

# THE BEACON

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

## A Message from the Chair ~ Lynn S. ~

Hello Area 53,

Recently I read a talk given by Bill W., Co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, to the First World Service Conference April 1961. I found two paragraphs in particular to be applicable to our Texas East Area, so I am going to share them with you, substituting with our Area language within brackets when appropriate.

Sometimes you [Group Representatives] will come here to give advice; indeed it is in your power to give active direction because the ultimate authority is yours. Then again you will offer suggestions that will make for greater progress. Sometimes you will face momentous questions and problems in which your guidance and collective wisdom will surely manifest itself and save you from grievous error.

At other times you will come here and find internal troubles and you will correct these. At still other times you will have [Assembly] meetings which will be so boring, so dull, **that some of you may say: 'Why in Heaven's name go to [Victoria] just to say 'Yes' to what our [Area Treasurer] has already verified? This is a lot of nonsense!' But no matter what happens, your presence will insure the maintenance of the all important linkage. Each one of these [assembly] meetings, be they dull, be they controversial, is really the insurance policy which can guarantee the future unity and functioning of [our Texas East Area].** (*The Al-Anon Family Groups Classic Edition* pg. 188)

To continue with my report I am encouraging each Al-Anon Family Group (AFG) to send their Group Representative (GR) to the Fall Assembly meeting of Texas East Area in Victoria, Texas November 1-3, 2019. District 3 has been working diligently to provide a great facility and program for the area assembly. Cindy K., South Central Regional Trustee, will be our guest speaker and will also facilitate the Sunday morning workshop for all. I for one am looking forward to both times with Cindy.

One more reminder, in this issue you will find the Proposed ETAAA Business meeting agenda. The Friday Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting will make any additions to the agenda and then approve it for the Saturday business meeting. The agenda is published to give each group the opportunity to be prepared for discussion and vote at the meeting. GRs please bring your copy of the 3rd and 4th Quarter issues of *The Beacon* for the May 4, 2019 assembly business meeting minutes, Proposed Business meeting agenda and the financial report. Jennifer S., Area Treasurer will present an updated financial report and the 2020 budget for approval at **the business meeting. Following the Delegate's report will be the Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) agenda items - this is the time for open discussion on the items that may come to the floor for a vote in the afternoon session. Thank you each and every one for your service.**



### Calendar of Events

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

All Texas Al-Anon/  
Alateen Conference  
February 7-9, 2020  
Houston Marriot  
Westchase Hotel  
2900 Briar Park Dr  
Houston, TX 77042

POSSE  
March 22-24, 2019  
Gonzales, Texas

Spring Assembly 2020  
May 15-17, 2020  
Springhill Suites  
2030 Chasewood Park  
Houston, TX 77070

Deadline for Submissions for  
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### Delegate Report ~Kay C. ~

Greetings! First, I want to extend my thoughts and prayers to everyone touched by tropical storm Imelda and the drastic heat **in other parts of the state. Summer can't be over soon enough!** I am excited that our speaker and workshop presenter at the November Assembly in Victoria is our South Central Regional Trustee, Cindy K. She has a great story and will give a great workshop on abundant thinking, spiritual giving and how those translate into services provided to the fellowship.

2020 World Service Conference (WSC), April 19-25, 2020, Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 3501 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. The dates include Sunday arrival and Saturday departure. The get down to business part is M-F, April 20-24. The WSC conference theme for 2020 is:

Dreaming Big with 20|20 Vision  
Rêver grand avec une vision 20|20  
Soñar en grande con visión 20|20

I am excited about the theme and the possibilities for use in Texas East throughout 2020. Please let me know how your district or group uses this theme throughout the year. It is hard to believe that this will be my last conference. My 3-year term is certainly flying by! I have been involved in a Task Force on developing a tool to help an Area to unify rural and/or large geographical populations. I am certainly learning new ways of thinking and doing. Stay tuned with more to come in May.

Financial Update as of June 2019. The World Service Office did well for the first half of the year due to good market conditions, a substantial bequest, strong literature sales and conservative spending. Literature sales are slightly down by about 20% as compared to June 2019. However, the literature sales are higher than what was budgeted. Contributions from individuals and groups are trending below both budgeted and historical levels. Money from the Quarterly Appeal is on a downward trend. Drop me a note to let me know if your group contributes through the Quarterly Appeal using the Appeal envelope or PayPal™. **Please note that WSO spends about \$292 on each group.** Your DR has a full listing of the group donations for your district so please contact them for more information.

Policy Committee. The policy committee has formed 1) an Electronic Meeting Work Group, 2) a Thought Force on how the policy on A.A. members participating in Al-Anon service applies to prior members of A.A. and how or if former members of A.A. might be defined and by whom, and 3) several Task Forces reviewing portions of the Service Manual.

If you would like more detail on these items or other Board of Trustee activities go to <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/>.

South Central Regional Trustee Nominations. I want to thank Diane for completing the SCRT application and forwarding it to WSO.

Workshop and how they apply to Relationships. My husband, John, has agreed to be part of the Workshop so it should be a lot of fun! We are also going to tell our story. This workshop will be a fund raiser for District 8 to help their vision grow in 2020. Let your DR know, if you would like me to visit your District.

Newcomer Welcome. I have been asked by numerous members about whether or not the Newcomer Welcome (NW) should be read in meetings. The Newcomers Welcome was discontinued by the Board of Trustees Policy Committee in April of 2004 by affirming that Al-Anon **would only have one "Welcome."** **The consensus was that the NW was directive (telling newcomers how they felt and what they needed to do).** In 2004, the NW was removed from the Group Binders that were sent to all new groups. For more information see the 2004 World Service Conference Summary and in our CAL book **"Many Voices, One Journey"** (page 348). **While only the group can decide what can and can't be read at a meeting (Traditions 1 and 2), I encourage your group to "talk to each other" through an informed group conscience and consider carefully all reasons for and against using the discontinued welcome.** I also encourage you to use the readings from P-24 **"Groups at Work"** so that you will have the most current version of Al-Anon suggested meeting reading.

Open/Closed Meetings. There has been some confusion about what open and closed meetings mean on a meeting list. Many people looking for a meeting think that closed means the meeting does not meet. The BOT found that **"Open/Closed" was not consistent with our spiritual principles of confidentiality and anonymity, nor welcoming to newcomers.** Thus, the Board of Trustees approved the **Policy Committee's recommendation to replace "Closed" and "Open" with "Families and Friends only" and "Families, Friends, and Observers welcome", respectively,** to identify meeting attendees on the AFG Electronic Meeting Registration/Update Form and Group Records Form. The changes in the Forms and the Group Records database are being replaced when updates to the systems take place. The Service Manual will be revised.

Dates to remember. A.A. International Convention with Al-Anon Participation July 2-5, 2020 Registration is now open. [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/international-convention-2020](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020). Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation, July 2023, Albuquerque, NM. Finally, do you subscribe to *In the Loop*? It is an email blast that gives you current news from WSO. A great way to stay informed.

### Alt. Delegate-Report- Mattie T. ~

**Here's the latest update of literature news. Please feel free to pass this info on at Assemblies and via e-mail to District Representatives, Information Services/Intergroups, Website Coordinators, and Newsletter Editors.** Establishing an e-mail list of these members makes it easy to forward this information.

