

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Lynn S.~

Hello, Texas East Area 53

"First Things First" for this report is THANK YOU Districts 8 and 9! Dressed in '50s styles Jennifer S. and members of both districts made us feel right at home for the first assembly of our new panel. We shared fun, fellowship, food, tried our luck at the raffle tables and heard great speakers. (I still would like a Duncan yoyo for the next contest!) Mixed in with all that fun we managed to accomplish the business of the weekend as well.

Each assembly we hold an Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting, to approve the agenda for the next days' Area Business meeting. Asking ourselves "How Important is It?" we decided that, after this issue, the minutes of this AWSC meeting will not be published in *The Beacon*. If you would like a copy of the minutes please send a request to the Area Secretary, Paula H. The minutes from the two stand-alone AWSC meetings will continue to be published in *The Beacon*.

Speaking of the stand-alone AWSC meeting, the date for the September 2018 meeting has been changed to September 8. Ginny Mc C. and District 2 will host us in Corpus Christi. This will be a full day meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church, 7501 S. Staples St., Room 207, Corpus Christi, Tx 78413.

In communicating we gain knowledge, so here's an opportunity to be "in the know from WSO". Go to the World Service Office (WSO) website <http://al-anon.org/members/> and sign up to receive a free subscription to **AFG Announcements**—all they need is your email address (you can easily unsubscribe at any time). This communication system for individual members will deliver announcements from the WSO right to your inbox. Just some examples of the many types of announcements you will receive include: new literature, surveys, WSO employment opportunities, and *Group eNews*.

In keeping with the 2018 World Service Conference theme *Al-Anon – There's no standing still* let's continue to make ready for the Fall Assembly in Longview from the 2nd to the 4th of November 2018. District 10 is busy planning for another fun filled assembly, but they need your help with the number one "need to know" item: – **How many of you are coming?** Please use the flyer in this issue to register for the assembly then call the hotel for your room reservation before Oct. 12.

I would like to remind everyone that our Texas East Area's meeting list is our biggest Public Outreach tool. If we don't keep our meeting information current the newcomer may end up in a location that is no longer meeting. Remember, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there.



Calendar of Events

AWSC MEETING

September 8, 2018

Asbury Methodist Church

7501 S. Staples St.

Corpus Christi, 78413

Fall Assembly 2018

Nov 2-4, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn

905 East Hawkins

Parkway

Longview, Texas 75605

ATAAC

February 8-10, 2019

Houston Marriott

Westchase Hotel

2900 Briar Park Dr.

Houston, TX 77042

POSSE

March 22-24, 2019

Gonzales, Texas

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

September 15, 2018

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AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2018-2020

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

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

AREA CONTRIBUTIONS

Mail to: ETAAA Treasurer

P.O. Box 1324

Silsbee, TX 77656

Delegate Report ~Kay C.

Hi Area 53,

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Spring Assembly in Beaumont. I enjoyed the weekend having conversations with all of you. Thank you District 8 for all the efforts you put forth. My Delegate's report can be found at <http://texas-al-anon.org/east-tx-area-53/>. A computer translation of my report in Spanish Report. (Una traducción computarizada de mi informe en español at <http://texas-al-anon.org/east-tx-area-53/>). Also posted is the Task Force handouts for an Area Reserve Inventory and Celebrating our Differences. If you have any questions or would like me to present one of the topics in the report or Task Forces to your District, I would be happy to visit your District and do a more in depth talk or a workshop.

South Central Regional Trustee. I want to welcome Cindy K, our new South Central Regional Trustee (SCRT). Cindy is filling a term so her term is for 2 years. Cindy is from West Texas and has been a past Texas West Delegate and Area Chair, amount other service positions.

The Chairman of the Board Letter has issued and can be found in full on the [https://al-anon.org/pdf/Apr18 letter.pdf](https://al-anon.org/pdf/Apr18%20letter.pdf). Items of interest are:

The Executive Director reported on a new procedure for and led a discussion about commenting on and reposting messages on social media. Since launching social media pages in 2012, follower comments have been reviewed by Staff, but have not been made visible to the public. Starting in 2018, comments will be reviewed by Staff and, if it is determined that they are in keeping with Al-Anon's spiritual principles and Legacies, will be made visible in a post's comment thread. This change will positively impact the WSO's online presence and potentially attract more newcomers to WSO social media sites. The Executive Director also reminded everyone that WSO social media posts can be reposted and that this can be done in a way that ensures members' anonymity.

At the Open Policy meeting, meditation meetings were discussed. As a result, a Policy Committee Thought Force will be formed to look into the matter for further discussion by the Policy Committee. Discussion will center on whether having a period of meditation as part of the meeting format is consistent with Al-Anon's spiritual principles and Legacies.

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect: The "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" event is an opportunity for local Al-Anon members to meet and interact with the 19 Trustees and the 3 Executive Committee members to discuss Board Members' service to the fellowship, relationship to the WSO, and to the organization of Al-Anon Family Groups. There will be people from all over the U.S., and maybe Canada and Mexico attending the event. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the World Wide Fellowship in action. Think of it as a snap shot of the World Service Conference.

So how does it work? The Board of Trustees will come to the Houston Hobby Airport Marriott for the week of October 15,

2018 and conduct one of their 4 Board meetings at the Hotel. At the end of the week, on Saturday (October 20, 2018) the Board holds a one day open meeting and discussion session for the fellowship to attend. There will be a small fee for the daylong event to cover registration, lunch, and an afternoon snack (last year this was about \$30.00). The event will start at about 8 am and end about 5 pm. During the day, there will probably be 15 minute presentations from some of these areas: Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, Policy Committee, Public Outreach, the Chairperson of the Board, Task Forces, Thought Forces, hot topics, etc. Sprinkled throughout the day will be breakout sessions on various topics and Personal Sharings from the Trustees and/or Executive committee. Registration- Coming Soon

Date: October 20, 2018

Time: 8 am to 5 pm

Place: Hobby Marriott

—**World Service Office (WSO) - Job Employment-** WSO has two employment positions. More information can be found at <https://al-anon.org/employment-at-al-anon/>. A brief description of the jobs are below.

Spanish Translator - Supports the World Service Office (WSO) of Al-Anon Family Groups in serving members and potential members who native language is different than English. The primary focus of the position is to provide Spanish translations of Al-Anon literature, service materials, and periodicals; web pages, social media content, and correspondence. Translation work is mainly performed alone, however team work is required to move the translations into the fellowship.

Senior Communications Specialist – Search. This position supports the Digital Strategy Team in managing all search campaigns on Google, Yahoo and Bing, as well as other search and display marketing engines. A successful Senior Communications Specialist—Search will effectively manage the search budget and work with the Programs and Digital Strategy teams in order to drive traffic, and to encourage prospective members to attend a meeting by providing creative content/sharings related to typical questions, and to bring enticing content to existing members.

