

# THE BEACON

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

## A Message from the Chair ~ Paula H.

As we slowly begin to meet in person again, I am filled with much gratitude and joy as I reflect on how we have supported each other through these extremely difficult 15+ months. You, my Al-Anon family, have been there for me through challenging times, and your love and encouragement remind me why I do service work. It is because you have given me so much love that I want to return that love through giving in service to the fellowship.

Despite all the months of work it took to plan and hold the May 15 Assembly virtually, thanks to technology and to all of us working together, it was a successful Assembly with good attendance. A huge thank you to District 9 and to Natanya, Texas East Web-site Coordinator, for planning, posting information, coordinating, and getting the Assembly up and running! Thank you to all who submitted oral and written reports, and to everyone who attended the Assembly!

One of the items that the Group Representatives (GRs) voted on at the Spring Assembly was to make the Assembly Mentor position permanent. As per the Assembly Mentor guidelines, the Area Chair appoints the mentor, with input from the Area World Service Committee (AWSC). I have appointed Kay C. to be the Assembly Mentor for the next three years. Since Kay has been a Delegate, a Past Chair, has held many other service positions, and has planned many Assemblies and conferences, she will be an invaluable asset to the districts planning Assemblies. Thank you, Kay, for serving in this very important position.

Our next AWSC meeting is August 7th, in person, in Round Rock, with District 6 hosting. Planning has already begun. So far there are 9 topics for discussion: Cloud Based Storage, an Area Meeting List Publishing Policy, Assembly Host District Guidelines, Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Spanish Translation, Policies and Procedures Manual, Electronic Meetings, the possible need for a Tech Coordinator/Committee, an AWSC inventory, and a workshop on unifying large/rural areas. Some of these items could become business items that GRs have to discuss and vote on at the Fall Assembly in November. Stay tuned!

I hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and happy summer and that you are looking forward to many exciting fall activities. Please SAVE THE DATE for the Fall Assembly, November 12-13, 2021, in San Marcos, hosted by District 12. This will be our first face-to-face Assembly since November 2019! I will be so excited to see all of you there and to give and receive those wonderful Al-Anon hugs! It's going to be awesome!

Love in Al-Anon service, Paula H., TX East Area Chair Panel 61



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**AWSC Meeting**  
**August 6-7**  
**Round Rock, TX**

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

**Deadline for**  
**Submissions for**  
**the next issue of**  
***The Beacon***  
**October 1, 2021**

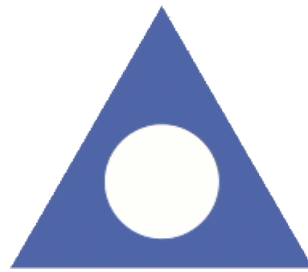
**Spring Assembly**  
**May 13-15, 2022**  
**Corpus Christi, TX**

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## **AREA CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Delegate Report ~ Mattie T.**

To the Texas East Area... Thank you so much for all the "Love Gifts," and a special thanks from the delegates that I sent them to—all of them said thank you so much! Also, thanks to everyone for remembering me while I was at the conference. For those that texted, called, emailed, sent cards and letters, and even a gift delivery—thank you very much for remembering me while I was at the conference, it meant a lot to me.

The title of this year's World Service Conference is, "Moving Forward With Unity, Courage and Perseverance." The reports that I am using to relay information to you are the 2020 World Service Office Annual Report, the 2021 Auditor's Report, and the 2021 Budget.

**World Service Office Annual Report:**

The Cost of Services per group does not include electronic meetings. The current number of electronic meetings at the end of 2020 was 386. From the end of 2020 to present, the number of electronic meetings is now over 700.

Website sessions increased: 3.5M in 2018; 4.2M in 2019; 4.9M in 2020. Face-to-face meeting searches declined for 2020. People contacting Information Services and the pandemic also affected the lower searches. Social media followers of Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc., are from Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn, and all increased from the year prior.

The Al-Anon Mobile App was created and rolled out in 2020, with 26,272 downloads so far. The app will be improving with upgrades this year, as one of the strategic initiatives carried from last year.

In Group Services, keeping within their delegated authority and responsibility by the Board of Trustees to review the Area Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements (ABSR) for the World Service Conference structure areas to ensure that they comply with the current Policy for Alateen, Al-Anon Policy does not currently permit the registration of permanent electronic Alateen meetings except as facilitated by WSO, given the current circumstances.

The total revenue for 2020 was \$5,566,276. Thank you from the World Service Office for all of your contributions in 2020! Texas East groups contributed to the WSO at an average contribution of \$202. Contributions for 2020 were \$3,295,720, which was a \$1,109,075 increase over 2019, or 51% increase over 2019. Literature sales for 2020 were \$1,846,492, which is a decrease of \$1,067,962 from 2019, or 36% down from 2019. The Contributions amount for 2020 exceeded Literature sales for the first time since 1954. Other areas of generated income include magazine sales, mobile app premium subscriptions, and investment income or loss.