- Online registration for Alcoholics Anonymous' (A.A.) International Convention with Al-Anon participation is open. The Convention will be held July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings

held Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium.

Advanced registration for the Convention is available through April 15, 2020 for \$115.00 US per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 US per attendee.

Al-Anon participation will include a variety of sessions held during the day on Friday and Saturday. Al-Anon members are also welcome to attend the A.A. big meetings. Many attendees come early or stay late for a vacation. There are many fun things to do, so see you in Detroit!

- **For a Good Night's Sleep** . The *Just for Tonight* Bookmark (M81) offers thoughtful reflections on Al-Anon principles to help prepare for a peaceful, restful night. \$.10 each US.  
Remember—when you buy from your local Literature Distribution Center, you support your local services.
- **“CAL Corner” Topics: This department is featured each month in The Forum magazine. It contains members’ sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. The April articles feature Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents (P-94). May celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary “Understanding Ourselves & Alcoholism” (P-48), and June’s focus on Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses.**
- **Sharings needed for “CAL Corner”: We always need more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write about Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33), Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents (P-94), ...In All Our Affairs (B-15), Living Today in Alateen, and As We Understood.... Please see the writing guideline for “CAL Corner” in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the “Library” folders in the Literature Coordinator community.**
- The Forum Needs a Few Good Men!

Please consider sharing your story with readers. Your experiences as husbands, partners, fathers, brothers, and sons of alcoholics mean that you have a story to tell that others could benefit from. Please submit your sharing to The Forum, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 5617, to [wso@alanon.org](mailto:wso@alanon.org) or online.

Did you know that the Forum also like to receive photos of different scenery, animals, etc. to publish. If you have a favorite place that brings you peace and serenity, please share with the Forum, your Beacon Editor or District Newsletter.

Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters: Please use your Area newsletter to share what your members are doing to spread the word about CAL or to publish their reviews

of various CAL books and pamphlets.

2. The 2018-2020 Service Manuals Version (P24-27) are expected to be released November 25th in all three languages. More information about the release date will be sent closer to the release date.

### Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Jayne G. ~

Our Area has some exciting new happenings for our world of Alateens and the AMIASS (Al-Anon Members in Alateen Services) that plan to serve.

District 2, has a new revised presentation that is given to a potential Alateen in schools. Kelly and the gang in Corpus have been doing presentation to potential Alateens and for other public outreach settings. It is presentation using the DVD available from World Service followed by question and answers from the students. This is a half hour delivery and if you are interested, please contact me and I will send you the presentation. Currently these presentations are directing interested teens to off campus meetings.

District 6 has finally gotten a toehold into the Austin Independent School District through their Communities in Schools of Central Texas (CIS). Alateen meetings and their AMIASS will be under the umbrella of CIS and the AMIASS involved will have to take on another training workshop through CIS to be able to be on campus. When the date for this extra training is scheduled, Bill is hoping they will have enough AMIAS who are willing to do yet another training to bring Alateen into the schools.

District 1 held an Initial Certification Workshop with some ladies who represent our Spanish speaking meetings. They hope to reach out and bring more Alateen meetings to the Valley.

District 4 and District 8 had their first in a long time Initial Certification Workshop in hopes of reviving Alateen in their districts. **It's been a long time since these districts had an Alateen meeting so a new adventure for our newly certified AMIASS is in the works.**

**I've had an inquiry about Alateens from a group in Mineola, north of Tyler.** I have sent them information and put them in contact with the District Representative and hope to hear from them about their decision.

We have added two new District Alateen Coordinators and I hope to get in touch with them to assist in their responsibilities to their District AMIASS and Alateens.

And I am always reminded, Together We Can Make It. And I am hopeful for our Area and the possibility of bringing more Alateens to Assemblies as November is when Alateens vote on a Liaison in the Area World Service Committee.

We had successful re-certification cycle and many AMIASS chose to recommit to Alateen by attending Re-Certification Workshop. For that I am grateful with the enthusiasm shown by the attendees of the face to face workshop.

I would also like to thank Brenda, our Area Alateen Process Person for her continued work with all the paperwork involved in getting applicants their letters of certification.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Brenda H. ~**It's been busy in Area 53 with the new certification period.**

Since July, 26 people have completed certification to become an AI-Anon Member in Alateen Service (AMIAS), bringing the total to 84.

District 1 contributed the most to the increase of AMIASes with 12 people successfully completing training and background checks.

These 84 AMIASes are providing support to 25 active Alateen groups across the area.

Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Lynn B. ~

WSO is asking for patience as they transition from the bi annual printing of AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism to year round publishing of the magazine. Please, understand that making this type of change is not easy. WSO will inform members once the transition is complete and AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2020 is available for purchase.

AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2019 is still available for purchase while supplies last.

There seems to have been a rise in people attending AI-Anon **meetings that have been affected by someone else's drug addiction**. Based on my own experiences with interacting with mental health professional, these counselor, psychiatrist are wanting to send clients that have been affected by some one **else's drug addiction to AI-Anon meetings**.

Since each member of AI-Anon carries the message of hope and healing that the program has to offer, I think it is important that we are clear when interacting with any member of the general public.

The primary purpose of AI-Anon is help the families (and Friends) of Alcoholics.

Anyone that is in AI-Anon can attend an open meeting. Closed meetings are for perspective members and of course existing AI-Anon members. It is up to each group to decide if they have open or closed meetings.

Regardless it is important to help people to understand that the topics in all AI-Anon meetings focus on understanding ourselves in regards to alcoholism and understanding alcoholism.

As note of interest, many members of AI-Anon that initially attended meetings, came because of being affected by drug addiction of a friend or family member. Over time these members discovered the disease of Alcoholism was prevalent in the family. Please refer to the Member Survey for more details.

**With love and in Service'**

Spanish Coordinator-Myrthala C. ~

No Report

Website Coordinator ~Dorie J. ~

I am THRILLED to announce that <https://texas-ai-anon.org> has an "Español" tab (with three sub tabs: events, meetings, legacies). This is not my doing. Shout out and special thanks to John S., West Texas Web Coordinator. Thank you John for continuing to innovate and connect our community! Please share this link with your district and groups.

**On a personal note, I've been traveling a great deal for work** recently. I say this for 2 reasons: (1) I appreciate your patience as I add and update as I am able and (2) I was excited to visit a group in our Area only to find that this group was no longer meeting. **I've since talked with the DR regarding updating**; however, I use this as a reminder that people are seeking meetings - yours included. DRs: please review and update **the "printable meeting list" for your District**. Once complete, then export as PDF and email to me: [doriejafg@gmail.com](mailto:doriejafg@gmail.com).

Group Records Coordinator ~ AI M. ~

We now have a new way to identify recent changes. This should make updates easier .

Newsletter Editor~Rene D. ~

The deadline for the *October 2019 Beacon* was September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who sent your reports to me by then. My husband and I were in Canmore Alberta Canada from September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>. I tried as I got your reports to send you a confirmation of the email. I had wifi service in the resort but not outside of the resort. I came back with a cold and a wonderful experience of the Canadian Rockies and 2 days of snow and 20 degree weather. I did not look forward to coming back to the continuous heat wave in Texas.

