

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Paula H.

Greetings, TX East! First of all, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Area Chair. At the November 2020 Assembly, when I stood for the position, I had no idea I would be elected, and I felt old familiar feelings creeping in. "What if I am not good enough?" "What if I don't do it right and perfectly?" "What will other people think of the job I am doing?" "Am I really qualified for this?" "What if I don't do the job just like others before me?" Then a very dear and wise Al-Anon friend asked me, "Have you ever thought that God placed you exactly where He wants you?" Then slowly, the wisdom of the sharings I have heard in the rooms of Al-Anon crept into my head. The wise words of others have told me that I do not have to do this position alone, as there are many trusted servants who have served in this position before, upon whose expertise and help I can rely. I have a service sponsor, a personal sponsor, and many friends in the program who are willing to listen patiently and lend insight and encouragement. Also, I remember the words of a very dear friend who is no longer with us. When I stood for temporary Group Representative (GR) after just a few months in the program, he told me, "You do not have to be qualified; you just have to be willing." That reminder has carried me through every service position I have held in Al-Anon. To all who hold service positions in your Groups, your Districts, and in the Area, I am immensely grateful for your service. And even if you do not hold a service position, you serve Al-Anon with your participation at meetings. Someone once asked me why I am so involved in Al-Anon service. My answer was simple: unconditional love and acceptance were given to me at my very first Al-Anon meetings, and I want to express my appreciation and love by giving to the program what was so freely given to me.

We are so blessed in TX East with an energetic, talented, enthusiastic trusted servants! Our Delegate, Mattie T., will be attending her first World Service Conference (WSC) in April. A few weeks ago Mattie sent an email to the Area regarding types of gifts she would like to send to the other Delegates. Even though there is no physical travel involved, Mattie will be spending several days virtually at the Conference. Traditionally, Groups have sent love gifts to the Delegate before the Conference. It would be lovely if you could send Mattie greeting cards with positive Al-Anon messages or if Districts could make a donation to the World Service Office. Please contact your District Representative for Mattie's address. I look forward to hearing the wonderful news from the WSC at our Assembly in May! Thank you so much, Mattie, for your loving service to Al-Anon and Alateen!

Even though we have had to hold virtual meetings for over a year, it is amazing what is being accomplished in our Area! We have the most amazing, talented group of present and past trusted servants who share the same love and passion for Al-Anon as I do. At the last Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting on January 30, 2021, several Thought Forces, Task Forces, and other committees were formed to continue the work that started in the previous panel. A Cloud Based Storage Task Force was formed; members are Natanaya A. (Chair - District 6), Kay C. (District 6), Jennifer S. (District 8), Kurt N. (District 7), Glynn B. (District 5), Matt (District 5), and Jessica P. (District 6). An Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Task Force was formed; members are Anna A. (Chair-District 6), Ginny M. (District 2), and Martha R. (District 10). The Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Spanish Translation Thought Force is also continuing its work from the last panel; members are Myrthala C. (Chair - District 2), Heather N. (District 5), Susan J. (District 3), and Everica R. (District 2). Updates are being made to the ETAAA Assembly Host Committee Guidelines; members of the committee are Allyn D. (Chair - District 7), Susan J. (District 3), and Martha R. (District 10). A Policies and Procedures Task Force was formed; members are Judy P. (Chair - District 6), Lynn S. (District 12), Jennifer S. (District 8), and Kay C. (Resource - District 6). An Audit Committee was appointed; members are Margaret F. (District 4), Joyce Y. (District 4), and Lynn B. (District 5).

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on May 15 via Zoom, but I am especially looking forward to many hugs, laughter, and smiles when we are able to meet in person again! Thank you all so much for your service!

Love in Al-Anon service, Paula H. East Texas Area Chair



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Assembly
May 14-16, 2021
Virtual Meeting:
Zoom

Fall Assembly
Nov. 12-13, 2021
Face-to-Face:
San Marcos, TX

**Deadline for
Submissions for
the next issue of
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Delegate Report ~ Mattie T.

Greetings from your Delegate for WSC Panel 61! Life is a roller coaster for me, but God has made me strong enough to enjoy the ride for all the extra activities and Service to the Area.

I attended the South Central Delegate Meeting on March 6-7, 2021 and it was amazing to be able to attend as a first time Delegate representing Texas East Area 53. To participate and give voice and vote has helped to prepare me for the upcoming WSC, which will be held virtually April 11-16, 2021. I do appreciate all the love gifts I have received from the groups, individuals, and districts.

Becoming a Delegate has been a growth experience for me. I am learning to take a few inventories of myself, become more grounded in the spiritual principles of the program, and learn more leadership skills. One of the benefits I have experienced from the WSC Orientation is the modeling of Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM) in the Conference proceedings.

Here are a few of the Happening and Thoughts at the WSO:

Director of Programs Job Posting

The Introduction in *Paths to Recovery-Al-Anon's Steps, Traditions, and Concepts (B-24)* describes the criticality of all three Legacies-as represented by the Al-Anon logo-in supporting Al-Anon members worldwide to live joyful, serene lives: "All three sides are necessary for the triangle to remain a triangle, just as a three-legged stool needs all three legs in order to stand." Similarly, at the World Service Office, three Departments are vital to achieving Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.'s (AFG, Inc.) Mission to help the friends and families of alcoholics connect and support each other through meetings, information, and shared experiences.

And ... the Department most directly responsible for interacting with members and groups within the WSC Structure and groups and structures across the globe is looking for a new Director of Programs beginning September 2021. The Director of Programs position is essential to ensuring our Core Value-Spiritually based: adhering to our Legacies-is achieved within the WSO and encouraged and supported throughout the fellowship. Roles and responsibilities include development, participation, and execution of Strategic Plan Strategies; leadership of Department Staff and programs including literature, group and international services, and Conference; and application of spiritual principles and policies in procedures and communications.

To fill this role, we are seeking an individual who has been an active member of Al-Anon for at least the last seven to ten years and has served above the group level. We are excited to work with someone who is passionate about managing, developing, and motivating teams and individuals. We are eager to learn from the successful candidate's professional and leadership knowledge and experience. And we are ready to collaborate with a member who can inspire Staff and Volunteer teams to apply the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service in the execution of AFG, Inc.'s Strategic Plan.

Are you that member?

If you believe you might be-even if you have only an inkling-we encourage you to talk to your Sponsor and your Higher Power and then, if you feel called, to simply do the footwork and trust the outcome. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity. We gratefully anticipate receiving and reviewing your cover letter and professional resume at HumanRes@al-anon.org. Please include your service experience as part of your cover letter.

Area Meeting List Publishing

There has been quite a bit of discussion regarding Area Meeting List Publishing and many have assumed that WSO has a policy. I

just want to share some info with you from WSO regarding the Area Meeting List Publishing. I have put in "Bold lettering the direct quote from WSO". I hope that answers a lot of the questions.