Volunteer Service Opportunities at the WSO level. Please announce and or consider the following service opportunities at the WSO level.

- 3 at-Large Trustees - 3 year commitment
- 1 at-Large member, Executive Committee for Real Property Management- 3 year commitment
- 5 at-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee - 1 year commitment
- 5 at-Large members, Literature Committee - 1 year commitment
- 5 at-Large members, Public Outreach Committee - 1 year commitment
- 2 at-Large members, Audit Committee - 1 year commitment

The at-Large Trustee and Executive Committee for Real Property Management have a deadline of **August 15, 2018**. The Committee members can be anyone in the fellowship and are selected in **April**. You can contact WSO or

myself if you are interested in any of these positions. Selection of the persons for these positions does not have to be approved by the Area.

I hope to see many of you at the 2018 International Convention **July 5-8, 2018** in Baltimore- *Celebrating One Day at A Time*.

In closing, please let me know how I can support you in your Service Journey. –Kay C. *Al-Anon There is No Standing Still!*

Alt. Delegate Report ~ Mattie T. ~

What a wonderful Spring Assembly 2018 in Beaumont, TX. Thank you to all the GRs that came out and participated in the GR workshop.

During the Assembly I asked that each group in the Area take the Book Mark Challenge. I have also has the Book Marks translated to Spanish which you can also find on the Area Website. Keep those Book Marks coming.

Here are some Tips for the GRs as Forum Representatives:

Announce at meetings that **The Forum** as a concept is Conference approved and may be used in meetings. (For greater understanding, please refer to p. 112 in the **2018-2021 Service Manual**).

Inform members that **The Forum**:

- is a “meeting in my pocket”
- is the “voice of the fellowship”
- contains Al-Anon and Alateen meeting topic
- features a calendar of upcoming two-day Al-Anon/Alateen events.
- shares WSO news
- offers new and existing Al-Anon material for easy ordering

Encourage groups and individual members to subscribe (gift subscriptions are also available). Have **The Forum** envelopes 9F3) and Forum order blanks (S4) available.

Make **The Forum** part of your groups’ lending library.

Encourage the use of Step, Tradition, or Concept of Service stories for meeting topics.

Distribute writing guidelines at meetings and encourage members to submit their sharing to **The Forum** on personal or service topics.

Suggest an occasional writing meeting.

Inform members that **The Forum** is available in Braille and large print. (Contact WSO for referral to agencies that provide this service)

Pass on Forums to professionals, libraries, institution etc. as part of Public Outreach Work. Consider a group project to give a subscription to one of the above.

Share with enthusiasm what **The Forum** means to you and your recovery.

Thank everyone for his or her help.

In The Loop News from WSO

The Forum Needs Your Help!

Please share about Al-Anon’s three Legacies for publication in *The Forum*. While your writings on the first four Steps are always welcome, there is a greater need for sharing about Steps Five through Twelve. Especially needed are sharing on all of the Traditions and Concepts of Service.

THREE WAYS TO SHARE

1) Submit online: al-anon.org/18forumshare

2) Email to: wso@al-anon.org

3) Mail to:

The Forum

1600 Corporate Landing Parkway

Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617

- **Understanding & Hope for Parents & Grandparents (P-94):** The New Pamphlet for Parents & Grandparents Is Here! Parents and grandparents of alcoholics now have a new resource! This new 24-page pamphlet, *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents (P-94)* contains over a dozen personal stories from parents and grandparents of problem drinkers sharing the challenges they have faced and how Al-Anon has helped. It is now available for 75 cents.
- **Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships—A collection of Al-Anon personal stories:** This highly anticipated new book is expected to be introduced in Baltimore at the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention in July. Priority order forms will be posted to the Literature Distribution Centers on AFG Connects prior to that.
- **2019 CAL Catalog (S-15) and CAL Order Form (S-16):** In order to include our newest Literature in them, these free service tools will be available beginning this summer.
- **Facing alcoholism with the new AFA 2019 magazine.** Members and groups can provide help and hope to families and friends of alcoholics in their communities by using the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2019* magazines as a public outreach tool. The WSO is now accepting orders for *AFA 2019*.
- **Join a Great Team!** In support of Al-Anon’s mission to offer help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics, the WSO is now accepting résumés for the position of Senior Communications Specialist–Search.
- **Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters:** Please share what your District is doing to spread the word about CAL or publish reviews of various CAL books and pamphlets in your Area newsletter.
- **Sharing needed for “CAL Corner”:** We always need

more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6). We could also use articles about *Discovering Choices* (B-30) and *...In All Our Affairs* (B-15). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community.

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Jayne G.~

By the time this hits your mail box, we will definitely be in the midst of summer.

We have wrapped up our re-certification cycle in a large drop in re-certifying AMIAS. Approximately half of AMIAS who were to re-certify did not re-certify. Either they were no longer interested in this being an avenue of service or they were unaware of the changes to our Area's policy. Some were not able to attend any of the re-certification workshops given across the Area. They will need to certify at an Initial Certification workshop hopefully in the near future if they are still interested in being an AMIAS.

We will send out inactivation letters to those who did not attend re-certification workshops. Included in the letters going out, there will be several letters going out inactivating some Alateen meetings as their primary Group Sponsors did not re-certify. This is source of heart felt pain for me.

The plan for this next quarter is for me to meet with two long term Area Trainers to review the materials that have been used to provide training for people who are interested in AMIAS service work. I hope to be putting together a comprehensive Trainer Manual so that all trainers will be providing the same workshops across the Area.

Also after the new Trainer Manual is finalized, I hope we will have two or three more trainers available for workshops.

This past April, I chose to discontinue the Alateen Conference. In going over the numbers of participants and the number of groups participating in the conference, as well as a price increase at the facility precipitated this decision. This was not an easy decision for me to make, but when I mixed in the drop in numbers of teens at Alateen meetings, I decided that as an Area, it would be prudent to focus our energy on raising attendance at the group level.

I mentioned at the May Assembly, I would like to encourage A Day in Alateen as an alternative. It would be great if Districts that have Day in Al-Anon to add "And Alateen" to their plans. This also opens the door for Alateens to see that Al-Anon isn't as scary as they might think.

So, if you're planning a Day in Al-Anon, please consider adding Alateens in your plans. Ask one to be a speaker. Have separate workshops available for Alateens. Have Family Recovery and Fun.

On a personal note, the Alateen group I have had the honor to be the group sponsor, transitioned one member to Al-Anon. She was happy to make this transition as a result of being of service at the District and Area level. She understands that she will be involved in the program the remainder of her life in gratitude.

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Brenda H.

Region 53 re-certified a total of 67 individuals to serve as AMIAS (Al-Anon Members In Alateen Service) by WSO's annual deadline of June 30. Here is the breakdown by District:

1-5;2-2;3-3;4-7;5-8;6-27;7-4;8-0;9-0;10-2;11-0 and 12-9.