I did send out an email to those who had not sent their report by October 4<sup>th</sup> as I started putting the newsletter together.

I realized that this is the last newsletter that will go out for 2019 and I have one more year (4 ) more issues left before my term as Beacon Editor ends.

Archives Coordinator ~Patti W. ~

On June 15, 2019 I met with Dolores W. and Lynn S. at the storage unit at 16939 Nacogdoches Rd, housing the materials for the East Texas archives. We met with the facility manager to sign contracts giving me (Patti W.) as the new Area Archivist access to the unit and transfer proprietorship from Dolores W. to the East Texas Area. Thus making it possible for the area treasurer to disburse monthly rent payments. Lynn and I were given keys to the unit along with access codes to gain entrance onto the property. I was then given a brief tour of the property and the unit.

My goal for the remaining term as archivist is to organize and index the materials within the many boxes that are being stored. **It seems a system was in place back in the 90's** but is no longer being followed. I am very fortunate to be able to utilize the talents of Robyn Cutter, the sister of Karen V. of the Sunrise group in Spring Branch, and who is by profession an archivist. Robyn has her bachelors in Digital Preservation and a Masters in Historical Preservation from Middle Tennessee State University and is currently working as an archivist in Park County in Cody, Wyoming. She has given me a free consultation and much appreciated advice on how to handle and preserve the old documents, pictures and artifacts. Plus, how to condense and organize much of the documents, and also convert some things to digital files. As of August 2019 I have begun the process and will update you on my progress in the coming months.

I have added several items to the Archives since starting my term.

-A copy of The World Service Conference Summary Report given to all of us by our current delegate Kay Colapret at the August 24, 2019 AWSC Meeting.

-The May 2019 issue of the Forum magazine in which member Susan J from District 3 was published.

-A current Brief Chronology of **Al-Anon's history**, through 2014 as printed off the al-anon.org website.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### District 1 ~Mandy T. ~

#### No Report

### District 2 ~Ginny M. ~

We held our third quarter District Meeting on July 20, 2019. Nine groups out of 17 were represented. Planning for our **"Day in Al-Anon" was discussed.** Those who attended the Spring Assembly in McAllen gave reports and updates. We still need to fill the Public Outreach position. Kelly H., District Alateen Coordinator, conducted an Alateen presenter refresher course on September 13<sup>th</sup> at her house. We talked about the need for more AMIAS in the district because Kelly has been able to setup presentations at Bayview Behavioral Hospital, Adolescent Unit on a monthly basis and presentations at two local high schools.

District 2 hosted a successful Day in Al-Anon themed **"It's All in the Family" on September 21, 2019 in Corpus Christi.** There were 60 in attendance. Bennie P. and two of her grandchildren, Vinny V. and Gina V., were speakers and shared their experience, strength and hope in Al-Anon, Alateen and AA. We also had two informative workshops on **Family Relationships using "Discovering Choices" and Step 11, Prayer and Meditation.**

Our next District Meeting will be held October 19, 2019, hosted by Safe Harbor, AFG and New Hope AFG in Rock-

port, Texas. **They will be cooking lunch! See ya'll in Victoria, Texas at the Fall Assembly!!**

### District 3 ~ Susan J. ~

. FALL ASSEMBLY, FALL ASSEMBLY, FALL ASSEMBLY in Victoria

A Kernel of Gratitude Changes Your Attitude

By the time you receive this edition of the Beacon, it is highly likely the registration deadline has passed, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be accepted at the door with a cost of \$35.

If you have not yet registered, plan to attend, and would like to attend the luncheon please contact Maria by text at 361-484-0824 or email at [shortydorr@yahoo.com](mailto:shortydorr@yahoo.com).

Room rates at Hilton Garden Inn, the location of the Assembly have been reduced to \$115 from \$129, make sure you ask for ETAAA Rates. In addition, there is a small block of rooms at Holiday Inn Express, right next door; phone 361-575-1600, ask for Block # ETA, cut-off date is October 21<sup>st</sup> with a room rate of \$90 for a double. If there are no rooms available, please contact Susan at 361-676-7477 or Jocelyn at 361-293-4760 and we will see if we can help you.

There will be a translator and translation equipment available for Spanish-speaking members. Please spread the word to groups in your area.

If you would like to order CAL (Conference Approved Literature) for pick-up at the Assembly, please contact the Beaumont **AIS's Suzanne** at [sryan1@gt.rr.com](mailto:sryan1@gt.rr.com) or 512-689-3053.

Any donations of baskets or items for raffle would be appreciated.

District Three is looking forward to hosting Fall Assembly with the support of District Four and hope to see you and a few more friends on November 1, 2, and 3.

### District 4~Carol B. ~

**I can't thank everyone enough for helping and participating in our Day In Al-Anon.** It was wonderful to have our Delegate, Kay C, at the event. She was our workshop leader and shared her experience, strength and hope with us. It was a great day of recovery, fellowship, good food, and some first experiences for our district. Not only did we step out with technology and used Square to accept payments, but we had Spanish translation, including translators and specialized equipment. Our main focus for this event is to provide an additional day of recovery and fellowship, but we also raised monies for Al-Anon at our district level.

The Bay Area Club hosted an AMIAS training and has started a new Alateen meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. **I'm excited to have a new meeting at this location and happy to see the enthusiasm surrounding it.**

At our recent September District 4 meeting we elected a new



Treasurer and filled our open Alateen Coordinator position. **It's great to see new members volunteer for service positions.**

**We're refocusing our efforts to identify and agree on how to spend our abundant funds.** We began by approving to help support the new Alateen meeting in our district with literature. **We'll continue to explore and pursue additional ways to prudently spend our abundant funds on outreach and other initiatives.**

**We're looking forward to assisting District 3 with the Fall Assembly, in Victoria, TX. As a reminder, we're asking groups to bring baskets for the raffle, in support of the Assembly and to help offset the cost of putting this event on.**

### District 5 ~Alison B.~

Hello from District 5. Al-Anon continues to thrive in Harris county. At latest count we have 138 Active Groups. 20 are Spanish Groups. More than half of our groups, 72, have Group Representatives and we regularly have about 30 GRs in attendance at our quarterly district meetings.

Public outreach has been super busy under the leadership of our tireless Public Outreach Coordinator, Mandy C.

On Friday, September 27th, we had our second annual A Day in Al-Anon for Professionals event at the Council on Recovery from 12-2pm. The purpose of this event was to give professionals information about what Al-Anon is and how Al-Anon can be a resource and support for family members of problem drinkers. We had 25 professionals and 16 Al-Anon committee members/volunteers attend. This year we had 2 professional speakers and 2 Al-Anon member speakers. We provided Al-Anon literature specifically geared towards Professionals and had a Q&A session where the Professionals posed engaging questions to our speaker panel. This year we provided the Professionals with a chance to give us their feedback through a survey we provided them at the end of the event. This information will be extremely useful next year as we continue to attract more Professionals and strive to make our event as meaningful to them as possible. We also have the event recorded on CD if anyone would like to hear our program. Thank you to the committee members and volunteers to made this event possible.

