

# THE BEACON

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

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

Happy New Year Texas East! My last report to you is mostly of gratitude to you the members of Texas East Area 53. The last year of Panel 58 was challenging for all of us in one way or another. Learning how to meet virtually, putting up with twice as many emails and calling each other more than usual. Thank you for Al-Anon and Alateen friends.

We successfully held two Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings and the Fall Assembly virtually. December 6, 2020 your outgoing and incoming AWSC members met virtually and decided to hold the January AWSC meeting virtually. The other decision that was made was the transition between the service positions would occur in individual meetings instead of the traditional transition time at the first AWSC meeting of the new year.

Your new Area Chair, Paula H. and I met January 2, 2021 and the gavel was passed! She is on her way to serving the Area with the same enthusiasm that she had as your Area Secretary. Congratulations, Paula.

January 3, 2021 I was honored to witness the Area newsletter Editor, Rene D., pass the flash drive on to Cyndie C. I know *The Beacon* is in good hands. Thank you Rene and congratulations Cyndie.

January 8, Jennifer S. and Myrthala C. will meet in Corpus Christi to transition the Area Treasury. Thank you, Jennifer for keeping our line items straight and balancing our checkbook. Congratulations Myrthala we will look in this issue of *The Beacon* for the new address to mail our contributions and *Beacon* subscription orders.

**January 15, Mattie and I will be getting together for my transition on “how to conduct a great GR Interchange” whether virtual or face to face. Thank you Mattie, for educating us on the many ways to use Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in our meetings and personally. I know we will continue to learn from you as you serve Texas East as our Panel 61 Delegate.**

**To Kay C., thank you for keeping Texas East in the “know” of the World Service Conference (WSC), the Board of Trustees (BOT) and the World Service Office (WSO). You have been an inspiration to me to continue to serve our Area and the Worldwide Fellowship of Al-Anon and Alateen.**

To the two Assembly Host District Committees, thank you for your dedication working through this time of uncertainty in hosting a face to face assembly. Both District 5 and District 7 gave it their all. Thank you, Heather N. and Allyn D.

I am looking forward to continuing my Al-Anon/Alateen service to the area and continue to:

*Educate* – **“Listen and Learn”**

*Communicate* – **“Keep an Open Mind”**

*Coordinate* – **“Let It Begin with Me”**

*Facilitate* – **“Easy Does It”**



### Calendar of Events

All Texas Al-Anon/  
Alateen Conference  
February 19-21, 2021  
Virtual

POSSE  
March 26-28, 2021  
Disciples Oak Camp and  
Retreat Center  
Gonzales, Texas  
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Spring Assembly 2021  
May 14-16, 2021  
Holiday Inn-Conference  
Ctr.  
5701 South Broadway  
Tyler, Texas 75903

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

April 1, 2021

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Delegate Report –Kay C. –Outgoing

This is my last report for the *Beacon* as I transition to immediate past Delegate. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Texas East Delegate for the last three years. I have grown spiritually and personally through service. The Area will be well served with Mattie T. as our new WSC Delegate. Her enthusiasm for service will infect us all! I know you will give Mattie, the support and love that you gave me. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

WSO Finances and WSC Equalized Expense: As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, WSO YTD actuals indicate that WSO will end the year on a positive note. This is due to your generous **contributions to WSO and WSO's ability to reduce expenses** by about 5K after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contributions are at \$2,883,804, and may reach \$3M by the end of December. Literature sales are still down and have only brought in \$1,724,261. Please remember that for 2021, budgeted expenses will increase as WSO staff and volunteers plan to begin traveling in the second part of the year. It is expected that literature sales will increase once face to face meetings resume. To make 2021 a great year, please continue to be generous in your support to WSO as WSO spends about \$304.00/group. Contributions can be made through the Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App, on-line at <https://al-anon.org/contributions/>, or by mail.

District Visits. Due to the pandemic, I was not able to visit Districts face to face this year. District visits was one of my favorite duties as Delegate as I got to talk one-on-one with members. I hope that the Districts will make a special effort to invite Mattie to your district over the next three years.

Delegate Chats. Our final Delegate Chat on Service Sponsorship was a big success! We had attendees from Canada and the U.S.

Unifying Rural and Large Populations. I was not able to find a workable date in December to hold the Workshop on Unifying Rural and Large Populations. Districts are encouraged to use the survey posted at [Members / Groups – Texas Al-Anon / Alateen \(texas-al-anon.org\)](#) (scroll to the end of the web page) to gather information.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at ka-cetxdel58@gmail.com

Delegate Report-Mattie T.- Incoming

Happy New Year Texas East Area 53, thank you for allowing me to be of Service as your newly elected Delegate Panel 61. As I continue to grow in the fellowship of Al-Anon, I want to help you continue to grow too. This is we program and together we can continue to grow together on this adventurous journey of self-love and discovery.

I look forward to representing Texas East Area 53 and I will always be available to you. Most of you know, I love to have fun and I intend to have a fun and exciting 3 years on this new Journey. I have been told by many that sometimes it will be stressful, thank God I have a stress reliver (my baking and music). I am on a spiritual journey of growth that

only God can give me and I trust him. I challenge you to continue to grow with me in service.

Thank you for trusting me to represent our Area.

Alternate Delegate Report-Mattie T.- Outgoing

Happy New 2021 Texas East, what an exciting past 3 years it has been for me. Thank you to the GRs, Districts, Groups and Area for allowing me to be of service as your Alternate Delegate/Literature Coordinator.

As I reflect on the past 3 years, we accomplished a lot and had some fun while doing it. The Literature Challenge and the District with the most GRs in attendance gave the District and groups time to become more acquainted with our literature and the District challenge encouraged the GRs to attend the Area Assembly. What about the Literature Writing Workshop and some of your writings that I submitted were published, how awesome was that! The GR interchange where we interacted with each other before the Assembly (learning together), allowed me to get to know each of you and you to know more about me. Although, this past year has been different, we were still able to connect through various virtual activities (District meetings, group meeting, speaker virtual meetings and most importantly the Fall Area Assembly).

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve you and I hope that I inspired you to become willing to get involved in Service.

