

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

Texas East is on the move in service. January 12, 2019 was the first Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting hosted by District 4 in Pearland. Thank you to District Representative (DR), Carol B. and her committee for a great meeting facility and a yummy lunch. See the minutes of this meeting and the November 2, 2018 meeting in this issue.

A very important form of communication in our area is the minutes of the AWSC and East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA) business meetings. Area Secretary, Paula H., continues to do a great job of listening and taking notes of the very busy meetings. See the First Quarter 2019; Volume 51 Issue 1 for the November 3, 2018 ETAAA business meeting minutes that will be presented for approval at the Spring Assembly meeting, May 4, 2019. The proposed ETAAA Business meeting agenda is in this issue. Please bring your own copy with you. These two documents are also posted on the Texas Website under events.

Sunday morning, May 5 (if you don't have to hurry back home) your Area Archive Coordinator, Dolores W.; Website Coordinator, Dorie J.; Public Outreach Coordinator, Lynn B.; and Alateen Coordinator, Jayne G. will be facilitating workshops. The workshops will be coinciding and you are asked to sign-up for the workshop that is of interest to you and/or your home group at the Group Representative (GR) sign-in table on Friday and Saturday.

District 1 DR, Mandy T., and the host committee have been working diligently to make the Spring Assembly weekend full of fun, food and fellowship. GRs please invite your group members to attend with you and know the fun of having a meeting in the car while on the way to the assembly.

I am looking forward to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Leadership Seminar weekend of March 29-31, 2019. The goal of this seminar is to offer the AWSC members the opportunity to get to know each other and our service positions to the area and our districts and become better leaders together. As we continue to serve our group, district and area let us keep our focus on these key ideas:

Educate – **“Listen and Learn”** *Communicate* – **“Keep an Open Mind”**
Coordinate – **“Let It Begin with Me”** *Facilitate* – **“Easy Does It”**



Calendar of Events

May Assembly 2019
 May 3-5, 2019
 Casa de Palmas
 Renaissance Hotel
 101 N. Main St.
 McAllen, TX 78501

AWSC MEETING
 August 24, 2019
 Schertz United Methodist
 Church
 3460 Roy Richard Dr.
 Schertz, TX 78154

Fall Assembly 2019
 Nov. 1-3, 2019
 Hilton Garden Inn
 123 Huvar Street
 Victoria, TX 77901

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

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Delegate Report-Kay C. ~

Greetings from your Delegate to the World Service Conference (WSC) Panel 58, Texas East! Depending on when you receive this *Beacon*, I may be at the WSC in Virginia Beach. The WSC include Panels 57, 58, and 59 Delegates, At-Large members of the Executive Committee, members of the Board of Trustees, and WSO Staff Conference members. The Conference starts April 12 with registration and hospitality and then a **full day on April 13th. This year's theme for the Conference is Action is Attraction – There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone, which builds on last year's theme of *Al-Anon-there is no standing still*.** I hope you are growing by getting out of your comfort zone. I have had so many gifts of doing service above the group level. One gift is the people I have met. Another gift is that I get to practice new behavior in a safe environment. **Please stop me at the Assembly and let's visit about your growth in Service!** In the following paragraphs, I have highlighted some of my activities for the last year and WSO needs and/or updates.

South Central Regional Trustee Nominations. These nominations are due before or at the May Assembly. So far I have not received any résumés, but there is still time. If you are willing to stand for a Regional Trustee position, please let me know or fill out the Trustee resume at the link below and bring it to the Assembly. The résumé and criteria can be found at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/board-of-trustees/>. Please check out the website, be willing, and do the footwork. What a way to get out of your comfort zone and serve the fellowship!

District Visits. Delegate visits to the Districts allow me to personally connect with the groups in a District and help ensure that members realize how important they are as part of the Area and the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen Family groups. Second, the visits show the groups how they are served and supported by the service structure of Al-Anon up to the World Service level. So far during my term as Delegate, I have visited Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6. I have learned a lot about our Area through these visits and it is great to meet the members of each District and hear their concerns and experience, strength, and hope. In July, I am scheduled to visit District 7. I was scheduled to visit District 3, but we had a scheduling conflict with the dates so I will visit District 3 in 2020. I have Districts 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 left to visit! Please encourage your DR to ask me to visit your District.

Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG) Update. The January 2018 Chairman of the Board Letter, policy update, financial update, and Conference leadership update are posted at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/>. This letter has a wealth of information concerning WSO and Al-Anon and Alateen as a whole. Al-Anon Family groups as a whole is doing great in serving Al-Anon as a whole and providing help to family and friend of Alcoholics. One of the big changes is in the Digital Strategy, which includes the revamped website. Check it out at <https://al-anon.org/>. Under the members tab is a wealth of information about group resources, member resources, public outreach, Al-Anon in international countries, Board of Trustees, WSO, and the Legacies. In addition, there is a user-friendly meeting finder page.

Financial Support to WSO. I would like to thank every group who sent donations to AFG in 2018. Every penny helps. If your group does not contribute to the service arms (District, Area, WSO, and Information Service Center, if you have one), please consider financially supporting these arms as you practice the principle of abundance. In 2018, WSO indicated that 59.8% of the groups in Texas East Area 53 supported WSO for a total of \$44,425.00, which comes out to an average of \$175.59 per group. However, \$14,963.00 or about 20% of the total funds donated to WSO from Texas East and Texas West were **combined and listed as "other" donations. I have sent the breakdown for the group donations to your District Representative so please contact them, if you want to make sure your group has donated to WSO.** WSO spent about \$283 per group on services to the world-wide fellowship of Al-Anon and that will increase this year to \$292. I believe our group donations are higher than what is reported, but groups are not putting their group number on their donation.

WSO/AFG Financial Health. Expenses were less than budgeted. We have had higher than expected income from the sale of the new book 2018, *Intimacy in Relationships*. The International Convention made a profit. We lost some money in our Reserve Fund due to the nature of the stock market. However, we were able to transfer money back to the General Fund to partially offset the loss due to the increase in literature sales. Forum subscriptions are down. More specific information will be provided at the May Assembly. Overall, our financial health is good due to your practice of the spiritual principle of abundance.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support of me as your Texas East Panel 58 Delegate. I look forward to seeing all of you in McAllen at the Spring Assembly!

Alt. Delegate Report-Mattie T. ~

Are you ready for our next challenge? Let's see what District will have the most GRs in attendance at the Spring Assembly in May 3-5 in McAllen, TX.

From WSO:

Your Group's 2019 Al-Anon Annual Update is on the Way!

Help newcomers and members find your meeting by keeping your meeting information up-to-date. The WSO mailed the Al-Anon Annual Group Update Sheet earlier this week, so please take a moment to review your group information. Instructions to fill out the form are available online. Please return the completed form to the WSO or through your Area Group Records process, and keep in mind that your group can submit changes online at any time throughout the year.

Safety in Al-Anon Meetings document. A printed copy will be mailed to all registered Al-Anon meetings in the World Service Conference Structure in English in December. The Spanish and French translations will be mailed to meetings with these as their primary language as soon as possi

ble in as they are being translated. Please distribute to your groups. Hopefully this tool will promote an environment of safety and unity throughout the groups in your District so they may focus on their primary purpose—to help families and friends of alcoholics. Please note, this document applies to Al-Anon meetings, groups, events, and members: For Alateen safety, please refer to your Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. This document should not be posted on any district or information service websites at this time. Any questions should be directed to me as your link of service to WSO.