"We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the WSO does not require Areas to form a Meeting List Publishing Policy. The decision to create an MLPP is within the autonomy of each Area. We invite any Area considering whether to develop a Meeting List Publishing Policy to evaluate whether the Area needs such a policy. Has the Area been experiencing significant, ongoing group(s) violations of Al-Anon's Traditions that warrants taking the weighty action of not publishing a group's meeting information in order to protect our members and potential members from finding and attending that meeting?"

If the Area decides it does need to create a MLPP, we encourage its Area World Service Conference and Assembly to engage in the very important, thoughtful, principle-based conversations necessary to develop a policy that suits the individual needs of the Area. A policy that answers the questions: How does our Area want to support our groups in understanding and adhering to Al-Anon's principles and three Legacies? What does our Area want for our members and potential members?"

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect

Last year the 'Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect' event had to be postponed. This year the 'Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect' event is planned to be held on October 23, 2021 in Cleveland, OH! Mark your calendars and come and join the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee members for a day of fun and connecting with each other. At the 2021 WSC, information will be presented regarding the 2021 Road Trip! along with information about how your Area can apply to host the 2022 Road Trip! We look forward to meeting you in Cleveland.

Electronic Meeting Work Group (EMWG) Update

The EMWG reported to the Board its continuing work on ways to incorporate electronic meetings as groups into the service structure. Any recommended changes will be presented at the 2021 WSC for consideration. Stay tuned for more information following the 2021 WSC.

Contributions and Self-Supporting

Al-Anon's Tradition Seven — "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of Al-Anon service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but all service levels remain self-supporting. This keeps Al-Anon free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose of supporting families and friends of alcoholics.

In keeping with Al-Anon's Tradition Seven, Al-Anon is self-supporting, accepting contributions only from Al-Anon members and declining outside contributions.

It is very humbling to be the voice of the members of Texas East Area 53. I truly thank all of you who send me comments about the Area and/or Al-Anon as a whole. In closing, I would like to thank you for letting me serve as your Delegate.

Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance
Avancemos con unidad, valor y perseverancia
Allons de l'avant avec unité, courage et persévérance

Alternate Delegate ~ Lynn S.

The most important piece of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) for “how to” in my service to my group, district or area I turn to the current issue of the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P24-27). As I began the service position of Alternate Delegate to Texas East Area, I turned to the job description for the Alternate Delegate in the Service Manual version two (2) page 137.

Terms Used in Al-Anon Service - “Alternate An eligible member elected or appointed who can temporarily step in and/or complete the service term of a person unable to do so. Some examples of this service role are Alternate Group Representative, Alternate District Representative, and Alternate Delegate.”

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“The Alternate Delegate works along with the Delegate as much as possible in communicating with the groups. He acquaints himself with all the Delegate’s duties, so that if the Delegate is unable to finish his three-year term, the Alternate can step in to complete it.”

The first item of responsibility is to attend the Annual South Central Regional Delegates (SCRDM) meeting March 5-6, 2021. The meeting was to be held in Louisiana but with the many restrictions due to the Pandemic the meeting was held virtually. The purpose of the meeting is to help our Delegate prepare for the World Service Conference (WSC) in April. I am grateful that the Texas East Area is willing and able to provide for both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend this meeting as it is very helpful for both of us.

In Texas East Area 53 the job description for Alternate Delegate includes: Area Literature Coordinator, *The Forum* Coordinator and facilitating the Group Representatives Orientation/Interchange at the Area Assembly meetings. In speaking with the past Alternate Delegate about these very important duties I decided I would separate these into four areas of information for the Area. I have asked the Area Web Coordinator to help me with a separate post on the website for Literature and *The Forum*. I hope you will pass the information on to your groups.

My next step will be to review the current website posting of the Assembly Group Representative (GR) Packet for necessary updates for the virtual Area Assembly meeting May 14, 15, 2021. It is with love and gratitude that I serve Al-Anon and Alateen, Lynn.

The Forum ~ Lynn S.

The Forum magazine is a monthly publication that represents “The Voice of the Fellowship” by the individual members and groups of Al-Anon and Alateen. Letters and articles are sent from all over the world to the World Service Office (WSO). These sharings offer meeting ideas and materials for use in group discussions.

“*The Forum* can be used, and is encouraged to be used, by all members and groups for meetings. *The Forum*, as a concept, is Conference Approved, but it is not possible for each issue to follow the full procedure for Conference Approved Literature (CAL). Sharings received for *The Forum* are reviewed for their fidelity to the Al-Anon program and principles by a volunteer committee and/or *The Forum* staff. Time-sensitive articles, such as editorials, interviews, “Inside Al-Anon,” section etc.,

may be reviewed by *The Forum* staff.” From page 114 of the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual version two (2)*. Reprinted with permission of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.

The Forum is available by subscription and I encourage each group to subscribe to at least one copy. The cost is \$11.00 for twelve 12 issues. *The Forum* subscription form is available on the Texas East website as a download or a link to WSO.

Literature ~ Lynn S.

From AFG Connects – Literature Coordinators regarding the forthcoming electronic version of the *Al-Anon Newcomer Packet* (K-10). As was mentioned in the most recent Chairperson of the Board letter, the project was approved for development, and Staff is implementing a previous Literature Committee recommendation to eliminate duplication of information in the *Packet*. No release date has been set yet, but the project is in progress. It is expected to be available through a variety of vendors, just as our current eBooks are, such as the electronic versions of *How Al-Anon Works* (eB-22), *Courage to Change* (eB-16), *Hope for Today* (eB-27), etc., and it should work in the same way that the eBooks do.

Announcements will be made when it is available. In the meantime, last year the WSO developed a URL that electronic meetings can provide to newcomers so they can sign up to receive an email with newcomer information: **Al-Anon.org/welcome**. The newcomer will be prompted to enter a personal email address to where the digital information will be immediately delivered. Members may wish to share this in their meetings and include it in their meeting formats when welcoming new members.

Secretary’s Report ~ Jennifer S.

No Report

Treasurer’s Report ~ Myrthala C.

I received an email from the Finance Committee from WSO regarding the Delegate’s Equalized Expense. The Equalized Expense is to cover the Delegate’s costs of travel to the Conference. This past year we did not send any money to the WSC, so the cost for the 2020 Equalized Expense was rolled over to 2021 and Texas East Area has a credit of \$1517.35. The WSC is asking us if Texas East Area would like a full refund of \$1517.35 or if Texas East Area would like to contribute some or all of \$1517.35 to the World Service Office. GR’s need to vote during the Spring Assembly in May on what to do with this money, either request a full refund or contribute all or some to WSO.

We have not collected any monies for the Birthday Basket during the past virtual assemblies. If you or your group would like to donate to the May Birthday basket, you can make checks payable to: **ETAAA**

and mail it to: **P. O. Box 450675 Laredo, TX 78045**

You can find a copy of the ETAAA Financial Report for 1st quarter ending 3/31/2021 in *The Beacon* and on our website. The checking account balance is \$38,527.59. The ample reserve is \$20,059.88.