Al-Anon attended for the second year in a row the BakerRipley's annual **Back to School Community Health Fair on Saturday, August 3rd from 8 am – 12 pm.** We spoke with over 1,000 families about Al-Anon and gave out free literature. This year in preparation for the event, we ordered over 1,000 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazines in Spanish to be able to distribute at this event as approximately 95% of the families are Spanish speaking only. Thank you to the volunteers who attended.

**Al-Anon attended the St. Bartholomew's Health Fair in Katy on Saturday, August 3rd from 10 am – 2 pm.** We handed out literature in English and Spanish and answered questions about Al-Anon. Thank you to the volunteers who attended. If you have an idea for a public outreach event targeting a specific group (clergy, teachers, counselors, treatment centers, justice system), please contact Mandy at mandyc.afg@gmail.com.

Alternate DR, Heather N., and I attended the ETAAA-AWSC in Schertz, Texas on August 24, 2019. The day started with some opportunities for learning and personal growth. We spent some time learning about Knowledge Based Decision, and then we all took a leadership inventory. This was an opportunity for us each to do a mini forth step on where we are as leaders. What are our strengths and where do we have areas for growth. In the afternoon, the AWSC Business meeting took place. Minutes of the meeting have been distributed by email. Kay C, Area 53 Delegate, gave her report a copy of which has also been distributed. Please share these with your groups and remind everyone that both items are available on the East Texas Area 53 website.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** D5 is hosting the Area Assembly in May 2020 and we need your help to make it a success. Please reach out to d5.districtrep@gmail.com and d5.alternatedr@gmail.com to join a committee and get involved.

The next Area Assembly will be in Victoria, TX, November 1-3, 2019. I look forward to seeing you there.

Alison B.

### District 6 ~Judy W.~

Summary:

The groups decided to continue to receive updates from the District Rep. when other groups have special events: speakers, Al-Anon participation, etc.

Motion was passed to invite the Area Public Outreach Coordinator to visit the next district meeting in Temple (Sat, 10/20) to **discuss ideas for "A Day In Al-Anon For the Professional" and other possible group public outreach activities.**

**Motion was passed to purchase more posters for the "Alateen Poster Distribution Task Force". A total of 1000 English posters & 125 Spanish posters have been received.** They are being distributed into the SHACs (Student Health Advisory Committees) and other key contacts to refresh the District 6 major Independent School Districts (ISDs) in District 6.

Earlier this year, the GRs expressed a desire not to split in to smaller districts. As promised, the District Rep (DR) proposed a new position and processes for the GRs to use and simplify the records keeping process. The new position (called the District Records Coordinator (DRC)) will be similar to District 5's position and work closely with the Austin Information Center, Newsletter Coordinator, and other district coordinators.

**GRs approved the "Website Thought Force" to proceed with activities to investigate a separate domain for District 6 from the Austin Information Center and Texas websites.** The domain's audience will be for the district's membership that includes a central repository and will aide the record keeping processes. Associated cost and timing will be investigated and presented to the GRs for voting approval before a task force would be engaged.

**The "District Unallocated Funds Thought Force" presented a motion that was approved to help cover the Texas Al-Anon Spanish Convention to a set amount should the convention have a shortage of funds similar to the experience had with Hurricane Harvey.** (continue on page 10)

East Texas Al-Anon Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)  
 Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Minutes  
 August 24, 2019  
 Schertz, TX

Chairperson: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 1:07 pm and thanked District 12 for hosting.

Welcome and Introductions: AWSC members introduced themselves. The guests and visitors identified themselves and were welcomed. Lynn S. thanked Judy P. for conducting the morning Thought Force workshop. Lynn S. 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: Attendees of the AWSC 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-six of the 30 voting members were present. The following District had no representative in attendance: District One. The following Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) had no liaisons in attendance: Houston, Houston Hispanic, and South Texas.

The minutes from the May 3, 2019 AWSC meeting were approved as emailed to members of the AWSC.

Treasurer: Jennifer S. presented the current 2019 Financial Report. The checking account balance is \$33,654.42. The ample reserve is \$20,849.57. Jennifer asked that if any AWSC member has a line item on the current budget that needs to be changed for the upcoming year, that member needs to contact her before she prepares the 2020 budget. The financial report was accepted by the AWSC and will be filed for audit.

Delegate: Kay C. expressed her gratitude in serving as Delegate and mentioned that being a Delegate has enhanced her growth and has been a humbling experience. She reminded **the AWSC that she sent a copy of her Delegate's Report and other items of communication from the World Service Office (WSO) via email to the AWSC prior to today's AWSC meeting.** Kay gave a hard copy of the 2019 World Service Conference (WSC) Summary to the AWSC members and mentioned that it **is available on the WSO Member's website.**

There are several highlights from WSO. The theme of the 2020 WSC will be **"Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision."** The 2019 WSC was trilingual, Spanish, French, and English. WSO is seeking a Spanish translator; this position can be done from home.

The finances at WSO are doing well, thanks to a hefty bequest. However, income from the quarterly appeals is down, and contributions per group to WSO are down. WSO accepts Pay Pal and members can set a recurring contribution to WSO. WSO spends \$292 per group.

**Al-Anon's Newcomer's Welcome was discontinued by the Board of Trustees (BOT) in 2004.** There are other pieces of literature that have been discontinued, and it is up to group autonomy whether to use that literature or not. Kay encour-

**aged individuals and groups to subscribe to WSO's "In the Loop" emails.**

The Policy Committee of WSO is looking at the question of members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in Al-Anon service. The question is about how they participate if they have previously been members of AA and are now exclusively Al-Anon members.

Kay has visited almost half of the Districts in Texas East. Recently, she visited District 7, and she visited District 4, where she presented a workshop for their Day in Al-Anon.

**Regarding an item for New Business on today's AWSC agenda,** Kay mentioned that there is a group in New Boston, TX, in Bowie County that is closest to Arkansas, and Bowie County would like to move to Arkansas. Even though the group is located in Texas, it is registered in Arkansas. Both TX East and Arkansas have to agree on the move, and TX East has to submit a new Area map to WSO once the move is approved. Kay will submit a complete report to *The Beacon* explaining this request so that GRs can be prepared to vote on this item at the November 2019 Assembly.

The 2019 Meet the Board Road Trip will be October 19 in Seattle, WA. Dates for the AA International Convention, which has Al-Anon participation, are July 2-5, 2020, in Detroit, MI. Registration is available online starting September 9, 2019.

Alternate Delegate: Mattie T. shared that the new untitled daily reader needs more sharings. Sharings can be submitted **on the WSO Member's website.** Mattie asked the District Representatives (DRs) to remind the Group Representatives (GRs) to bring their GR folders to Assemblies so that agendas and other items for the Assemblies can be added. The contents of the GR folder are on the Texas East Al-Anon website. She also announced that the All Texas Al-Anon Alateen Conference (ATAAC) will be in Houston, TX, February 7-9, 2020.

Update Reports:

1. Spring Assembly 2019 Final – The final report will be in *The Beacon*. The Area still has not received the seed money from the Assembly.