Total Expenses categories include: salaries and associated

costs (payroll taxes and benefits); office expenses (postage, telephone, stationery and supplies, printing, Canadian office); occupancy; Public Service Announcements (PSAs); professional fees and travel; Conference costs (including interpretation); bank and credit card fees; Program Services \$2.6M (decreased 22% from 2019); Literature Distribution \$.9M (increased 5% from 2019); general administration \$1.5M (decreased 16% from 2019).

Information about the budget and deficit budget status for 2021... The Staff is super-thoughtful, and they make spiritual decisions when spending AFG monies. We need to take the message back to our groups and districts to please continue with the spirit of 'abundance' when giving to WSO, and to also think about the spiritual contributions that we will not ever be able to repay this fellowship for the benefits we have received. Please commit to contributing what you can!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TEXAS EAST GROUPS:**

2020- \$54,648

2019- \$49,104

\*ALL OTHERS (Texas East and Texas West, combined):

2020: \$70,884

2019: \$23,440

\* (Includes: individuals, AIS, LDC, & Area meetings)

**World Service Office – Copyrights & Trademarks:**

With the pandemic, this brought about increased trademark and copyright infringement activity across all electronic platforms. Most often, the infringement is by groups and individuals not understanding that permissions are required to use the Al-Anon name or distribute Al-Anon material. Members respond positively and quickly once informed.

The World Service Office now employs a new Legal Assistant, partnered with outside counsel, the Executive Director, educated staff at WSO, and WSO volunteers, to identify trademark and copyright infringements, empowering them to raise appropriate concerns at WSO.

There were 26 separate intellectual property violations across electronic platforms, including websites, meeting platforms, mobile apps, and an assortment of social media platforms. Infringement work continues as this is a valuable asset of our fellowship.

**World Service Office Information 2020-2021:**

Every year, the Board of Trustees and World Service Office approve new strategies and carry over

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strategies from previous years, if necessary. The strategies for 2021 are: upgrading the online store; enhanced premium content of the mobile app; evaluating how we can safely have Alateen present on the mobile app; updating and translating our Guidelines and improving availability of our Conference Approved Literature, globally.

At the April Board of Trustees meeting, it was decided to hold delegate information sessions before the Chairman of the Board (COB) letter was released. A lot of information from the conference will be included and the delegates also will have an opportunity to ask questions about anything that will be contained in the new COB letter. I also will have an opportunity to meet the new Trustee that is assigned to me for questions and concerns throughout the next year of this panel.

Something that was different this year at the conference... Vali F. introduced each of the WSO leadership team and told us their functions and gave updates. One of her primary goals as Executive Director is to continue to focus on recruiting and retaining the most talented professionals to meet the fellowship's needs.

At the World Service Office, the Digital Strategy Team is now the Brand Communications Team.

There will be an Outreach Professional position posted this year. We heard from Nikita W., who is the Director of Finance and Operations (DFO). She has 19 staff members on her team, handling everything from accounting, customer service, shipping, publications, translation, IT, and building operations. The DFO also serves on the Pension Committee, Audit Committee, and is on the Executive Committee for Real Property Management.

At the Conference, Nikita showed us what the new online store upgrade will look like! It is impressive, and also includes French and Spanish translations, as well. The online store will be accessible by iPhones, tablets, and laptops. Bookmarks, pamphlets, and group support products are all available. All products can be searched by topic—for example, 'Alateen,' 'parents,' 'grandparents,' 'essentials,' 'newcomer,' 'Alateen essentials,' etc.. There will be a Quick Order function and a way to make contributions much easier than before on the WSO website.

The hotel in New York for next year's Conference has been contracted! All of the delegates are excited we will meet face-to-face! Staff lunches are planned with a chance for any of the 45 individual staff at the World Service Office to participate. The lunches will recognize individual performance at the World Service Office position/contributions.

The LinkedIn networking platform is being used to get messages seen by professionals about AFG, Inc. It is evident that the strategy is working from the increased information requests from professionals.

Electronic newcomer information was launched in March of 2020. There have been at least 10,000 email requests, to date, for that information.

Al-Anon Members In Alateen Service (AMIAS) recertification is happening now, and is open until June 15th this year. Please contact our Area's Alateen Process Person (AAPP) for information.

Currently, the International Staff at the World Service Office supports 39 General Service Offices, 16 In-Country Offices, as well as 73 other countries that are being assisted by WSO. For the Euro Structure, video conferences and AFG Connects are being used.

A new Daily Reader is planned for delivery by the International Convention in 2023, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Three versions will be released—English, Spanish, and French. A new editor for *The Forum* was hired on March 1, 2021. Tom C. is happy about that, as he was doing his regular literature job, as well as that job.

Announcing the release of the Welcome Newcomer Pack, electronic version! Pamphlet eK-10 will be available in May 2021 at a cost of \$1.40 per copy. With Apple pricing being more, the cost per piece is \$1.99.

#### AFG Headquarters, Inc. Budget Report 2021:

Our Board Treasurer, Cindy M., extends a super-big thank you to all of the fellowship for the contributions last year. The Board wants the fellowship to know that in everything the Board of Trustees do, they thoughtfully and spiritually plan when spending the fellowship's money. The Finance Committee then reviews the expenses and income monthly, for status of income and spending of all items in the budget.

