

## **AREA CHAIR REPORT 1-30-2021 FOR AWSC MEETING**

Happy New Year, Panel 61, and welcome to an exciting journey over the next three years! May we all grow personally and spiritually in our service positions! When I was elected to my new position as Texas East Area 53 Chair, I was reminded how I felt when I volunteered to be a temporary Group Representative after just being in Al-Anon a few months. My first thought was, “What have I gotten myself into?” After the November 7, 2020 Assembly, when I told a dear Al-Anon friend that I was not really sure why I got the Chair position, she said, “Have you ever thought that is where your Higher Power wants you?”

As with any new service position, there is always a lot to learn, and it has been overwhelming at times. However, I am looking forward to an exciting and productive three years, and I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Texas East Al-Anon/Alateen Area.

My goals are as follows: 1. to presume good will with all members of Al-Anon, Alateen, and AA.; 2. to be positive in all my oral and written communication; 3. to adhere to all the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts and General Warranties of the Conference. Especially meaningful to me are Traditions One and Two, and the General Warranties of the Conference, 2, 3, and 5; 4. to be as inclusive as possible by using Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) and making sure everyone’s voice is heard; 5. to be open and transparent in all my oral and written communications.

One thing I have learned over the years in Al-Anon service is that this is a “we” program, and I never have to do any service position alone. We are all volunteers in the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon and Alateen, and we are all equal. I serve because I love Al-Anon and want to give back the love that I so freely received when I walked into my very first meeting in 2004; it is your love and acceptance that keep me coming back.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Area Chair for the next three years. I am thanking you in advance for your patience, understanding, and grace as I progress in service. Thank you all for your willingness to serve in your various positions. To the Past Trusted Servants and Current Trustees, I value your experience and service, and I am grateful for your insight, wisdom, and participation. (Some of you are on my speed dial; you know who you are!)

May the love and peace of the fellowship be with you one day at a time!

Love in Al-Anon service,

Paula H.

TX East Area 53 Panel 61 Chair