Sharing needed for “CAL Corner”: We always need more sharing about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to send sharing. We’d love to hear members’ thoughts about *To Parents of Alcoholics* (P-16) and *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94).

Sharing is still needed for our new daily reader! This book will be a collection of meditations to help us throughout our day. Focus on a single insight that you found helpful in your personal growth and recovery. Apply an Al-Anon principle—a slogan, a Step, Tradition, or Concept; the Serenity Prayer; or other Al-Anon tool—to a real-life problem or challenge.

If printed, your sharing will remain anonymous, but please include your name and postal or e-mail address with your sharing so that we can acknowledge receipt.

Please mail, fax, or e-mail your completed sharing to:

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617
Attn: New Daily Reader
Fax: 757-563-1656
e-mail: wso@al-anon.org

(Please put “New Daily Reader” in the subject line)

Do you wonder what those Acronyms mean that you hear so often, well here is a list of frequently used?

Al-Anon/Alateen Frequently Used Acronyms

AA – Alcoholic Anonymous
AFG – Al-Anon Family Group
AAPP – Area Alateen Process Person
AIS – Al-Anon Information Service (Also Known as Inter-group)
AMIAS – Al-Anon Member In Alateen Service
ATAAC – All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference
AWSC – Area World Service Committee (We are Texas East Area 53)
CAL – Conference Approved Literature
CMA – Current Mailing Address
DAC – District Alateen Coordinator
DR 0 District Representative

Area Alateen Coordinator-Jayne G. ~
No Report

Area Alateen Process Person-Brenda H. ~

Last year, I became one of the nearly 90 group sponsors for Alateen in Area 53; otherwise, known as Al-Anon Member In

Alateen Service (AMIAS). I and two other new AMIASs, have had the honor of meeting Alateens who have changed their attitudes and lives by applying the spiritual principles of our 12-step recovery program. I think if you asked any of us AMIASs, we would say there have been many times when Alateens carried their experience, strength and hope to us.

We are committed to keeping this Alateen group available, so we are completing the recertification process and submitting the paperwork to the Area Alateen Process Person by the DEADLINE OF June 1, 2019. Certifications operate on a calendar year from July 1 to June 30.

A checklist of required action steps and paperwork to be completed is listed in the **Area’s Safety and Behavioral Requirements**.

Since 2003, it has been a legally binding policy from WSO’s Board of Trustees that AMIASs in any Alateen meeting anywhere in the world-wide fellowship of Al-Anon abide by the following minimum requirements:

1. Every Al-Anon member involved with Alateen service must: (a). Be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings. (b.). Be at least 21 years old. (c.). Have at least two years in Al-Anon in addition to any time spent in Alateen. (d). Not have been convicted of a felony, and not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior, and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.
2. There must be at least one Alateen Sponsor at every Alateen meeting.
3. The area requirements must prohibit overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member.
4. The area requirements must prohibit conduct contrary to applicable laws.
5. The area requirements must contain procedures for parental permission and medical care when applicable.
6. The area requirements must be reviewed by local counsel.

Area 53 requires an ANNUAL Background check and a brief training for recertification. Please reach out to your District Rep and/or District Alateen Coordinator to learn when trainings will be held prior to the June 1 deadline.

As always, thank you for your service and Al-Anon is Alateen is Al-Anon!

Public Outreach Coordinator-Lynn B. ~

I have recently spoken with two parents who went to their very first Al-Anon meeting with their children in tow. Each parent decided that Al-Anon was not for them because they felt that the groups were unwelcoming to them and their children.

Newcomers (and existing members) are often in a state of desperation. Under duress, a parent (or anyone else) may go to a meeting without thinking about whether or not bringing their kids would be an issue. All too often, parents have a

small window of time to get to a meeting. Parents might not have the support of family/friends and the financial resources to find a sitter.

Newcomers, in general, do not know the policies of Al-Anon and of each group. It has been my experience that members and newcomers feel safer when each group has established policies and plans for dealing with issues when they arise.

The conversations I had with these parents highlighted an area of concern for Public Outreach.

"The Best of Public Outreach" (Page. 3), states: "The Public Outreach goal is to attract all families and friends of alcoholics to Al-Anon Family Groups so that everyone who needs our program can find help and hope in every community. In Public Outreach, we strive for name recognition and credibility for Al-Anon and Alateen as viable resources for local, regional, and national communities."

Continuing with these thoughts the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" Section in the Service Manual (Page.118) states that "Members and Groups Carry the Message - Carrying the message is essential to attracting new members. Our Twelfth Step suggests that members carry the message of recovery to others and make Al-Anon known in their communities. Al-Anon members who do Twelfth Step work carry the message of Al-Anon recovery keeping in mind adherence to Tradition Eleven. There is no replacement for individual Al-Anon members carrying the spiritual message of recovery within their communities in ways that media cannot."

Consider facilitating discussions that establish policies for children your groups that include these suggested topics:

- Protecting the anonymity of existing members.
- How would the group deal with kids that are so disruptive that members are not getting what they need from the meeting?

When discussing policies consider the following Traditions:

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity.
3. The relatives of alcoholics, when gathered together for mutual aid, may call themselves an Al-Anon Family Group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend.
4. Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole.
5. Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps of AA ourselves, by encouraging and understanding our alcoholic relatives, and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics.

Also, when discussing policies consider the following:

"Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work" Service Manual (Pages 29-30): "The WSO will register groups that are designated for men, women, parents, adult children, young

adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. with the understanding that, in keeping with Traditions Three and Five, the group will welcome anyone affected by **someone else's drinking.**"

"Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" Service Manual (Page 80): "Open/Closed Meetings - Closed meetings are for all Al-Anon members, anyone whose personal life is or has been deeply affected by close contact with a problem drinker. Open meetings may be attended by anyone interested in Al-Anon/Alateen.

Spanish Coordinator-Myrthala C.-

Les estoy pidiendo a los Coordinadores Hispanos de cada distrito que hagan una encuesta en sus grupos solicitando sus ideas y opiniones acerca de incrementar asistencias a las Asambleas de Zona o que podría proporcionar la Zona 53 durante las Asambleas para que estas sean más atractivas para los miembros Hispanos. Ya he recibido los precios del costo del equipo de Traducción, será presentado en la sesión de negocios de la Asamblea de Primavera en McAllen. Estoy preparando un taller en Español para ser presentado en la Asamblea de Primavera. Minutas de la sesión efectuada el 12 de Enero, 2019 y Propuestas de agenda en español han sido enviados a los Coordinadores Hispanos de los diferentes Distritos de Zona 53 para su distribución y para mantener informados a los miembros Hispanos de los asuntos discutidos en sesiones de Zona.

Website Coordinator-Dorie J.-

I'm so pleased to hear that members are finding the website useful in staying updated and connected. Access event information, download the 2018-2021 Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual, find expense sheets and contribution forms and more. Find the password protected member site at: <http://texas-al-anon.org/area-53-group-member-and-officer-information/> -- password: *anonymity*.

We're still working on streamlining meeting information. If there are meetings that need to be updated, changed or added, please send GR-1 form to Group Records Coordinator. **Keep on keep'n on!**

Group Records Coordinator-AI M

The flow of GR-1s has slowed because most groups are settled in. We are still getting new group registrations from new groups and a few groups going inactive.

I still get incomplete GR-1s and have to send back for more information. When that happens it slows down the changes to WSO, AIS, Texas Website, The Beacon and the DRs.

The DRs are up to date on changes.

The four AIS cities and I are now running smoothly with updating new information and the DRs and I are communicating on a regular basis when necessary.

The Beacon spreadsheet report will go out soon.