Thank you to everyone who completed required training and submitted accurate paperwork to meet Area 53's safety and behavioral requirements.

Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Lynn B.~

No Report

Website Coordinator ~Dorie J.~

Thanks to all who have emailed changes, corrections and updates to the website. You are helping fill our site with information members need to find meetings, prepare for events and more. Let's keep it going:

- If you find something that needs to be updated or corrected on our site, then please email web@texas-al-anon.org or doriejafg@gmail.com. Be sure to include the correction **and** the webpage URL (copy the web address from the address bar and paste into the email).
- We're continually working on updating meeting information. However, the WSO site (<https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/find-an-al-anon-meeting/>) continues to be the most up-to-date information.
- I am really enjoying creating information pages for Districts. Districts: I'm happy to create a page with officer and coordinator information, district meeting and other event information. See District 4 page as an example (<http://texas-al-anon.org/district-4-galveston-area/>).

My goal is for you to have a terrific web experience - exactly what you need, exactly when you need it.

Group Records Coordinator ~ Al M.

Well the flow of GR-1s is slowing down. Now trying to get all the reports done to fit the needs for the Texas Web Site, *The Beacon*, AISs and DRs.

World Service Office (WSO) is using a different GR-1 and it's more confusing than ours. I also get GR-1s from WSO for Nashville, TN, and Alateen.

The main thing I want to stress is I can only do what is on your GR-1 form. Please fill out all entry's so I can make the correct changes. When someone new is looking for help the first impression is made by giving them current up to date information. If your meeting is in a portable building, let's tell them how to find it, or supply the room number and anything else that will ease their entry to serenity.

If you ever have questions don't be afraid to email me or call me. No question is too foolish. I'm here to help you and our newcomers.

When you fill out your GR-1 please type it, if possible, or print clearly. It makes it so much easier to get the information correctly entered.

Newsletter Editor~Rene D.

Well here we are in the Third Quarter and time for another *Beacon* newsletter. Thanks for all the reports I have received .

Our next AWSC meeting will be September 8th in Corpus Christi so my deadline for the October issue will be **September 15th** for all reports. This will be the final issue for 2018. A reminder for the November Assembly is to reserve your room by October 12th. The flyer is in this issue.

Hope everyone is reading this newsletter. All the reports, flyers, Assembly Minutes are at your disposal. Also, remember you group and make a group contribution of \$6.00 or whatever amount which will help defray the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter.

Archives Coordinator ~Dolores W.

Hello I have brought a few items from our archives from the 1950's and or referencing the 1950's. I have gathered 3 members from one of my AFG groups to assist me with inventorying the contents at future date and will report on this at the next assembly in November.

In March WSO attached in AFG Connects Archives a four page section from the Memorial Issue inside *Al-Anon* published 1988. In this issue were memorials to Lois W, who passed away October 5, 1988. If you would like me to email it to you please contact me via text or email, see the front of the beacon for my information.

1955 Excerpt of Lois' Talk in St. Louis at the A.A. Convention pp. 6-7

I thought I'd tell you a little bit about Annie Smith. You know Bill went to Akron in the summer of 1935, and it was then that I met Annie for the first time. Bill had gone there for a proxy fight in a small rubber company. If his crowd won the fight, they would make him president of the company. But he lost and left him stranded without any money or friends, still hoping something could be done about rubber company. When he caught himself looking at the bar at one end of the hotel lobby, he decided he'd better get busy and find some drunks to work on, which finally resulted in his meeting with Dr. Bob. It wasn't long before he moved into the Smith's home. When my vacation came along, I took a bus to Aron and at Annie and Bob's invitation spent two weeks in their house.

Lois continues in her talk describing her anticipation and trepidations of this visit how wonderful to have this lasting piece of history and insight of our founding member.

Please take time to look at the Area Archives I have brought for this weekend and who knows you too may find that piece of history that gives you an aha moment.

The year, 2018, marks the 50th anniversary of the One Day at a Time in *Al-Anon* (ODAT), our first and beloved daily reader. Members attending the *Al-Anon* International Convention 2018 in Baltimore will have the opportunity to purchase a special and limited 50th anniversary printing of the ODAT. It features a commemorative cover, gold ribbon and bookplate (note: the bookplate is only available at the International Convention).

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

District Reports

District 1 ~Mandy T.

SAVE THE DATE

May 3-5, 2019

District 1 is hosting the Spring Assembly 2019.

We invite you to spend the best 3 days ever!

The meeting site is the historical Casa de Palmas Renaissance Hotel by Marriott in Mc Allen.

We have planned to offer a side trip to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico to those who are interested.

All you need to do is bring yourself, your passport or passport card, walking shoes and your wallet in case you wish to shop / eat. This special trip is planned for Friday morning /early afternoon before the Assembly meetings begin.

If you wish to get there on Thursday and leave Monday, the hotel is offering the same rate for our group. What a great opportunity to see all that the Rio Grande Valley has to offer!

District 2 ~Ginny M.

It's been a productive year so far. At our last District meeting April 14, 2018, we were blessed to have Ruben Z. agree to be the website coordinator for our district. He has successfully created a website for Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas in District 2. We are working on fine-tuning it and linking it to texas-al-anon.org. Our Alateen group had not been meeting, but we now have a new District Alateen Coordinator, Kelly H. We also had two AMIAS recertifications and are planning on two more first time AMIAS certifications before too long, all in hopes of rejuvenating the Alateen community here in Corpus Christi. We had a successful Day in *Al-Anon* on April 21, 2018.

Our next district meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2018 and hosted by Padre Island AFG, 14253 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi. We will be planning and forward to hosting the AWSC meeting, September 8, 2018 at Asbury United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi.

District 3 ~ Susan J. -No Report

District 4~Carol B.-No Report**District 5~Alison B.-No Report****District 6 ~Judy W. ~**

The district continues to remain active. Activities for the 2018 second quarter include:

- Held second quarter district meeting on 4/21 in Cedar Park and plans for the next district meeting on 7/21 in Wimberly are underway.
- Passed district motion for groups to participate in a district public outreach effort to bulk order and distribute the second printing of 2018 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism. WSO order has been placed and should be in later this year.
- Placed the distribution of high school posters on temporary hold until the fall semester restarts. Planning efforts will begin shortly to ramp up to distribute remaining Independent School Districts (ISDs) that have not received any Alateen literature; posters, pamphlets. We are proud of the progress this team has made to get the Alateen message out in our district through the Student Health Advisory Committees (SHACs).
- Created Task Force for proposing a framework to offer ideas for District Workshops to hosting groups. This framework will offer topics, committee membership & rotation, etc. as a guideline to assist the district's hosting group as a resource, if desired. The framework includes identifying and storing existing documentation that may exist for workshops with a possible way to acquire and store newly created workshop materials. Cloud storage will be discussed as a storage option. This proposal will be shared with the district in July, a motion discussed, and a group consensus vote recorded.
- Participated in the Information Center (IC) Board meeting to discuss the addition of a Spanish tab for District 6. At the next district meeting, a motion will be discussed and recorded for participation in sharing the IC annual url costs.
- Received several Alateen Workshops in District 6 from the Area Alateen Coordinator to recertify the Alateen Sponsors.
- Discussion for the District Newsletter cost reduction will be an agenda topic for the July district meeting. Today members are receiving the newsletters that have not subscribed in years, nor are they active GRs or participate in the recent district meetings.
- Planned Knowledge Base Decision Making (KBDM) Workshop will be offered in the afternoon (following our district business meeting) and conducted by our East Texas Delegate, Kay C. The July 21st workshop meeting in Wimberly will begin at 1:30pm and flyers have been distributed. All are invited to attend.