Looking forward to seeing you in May.
Myrthala C.

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Position Vacant*No Report***Area Alateen Process Person ~ Ilene F.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Area Alateen Process Person.

Recertification is in process, and 30% of the active AMIASs have already been recertified, 44 pending recertifications remain. Remember, all applications must be submitted by June 1, 2021.

I was fortunate enough to attend P.O.S.S.E this year, and while it was a small group, we ended the weekend with 4 recertifications, and 1 initial certification, we had an awesome weekend of fellowship and sharing, and I am looking forward to next year.

Group Recertification is also in progress. I have received many of the forms in the mail, even with the address issue on the document. Feel free to scan and email me this form if you would prefer: area53aapp@hotmail.com

There have been quite a few questions regarding the status of the group for those that are not meeting due to Covid-19. The message from AFG is to leave the group as active and notate in the location area that the group is currently not meeting.

I am looking forward to working with the DRs and DACs in the upcoming year. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you, Ilene F.

POSSE Report ~ Lynn S.

The 27th Annual Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (POSSE) was held March 26, 27, 28 at the Disciple Oaks Camp and Retreat in Gonzales, Texas.

The Pandemic of 2020 was still a big factor in the attendance but that did not keep four Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIASs) from attending and completing their annual recertification process. Our Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) and one other Al-Anon member were first timers to the POSSE weekend. All five of us were able to send our three forms and check with the AAPP, Ilene F. at the close of the weekend.

The 2020 POSSE had invited the World Service Office (WSO) Associate Director Groups, Sue P., to be the guest speaker and facilitate a workshop but she was not able to attend so the invitation was extended to 2021. And once again the WSO was not approving staff to travel so it was decided we would try to have her workshop session virtually. It was good but not as good if we could have spent the weekend with her. So, yes, you guessed it... she has been invited back for the 28th Annual Roundup of POSSE March 18, 19, 20, 2022.

Remember the deadline for 2021 Recertification is June 1, 2021. There is still plenty of time to attend a training workshop so contact your District Alateen Coordinator (DAC) or District Representative (DR) for information and retain your AMIAS status even if your Alateen group is unable to meet right now.

Archives Coordinator ~ Lynn Brown

Happy Spring to all.

WSO is in the process of revising the Area Archives Guidelines (G-30) and has been asking Area Archives Coordinators for their input.

The major threads of discussion among coordinators have related to storage of paper materials after the items have been put into electronic formats.

My take away from these discussions is, most coordinators will continue to keep the hard copies in their area archives and are looking at guidelines regarding electronic records.

If and when Area 53 decides to use electronic storage, that will be the time to examine how we will hold the Area's Archives.

Archives may just seem like a bunch of old items. However, they serve as an important resource for each Area, district, and even groups! Memorabilia helps to educate members not only about Al-Anon's rich history, but also provides insight on how the past has influenced the present.

Lynn B.
Archives Coordinator

Group Records Coordinator ~ Peggy T.

Would You Like to See How Your Group Meeting Appears Online?

Go to this link to see how your meeting appears online to newcomers:

<https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/find-an-al-anon-meeting/> (or you can Google "Al-Anon meetings near me" to find it)

Then scroll down to enter the appropriate search filters.

If you want to make changes to the listing, please go to this link:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/changes-existing-al-anon-group/>

or send an email to me at: grouprecordsarea53@gmail.com

We are eager to make sure the listing presents to your liking. Have fun with it!

Love in service,
Peggy

Newsletter Coordinator ~ Cyndie C.

Hello! This is my first official production of *The Beacon*. Needless to say, there is quite a sharp learning curve. Please bear with me as I navigate this process.

I want to extend my gratitude to Rene D. and Lynn S. for their invaluable experience as I continue to learn this process. Special thanks to Mary H. of Seguin AFG for being my labeling partner.

Many thanks—Cyndie

Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Position Vacant*No Report*

Spanish Coordinator ~ Everica R.

¡Hola Zona 53 del Este de Texas!

Estoy muy honrada y emocionada de poder prestar servicio como Coordinadora de Español de la Zona. Como mi estimada amiga Myrthala C. mencionó en su reporte anterior, estuve, con mucho gusto, ayudándola con algunas traducciones e interpretaciones durante su servicio como Coordinadora de Español, pero no porque fuera mi responsabilidad, sino por mi voluntad. Ahora, con esta responsabilidad, en estos meses ha sido poco el trabajo hecho.

Una de las cosas que he hecho es estar atenta a recibir las respuestas de la encuesta de KBDM que la Presidenta de la Zona envió a los distritos, para hacer su traducción. Se han recibido respuestas de algunos distritos, pero aún faltan distritos por participar.

Invito cordialmente a todos los distritos a que envíen sus respuestas, porque de ellas depende la decisión de continuar con la interpretación al español en las Asambleas de Zona, así como también tomar la decisión de traducir *The Beacon*. *De esta manera, la comunidad hispana estaría mejor informada y más interesada en participar a nivel Zona.*

También me he puesto en contacto con los coordinadores de los distritos para presentarme ante ellos. Les he pedido que me pongan en contacto con los coordinadores de Español de su distrito, si es que hay alguien con ese cargo. Recibí algunas respuestas, las cuales agradezco mucho, y espero pronto podamos tener más comunicación.

Por último, estuve presente en la reunión de Miembros del Comité de Servicio Mundial, que se llevó a cabo el 30 de enero. Todo esto es nuevo para mí y estoy aprendiendo mucho en cada reunión. En realidad, somos una organización excelentemente planeada y me asombra mucho la manera en que los miembros hacen su mejor esfuerzo por que todo marche sobre ruedas. ¡Estoy lista para la reunión del CSM del 17 de abril y la Asamblea de Zona Virtual!

Saludos cordiales.
Evérica R.

Hello East Texas Area 53!

I am very honored and excited to be able to serve as the Area Spanish Coordinator. As my dear friend Myrthala C. mentioned in her previous report, I was, with great pleasure, helping her with some translations and interpretations of her during her service as Spanish Coordinator, but not because it was my responsibility, but by my will. Now, with this responsibility, in these months little work has been done.

One of the things that I have done is to be attentive to receive the responses of the KBDM survey that the Area Chair sent to the districts, in order to make their translation. Responses have been received from some districts, but there are still districts to participate.

I cordially invite all districts to send their responses, because the decision to continue interpreting into Spanish at the Zoom Assemblies depends on them, as well as making the decision to translate *The Beacon*. *In this way, I believe that the Hispanic community would be better informed and more interested in participating at the Zone level.*

I have also contacted the district coordinators to introduce myself to them. I have asked them to put me in touch with the Spanish coordinators in their districts, if there is someone in that position. I received some responses, which I am very grateful for, and I hope we can have more communication soon.