2. Fall Assembly 2019 – Susan J. announced that the flyer for the Assembly is in *The Beacon* and will be on the TX East Al-Anon website. She encouraged groups to register. Registration is \$30 before October 4, and it will be \$35 after October 4. Registration deadline for the luncheon is October 4, and vegetarian options will be available. Those wanting a vegetarian meal can indicate that preference on the registration form. The Assembly will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victoria, TX; there will be no free breakfast. Raffle baskets are needed.

3. Spring Assembly 2020 – Alison B. requested that the Assembly date be moved to May 15-17, but that date has not been confirmed by the hotel. If the date is not moved, the Assembly will be May 1-3 at the Springhouse Hotel in Spring, TX. The hotel is \$89 a night plus tax, and there is a free breakfast. **The theme of the Assembly is "FLY-First Love Yourself."**



4. Fall Assembly 2020 – Allyn D. reminded the AWSC that this will be the election Assembly. Dates are November 6-8, 2020, at the Springhouse Hotel in Spring, TX. The cost is \$89 plus tax, and there is a free breakfast. Alateens will have a suite. As a fundraiser for the Host District, District 7 is selling cloth covers for the *One Day at a Time* reader. **The theme is “2020 Vision-Focusing on Recovery.”**

5. Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) **Trainer’s Manual Work Force** – Jayne G. reported that there is **now an AMIAS Trainer’s Manual. In order to be a trainer, one must have had two years’ experience as an active Alateen sponsor.**

6. Policies and Procedures Handbook Work Force- Mattie T. reported no updates.

7. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Thought Force – Diane B. reported no updates.

8. Translation Equipment Work Group- Myrthala C. reported that the total cost of renting translation equipment and providing translators for the Assembly is \$845 per Assembly. The cost would need to be paid in full before the Assembly.

9. Abundant Funds Thought Force – Lynn B. recommended that a policy be created for abundant funds. The AWSC unanimously approved moving the Abundant Funds Thought Force into a Task Force.

10. AWSC Leadership Seminar Weekend – Lynn. S. stated that a report was in last issue of *The Beacon*.

Area Coordinator Reports, DR Reports, AIS Reports: Some are on file. There was no time at the meeting for these reports.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

1. Possible Leadership Weekend – There was no interest in having another leadership weekend.

2. Host District for January 2020 AWSC meeting- No District volunteered. Lynn S. asked Districts to think about hosting and respond at a later date.

3. Budget Committee – A Budget Committee was established to aid in preparation of the 2020 budget. Members are Jennifer S., John B., and Sheila E. If there is more money needed for any position, members may contact the committee before the November Assembly. The 2020 budget will be an item on the agenda for the November Assembly that will be voted on by GRs.

4. Bowie County Transfer – There was a unanimous recommendation from the AWSC to bring the Bowie County request for a transfer to Arkansas to the GRs at the November Assembly. Kay C. will write a presentation for *The Beacon* so that GRs can take the information to their Groups so that GRs can make an informed decision before voting at the November Assembly.

5. Translation equipment - After much discussion, the AWSC recommends that Spanish translation be required at Area Assemblies for a three year trial period. The method of translation will be determined by the Host District. This will be voted on by the GRs at the November Assembly.

Deadline for submitting reports to *The Beacon* is September 30, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

One of the Motions we will be discussing and voting on at the November 1-3rd Fall Assembly.

Bowie County- Release to Arkansas.

Background: Recently, Texas East identified a group in New Boston, TX (Bowie County) as being registered in Arkansas instead of Texas. New Boston is about 20 miles from Texarkana. Texarkana became officially connected to Arkansas in 1979. During this time period, when Districts were established, they were usually just done by cities without defining the surrounding areas. Thus, the persons who registered the New Boston group thought it should be in Arkansas. WSO was contacted to ask what they had on file about these transfers. They also did not have a copy of the paperwork and the only record they had was the map submitted by Texas East and Texas West in 2016, which shows Bowie County in Texas. Texarkana and New Boston are both in Bowie County. The only meetings within 25 miles of New Boston are in Texarkana and Arkansas. The only meetings in Bowie County are in New Boston and Texarkana. The Arkansas Delegate and I consulted with WSO as how to remedy the inaccuracy of the record keeping and Area boundaries. WSO suggests that we should officially move New Boston to Arkansas, Texas East and Arkansas by having each Area pass motions agreeing that all current and future groups in Bowie County be moved to Arkansas. We also have to agree that Al-Anon members in Alateen Service that are physically located in Texas East be released to Arkansas and that the (AMIAS) comply with the state laws in Texas as well as comply with the Arkansas Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements. In sum, this is a housekeeping issue that just allows the groups to be in their desired Area.

Assembly Action: The release of Bowie county to Arkansas will be discussed during the morning session of the business meeting. During the afternoon voting session, if the group representatives (GR) are in agreement of releasing Bowie County and all Al-Anon members in Alateen Service that are physically located in Texas East be released to Arkansas, a GR will need to make a motion to this effect.

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The motion noted appropriate documentation would be needed to help any shortage request. The GRs felt the shortage risk was low and looks forward to helping to support needed service opportunities.

A group called Community in Schools has approached our Alateen Coordinator to discuss how to get Alateen meetings started schools. This discussion led to more AI-Anon Members In Alateen Service (AMIAS) being needed than currently exist in our district which will include providing more district Alateen training.

### District 7~ Allyn D.~

District 7 held its regular quarterly meeting on July 20 in Bryan, Texas. Our guest was Kay Colapret, Area Delegate. Kay presented the report she gave at the spring assembly in McAllen as many of the District 7 members were unable to attend that assembly. Kay was graciously welcomed, and her presentation was well received with interesting, pertinent discussion and questions.

**In September, District 7 held a Fall 2020 ETAAA, "Assembly Design" meeting at the Dobbin Community Center in Montgomery, Texas. As one member said. "This is getting real!"** We are making good planning progress: A WSO speaker has been secured, flier/schedule/budget developed (pending approval by Lynn S.), a new expense reimbursement form created, and a P.O. Box secured for registration. Book cover sales have exceeded \$200 so far. A flier was approved to help **"advertise" them. Frames are still being collected for the framed slogan fundraiser to begin soon.**

District 7 continues to explore new ways to reach out. We have been using a conference call option for the last few meetings and it has helped several participate by phone who could not in person. Our treasurer, Kurt, has set up Venmo to receive group donations and reimburse individuals for expenses. We are developing a way for Venmo to be an option for assembly registration payments. In addition, District 7 is investigating the possibility of creating a closed group (private) Facebook page as another option to communicate. We sought advice from Kay C. to make sure it was in line with WSO and our traditions. At our next regular district meeting on October 19, we will be examining a prototype and ironing out the details before it can be announced to and utilized by District members.

And lastly, the groups in District 7 were made aware by a GR that there was an unfortunate instance of apparent embezzlement in one of the groups and were cautioned to examine their procedures involving group funds and treasurer position. Prompted by this, District 7 will also be having good healthy conversations about its own fiscal procedures in the regular meetings to come.