Alternate Delegate-Lynn S.- IncomingNo ReportArea Alateen Coordinator – Jayne G. –Outgoing

Well, here it is. The last submission to the *Beacon* as the Area Alateen Coordinator.

Wow, what a year this past year has been. I learned a lot about technology, and I learned a lot about myself regarding technology. In the end we now have a web based certification workshop that I will pass on to the new AAC, (provided we get one). And some ideas about Alateen meetings on the web.

So, I am closing my time as Area Alateen Coordinator with no one willing to stand to fill this position for the next panel. This saddens me. I have worked hard with a number of people to get the responsibilities of this position to be a smoother run position.

In the end, the Assembly has approved a Certification Application to become an AMIAS that was approved through WSO, we now have a separate re-certification four-hour

workshop so anyone interested in re-certifying will no longer be required to sit through a six hour Initial certification workshop. We even have a web-based re-certification workshop. The Assembly also approved the Guidelines be changed to be in compliance with the laws passed by our legislature regarding tobacco use.

We learned how to do an Assembly via a web conferencing. And many of us learned how to attend meetings on our computers.

We were able to have a face-to-face POSSE, later than normal. But we had one and have a reservation at the same location for next year.

We lost a number of Alateen meeting but there were enough AMIASS who re-certified when there is interest again for Alateen meetings in their districts.

Conference calls with other Area Alateen Coordinators discussed how to allow Alateen from other Areas to join in web-based meetings not in their Area. We also discussed how to reach out to teens who are unable to attend meetings of any sort. Lots of discussions about the future of Alateen.

Overall, I am pleased with what I will be handing off to the new AAC. We just need one.

So, I will just say, I want everyone to know I am grateful for your support for this position as we approach a new year. Hopefully a better year.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service these past three years.

#### Area Alateen Process Person ~ Brenda H. ~

##### Outgoing-No Report

#### Area Alateen Process Person-Ilene F. ~

##### Incoming -No Report

#### Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Vacant~

#### Spanish Coordinator-Myrthala C. ~

##### Outgoing

Happy Holidays!!!

Well, 2020 is gone and so is my term as Spanish Coordinator. It has been a growing experience in my recovery having served as your Spanish Coordinator. First, I would want to extend my thoughts and prayers to those affected by COVID. It has been a difficult year for some of us but still we were able to meet via Virtual meetings. This past fall assembly we were able to provide simultaneous Spanish translation via electronic meetings. I translated the GR interchange, later during the assembly, I

translated the morning session, Everica from District 1 helped me translate in the afternoon session. I would like to thank Everica, who helped me translate prior to assembly all different documents and presentations that were provided in English during this assembly. As an Area, we are being more proactive by moving forward and try to attract more Spanish speaking members to our assemblies. To those DRs that have a Spanish coordinator in your District pass the word around that our assemblies are being translated in Spanish.

I would like to welcome Everica R. from District 1 as your new Spanish Coordinator. Thank you Everica for all your help this past three years. As I mentioned before service has been a growing experience for me, so I continue to do service work. My next experience will be as your Area Treasurer. I am excited and I am ready.

#### Treasurers Report~Jennifer S. ~

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Treasurer for Area 53 the last 3 years. It has been a privilege. I am grateful for the growth in my recovery I have received through this service position. I would like to introduce our new Treasurer Myrthala C. She has set up a new PO Box and has a new email for you to reach her out as well. GRs please make sure that your group treasurers receive this new address.

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#### Website Coordinator ~Dorie J. ~

##### Outgoing

From outgoing Website Coordinator Dorie J: I am thrilled to welcome our new Website Coordinator, Natanya A. She is the **definition of "capable"**. **As we "walked through the website", I could see her "wheels" turning. I'm so excited to see how she works with the AWSC to move our Area to the next level.**

#### Website Coordinator~Natanya A. ~

##### Incoming

From incoming Website Coordinator Natanya A: I am deeply grateful to have this opportunity to serve our Al-Anon Family Groups in the Texas East Area. Dorie has set me up for great success as we move forward into the New Year. I look forward to collaborating with the new panel and finding more ways to make our website as useful as possible to our members.

I also want to take a moment to recognize all that Dorie did in the last year as the responsibilities of Website Coordinator expanded substantially and quickly to include virtual coordination for large meetings and supporting other technology

needs. Our fall Assembly was a great success in no small part to her efforts.

For any website needs I can be reached at [natanya@gmail.com](mailto:natanya@gmail.com).

### Group Records Coordinator ~ AI M. ~Outgoing

Three years have come and gone, although 2020 seemed like it went on for 17 months. Looking forward to perhaps something closer to what we thought was normal.

**I've learned so much in the last 3 years about the inner workings** of our fellowship and how important it is to have accurate and current information available to anyone looking for a meeting.

I could not have made it through my term without the help and patience of the members of the AWSC, DRs, GRs and others in The AI-Anon Family Groups.

I look forward to passing this on to Peggy and finding new ways to be in service for the newcomers of our fellowship.

I thank everyone for all their efforts.

### Groups Records Coordinator~Peggy T. ~

I am excited and honored to serve as the area's Group Records Coordinator (GRC). AI M., the former GRC, and I met online in mid-December for a very detailed training. He has done an excellent job at keeping up with all the required tasks. (Thank you, AI, for your dedicated service.)

Amazingly, just yesterday, on January 5, I found out that beginning with this new panel, the AI-Anon World Service Office is rolling out direct online entry of new group registrations and group changes. Holy smoke! This is a big deal! I have personally wanted this change for at least a decade, so I am delighted that it is happening just as I start this new role.

I am eager to be of service, so please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions [grouprecordrea53@gmail.com](mailto:grouprecordrea53@gmail.com) or 713-828-4515.

### Newsletter Editor~Rene D.~Outgoing

Happy New Year to Everyone!

This past year has been one that I will not forget. I got to experience virtual meetings and virtual assemblies and not seeing my family and sometimes feeling isolated. I have also been experiencing a Lupus flare up and dealing with giving myself shots and being on steroids. I am grateful for this AI-Anon program that goes on for everyone despite what is happening around us.

It has been an honor to serve as The Area *Beacon* Editor for the last three years. I want to welcome Cyndie C. the new *Beacon* editor for the next three years.