Lastly, I was present at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) members meeting, which was held on January 30. All of this is new to me and I am learning a lot from each meeting. Actually, we are an excellently planned organization and I am very amazed at how the members do their best to keep things running smoothly. I'm ready for the April 17 AWSC meeting and Virtual Zoom Assembly!

Best regards,
Evérica R.

Website Coordinator ~ Natanya A.

Happy Spring from the digital world. I've been enjoying getting to know the ins and outs of our website and helping Paula prepare for the upcoming virtual Assembly. I know that a day on Zoom can be long but we're doing all we can to be sure the time is as productive and efficient as it can be.

To keep up with all of the latest information about the Assembly please visit the Area Website at:

<https://texas-al-anon.org/spring-2021-assembly/>

The password is *anonymity*, all lower case.

I am looking for a few volunteers to help me manage the technology portions of assembly. Some proficiency with Zoom will be helpful. I will work to produce documentation and clear instructions to make the work as easy as possible. The commitment to support the assembly includes:

- Attending a technology team meeting on Friday, May 7 at 7pm.
- Attending and supporting at least two of the four one-hour practice sessions on Saturday, May 8 at 9am and 3pm and on Sunday, May 9 at 9am and 3pm (we can divide and conquer!).
- Attending and supporting an Assembly dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 12 at 7pm.
- Supporting the Assembly on Friday, May 14 from 6:30pm - 9:30pm and again on Saturday, May 15 from 8am to about 3pm.
- Supporting a translation practice session and the GR interchange at times TBD but as close as possible to other time windows above to be efficient.
- If you can't attend all of the above that's okay! The team meeting and Assembly days are the most important - we can be flexible as a team around the rest.

If you are interested in helping out please email natanya@gmail.com.

Yours in service—Natanya A.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**District 1~Veronica P.**

First, I'd like to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 1 Representative.

Although 2020 brought us many challenges here we are in 2021

and the God of our understanding is still looking out for us and our meetings. We continue to grow through the challenges this pandemic has brought us, but with the hope that things will get better. Most groups are having virtual meetings via zoom and that seems to be working very well as we have many that attend these meetings. There have been new members joining zoom meetings and that's always a joy to see. Also, we have a couple of face-to-face meetings that are taking safety measures by social distancing and using face masks.

I'd like to thank all the members of District 1 for your great dedication to serve Al-Anon and Alateen in the midst of adversity. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and grow alongside you all.

District 2 ~ Ginny M.

Happy Spring! Currently, our district has 18 meetings on Zoom and 4 meetings in-person a week. District 2 has one annual Zoom account and one monthly account that are used for the virtual meetings. We do maintain a district schedule of meetings which can also be found on the Texas Al-Anon website. Our second quarter District business meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2021. Our two Alateen groups have not met since Covid-19 started.

We do have a new District Alateen Coordinator, Theresa Cass. Our district recertified five AMIAs on February 27, 2021. We do have a few groups that currently do not have a GR.

We will be the Host District for the 2022 Spring Assembly and are in the process of selecting a site at this time. We will have monthly planning meetings starting this month to elect host committee chairs and vote on which site to choose. District 1 will be our Support District.

Love in Service,
Ginny

District 3 ~ Susan J.

Greetings from District 3! Since we are discontinuing our Alateen Group and had quite a bit of Alateen literature, our District decided to donate it at P.O.S.S.E. for use by Alateen Groups that actually have Alateens attending. We hope that the AMIAs that attended P.O.S.S.E. had fun picking and choosing which literature to use with their groups.

We will be having a District Meeting on April 17th. This should be a good time to gather ourselves together to assess the status and health of our district groups. We will also be talking about what's going on in the Area such as the Spring and Fall Assemblies.

Respectfully submitted and in service,
Susan J.

District 4 ~ Margaret F.

Hello to Texas East Area 53.

"Participation is the key to harmony," (so I am told). I am back to participate in this great Area and to share District 4 news.

Sue D. was unable to continue as District Representative, so I was elected at our District Meeting on 3/13/2021. I will do the best job I can.

District 4 is definitely doing okay in spite of the circumstances.

There are several groups meeting face to face and many Zoom meetings or hybrid (face to face and Zoom). Some groups are having speakers from other states via Zoom. It is working. Hoping to see the Alateen meetings grow in the future.

Sheri D., Public Outreach Coordinator, will be attending Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Meeting that involves rehab centers, judges, lawyers, and other resources to carry the message in our District.

Looking forward to the AWSC meeting and Assembly in May, although it is virtual. Hope to get hugs from everyone soon in a face to face setting.

Yours in Service,
Margaret

District 5 ~ Heather N.

Over the past 3 years, District 5 has implemented new ways to serve our members with our excess funds. The Public Outreach events we have hosted and the contributions to WSO during the pandemic have exhausted our excess funds. District 5 is now using a balanced budget approach to our finances. Many groups have suspended donations to the District due to the excess funds. Currently, our operating budget is dependent on group contributions. We would like to ask our groups to revisit their contribution amounts at their next group business meeting/group conscience to include the district.

On March 25th, District 5 presented an hour-long presentation at a virtual event for Child Protective Services. We adapted our A Day in Al-Anon for Professionals program to fit the time frame we were allotted. In attendance were 65 front line workers for Child Protective Services. The event was a great success! Thanks to Mandy C. for coordinating the event. And thanks to Lisa H. for sharing your experience, strength, and hope.

District 5 has a new website! We have used Google Sites to put together a simple website tied to our Google Drive. The site is specific to our district and does not duplicate information on other websites. The site allows our Group Representatives the ability to access their meeting agendas and information online. Check it out:

<https://sites.google.com/view/d5connect/home>

District 6 ~ Anna A.

Happy spring from District 6.

I hope everyone is recovering from the brutal winter storm we experienced and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. The new season is bringing with it buds on the trees (Yay!), events in our District, and new District initiatives. Here's a rundown:

Events

District Meeting on April 17 – It will be virtual, so hopefully, we'll continue to see the larger attendance that's been part of our last three virtual district meetings. I'm also hoping we can elect a District Alateen Coordinator and Newsletter Coordinator since these positions remain open following our elections in October.

New District Initiatives

- **Group Records Changes** – Since our last district

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meeting, I have met with our District Group Records Coordinator and Area Group Records Coordinator several times to discuss greater efficiency in updating and maintaining our group records. Our district is looking forward to working closely with the Area and WSO to implement new procedures intended to ensure our records are updated accurately and expeditiously.

- **Hybrid Meetings** – I'm optimistic that we'll be able to entertain the idea of having face-to-face meetings before the end of the year, and with that, I'd like for the District to consider holding hybrid district meetings. That would allow our members to attend even if they can't make the drive or still have public health concerns. After attending the Missouri Area's hybrid AWSC meeting, I've learned more about what holding hybrid meetings will entail and how the District will need to prepare to make them a reality. Hybrid meetings will be a topic of discussion at our next district meeting, and I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's questions, thoughts, concerns, ideas, etc.