For 2021, it is hard for AFG, Inc. to plan for another record year of contributions like they had in 2020. There is a continued need for contributions as the pandemic is not over yet. There will still be declines in literature sales for 2021 because of the lack of face-to-face meetings returning.

WSO has filled all open positions to date, except for the Director of Programs position, due to retirement. That position should hopefully be announced sometime in July.

Travel for the World Service Office Staff ceased for 2020 and still has not resumed. Travel will not resume until the latter part of 2021, with two Zonal Meetings scheduled for September and October this year, and the Road

Trip planned for October in Cleveland, OH. Registration information for the Road Trip will be coming out in August, to the delegates, and I will distribute it then.

*Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* is now available year-round, with no date/year being printed on the cover. During the budget discussion, a question came up about the large amount of printing and postage used... the answer was that it is mainly due to the cost of *The Forum* magazine distribution.

#### Policy Book and Literature Changes:

*One Day at a Time (ODAT)* Daily Reader – In April of 1966, the World Service Conference approved the daily readings concept. In 1968, the *ODAT* was published. In 1978, WSC voted that the *ODAT* could not be changed without a 2/3 majority of conference. It's been 52 years later and the *ODAT* is still one of the top 5 best sellers. Recent concerns received by WSO is the non-inclusive language in the *ODAT*. A conference motion was approved to add a new introduction, so that all members of the fellowship can see and appreciate the book from its historical perspective.

*Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* – The intent of the book is to help the Al-Anon communicate with their spouse. It is dated by the use of old terms and refers to the alcoholic as always being the man in the relationship. The references to gender in the book are dated although the book is very helpful. The Conference voted to change the introduction of the book to reflect its historical value. There will be a "Book of Gems" published from this book to help with all relationships.

*Just For Tonight Alateen Bookmark* – The bookmark has been approved, in concept. It will be a relatively short time to publish because it's a lot smaller than CAL books or pamphlets.

There is a need for new Alateen literature, as it's been about 50 years since the last piece of new Alateen literature was published. There will be a request from WSO for Alateen personal sharings, soon. I will let you all know when that is.

The Alateen Preamble will be updated with the publication of the new Service Manual going to print sometime next year. It updates the language to more current language, including social media references. The changes will occur in the policy book first, and then flow to other CAL that has the Preamble in it.

The Housekeeping Motion passed.

#### More Information from the Conference:

As a result of a motion presented, and the three year trial period ending, French and Spanish language translation is now available. The cost is passed back to all

delegates through the equalized and full cost amounts.

Five Regional Committees on Trustees will be in place to review resumes for the US North Central, US Northeast, US Northwest, US Southeast, and Canada West Regions.

There were 12 international visitors at the conference from many different countries. Usually, we might have one or two guests each year when it's in person, but because it was virtual, that is the most international guests we have had to date.

#### Electronic Meetings are now Electronic Groups:

With the new information, I'm going to try to answer what the new policy means for Texas East and what we would do next. Knowing that we have a lot of time to work through the process, it's great for us to start now in planning the process. As delegate, I am making sure that Texas East is starting the conversation about admitting groups which are meeting only electronically. As your delegate, I am happy to be a part of the discussion at district meetings for full understanding by the Texas East fellowship.

The goal in mind is that Texas East has the process/procedure in place before next year's World Service Conference for accepting electronic groups into the Texas East service structure if necessary. We will walk forward with a Task Force; we want to keep Traditions One, Two, and Four in mind. Also, Concept Nine and Warranty Three of Concept Twelve can also be relevant and helpful.

This year, the World Service Conference approved transforming electronic meetings into electronic groups, with a path forward of accepting the groups into our service structure. Putting "First Things First", no decisions are being made immediately. Geographic Areas (like Texas East) have a year before the World Service Office can provide us with the opportunity to begin registering groups which only meet electronically.

We voted at the conference to accept electronic "groups" into our service structure. The anticipated timeline is that from the present time until March 2022, Areas will discuss whether and how they might accept groups which meet only electronically in their service structure—defining Area policies and procedures, if appropriate.

WSO will support the registered groups which meet only electronically (100% electronic) in the non-paneled area to elect Group Representatives, a temporary Chairperson, and eventually a Delegate. WSO will make changes to group forms, database systems, and

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the Online Group Records platform to enable Geographic Areas to welcome these new groups and begin maintaining their group records.

A lot of questions are already coming up about currently registered groups in Texas East that are meeting virtually because of the pandemic, and have decided it's not yet safe to return to a face-to-face environment (Temporary Electronic Meetings). There is currently no deadline to return imposed. Only when the group makes the decision to return will that be in effect. Remember though, that if you want to offer newcomers to attend, the AIS office is keeping a list of how to reach meetings virtually.

If your group decides not to return to face-to-face meetings, it will then become an Electronic Group, and our Group Records Coordinator will need to be notified. This would change the meeting information that is listed with the World Service Office. The group is already registered (previously as in-person), and is already part of the Texas East structure—and will remain there. When attending Area business meetings, Texas East would have to agree to accommodate your meeting's attendance electronically.