District 7 ~Allyn D. ~

Happy summer! District 7 had their last meeting on April 21 I

In The Woodlands in order to host a "Meet and Greet" for members of the Woodlands AFG groups to attend. (These are the groups who have been attending District 5 meetings but are located in District 7 area boundaries.) They were also invited to attend the normal District 7 business meeting that followed. During the breakfast, there was a brief presentation on why it is important to be involved on the district and area levels. There were interesting and thoughtful questions and much cordiality. It was deemed to be a success. Many of the Woodlands members did stay for the District 7 meeting. It was discussed and voted on to adjust the fall District 7 meeting to occur in November in order to allow for the Fall Assembly to take place in between and after that to alternate our meeting place each quarter to be equitable in travel time. The Woodlands AFG representatives will be invited to attend the next District 7 meeting on July 21st in Bryan. They may do this on a trial basis until a decision is made to move to District 7 or remain in District 5. District 7 is keeping Alison Brown, DR5, appraised in these proceedings.

The District 7 treasury balance is about \$1500 which is enough to meet current needs. GR reports indicated that most groups in District 7 have healthy or stable attendance and are functioning well. The Woods Road meeting has had chronically low or no attendance so has been listed as inactive. Many of the original members are now attending the open AA meeting instead. Marla N. announced that the Harmony Alateen group is barely hanging on with little to no attendance in recent months. There were, however, several D7 members who attended an AMIAS training, so potential is there.

District 8 ~ Jennifer S. ~

Whew! We are recovering from the action packed weekend of May 4-6 with the Spring Assembly held here. It was a pleasure having everyone from Area 53 come visit us and we hope that you enjoyed your time here. Our goal was to have plenty of time for business AND fellowship and we feel we were successful! There was a great turnout with approximately 160 registered attendees. There was LOTS of registration at the door which is great, but please remember how important pre-registration is in planning. We want to thank everyone for attending!

I would like to thank my district for coming together and putting a spectacular weekend of fellowship together. Thank you for the dessert and drink donations.

Thanks also to our support district - District 9. I was terribly neglectful in my thanks during the Assembly and I apologize. We appreciate your donations and your help.

We have returned the seed money to Area 53 and are finalizing financial matters. We will have our report ready soon.

Our next district meeting is July 21st along with our AIS meeting. AIS meeting starts at 9 am with the district meeting to follow at 10:30.

**East Texas Area 53 Al-Anon Alateen Assembly
(ETAAA)
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Minutes
May 4, 2018
Beaumont, TX**

Chairman: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 8:29 pm, thanked Jennifer S. and the District 8 Host Committee and read the primary function of the AWSC on p. 155 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. Mattie T. read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary: Paula H. called the roll. Twenty-five of the 28 voting members were present. The following AWSC coordinator was not present: Spanish. The following Districts had no representatives in attendance: District Ten and District Thirteen. The following Al-Anon Information Services/Literature Distribution Centers (AIS/LDCs) had no liaisons in attendance: Austin and Houston.

Minutes from the AWSC meeting—January 27, 2018—Gonzales, Texas: The following corrections were made: Under **Secretary:** The second paragraph first sentence should read: “The minutes were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 50, Issue 1).” Under **Reports:** The Audit Committee report was omitted. The report reads: “The 2016 and 2017 financial records were audited by Margaret Ferguson and Carol Burchfield at the AWSC meeting (January 27, 2018). There were no discrepancies found. All records were accurate.” Under **New Business: 5. Task Force Appointment for AMIAS Workshop Trainer’s Manual** should be changed to **Work Group Appointment for AMIAS Workshop Trainer’s Manual**. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer: Jennifer S. presented the Financial Report for the Area. A sample copy of the **Area 53—East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Expense Claim Form** was explained in detail.

Delegate Report: Kay C. expressed her thanks for service to the Area and for all the cards and love gifts she received at the World Service Conference (WSC). Her entire report will be printed in *The Beacon*, but she mentioned that she would like for her name to be added to newsletters and communications, and she would like to be copied on any emails sent to the World Service Office (WSO).

Alternate Delegate Report: Mattie T. encouraged everyone to order *The Forum*. Her complete report will be in *The Beacon*.

Reports:

ETAAA Assembly Mentor Task Force: Joyce Y. presented a brief history of the Assembly Mentor proposed position; a complete report of the ETAAA Assembly Mentor Task Force was in *The Beacon* (Volume 50, Issue 2). It was proposed that the position be presented at the May 5, 2018 ETAAA Assembly Business Meeting for a vote by the Group Representatives (GRs).

District 4, 5, 7 Realignment Work Group: Carol B., District Representative (DR) for District 4, reported that the majority of the groups from Bay Area 5 wanted to move to District 4. Al-

lyn D., DR for District 7, reported that she held a meeting in The Woodlands (District 5), and the groups in The Woodlands wanted to move to District 7. It was proposed that the groups in The Woodlands contact the DRs for Districts 5 and 7 to request the move, and the move would possibly be voted on at the September 2018 AWSC Meeting. Alison B., DR for District 5, has not heard from many groups in District 5 regarding dividing District 5 into smaller Districts.

Assembly Host Committee Guidelines Work Group Update: Judy W., Joyce Y., Anna A., and Kay C. used the 2015 version of the Assembly Host Committee Guidelines to begin editing. A revision table was added. The revisions will be presented for review at a later date.

AMIAS Workshop Trainer’s Manual: Jayne G. is still conducting research on producing an AMIAS Workshop Trainer’s Manual. She reminded the AWSC of the June 1, 2018 deadline for sponsor recertification. Her report will be in *The Beacon*.