For the next three years I will serve as a GR for Pass It On AFG

and as the *Alaneews* editor for District 12. I look forward to being able to attend face to face Assemblies and District meetings.

I am looking forward to seeing what this new panel will bring to our Area.

### Newsletter Editor~Cyndie C.~Incoming

Hi! My name is Cyndie, and I will be the new editor for *The Beacon*. I am the GR for my home group, Just for Today AFG, in New Braunfels, TX. I have some experience with graphic design, editing, and newsletters/mail-outs, but I will need some help along the way.

Many thanks to Rene D. and Lynn S. for their guidance and future handholding in the upcoming months. Submission deadline for the Q2 newsletter will be April 1, 2021--no fooling! (wink-wink.) I'm looking forward to being of service and giving back in gratitude for what I have received through this program.

### Archives Coordinator ~Patti W.~

#### Outgoing-No Report

### Archives Coordinator~Lynn B.~

#### Incoming-No Report

## District Reports

### District 1 ~Mandy T. ~Outgoing

The year 2020 brought us many changes and District 1 was ready for the challenge. Most groups are still having meetings virtually and a couple are still meeting face to face with less than 10 participants, wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing. We help the District meetings via zoom and elected new trusted servants.

District 1 held two Service Workshops this winter one was offered in English and one in Spanish on zoom and both were well attended. We continue to get new members thru the website and our program keeps growing in the Rio Grande Valley.

I want to thank all the members in District 1 for their dedication to serve AI-Anon and Alateen. It has been a pleasure to serve. Thank you for the opportunity!

### District 1~Veronica P.~Incoming

#### No Report

District 2 ~Ginny M.~No ReportDistrict 3 ~ Susan J. ~No ReportDistrict 4~Carol B.~OutgoingNo ReportDistrict 4~Sue D.~IncomingNo Report.District 5 ~Heather N. ~No ReportDistrict 6 ~Anna A.~

**Happy New Year from District 6! We've made it to a new year and are all looking forward to when we can meet face to face again. In the meantime, we are continuing with virtual district meetings, and our groups are navigating the new normal like champs. Here's where we stand as 2021 dawns:**

Next District Meeting

This meeting is scheduled for January 16 and will be held virtually. It will be our third virtual district meeting since January 2020, and the virtual platform has provided some challenges but also allowed our meetings to be more inclusive. **I'm interested to see what our GRs think of making hybrid district meetings a permanent fixture and looking very forward to seeing where all of this takes us.**

Open District Officer and Coordinator Service Positions

After our elections in October, District 6 still needs a Treasurer, Alateen Coordinator, Newsletter Coordinator, and Spanish Coordinator. We continue to pray that members search their hearts and look to their Higher Power to help fill these critical service positions.

Group Records

We are also continuing to keep track of group meeting cancellations and virtual meetings that have temporarily taken the place of face-to-face meetings. This list is based on specific information received from the GRs that want this information posted and can be found on the Austin AI-Anon/Alateen Information Center website.

**Can't wait to hug everyone again in 2021 and wishing everyone health, safety, and happiness**

District 7~ Allyn D.~No ReportDistrict 8 ~Jennifer S.~Outgoing

I hope that blessed holidays were had by all. This is my last report as District Representative for District 8.

Thank you for allowing me to serve for the past few years. I have gained so much in my personal recovery as well as meeting many wonderful people. It is an experience I treasure.

I would like to introduce our new District Representative (DR) Nina W.

Nina has been active in our district for many years and has served in many roles. Her willingness to step up wherever needed is much appreciated. Please give Nina a warm hello WHEN we get to see each other again.

District 8~Nina W.~IncomingNo ReportDistrict 9 ~John B.~OutgoingNo ReportDistrict 9~Debisu Y.~Incoming

Hello to all in the Family! District 9 is rocking along pretty much like I imagine all the districts are: electronic meetings for the most part with a few face-to-face honoring the **governor's orders for no large groups, social distancing, and masks.** Some groups are holding hybrid meetings (some virtually with some in a meeting space hooked into the virtual group via telephone or tablet).

One area where we are very active is in the planning phases for the 2021 Spring Assembly on May 14-16, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Tyler. We are hoping for a face-to-face assembly. Our area has had two electronic assemblies; though it is wonderful to be able to proceed in this manner, I think most agree that the fellowship of meeting in person has been missed.

Following is a summary of what District 9 has been up to in preparing for the May Assembly. PLEASE NOTE: we still need a Fund-Raising Chair and volunteers for some of our committees. If you are reading this and you are in a group in District 9, PLEASE contact me immediately! Find my contact information at the bottom of this report.

During January and February 2020 our District 9 PR Chair sent out a call for volunteers for the 2021 Spring Assembly to all District 9 Group Representatives. The response was gratifying there were 32 volunteers in attendance at our first meeting in March.

At this meeting almost all of the chairs, co-chairs and liaisons were selected. Hotel bids were submitted for consideration and the Holiday Inn Tyler – Conference Center was selected by vote of those present.

Since then, we met three more times but these meeting took place virtually due to COVID-19. Some have expressed a de-

sire to continue virtual meetings as it saves driving for the committee members. We will let that evolve. District 9 has purchased Zoom for our use. Our next meeting on January 16, 2021 will take place via Virtual.

On April 18, 2020, the first meeting of the official Host Committee, Lynn Starkey provided valuable training on the ETAA **Guidelines for Assemblies. She explained each committee's responsibilities and answered questions.** This provided a great springboard for the committee chairs. We elected the Hospitality Chair (the only position not filled in March).

The next Host Committee meeting was in July. Each chair and liaison (except one) reported about the progress of their committee and asked for help if needed. We voted on numerous proposals. The hotel contract was finally presented after numerous delays. Committees are progressing nicely and there is a real commitment to making this a great Assembly.

Of special note, our Literature Committee contacted the Beaumont LCD early. Beaumont will sell literature at the Assembly. They will be taking orders from GRs anywhere (or anyone else who wants to pre-order). Everyone is encouraged to place orders ahead of time so you can pick them up at the meeting. By pre-ordering, we will not deplete the literature they are bringing to sell at the Assembly. Also, you save the cost of shipping.