For New Electronic Groups and the current 700+ Electronic Groups that were already registered with only a Current Mailing Address contact, these groups will now be a part of the newly created Electronic Area that the World Service Office will assist in walking forward with the service structure process. The following list is questions that Texas East would think through in developing our Area's process, with regard to Electronic Groups.

1. What are the potential benefits of welcoming non-geographically based groups into our geographically based Area? What are the potential risks? Are there any options for overcoming the risks?
2. Groups which meet electronically often attract members who do not reside within the geographic boundaries of the Area. These members may be encouraged and willing to serve our groups, districts, and Area as trusted servants. What impact might this have on our District and Area service structure? What impact might this have on how our Area service responsibilities are fulfilled?
3. Groups which meet on electronic platforms and seek to participate in the local structure may have trusted servants who reside in different locations across the geographic Area. How would the Area determine in which district(s) these groups would participate?
4. How might Areas Assemblies and district meetings need to change to accommodate trusted servants living within and outside the Area? Would Areas

need new service roles to support groups which meet electronically? Why or why not? Are our groups willing to financially support additional Area service roles and/or technology?

5. Because Electronic Meetings were not a part of any service structure, some of their members may not have participated in district and area meetings. How might our Area welcome and support them? How might we help them understand the service structure in our Districts and Area? For example, are members willing to organize service workshops? Are members willing to act as Service Sponsors? What other kinds of support could our members provide? Are there any kinds of support which it would be wise for us not to provide?

The 2021 World Service Conference decision does NOT include preventing any groups already registered as face-to-face that have added an electronic platform for those who cannot or do not wish to attend in-person meetings (hybrid meetings). Groups which were meeting temporarily on electronic platforms due to the pandemic that choose to continue meeting using the hybrid approach once restrictions are lifted do not need to inform the WSO.

Areas can now register hybrid groups without violating Policy. However, the WSO Online Group Records does not currently have a spot for both virtual and physical information, and the WSO is looking at expanding the capability based on the experience and needs that will be expressed by Areas that have groups meeting in a hybrid manner. Groups temporarily meeting electronically that choose to stay fully electronic do not need to re-register. However, technical system limitations will preclude Area Group Record Coordinators and even the AFG Records Team from updating meeting location information for these groups through the Online Group Records application until the WSO Staff has completed the application development work.

There's so much great information here and just not enough time to present, so I look forward to posting questions for input from the groups and districts as well. I look forward to continuing to be your voice at the next World Service Conference.

#### Reminders:

- This year is the time to participate in the tri-annual Membership Survey. The total time to complete can take 10-20 minutes. Access is mentioned in the latest issue of *The Forum* and can also be found on the WSO website.
- This year, the survey includes a longitudinal study for Al-Anon recovery progress over a period of three to five years. You can opt in, and when you do, please commit to answer some questions annually, when noti-

fied by WSO. This will help the study be successful.

- Think about attending the International Convention in 2023. It's in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the hotel has already been contracted. The event is in the Convention Center.
- This year, Al-Anon is 70 years old, and the Virtual Anniversary Celebration is being held on July 10, 2021, at 1:00 pm, Central Standard Time. The sign-up information is in the newest edition of *The Forum*.

In love and service,  
Mattie Thomas  
Delegate Panel 61

### **Alternate Delegate ~ Lynn S.**

The 2021 Al-Anon Membership Survey is OPEN! And it is available in English, Spanish and French.

Let's talk about the Who, Why and How of this important survey...

Participation in Al-Anon surveys by all members, regardless of length of membership in the program, level of involvement in service work, or any other factor, is of the utmost importance in helping to develop and evaluate programs that will strengthen and grow the Al-Anon Family Groups.

Involvement in Al-Anon surveys is also considered service work and is greatly valued as we seek to reach out to those who are dealing with the effects of someone else's alcoholism but haven't yet found help in Al-Anon. Survey results are used in communicating with professionals who are in a position to refer patients and clients to Al-Anon. Results of surveys are also used to improve communication with the membership.

This survey has been conducted every three years since 1985. From time to time, the WSO is also approached by outside researchers who are requesting assistance in their research on friends and families of alcoholics. The WSO Policy Committee approved a procedure for determining whether Al-Anon cooperation in researchers' projects will benefit Al-Anon. The policy ensures that our cooperation with researchers complies fully with Al-Anon's Traditions Six (non-endorsement of outside enterprises), Eleven (public relations based on attraction rather than promotion), and Twelve (protection of anonymity). A copy of the Research Cooperation Policy can be found here: [https://al-anon.org/pdf/Researcher Cooperation Policy.pdf](https://al-anon.org/pdf/Researcher%20Cooperation%20Policy.pdf)

If you are 18+ you still have time to take the survey until July 27, 2021: [www.al-anon.org/membersurvey](http://www.al-anon.org/membersurvey)

### **Secretary's Report ~ Jennifer S.**

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### **Treasurer's Report ~ Myrthala C.**

It was good to see some of you at our Spring Assembly. I hope you are all enjoying the summer and staying safe.

The 2nd Quarter of the 2021 Financial Report is included in this issue of *The Beacon\**, listing current balances up to June 30, 2021.