1. **Assembly Reports:** Spring 2018 Assembly, May 4-6, 2018 – Beaumont, TX. Jennifer S. reported that pre-registration numbers were down but that more people showed up at registration.
2. AWSC Stand Alone Meeting – September 15, 2018 in Corpus Christi, TX. It will be hosted by District 2.
3. Fall 2018 ETAAA Assembly- November 2-4, 2018, Longview, TX – No report.
4. AWSC Stand Alone Meeting – January, 2019. The meeting will be hosted by District 4. There is no date yet. A possible date of January 12, 2019 was discussed.
5. Spring 2019 ETAAA Assembly- May 3-5, 2019. The meeting will tentatively be held on S. Padre Island at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Approval of the May 5, 2018 ETAAA Proposed Business Meeting Agenda: An addition to the agenda was needed, a vote to elect Jayne G. as Area Alateen Coordinator. After discussion, it was decided that a motion was needed to accept the proposed Business Meeting Agenda as amended, including the addition of the vote for Jayne G. as Area Alateen Coordinator.
2. Discussion of increasing the reimbursement for making copies on home printers: It was recommended that the present of amount of .05 per side be increased to .10 per side. After discussion a motion was made to add this item to the proposed Business Meeting Agenda.

Motion #1: I, Rene Dymale, make a motion to accept the proposed Business Meeting Agenda as amended, adding Jayne G. as Area Alateen Coordinator, to be voted on by the GRs. **Passed.**

Motion #2: I, Alison B., move that we put on the May 5 Area Assembly Agenda the proposal to increase the copy reimbursement to ten cents per page for making copies on home printers. **Passed.**

Announcements:

Al-Anon International – July 6-8, 2018, Baltimore, MD
“Celebrating One Day at a Time”

Road Trip 2018- You and Your Board Connect – October 20, 2018 Houston Hobby Marriott Texas East Area is hosting!

Deadline: *The Beacon* deadline is **July 1, 2018**. Send reports to: beaconnewsletter@yahoo.com

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Corrections for *The Beacon* to the East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA) Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Minutes January 27, 2018 as approved by the AWSC on May 4, 2018

Secretary:

Chairman Lynn S. The minutes were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 50, Issue 1).

New Business:

5. Task Force Work Group Appointment for AMIAS Workshop Trainer's Manual:

Audit Committee Report

The 2016 and 2017 financial record were audited by Margaret Ferguson and Carol Burchfield at the AWSC Meeting on January 27, 2018. There were no discrepancies found. All records were accurate.



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District 9 ~ John B.

My congratulations to the Beaumont Spring Assembly Committee, and thanks to them for making it into a fun and informative event. I especially enjoyed meeting the other District Representatives, and have already seen our brainstorming brought forth some new changes.

As for District 9, we are alive and well. I have had the pleasure to visit a new group in Athens TX, my new home town, meeting on Thursday nights at the 6pm at the First United Methodist Church, on Lover's Lane. More information to follow.

We enjoyed seeing Jayne G., who conducted our Alateen workshop, at which two of our Longview, TX, Alateen Sponsors received their recertification training. Although our attendance was small, our purpose was great, and those who were supposed to be there, were there. I congratulate our dedicated friends from Longview for making the trek, to continue the message to our Alateens.

Since becoming the District Representative, I have had a shift change at work, which has made traveling to meetings out of the Tyler area difficult. However, I have just been reassigned to my old shift, which will allow me to travel more.

I regret I will not be attending the AWSC meeting in September; however, I will be at the November Assembly, and helping District 10 with registration and whatever they need assistance with.

Hope to see you all at the November Fall Assembly.

District 10~Susan L.

Fall Assembly will be held in Longview, at the Hilton Garden Inn on the weekend of November 2-4, 2018. The theme will be "Grateful Hearts..."

District 10 is having planning meetings, monthly. The last meeting was June 16, was hosted by Greggton. District 9 will be the support District for the Fall Assembly. We appreciate the assistance.

Margot L, from Marshall will be our Al-Anon speaker for Saturday evening. Gary B., from Houston will be our AA speaker for Saturday evening

Our entertainment committee hosted by Jan H, and Maureen W, is busy planning activities for Friday evening. More to follow.

We hope that we will see you all in East Texas in the Fall. We are look forward to showing you Al-Anon in District 10 with the assistance from District 9.

District 8 did a wonderful job with Spring Assembly. The food, activities, business meeting and food were great. See flyer in The Beacon and on Texas Al-Anon website.

District 12 ~ Candy N.

Before our District Meeting in April, we held an orientation for the new Group Representatives. We were preparing them for the Area Assembly and I am so pleased that several of them made it. District 12 is hosting AMIAS training in May. We are planning A Day In Al-Anon on September 15, 2018. We will be sending out flyers soon - please save the date. We are purchasing several hundred copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism for the groups in our District to use for Public Outreach. Some of our members manned an Al-Anon table for a community event at Fort Sam High School in May. Our AIS is planning the Serenity Celebration on October 13, 2018. The District and AIS have been working closely with each other - this year we have been planning our meetings on the same day - one after the other. We hope to make it a little more convenient for those who are active in service.

District 13 ~ Sarah W.

Our groups in District 13 are doing well. We were sad to have no representation at the last Area Assembly, but I, Sarah W., District Representative look forward to going to the Fall Assembly this year. Some others may join me, as well. We will have another District Meeting August 4th and I look forward to hearing more about what the groups have been up to.

South Texas AIS/LDC ~ Bennie P.**No Report****Austin AIS/LDC ~ Cathy K.**

Chair's Report. Our new Office Manager, Janie, has made some changes to the AIC. The second room is set up as a meeting room. Lighting has been enhanced. A fan, pictures, and furniture have been added.

Our 501c(3) tax exemption is now saving money on the computer, Spectrum bill, etc.

The new computer provides a way to order books, send GR -1 forms, update group records and the meeting list. WSO does not have all literature online; some orders must be faxed.

Treasurer's report. As of April 30, checking account balance \$17,921. Savings \$34,022. Total assets \$52,143. Net income so far is \$2577.

Information Center Report.

Total phone calls since 2/26 were 126, walk-ins 102. High volume days: M-Th.

There are 7 volunteers. More are needed. AIC would like to develop a phone call list.

When open, the back room is available for groups to meet. An "Aging in Al-Anon" group meets on 3rd Wed, at 10:30 (includes those with aging parents).

Janie and Carolyn emphasized the importance of submitting a GR-1 form with group changes. The GR-1 form goes to the webmaster, District rep, Area records keeper (updates WSO), and AAIC Board chair. Groups should send GR-1 form to: aaicemployee@gmail.com

GR-1 form access is on Texas Al-Anon website. The East Texas page is cumbersome.

An older incorrect form is on AAIC site. The webmaster will be asked to update the form.

Committee Reports

Literature. Inventory will be the last Friday of June.

Finance. BOA account access is "cleaned up". There are genetic emails for all service positions. These will "roll" to the next person serving in that position.

Volunteers. There are no prerequisites to volunteer at AAIC. Call Janie for an orientation.

Old Business:

Saturdays are not being utilized and volunteers are few. Discussion.

Motion: Barbara made a motion to accept new hours (M10-2, T10-2, W10-7,

Th10-2, F10-2). No hours on Saturday. Approved unanimously.