Work is still ongoing to get the Texas Website up-to-date for the meeting schedule.

I still urge everyone to carefully fill out the GR-1s including all

information. If I cannot complete them I have to send them back and this delays the updates.

I thank everyone for all their efforts.

Newsletter Editor-Rene D.-

I was successful in typing the mailing labels through the Post Office website. Only 4 *Beacons* came back and our Permit fee was waived.

The next deadline for the July issue is Friday, June 24, 2019.

Archives Coordinator-Dolores W.-

For this quarter I do not have any changes to report on. I have submitted storage shed expense receipts from July 2018 until January 2019 I have been told that I must submit my expense reports in a timelier manner and will do so.

District Reports

District 1-Mandy T.-

We hope to see you at the Spring Assembly in McAllen. Please note that the Renaissance has changed management companies and the preferred way to make reservations is online. For hotel reservations use the link: [Book your group rate for East Texas AAA District One](#)

If you are making reservations by phone, please contact Karina Mussenden, Sales and Marketing at 956-664-8085 (direct), 956-984-8937 (cell), or via email at kmussenden@gfhotels.com

Please disregard the hotel information on the registration form as this no longer correct.

Thank you.

The early registration date has passed. If you are registering for the Assembly and banquet, the total is \$55.00.

See you on May 3 in McAllen.

District 2-Ginny Mc.-

No Report

District 3-Susan J.-

District Three goals for 2019 were reported in the previous *Beacon* as: 1) Attract Alateens to the Alateen group using appropriate public outreach channels. 2) One meeting continues to meet without a Group Representative. 3) Plan for the 2019 Fall Assembly.

Our lone Alateen Meeting has had regular attendees for about three months now, thank you Higher Power and Alateen Sponsors!

The meeting without a Group Representative continues on with good attendance and members step in when needed. A member from that group has volunteered to be a liaison between the group and the 2019 Fall Assembly planning committee so they are involved.

Planning for the Fall Assembly is on-going and hopefully the registration form is included in this *Beacon* if we got our act together at the most recent District Meeting held the day before this *Beacon's* deadline. **We will appreciate any donations** for the Assembly basket raffle in November.

For anyone reading this that did not go to the All Texas Conference in Houston in February, you missed some truly inspiring recovery, experience, strength, and hope. Please consider attending next year.

District 4-Carol B.-

Greetings, from District 4!

We enjoyed hosting the Jan 12 AWSC meeting and appreciate the attendance. This was a great opportunity for new members of our district to get involved in service. We had several of our members attend the meeting and get a better appreciation for what the AWSC does.

We're excited about GR representation at our District meetings from groups that have not previously participated, including **Galveston, Bay Area Club, and Kemah groups.** **We're also receiving contributions from groups that weren't as active in the past.**

We had a District meeting March 9 and approved a public outreach program with allocation of funds to place AI-Anon books in the libraries in our counties. Our public outreach coordinator continues to seek opportunities for us to attend health fairs and local recovery coalition meetings to spread the word on our **AI-Anon program.** **She's also had good reception from the libraries to leave a display with AI-Anon pamphlets.**

We are finalizing details to hold a Day in AI-Anon, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 27.

Thanks to our Sugar Land Parent's of Alcoholics group for hosting our district meeting.

We're looking forward to assisting District Three with the Fall Assembly, in Victoria, TX, just south of Houston off of Hwy 59. As a reminder, we'd ask groups to bring baskets for a raffle in support of the Assembly and to help offset the cost of putting this event on. District Three has a great program planned, so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We continue to publish The Light, District 4's quarterly newsletter, where we publish our meeting minutes, coordinator reports, upcoming event flyers and other useful information for our GRs to pass along to their groups. You can find a copy of The Light on our District 4 page on the Texas East website.

District 5-Alison B.-

Twenty-three GRs traveled to Longview, Texas to represent their groups at the Area Assembly, November 2-4, 2018. It was great to see so many members participating in service.

The District 5 Officers and Coordinators met to prepare the agenda for the January District Meeting. It was an excellent working meeting and much was accomplished.

District 5 meetings have moved to a new location for 2019. Quarterly meetings will take place on Jan. 01, 2019; Apr 14, 2019; July 14, 2019 and Oct. 13, 2019 from 2-4pm at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay St, Houston, TX 77024. Doors open at 1pm and all members are invited to join in a fellowship hour. Bring a snack to share and come enjoy some fellowship.

The new meeting information was disseminated to our groups electronically and by a hard copy mailing to all CMAs (current mailing address). Thanks to Alternate DR, Heather N., for getting these important communications out to the groups.

Calling all GRs – please plan ahead to attend the next Area Assembly in McAllen, TX, May 3-4, 2019. Consider discussing costs with your group now to ensure that you have the resources to attend. There is still plenty of time to be prepared. Your attendance is extremely important and much appreciated. **“Participation is the key to harmony.”**

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District Meetings.

District 6-Judy W.-

Our district is very busy and doing great things to carry the message to those still affected by the disease of alcoholism as well as hold creative workshops to provide growth opportunities for our members.

At our last January district meeting, we approved our 2019 budget and received a readout from the Workshop (Format) Committee which is seeking ways to document the previous hosting group's workshops/skits. This committee also agreed to list other district processes and procedures that could also be stored for central access and used on our District 6 tab; found under the Austin Information Center's website.

Our January hosting group's workshop consisted of running three parallel activities on meditation, creating God boxes, and playing charade slogans.

After lunch, the GRs voted on top hot topics and chose to split into four groups to share their experience, strength and hope. The four hot topics discussed were:

- Possible Uses for Unallocated District Funds
- Newsletter Distribution Cost, Content, and Processes
- Spanish Website Tab Use
- District & Group Safety Guidelines

After all GRs reconvened, subgroup readouts were given on each hot topic, with planned follow up steps.

District 7-Allyn D.-

District 7 held its regular meeting in Bryan, TX on February 2. **We observed the District's 58 years of service by looking at** some of the archives and listening to members share their memories.

A new secretary was elected. Archivist and Alateen Coordina-

tor positions still need to be filled.

Treasurer's report indicated improved financial health since the inclusion of The Woodlands AFGs. There was some concern expressed by a Woodlands GR about contributions made to District 5 that could now be useful to District 7 in planning the fall assembly. It was suggested by our delegate, Kay Colapret, that this can be handled between individual Woodlands meetings and District 5 if they so choose. No further action will be taken by District 7.

The 2019 District 7 meeting calendar has been scheduled to include Assembly Design meetings. The July meeting will welcome a visit from our delegate, Kay Colapret.

We held our first Assembly Design meeting on March 2 and filled most of the assembly committee positions. We have visited multiple potential fall 2020 assembly locations and narrowed it down between the Hyatt House in The Woodlands and La Torretta on Lake Conroe. Both indicate their willingness to work with us. However, La Torretta has recently stepped further forward to meet our needs. It has much better conference/meeting room facilities and they are matching the **Hyatt's room rate with additional rebate. It looks like it would** be a memorable place for attendees. District 7 will further iron out details at its next regular meeting on April 6.

District 8-Jennifer S.-

Who else is ready to see the sun? What a crazy winter it has been with the cold and rain, rain, rain. Thank goodness Spring is coming!

Our last district meeting was January 26th. Thank you to Listen and Learn for hosting. We talked about the importance of going over the safety guidelines sent from WSO in our meetings. Several meetings have done this and some good discussion followed. Along these lines we appointed a task force to develop guidelines for participation in District AI-Anon events and events with AI-Anon participation in our district. These will provide guidance for acceptable/unacceptable behavior as well as guidance for those serving as chair for events.

