

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Lynn S. ~

Dear Texas East Al-Anon and Alateen members as I sit at my computer tonight I can only remember what was suggested for me to read on March 22 from our *One Day At a Time* (B-6) page 82.

Worrying is a usual condition with those of us who are new in Al-Anon. Worry has become such a habit that we can't shake it off, even when our minds are convinced that it serves no purpose. We think about what happened yesterday and we're sure it's a clue to the awful things that are sure to happen tomorrow. The members of AA have set us a good example in living *one day at a time*. We in Al-Anon can, if we work at it, free ourselves from yesterday and tomorrow. Today is only one little set of 24 hours, a reasonably manageable bit of time that we can concentrate on using well.

Today's Reminder

I will not allow myself to be swamped by thoughts of things that are past. I will not concern myself about tomorrow until it becomes my today. The better I use today, the more likely it is that tomorrow will be bright.

"Let not my thought fantasies lead me into anticipating trouble, since I cannot know what the future may bring."

The paragraphs of *Just For Tonight* (M-81) bookmark start with these words of Al-Anon wisdom

Just for tonight. I will be grateful...I will accept that I have done the best I could...I will be humble...**I will not attempt to rectify today's mistakes or solve tomorrow's problems...I will set aside my fears, frustrations and aspirations...I will release my loved ones to my Higher Power's care...**I will set aside anger...I will find a safe, comfortable place to lie down and close my eyes.

As we watch and wait during these days of uncertainty I ask that we all practice in staying in today and pray for better tomorrows.

We will keep the Al-Anon and Alateen members of Texas East Area in the loop of what is happening in our area and our World Service Office.

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

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Calendar of Events

Fall Assembly 2020
November 6-8, 2020
Springhill Suites
20303 Chasewood Park
Houston, TX

May 2021 Assembly
May 14-16, 2021
Tyler, Texas
(More Info to come)

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

June 30, 2020



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Delegate Report – Kay C. ~

All I can say is WOW! Things have really changed since the publication of the last newsletter. We are all getting to know ourselves better, and, if we live with someone/family, we are getting to know them better. What a blessing to have the Legacies (Steps, Traditions, and Concepts) to live by and apply to our situation. AI-Anon has taught me to wait and not react, which I am so ever grateful for right now. Living *One Day at a Time* has a new meaning. I am saddened that I **won't be attending in person the World Service Conference (WSC)** this year as it was my last year. I am excited to be part of a virtual WSC through AFG Connects and video. Panel 58 has had a lot of firsts! First trilingual Conference and now first hybrid Conference. Talk about getting out of your comfort zone! When the 2019 Conference theme of *Action is AttrACTion- there is no Growth in the Comfort Zone* was chosen, **I don't think this year was envisioned. In the last Beacon**, my 10th item on my top 10 of Dreaming Big with 20/20 vision, I dreamed of us getting out of our comfort zone and doing something different. Have you? I know I have, as I have attended temporary AFG and registered AFG meetings by video conferencing. I believe video conferencing can be something we can do at the Area level or I can visit your District by Video Conferencing. Below are the top 10 things I am *Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision*.

1. All groups donate to World Service Office (WSO)- 39% of the 540 Active AI-Anon groups contribute to WSO. An Active group is a registered group that receives mail from WSO. If your group is not receiving mail from WSO contact your District Representative (DR) to see if your current mailing address is up to date.
2. Members of Texas East carry the message of hope to friends and families of alcoholics.
3. All groups have a Group Representative – 75% of Active groups have a GR.
4. All members utilize the Links of Service (GR→DR→Area World Service Committee (AWCS) Member→Delegate→WSO).
5. Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) is used at the Group, District, and Area level.
6. 565 AI-Anon and Alateens GRs attend the May and Fall Assemblies – Currently about 100 (18%) attend Assemblies.
7. All service positions are filled at the Group, District and Area levels.
8. All groups use P-24 *Groups at Work* to chair their meetings.
9. We review and/or revise our District Boundaries and/or create overlay Districts to best serve our English and Spanish speaking groups.
10. We get out of our comfort zones and do something different in AI-Anon (e.g., do a new service position at the Group, District or Area level, sponsor someone, go to a different meeting, attend a District meeting, attend an Assembly, study the Concepts, etc.)

I am on the WSO *Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision* Task Force so let me know your dreams at kacetexdel58@gmail.com. Now for some updates from World Service.

World Service Conference. We will have a virtual WSC from April 20-24 using on-line and video conferencing. I

can't wait to tell you how it will go. I am also grateful that Rosie M is leading us through this time as she is so calm! I have asked you not to send WSC gifts or mail to the hotel. You can still send thoughts, prayers, and/or encouragement to me by email kacetexdel59@gmail.com, text (512) 663-9355 or to my home address below. I am sure I will have plenty to report at our May Assembly!

Home Address:
Kay C
119 Golden Harvest
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657.

If you are wondering what you can do at home during this time period, think about writing an article for the *Forum*, new daily reader, or on the WSO website *blog*. See <https://ai-anon.org> for more information or contact me.

Service Opportunities

There are several opportunities for members to serve above the group level. These are outlined below. I hope, if meet the qualifications, you consider applying for these volunteer positions as they are what help make our fellowship successful. The Area does not have to approve applications for these positions below.

Executive Committee on Real Property Management (ECRPM). I want to encourage all of you who meet the qualifications for ECRPM volunteer to consider applying to serve on the 2021 ECRPM by August 1, 2020. The Board of Trustees delegates to the ECRPM the oversight and management of the real property owned by AI-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. The deadline to apply for this volunteer position is August 1, 2020. <https://ai-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/executive-committee-for-real-property-management/>
Qualifications: Must have seven years of continuous AI-Anon and/or Alateen membership (Alateen membership does count!). Must relinquish all AI-Anon service positions beyond the group level during term of service. Cannot be an AI-Anon member who has ever been a member of A.A. Must possess a broad view of the policies of AI-Anon Family Groups.

Trustee-At-Large (TAL). I want to encourage all of who meet the qualifications for Trustee-At-Large (TAL) to consider applying to serve as a 2021 TAL by August 1, 2020. The TAL is a member of the BOT and has many responsibilities, one being the oversight and care of our fellowship. Qualifications: Must be an active member of AI-Anon and have service experience beyond the group level such as a District Representative, Area Delegate, Assembly Officer or Coordinator, or AIS Liaison to the AWSC. Must have ten years of continuous AI-Anon and/or Alateen membership (Alateen membership does count!). Must relinquish all AI-Anon service positions beyond the group level during term of service. Must possess an understanding of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service. Must possess a broad view of the policies of AI-Anon Family Groups. Cannot be an AI-Anon member who has ever been a member of A.A. Delegates must wait until two (2) World Service Conferences have passed after their term ends before they can be considered for service in this ca-

capacity. Must be eligible to become an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). Please consider applying on-line at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/board-of-trustees/> by August 1, 2020.