### District 8 ~Jennifer S.~

We are ready for sunshine so we can dry out! SETX (South East Texas) has had too many 500 year floods recently. Please

have our members in your thoughts as many are flooded yet again after finally settling in from Harvey.

Our last district meeting was July 20th. Thank you to the Livingston and Goodrich groups for hosting. It is nice to travel to other areas in our district for meetings! We discussed for those who were unable to attend what happened at our ETAAA Spring Assembly. Our date for our Concepts Workshop Fundraiser was decided on as was the committee. We are looking forward to having our Delegate Kay be involved in this fundraiser as well.

On September 7th our Area Alateen Coordinator Jayne traveled to our District for AMIAS (AI-Anon Members In Alateen Service) training. We had 6 attendees. We are on our way to having Alateen meetings in District 8 again soon. This is something that has been requested so we are very excited to have 6 attendees and hope that they will all be certified soon!

Our next district meeting will be October 19th at the Triangle Area Network in Beaumont. Meeting starts with District at 9 am, AIS will start at 10:30. Bring a dish to share for lunch following our AIS meeting please.

### District 9 ~John B.~

No Report

### District 10 ~Sheila E.~

District Ten has a planning/district meeting scheduled for Sept. 7, 2019. "A Day In AI-Anon" is in the works for Oct.19, 2019. Jan H. and Maureen W. will facilitate two workshops. "How to use the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual" and the book "When I got busy I got better", will be used as a tool to emphasize the value of service work to **enhance one's own recovery.** The food and drinks committee are planning Tacos for lunch. There will be a registration fee of \$10 and a raffle.

### District 12 ~ Candy N.~

There is some exciting news in District 12 this quarter. Three new groups have registered in our district!! We have Boerne Parents AFG (Sunday 2:30 pm), Recovering AFG Adult Children of Alcoholics (Sunday 2:00 pm), and 2 Rivers AFG (Tuesday 7:00 pm). I have also been in contact with another person who wants to start a meeting in the Somerset/Lytle area. It is so wonderful to have members in service who are willing to carry the message to **those who are affected by someone else's drinking.**

I hope they will join us soon here at the district level. We are now at 70 AI-Anon Family Groups in District 12! I noted there are 4 groups who are in No Mail Status – that means WSO has had mail returned. I understand that WSO will mark a group as Inactive after about 3 years. I would hate for that to happen, so if you know people in these groups, please let them know they need to update their CMA (Current Mailing Address.)

District 13 ~ Sarah W. ~No ReportAIS LIAISON REPORTSAustin AIS ~Kathy J.~

The Austin AI-Anon/Alateen Information Center (AAIC) Board met on August 20, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Northland group, 2809 Northland Dr, Austin TX. There were 11 voting members there, enough to represent a quorum.

The secretary, Mary Ellen, reported that she has filed the required report to maintain the AAIC non-profit status with the Secretary of State. This was done on 8-19-2019 and is required to be filed every four (4) years.

Carolyn K, the chairperson, met recently with the GR of District 6, the Asst GR and newly elected District Group Records Coordinator (DGRC) to discuss how to most efficiently handle the GR-1 and GR-2 reports to maintain an up-to-date meeting list and other group records. There is currently a problem with communication between the Area, WSO, District 6 and AAIC concerning keeping group records current. They came up with a plan and will work with it to see how it works. Carolyn will report back in the November AAIC board meeting.

**Janie's Information Center report noted highest volume day** for calls is Tuesdays, highest volume walk-ins is Tuesday, highest volume hour for calls is 10am, and highest hour for walk-ins is 12pm. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED on an as needed basis. Contact Janie at 512-441-8591 to volunteer.

There was a policy proposed concerning future crowd sourcing donations. The board voted to adopt the policy which will: 1. First determine whether the gift falls outside our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition guidelines and if so, 2. Committee will determine what is to be done while adhering to our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON NOV. 18, 2019. Carolyn, the chair, and Mary Ellen, the secretary, has both served for 3 years and MUST be replaced. The eligibility requirements for these positions are:

Must be an active member of AI-Anon for 2 years; 2. Cannot be in AA; 3. Must have attended 2 AAIC board meetings in the past; 4. Must agree to have your full name published in records; 5. Must attend AI-Anon meetings regularly during term of office. The duties are noted in the By-Laws (on the website) in section 7.7, 7.8, and 7.9. *PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ONTO YOUR GROUPS.*

Beaumont AIS ~Suzanne R.~

Our AIS/LDC office in Beaumont continues to offer services to District 8. We maintain a 24/7 Hotline manned by program

volunteers. The office is open Tuesday - Thursday 10-3, providing CAL, coordinating and printing meeting lists and maintaining our website [setxalanon.org](http://setxalanon.org).

Of late, our biggest challenge has been money. Our response/action was both short term and long-term. For three weeks in late July until mid-August, we conducted an "envelope drive". Pre-addressed envelopes and appeal letters were given to GRs to distribute at their meetings, along with a brief explanation of what AIS is and what services it performs, thus raising the profile of AIS. At the end of the limited period, we had raised about \$1,500. And donations continue to come in. Our members acknowledged with their pocket-books how much AI-Anon means to them!

For a longer-term money-maker, District 8 is generously planning a (Concepts As Applied to Relationships) Workshop on March 28, 2020 in Beaumont. It will be led by our Delegate, Kay Colapret. The 1-day event will also include food and program fellowship, and profits will go to AIS.

**We'll be selling CAL at the ETAAA Fall Assembly in Victoria, so plan to stop by and say hello. And any of you who don't have an LDC in your district are welcome to contact our office (409.899.3343; [ais.beaumont@gmail.org](mailto:ais.beaumont@gmail.org)) to place a literature order charged to your group. We'll bring it all boxed up and ready for pick-up in Victoria. What service (literally)!**

Houston AIS/LDC-Gretchen Van D.

Fall is in the air—even in Houston, where the Houston AIS (Intergroup) answers phone calls from friends and family members of alcoholics, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and where we maintain a website with a calendar that includes Districts 4, 5, and 7 quarterly meeting dates and locations.

During July and August, our bookstore-office answered a total of 174 calls and our volunteers responded to 41 after-hours calls, while our bookstore-office, which is open Monday-Thursday, 10am-3pm, saw 74 visitors and welcomed volunteers who contributed more than 40 hours total of their time.

**We've received positive responses to our decision to link our websites "Meetings" page to the WSO meeting locator, where members may also make GR-1 meeting changes directly online.** Visitors to the Intergroup website are still able to download printable paper copies of the Houston schedule of meetings, which is updated quarterly.

Online registration is in place at [www.houstonal-anon.org](http://www.houstonal-anon.org) for our 2019 Face-to-Face: Day in Recovery event to be held on **Saturday, October 19th, at Houston's Council on Recovery. In** other good news, attendance was strong at our Summer speaker meeting, held August 10th at the Spring Branch Memorial Club (SBMC), featuring Lorna F., from Care Bears of

Katy. If you won't be attending the Fall Assembly in Victoria, why not consider attending our Fall speaker meeting, Saturday, November 2nd, from 2-3p at SBMC; the featured speaker will be Joy J. from the SOS Seeking our Serenity meeting, and, as always, CAL will be available for purchase.