I also received a request for an Alateen meeting to start. We discussed the benefit to our budget of the Area paying to have the trainer come to our district and have a few names of people wanting to be trained. Please contact me if you are interested in being an Alateen sponsor as we will be scheduling training soon.

Our next district meeting will be April 27th at the First Methodist Church in Nederland. Meeting starts with AIS at 9 am, district will start at 10:30. Bring a dish to share for lunch following our district meeting please.

District 9-John B.-

Greetings from District 9

The District Nine is doing well. We have added a new meeting to our District in Lindale, TX, Wednesday, 12:00 PM, at Grace Church. Our Lindale group has expanded. Congratulations to the Lindale AFGs!!

Our other meetings in the 9th District are doing well. We con-

East Texas Area 53 Al-Anon Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)

Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Minutes

November 2, 2018

Longview, TX

Chairman: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 8:08 pm with the Serenity Prayer, welcomed attendees, and thanked Susan L. and District 10 for hosting.

Welcome and Introductions: Mattie T. read the primary function of the AWSC on p. 155 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

Reading of the Concepts and General Warranties of the Conference: The AWSC members read the Twelve Concepts and General Warranties on p. 17 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

Secretary: Paula H. called the roll. Twenty-four of the 28 voting members were present. The following AWSC Coordinators were not present: Alateen Process Person and Archivist. The following District had no representative in attendance: District Ten. The following Al-Anon Information Services had no liaison in attendance: Houston.

The minutes from the September 8, 2018 AWSC meeting in Corpus Christi, TX were amended as follows: Under New Business, item #3: Assembly Mentor – The phrase in the second sentence, **“Assembly Chairs”, was changed to “The Host District Committee”. The minutes were approved as amended.**

Treasurer: Diane B., who was substituting for Jennifer S., said that two full reports would be given at the November 3, 2018 **ETAAA Business Meeting, the 2018 treasurer’s report and the budget committee report.**

Delegate Report: Kay C. gave a brief statement of the workshop to be presented at the November 3, 2018 ETAAA Business Meeting. **She thanked all who attended the “2018 Road Trip—You and Your Board Connect” and asked for ideas on how to promote future meetings.** Kay has planned to visit several districts. She also asked that Chosen Agenda Items for the 2019 World Service Conference by submitted to her by January 1, 2019.

Alternate Delegate Report: Mattie T. thanked the AWSC for personal cards and for support and love. She has had questions from groups on reproducing Conference Approved Literature (CAL) for use at meetings; CAL cannot be reproduced since it is **copyrighted. However, “In the Loop” can be reproduced and has good information for use in meetings.** The bookmark challenge was a success, and Mattie is working on ideas for the next literature challenge.

Update Reports:

1. Fall 2018 Assembly November 2-4, 2018, Longview TX – Susan L. reported that District Ten had to pool resources for the assembly and that they were hoping for more participation. There were no registration numbers available at the time of the AWSC meeting.

2. Spring Assembly 2019 – District One will host. Mandy T. announced the dates for the assembly, May 3-5, 2019, at the Renaissance Las Palmas in McAllen, TX. There is a \$5 discount to register by December 31, 2018. Registration for the assembly may be made online. The reservation for the hotel may be made by calling the hotel directly. The reservation code for the hotel is ETAAA District One. Also, the hotel will honor the ETAAA rate on adjoining

ing days of the assembly, but the hotel sales staff will need to be contacted. The Texas Al-Anon website (www.texas-al-anon.org) has the assembly registration form available on the events page. For those interested in going to Progreso, Mexico on the morning of May 3, attendees will need a passport or a passport card. On the registration flyer attendees can indicate interest in going to Mexico.

3. Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) **Trainer’s Manual Work Force** – Jayne G. reported that she had been working on updating the AMIAS Safety and Behavioral Requirements in order to get them compliant legally with the state of Texas and with the World Service Office (WSO). The requirements are now legally compliant and will be available for Group Representatives (GRs) at the November 3 ETAAA Business Meeting to review, discuss and possibly approve. Once the requirements have been approved by the voting GRs, they will be sent to WSO.

4. Policies and Procedures Handbook Work Force – Mattie T. reported that the handbook has been put on hold due to preparations for the November 2018 Assembly. There is no target end date.

5. Do Not Refer/Re-Refer Policies Thought Force – Diane B. reported that the Thought Force had been assembled but that not much work has taken place to date. Once the policies are in place they will be sent to WSO for review.

6. Translation Equipment Work Group – Myrthala C. has contact information for equipment to rent or purchase. She is seeking feedback from the Spanish groups in our Area.

7. January 12 AWSC Meeting – Lynn S. presented an idea for a three day AWSC weekend in Gonzales, TX. The purpose of the weekend would be to clarify duties of AWSC members, hold fellowship activities and workshops, and have a Business Meeting on Sunday. After much discussion, the consensus of the AWSC was not to have an entire weekend event. The consensus reached was to have a stand alone AWSC meeting on January 12, 2019. Carol B. from District 4 has a location for the stand alone January 12 AWSC meeting in Pearland and a list of hotels.

After much discussion an idea of a training weekend for AWSC members was mentioned. A suggested amount of \$3000 was made to be put as a line item on the 2019 budget for the weekend AWSC activity. The training weekend idea and the budget line item will be brought to the November 3 Business Meeting for discussion, a possible motion and vote by the GRs.

Area Coordinators/DRs/AISs Reports- There were no reports given.

Unfinished Business

1. Groups move from District 5 to District 4 – Carol B. reported that members of the Bay Area Club that is currently in District 5 approve of moving to District 4. A consensus was reached to take this to the Assembly for discussion, a possible motion and a vote at the November 3 Business Meeting.

2. Groups move from District 5 to District 7 – Allyn D. reported that most of the groups in The Woodlands approved moving from District 5 to District 7. Although the request to move was not voted on by District 5, the consensus of the AWSC was to take this to the Assembly for discussion, a possible motion and a vote at the November 3 Business Meeting.

New Business

1. 2019 Budget – Diane B. reported for Jennifer S. that a presentation would be made by the Budget Committee at the November 3 Business Meeting regarding the 2019 Budget. After discussion there was a question raised about expenses for the Area Chair, Area Delegate, and Area Alternate Delegate, and active Past Delegates to attend the South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM). A proposal was made to increase the budget by \$300 for the Chair, Delegate, and Alternate Delegate to attend and for an increase of \$1000 for active Past Delegates to attend. These proposals will be brought to the GRs at the November 3 Business Meeting for discussion, a possible motion and vote.

2. Assembly Mentor – Nancy M. provided clarification on the Assembly Mentor position accepted by the assembly May 5, 2018. Section A. Responsibilities says: *“The responsibilities of the Assembly Mentor would be to provide continuity between the Spring and Fall Assemblies and be a mentor to the Area Host Committee(s) District Representative(s) (DRs).”* **When the five** AI-Anon members volunteered to be mentors at the September 8, 2018 AWSC meeting in Corpus Christi, TX, this did not **follow** *“Section D: Selection, Term, and Funding of Assembly Mentor: The Assembly Mentor should be selected by the Area Chair with input from the AWSC and the DRs that are responsible for the upcoming and future assemblies.”* After much discussion, Diane B. spoke for the five AI-Anon members and agreed to withdraw as Assembly Mentors. Lynn S. will serve as Assembly Mentor.