WSO At-Large Committees. I want to encourage all of you to consider applying for an At-Large Committee position. At-Large Committees are formed by the Board of Trustees (BOT) to respond to the ongoing need of Al-Anon Family Groups. These Committees and Qualifications are described below are the heart and soul of Al-Anon. Please consider applying on-line at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/at-large-committees/> for 2021. The last day to apply is January 1, 2021.

Qualifications: Must have five years of continuous Al-Anon and/or Alateen membership for at least one year and be at least 13 years old (Alateen membership does count!). Must relinquish all Al-Anon service positions beyond the group level during term of .

At-Large Committees:

Audit: works with the auditor to ensure that the financial affairs and business controls of AFG Inc. are in order. At-large members of the Audit Committee are required to have financial expertise including an understanding of generally accepted auditing principles and accounting standards, as well as an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

Forum Editorial Advisory: recommends editorial policies for our monthly magazine; considers articles for publication and seeks to place *The Forum* in the hands of every Al-Anon and Alateen member.

Literature: seeks to aid recovery by creating new and revised Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and seeks ways of encouraging members to enhance their recovery through increased awareness and the use of our literature and service materials.

Public Outreach: assists in the development of educational tools for our members to use with a variety of outside audiences and in the oversight of national and international public outreach projects that enhance Al-Anon's public image.

Alternate Delegate Report-Mattie T.-

Greetings to All:

I hope and pray that everyone is staying safe and practicing social distancing. I know it is difficult to do especially when we are big huggers. However, we will be back to normal one day, however, in the meantime, find you an on-line Zoom meeting and join in. Many Districts and groups have published their Zoom meeting ID. You can now join a meeting with members in your Area that you could not attend because of distance. **Isn't technology wonderful, we are still connected and trying to stay mentally and emotionally healthy.**

A Word from WSO regarding the Revised 2018-2021 Service Manual:

Please help us get the word out by sharing this information with members in your Area:

The *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) version two (2) is identified with version two (2) on the cover and the title page, and it includes extensive changes across all sections of the *Manual*. Therefore, change pages are not available to download.

The vertical bold lines in the margins on the sides of the pages indicate where changes have been made. Although there is no distinction regarding the bold lines between version two (2) and the original *2018-2021 Service Manual*, in general, version two (2) includes motions related to the *Service Manual* that have been approved since the original *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* was printed.

Going forward, we will consider how best to indicate the changes that we make to the next version. We are no longer including the Amendments section. The *World Service Conference Summary* contains an explanation regarding the reason for the informed group conscience decision(s) to make the changes to the Twelve Concepts of Service descriptive text section of the *Service Manual* which provides an official archive for the fellowship of the history of changes rather than just the previous wording. An electronic copy of *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) version two (2) is available free of charge on the website-<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/service-manual/>.

Members who wish to have a current printed copy of the *Service Manual* can purchase version two (2) from their local LDC or the WSO.

Did You Know

- 2020 International Convention, July 2-5, Detroit, Michigan, is Canceled Announcement by Michele Grinberg, Chair of the General Service Board of A.A.
- **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 still "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@al-anon.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.

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Jayne G. ~

Greetings to All.

Strange times surrounding this report. Many questions lie ahead.

Due to an ongoing health concern, the big issues for AMIAs and Alateens follows.

POSSE (Program Of Sponsors Sharing Everything) was **supposed to happen March 27 to 29, but it didn't happen. We do** have a date reset for the weekend of May 1-3 at the same location. An email was sent out to all registrants if they were still willing to attend on this new date. Of the original 28, we have 20 who are still willing to attend on the new dates. We have a few maybes and a few no way. So we will have POSSE in May if all goes well.

Many communities are in Stay at Home, or Shelter at Home and many meetings are not able to meet face to face. There have been some creative and technology proficient people who have set up electronic meetings for Alateens using various platforms. The WSO also offers an Alateen Chat room which can only be accessed on a computer.

The usual deadline for AMIAs to re-certify is June 1. As we have over 80 AMIAs who are eligible to re-certify, there has been glitches that will need to be worked out. The World Service Office is considering moving the date but for now we do not know.

I have finally gotten a trainer manual for our trainers. I also was fortunate to have a tech savvy friend point out to put all the handouts and schedules on a thumb drive for each trainer. WHAT A GREAT IDEA!!!

I still have hopes to have a Train the Trainer weekend in the fall. We shall see about that. I think it would be good for all the trainers get to cover the material together.

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Brenda H. ~

No Report

AMIAs recertification deadline extended

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Board of Trustees of the World Service Organization voted to grant an extension of the deadline for AMIAS certification to August of this year. The previous deadline was June 15.

All notarized paperwork and confirmation of training **must be submitted to Area 53's Area Alateen Process Person, Brenda H. by Aug. 1, 2020.**

Area 53 has generous participation of 91 Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service. Currently, 83 people are required to complete recertification, which includes a training session and a

background check.

Because of the nature of this epidemic, the Al-Anon Family Groups fellowship is adjusting as needed. As public health guidance changes in response to the coronavirus, the Al-Anon members in service to Area 53 are adjusting to the training requirements through a variety of options by ensuring social distancing at in-person trainings and considering offering teleconferencing choices.

Continue to update yourself by checking the various communication channels the Area offers through the Beacon newsletter, the Texas Al-Anon website, your district's channels of communication with Intergroup websites and flyers distributed at meetings. Also, flexibility is crucial as none of us can predict the future. So please use pencils and erasers as you consider your commitments and responsibilities to your local groups. We will get through this together.

Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Lynn B. ~

With time to focus on some of my "if I only had the time projects", I am working on organizing PSA information for our Area 53.

I would like to pass along (to our next Area Public Outreach Coordinator), an organized document reflecting the stations that each District in our Area has contacted to request Al-Anon PSAs are played.

I am respectfully asking, that if your district has done a PSA outreach project, for a list of contacted radio and TV stations.

Please email this information to me at myrtle.09@yahoo.com

Hopefully this list will help districts manage & make future PSA outreach projects a little easier. WSO has released the 2019 PSA playlist.

I hope to send it out to all District Public Outreach Coordinators soon.

I hope you all stay healthy!

Spanish Coordinator-Myrthala C. ~

Hello, companions

I hope you will all be well and healthy in this pandemic that we are going through. In this test time be positive and let this be an opportunity to grow, one day at a time. Colleagues gave me great satisfaction to have made the first fall assembly translation to take place in Victoria, Texas, and I thank Mandy and Everica of District 1 who helped me this weekend with the assembly translation.

I continue to translate minutes from Zone meetings, agendas, workshops and flyers for assemblies. All of this has been distributed during assembly or included in the *Beacon*. Unfortunately for this next edition of the *Beacon* for reasons of lack of space in this edition and future editions, minutes and agenda

will be published on our website <https://texas-al-anon.org/texaseast/> in order that your Spanish-speaking groups are reporting about activities in our Zone 53. The plans go ahead for the Spring Assembly to be held in Houston, there will be Spanish translation in this assembly, I hope to see you in Houston. Greetings.