COVID-19 has presented special challenges for our committee. For example, in February a member received verbal bids for the Holiday Inn and presented this at the March meeting. After the governor closed many businesses down the Holiday Inn had layoffs and the person who gave the verbal bid was not longer there. I negotiated with the catering director who was working from home. After weeks, we finally came to an agreement. The treasurer has had complications setting up a tax-exempt account due to the fact that so many government offices were closed. Furthermore, most committees are using electronic or phone connections and this complicates communication. These challenges have not stopped us as we continue to move forward!

Much thanks go to Lynn Starkey who has been an invaluable mentor and resource. Also, appreciation goes to the District 10 folks who have been available by phone to help committee chairs as needed. My expression of gratitude would be remiss without mentioning the 21 folks who serve on the Host Committee. They are dedicated and taking the steps now to be sure that in the spring we will be "Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance" (theme for the 2021 WSC Conference Theme).

The 2021 Spring Assembly is off to a great start and we look forward to face-to-face Assembly in May! (Hoping and praying!)

#### District 10 -Shelia E. -Outgoing

Serving as DR has been an honor and a privilege, not to mention a learning curve. However, the time has come to pass this opportunity on to another worthy AI-Anon.

There was a time when I believed that AI-Anon was just about the meetings, but by attending the District meetings and the Assemblies it has made me aware of how much more AI-Anon has to offer. The information from WSO trickles down to the

area, and then to the Districts, and then to each group thanks to our trusted AI-Anon servants. Thank you AI-Anon for offering me the opportunity to serve.

Martha R. will be taking over the District Representative (DR) position for District 10 starting January 1, 2021. She is a dear person, and may be feeling slightly over whelmed at this **point, but she will do a great job as DR. So, I'm looking forward to giving her any help she might need.** We never have to do anything alone in AI-Anon, and you get way more back than it cost to one serve.

District ten's last District meeting was a virtual meeting on zoom, December 12, 2020. There were four positions left unfilled at the District election meeting on Sept. 26, 2020. We filled the secretary position on December 12, leaving three more positions open. Priscilla F. will be our incoming secretary, and we are thrilled to have her. We will have a Newsletter as well which has not been the case for a long while. Susan Little has accepted that position. Vera S. will keep her position as Alateen coordinator, and Jim P. will remain in the Archives position. It will be a learning experience for me as the Treasurer. There were only three AI-Anons at the last meeting, two in attendance were GRs, so it decreased our chances of filling any other open positions at that time. Our next District meeting will be in March or early April giving us another opportunity to find candidates for positions not already filled. In all fairness to everyone in District ten by the time I learned how to host a zoom meeting, my invitations were late getting to the GRs, not leaving them much time to plan for the meeting. The word is out that we still need an Public Outreach Coordinator, an Alternate DR, and a Literature Coordinator. We are confident to fill open positions before or at the next District meeting, and are looking forward to the May Assembly in hopes of meeting face to face.

Love in service, and thank you AI-Anon for all your support.

#### District 10-Martha R. -Incoming

No Report

#### District 12 ~ Candy N. -Outgoing

Our April District meeting was cancelled. We were able to have a face to face (with social distancing) District meeting in July although only 8 GRs were able to attend. Very little has been happening in District 12 since the COVID outbreak. Most group meetings were suspended with some having restarted recently with COVID restrictions. Several groups have been using virtual meetings during the pandemic and some are beginning to have hybrid meetings.

Public Outreach has been on hold. Some of AMIAS (AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) attended Zoom Certification Training. This opportunity for virtual training was very appreciated. The annual Serenity Celebration fundraiser had to be postponed indefinitely due to COVID restrictions. We will be holding our District Elections on October 10, 2020 face to face but are also planning a remote option.

East Texas AI-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)  
Virtual Meeting  
November 7, 2020

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer – Lynn S. welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 9:45 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference – Al M. read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference on pp. 17-18 v two (2) of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, v two (2).

Election Procedures – Lynn S. read pp. 150-151 of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, v two (2), *The Election Assembly*.

Instruction on Group Representative (GR) and District Representative (DR) Breakout Rooms: Dorie J. gave instructions on how to enter the two breakout rooms and how to select language interpretation. Mattie T. facilitated the GR interchange, and Kay C. facilitated the DR interchange. During both interchanges discussions took place regarding the four items to be voted on during the afternoon business meeting. The four items were as follows: 1. Proposed 2021 Budget, 2. ETAAA Alateen **Guidelines and Behavioral Agreement**, 3. **Kay C.'s flight credit** of \$590.20 from the cancelled World Service Conference (WSC), 4. Area Zoom account, 5. Election procedure of Area Officers and Coordinators.

Break – 11:30 am. Discussion resumed at 11:42 am.

Election and voting procedures – Lynn S. clarified voting procedures and discussed election procedures on pp. 152-154 of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, v two (2). She reminded the Assembly attendees of the five items of discussion and the timing of the discussion items.

Lunch break – 12:12 pm.

Business meeting resumed at 12:56 pm.

Lynn S. again discussed the voting procedures on pp. 151-154 of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, v two (2). She read the election motion from November 5, 2011, which states that a 2/3 vote be used for Delegate and Alternate Delegate and a majority for the remaining Officers and Coordinators. It was decided that an electronic poll be used to tabulate the results of votes and motions.

Roll Call: Paula H. called the roll. 94 voting GRs were present and broken down by District as follows: D1 (5), D2 (8), D3 (4), D4 (8), D5 (12), D6 (17), D7 (11), D8 (4), D9 (6), D10 (4), D12 (14), D13 (1).

A motion was made to accept the voting method as outlined in the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, v two (2).

Motion – I, Natanya A, GR District 6, move to accept that we vote according to the procedures outlined in the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, v two (2). Seconded by Kurt N. For – 94, Against – 0, Abstentions – 2. Motion passed.

Mattie T., Alternate Delegate, shared protocols and guidelines for participation in a virtual Assembly.

Approval of Minutes 2019 Fall Assembly – The minutes of the 2019 Fall Assembly were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Volume 52, Issue 1).

Current Financial Report and 2021 Proposed Budget – Jennifer S. reported that contributions were down in 2019 and that there had been a change in the ample reserve. There was a loss from the May 2020 Assembly, and the seed money returned from that cancelled Assembly was \$3069.30. The checking account balance is \$36,482.67, and the ample reserve is \$20,022.65. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Break 2:25 pm. Resume 2:30 pm.