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The Area received a refund in the amount of \$1517.35 from World Service Conference (WSC). The 2021 WSC was held virtually and the World Service Office (WSO) did not need the funds for the Conference. The WSO asked if the Area would consider contributing some or all of the \$1517.35 back to the WSO. The 2021 Equalized Expense for the 2021 WSC was budgeted as \$2000.00 and was also not used for our Area Delegate to attend the 2021 WSC, as this Conference was once again held virtually. During the Spring Assembly in 2021, it was brought to our attention that the 2020 Equalized Expense and the 2021 Equalized Expense were not used for face-to-face Conferences, and that the Area might consider contributing both unused Equalized Expense funds to WSO. This is how the motion was presented and passed by the Area GRs.

### **"To increase the Equalized Expense refund to donate \$3,500.00 to WSO."**

As the Area Treasurer, I have issued a check to AFG, Inc. as a contribution in the amount of \$3,500.00 to comply with the motion.

I am continuing to receive mail and contributions sent to the old address. The Post Office has been forwarding mail to the new address, but we run the risk that any correspondence and/or contributions may get lost in the mail. You can find the contribution slips listing the new address on the Al-Anon website.

Current mailing address:  
ETAAA // PO BOX 450675 // LAREDO, TX 78045

### **Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Carolyn F.** **Area Alateen Process Person ~ Ilene F.** *(Combined Report)*

A message to our fellow AMIAs...

It's been a privilege and honor getting to know so many dedicated servants. Thank you all for your efforts this Spring to be Re-certified as Alateen Sponsors. As we move forward to complete our new recertification this summer, we have been given time to reflect and recharge. Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

In Gratitude,  
Carol F., AAC  
Ilene F., AAPP



**Archives Coordinator ~ Lynn B.**

In early June, our Area's archives were partially transferred to Houston. Due to weather and space issues, some materials remained in San Antonio. I will be making arrangements to pick up the remaining tubs in the near future.

East Texas has certainly acquired lots of amazing pictures, documents and recordings of many members that were instrumental in the development of our current East Texas Area. It really was a thrill to see old pictures of some of our current active members.

Our immediate past Archives Coordinator, Patti W., really did quite a bit of work reorganizing the archives. A project was started to transfer old cassette recordings of speakers (including one of Lois) to CDs. The cassettes are quite old and I plan on continuing the work of preserving the recordings. I am not exactly sure as to the exact condition of all the cassettes, but I can tell you I am extremely excited to be able to listen to the voices from the past as I move them to CDs.

I really have only just begun to scratch the surface of what our Area has collected in its archives. As I am frequently told, more shall be revealed! And as it is, I will be sharing the treasures of our history with all of the area's members!

With love and in service,  
Lynn B.

**Group Records Coordinator ~ Peggy T.**

\* *The list maintained by the Area Group Records Coordinator is the WSO Database.*

Many groups are going back to the in-person meeting format. Some groups are starting to use both an electronic format and an in-person format for their meetings. This "hybrid" format can result in higher attendance since those members who are on vacation or otherwise not in the meeting vicinity can still attend.

So far, only one group in our area has notified Area Group Records that they are permanently switching to an electronic format. [Our delegate, Mattie T., is conducting an online discussion about electronic meetings on Friday, July 9 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.]

This is a very dynamic situation. Please keep in mind that newcomers and visitors to your group will not be aware of your group's changes unless you let them know by updating the WSO database, so the changes will show up in online public group searches. Also, if your group has a phone or contact list, it is a good idea to let previous attendees know directly of the group changes. Otherwise, members may show up to a meeting that is not available, which runs counter to our pur-

pose of "welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics."

One last bit of news... Rather than continuing to maintain their own local meeting lists, the largest districts and Al-Anon Information Service offices (AIS) in our area are moving instead toward linking only to the WSO database. They are doing so to alleviate the inaccuracies, confusion and duplicated efforts caused by asking members to provide updates for more than one list.

To make changes to your group information, please go to <https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/changes-existing-al-anon-group/> or email [GroupRecordsArea53@gmail.com](mailto:GroupRecordsArea53@gmail.com).

We are eager to hear from you! Thank you!

Love in service,  
Peggy T.  
Area Group Records Coordinator  
[GroupRecordsArea53@gmail.com](mailto:GroupRecordsArea53@gmail.com)

**The Forum ~ Lynn S.**

Guidelines for submitting photographs to *The Forum*

Besides articles, readers may also submit photos to *The Forum*. As with articles, the magazine cannot guarantee that photos submitted will be published. Here are a few things to consider when submitting a photo:

- Subject matter – The range of content in photos is wide in scope. Select any subject matter as long as it is appropriate.
- In keeping with Traditions Eleven and Twelve, please do not submit full face images of any Al-Anon or Alateen members.
- Avoid any images that relate to specific religions or other outside entities.
- Only submit photos with clear, non-grainy images.
- Indicate how you would like to be credited if your photo is used (e.g.: first name, last initial, and state or province; pseudonym; or "Anonymous.")
- You will receive a thank you letter or email once your submission is received.
- The magazine only accepts photos that are not yet copyrighted. Once the magazine receives photos, they become property of AFG, Inc.
- The World Service Office cannot guarantee publication of any submission, but if your photo is published, you will receive a complimentary copy of the issue in which it appears.