Spanish Coordinator-Myrthala C. ~

Hola, compañeros

Espero que todos se encuentren bien y con salud de esta pandemia por la cual atravesamos. En este tiempo de prueba hay que estar positivos y que esto sea una oportunidad para crecer, un día a la vez. Compañeros me dio una gran satisfacción el haber hecho la primera traducción de asamblea de otoño que se efectuó en Victoria, Texas y le doy las gracias a Mandy y Everica del Distrito 1 que me ayudaron durante este fin de semana con la traducción de Asamblea. Continúo traduciendo minutas de las reuniones de Zona, agendas, talleres y volantes para las asambleas. Todo esto se ha distribuido durante asamblea o se ha incluido en el *Beacon*. Desafortunadamente para esta próxima edición del *Beacon* por razones de falta de espacio en esta edición y futuras ediciones, minutas y agenda serán publicadas en nuestra página web <https://texas-al-anon.org/texaseast/>. esto con el fin de que sus grupos de habla hispana estén informados sobre actividades en nuestra Zona 53. Los planes siguen adelante para la Asamblea de Primavera que se efectuara en Houston, habrá traducción al español en esta asamblea, espero verlos en Houston. Saludos

Website Coordinator ~Dorie J. ~

Hi Friends,

We are working to expand the <https://texas-al-anon.org/> website to provide up-to-date information for area, districts and groups. **I've asked all District Representatives (DRs) to share list of e-meetings available in their districts (example from District 5: <https://texas-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Houston-D5-Electronic-Meeting-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf>).** These lists for your area can be found **by clicking the "Find a Meeting" tab (or use this link: <https://texas-al-anon.org/meetings/>).**

Upon request, I also facilitated a Zoom tutorial. Participants on the call gave me permission to record and share with those who missed it (or would like to view it again). I have uploaded that tutorial on the TX East Group Member page. You can find that page by hovering over the **"Member" tab > finding TX East Groups** - - password: anonymity.

If you need anything uploaded or information shared during this critical time, feel free to email me: doriejafg@gmail.com

Group Records Coordinator ~ Al M. ~

No Report

Newsletter Editor~Rene D.~

Hope everyone is doing well with social distancing. I am trying not to go crazy since I am a sociable person.

I am working on *The Beacon* for April. I appreciate everyone sending their reports despite what is going on around us.

My next deadline for the July issue is June 30th.

Archives Coordinator ~Patti W. ~

As I was organizing the many boxes, I came across many cassette tapes of various speakers throughout the years. Some of even Lois W. herself. Some were from years even before cassettes were a thing-ALL of them very old. I decided, quite ambitiously, there should be a way, with some techy gadget, of converting those tapes to CDs or Digital files so we could all have access to these voices from our past. Easier said than done. After several tries with Mp3 converters and then returns to Amazon I finally found a way using my iPhone voice memo app. However, the age of the cassette tapes I believe must have caused deterioration and at about the 30 minute mark on most, the sound begins to fade to nothing. I was quite discouraged by all this. But then I was listening to one of my favorite podcasts, featuring Al Anon speakers, they were also playing a digitized version of a past speaker and had exactly the same problems with the quality and the sound as I did! So, I decided to just be grateful with recordings I did get and let the voices **be heard even if it's only a mere snippet.**

The following items were donated and will be added to the archives.

The Forum Anniversary Edition May 1980

Service Manual 1982-83

Just for Today bookmark printed in 1988

Forum Favorites Volume 4 1993

CD-Judy A speaker ETAAA Spring Assembly Victoria, Texas 2007

Cassettes: Lois W July 1960, Blanche D June 1981, Blanche D March 1982

District Reports

District 1 ~Mandy T. ~

No Report

District 2 ~Ginny M. ~

Our last district meeting was held January 18, 2020. The 2019-2020 budget was approved. There was discussion concerning GR scholarships for smaller groups to send their GR to assembly. **We will use District 5's draft paperwork to develop an application and process for our district.** There was discussion of partial scholarships for AMIAS to attend POSSE, and it was decided to take an email vote after confirming who would be going this year. Plans were discussed for a Day in Al-Anon since that is our annual fundraiser. Al-Anon participated in the Coastal Bend AA Jamboree, January 24-26, 2020. Step Together Step AFG hosted a speaker meeting January 27, 2020, with

very good attendance.

Since the beginning of the pandemic and cancellations/suspensions of face-to-face meetings, our district voted to open a Pro account with Zoom Video Communications and has since gotten 13 meetings online. Our first Zoom meeting was Sunday, March 29, 2020. I have been hosting the online meetings and usually have the group GR or meeting chair be the co-host and conduct the meeting just like they would a FTF meeting. As of 3-31-20, we have hosted six AI-Anon meetings with 74 attendees. We have developed a bulk email list to be able to communicate with and invite our members to Zoom meetings. **We currently have 114 on the list and it's growing. The District has a secret Facebook page we use to post notices and information on. We're doing our best to work around these extraordinary circumstances.**

District 3 ~ Susan J. ~

Greetings to all from District 3!

Well, right up until about 2 weeks ago, things were going about the same in District 3. Because I had Spring Break and therefore had more availability, I had started visiting Group Meetings in the District to spread the message that District Representatives had discussed at the February 1st AWSC Meeting which was that this is a Voting Year in our Area and to speak about service outside the Group expanding our Program. Well, I made it to two meetings before the locations started becoming unavailable due to the coronavirus and COVID-19. None of our District Meetings are able to meet at this point. I know members ARE keeping in touch with one another. All kinds of new ways and reasons to Work our Program.

District 4~Carol B.~

I hope everyone is playing it safe and taking care of yourselves in this challenging and strange time we find ourselves in.

Many of our groups have started utilizing conference and video calls for our meetings to continue sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other. Some of the groups are also taking group donations through free services such as Zelle and PayPal.

Our district's Public Outreach coordinator started the year off by providing AI-Anon literature sales and free pamphlets at the January SETA meeting in Galveston. There was big demand for Alateen information and the free pamphlets.

We had a great district meeting in March. For the first time, we utilized a conference call for everyone and cancelled the physical meeting in **person due to the Coronavirus. We'll continue to use a conference call for future meetings for those that can't attend in person, but who would still like to attend. We had a good discussion on elections and we agreed to have our District elections at our September District meeting. We encouraged groups to have their group elections before this. We continue to identify options for our abundant funds and have allocated additional dollars to public outreach.**

We had a planning meeting for our District's A Day in AI-Anon and have it scheduled for Saturday, July 25, in Alvin. We're planning to have a speaker, several workshops led by District 4 members, and include Spanish translation. Lunch will be included. Our theme will be Solutions In All our Affairs, using excerpts from our CAL "...In All Our Affairs". We'll also be selling literature that day. Keep a look out for the flyer and please share with your groups.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Area Assembly.