New Business

Kitty's Memorial: Sat June 2nd, Northland, 2-4 pm. Brief eulogy, then open sharing, followed by cookies and punch. Bring pictures to put on table.

Motion: Joan G. moved to approve a contribution of \$100 to Northland for providing room for Kitty's memorial. Approved unanimously

Spanish tab on website: The District now has a Spanish coordinator! Anna A. is asking for approval for Spanish language space on the AAIC website, and coordination with the webmaster. This will be an agenda item at the next District meeting. There is no additional cost for a Spanish link. The concept "to add a Spanish tab on the AAIC website" was informally approved.

San Antonio AIS ~ Rene D.

SAAIS is continuing with the Monthly Speaker meetings with the exception of July. Preparation is being done for the 15th Serenity Celebration on October 13, 2018. Tickets are 20.00 for the food and there is a dessert Auction and two speakers. This is the yearly fundraiser and is a lot of fun.

At our meeting on April 14th Pat E. is the new Website Coordinator and is working on updating the meeting list for District 12 and District 13th. Welcome Pat.

SAAIS is looking for a Literature Coordinator and a Speaker Meeting Coordinator. Our next meeting is July 14th with our District 12 meeting following.

Beaumont AIS /LDC ~ Suzanne R.

The Beaumont LDC location acts not only as provider of CAL but also as the nucleus of Al-Anon activities and information in District 8. Our office hours are Monday - Thursday 10 - 3. Our phone system is a 24/7 hotline where meeting information and as-needed Twelfth Step work is available. Volunteers man the phones at all times. We make updated meeting lists available both at the office and on our website, setxalanon.org. We've been gratified to see that our move to a different location has resulted in more walk-in customers and more program friends dropping in just to visit. Sharing a building location with AA's District 90 Intergroup office has continued to foster camaraderie and mutual support with our sister program.

Our quarterly AIS Board Meeting occurred on April 14 at Unity Church in Beaumont. The sixteen attendees voted on five new Board members, who joined five continuing board members in service for the coming year. Our board is comprised of ten members plus our DR. There is continuity of board wisdom by electing new groups of 5 in alternating years. Planning for the May Assembly also continued after the business meeting. Excitement was running high in anticipation of hosting an Assembly for the first time in years!

The next quarterly meeting will be hosted by Orange "Starting Over" on July 21; location TBD.

The ETAAA Spring Assembly, which took place May 4 - 6, boasted good attendance, good weather (no coastal rainstorms!) and a great time for Al-Anon friends from all over our area. Please be sure to read the report from our District 8 DR, Jennifer S., for details of the event. The spring assembly AWSC meeting was held on Friday night with strong attendance.

Our LDC and members are excited about the new B-33 publication "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships" becoming available; we've ordered copies in both English and Spanish. Since we're planning to sell CAL at the District 90 AA Convention in

August and at the Fall Assembly in Longview in November, we hope that sales will be brisk. We're also looking forward to when "*Understanding and Hope for Parents and Grandparents*" (P-94) will be published. As with many groups, we see lots of newcomer parents and grandparents whose insights could be broadened by what this pamphlet will contain.

As always, we remain challenged by lack of volunteers to work in the LDC office. Otherwise, things are running smoothly and our Higher Power is a constant source of strength and goodness in our lives.

INTERGRUPAL HISPANA DE HOUSTON~ Esperanza L.

Saludos a todos y cada uno de ustedes!!!

El Intergrupo Hispano sigue reuniéndose el segundo domingo de cada mes de 11-1pm en la misma dirección. Estamos contentos de que se mandó a la Coordinadora a la Asamblea que fue en Beumont en mayo y nos trajo su reporte. El Intergrupo sigue queriendo trabajar con los Distritos donde existen grupos en español y queremos anunciar que el distrito 4 ya está trabajando en unión con nosotros y esperamos que el Distrito 5 también asistiremos a su reunión de Distrito en Julio. Estamos contentos de que el Distrito está buscando el mismo propósito que el intergrupo de imprimir un solo Directorio de los grupos Hispánicos dejando al Intergrupo hacer ese trabajo que le corresponde.

Mandamos en el mes de Junio cartas a todos los grupos con los eventos que están para este año de Al-Anon y las actividades que el Intergrupo tiene. La línea de teléfono de ayuda sigue mandando a personas interesadas del programa a sus grupos cercanos a su domicilio. El comité de Literatura tiene todos los libros y folletos disponibles para vender a su grupo y esta disponible de asistir a eventos de Al-Anon de su grupo si lo requieren pueden mandar un correo electrónico a intergrupohispanohouston@gmail.com o por correo a P.O.Box.1975 Bellaire,Tx 77402. También pueden comunicarse por teléfono a 713-681-1296. Este comité asistirá por primera vez al evento de Un Día en Al-Anon del Distrito 4 en el mes de Julio. Literatura está mandando cada 3 meses el Directorio por correo a todos los grupos. El comité de Eventos y Festejos tendrá una Kermis el 22 de Julio se mandó carta a los grupos invitándolos y pidiendo su apoyo con un platillo para ese día todo lo recaudado es para generar fondos para el Aniversario de Intergrupo. El comité de Información Pública se presentó en la reunión de Distrito 4 en el mes de Junio y empezaron a trabajar en conjunto con Información Pública del Distrito para futuros eventos y para llevar libros a las librerías del condado Forth Bend en el mes de Junio.

El Intergrupo quiere agradecer a todos los grupos que nos

apoyan mandando a su RI o RG y por sus donaciones mensuales

para que pueda trabajar para la comunidad de Houston y transmitir el programa de Al-Anon.

A todos los que no han asistido a una reunión de Intergrupo los invitamos y esperamos con los brazos abiertos hacer la Unidad de nuestro hermoso programa.



<p>Fecha: _____</p> <p>Círculo uno</p> <p>en todos nuestros asuntos (B-15)</p> <p>Lois recuerda (B-7)</p> <p>Al-Anon es para los hombres (P-1)</p> <p>Distrito # _____</p> <p>Grupo Nombre _____</p>	<p>Fecha: _____</p> <p>Círculo uno</p> <p>El alcoholismo, un Merry-Go-Round denominado denegación (P-3)</p> <p>Descubrir opciones (B-30)</p> <p>Abrir nuestros corazones, transformando nuestras pérdidas (B-29)</p> <p>Distrito # _____</p> <p>Grupo Nombre _____</p>	<p>Fecha: _____</p> <p>Círculo uno</p> <p>Forum</p> <p>Issue Fecha: _____</p> <p>Cuando Llegué me dieron ocupado mejor (P-78)</p> <p>Al-Anon repartos de hijos adultos (P-47)</p> <p>Distrito # _____</p> <p>Grupo Nombre _____</p>	<p>1. Dirigir una reunión en uno de estos maravillosos panfletos, folletos o títulos de libros</p> <p>2. Círculo el tema utilizado y recorta la marca de libro y devolverlo a su Alt. delegado por el 27 de Octubre de 2018</p> <p>4118 Midstream Dr. Missouri City, TX 77459</p> <p>3. Todos los participantes entrarán en el sorteo de un fantástico premio!</p> <p>Introduzca tantas o tan pocas veces como desee. Los grupos ganadores serán elegidos en Noviembre de ensablados.</p> <p>¡Feliz lectura! :)</p>
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CAL Bookmark
desafío!

