

Texas East Area 53 Group Records Report – April 23, 2021

Let it Begin with Me

After hearing about misfires again and again, it is becoming very clear that newcomers to many Al-Anon meetings - especially during the pandemic - do not know how to access the meeting details they need to successfully attend.

Accordingly, we are highly recommending that, for all of the meetings that you personally attend (or used to attend), please Google "Al-Anon meeting near me," enter the day and city for your meeting and check out what your group's WSO listing looks like.

Meeting listings need to be as user-friendly as possible. We recommend that you put yourself in the newcomer or visitor's shoes and ask, "What information do I need?" For example,

- Where do I park?
- Where is the meeting room?
- Is the group still active?
- As a newcomer or observer, am I welcome?
- If the group is meeting on Zoom, how do I join in?
- When and if is the group going back to in-person meetings?
- How do I get ahold of someone if I have questions?

You can email me at grouprecordsarea53@gmail.com with any changes or you can submit them online [at https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/changes-existing-al-anon-group/](https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/changes-existing-al-anon-group/). Either way, they will be sent to me to enter. (At the above link, you have the option of typing in the changes or downloading a change form in PDF format.)

The area group records team now officially includes 2 assistants: Cathy M from District 6 and Laurie F from District 5. Thankfully, we are all working together to update group records to make them as accurate and newcomer-friendly as possible.

Thank you for listening!

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