3. 2018 Assembly Business Meeting Agenda approval – Kay C. moved that the Business Meeting Agenda be accepted, Mattie T. seconded the motion, and the motion to accept the agenda was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 pm with the AI-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

DISTRICT REPORTS – CONTINUED

Our other meetings in the 9th District are doing well. We continue to new comers, and our groups are dedicated to keeping the doors of recover open.

Members from several of our groups assisted and attended the AA Anniversary in Tyler, TX in January. The workshops and speakers were great and our fellow AI-Anons from Beaumont handled the literature sales. We really appreciate the Beaumont AI-Anon Groups for their assistance.

Things are really looking good for 2019. We hope all of our sister groups are enjoying the same growth and committed spirit.

Thanking all of those mentioned and those who worked behind the scenes for your service.

District 10-Sheila E. ~

District 10 has a new meeting in Kilgore, TX Susan L. and I attended their meeting Friday. We encouraged them to get registered with the WSO, and provided them with a registration form and a stamped envelope. We want to make it as easy as possible for them to get registered.

In addition, the Greggton group in Longview, TX. has set up their own email address. The other groups were encouraged to set up their own group emails at the last district meeting.

Planning to attend other groups in the district providing each group with information learned at the AWSC meeting I attended in January.

District 12-Candy N. ~

No Report

District 13-Sarah W. ~

Our groups are holding strong, several with 10-15 people weekly. We have meetings for newcomers and plenty of long-timers at our meetings, as well. The new group in Bandera is doing well. We are still in need of several officers at the District level, such as our Newsletter Editor, and Public Outreach, as well as Alternate District Representative, Archivist, and Alateen Coordinator. I, Sarah W., will not be at the spring Assembly, but I am hopeful that someone will take my place to represent our District that weekend. We welcome anyone that finds themselves in our area to find a great District 13 group!

AIS LIAISON REPORTS

Beaumont AIS/LDC-Suzanne R. ~

Our District 8 AIS Office is humming along with plans for raising funds through selling program items at assemblies and other AI-Anon or AA events. Items being considered for selling are special chips, mugs, tee-shirts, book covers, etc. This direction was recommended by an appointed committee, and seems to fit well with our purpose and our already-frequent schedule of selling AI-Anon literature **locally and at other districts' gatherings, when invited.** We hope to have these items ready to sell at the District 90 AA Convention in August.

A note regarding CAL sales at ETAAA Fall Assembly in Victoria (11/1 - 3/19) - if your group would like to pre-order any CAL to be ready for pick-up at the Fall Assembly, please contact our LDC at ais.beaumont@gmail.com, or call 409-899-3343.

In an effort to streamline staffing at our AIS office, our webmaster has included a link to signup.com, where it's easy to see spots needing volunteers. Training is periodically available for new volunteers. Thank you, Jennifer S.!

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A committee has been formed to effect the transition from our very old PC and ancient version of QuickBooks to a newly-donated laptop, recent purchase of QB and anti-virus software. This update should help our office function more smoothly.

We're hoping that some of these actions will help us achieve success in the challenges that face us here in the greater Beaumont district.

Looking forward to our trip deep into south Texas. *Nos vemos en mayo en McAllen - buen viaje a todos!*

San Antonio AIS/LDC-Rene D. ~

Monthly Speaker meetings are continuing on the first Saturday of every month at 7:00 at the Club 12 Al-anon room location.

We have two men monitoring our phone system and they will be preparing job descriptions and asking for volunteers to help.

The 16th Annual Serenity Celebration fundraising event is scheduled for September 7, 2019 at Bulverde/Spring Branch Activity Center. Doors open at 5:00 dinner at 5:30. There are 2 speakers and a Dessert Auction.

Houston AIS/LDC-Gretchen Van D. -

No Report

Houston Hispanic AIS-Esperanza L. ~

Queridos compañeros de Al-Anon el Intergrupo les quiere agradecer a todos esos grupos que asisten a nuestras reuniones de Intergrupo cada segundo Domingo de cada mes de 11-1pm en la dirección 6160 Glenmont Dr. Apt 155 Houston Tx 77081. Invitamos a todos los grupos que aun no se dan la oportunidad de mandar a su RI que se animen asistir a nuestras reuniones y hacer la Unidad.

El Intergrupo fue invitado por los AA al 3er Foro Estatal y el comite de Eventos y Festejos fue el organizador de dicho evento con la ayuda de los grupos de San Antonio que fue realizado en la ciudad de San Antonio Tx. Se invito a los Intergrupos de las ciudades sercanas y asisitieron la ciudad de San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Forth Worth, Kansas, y El Paso Texas. La asistencia fue de 33 personas de diferentes ciudades. De antemano le agradecemos a cada y una de las personas q asisitieron a este Foro.

Seguimos trabajando como intergrupo transmitiendo el mensaje a la comunidad y visitando a los grupos. Se empeso a visitar a los grupos en el mes de Febrero y seguiremos asta terminar con todos los grupos. Si su grupo decaea comprar Literatura la tenemos disponible. Se a ordenado el Nuevo libro titulado "La intimidad y las relaciones Alcoholicas. Ya esta disponible para que lo compren. Le animamos a todos los grupos a que asistan a nuestras reuniones.

South Texas AIS-Bennie P. ~

No Report

Asamblea de Al-Anon Alateen Del Este de Texas Área 53 Minutas del Comité de Servicio Mundial de Zona (CSMZ)

12 de Enero, 2019 Pearland, Texas

Presidente de Zona: Lynn S. inicio la junta a las 12:54 pm iniciando con un momento de silencio seguido por la Oración de la Serenidad.

Bienvenida e Introducciones: Rene D. dio lectura a la función primaria del CSMZ y Lynn S. agradeció a Carol B. y Distrito Cuatro por ser anfitriones de esta junta.

Lectura de los Conceptos y las Garantías Generales de la Conferencia: Se le dio lectura a los Doce Conceptos de Servicio y la Garantías Generales de la Conferencia.

Secretaria: Asistencia fue tomada por Paula H. Veintiuno miembros de Treinta miembros votantes estuvieron presentes. Los siguientes Coordinadores de Área (CSMZ) no estuvieron presentes; Coordinadores de Español y Pagina Web. Los siguientes Representantes de Distrito no asistieron y no hubo ningún asistente en su representación: Distrito Uno, Dos y Nueve. Los siguientes miembros de Servicio de Información de Al-Anon (Intergrupala) no estuvieron presentes: Austin, Houston Hispano, Sur de Texas.

Las minutas de noviembre 2018 del Comité de Servicio Mundial (CSMZ) fueron enviadas por correo electrónico a todos sus miembros antes de la Junta de CSMZ de enero del 2019. Las minutas de la junta del CSMZ fueron aprobadas según se presentaron en el correo electrónico al CSMZ.

Tesorero: Jennifer S., reporto que los ingresos del año 2019 hasta la fecha son de \$743.09. Al final del 2018, la cuenta de cheques tenía un saldo de \$31,494.07, y el saldo del Certificado de Deposito era de \$20,555.17. La cantidad que exceda del CD se pondrá en la cuenta de cheques para que el saldo sea consistente con la moción hecha en la Asamblea el 5 de noviembre, 2016. Que la reserva sea de \$20,000.00. Jennifer S. renovó el CD con un interés del 2.3% por 18 meses.

Reporte de Delegado: Kay C. menciona que la Oficina de Servicio Mundial. (OSM) envió por correo las guías de seguridad para las juntas de Al-Anon a todos los grupos. EL OSM está promoviendo que todas las áreas desarrollen unas guías de seguridad para sus áreas.