Please feel free to call or email Houston Intergroup at (713) 683-7227/ al-anon@houstonal-anon.org to let us know how we can do even more to support Districts 4, 5, and 7!

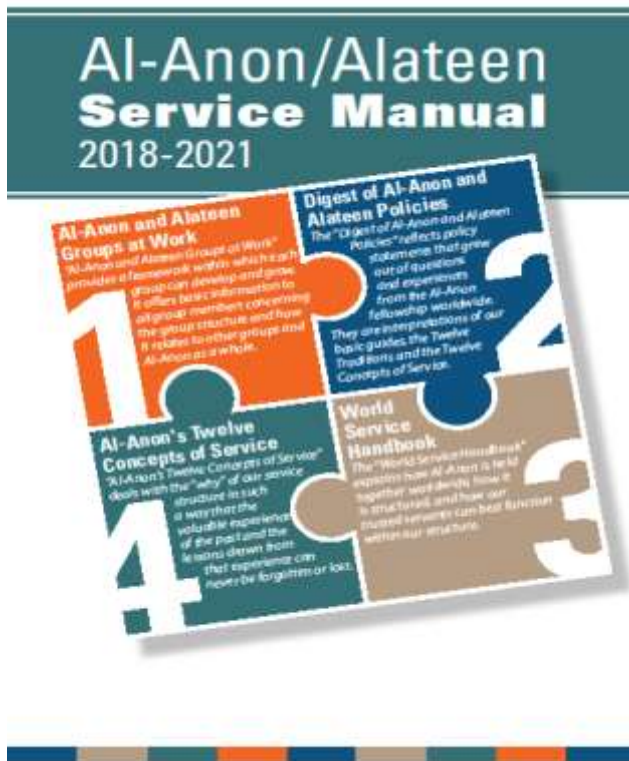
San Antonio AIS/LDC-Rene D.~

Our phone system and website are being monitored and job descriptions for volunteers are being formed.

Monthly speaker meetings are still going on the first Saturday night of the month. Our Serenity Celebration on September 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The Celebration is our yearly fundraiser and the dessert auction makes all the money. Our speakers and food were great.

South Texas AIS -Bennie P. ~

NO Report



**CONTRIBUTIONS TO - EAST TEXAS AREA 53**

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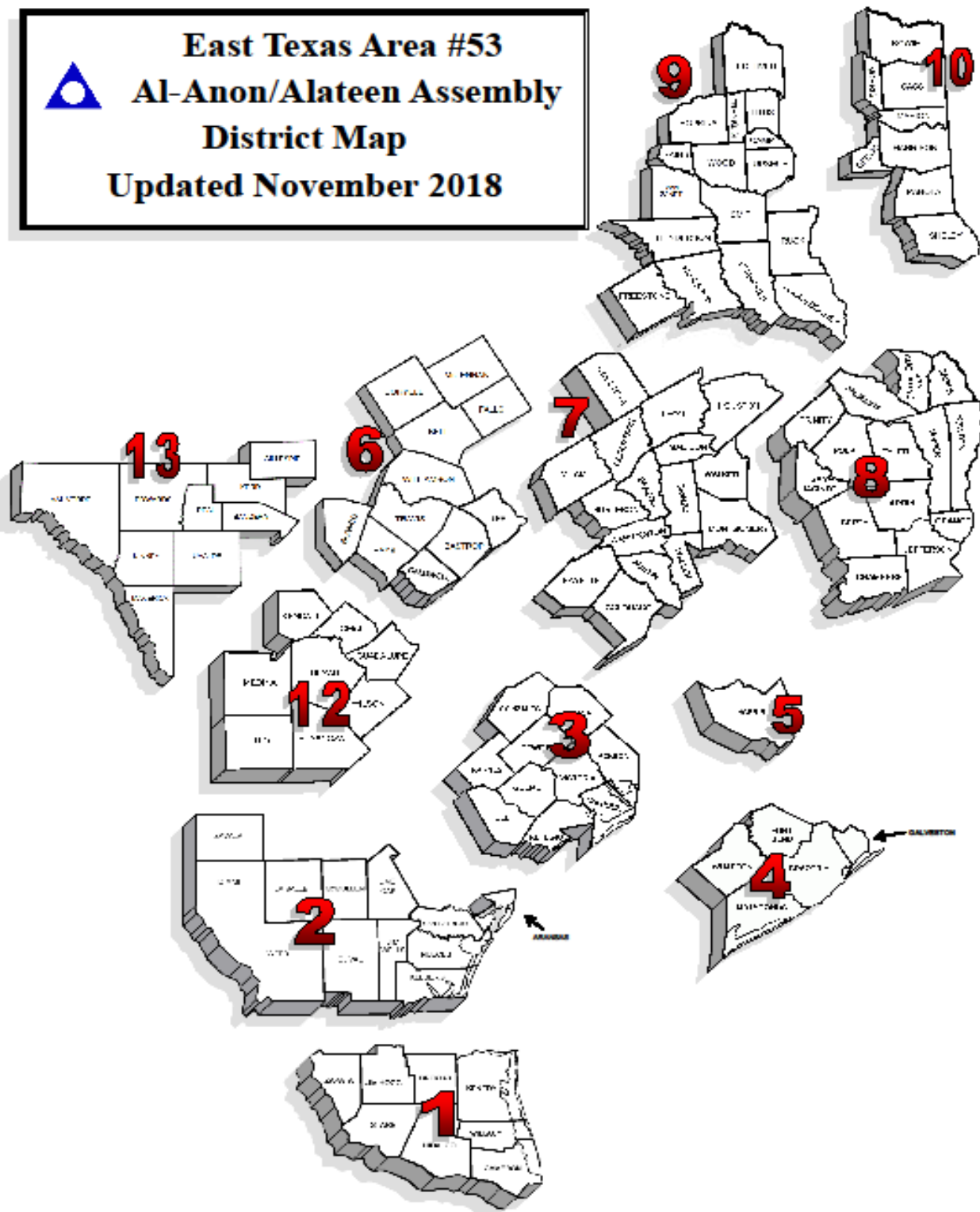
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**East Texas Area #53**  
**Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly**  
**District Map**  
**Updated November 2018**