Love in Service,

.District 5 ~Heather N. ~

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented some challenges for **District 5 as I'm sure it has for many of you. Dorie and I have been working together to address some of the questions and needs within the District. Dorie was able to successfully provide a training on Zoom Meetings. And we are working together along with the Houston AIS/LDC to get a listing of all temporary Electronic Meetings on the Texas AI-Anon and Houston AIS/LDC websites.**

Over the past month, Lynn S and I have talked nearly every-day to assess the current health situation. In a time of so much uncertainty, it was a relief to have the decision made to cancel **the May 2020 Assembly though I will miss seeing everybody's face. District 5 is working on processing refunds as well as other loose ends to tie up. The D5 ETAAA Planning Committee put in a lot of work and did an amazing job! Thank you to everyone on the Planning Committee for your service and commitment especially during these trying times.**

We had our first "GR Interchange" before our last District Meeting. It was a great success allowing for more discussion on current topics groups are experiencing. We also had training about the KBDM and voting procedures in preparation for the Assembly. With the help from Georgia, our Alternate DR, we were able to offer the PowerPoint for both English and Spanish. The slides were simply divided in two with one side for English and the other for Spanish.

District 6 ~Anna A.~

Greetings from District 6. We're here and working the program through this uncertain time. Here are some updates since our last report and since our last district meeting in January:

- Our GRs elected a new District Group Records Coordinator. She is Cathy M., and she will finish out this term, which ends on December 31. A huge thank you to Cathy for stepping up and into this very important service position to help keep our district's group records up to date by working with our GRs, the DR, Alternate DR, Austin AIS, and the Area Group Records Coordinator.
- Judy W. resigned as our DR, effective January 18. Our GRs elected me as the new DR to finish out Judy's term, which ends on December 31. I am so blessed to have been the Alternate DR while Judy was DR. She was the best mentor I could have hoped for and handed me a

East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETA AA)

Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

February 1, 2020

Longview, TX

Chairperson: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 1:26 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Introductions: 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 of Service and General Warranties: Attendees of the AWSC read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties on p. 17 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

Secretary: Paula H. called the roll, and 20 out of 29 voting members were present. The Delegate was not present. The following Coordinators were not in attendance: Archivist and Spanish. The following Districts had no representatives in attendance: District 1, District 2, and District 6. The following Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) had no representatives in attendance: Houston and Houston Hispanic.

The minutes of the November 1, 2019 AWSC meeting were approved as emailed to the members of the AWSC.

Treasurer: Jennifer S. provided a spreadsheet with an explanation about how the abstention vote affects the final outcome of a vote at the Assembly. This will be shared with Group Representatives (GRs) at the GR interchange at the May 2020 Assembly.

There is \$34,876.28 in the Area checking account, and there is \$21,949.25 in the CD. The audit committee will audit the 2019 **financial report, and the Treasurer's report will be filed for next year's audit.**

Delegate: The Secretary Paula H. informed the AWSC that Kay C. will have a full report in the next issue of *The Beacon*.

Alternate Delegate: Mattie T. mentioned that there are no Al-Anon promises: several groups have taken an excerpt in *From Survival to Recovery* (B21), which they have interpreted as promises. The World Service Office (WSO) has information on this, and information regarding this will be shared in *The Beacon*.

Mattie also mentioned that the World Service Conference (WSC) summary has guidelines on etiquette at the WSC. District Representatives (DRs) are encouraged to review this information with their GRs prior to the May 2020 Assembly.

Also, Mattie gave sample GR folders to the DRs and asked them to share it with their GRs. Updated GR folders will be on the Texas East Al-Anon/Alateen website. Mattie also suggested that DRs take the sample voting spreadsheet that Jennifer S. presented at this AWSC meeting and explain and use it in their District meetings.

Update Reports:

1. Final Report of Fall Assembly 2019 – Susan J. reported that 125 people pre-registered for the Fall Assembly. Fifty-two registered at the door. There were 169 people present at the Assembly; there were 105 voting GRs, and 129 luncheon tickets

were sold. Total expenses were \$6286, and \$3500 seed money was returned to the Area. Susan suggested that if DRs would encourage GRs to pre-register, it would help the host District with planning and budgeting the Assembly.

2. Spring Assembly 2020 - Heather N. sent information to DRs and asked them to forward it to GRs. Dates are May 15-17, **2020. The theme is "F. L. Y.", and the Assembly will be held at the Springhill Suites, 20303 Chasewood Park Dr., Houston, TX 77070. The deadline for hotel registration is April 30, 2020, and online registration for the Assembly is available through May 8, 2020 at <https://may2020etaaa.eventbrite.com>. There is a flyer in *The Beacon*; information is also on the Texas Al-Anon website under the "Events" section. Friday night there will be a meet and greet activity. The weekend activity is to find your seat mate, and there will be a cash prize for the winner. The Friday night speaker will be a local speaker, and Saturday night's speaker will be Marsha from WSO. Sunday morning there will be a workshop entitled "Who Is Responsible for the Health of Our Groups?" The raffle coordinator would like to know of any group who is donating a basket. There will be a flyer in *The Beacon*.**

3. Fall Assembly 2020 – Allyn D. mentioned that the registration fee is \$25. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register. There is a link to register with credit card capabilities. Joe T., who is the Archivist from the WSO, will speak. The dates are November 6-8, 2020, and this is an election Assembly. The **theme is "20/20 Vision: Focusing on Recovery." The location is the same as the Spring 2020 Assembly. There is a flyer in *The Beacon*.**

4. Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) **Trainer's Manual Work Group** – Jayne G. reported that there are only three AMIAS trainers. She suggested that the money from the Texas East Area Alateen Conference (TEAAC) could be used to train AMIAS trainers. Information concerning training workshops will be sent to District Alateen Coordinators (DACs) and DRs. Currently there are 80 AMIAS eligible for recertification.

5. Policies and Procedures Handbook Thought Force – Mattie T. gave no report.

6. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Thought Force – Diane B. sent a report with background information and the **charge for the Thought Force. The charge is: "Does our Area want or need, based on the four Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) questions, to go forward with a Task Force to establish fair and balanced "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies that are founded on the spiritual principles of Al-Anon's three Legacies.**

The Thought Force recommends that a Task Force be formed to provide answers to the many questions involving this issue. It was suggested that an online survey be conducted to gather more information related to the four KBDM questions.

Lynn S. asked for a consensus on forming a Task Force; the majority of voting members agreed on a consensus to move the Thought Force to a Task Force.

7. Area Excess Operating Funds Task Force – Lynn S. reported on background information regarding excess funds that was found in the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, on p. 18, 101, and 105 as well as in the Reserve Fund

Guideline (G41). The charge to the Task Force was: “How can Texas East Area retain and attract members within our Area and with our abundant thinking find ways to support WSO where feasible?” Jennifer S. will chair the Task Force, and other members are Margaret F., Kathy J.

Area Coordinator Reports: Reports were given by the following Coordinators: Alateen, Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), Group Records, Public Outreach, Newsletter, and Website. Reports are on file.

DR Reports: Reports were given by the following Districts: D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, D10, D12, and D13. Reports are on file.

AIS Reports: Reports were given by the following AI-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISLs): Austin, Beaumont, and San Antonio. Reports are on file.