El tema para el 2019 OSM, Oficina de Servicio Mundial es: *Acción es Atracción. - No hay Crecimiento en la zona de confort.*

Kay enviara a la CSMZ en referencia a donde enviar por correo los regalos de amor para la conferencia.

Kay reporto que el Viaje 2018 fue un éxito y que ella ha podido visitar los distritos y continuara haciéndolo.

Representantes de Grupos (RG) votaran por el Fideicomisario Regional en la Asamblea de Mayo, 2019. Un Curriculum también puede ser enviado para la posición de Fideicomisario en General.

Delegado Suplente: Mattie T. reporto que el reto de marcador de libros fue muy bien recibido por los grupos y el próximo reto a los grupos fue emitido. Habrá un premio para el Distrito que tenga la mayoría de Los representantes de Grupo en la Asamblea de Mayo, 2019.

Mattie compartió la importancia de formar correos electrónicos en grupo y anima a los distritos a tomar la idea listada en la revista EN CONTACTO-Noticias de su OSM, Y formar correos electrónicos en grupo para sus grupos. Esta información está disponible en la pagina OSM.

Los compartimientos del taller de escritos para literatura que se efectuó en la Asamblea de Noviembre del 2018 fueron enviados por correo al OSM. OSM esta interesado en recibir estos compartimientos para el NUEVOS LECTORES DIARIOS. La edición del 50th aniversario de UN DIA A LA VEZ estarán disponible hasta que se le terminen al OSM.

Reportes Actualizados:

1. Asamblea de Otoño 2018 noviembre 2-4, Longview, Texas—Susan L. reporto un total de 157 miembros atendieron esta asamblea y 82 boletos de banquete se vendieron. El Fondo Inicial de \$3246.62 fue reembolsado a Zona.
2. Asamblea de Primavera 2019- Mandy T. envió por escrito su reporte indicando que la fecha limite del descuento de \$5.00 de la preinscripción fue el día 31 de diciembre 2018. Distrito Uno pide que James M. grabe la asamblea, si el CSMZ lo aprueba. El CSMZ aprueba que James M. por consenso.
3. Asamblea de Otoño 2019- Susan J. proporciono las fechas para la Asamblea de Otoño 2019, noviembre 1-3, 2019 en Victoria, Tex. El tema es *UN GRANO DE GRATITUD CAMBIA ACTITUDES*. La Asamblea se efectuará en el Victoria Hilton Garden Inn, y el costo de habitación es de \$129 por noche más impuestos. El Servicio de Información AI-Anon/Centro de Distribución de Publicaciones de Beaumont proporcionara literatura y ayuda se necesita para la rifa.
4. Miembros de AI-Anon que participa en el Servicio de Alateen grupo de trabajo del Manual de Entrenador Jayne G. reporto que no se ha iniciado ningún trabajo en el Manual por la razón que se esta actualizando el proceso de certificación de Miembros de AI-Anon que participa en el Servicio de Alateen y ya este puesto en nuestra Zona. También distribuyo formas de inscripción para el Programa de Padrinos Compartiendo Todo, el cual se efectuará en el Campo y Retiro Disciple Oaks en González, Texas marzo 22-24, 2019. Inscripcion deberá de ser posdatada para el 22 de Febrero, 2019.
5. Equipo de trabajo para el Manual de Pólizas y Procedimientos-Mattie T. reporto que no se ha efectuado ningún trabajo aun por parte de su comité. Sin embargo, se esta planeando trabajar en esto el 2019. Modelos de manuales se han estado recibiendo de Oklahoma, Iowa y Arkansas.
6. Grupo de trabajo para la lista editorial de Reuniones de Zona—Diane B. envió reporte informando Que no se Hagan Referencias. Grupo de Trabajo ha sido renombrada Póliza de Lista Editorial.
7. Grupo de Trabajo Equipo de Traducción - Myrthala C, no se recibió reporte de este grupo.
8. Fin de Semana del -CSMZ Seminario de Lideres- Lynn S. reporto que la fecha para este fin de semana será del 29-31 de Marzo, 2019 en el Campamento y Retiro en González, Texas. Forma de Inscripcion fue distribuida y la fecha límite para inscripción es el 2 de Marzo, 2019. Lynn S, le gustaría que proporcionaran sugerencias de temas para presentar este fin de semana.

Reportes de Coordinadores de Zona/RDs/SIA:

Reportes fueron presentados por los siguientes Coordinadores de Zona: Coordinador de Alateen de Zona, Jayne G; Encargado de Procedimiento de Zona, Brenda H.; Archivist, Dolores W.; Registro de Grupos, Al M.; Boletín, Rene D.; e Información Pública, Lynn B.; no hubo reportes disponibles de los siguientes Coordinadores de Zona: Español y Pagina Web.

Los siguientes reportes fueron presentados por Servicio de Información AI-Anon: Beaumont SIA, Suzanne R. y San Antonio, SIA Rene D.; Austin SIA, Judy W.; no hay enlace actual de SIA Austin; No se dieron reportes de Houston Hispano SIA, Houston SIA, o Sur de Texas SIA.

Negocios Pendientes: Ninguno

Negocios Nuevos:

1. Reportes al CSMZ enviados por miembros del CSMZ con anticipación a la junta- Reportes serán solamente necesarios al CSMZ con anticipación si los reportes son importantes y si previo aviso es necesario.
2. Diagrama de procedimientos para votar: Lynn S. distribuyo un modelo de diagrama para el procedimiento para votar. El consenso de CSMZ fue de formar un grupo de trabajo para estudiar y revisar el diagrama antes de la Asamblea de Noviembre del 2019.

La fecha límite para reordenar *AI-Anon se Enfrenta al Alcohollismo 2019* es Febrero 8, 2019 5pm. Tiempo estándar del Este.

La fecha limite para enviar los reportes a El Beacon es Marzo 10, 2019. En los reportes favor de usar el primer nombre y ultima inicial solamente.

La próxima junta del CSMZ 2019 será patrocinada por el Distrito Doce en San Antonio, Tex. El 24 de Agosto, 2019.

Se levantó la sesión con la declaración de AI-Anon/Alateen-La sesión se levantó a las 3:26pm.

Paula H.

Secretaria Zona 53

East Texas Area 53 Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Minutes
January 12, 2019
Pearland, TX

Chairperson: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 12:54 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Introductions: Rene D. read the primary function of the AWSC, and Lynn S. thanked Carol B. and District Four for hosting the meeting.

Reading of the Concepts and General Warranties of the Conference: The Twelve Concepts of Service and the General Warranties were read.

Secretary: Paula H. called the roll. Twenty-one of the 30 voting members were present. The following Area Coordinators were not present: Spanish and Website. The following Districts had no representative in attendance: Districts One, Two, and Nine. The following Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) had no liaison in attendance: Austin, Houston Hispanic, South Texas.

The November 2018 AWSC minutes were emailed to AWSC members prior to the January 2019 AWSC meeting. The minutes from the November 2018 AWSC meeting were approved as presented in the email to the AWSC.

Treasurer: Jennifer S. reported that the 2019 year to date income is \$743.09. At the end of 2018 the checking account balance was \$31,494.07, and the certificate of deposit (CD) balance was \$20,555.17. Surplus from the CD will be put into the checking account in order for that balance to be consistent with the motion made at the assembly on November 5, 2016, that the ample reserve be \$20,000. Jennifer S. renewed the CD at 2.3 per cent interest for 18 months.

Delegate Report: Kay C. mentioned that the World Service Office (WSO) mailed guidelines for safety in Al-Anon meetings to all groups. The WSO is encouraging all areas to develop safety guidelines for their areas.