- **Visiting Groups** – At last count, District 6 has 83 registered groups with 34 groups regularly attending district meetings. Our Alternate DR Lynn P. and I are planning to reach out and hopefully, attend meetings of those groups within our district who do not regularly attend the district meetings. Our goal is to let them know the role the District plays as a service arm and how their voice and vote is vital. We don't want to leave anyone out, though, so we're also asking our groups who are regularly represented at district meetings if they would like one of us to come visit. We're going to start with visiting those groups meeting virtually but eventually, plan to get to those groups meeting face to face. I'm looking forward to meeting so many more folks in our District.

Wishing everyone good health and hoping we can all be face-to-face soon.

In grateful service,
Anna

District 7 ~ Allyn D.

District 7 had its first meeting of 2021 on January 17th. Dates were set for our regular quarterly meetings as 4/18, 7/18 and 10/17. We have been meeting virtually on Sunday at 2pm.

Our current and ongoing discussions and activities are as follows:

- We are pleased to have the Fall Area Assembly behind us. The seed money plus \$768.34 has been sent to the Area treasurer. The hospitality supplies contributed to D7 by D5 will be passed on to Lynn S. to use in the fall Assembly.
- D7 has ample funds for its normal budget, particularly with reduced DR travel expenses. Ideas for use of extra funds included contributing to WSO, purchasing newcomer packets and public outreach materials (i.e., Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism) and sending AMIAS to POSSE.
- A D7 member worked with the Houston AIS webmaster to make the meeting list page more newcomer

- friendly. The counties were added next to the corresponding district links and a note was added to help newcomers find out the status of meetings.

- A D7 "Calamity" Task Force is being formed to create suggested guidelines in the event of disruptions due to such things as pandemic, weather events, fire etc. We are seeking a variety of D7 members representing old timers, newcomers, Spanish speaking, those who are tech savvy and those who are not from meetings that are urban, rural, large and small.

- District 7 is continually active at the Area level. Kurt N/Conroe is serving on a cloud based storage task force, Allyn D./Waller is serving on an Assembly Guidelines Revision Task Force and recently Carol F./Woodlands became the new Area Alateen Coordinator!

Thank you to all those who served faithfully on the last panel and to those who are serving in the current panel. Wishing you well!

Allyn Dukes

District 8 ~ Nina W.

Happy Spring from District 8!

Our second quarterly business meeting will be April 17 with the AIS LDC meeting following.

We are happy to report that several of our group meetings are moving towards face to face meetings. Some are still temporarily doing zoom. Please check our website at setxalanon.org for more information.

We are moving forward and plan to discuss when it will be possible to have our Concepts workshop now that we are able to meet while still following guidelines to keep everyone safe. Hopefully, we will have a date set soon and will be able to have it later this year.

In Service,
Nina Worlow

District 9 ~ DebiSu Y.

District 9 is like most other districts in East Texas as we deal with the unfolding crisis of COVID. We have groups that are meeting on Zoom only, some are meeting in person only (with masks and social distancing), and some hybrid – Zoom and face-to-face.

The main news for District 9 is that we continue to work on the May Assembly albeit for an electronic assembly. The Host Committee recommended we hold the assembly virtually because there are still so many unknowns due to the pandemic. The AWSC approved. An abbreviated Host Committee will set up registration – something which is causing a learning curve on our part. **Please check the website frequently for registration information.**

On an exciting note, we are thrilled to bring Diane Bass, Region Trustee (RT) as speaker. We hope this will provide a stimulating addition to an electronic form. Please spread the word to all your GRs!

Website: <https://texas-al-anon.org/spring-2021-assembly/> (password anonymity)

District 10 ~ Martha R.

Hello to all, and I hope everyone is enjoying this weather and getting outside. I want to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege to be District Representative. I know I have lots of support.

We had our first District Meeting via Zoom on March 27th and feel we did pretty good for my first time. We still need an Outreach Coordinator and Alternate Delegate. We have nine groups, with seven that are active either via "In Person" or via electronic. I am hoping to get around to all meetings soon as I want to know you all and want you to know me.

Just want to remind all that there is Spring Assembly Meeting via Zoom coming up May 14th thru 16th. All are welcome and we do want Group Representatives to attend.

District 12 ~ Lynn S.

District 12 will be holding its first face to face District meeting April 10, 2021. The Alternate District Representative, Deb A., had to resign and I have appointed Patti W. as Alt. DR. The position will be presented at the district meeting for a vote of the GRs.

This first meeting will be completing committees for the 2021 Fall Assembly Host District Committee. The date has been set for November 12, 13, 2021 at Holiday Inn of San Marcos, Texas. Complete details will be ready for the Spring Assembly.

District 13 ~ Sarah W.

I am excited that two groups have resumed face-to-face meetings at a new location and/or time. I'm also excited that one group is having so much success with a hybrid meeting that they are going to host our next District meeting in July with a hybrid format! That will be so exciting! I can't wait to see all of my people again. Our District also looks forward to supporting the Fall Assembly. In the meantime, stay safe and well!

AIS LIAISON REPORTS**Austin AIS ~ Position Vacant**

No Report

Beaumont AIS ~ Barbara G.

The Beaumont AIS board meeting was held on January 16, on Zoom. Finances are our primary challenge with most meetings still on Zoom. Consequently our literature is not selling. We have discussed ways to increase our online sales but have tabled any decisions until our April meeting. However, in preparation, we have upgraded our website and did a complete inventory of stock including all the pamphlets.

Our newest volunteer has organized the 24 hour hotline. Since we are open only Tuesday and Thursday, taking the phone hotline involves 5 days. Sue assigned all who participated to a time, well in advance, and provided contact information for other participants so changes can be made ahead of time. Saves the Thursday person from scrambling for coverage at the last minute. This appears to be working well. Seems like a simple thing but sometimes it takes fresh eyes to spot improvements.

We lost another volunteer so we are currently open only on

Tuesdays and Thursdays. On a positive note, a new face to face meeting has been started in the district.

Hopefully 2021 will be a better year for all.

Houston AIS ~ Position Vacant

No Report

San Antonio AIS ~ Dolores W.