2021 Proposed Budget – Jennifer S. reported that there were some changes in the 2021 budget compared to the 2020 budget. Archives was increased to \$600 for transition between Coordinators. The amount for past Area Delegates and Chairs to attend Assemblies is \$900. The web hosting fee was dropped. In 2021 the South Central

Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM) will be held in Louisiana so the amount allocated for that meeting was reduced to \$600. A suggestion was made to increase the 2021 budget to \$600 each for the four active Past Delegates to attend the SCRDM. That would increase the total to \$2400.

**Delegate's Report – Kay C.'s report is on the Texas East website.** She reported that an electronic version of the newcomer's packet is available from the **World Service Office (WSO)** for \$2.99. An electronic meeting work group was formed as a result of the International AI-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) on ways to incorporate electronic meetings that are registered through WSO.

The WSO budget was revised. Contributions increased to WSO by \$365,000. Literature sales increased to \$45,900, but WSO is still operating under a deficit.

At WSO there are two paid positions available. One is for editor of *The Forum* and the other is for a Group specialist.

**A Delegate's chat will be held electronically on November 14, 2020, from 1-3 pm** on the topic of service sponsorship. Presenters will be Kay C., Judy P., Joyce Y., and Anna A.

Kay thanked the Area for her opportunity to serve as Delegate.

Alternate Delegate – Mattie T. filed her report on the Texas East website and expressed her appreciation to serve as Alternate Delegate.

Host District Committee Reports:

1. District 5 – Heather N. said that the May 2020 Assembly report is filed on the Texas East website.
2. District 7 – **Allyn D.'s report for the November 2020 Assembly** is filed on the Texas East Website. There is an option to donate to District 7, and she said that if everyone contributes \$5, the cost of hosting the electronic meeting will be covered.
3. District 9 – The May 2021 ETAAA will be held May 14-16, 2021 in Tyler, TX, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. District 8 will sell literature, and it can be pre-ordered.



Area Coordinators: The following reports are on the East Texas website and are on file with the minutes: Alateen, Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), Archives, Group Records, Newsletter, Public Outreach, and Spanish. The Public Outreach Coordinator mentioned that WSO no longer wishes for thank you letters to be sent to radio and television stations when Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are aired. Also, WSO has a new procedure for submitting PSAs so Districts no longer have to contact radio and television stations to air PSAs.

DR Reports: The following Districts have reports on file: Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.

AI-Anon Information Services (AISs) – The following AISs have reports on file: Beaumont.

Unfinished Business: None.

Break 3:36 pm. Resume 3:46 pm.

New Business:

1. ETAAA Alateen Guidelines and Behavioral Agreement Update – Discussion occurred in the morning regarding these guidelines, and a motion was made.

Motion - I, Bill H., move that the Alateen Guidelines May 2006/Guidelines for East Texas Area 53 AI-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)-May 2006 Certified Alateen Sponsor, Parent or AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service Sponsor or Parent and Alateen Behavioral Agreement document be revised from 18 years of age to 21 years of age and the **word “minor” be removed from the document. Seconded** by Nancy B. For – 90, Against – 0, Abstentions – 2. Motion passed.

2. Area Zoom Account – Discussion occurred in the morning regarding the Area Zoom account, and a motion was made.

Motion - I, Blanca B., move that we add a line item of \$600 to the budget of the ETAAA to fund web-based conferencing for a trial period of 3 years. Seconded by DebiSu Y. For – 86, Against – 2, Abstentions – 2. Motion passed.

3. Proposed 2021 Budget – Discussion occurred in the morning regarding the 2021 budget, and three motions were made.

Motion - I, Mandy C., District 5 GR, make a motion to amend the ETAAA 2021 budget line item for **the South Central Regional Delegates’ Meeting Active Past Delegates’ expenses to be equal to \$2400** (\$600 x 4 attending Delegates). Seconded by Kelly H. For – 88, Against – 4, Abstentions – 1. Motion passed.

Motion – I, Mary W., District 5 Alternate GR, make a motion to amend the ETAAA 2021 budget to include \$3000 for a transition meeting. Seconded by Jana B. For – 78, Against – 9, Absentions – 6.

Motion – I, Georgia M., District 5 GR, move that we approve the ETAAA proposed budget as amended. Seconded by Mary W. For – 87, Against – 1, Abstentions – 3.

4. Flight Credit of \$590.20 – It was decided that this flight credit can be used at the discretion of Kay C., Area Delegate.

Election of Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Officers, and Coordinators:

The following are the results of the election:

Delegate – Mattie T..

Alternate Delegate – Lynn S.

Area Chair – Paula H.

Area Secretary – Jennifer S.

Area Treasurer – Myrthala C.

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) – Ilene F.

Area Alateen Coordinator – Vacant

Break 5:54 pm. Resume 6:00 pm.

Area Archivist – Lynn B.

Area Group Records Coordinator – Peggy T.

Area Newsletter Coordinator – Cyndie C.

Area Public Outreach Coordinator – Vacant

Area Spanish Coordinator – Everica R.

Area Website Coordinator – Natanya A.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm with the AI-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Submitted by Paula H., Area Secretary

District 12-Lynn S.-Incoming

I am looking forward to serving District 12 for Panel 61. I met with DR Candy N., incoming Alternate DR Deb A. and District 13 DR Sarah W. This meeting was to begin working on the 2021 East Texas Area AI-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA) Fall Assembly. District 12 will host and District 13 serves as the support district. At this time we are looking for a venue and selecting a committee.

DR Candy shared the basic information I will need to get started with the District 12 meetings and many ideas on ways to educate and communicate with the registered AI-Anon and Alateen groups.

At this time I am considering January 23, 2021 for the first District 12 meeting and April 17, July 17 and October 16 for the rest of the year. I will be asking for a group to volunteer to host these meetings.

In AI-Anon and Alateen Service,

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

The Austin AI-Anon/Alateen Information Center (AAIC) Board met on November 16, 2020 at 6:30pm via virtual. There were enough voting members present represent a quorum.