Unfinished Business:

1. Host District for September 12, 2020 AWSC meeting – District 13 will host the September 2020 AWSC. Details on place and time will be sent later.
2. There will be a new AWSC/Assembly rotation schedule by the May 2020 Assembly.
3. Miscellaneous discussion items – The DRs were asked to explain to the GRs the importance of the KBDM morning discussion items at Assemblies. It was also suggested that DRs model the Area agendas at district meetings.

There was a request to explain how AWSC agenda items get set. DRs send the items to Lynn. There was also discussion on items to be brought to the stand alone AWSC meetings.

New Business:

The deadline for submitting reports to *The Beacon* is March 30, 2020.

Lynn S. requested that the Assembly Host Committee Guidelines be looked at again. After much discussion, the consensus of the AWSC was to form a Work Group to update the guidelines. Lynn S. will appoint a Work Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.

District Reports (Continued)

District 6 ~Anna A. ~(Cont'd)

- healthy, vibrant district. I look forward to working with all of our GRs, officers, and coordinators in this new role.
- With my election as DR, our GRs elected Lynn P. as the new Alternate DR to finish out my term, which ends on December 31. I am so grateful to Lynn for volunteering her time to this service position and look forward to working closely with her to keep the District healthy.
- With the social distancing guidelines imposed upon us by the spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), many of the groups in our district have gone to virtual meetings since venues began shutting down. I am so proud of our groups for moving into this uncharted territory with diligence, courage, and compassion.
- Our district meeting, scheduled for April 18, will be canceled. My hope is that we can meet in July for our next scheduled district meeting; however, if social distancing guidelines are still in place this summer, I plan to hold a virtual district meeting.

I am so blessed and honored to serve and represent District 6. I wish everyone throughout Area 53 health, happiness, and serenity. Please be safe.

District 7~ Allyn D.~

Dear fellow District 7 and East Texas AI-Anon/Alateen members,

Pre COVID-19 Stay at Home

District 7 held a regular quarterly meeting on Feb 15 at the Dobbin Community Center in Montgomery. We then held an Assembly Design meeting on March 7 in one of the breakout rooms at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites in Spring, Texas. Highlights of these meetings are:

- Elected a new archivist, John R.
- Encouraged everyone to consider stretching into service work in preparation for Fall elections.
- Noted increasing membership of District 7 Facebook page
- Reviewed the Fall assembly flyer and the TicketSpice online registration platform; will add URL link to hotel registration and fundraising
- Discussed assembly menu and formed a committee to review the contract for Fall ETAAA
- Discussed the possibility of holding an AMIAS training in Bryan
- Toured the conference area of the Marriott Spring Hill Suites and discussed hospitality and locations and arrangements of archives, raffle, registration, seating, podium, photo booth, etc.
- Decided to investigate acquiring reasonably priced single event liability insurance for the assembly and will pass that knowledge on to the AWSC.

~District 7 Allyn D. ~ (Continued)

- Discussed the benefit of asking our speaker, Joe T., what CAL he will be referring to and making sure that is included in the literature sales table. It was also decided, that since Joe is WSO Archivist, we will make sure the Area archives have a prominent place and that our District 7 archives are brought up to optimal condition.
- Set quarterly District 7 meetings as follows: April 4, July 18, October 10 (District 7 elections). Assembly Design meetings will be decided later in increasing frequency.

Post COVID-19 Stay at Home

- Many D7 meetings have created Zoom and other online/digital/phone/virtual meetings and are running them successfully. Information on safety and security measures that should be taken is being exchanged.
- Several District 7 members have collaborated to create an online submission/registration form for the newly created online meetings. It links to a google sheet so that it is readily accessible and kept up to date. Work is being done to get this information posted on the Houston AIS and Texas websites.
- The April 4 quarterly District 7 meeting will be held by teleconference only using Free Conference Call. Thank goodness, we instituted that already, so it is not new. HP at work, as always.

I am so impressed with how the fellowship has responded to make sure we continue to let the hand of AI-Anon and Alateen always be there and grateful I am not alone in this. Hoping you will be well.

District 8 ~Jennifer S.~

Greetings from my home in District 8! As you all know by now our Concepts Workshop with our fabulous Delegate Kay and her husband John has been postponed. We are hoping to have it in June or July and I will let you know when a date has been confirmed. Our District Meeting is scheduled for April 21st. With the recent suggestion of less than 10 gathering continuing through April 30th we will have to either postpone or look into electronic options for this meeting. GRs please make sure to watch your email or check our website (setxalanon.org) to keep updated.

I hope everyone is staying safe and that we are able to return to normal life soon. In the meantime, our District has a few Zoom meetings going and I continue to encourage everyone to reach out to those in program. If your group is interested in starting as a Zoom meeting let me know and I can set you up. We are all adjusting. We all continue to need your experience, strength and hope whether it be in a formal online **meeting or just a quick "I'm thinking of you" call. Being home with family isn't always as great as the stories on Facebook make it sound. That's ok. We are here for each other no matter what. Pick up the phone if you need to talk. Pick up the phone if you think someone may want to talk. I'm here for you too. Please let me know if I can help keep you connected or you just need a meeting. I probably need one too.**

District 9 ~John B.~

The Ninth District is alive and well. We are as everyone, hunkered down, waiting for the all clear sign, which may be awhile coming. A lot of our meetings are closed down for now, but minds are working. Our District meeting is going to Zoom. Some of our more talented "computer friendly" members are showing their stuff and sharing the message with us less "computer friendly", but we will make it.

Our host, St. Francis Episcopal Church has closed its doors for protection of its members, so we have closed our meetings in respect for their decision. We will resume our regular meetings, when the church reopens their doors.

This is the time for me to put my Steps and Traditions to work. I don't pray as much as I should, but "Thank You God" comes out of my mouth on a regular basis. And for me, that and "Help Me Father", has got me through so many trials and tribulations.

I thank my Higher Power for the guidance and strength I am given each day. Knowing, that the silos of Hope, Love and Charity are never empty and that there is no "unhappiness that can't be lessened; no situation that can't be bettered", this is what I have learned in AI-Anon.

I wish all AI-Anons everywhere the very best Life has to offer. I pray we will survive the trials we are going through by doing the "next right thing", "keeping our eyes and ears open and think carefully before we act", this is also what I have learned in AI-Anon. I don't have to have the answer to everything, nor share my opinion with everyone. I have choices and so do others.

May our Higher Powers be with us always, may our Steps and Traditions guide us along the path, keeping our emotions and actions in due bounds.

District 10 ~Shelia E.~

There are ten groups that now meet in District ten. Five groups in Longview, three groups in Marshall, one group in Kilgore, and one group in Jefferson, Texas. Our last district meeting was Dec. 14, 2020. It was at that time the information given to me at the last assembly was passed **on to the GRs that attended along with Kay's report of the last WSO meeting.** The appeals letter from WSO was read, and a basket was passed for donations to the WSO. Forty eight dollars were collected.

We discussed hosting the next AWSC meeting here in Longview, and set a date for them to meet on Feb. 1, 2020. The district met once more on January fourth to confirm all the logistics related to our plans for hosting the February AWSC meeting. There were five GRs, and a total of nine members who attended our planning meeting. E-mails and text messages were sent out to the GRs that did not attend.