No Report

Intergrupo Hispana De Houston ~ Position Vacant

No Report

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ETAAA Financial Report 2021	1st Qtr 3/31/21	2nd Qtr 6/30/21	3rd Qtr 9/30/21	4th Qtr 12/31/21	Total YTD	2021 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income							
Assembly Surplus	768.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	768.34		
Fall 2020	768.34				768.34		
Spring 2021					0.00		
Beacon Income	30.00				30.00	200.00	(170.00)
Contributions Income	1,339.18				1,339.18	18,000.00	(16,660.82)
Fall Gratitude Basket					0.00		
Miscellaneous Income					0.00		
Unallocated Funds from 2020	768.34	0.00	0.00	0.00		12,300.00	12,300.00
Total Income	2,137.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,137.52	30,500.00	(28,362.48)
Expenses							
Travel / Expenses	148.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.00	14,800.00	(14,652.00)
Alateen Coordinator					0.00	2,200.00	(2,200.00)
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Alateen Process Person					0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Alternate Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Archives					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Beacon Editor					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Chair					0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Delegate					0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
Group Records					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Public Outreach					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Past Delegates					0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Past Area Chairpersons					0.00	900.00	(900.00)
Secretary					0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Spanish Coordinator					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Treasurer	148.00				148.00	800.00	(652.00)
Website Coordinator					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Other Expenses	1,628.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,628.18	7,800.00	(3,873.45)
Beacon Publishing	722.55				722.55	3,300.00	(2,577.45)
Storage Unit for Archives	189.00				189.00	800.00	(611.00)
Web Hosting Fee					0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	15.00				15.00	100.00	(85.00)
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Transitional AWSOC Meeting	701.63				701.63	3,000.00	(2,298.37)
World Service Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	(2,700.00)
Area's Gifts to WSC					0.00	300.00	(300.00)

ETAAA Financial Report 2021	1st Qtr 3/31/21	2nd Qtr 6/30/21	3rd Qtr 9/30/21	4th Qtr 12/31/21	Total YTD	2021 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC					0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
SC Regional Delegate Meeting	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	4,800.00	(4,765.00)
Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Chair					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Immediate Past Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Active Past Delegates					0.00	2,400.00	(2,400.00)
Alternate Delegate	35.00				35.00	600.00	(565.00)
Total Expenses	1,811.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,811.18	30,100.00	(28,288.82)
Net Income Less Expenses	326.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	326.34		(73.66)
Extraordinary Income/Expense	1st Qtr 3/31/21	2nd Qtr 6/30/21	3rd Qtr 9/30/21	4th Qtr 12/31/21	Total YTD		
Income							
Returned Seed Money	3,500.00				3,500.00		
Received Alateen Background Checks	97.30				97.30		
Spring Birthday Basket					0.00		
Total Extraordinary Income	3,597.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,597.30		
Expenses							
Seed Money	3,500.00				3,500.00		
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	20.85				20.85		
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO					0.00		
Total Extraordinary Expenses	3,520.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,520.85		
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	76.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.45		
Profit/(Loss)	402.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	402.79		
Checking Account Balance	3/31/2021	6/30/2021	9/30/2021	12/31/2021	Total YTD		
Beginning Balance	38,124.80	38,527.59	38,527.59	38,527.59	38,124.80		
Increase/(Decrease)	402.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	402.79		
Transfer to CD							
	38,527.59	38,527.59	38,527.59	38,527.59	38,527.59		
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)							
Beginning Balance	20,037.68	20,059.88					
Increase/(Decrease)	22.20	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Ending Balance	20,059.88						

**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)
Area World Service Committee (AWSC)
January 30, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Chairperson: Paula H. opened the meeting at 9:08 am with the Serenity Prayer and a personal sharing.

Welcome and Introductions: Paula H. opened the meeting with a welcome to the new panel, Panel 61.

Reading of the Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference: Nina W. read the Twelve Traditions. Everica read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties in Spanish. Paula H. then read the Primary Function on page 155 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, (Vol. 2).

Secretary:

Jennifer S. called the roll, and 25 out of 25 voting members were present.

The minutes of the November 6, 2020 AWSC meeting were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 52, Issue 4).

Delegate Report:

Mattie T. shared her edited report. She reported that a refund of the equalized expenses from the 2020 World Service Conference (WSC) would be returned to the Area for the amount of \$1517.21. She asked Paula to put an item on the Assembly Agenda asking Group Representatives (GRs) to decide what to do with the refunded money.

Alternate Delegate:

Lynn S. reported that the electronic Newcomer Packet has no release date yet but is expected sometime this year. In the meantime groups can provide this URL to newcomers: alanon.com/welcome, and newcomers can type their email address. The new daily reader will be available at the 2023 Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention in Albuquerque, NM.

Treasurer:

Myrthala C. reported our CD balance is 20,045.32 and our checking account balance is \$41,489.55 and there was \$616.81 in contributions. She shared that District 7 returned the seed money of \$3500 from the Fall Assembly 2020 plus an additional \$768.34. She reminded everyone to use the new Area Treasurer's P.O. Box address. The updated Expense Claim and Donation Forms are now on the Texas Al-Anon website. Myrthala would like expense claims submitted within 2 weeks of an event.

Reports:

1. Spring Assembly 2021 – DebiSu Y. said that District 9 met and would like to recommend holding a virtual assembly due to the pandemic. Paula H., Area Chair had asked District Representatives (DRs) to poll their GRs in advance of today's meeting as to their preference of the type of Assembly, virtual, in person, or hybrid. The GRs overwhelmingly wanted a virtual assembly as well. The Spring Assembly 2021 will be virtual.
2. Fall Assembly 2021 (District 7/District 13 support)– District 12 is hoping for a date of November 10-12, but that is tentative. They are hoping for a face to face assembly.
3. Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P. O. S. S. E.) – P. O. S. S. E. will be held March 26-28, 2021 in Gonzales, TX. This is a great time for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to be certified and recertified and is the only time currently scheduled for AMIAS certification. It is \$125 for the weekend and is due 2 weeks prior. Kay C. is also doing online recertification training. The first session is February 27th, the next April 18th and one may be scheduled in May if needed.

Unfinished Business:

1. The 2021-2025 AWSC/Assembly Rotation Schedule was approved by consensus.
2. Area Coordinator Vacancies – No one has shown interest for the Alateen Coordinator position yet. Public Outreach – Pam J. from District 4 has submitted her resume. Paula H. has appointed her temporarily, and GRs will vote to approve her in May.
3. Assembly Mentor – The 3 year trial period is almost over. Discussion determined that AWSC members would like to make this a permanent position. It was decided to ask the Assembly to vote for a permanent position.
4. Audit Committee – Paula H. appointed members of the Audit Committee, Lynn B., Joyce Y., and Margaret F.
5. Cloud Based Storage – It was decided to move this to a Task Force. DRs were asked to see if GRs were interested in participating along with Natanya A. and Kay C.
6. Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Spanish Translation – District 6 reported that their Spanish groups won't attend Assemblies without Spanish translation. Thoughts were to have *The Beacon* in Spanish and Treasurer Report in Spanish. It was decided to send out KBDM questions to Spanish groups especially and English groups for input.
7. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy – The Thought Force recommend moving this to a Task Force. Anna A., Ginny M. and Martha R. will be on the Task Force and get with Diane B., Thought Force Chair, for information.
8. Assembly Host Committee Guidelines Review – Allyn D., Martha R., Susan J. and the Assembly Mentor will be on this committee.
9. Policies and Procedures Handbook Thought Force – The AWSC voted to move this Thought Force to a Task Force. Discussion determined that we want to focus on keeping the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, (Vol. 2)* for policies and motions for procedures. Jennifer S., Judy P. and Lynn S. will be on this committee with Kay C. as a resource.