ETAAA Financial Report 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 3/31/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 6/30/19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 9/30/19	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 12/31/19	Total YTD	2019 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Assembly Surplus</b>							
Fall 2018	3,264.62	0.00	3,009.64	0.00	6,274.26		
Spring 2019	3,264.62		3,009.64		3,264.62		
<b>Beacon Income</b>	18.00	12.00	6.00		36.00	200.00	(164.00)
<b>Contributions Income</b>	6,051.88	4,248.57	4,521.26		14,821.71	18,000.00	(3,178.29)
<b>Fall Gratitude Basket</b>					0.00		
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	0.14	25.00			25.14		
<b>Total Income</b>	9,334.64	4,285.57	7,536.90	0.00	21,157.11	30,532.00	(9,374.89)
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>Travel / Expenses</b>	1,578.79	3,837.39	1,709.16	0.00	7,125.34	13,800.00	(6,674.66)
Alateen Coordinator	276.63	540.68	604.80		1,422.11	2,200.00	(777.89)
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Alateen Process Person		365.00			365.00	1,000.00	(635.00)
Alternate Delegate			373.53		373.53	600.00	(226.47)
Archives	451.67	208.51	74.36		734.54	500.00	234.54
Beacon Editor	74.76				74.76	500.00	(425.24)
Chair	179.89	281.86	32.96		494.71	800.00	(305.29)
Delegate	206.90	269.91	64.78		541.59	1,100.00	(558.41)
Group Records	276.02	\$256.83			532.85	500.00	32.85
Public Outreach			321.70		321.70	600.00	(278.30)
Past Delegates	65.20	667.99	88.44		821.63	3,000.00	(2,178.37)
Past Area Chairperson					0.00	0.00	0.00
Secretary	23.30	218.98	27.90		270.18	800.00	(529.82)
Spanish Coordinator		428.34			428.34	500.00	(71.66)
Treasurer	24.42	367.01	120.69		512.12	800.00	(287.88)
Website Coordinator		232.28			232.28	500.00	(267.72)
<b>Other Expenses</b>	4,262.37	4,189.39	203.00	0.00	8,654.76	7,832.00	822.76
Beacon Publishing	1,481.67	700.00			2,181.67	3,300.00	(1,118.33)
Storage Unit for Archives	428.20	212.00	193.00		833.20	800.00	33.20
Leadership Conference	2,337.50	1,262.39			3,599.89	3,000.00	599.89
Web Hosting Fee					0.00	132.00	(132.00)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	15.00	2,015.00	10.00		2,040.00	100.00	1,940.00
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
<b>World Service Conference</b>	400.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,400.00	3,200.00	(800.00)
Area's Gifts to WSC					0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC			2,000.00		2,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC	400.00				400.00	400.00	0.00



<b>SC Regional Delegate Meeting</b>	3,381.99	557.61	0.00	0.00	3,939.60	5,700.00	(1,760.40)
Delegate	638.30				638.30	900.00	(261.70)
Chair	584.87				584.87	900.00	(315.13)
Immediate Past Delegate					0.00	0.00	0.00
Active Past Delegates	2,158.82				2,158.82	3,000.00	(841.18)
Alternate Delegate		557.61			557.61	900.00	(342.39)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	9,623.15	8,584.39	3,912.16	0.00	22,119.70	30,532.00	(8,412.30)
<b>Net Income Less Expenses</b>	(288.51)	(4,298.82)	3,624.74	0.00	(962.59)		(962.59)
<b>Extraordinary Income/Expense</b>	1st Qtr 3/31/19	2nd Qtr 6/30/19	3rd Qtr 9/30/19	4th Qtr 12/31/19	Total YTD		
<b>Income</b>							
Returned Seed Money	3,500.00		3,500.00		7,000.00		
Received Alateen Background Checks	34.05	371.53	69.42		475.00		
Spring Birthday Basket		773.00			773.00		
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>	3,534.05	1,144.53	3,569.42	0.00	8,248.00		
<b>Expenses</b>							
Seed Money					0.00		
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	34.05	204.30	62.41		300.76		
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO		773.00			773.00		
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenses</b>	34.05	977.30	62.41	0.00	1,073.76		
<b>Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses</b>	3,500.00	167.23	3,507.01	0.00	7,174.24		
<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>	3,211.49	(4,131.59)	7,131.75	0.00	6,211.65		
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	3/31/2019	6/30/2019	9/30/2019	12/31/2019			
Beginning Balance	31,494.07	34,705.56	30,573.97	37,705.72	31,494.07		
Increase/(Decrease)	3,211.49	(4,131.59)	7,131.75	0.00	6,211.65		
Transfer to CD							
	34,705.56	30,573.97	37,705.72	37,705.72	37,705.72		
<b>Ample Reserve Fund (CD)</b>							
Beginning Balance	20,576.01	20,651.78	20,770.48	20,889.88	20,576.01		
Increase/(Decrease)	75.77	118.70	119.40	0.00	313.87		
Ending Balance	20,651.78	20,770.48	20,889.88	20,889.88	20,889.88		

## **SAVE THE DATE**

East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Spring 2020



**May 15-17, 2020**

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**East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen  
Assembly Fall 2020**

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**20/20 Vision:  
Focusing on Recovery**

**Nov 6-8, 2020 in Houston, TX**



**Events:**

- Speaker: Joe T. ,  
Archivist for WSO
- Elections for Area Officers
- Alateen Participation
- Luncheon (price TBD)
- Hospitality Suite
- Workshops (Sunday)
- Group Representative q&a
- Candlelight meetings
- Baskets raffle

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**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Fall Assembly (ETAAA)  
Victoria, TX – Nov. 1-3, 2019  
PROPOSED Business Meeting Agenda Subject to Change**

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. GR Interchange – Area Chair –Lynn S.  
8:00-9:00 a.m. DR Interchange – District Representative – Allyn D.**
- 9:15 a.m. ETAAA Business Meeting Opens - Lynn S. Chair's/Delegate's "On Time Drawing"  
9:30 a.m. Delegate's Report – Kay C. – Panel 58**
- 10:30 a.m. KBDM Discussion Agenda Items - In order to keep the meeting on track the following format will be used following the presentations: Each person may speak one time for 2 minutes. In order for everyone who wishes to be heard please do not speak if what you wanted to say has already been said. One may speak a second time to clarify a previous statement. If a vote is called for it will be by ballot under New Business.**
1. Translation Equipment 2. Bowie County Transfer 3. Proposed 2020 Budget
- 11:00 a.m. Area Coordinators – Hot Topics  
Literature Coordinator –Mattie T.  
Area Alateen Coordinator – Jayne G.  
Area Alateen Process Person – Brenda H.  
Area Archives – Patti 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. LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00 p.m. ETAAA BUSINESS MEETING RESUMES - Chairman's/Delegate's "On Time Drawing"**
- 1:15 p.m. Roll call: Group Rep (GRs) MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE – Paula H.**
- VOTING PROCEDURE: Election Procedures – See Service Manual page 149-152. Ballot election**
- I. Approval of May 4, 2019 ETAAA Business meeting minutes printed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Beacon**
- II. Financial Report – Jennifer S.  
Passing the Gratitude Basket**
- III. Unfinished business None**
- IV. New Business**
1. Translation Equipment  
2. Bowie County Transfer  
3. Proposed 2020 Budget
- V. Links of Service Reports- District Representatives (DRs) , Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISLs): 1 challenge / 1 success**
- VI. Gratitude Basket Total – Jennifer S.**
- 4:30 pm Close ETAAA Business Meeting with Al-Anon Declaration**
- Announcements**
- 1) ETAAA Spring Assembly – May 15-17, 2020  
2) ETAAA Fall Assembly – November 6-8, 2020  
3) Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (POSSE) March 27-29, 2020

**Let it Begin with Me**  
When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,  
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen  
always be there, and – *Let it Begin with Me.*

**Que Empiece por Mi**  
Cuando alguien, dondequiera que sea, pida  
ayuda, que nunca falte allí la mano de Al-Anon y  
Alateen, y - *Que Empiece por Mi*



## A Kernel of Gratitude Changes Your Attitude

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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