The goal was to keep them informed as to what was happening in the district. GRs were encouraged to pass the information along to all their groups.

The AWSC meeting took place as planned in Longview Tx. Hosted by District Ten. It has been an honor and a privilege to be of service to our area AI-Anons. There was no shortage of help that was needed to serve the AWSC. I have been blessed with a district that is always willing to serve. Our next district meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2020. We will talk about upcoming elections.

District 12 ~ Candy N.~

Our last district meeting was held January 18, 2020. The 2019-2020 budget was approved. There was discussion concerning GR scholarships for smaller groups to send their GR to **assembly. We will use District 5's draft paperwork to develop** an application and process for our district. There was discussion of partial scholarships for AMIAS to attend POSSE, and it was decided to take an email vote after confirming who would be going this year. Plans were discussed for a Day in AI-Anon since that is our annual fundraiser. AI-Anon participated in the Coastal Bend AA Jamboree, January 24-26, 2020. Step Together Step AFG hosted a speaker meeting January 27, 2020, with very good attendance.

Since the beginning of the pandemic and cancellations/suspensions of face-to-face meetings, our district voted to open a Pro account with Zoom Video Communications and has since gotten 13 meetings online. Our first Zoom meeting was Sunday, March 29, 2020. I have been hosting the online meetings and usually have the group GR or meeting chair be the co-host and conduct the meeting just like they would a FTF meeting. As of 3-31-20, we have hosted six AI-Anon meetings with 74 attendees. We have developed a bulk email list to be able to communicate with and invite our members to Zoom meetings. We currently have 114 on the list **and it's growing. The District has a secret Facebook page we use to post notices and information on. We're doing our best** to work around these extraordinary circumstances.

District 13 ~ Sarah W.~

No Report

AIS LIAISON REPORTS

Austin AIS ~Kathy J.~

No Report

Beaumont AIS ~Suzanne R.~

January had our AIS office busy preparing boxes of literature to take to Tyler; we are privileged to be asked annually to

sell CAL at the AA Anniversary there. We also held our Quarterly AIS Board Meeting on Saturday 1/18, as well as our District 8 Quarterly Meeting, and a delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed by all.

Our new Office Manager, Greg G., has had several months **now to get familiar with things, and is doing great. We've also** had two new volunteers step up in service, so our office is back to being open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 - 3, and every other Thursday 10 - 3. Our 24/7 Hotline remains manned by AI-Anon volunteers.

The office has, of course, had to close due to COVID-19 quarantining. Our phone line (409) 899-3343 is available for call-in **orders, which 3 "Hotshot" volunteers will fill at our office at an agreed-upon appointment time. It's evident, however, that not many people are focusing on buying CAL at this time. It's also** doubtful that our April 25 Quarterly meeting will still be held.

The Concepts Working in Relationships Workshop has also been postponed until late June or July. Kay and John C. have said they will be available at those times. In prayer for the health and safety of everyone worldwide,

San Antonio AIS ~Rene D.~

Our SAAIS office is closed due to this COVID19 and so is the Book Store. The phone service is being manned. Club Twelve where AI-Anon and AA meetings are held is also closed. Our speaker meeting for April is cancelled also. There are groups not meeting and others who are using Zoom or other online methods of meeting.

Hope everyone is well and staying at home enjoying family.

Intergrupal Hispana De Houston ~Espernza L.~

No Report

Houston AIS~Gretchen Van D.~

As it has around the world, the COVID-19 crisis has upended everyday life for Houstonians; the Houston AI-Anon Intergroup Bookstore and Office is no exception. After much deliberation, the Houston Intergroup Board of Directors voted on March 18 to close the office and bookstore to foot traffic. The office manager continues to answer phones and fulfill literature orders, and our wonderful volunteers continue to answer after-hours calls.

In response to the critical need among members for virtual fellowship during the Houston-area Stay-at-Home provision, a need for which many groups have found the Zoom video-conferencing and GoToMeeting tools to be solutions, the Houston Intergroup website is providing direct links to Houston-area eMeetings lists, along with a statement encouraging awareness of eMeeting concerns.

Prior to the March 18 closing of the office to the public, the first

quarter was off to a strong start: our bookstore-office answered a total of 270 calls, while our volunteers—who help make sure that calls are answered 24/7--responded to 61 after-hours calls. The Houston Intergroup bookstore-office, which, under normal circumstances, is open Monday-Thursday, 10a-3p, saw 97 visitors and welcomed volunteers who contributed more than 16 hours of their time.

On Saturday, February 29, Ophelia P., with 50 years in Al-Anon, who is a member of Monday Nite Acceptance at Holy Spirit, shared her story at the quarterly Intergroup speaker meeting. Quarterly Intergroup speaker meetings are held at the Spring Branch Club, 1200 Blalock, Suite 378, Houston, TX 77055. All are welcome!

Did you know? Houston Intergroup publishes its own quarterly newsletter: *Al-Anews*. You can find the latest issue on the Home page at www.houstonalanon.org; **archived issues can be found at our website's** Al-Anon Literature page.

To our friends in Districts 4, 5, 7, and beyond, we thank you for your continuing 7th tradition support and patience as each of us navigates uncharted waters, together.

Al-Anon Declaration

Let It Begin With Me

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO - EAST TEXAS AREA 53

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Thought Force

Meeting List Publishing Policy

Presented to Lynn S., Chair on 1-30-2020

Members: Carolyn K, Sarah W, Kurt N, Kay C (Delegate), and Diane B (Chair)

Materials Reviewed:

Note from Vali F., Executive Director of WSO (Sent by Kay C on 4-17-19)

Sample Policy from the Ohio Area

Charge from Area Chair

Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Development Resources (Rev Dec 2018)

Background Information:

This Thought Force was previously named Do Not Refer and Re-Refer to establish fair and balanced policies founded on the spiritual principles contained in the **AI-Anon's three Legacies**. **This includes a process for groups** to apply to have their meetings displayed again, enable the WSO to support Area decision to remove group meetings from display on local printed meeting lists and meeting search results, whether online or via phone, **while maintaining the status of the group as active and registered**. **WSO support involves removing Area "Do Not Refer" meetings from display in the al-anon.org meeting search results and from the resources used by the 1-888-4AL-ANON phone operators.**

The name of the policy was changed by a motion of the WSO Executive Committee to *Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Development Resources*. This name change **resulted from the realization that the language "Do Not Refer" discouraged a holistic, spiritual approach to finding solutions to challenges with groups.**

The Thought Force Charge:

The Charge for Texas East Area Thought Force is: "Does our area want or need (based on the Four KBDM Questions) to go forward with a Task Force to establish fair and balanced "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies that are founded on the spiritual principles contained in AI-Anon's Three Legacies?"

1. What do we know about our members' (and prospective members') needs, wants and preferences that relate to this issue? What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Answer: Do our Area members want a policy? Do they think we need a policy? Do we have groups now that are not observing the Legacies, Traditions, Concepts Warranties? Is it a problem for our Groups and our Area?