New Business:

1. Use of website for AWSC/Assembly – Natanya A. has been making changes to the website to be a storehouse for information. Some suggestions were given to her and she welcomes any other suggestions.
2. Use of Consent Agenda for Spring Assembly 2021 – We will continue moving forward towards a consent agenda. Paula will work with Judy P. to help us transition.
3. Unifying Large/Rural Geographic Districts – Kay C. shared she did one workshop last year and she is willing to do another workshop for our area. This is for groups you are not currently connected to, such as they don't have a GR, don't participate, etc.
4. AWSC/Area Inventory – The last AWSC/Area Inventory was done in 2006. Paula H. has reached out on AFG Connects and received ideas. Mattie T. suggested two—one at AWSC and one at the Area with GRs. Interest was shown to pursue this.

Reports:

Area Coordinators, DRs, Al-Anon Information Services (AISs)
– *Posted on Texas East Website*

Announcements:

- Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) – Ilene F. announced that 62 AMIAS are pending recertification.
- Deadline for submissions to *The Beacon* are due to Cyndie C. (beaconeditor9@gmail.com) by April 1, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Jennifer S.
Area Secretary

INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

Our next Assembly is May 15, 2021, and it will be hosted virtually by District 9. Many preparations have been and are being made to hold this meeting. Much more information will be sent to the District Representatives (DRs) and to the AWSC in the coming weeks. DRs will be sharing that information with the Groups in their Districts. Right now our Area Website Coordinator, Natanya A., is very busy scheduling virtual meetings in preparation for the Assembly. We will host several training sessions before the Assembly; it is very important that everyone in the Area who is planning to attend the Assembly attend one of those sessions. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Natanya, to all who are offering tech support, and to District 9 for all the work they have done in order to make this Assembly happen.

There are several items that GRs will be voting on at the May Assembly. So far those items are the equalized expense money that will be reimbursed to the Area, the Assembly Mentor Position, Area Public Outreach Coordinator, and Area Alateen Coordinator. Myrthala C., Area Treasurer, has a written report in *The Beacon* and on the Texas East website (www.texas-al-anon.org) regarding the equalized expense. It will expedite our time at the Assembly if you could please read that report in advance; Myrthala will also talk about it briefly at the Assembly.

At the January AWSC meeting, a recommendation was made by the AWSC to have the Assembly Mentor Position be permanent. During the last three years Lynn S. has been serving as Assembly Mentor, and her service has been invaluable to the Districts who have hosted Assemblies. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Lynn for her service in this position. The GRs will not vote for the Assembly Mentor but just for the position; a description of the position is posted on the Texas East website and will be sent to DRs as well.

Also, there are two vacancies at the Area level that need to be filled. One is Public Outreach Coordinator, and the other is Area Alateen Coordinator. At the January AWSC meeting, Pam J. volunteered to stand for Public Outreach Coordinator, and with the approval of the AWSC, I temporarily appointed her as Public Outreach Coordinator. She has done an amazing job, and I thank her for her willingness to serve. However, as with all Area service positions, the position remains open if anyone else would like to serve. A description of that position as well as a resume are posted on the TX East website. We also are in desperate need of an Area Alateen Coordinator, and that job description and resume are also posted on the TX East website.

We will be using a very different type of agenda for the May Assembly, a Consent Based Agenda. The agenda is posted in this edition of *The Beacon* and will be posted on the TX East website. I will be sending a detailed explanation of the agenda to the DRs, which they will share with their Groups. This type of agenda is used by the Board of Trustees and in many other non-profit organizations. The main benefit is that it is a real time saver; other benefits are that when we do finally get to meet in person again, it will free up more time at Assemblies for workshops, speakers, and fellowship. This type of agenda requires advance preparation by Assembly participants; all reports will be posted on the TX East website, and everyone will read all reports in advance of the Assembly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

In Al-Anon Service,
Paula H.
TX East Area Chair
txe61chair@gmail.com

East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)**Saturday, May 15, 2021****VIRTUAL AGENDA****(Subject to change)****1. Opening**

Serenity Prayer; Welcome and Introductions; Reading of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference, *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (Vol. 2)*, pp. 15-18.

2. Delegate's Report – Mattie T.**3. Treasurer's Report – Myrthala C.****4. Roll Call - Secretary – Jennifer S.**

Voting - $2/3 - .667 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

Simple Majority - $.51 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

5. *Approval of Consent Agenda

* Minutes – November 7, 2020 – Jennifer S.

* Alternate Delegate Report – Lynn S.

* Area Coordinator Reports

* District Representative (DR), Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) Reports

* Thought Force (ThF)/Task Force (TF) Reports

1. Cloud Based Storage

2. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy

3. Assembly Host Committee Guidelines Review

4. Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Spanish Translation

5. Policies and Procedures Handbook

* Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P. O. S. S. E.)

*** If someone has a question about the items on the Consent Agenda, request the item be pulled. The Assembly votes on the items not pulled as "The Consent Agenda." The pulled report is addressed in the discussion section so that the person can ask his/her question. Corrections to the 11-7-2020 Minutes (which are posted on the TX East Area website – www.texas-al-anon.org) are submitted to Jennifer S. (txe61sec@gmail.com) by APRIL 16.**

6. Upcoming Assemblies

Break – 10 minutes

7. Discussion and/or Motions and Voting

1. Equalized expense

2. Election of Public Outreach Coordinator

3. Election of Area Alateen Coordinator

4. Assembly Mentor Position

5. Other

8. Adjourn with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration

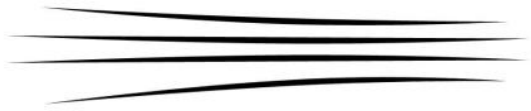
Let It Begin with Me

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen
always be there, and -- *Let It Begin with Me.*

Que empiece por mí

Cuando alguien, dondequiera que sea,
que nunca falta allí la mano de Al-Anon y Alateen, y
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**14-16 de Mayo de 2021
Asamblea de Al-Anon/Alateen del área
del este de Texas Primavera 2021**



***Avancemos con unidad,
valor y perseverancia***

**Oradora invitado especial de la OSM
Diane Bass, Fideicomisaria del Sur Central**

Este será un montaje virtual en ZOOM

La información sobre la inscripción y la agenda se publicará próximamente en el sitio web de Texas Al-Anon. Visite con frecuencia para ver las actualizaciones. La contraseña es la palabra, “anonymity”.

