

Texas East Area Al-Anon and Alateen Members... I could never have imagined that our last year of Panel 58 would be such a total CHANGE from our normal group, district, Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and ETAAA Assembly meetings!

I am grateful that my Al-Anon and Alateen service experience over the years has been in the rooms with smiling faces, loving sharings and most of all laughter and hugs. Our area has been educated this year on how to continue our program of recovery virtually. Something I never dreamed would even be needed and let alone that I could learn to do.

The September 12th AWSC virtual meeting approved and it was affirmed by the area GRs, the Nov 7, 2020 assembly meeting will be held as a virtual meeting. October 16th the Area Web Coordinator, Dorie J., will have the AWSC member's assembly reports and the link to the virtual assembly meeting posted on the Texas East Website. Currently, the AWSC confirmed the elections, the proposed 2021 Area Budget and the ETAAA Alateen Guidelines and Behavioral Agreement be on the Assembly business agenda. Please see the proposed meeting agenda for the one day ETAAA meeting in this issue and on the website.

I hope that each of you have been thinking about how you can serve your group, district, AIS, or Area. Remember the Area job descriptions are posted on the Texas East Website. ETAAA has used Resumes in the past for the service positions at the area level. Because we have not been able to see and talk face to face at the area level since the 2019 November assembly, candidates are encouraged to use the resume that has been formatted in a fill-able PDF and posted on the Texas East Website. Please send your resumes to me and I will forward them to be posted on the website. This will provide the voting GRs an opportunity to review the qualification and experience of each candidate standing for an area position. The resume has also been included in this issue. If you have any questions, please contact me at amias200387@yahoo.com.

This is the time that we begin to look to the future (2021-2023) for our next leaders in our service structure. The *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* 2018-2021 version two(2) page 69 is a great reference to learn the way the groups connect to Al-Anon worldwide. Quote: "A group that fails to have a Group Representative (GR) denies its members a voice and causes a break in the link of communications."

I want to thank District 7 and DR Allyn D. for transitioning the Fall Assembly from a face to face to a virtual meeting as smoothly as possible. The information for registration can be found in this newsletter issue and on the Texas East Website.

Now thank you to Texas East Area Al-Anon and Alateen members for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Area Chair. It has been an honor and it has given me another chance to practice...**Educate** – “**Listen and Learn**” **Communicate** – “**Keep an Open Mind**”

Coordinate – “**Let It Begin with Me**” **Facilitate** – “**Easy Does It**”