2. What do we know about the resources and our vision for AI-Anon and our meetings that are relevant to this issue? What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Answer: It has become apparent that our Area members do not have sufficient information to determine the vision on this topic. We wish we knew more about the members concerns about meetings that are not observing the Legacies, Traditions and Concepts in groups.

3. What do we know about our "culture" and "environment" that is relevant to this discussion? What are the implications of our choices: the pros and cons? What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Answer: We do not know enough about the culture and environment. We know that to determine that a group should not be listed is a tough decision and should not be made based on personalities and hearsay. We wish we knew more about the process that we would use to make the final decision.

4. What are the ethical implications of our choices? In other words – Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles, policies, and the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts? What do we wish we knew, but don't?

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

Texas East 53 Chairperson Job Description

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Chair conducts all Assemblies and AWSC meetings.
- Calls the Assembly for the election of a Delegate, other officers and area coordinators.
- Works closely with Delegate, Area Coordinators and Area Officers. If any officer other than the Delegate resigns before the end of his term, the Chairman appoints another DR to fill the office temporarily. As soon as convenient, an Assembly should be called to elect a successor for the unexpired term.
- **Appoints ETAAA Assembly Mentor.**
- Chairs and sets business agenda for AWSC and area assembly meetings.
 - [Provides the business meeting agenda to *The Beacon* to be published prior to assembly.](#)
 - Reviews and approves fliers for assemblies.
 - Reviews and approves program agenda for assemblies.
 - Reviews and approves local budget for assemblies.
 - Requests how the meeting room should be setup with microphones, TV/DVD or other Audio/Video equipment as needed for presentations and speakers.
 - Keeps the AWSC and area assembly business

ETAAA Financial Report 2020	1 st Qtr 3/31/20	2 nd Qtr 6/30/20	3 rd Qtr 9/30/20	4 th Qtr 12/31/20	Total YTD	2020 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income							
Assembly Surplus							
Fall 2019	4,031.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,031.59		
Spring 2020	4,031.59				4,031.59		
Beacon Income	30.00				30.00	200.00	(170.00)
Contributions Income							
Fall Gratitude Basket	4,941.64				4,941.64	18,000.00	(13,058.36)
Miscellaneous Income					0.00		
Unallocated Funds from 2019							
Miscellaneous Income	4,031.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,332.00	
Total Income	9,003.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,003.23	28,532.00	(19,528.77)
Expenses							
Travel / Expenses	2,779.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,779.63	14,300.00	(11,520.37)
Alateen Coordinator	475.74				475.74	2,200.00	(1,724.26)
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Alateen Process Person	65.99				65.99	1,000.00	(934.01)
Alternate Delegate	117.35				117.35	600.00	(482.65)
Archives					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Beacon Editor	299.73				299.73	500.00	(200.27)
Chair	290.56				290.56	800.00	(509.44)
Delegate					0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
Group Records	366.48				366.48	500.00	(133.52)
Public Outreach	168.06				168.06	600.00	(431.94)
Past Delegates	421.81				421.81	3,000.00	(2,578.19)
Past Area Chairpersons					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Secretary	217.05				217.05	800.00	(582.95)
Spanish Coordinator					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Treasurer	76.29				76.29	800.00	(723.71)
Website Coordinator	280.57				280.57	500.00	(219.43)
Other Expenses	1,633.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,633.00	4,832.00	(3,199.00)
Beacon Publishing	1,438.00				1,438.00	3,300.00	(1,862.00)
Storage Unit for Archives	168.00				168.00	800.00	(632.00)
Web Hosting Fee					0.00	132.00	(132.00)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	27.00				27.00	100.00	(73.00)
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
World Service Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	(2,700.00)
Area's Gifts to WSC					0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC					0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC					0.00	400.00	(400.00)

SC Regional Delegate Meeting	3,677.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,677.11	6,700.00	(3,022.89)
Delegate	746.68					746.68	900.00	(153.32)
Chair	398.96					398.96	900.00	(501.04)
Immediate Past Delegate						0.00	0.00	0.00
Active Past Delegates	1,882.39					1,882.39	4,000.00	(2,117.61)
Alternate Delegate	649.08					649.08	900.00	(250.92)
Total Expenses	8,089.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,089.74	28,532.00	(20,442.26)
Net Income Less Expenses	913.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	913.49		913.49
Extraordinary Income/Expense	1st Qtr 3/31/20	2nd Qtr 6/30/20	3rd Qtr 9/30/20	4th Qtr 12/31/20	Total YTD			
Income								
Returned Seed Money	3,500.00				3,500.00			
Received Alateen Background Checks	34.75				34.75			
Spring Birthday Basket					0.00			
Total Extraordinary Income	3,534.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,534.75			
Expenses								
Seed Money	3,500.00				3,500.00			
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	34.75				34.75			
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO					0.00			
Total Extraordinary Expenses	3,534.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,534.75			
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Profit/(Loss)	913.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	913.49			
Checking Account Balance	3/31/2020	6/30/2020	9/30/2020	12/31/2020	Total YTD			
Beginning Balance	34,217.77	35,131.26	35,131.26	35,131.26	34,217.77			
Increase/(Decrease)	913.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	913.49			
Transfer to CD								
	35,131.26	35,131.26	35,131.26	35,131.26	35,131.26			
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)								
Beginning Balance	21,008.65	21,127.86	0.00	0.00	21,008.65			
Increase/(Decrease)	119.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.21			
Ending Balance	21,127.86			0.00	21,127.86			

Texas Area 53 Chairperson Job Description (Cont'd)

- meeting discussions on track, on topic and on schedule.
- Starts and ends business meetings on time
- Writes an article (report) for *The Beacon* four times a year.
- Requests and processes discussion topics for both the AWSC and Assemblies.
- Provides the membership with discussion topics and background information well in advance.
- Is a resource for information on how various topics for Districts and/or groups (e.g., conflict, use of terms or language in groups, etc.)
- Creates committees, thought forces, and/or task forces as needed.
- Attends South Central Region Delegates meeting.
- Turns in Area related expenses to the Area Treasurer within 2 weeks of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.).

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

Texas East Area 53 Delegate Job Description

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Has served three years as a District Representative or as an Area Officer in the World Wide Fellowship of AI-Anon /Alateen.
- Has remained active in the East Texas Area 53 by not missing more than two (2) assemblies during the current panel term. Current District Representatives must also not have missed more than four (4) Area World Service Committee Meetings during the current panel term.
- Regularly attends AI-Anon meetings
- Is not a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Must have computer knowledge and own a computer and printer. This is essential, since most of the communication from WSO comes by electronic files.

Texas East Area 53 Delegate Job Description (Continued)

- Must be thoroughly familiar with the Service Manual. The Delegate is also the bridge of understanding which links the groups with WSO to help them continue to function in unity. The Delegate also serves as the link for any inquiries to the WSO.