Send your photo to:  
*The Forum*  
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617



or  
[wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org) with "The Forum" in the Subject line  
or  
[al-anon.org/forumshare](http://al-anon.org/forumshare)

### **Literature Coordinator ~ Lynn S.**

A member asked: Could we make all pamphlets available for digital download?

From Associate Director – Literature: Tom C.

Thanks for your question about making all pamphlets available for digital download.

One of the WSO's goals is to eventually provide all of our literature in electronic format. The Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the Digital Strategy team are continuously and actively reviewing services to our fellowship. They are responsible for the prudent and strategic prioritization of our resources so that they are used wisely and in keeping with Tradition One and Warranty One, in the best interest of the fellowship as a whole. The books we currently have in electronic format were selected from among our best-selling print books, and yet at this point, sales of our electronic literature have remained minimal, even throughout the pandemic. We appreciate your patience as we work toward a solution that will satisfactorily bring the greatest good to the greatest number.

### **Newsletter Coordinator ~ Cyndie C.**

Hello! I hope everyone is doing well in the post-vaccine Covid world. Things are moving so quickly these days--I'm struggling to keep up! I'm still on the learning-curve rollercoaster, but I'm finding it easier to work through the process of putting the newsletter together.

An update about mail...

Just before the second quarter, the United States Postal Service updated the website portal that we use to mail out the newsletter. This has led to modifications in the way I am required to upload information and also in the way that the information is processed and output in their system. This has definitely led to a few bumps in the road. There were more returns than usual last quarter, and some newsletters took several weeks to arrive.

If you are having issues with receiving your newsletter, there are a couple things that you can do:

1 - Double-check your Current Mailing Address (CMA). You can make updates by:

- Contacting the Area's Group Records Coordinator
- Submitting changes to the World Service Office via the *Group Records Change Form* (GR-1)

2 - Contact me to let me know—I can try to track down the missing copy or try to send another!

As ever, many thanks to the following: Rene D. and Lynn S. for their continued support in my struggles with the newsletter; Peggy T. for her help with the updated mailing lists; Mary H. of the Seguin AFG, for being my sticker/labeling buddy; and my fellow members in service, for their continuing guidance and support. I am learning so much!

The next report submission deadline for *The Beacon* (fourth quarter) is Friday, October 1, 2021.

In gratitude and service,  
 Cyndie  
[beaconeditor9@gmail.com](mailto:beaconeditor9@gmail.com)

### **Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Pam J.**

Hello, fellow Texas East Area 53 members! My name is Pam J. and I am your newly elected Area Public Outreach Coordinator. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Much of my recovery is a result of the service positions I've held. I am so grateful for another opportunity to grow through service.

Since there are now some new District Public Outreach Coordinators I'd like to point out a couple of resources I found helpful while serving as the District 4 Public Outreach Coordinator:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/>  
 Here you will find "Materials to Post Online," "Public Media," "Professionals," "Institutions," "Road Signs," "Public Outreach Posters." Brand spankin' new posters have been developed by WSO. Click on the "Public Outreach Posters" button to see them. The graphics are very impactful and the WSO info is up to date. There is even space to add your own contact information.

<https://al-anon.org/pdf/TheBestPublicOutreach.pdf>  
 "The Best of Public Outreach, A How to Do It Service Manual" is a great resource to better understand what Al-Anon Public Outreach is. It also gives tons of ideas for bringing awareness of Al-Anon to those who haven't found us yet. Keep in mind that WSO has asked that we no longer contact TV and radio to ask them to air Al-Anon Public Service Announcements (PSAs). They have hired a service to do this all over the country. Stations prefer it this way instead of individuals contacting them.

I am in the process of connecting with the District POCs in TX East Area 53. I cannot wait to meet everyone! With things opening up, the opportunities to reach out to the public will open as well. Let's be ready to be the hand of Al-Anon that reaches out to those searching for help and hope.

ETAA Financial Report 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 3/31/21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 6/30/21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 9/30/21	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 12/31/21	Total YTD	2021 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Assembly Surplus</b>							
Fall 2020	768.34	672.70	0.00	0.00	1,441.04		
Spring 2021	768.34				768.34		
		672.70			672.70		
<b>Beacon Income</b>	30.00	30.00			60.00	200.00	(140.00)
<b>Contributions Income</b>	1,339.18	3,935.50			5,274.68	18,000.00	(12,725.32)
<b>Fall Gratitude Basket</b>					0.00		
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		1,517.35			1,517.35		
<b>Unallocated Funds from 2020</b>	768.34		0.00	0.00	0.00	12,300.00	12,300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	2,137.52	6,155.55	0.00	0.00	8,293.07	30,500.00	(22,206.93)
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>Travel / Expenses</b>	148.00	769.45	0.00	0.00	917.45	14,800.00	(13,882.55)
Alateen Coordinator					0.00	2,200.00	(2,200.00)
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Alateen Process Person		200.10			200.10	1,000.00	(799.90)
Alternate Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Archives					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Beacon Editor					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Chair		6.10			6.10	800.00	(793.90)
Delegate		290.39			290.39	1,100.00	(809.61)
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		272.86			272.86	500.00	(227.14)
<b>Other Expenses</b>	1,628.18	3,726.83	0.00	0.00	5,355.01	7,800.00	(2,444.99)
Beacon Publishing	722.55				722.55	3,300.00	(2,577.45)
Storage Unit for Archives	189.00	126.00			315.00	800.00	(485.00)
Web Hosting Fee					0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	15.00	3,533.95			3,548.95	100.00	3,448.95
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Transitional AWSC Meeting	701.63	66.88			768.51	3,000.00	(2,231.49)
<b>World Service Conference</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	(2,700.00)