The theme of the 2019 World Service Conference (WSC) is **"Action Is Attraction-There Is No Growth in the Comfort Zone"**. **Kay will send information to the AWSC regarding where to mail love gifts for the conference.**

Kay reported that the 2018 Road Trip was successful and that she has visited districts and will continue doing so.

Group Representatives (GRs) will vote on a Regional Trustee at the May 2019 Assembly. A resume may also be submitted for Trustee-At-Large.

Alternate Delegate Report: Mattie T. reported that the book-mark challenge was well received by groups and issued the next challenge to groups. There will be a reward for the district who has the most GRs at the May 2019 Assembly.

Mattie shared the importance of group email and encouraged districts to take the group email idea from *In the Loop* to their groups. Information is available on the WSO website.

Update Reports:

1. Fall 2018 Assembly, November 2-4, Longview, TX – Susan L. reported that 157 attended the assembly and that 82 banquet tickets were sold. The seed money returned to the area was \$3246.62.

2. Spring Assembly 2019 - Mandy T. submitted via written report that the pre-registration \$5 discount deadline passed on December 31, 2018. District One has asked James M. to record the assembly, pending approval by the AWSC. The AWSC approved James M. by consensus.

3. Fall Assembly 2019 – Susan J. gave the dates of the Fall 2019 Assembly, November 1-3, 2019, in Victoria, TX. The **theme is "A Kernel of Gratitude Changes Attitude"**. The assembly will be held at the Victoria Hilton Garden Inn, and room rates are \$129 per night plus tax. The Beaumont AIS/LDC is supplying the literature, and support is needed for the raffle.

4. Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) **Trainer's Manual Work Force** – Jayne G. reported that no work had taken place on the manual due to updating the AMIAS certification process, which is now in place in our area. She also distributed registration forms for Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P.O.S.S.E.), which will be held at Disciple Oaks Camp and Retreat in Gonzales, TX, March 22-24, 2019. Registration must be postmarked by February 22, 2019.

5. Policies and Procedures Handbook Work Force – Mattie T. reported that no work has been done by this committee yet. However, work is planned in 2019. Models of handbooks have been received from Oklahoma, Iowa, and Arkansas.

6. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Thought Force – Diane B. sent a report saying that the Do Not Refer/Re-Refer **Thought Force had been renamed to "Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Thought Force."**

7. Translation Equipment Work Group – Myrthala C. sent no report from this work group.

8. AWSC Leadership Seminar Weekend – Lynn S. reported that the date for the weekend will be March 29-31, 2019, at the Disciple Oak Camp and Retreat in Gonzales, TX. A registration form was distributed, and deadline for registering is March 2, 2019. Lynn S. would like suggestions for topics to be presented that weekend.

Area Coordinators/DRs/AISs Reports:

Reports were given by the following Area Coordinators: Area Alateen Coordinator, Jayne G.; Area Alateen Process Person, Brenda H.; Archivist, Dolores W.; Group Records, Al M.; Newsletter, Rene D.; and Public Outreach, Lynn B. There were no reports available from the following Area Coordinators: Spanish and Website.

Reports were given by the following District Representatives (DRs): District Three, Susan J.; District Four, Carol B.; District Five, Alison B.; District Six, Judy W.; District Seven, Allyn D.; District Eight, Candy G, Alternate DR; District Ten, Sheila E.; District Twelve, Candy N.; and District Thirteen, Sarah W. No report was given from Districts One, Two, and Nine.

Reports were given by the following AISs: Beaumont AIS, Suzanne R. and San Antonio AIS, Rene D.; and Austin AIS, Judy W., although there is no current Austin AIS Liaison. There were no reports from the Houston Hispanic AIS, Houston AIS, or South Texas AIS.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Reports to AWSC sent from AWSC members in advance of AWSC meetings – Reports are only necessary to the AWSC in advance if the reports are important and if advance knowledge is needed.

2. Voting Procedures Flowchart – Lynn S. distributed a model of a voting procedures flowchart. The consensus of the AWSC was to form a Task Force to study and revise the flowchart before the November 2019 Assembly.

The deadline for reordering *AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2019* is February 8, 2019, 5 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST).

The deadline for submitting reports to *The Beacon* is March 10. In reports please use first names and last initials only.

The next stand-alone 2019 AWSC Meeting will be hosted by District Twelve in San Antonio, TX, on August 24, 2019.

Adjourn with the AI-Anon/Alateen Declaration – The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Below is the address to send love gifts or cards to our Delegate Kay C. who will be attending the World Service Conference (WSC) April 13-17, 2019.

Please do not send anything until after April 10th and be sure you have the (Hold for WSC 4/13-4/17, 2019) just like below:
Name (Hold for WSC 4/13-4/17, 2019)
Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel
3501 Atlantic Ave.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Remember to use Kay's home address on the return label

CONTRIBUTIONS TO - EAST TEXAS AREA 53
(Please attach this form to your check or money order)

District Number: _____ Group # _____

Group Name: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

City: _____

Amount: _____ CK/MO #: _____

Sent by: _____

Make checks payable to: Treasurer- ETAAA. *Please do not send cash by mail.*
Mail to: Treasurer – ETAAA, PO Box 1324, Silsbee, Texas 77656

ETAAA Financial Report 2019	1 st Qtr 3/31/19	2 nd Qtr 6/30/19	3 rd Qtr 9/30/19	4 th Qtr 12/31/19	Total YTD	2019 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income							
Assembly Surplus							
Fall 2018	3,264.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,264.62		
Spring 2019	3,264.62						
Beacon Income	18.00				18.00	200.00	(182.00)
Contributions Income	5,346.92				5,346.92	18,000.00	(12,653.08)
Fall Gratitude Basket					0.00		
Miscellaneous Income	0.14				0.14		
Carryover from 2018	3,264.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,264.76	12,332.00	(9,067.24)
Total Income	8,629.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,629.68	30,532.00	(21,902.32)
Expenses							
Travel / Expenses	947.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	947.23	13,800.00	(12,852.77)
Alateen Coordinator	276.63				276.63	2,200.00	(1,923.37)
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Alateen Process Person					0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Alternate Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Archives					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Beacon Editor	74.76				74.76	500.00	(425.24)
Chair					0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Delegate	206.90				206.90	1,100.00	(893.10)
Group Records	276.02				276.02	500.00	(223.98)
Public Outreach					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Past Delegates	65.20				65.20	3,000.00	(2,934.80)
Past Area Chairperson					0.00	0.00	0.00
Secretary	23.30				23.30	800.00	(776.70)
Spanish Coordinator					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Treasurer	24.42				24.42	800.00	(775.58)
Website Coordinator					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Other Expenses	1,005.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,005.00	7,832.00	(6,827.00)
Beacon Publishing	750.00				750.00	3,300.00	(2,550.00)
Storage Unit for Archives					0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Leadership Conference	250.00				250.00	3,000.00	(2,750.00)
Web Hosting Fee					0.00	132.00	(132.00)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	5.00				5.00	100.00	(95.00)
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
World Service Conference	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	3,200.00	(2,800.00)
Area's Gifts to WSC					0.00	300.00	(300.00)
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	358.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	358.98	5,700.00	(5,341.02)
Delegate	358.98				358.98	900.00	(541.02)
Chair					0.00	900.00	(900.00)
Immediate Past Delegate					0.00	0.00	0.00
Active Past Delegates					0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Alternate Delegate					0.00	900.00	(900.00)
Total Expenses	2,711.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,711.21	30,532.00	(27,820.79)
Net Income Less Expenses	5,918.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,918.47		5,918.47
Extraordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Returned Seed Money	3,500.00				3,500.00		
Received Alateen Background Checks	34.05				34.05		
Spring Birthday Basket					0.00		
Total Extraordinary Income	3,534.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,534.05		
Expenses							
Seed Money					0.00		
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	6.81				6.81		
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO					0.00		
Total Extraordinary Expenses	6.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.81		
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	3,527.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,527.24		
Profit/(Loss)	9,445.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,445.71		
Checking Account Balance							
Beginning Balance	31,494.07	40,939.78	40,939.78	40,939.78	31,494.07		
Increase/(Decrease)	9,445.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,445.71		
Transfer to CD							
	40,939.78	40,939.78	40,939.78	40,939.78	40,939.78		
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)							
Beginning Balance	20,576.01	20,615.79	0.00	0.00	20,576.01		
Increase/(Decrease)	39.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.78		
Ending Balance	20,615.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,615.79		