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

RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE AREA:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE CONFERENCE

- Attends the World Service Conference each year and attends all sessions of the Conference so that he/she can get a clear and comprehensive picture of our worldwide fellowship to bring back to the groups.
- Submits Chosen Agenda Items in January of each year for discussion at WSC.
- All Delegates have to serve on a committee, Thought Force, Task Force, or, in the first year, attend a Workshop at the WSC. Delegates are asked by WSO to prioritize their preferences concerning Thought Forces, Task Forces, committees, *etc.* through an electronic survey. The Conference lasts approximately five days and days are very long. Travel arrangements are made through WSO's travel agency. You will be reimbursed by WSO for 1 bag, travel to and from the airport, and a daily allowance.
- Electronic Devices are allowed at WSC for note taking and voting purposes. It is recommended that Delegate own an electronic device such as a laptop or tablet that can be used to take notes and/or access electronically stored information from AFG Connects.

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

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

Texas East Area 53 Alternate Delegate/ Literature Coordinator Job Description

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

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

- **Becomes familiar with all the Delegate's duties, so that if the Delegate is unable to finish their three-year term, the Alternate can step in to complete it.** If the Alternate must complete the term, a temporary Alternate is at once appointed by the Chairman from among the DRs to act until a special Assembly can be called to elect a new Alternate.
- May share the responsibility with the Delegate in visiting groups in the Area.
- Assists Delegate while she gives her report at Assemblies where applicable.
- Chairs the Group Representative Orientation at Spring and Fall Assemblies.
- Prepares Group Representative packages with the following information Assembly welcome letter.
 - Knowledge Based Decision Making.
 - Assembly Voting Procedures.
 - Group Representative Guideline (G-11).
 - Tips for GRs as Forum Representatives.
 - Tips for Assembly and Procedures.
 - AI-Anon/Alateen Group Records form.
 - Any other pertinent information for Group Representatives

Texas East Area 53 Alternate Delegate/ **Literature Coordinator (Cont'd)**

- Submits an Article to *The Beacon* before the deadline.
- Provides Literature/Forum report at Spring and Fall Assembly.
- Provides Literature/Forum report at Area World Service Committee Meetings.
- Sends Literature report to District Literature Coordinators when she receives updates from the World Service Office.
- Participates in Literature Conference Calls with World Service Office and other Areas when calls are scheduled.
- Promotes subscription to Forum throughout Assembly and use of Conference approved literature and submissions to e-CAL.
- Orders any free pamphlets or literature for Area, where deemed applicable.
- Attends South Central Region Delegates meeting.
- Turn in expenses reports to Area Treasurer within the timeframe requested by the Treasurer of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.).
- Other duties as assigned by Area Chair.
- Suggest that the Delegate and Alternate Delegate make time to communicate monthly/bimonthly.

Texas East Area 53 Secretary Job Description

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

Texas East Area Secretary Job Description (Cont'd)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attends all Area Assemblies and AWSC meetings.
- Electronically records all AWSC meeting and Area Assemblies, in the event that a taper is not present.
- Prepares and sends notice of AWSC meetings to the Area World Service Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives, and Past Delegates.
- Prepares and sends notice of Area Assembly meetings to all World Service Committee Members and each group.
- Maintains an AWSC address list.
- Records additions or corrections to minutes.
- Takes and transcribes the meeting minutes for all Area Assembly and AWSC meetings. Produces meeting minutes and distributes them. Retains the minutes in an electronic format to be passed along to the Secretary who will follow.
- Keep hard and electronic copies of *The Beacon* minutes and official minutes after approval by the AWSC and Assembly.
- Keeps in close contact with the Area Chairman. DRs call roll for their district, tally voting GRs, and give roll call sheets to Area Secretary. The Secretary keeps them on file with the minutes.
- Provides ballots and pencils for Election Assembly. List on a presentation board or chalk board all candidates for each office at the Election Assembly.
- Following elections or changes in Area World Service Committee Officers, Coordinators, and DRs, prepares the Area World Service Committee Update Form and sends it to: wso@al-anon.org, entering **"ATTN: Group Records"** the subject line. Send changes to the Area Chair, Delegate, and newsletter editor.
- May perform other duties as requested by the Area Chairperson.
- Files itemized list of expenses with the Area Treasurer on a timely basis, includes paid receipts and retains a duplicate copy of secretarial expenses.
- Turns in Area related expenses to the Area Treasurer within timeframe requested by Treasurer of the event (e.g., Assembly, AWSC, etc.).
- Maintains and updates AWSC and Assembly motions. Keep electronic and hard copies of motions.
- Keeps electronic copies of *The Beacon*.
- Use WSO style sheet to assist with preparing the minutes of the AWSC meetings and Assemblies.

Dear Texas East,

I received the following announcement from the World Service Office (WSO) concerning temporary meetings. If you have any questions, please contact your Delegate, kacetxdel58@gmail.com before contacting WSO.

Announcement from the World Service Office

Dear Al-Anon Members,

As many of you scramble to ensure availability of Al-Anon recovery, we are grateful to have as a resource the discussions occurring within the links of service on various AFG Connects communities. From these trusted servants, we can offer members who call us at the WSO two main messages of experience, strength, and hope about establishing temporary meetings:

You are not alone-within Areas, Districts, and Al-Anon Information Services members are talking to each other and reasoning things out in addressing platform, meeting format, and other group questions. Ask for help!

Al-Anon's unity and perhaps even its survival depends on adherence to our Traditions and principles-your group is welcome to establish a temporary online meeting to occur at the same day and time as its face-to-face meetings in accordance with the group's conscience. Informed group conscience decisions depend on learning as much as possible about which electronic platforms might best serve your meeting members.

From the shared experiences of our members, we know that most electronic platforms offer the ability to configure settings, many affecting anonymity. Settings to consider:

Whether to allow video sharing-groups which choose platforms supporting video need to remind members to protect the anonymity of others in the meeting from accidental viewing by passersby.

Informing members of the option to change their display name.

Disabling recording features.

Discarding personal information rather than storing it.

Other group meeting considerations:

Protecting our Conference Approved Literature copyright-offer members the opportunity to serve by reading CAL instead of sharing it online.

Displaying the Meeting Opening, Suggested Closing, and Our Three Legacies during meetings only when they do not persist after the meeting closes.

Receiving the Seventh Tradition-determine if it is possible to contribute to local and national services-which might have fixed expenses, such as rent and special workers-before face-to-face meetings resume.

So members and newcomers can find you, please share temporary meeting information with your local Al-Anon Information Service, District Representative, and Area Group Records Coordinator so temporary information can be posted on local websites depending on your group conscience. We still want families and friends of alcoholics to be able to find us!

All of us look forward to resuming our activities as they were before the current health crisis. In the meantime, the process of growing forward through this together is sure to bring added insight.

Thanks for all you are doing for families and friends of alcoholics!

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-Register and Pay on line at:
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Al-Anon District 7
PO Box 3603
Conroe, TX 77305-3603

Events:

- Speaker: Joe T. Archivist for WSO
- Elections for Area officers
- Alateen Participation
- Luncheon
- Hospitality Suite
- Workshop (Sunday)
- Group Representative q&a
- Candlelight meetings

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- (832) 953-2220
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 Email Address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 District # _____
 Home Group Name/City: _____
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