

ETAAA Fall Assembly 2020 Report
District 7 Host Committee, Allyn D. Chair
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The pathway to the 2020 Fall Assembly has had more twists and turns and dead ends than a corn maze! Perhaps we should have renamed the assembly "Hindsight is 2020" because there was no way to anticipate all that has transpired this year. As COVID cases rise again in Harris County and across the country, it punctuates the decision to go virtual with this assembly. At present we have about 150 registrants. A three hour training session for AWSC members and another two hour training session for registrants were helpful in preparing. Lynn, Mattie, Dorie, Kay and other Area officers and coordinators have done a yeoman's job working through the technology and format aspects utilizing a template graciously provided by the California Area. Kurt N from District 7 has been instrumental in almost seamlessly switching the registration process. We will have virtual nametags and Spanish translation will be available on a different language "channel".

All the instructions have been sent out and posted on the website, but it is to be expected there will still be instructions needed during the assembly and technology issues to work out, hopefully not too many. The AWSC meeting has been switched to Friday night to allow more time on Saturday to accommodate extra need and to keep people from getting "virtual fatigue".

While there was no registration fee for this assembly, there have still been expenses. Several generous registrants have donated their initial registration fee from the in-person format. Everyone is being asked to consider a donation of any kind to help District 7 and the Area keep all the seed money intact and assist the Area as donations in general are down, COVID related. Donations may be sent via Venmo: @East-TX-Al-Anon-District-Seven, or check made out to: Al-Anon District 7, mailed to PO Box 3603, Conroe, TX 77305-3603.

My deepest thanks to the members of District 7 who provided their support, experience, strength and hope over the past two years as we navigated the maze together to this election assembly through pandemic and pandemonium.