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**Spanish Coordinator ~ Everica R.**

¡Saludos Zona 53 del Este de Texas!

Estos últimos meses han transcurrido tranquilos para mí. Lamentablemente, no pude estar presente en la Asamblea de Primavera, organizada por el Distrito 6. Muchas gracias a Myrthala C. por su ayuda al hacer el trabajo de interpretación ese día.

En cuanto al trabajo realizado, solo hice la traducción del volante para el registro de la Asamblea de Otoño. Y actualmente estoy traduciendo el acta de la Asamblea de Primavera. Además, el Distrito 6 solicitó servicios de interpretación para su próxima reunión de Distrito, yo no estaré disponible, pero una de los miembros del equipo de interpretación estará allí.

¡Estoy muy emocionada porque la próxima reunión del Comité de Servicio Mundial de Zona (CSMZ) y la Asamblea de Otoño serán presenciales! ¡Estoy lista para esas reuniones!

Sin más por ahora,

Evérica R.  
Coordinadora de Español

Greetings East Texas Area 53!

These last few months have passed quietly for me. Unfortunately, I was not able to be present at the Spring Assembly, organized by District 6. Thank you so much to Myrthala C. for her help in doing the interpretation work that day.

As for my current work, I completed the translation of the flyer for the Fall Assembly registration. I am currently translating the minutes of the Spring Assembly. Also, District 6 has requested interpretation services for their next District meeting. I will not be available, but one of the interpretation team members will be there.

I'm so excited that the next Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting and Fall Assembly will be face-to-face! I'm ready for those meetings!

Nothing more for now,

Evérica R.  
Spanish Coordinator

**Website Coordinator ~ Natanya A.**

*No Report*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**District 1~Veronica P.**

*No Report*

**District 2 ~ Ginny M.**

I hope everyone is staying cool this summer! Our next quarterly district meeting will be held July 17 via Zoom. District 2 currently has sixteen meetings on Zoom, eleven face-to-face meetings, and one hybrid meeting. We have enjoyed seeing each other at the in-person meetings and feel things are starting to get back to normal. We are still struggling to get GRs for all of our groups. We certified (8) AMIASs from District 2 and look forward to getting our Alateen program back in action.

District 2 is the Host District for the 2022 Spring Assembly, May 13-15, 2022, which will be held here in Corpus Christi. Our planning is underway. We have gotten several committee chairs filled. As the chair of the HDC, I contacted various hotels and received proposals. It was decided to go with the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina and the proposal has been signed. We are waiting to hear from Mattie what the Board of Trustees decides as far as the theme for the 2022 WSC and plan to use that same theme for the Spring Assembly. We are in the process of requesting the seed money and opening a post office box and a bank account for the Spring Assembly. We currently plan on having a pre-registration table available at the Fall Assembly in San Marcos, so please look for us there, and we hope to see all of you at the beach in Corpus Christi next spring!

**District 3 ~ Susan J.**

*No Report*

**District 4 ~ Margaret F.**

Time flies – it has been a busy couple of months. I hope everyone is getting used to the good old Texas heat. District 4 held their Group Representative meeting face-to-face on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It was really good to see everyone. Fourteen people attended, with 8 GRs. Lots of information was shared.

Joyce Y., Archivist, asked each GR to send their information regarding the way meetings were held during the pandemic. Sheri D., Public Outreach, shared her experience at a rehab center. Alateen training went well, with 3 recertifications and 3 new certifications from District 5. District 4 has only one active Alateen group at this time.

A birthday basket of more than \$200.00 was collected and will be sent as a contribution to WSO.

A discussion regarding the retention of the district's financial records was tabled until more information is obtained. Surveys for the Area were passed out to be returned to me. Most were returned, as well as some from groups that did not attend the meeting.

District 4 will be hosting the Fall Assembly in 2022, with District 3's support. Ideas were put forth and several people volunteered to chair a committee. A location has been chosen. We are on our way – so be ready to join us.

All in all, District 4 is doing very well, with a lot more communication and people stepping up.

Let It Begin with Me!

A trusted servant,  
Margaret F.

