

BEACON REPORT ...AREA ALATEEN COORDINATOR
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Greetings to All,

Wow! What a summer, in more than ways we ever imagined. Or at least I didn't have a clue.

So we wrapped up with our re-certification cycle with the majority of AMIASs re-certifying using the web based workshops that was offered. The majority signed on for another year even though a number of Alateen meetings quit meeting face to face. But we are ready when face to face meetings come back.

We do have a short number of web based Alateen meetings, they are not as well attended as the face to face meetings. In a WSO Area Alateen Coordinators web meeting that was discussed. The consensus was that many of the kids are probably web based fatigued as many had switched to on-line learning. It will be nice to return to sitting together and sharing.

We were successful in having POSSE at the end of July at our usual place in Gonzales. Although we started with 27 people registered and a guest from WSO planned, in the end we had ten participants and WSO furloughed all travel for their employees. The small number allowed us all to have our own rooms and plenty of space to spread out and social distance throughout the weekend. The weather was beautiful and the company was a delight for me.

There are a few items I would like to finish up before my term ends at the end of the year. One will need to be presented at the Assembly for Group Representative votes. The ETAAA Behavioral Guidelines will need to be updated to reflect the new law concerning the legal age of tobacco use. The current copy can be seen on the Texas website in the tab for AMIASs.

There are two sides to the Guidelines. One side for the Alateens and one side for the "certified Alateen Sponsor, Parent, or Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service" On both pages, item number 13 states the age of tobacco use as 18. The law has changed in Texas to 21 as the age for use of tobacco products. So we will need a Group Representative to bring this to the floor for the update. In the lower section for the certified sponsor, parent or AMIAS has a section titled Sponsor or Parent and Alateen Behavioral Agreement. Item number 3 reads "the use of cigarettes or tobacco products is prohibited by minor Alateens." As Alateens are by definition all under 21, the word "minor" needs to be removed. This also will need to be brought up by a GR and voted on.

This has been a challenging year for all of us and I am grateful for all the assistance I received to accomplish all that I was able to do. I want to thank all the AMIASs and District Alateen Coordinators and our AAPP for their cooperation and willingness to roll with the punches.

I am sad we may not see each other before we turn to the new panel, but it's been a great and wonderful learning experience that proves, TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT!

Thank you for allowing me to Serve...Love and Hugs...jayne