Encuentre más información aquí:

<https://texas-al-anon.org/spring-2021-assembly/>



**May 14-16, 2021
East Texas Area
Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Spring 2021**



***Moving Forward with Unity,
Courage, and Perseverance***

**Special Guest WSO Speaker
Diane B., South Central Trust**

This will be a virtual assembly on ZOOM.

**Information on registration and agenda is
forthcoming on the Texas Al-Anon website.**

Please check in often to see updates.

Password is the word, “anonymity”.

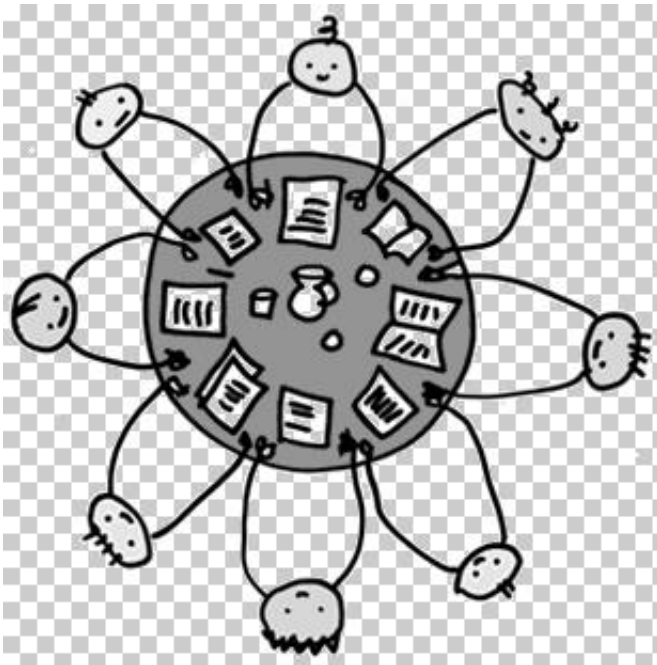
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SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 12-13, 2021



District 12 is in the planning stages for the 2021 Fall East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly.

This flyer is an informational flyer not a registration flyer.

**Holiday Inn San Marcos
Convention Center
105 Bintu Dr.
San Marcos, Texas 78666
(512) 805-1000**

This will be our first face to face assembly for 2021, and we in District 12 are pleased to host, with District 13 supporting.

The date is November 12 -13, 2021. Note this is a two day assembly as the hotel is booked for Sunday and we thought most would like to go across I-35 and checkout the Outlet Mall before heading home on Sunday.

The room rate is \$84.00 + tax per night and we can sleep up to 4 to a Queen room. The hotel has blocked 10 King and 25 Queen rooms.

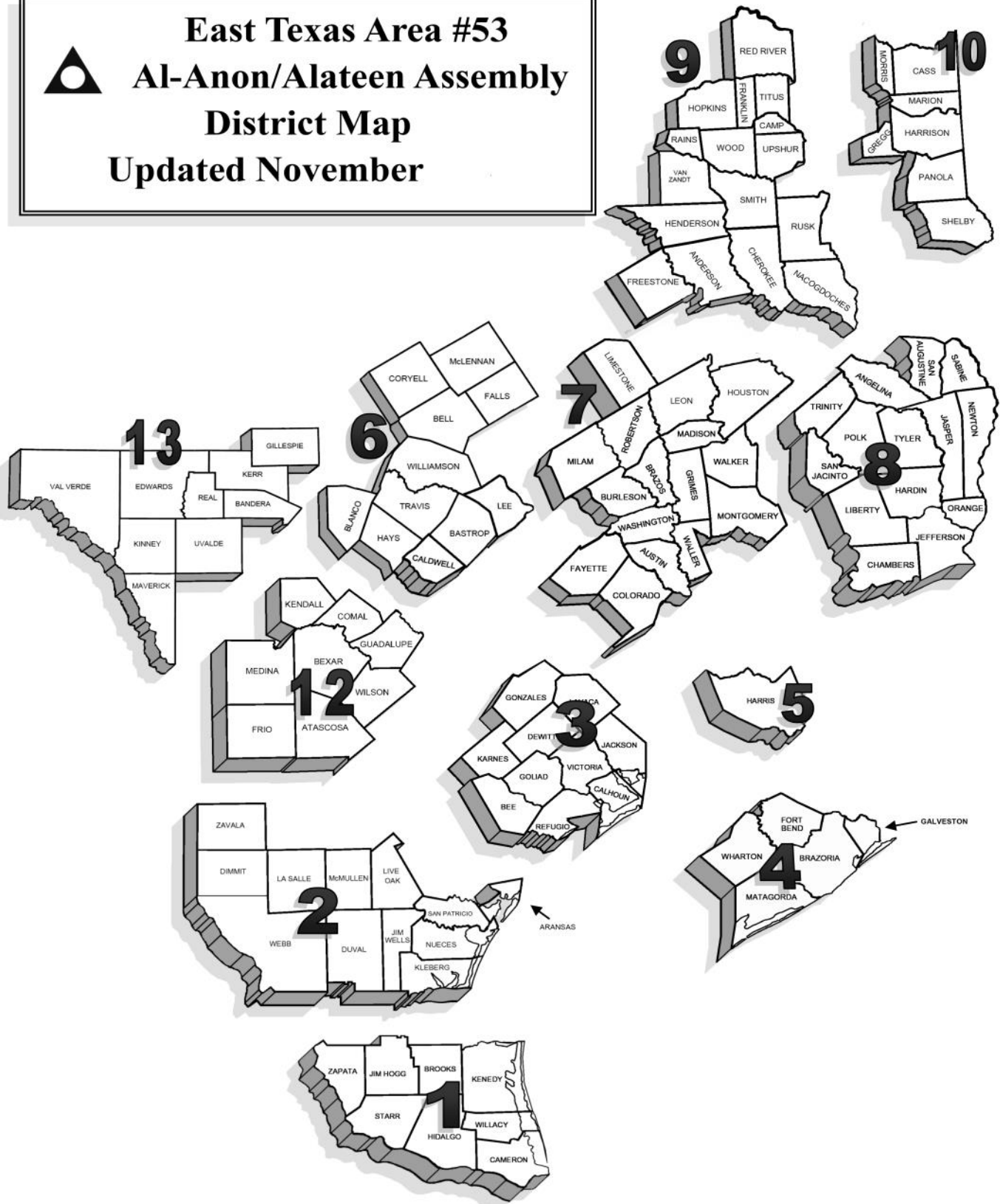
The hotel is allowing us to have our "hospitality room" with real food. The hotel is providing a \$12.50 Deli set up with Soup and Salad. There will be no evening banquet but we will have an Al-Anon Speaker Saturday evening.

Since we have only just begun we cannot give the registration fee but we felt like (along with the Area Chair) that the date, hotel and lunch fees needed to make it in this issue of *The Beacon*.

A registration flyer will be ready for the May 2021 Assembly.



East Texas Area #53
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Group Only: District # _____ Group # _____

Name of Group: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

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