- Covid 19 meeting list on Info Center website needs to be reformatted and updated. This should be done within a month but is getting updated regularly without reformatting.
- Treasurer Report – The AAIC got another third party check from a Facebook fundraiser. Terry returned the check with a note. She will write a letter to be removed from FB list of organizations for fundraising.
- **Info Center Employee's report** – Literature sales are currently being processed on a weekly basis. There was a total of 5 orders in last quarter. The inquiry line is getting calls per week. Patrice will be given a list of the Covid meetings so she can direct people to online meetings.
- Inventory – Don C. said he plans to do an inventory at the end of 2020.
- Finance – Terry F. said we have tabled the issue to get set up to accept payments via Venmo. There have been no requests per Janie. We will revisit if we get requests.
- Volunteers – We have all Saturdays covered. This is the only day we need because that is the day, we ship orders. The service center is closed for regular walk-in business.
- Webmaster – There seems to be a hold up on updating the website due to inability to contact our current webmaster. We will get some bids by next quarter and re-

port back at the next meeting.

Elections were held. The following positions were elected:  
 Chairperson – Sam Z.  
 Treasurer - Kathy J.  
 Liaison – Position is open  
 Meeting List Coordinator – Position is open  
 Finance Chair – Terry F. will remain in this position  
 Literature – Don C. will remain in this position  
 Secretary -Susan L. will remain in this position

Next AAIC Board meeting will be on February 15, 2021 via virtual as decided by consensus.

Beaumont AIS ~Suzanne R.~Outgoing

My first act of procrastination for 2021: writing this report **on the day it's due!**

Happy New Year to all AWSC Panel 58 and to incoming Panel 59 members! Best wishes for a healthy and better new year ahead. And thank you to all the lovely people **I've had the opportunity to get to know for the past three years; I'll see you at future assemblies! Good luck to our replacements.** AWSC service in AI-Anon is such a unique and broadening experience.

Our district is fortunate to have Barbara G. from Mid-County **AFG step up as the new AISL to represent us; she'll be at AWSC meetings and writing these reports from now on. I'm confident of the superior job she'll be doing.**

**Like everyone, I'm struggling to find much to include in this report, due to COVID effects.** Our LDC remains open (for now) but has lost two more volunteers and can be open only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We always advise potential walk-in customers to **call ahead to check if we're open, and it's critical now.** Walk-ins, however, have dwindled to nothing. **Groups meeting virtually aren't selling literature, so they're not replacing their inventory.** Newcomers are rare because few meetings are face-to-face. Donations have, of course, lessened. The COVID effects are far-reaching. I foresee finances and volunteers as being the continuing challenges **we'll face in 2021.**

At our virtual Quarterly AIS Board Meeting on 10/17, a Thought Force was created to explore the idea of adding online sales to our LDC services. A committee of 6 met twice before the end of the month. We first brainstormed and tried to answer KBDM questions. At our second meeting, we did an inventory and an evaluation of the capabilities of our website, computer & QuickBooks software to see what we needed for the idea to be workable.

**It's still an aspiration in its formation stage, but it may be exactly what will foster more convenience of literature sales and would be a move forward into today's online**

culture. This is the closest I can come to identifying a success.

Thank you to the outgoing DR of District 8, Jennifer S., and best wishes to her as she moves from Area Treasurer into office as Area Secretary. And finally thank you to Kay C. for her excellent work as our Delegate and to Lynn S., our tireless Chairman. They shepherded a group of 40-odd leaders from East Texas to become a cohesive whole which was **always reminded to "Let It Begin with Me" as we met in service** to an organization to which we owe so much.

Beaumont AIS-Barbara G.-Incoming  
No Report

San Antonio AIS-Rene D.-Outgoing

It has been an honor to serve the Area as the San Antonio AI-AI-Anon Information Service Liaison for the last 3 years.

I want to welcome Dolores W. who will be my replacement.

Our AIS and District 12 share a location where both meetings are held and will be alternating between the two to host our annual Serenity Celebration. District 12 will have the honor this year. The one for 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Monthly Speaker meeting is going strong. Groups host the meeting and provide an A.A. speaker and AI-Anon speaker on the first Saturday of the month.

Good luck in the New Year.