**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Spring Assembly (ETAAA)
McAllen, TX – May 3-5, 2019
PROPOSED Business Meeting Agenda Subject to Change**

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. **GR Interchange – Alternate Delegate - Mattie T.**
- 8:00-9:00 a.m. **DR Interchange – District Representative – Carol B.**
- 9:15 a.m. **ETAAA Business Meeting Opens - Lynn S. Chair**
- 9:30 a.m. **Delegate's Report – Kay C. – Panel 58**
- 10:30 a.m. **Conversation Items - time at the mike - 2 min limit**
Reports from the Work Groups, Task Force, Thought Force
- 11:00 a.m. **Coordinators – Hot Topics**
Literature Coordinator – Mattie T.
Area Alateen Coordinator – Jayne G.
Area Alateen Process Person – Brenda H.
Area Archivist – Dolores W.
Area Group Records Coordinator – Al M.
Newsletter Editor – Rene D.
Public Outreach Coordinator – Lynn B.
Spanish Coordinator – Myrthala C.
Website Coordinator – Dorie J.
- 12:00 p.m. Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P.O.S.S.E.) – Bennie P.
- 12:15 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00 p.m. **ETAAA BUSINESS MEETING RESUMES**
- 1:15 p.m. **Roll call: Group Rep (GRs) MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE**
VOTING PROCEDURE: Election Procedures – See Service Manual page 149-152. Ballot election
- I. Minutes of the Nov. 3, 2018 business meeting – Paula H.**
- II. Financial Report – Jennifer S.**
- III. Unfinished business None**
- IV. New Business**
1. Business from the floor
 2. Regional Trustee Nomination – Kay C.
- V. WSO Birthday Basket Total – Jennifer S.**
- VI. Assembly Reports (2 minutes each please)**
- VII. District 10 final report for November 2018 Fall Assembly**
- VIII. District 1 update on current assembly Spring Assembly**
- IX. District 3 Nov 2019 Fall Assembly in Victoria**
- X. Links of Service Reports- District Representatives (DRs) , Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISLs): 1 challenge / 1 success**
- 4:00 pm **Close ETAAA Business Meeting with Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration**
Announcements
- 1) ETAAA Fall Assembly - Nov. 1-3, 2019 Victoria

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**Asamblea de Primavera 2019 de Al-Anon/Alateen del Este de Texas (ETAAA)
McAllen, TX – 3-5 de Mayo, 2019
PROPUESTA- Agenda de Sesión de Negocios- Sujeta a Cambio**

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Intercambio Rep. De Grupo-Delegada Suplente- Mattie T.**
8:00-9:00 a.m. **Intercambio Rep. de Distrito – Discusión Rep. de Distrito – Carol B.**
9:15 a.m. **Inicio de Junta de Negocio del ETAAA - Lynn S. Presidente**
9:30 a.m. **Reporte de Delegada – Kay C. – Panel 58**
10:30 a.m. **Temas de Discusión-tiempo en micrófono solo 2 min.**
Reportes de Grupos de Trabajo, Funciones y Reflexiones
- 11:00 a.m. **Coordinadores – Tema Candente (5 minutos cada uno)**
Coordinador de Literatura –Mattie T.
Coordinador de Alateen del Zona– Jayne G.
Procesador de Zona de Alateen – Brenda H.
Archivista de Zona –Dolores W.
Coordinador de Registro de Grupos de Zona – Al M.
Editor de Boletín Informativo – Rene D.
Coordinador de Difusión al Público – Lynn B.
Coordinador de Español – Myrthala C.
Coordinador de Pagina Web – Dorie J.
12:00 p.m. **Programa de Padrinos Compartiendo Todo- Bennie P.**
- 12:15 p.m. **Descanso para Comida**
1:00 p.m. **Junta de Negocio del ETAAA continua**
- 1:15 p.m. **Asistencia: Representantes de Grupo deberán de estar presentes para votar –**
Procedimiento para Votar: Procedimientos de Elección-Ver Manual de Servicio pagina 149-152.
Volantes para Elección.
1. **Minutas de la Junta de Negocio del 3 de Nov. 2018- Paula H.**
 2. **Reporte Financiero – Jennifer S.**
 3. **Asuntos Pendientes: Ninguno**
 4. **Asuntos Nuevo**
 1. **Negocio del piso presentados**
 2. **Nominación de Custodio Regional – Kay C.**
 5. **OSM Total de Canasta de Cumpleaños – Jennifer S.**
 6. **Reportes de Asambleas (2 minutos cada uno por favor)**
 - Distrito 10– Informe final de Asamblea de Otoño 2018
 - Distrito 1 – Informe actualizado de Asamblea de Verano en proceso
 - Distrito 3 – Asamblea de Otoño, Noviembre 2019 en Victoria
 7. **Informes de Enlaces de Servicios – Representantes de Distrito (RD), Al-Anon Informe de Servicio (AISLs): 1-reto / 1-éxito**
- 4:00 pm **Cierre de Sesión de Negocios del ETAAA con la declaración de Al-Anon/Alateen**

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SPRING ASSEMBLY 2019 UPDATE

MAY 3-5, 2019

At McAllen Casa de Palmas Renaissance Hotel.

Please note this is a change:

For hotel reservations use the link: [Book your group rate for East Texas AAA District One](#)

If you are making reservations by phone, please contact Karina Mussenden, Sales and Marketing at 956-664-8085 (direct), 956-984-8937 (cell), or via email at Kmussenden@gfhotels.com

If you are asking for an extended stay at the Spring 2019 Assembly rate, please book through Karina via direct line or cell listed above.

NOTE: The early registration date has passed. Al-Anon registration is \$35.00 and banquet is \$20.00 the total is \$55.00.



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East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly
Fall Assembly 2019
November 1 - 3, 2019



Hilton Garden Inn, 123 Huvar Street, Victoria, Texas 77904 (361) 573-0303
Ask for ETAAA rates: Double \$129 (breakfast not included)
Hotel Reservation CUTOFF DATE: October 4, 2019

Doors and Registration open on Friday at 4:00 PM

Need additional info? Call or text Susan J. at (361) 676-7477

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 AMIAS or Alateen Coordinator.

GR____ DR____ AMIAS____ First Assembly?(Y/N)____ No. of years in the Program____

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District # _____ Group Name: _____

REGISTRATION: make checks payable to District #3 – ETAAA
 Registration Deadline: October 4, 2019
 After October, registration at event \$35

Mail registration to: Jocelyn B., 3805 County Rd 419, Yoakum, TX 77995

____\$30 Al-Anon ____\$30 AA ____\$5 Alateen ____\$16 Saturday Luncheon

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