ETAAA Financial Report 2018							2018 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income								
Assembly Surplus	712.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	712.00			
Fall 2017	712.00							
Spring 2018								
Beacon Income	78.00	30.00			108.00	200.00		(92.00)
Contributions Income	4,139.85	3,393.82			7,533.67	26,012.00		(18,478.33)
Fall Gratitude Basket					0.00			
Miscellaneous Income					0.00			
Total Income	4,929.85	3,423.82	0.00	0.00	8,353.67	26,212.00		(17,858.33)
Expenses								
Travel / Expenses	1,040.15	3,325.31	0.00	0.00	4,365.46	12,000.00		(7,634.54)
Alateen Coordinator	218.89	260.18			479.07	1,000.00		(520.93)
Alateen Liaison	41.25				41.25	400.00		(358.75)
Alateen Process Person		407.05			407.05	1,000.00		(592.95)
Alternate Delegate	41.25	320.05			361.30	600.00		(238.70)
Archives	169.37				169.37	500.00		(330.63)
Beacon Editor	112.81	135.76			248.57	500.00		(251.43)
Chair	158.73	395.54			554.27	800.00		(245.73)
Delegate	37.13	305.26			342.39	1,500.00		(1,157.61)
Group Records	24.52	242.05			266.57	500.00		(233.43)
Public Outreach					0.00	600.00		(600.00)
Past Delegates		552.38			552.38	1,500.00		(947.62)
Past Area Chairperson					0.00	500.00		(500.00)
Secretary		224.52			224.52	800.00		(575.48)
Spanish Coordinator					0.00	500.00		(500.00)
Treasurer	236.20	245.00			481.20	800.00		(318.80)
Website Coordinator		237.52			237.52	500.00		(262.48)
Other Expenses	4,988.48	96.97	0.00	0.00	5,085.45	7,612.00		(2,526.55)
Beacon Publishing	1,759.98				1,759.98	3,300.00		(1,540.02)
Storage Unit for Archives	100.19				100.19	1,080.00		(979.81)
Transitional AWSC Meeting	3,076.71				3,076.71	3,000.00		76.71
Web Hosting Fee		69.97			69.97	132.00		(62.03)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	51.60	27.00			78.60	100.00		(21.40)
World Service Conference	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	3,200.00		(2,500.00)
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	1,141.31	164.10	0.00	0.00	1,305.41	3,400.00	(2,094.59)
Delegate	210.50				210.50	600.00	(389.50)
Chair		164.10			164.10	600.00	(435.90)
Immediate Past Delegate	203.55				203.55	600.00	(396.45)
Active Past Delegates	442.25				442.25	1,000.00	(557.75)
Alternate Delegate	285.01				285.01	600.00	(314.99)
Total Expenses	7,869.94	3,586.38	0.00	0.00	11,456.32		11,456.32
Net Income Less Expenses	(2,940.09)	(162.56)	0.00	0.00	(3,102.65)		(29,314.65)
Allocated Expenses	1st Qtr 3/31/18	2nd Qtr 6/30/18	3rd Qtr 9/30/18	4th Qtr 12/31/18	Total YTD		Over/(Under) Budget
Delegate's Expenses to 2018 International	699.00				699.00	1,500.00	(801.00)
Total Allocated Expense							0.00
Extraordinary Income/Expense	1st Qtr 3/31/18	2nd Qtr 6/30/18	3rd Qtr 9/30/18	4th Qtr 12/31/18	Total YTD		
Income							
Returned Seed Money		3,500.00			3,500.00		
Received Alateen Background Checks	53.12	371.70			424.82		
Spring Birthday Basket		927.50			927.50		
Total Extraordinary Income	53.12	4,799.20	0.00	0.00	4,852.32		
Expenses							
Seed Money		3,500.00			3,500.00		
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	59.76	338.64			398.40		
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO		927.50			927.50		
Total Extraordinary Expenses	59.76	4,766.14	0.00	0.00	4,825.90		
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	(6.64)	33.06	0.00	0.00	26.42		
Profit/(Loss)	(2,946.73)	(129.50)	0.00	0.00	(3,076.23)		
Checking Account Balance	3/31/2018	6/30/2018	9/30/2018	12/31/2018			
Beginning Balance	39,774.29	36,827.56	36,698.06	36,698.06	39,774.29		
Increase/(Decrease)	(2,946.73)	(129.50)	0.00	0.00	(3,076.23)		
Transfer to CD							
	36,827.56	36,698.06	36,698.06	36,698.06	36,698.06		
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)							
Beginning Balance	20,311.43	20,371.26	20,432.60	20,432.60	20,311.43		
Increase/(Decrease)	59.83	61.34			121.17		
Ending Balance	20,371.26	20,432.60	20,432.60	20,432.60	20,432.60		

**East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)
May 5, 2018
Beaumont, TX**

Opening: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 9:18 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Lynn S. welcomed Assembly attendees, thanked District 8 for hosting and welcomed new Group Representatives (GRs) and new Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Liaisons. Paula H. read the Twelve Traditions. Lynn S. explained the purpose of the Ask-It Basket and it was circulated among the Assembly attendees. The election of the Area Alateen Coordinator was added to the Assembly agenda under **"New Business"**. Lynn S. introduced the new Area Officers and read the Chair's report.

Delegate's Report: Kay C. reported on her experience at the 2018 World Service Conference (WSC). She thanked the Area for its support and for the love gifts that were sent to her at the WSC. A complete Delegate's report will be on the Texas East website (www.texas-al-anon.org). The items mentioned in the report were the links of service, a financial report, Task Force discussions, Chosen Agenda Items, World Service Office (WSO) updates, other meetings and reports, Executive Committee on Real Property Management (ECRPM), "Road Trip-You and Your Board Connect", Trustee-At-Large and Regional Trustee openings, and Trustee minimum requirements.

Kay C. highlighted the important items from the 2018 WSC. Conceptual approval was given for printing of the "Just for Tonight" bookmark. The WSO website (www.al-anon.org) has been updated and no password is needed for the Members section. "Hope and Understanding for Parents and Grandparents" (P-94) is now available. Updates will be posted to the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021* on the WSO website in the Members section. A Thought Force was formed on having Al-Anon meditation meetings. Saturday, October 20, 2018, the event "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" will be held at the Houston South Marriott at Hobby Airport. The event is hosted by WSO and Texas East Area Al-Anon/Alateen. Resumes for Trustee-at-Large are due by August 15, 2018 and are sent directly to WSO. Resumes for South Central Regional Trustee are due on August 15, 2019; more information will be presented at the November 2018 East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly in Longview, TX.