San Antonio AIS -Dolores W.-Incoming  
No Report

Intergrupala Hispana De Houston -Vacant

Houston AIS-Vacant

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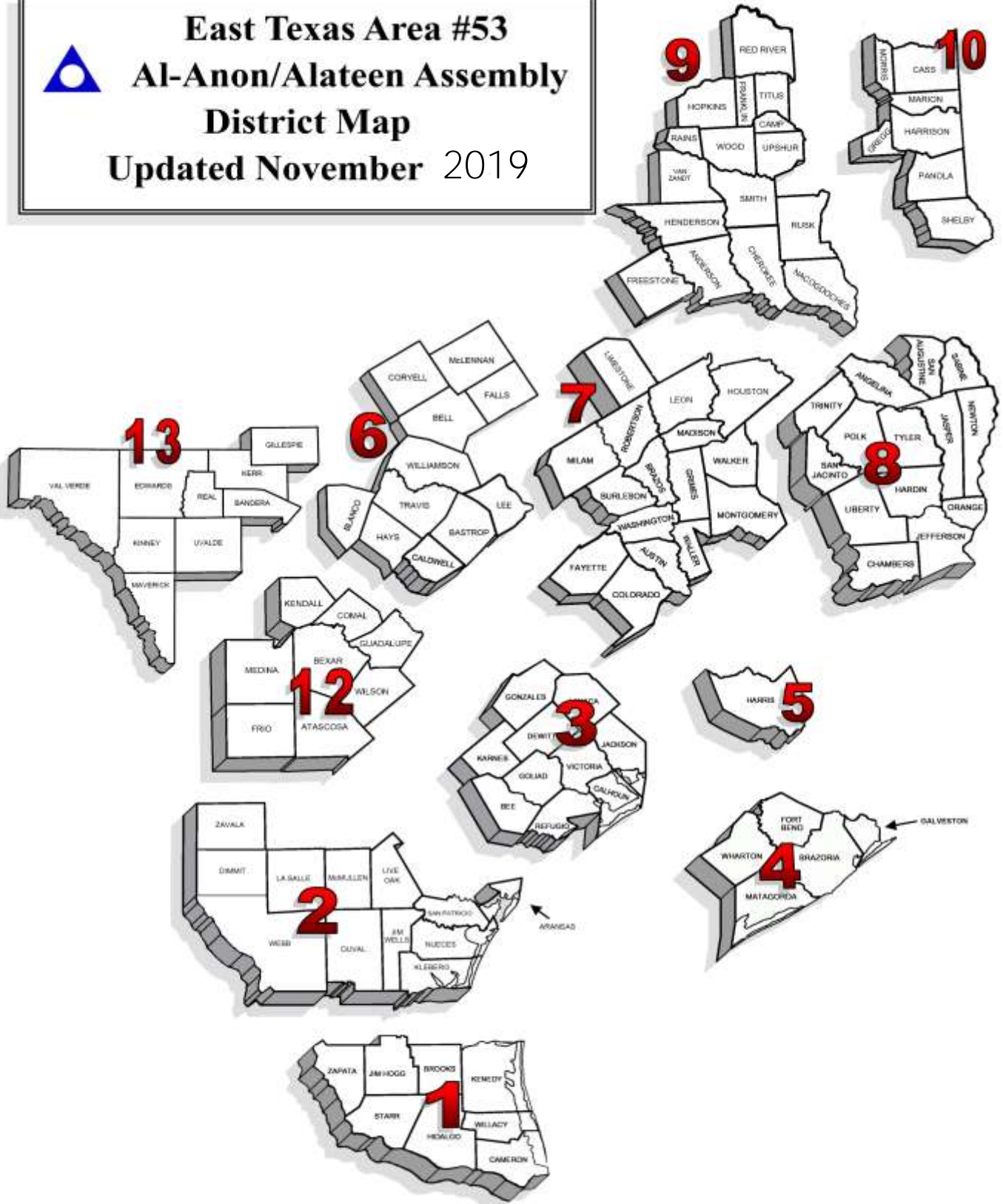
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ETAAA Financial Report 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 3/31/20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 6/30/20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 9/30/20	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 12/31/20	Total YTD	2020 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income							
Assembly Surplus	4,031.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,031.59		
Fall 2019	4,031.59				4,031.59		
Spring 2020					0.00		
Beacon Income	30.00		36.00	36.00	102.00	200.00	(98.00)
Contributions Income	4,941.64	1,837.58	1,435.39	2,952.15	11,166.76	18,000.00	(6,833.24)
Fall Gratitude Basket					0.00		
Miscellaneous Income		25.00	1,288.61		1,313.61		
Unallocated Funds from 2019	4,031.59	25.00	1,288.61	0.00	0.00	10,332.00	10,332.00
Total Income	9,003.23	1,862.58	2,760.00	2,988.15	16,613.96	28,532.00	(11,918.04)
Expenses							
Travel / Expenses	2,779.63	49.50	547.34	244.60	3,621.07	14,300.00	(10,678.93)
Alateen Coordinator	475.74	49.50	168.56		693.80	2,200.00	(1,506.20)
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Alateen Process Person	65.99		204.86		270.85	1,000.00	(729.15)
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			91.90	244.60	336.50	1,100.00	(763.50)
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		82.02		158.31	800.00	(641.69)
Website Coordinator	280.57				280.57	500.00	(219.43)
Other Expenses	1,633.00	918.01	1,138.00	176.21	3,865.22	4,832.00	(966.78)
Beacon Publishing	1,438.00	665.04	940.00	(27.79)	3,015.25	3,300.00	(284.75)
Storage Unit for Archives	168.00	168.00	183.00	189.00	708.00	800.00	(92.00)
Web Hosting Fee		69.97			69.97	132.00	(62.03)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	27.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	72.00	100.00	(28.00)
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Transitional AWSC Meeting							
World Service Conference	0.00	0.00	58.51	0.00	58.51	2,700.00	(2,641.49)
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			58.51		58.51	400.00	(341.49)

<b>SC Regional Delegate Meeting</b>	<b>4,482.75</b>	<b>214.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,696.83</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>	<b>(2,003.17)</b>
Delegate	746.68				746.68	900.00	(153.32)
Chair	398.96	214.08			613.04	900.00	(286.96)
Immediate Past Delegate					0.00	0.00	0.00
Active Past Delegates	2,688.11				2,688.11	4,000.00	(1,311.89)
Alternate Delegate	649.00				649.00	900.00	(251.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,895.38</b>	<b>1,181.59</b>	<b>1,743.85</b>	<b>420.81</b>	<b>12,241.63</b>	<b>28,532.00</b>	<b>(16,290.37)</b>
Net Income Less Expenses	107.85	680.99	1,016.15	2,567.34	4,372.33		4,372.33
Extraordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Returned Seed Money	3,500.00			3,069.30	6,569.30		
Received Alateen Background Checks	34.75	13.90	340.55	61.70	450.90		
Spring Birthday Basket					0.00		
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>	<b>3,534.75</b>	<b>13.90</b>	<b>340.55</b>	<b>3,131.00</b>	<b>7,020.20</b>		
Expenses							
Seed Money	3,500.00	3,500.00			7,000.00		
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	34.75	13.90	352.55	49.70	450.90		
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO					0.00		
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenses</b>	<b>3,534.75</b>	<b>3,513.90</b>	<b>352.55</b>	<b>49.70</b>	<b>7,450.90</b>		
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	0.00	(3,500.00)	(12.00)	3,081.30	(430.70)		
Profit/(Loss)	107.85	(2,819.01)	1,004.15	5,648.64	3,941.63		
Checking Account Balance							
Beginning Balance	34,217.77	34,325.62	31,506.61	32,510.76	34,217.77		
Increase/(Decrease)	107.85	(2,819.01)	1,004.15	5,648.64	3,941.63		
Transfer to CD							
	34,325.62	31,506.61	32,510.76	38,159.40	38,159.40		
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)							
Beginning Balance	21,008.65	21,127.86	20,000.00	20,015.26			
Increase/(Decrease)	119.21	121.11	15.26	22.42			
Ending Balance	21,127.86	21,248.97	20,015.26	20,037.68			

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Las puertas y el registro comienzan a las 4 PM del viernes 14 de mayo.

