairman: Kay C. opened the meeting at 10:06 pm.

Secretary: David S. called the roll. 23 voting members of the AWSC present. The following AWSC Officers and Coordinators were not in attendance: Alateen Coordinator. The following Districts had no representative in attendance: District 5. The following AIS/LDCs had no Liaison in attendance: Houston and Houston Hispanic.

A Motion was made and passed by consensus to accept the Minutes from the August 12, 2017 AWSC meeting in Victoria as printed in the *Beacon* (Vol. 49, Issue 4).

Treasurer: Tricia L. presented the current financial condition and proposed 2018 budget for the Area. Currently \$40,772.12 in Checking Account, \$20,270.97 in CD (Ample Reserve). POSSE balance is \$6,460.30 and TEA AC balance is \$5,744.34. Tricia reported that income for 2017 exceeded budget projection due to income from Assemblies. Actual donations to the Area were below projected amount. The CD rate of the ample reserve account was up this year and was set up as an 18 month CD in order to get better rate and to give new Treasurer time to learn position before CD needs renewal.

Area Delegate Report: Joyce Y. reported that the 2023 Al-Anon International will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Contributions to the WSO are down this year with a current shortfall of \$600,000. It is hoped that funds will increase in the final 3 months of 2017. There is an opening to serve on the Executive Committee for Real Property Management. Resume must be received by November 15, 2017. The 2018 Al-Anon International is coming up July 6-8, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland. Encouraged everyone to go and to go a day early to attend the "Day of Connecting" being hosted by WSO Board Members and Staff.

Alt Delegate/Literature Report: Margaret F. will give her report tomorrow at business meeting. Presented the Secretary with an old folder of meeting minutes to be used to compare with Area records.

Unfinished Business:

1. Update on Realignment of Districts 4,5 and 7: Mattie T. reported that the realignment committee has met several times reaching out to districts for input. Have been reaching out to all groups in District 5 via US Mail, email and by phone. The deadline that had been set to receive input on the realignment from the groups was extended to November 30, 2017. To date have received feedback from 36 groups in District 5, 30 for and 6 against realignment. District 4 and District 7 are very open and positive towards the realignment.

2. Assembly Liaison Update: Joyce Y. reported that the Assembly Liaison Committee is in the process of reviewing input from the last AWSC meeting.

New Business:

1. Minority Opinion Letter: Nancy M. discussed a letter she had sent out to all AWSC members regarding the Area Assembly Guidelines Task Force she served on and actions which were taken following a vote at the February 4, 2017 AWSC meeting. After discussion, it was agreed by the AWSC members present that there had been confusion regarding what had been discussed and voted on at the 2/4/17 meeting and that the AWSC needs to regroup and work on clarifying the topic so that it can then be presented to the Area Group Representatives in a concise way so that they can make an informed decision on how the Area wants to go forward in the future with the format of Area Assemblies.

2. Approval of Area 53 Business Meeting Agenda: Kay C. presented the proposed agenda to the AWSC for discussion. She discussed voting procedures for tomorrow's elections and will have a power point presentation at the morning GR meeting as well as during business meeting to explain voting procedures. She suggested having a separate discussion item to go over Delegate expenses to the Al-Anon International in Baltimore. After discussion a motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as amended.

3. AWSC Transition Meeting: Kay C. wants to meet with the new panel after tomorrow's elections to verify that the date chosen for the upcoming AWSC transition meeting (Jan 26-28, 2018) is acceptable. She requested a volunteer to be the host district for the meeting to coordinate details. Lynn S. volunteered for District 12 to be the host.

4. Hurricane Preparedness Plan: The Area has received a draft Southeast Texas Disaster Response Plan from an AA member who is requesting Al-Anon participation in the plan. After discussion, the AWSC chose to take no action on the plan at this time.

Assembly Reports:

1. Fall 2017 - Anna R. Dist. 6: 181 Registered currently, 4 AA, 8 Alateen. 90 banquet tickets have been sold.

2. Spring 2018 - Jennifer S. Dist. 8: Plans are moving along. Speakers have been chosen.

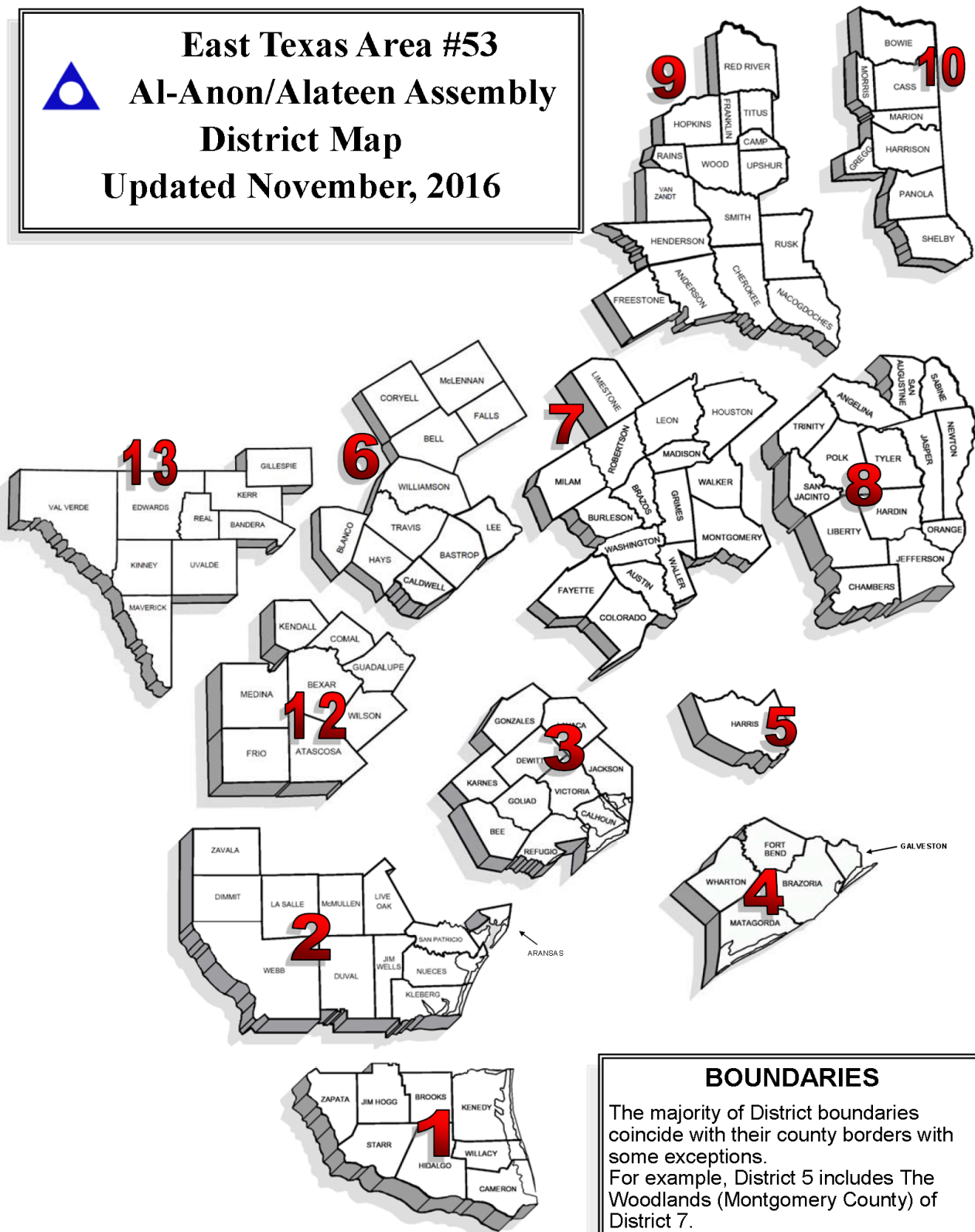
3. Fall 2018 - Susan L. Dist. 10: Have set the date as November 2-4, 2018 in Longview. Deciding between Hilton and Holiday Inn as location.

Meeting was closed at 11:43 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,
David R. S.



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



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

Please send this form through your Area Process or the WSO

1. Group Record

WSO I.D. Number _____

District Number _____

Area Name (Abbreviation) _____

2. Status

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

3. Changes (Check all that apply)

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

4. Group/Registration Overview

Group Name _____ Mailing Language _____

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

Location: Meeting Place _____

Meeting Address _____

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

Group e-mail _____

Contact First Name _____ Phone Number _____

Contact First Name _____ Phone Number _____

5. Meeting Details

Day _____ Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Type: ☐ Open ☐ Closed

Spoken Language _____ Member Count _____

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

☐ Handicap Access ☐ Babysitting ☐ Fragrance Free

☐ Smoking Permitted ☐ Sign Language

Location Instructions

Additional Meeting

Day _____ Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Type: ☐ Open ☐ Closed

Spoken Language _____ Member Count _____

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

☐ Handicap Access ☐ Babysitting ☐ Fragrance Free

☐ Smoking Permitted ☐ Sign Language

Location Instructions

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

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

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

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street/PO Box _____

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

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

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

7. For Area Use

☐ Group Rep ☐ Other _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street/PO Box _____

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

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

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

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

Our new Group Records Coordinator is: Al M. @ email: area53grc@gmail.com

EAST TEXAS AREA ALANON/ALATEEN ASSEMBLY May 4 - 6, 2018

Come Go With Me



(and bring a friend!)

ETAAA – All Meetings
Clifton Event Complex

8727 Highway 124

Beaumont, Texas 77720

Designated Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza

3950 I-10 South

Beaumont, TX 77705

(409) 842-5995

Cut off date – April 4th, 2018

Ask for ETAAA Rate

\$107 for Double/King

Breakfast Included for 4 per room

Saturday

GRs please attend for Area information and business.

District 8 would also like you to join us for food, fellowship and fun the entire weekend!

Meals will be provided and fun activities are planned! We are heading back to the 50s –

***Bring your poodle skirt
and saddle shoes!***



GR___ DR___ AMIAS___ FIRST ASSEMBLY (Y/N)___ OTHER___

Name_____ Name on Badge_____

Address_____ City/State/Zip_____

Group Name_____ District # _____ # of Years in Program_____

Phone # _____ Email_____

Doors and Registration Open at 2:00 p.m on Friday May 4th

___ \$20 Al-Anon Registration

Make Checks Payable to District 8

___ \$20 AA Registration

Mail to: District 8
ETAAA Registration
975 Roosevelt Dr, Silsbee, TX 77656

___ \$5 Alateen Registration

Need Info? Email Jennifer at 2018etaaaspringassembly@gmail.com or Call at 641-521-9349

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

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