Area Assembly Mentor Report: Joyce Y. mentioned that the Assembly Mentor Task Force report is in *The Beacon* (Vol. 50, Issue 2, p. 16). Joyce gave a brief history of the evolution of this proposed position. After much discussion, it was decided that a motion to accept the guidelines for the position of Area Assembly Mentor would be made under **"New Business"** in the afternoon business meeting.

Coordinator Reports:

Literature Coordinator: Mattie T. issued a Bookmark CAL Challenge to groups. The challenge is for each group to lead a meeting on one pamphlet, booklet, or book listed on each section of the bookmark. Groups will circle the item used, cut out the bookmark, and return it to Mattie T. by **October 27, 2018**. Groups may enter as many times as they would like. All entries will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the November 2018 Assembly. A description of the Bookmark CAL

Challenge will be posted on the Texas East website.

Other Coordinator reports were given by: Jayne G. (Area Alateen), Brenda H. (Area Alateen Process Person), Dolores W. (Area Archivist), Al M. (Area Group Records), Rene D. (Newsletter Editor), Lynn B. (Public Outreach), and Dorie J. (Website). The reports are on file.

Other Reports:

Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P.O.S.S.E.): Bennie P. A complete report will be in *The Beacon*.

Texas East Area 53 Alateen Conference (TEA AC): Pat E. A complete report is on file.

Before adjourning for lunch, Lynn S. mentioned that the item regarding use of home printers for Area business, which was discussed at the May 4 AWSC meeting, be added to the business meeting agenda under **"New Business"**.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:02 pm.

Meeting resumed at 1:15 pm. Ask-It Basket questions were answered. Roll call followed. 88 voting GRs were present broken down by District as follows: D1 (4); D2 (7); D3 (2); D4 (5); D5 (23); D6 (16); D7 (5); D8 (12); D9 (2); D10 (3); D12 (10). No voting GRs were present from District 13. Lynn S. referred to pp. 149-152 in the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021* for voting procedures. The number needed for a simple majority was 45, and the number needed for 2/3 majority was 58. It was decided that a simple majority voting method would be used.

Secretary's Report: Lynn S. called for corrections to the minutes for the business meeting held at the November 4, 2017 Assembly in Austin, Texas, as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 50, Issue 1). No corrections were made so the minutes were approved as printed in *The Beacon*.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer S. passed the birthday basket, and the contributions will be sent to WSO.

Seed money was given to District 1 for the Spring 2019 Assembly. The Area checking account has a balance of \$38,327.65. The ample reserve balance is \$20,311.43. The balance in the TEA AC account is \$5,934.86, and the balance in the P.O.S.S.E. account is \$6,151.78. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

At the January 27, 2018 AWSC meeting an audit was conducted on the 2016 and 2017 finances by Margaret F. and Carol B. There were no discrepancies in the financial report, and the report is on file.

No Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Due to the resignation of the Area Alateen Coordinator, Terri D'A, Lynn S. appointed Jayne G. to serve as interim Area Alateen Coordinator at the January 27, 2018 AWSC meeting. The position was opened to the members of the Assembly. No one else was willing to stand for the position. Lynn S. asked that Jayne G. be elected by acclamation to the position of Area Alateen Coordinator, and she was elected by acclamation.

2. There were two motions made.

Motion #1 I, Allison B., move to have the per page copy reimbursement for at home copies made on behalf of Texas East Area 53 increased to ten cents per page.

Passed unanimously.

Motion #2 I, Norma B., move to approve the roles, responsibilities, qualification, selection, and funding of Assembly Mentor as proposed by the Assembly Mentor Task Force.

Passed: 79 For, 7 Against, 2 Abstentions

3. WSO Birthday Basket Total - \$927.50

4. **Assembly Reports, DR Reports, and AIS Reports** are on file.

5. Announcements:

July 1, 2018 – Deadline for sending reports to *The Beacon*. Please send to beaconnewsletter@yahoo.com.

July 6-8, 2018- Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention, Baltimore, MD

October 20, 2018 – Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect-Houston, TX

November 2-4, 2018 – ETAAA Fall Assembly, Longview, TX

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Paula H. – Area Secretary

Road Trip! Meet the Board of Trustees October 20 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

“Save the Date” for the upcoming Road Trip!

You and Your Board Connect: Saturday, October 20,
2018

Location: Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport

This is your chance to meet the Board of Trustees.

Flyer will be out soon for times and fees.

Al-Anon Declaration

Let It Begin With Me

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for
help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always
be there,

Bookmark CAL
Challenge!

Date: _____

Circle one

Forum

Issue Date: _____

When I Got Busy I
Got Better (P-78)

Al-Anon Sharings, from
Adult Children (P-47)

District # _____

Group Name _____

Due Nov. Assembly

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Alcoholism, a Merry-Go-
Round Named Denial (P-3)

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Opening Our Hearts,
Transforming our Losses
(B-29)

District # _____

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In All Our Affairs
(B-15)

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Al-Anon is for Men
(P-1)

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1. Lead a meeting on one of these wonderful pamphlets, booklets or book titles.

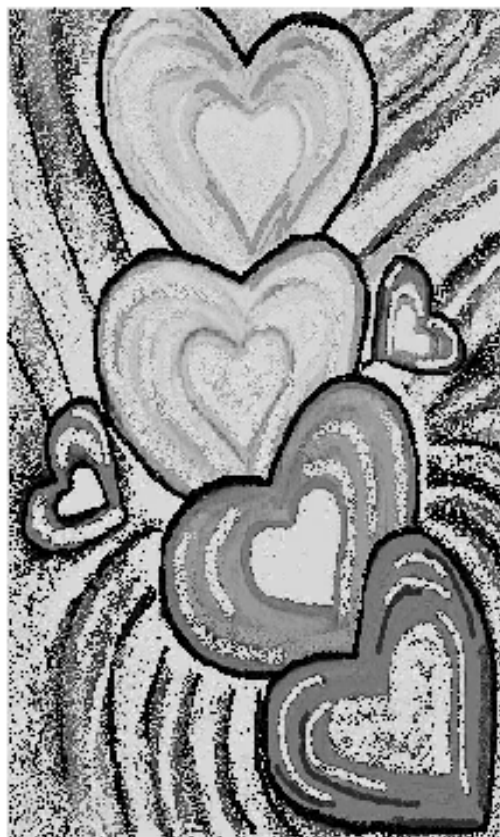
2. Circle the item you used and cut out the book mark and return it to your Alt. Delegate by October 27, 2018.
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3. All entries will be entered into a drawing for an amazing prize!

Enter as many or few times as you like.

The winning groups will be chosen at the November assemblies.

Happy Reading! :)



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