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**Representante de grupo** \_\_\_ **Representante de distrito** \_\_\_ **AMIAS** \_\_\_ **Primera Asamblea? Sí/No**

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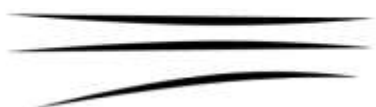
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May 14-16, 2021

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Doors and registration begin at 4 PM Friday, May 14.

**Registration Details**

**Alateen Notice: When registering, all Alateens must turn in a completed ETAAA 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.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name on badge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Group Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **District #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GR** \_\_\_ **DR** \_\_\_ **AMIAS** \_\_\_ **First Assembly?** Y/N **Years in the program** \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please register by April 21, 2021 to be assured of a seat at dinner.***

**Vegetarian or Gluten Free options for lunch and/or dinner. (Circle your preferences.)  
(Box lunch included in registration.)**

**Mail registration and check payable to District 9 ETAAA Assembly, to: District 9 ETAAA Assembly,  
P. O. Box 9826 Tyler, TX 75711, by April 21. Registrations accepted at the door.**

**Would you like Spanish Translation services? Y/N**

East Texas AI-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)  
Area World Service Committee (AWSC)  
November 6, 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (Hosted by District 7)

Chairperson: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 7:08 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Introductions: Lynn S. read the primary function of the AWSC on p. 155 of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. The purpose of this meeting was to approve the proposed agenda for the ETAAA Business Meeting on November 7, 2020, and to discuss any other new business items.

Reading of the Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference: Patti W. read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties on p. 17 of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

Secretary: Paula H. called the roll, and 25 out of 27 voting members were present. The following AI-Anon Information Services (AISs) had no representatives in attendance: Austin and Houston Hispanic.

The minutes of the September 12, 2020 AWSC meeting were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 52, Issue 4).

Treasurer: Jennifer S. presented the 2020 Financial Statement and 2021 Proposed Budget; changes were made based on the discussion at the AWSC meeting on September 12, 2020. District 5 returned \$3069.30 of the seed money for the cancelled May 2020 ETAAA. The money for the AWSC transitional meeting was removed, but the line item remained in the 2021 Budget. Since there is not AI-Anon/Alateen **International Convention until 2023, the Delegate's expense to attend** the convention was removed. No changes were made for the Past Delegates and Past Chairs to attend the South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM).

Delegate Report: Lynn S. thanked Kay C. for her service and for the enthusiasm she has brought to East Texas AI-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA). Kay expressed her gratitude for serving as Delegate on Panel 58; she **said that Texas East is phenomenal and encouraged members' ongoing involvement in service.** Kay will give an updated report at the ETAAA on November 7, 2020.

Kay C. reported that from her conference call with the World Service Office (WSO) that a temporary electronic meeting does not need to be renewed with WSO. However, the temporary electronic meeting must be at the same time as the face to face meeting for the Group.

Alternate Delegate: Mattie T. reported that there is an AI-Anon mobile app and that literature sales are up. She discussed items she would present during the Group Representative (GR) interchange at the November 7, 2020 ETAAA.

Also, at this time, Lynn S. asked Dorie J. to explain the purpose and how to enter break out rooms at the November 7, 2020 ETAAA. The AWSC practiced entering and leaving break out rooms.

Reports:

1. Final Report Spring Assembly 2020 – Heather N. from District 5 reported that her complete report is on the East Texas AI-Anon/Alateen website. **Lynn S. thanked Heather for her District's work** on the Assembly.
2. Fall Assembly 2020 – Allyn D. from District 7 reported that her complete report is on the East Texas AI-Anon/Alateen website. There were 158 members registered for the November 2020 ETAAA. Lynn S. thanked District 7 for their work on the Assembly.
3. Spring Assembly 2021 – DebiSu Y. said that a complete report is on the East Texas Area website.
4. Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Spanish Translation –

Lynn S. reported that a KBDM questionnaire regarding Spanish translation was sent to each District; only two Districts responded. A suggestion was made to move this agenda item to the next Panel for further discussion.

5. Assembly Host Committee Guidelines – District Representatives (DRs) whose Districts had hosted Assemblies were asked to review the guidelines. Only one DR responded. A suggestion was made to move this agenda item to the next Panel for further discussion.
6. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy – Lynn S. said that 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 on this topic. Diane B. said that more investigation is needed. A suggestion was made to move this agenda item to the next Panel for further discussion.

GR Roll Call: Paula H. discussed how roll call would be taken during the November 7, 2020 ETAAA Business Meeting and that DRs **would be responsible for checking the participant's list on Zoom at 12:45 pm** to see how many GRs were attending. The total number of GRs per District would be reported by the DRs.

Paula also mentioned that when making motions at the Assembly, full names would be needed on the motion. The motion will be on file with the minutes.

Paula H. will need full contact information for the incoming DRs for Panel 61 so that she can send the information to WSO by December 31, 2020. Lynn S. read p. 154 of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* regarding post-election activities.

Area Coordinators Reports Posted on the Texas East Website:

Lynn B., Public Outreach Coordinator, reported that the process for making Public Service Announcements (PSAs) has changed, as WSO has asked members not to contact radio and television stations regarding airing PSAs.

AI M., Area Group Records Coordinator, reported that WSO is working on a printable meeting list.

Jayne G., Alateen Coordinator, will attend the GR interchange on November 7, 2020, to explain changes in the Area Alateen Behavioral Guidelines; there will need to be a motion to approve the changes.

DR Reports Posted on the Texas East Website:

There are no updates. However, it was reported that Districts 4, 8, 9, 10, and 12 have new DRs.

AIS Reports Posted on the East Texas Website:

If reports are not already posted, the reports need to be sent to Dorie J., Website Coordinator, so that she can post them on the website.

New Business:

1. ETAAA Proposed Budget for 2021 – This will be discussed and voted on at the November 7, 2020 ETAAA Business Meeting.
2. Approve November 7, 2020 Fall Assembly Business Meeting Agenda – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Business Meeting Agenda.  
I, Jennifer S., move that we accept the proposed ETAAA agenda. Seconded by Jayne G. Yes – 23; No – 0, Abstain – 0.  
The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm with the AI-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

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