#### **District 5 ~ Heather N.**

*No Report*

#### **District 6 ~ Anna A.**

Greetings from District 6. I hope everyone is staying cool and enjoying summer holidays. We have a lot to be grateful for in our district, not the least of which is getting back to face-to-face group meetings with real-life hugs. It's been wonderful to reconnect with each other. Other upcoming events and district initiatives include:

#### **Events**

- District Meeting on July 17 – It will be virtual, as voted on by the GRs during our April meeting. Our GRs have embraced virtual business meetings and have decided to stick with them for the remainder of 2021.
- AWSC Meeting on August 7 – District 6 will be hosting this business meeting at the Wingate by Wyndham in Round Rock, TX, which is just north of Austin. We're looking forward to welcoming AWSC members to Central Texas.

#### **District Initiatives**

- Group Records Changes – With several groups resuming face-to-face meetings, our District Records Coordinator has been busy making group records updates, including changes to Zoom connection information and meeting cancellations/re-openings to the WSO database. District 6 has been working closely with Area Group Record Coordinator, Peggy T., to update our group records and meeting information with WSO and make the WSO meeting list the primary location to find meetings within the district. We're also working with the Austin Information Center to remove their meeting lists and simply link to the WSO meeting list.
- Visiting Group Meetings – Our Alternate DR and I

are beginning to contact the 83 groups within District 6 about visiting their meetings. This is an exciting venture, and I'm looking forward to meeting many more folks in our district.

- ETAAA Spring 2023 Host Committee – District 6 will be the host district for the 2023 ETAA Spring Assembly. We've begun looking at hotels for a venue and have been in contact with new Assembly Mentor, Kay C. It may seem early to already be working on this, but since 2023 will be upon us before we know it, we're trying to treat this as a marathon and not a sprint.

I want to thank all the officers, coordinators, and volunteers in District 6 for their service work. I continue to be humbled and honored to represent this district.

In grateful service,  
Anna A., DR

#### **District 7 ~ Allyn D.**

District 7 will hold its first in-person business meeting in a year (yay!) on Saturday, July 17, at 9:30 am, at the Dobbin Community Center in Montgomery. We will continue to have an online option for GRs to attend.

In general, District 7 fared well during the pandemic. A couple groups went inactive, but hopefully will return to active status in the coming months. Many D7 groups are returning to in-person, venue permitting, and a good percentage of those are now hybrid, choosing to retain an online aspect. In addition, we have three new meetings! Welcome to Let Go and Grow AFG in Brookshire (Sunday 3:30pm), Magnolia AFG in Magnolia (Monday 10:00am), and Steppin 2 Recovery AFG in The Woodlands (Tues. 7:00pm).

District 7 is collaborating with the Houston AIS (Intergroup) Board and staff to hold a Book and Bake Sale in Bryan this fall. We are currently determining a place and a non-football weekend. This will be an important opportunity for Intergroup and D7 to connect and support one another. I am grateful for the willingness of the Bryan groups and District 7 members to support it. Watch for details to come.

In grateful service,  
Allyn

#### **District 8 ~ Nina W.**

Greetings from District 8!

We will have our first face-to face District meeting July 24 at 10:30, after the AIS meeting at 9am. All are encouraged to attend, as we have several things to discuss, including the upcoming Concepts Workshop event. This will most likely be held sometime next year.

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We are still holding some electronic meetings in our district and several face-to-face meetings that were previously temporary electronic meetings. This is very hopeful, as we are seeing more attendance at the face-to-face meetings.

I will be reaching out to the groups and asking for updated information, since we are on this side of Covid. I'm looking forward to meeting with the groups in our district.

Sincerely,  
Nina W.

#### **District 9 ~ DebiSu Y.**

As we are coming out of the Covid haze, more and more of our groups are going from electronic meetings to face-to-face. Some are still offering hybrid versions of face-to-face and electronic meetings. And we do have good news: we have a new group! Sad to say, one group has disbanded and did not make it through this challenge. Many groups are seeing a bit less attendance than pre-Covid numbers, but the general feeling is that people are gradually feeling safe enough to attend again in person.

Our big news is that we were able to support the May Assembly with success! Moving to an electronic format was challenging, but we did it! Over 156 people registered online and donations were generous. We returned the seed money which the area provided plus \$730 in final contributions.

I want to thank the following people for supporting District 9 as we navigated uncertain waters: Lynn S.--our mentor, hand-holder, educator, inspiration; Paula H.--our new ETAAA Chair who has been so patient with our learning curve, and helping us make helpful connections; Natanya A.--the electronic guru who has served far and above the job requirements of Website Coordinator; and Kurt N., who hung in there with us when he saw how computer illiterate we were. To the District 10 Host Committee members who held our hands and shared their experience, strength, and hope concerning their assembly--thank you. Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank the 21 folks from District 9, who served on the original Host Committee and worked hard in areas that did not come to fruition, due to the fact that we changed from the face-to-face format. To those District 9 folks who continued to work in Zoom planning--thank you for hanging in there! You cannot know how grateful I am for you.

There is just one other person I'd like to thank: Diane B., South Central Regional Trustee, for agreeing to give

the first-ever Zoom Assembly talk. She had committed to us in our initial planning and accepted the challenge of sharing her thoughts after we moved to Zoom. Many came back after the Assembly and closed out the day with her inspiration.

District 9 is alive and well and we look forward to a bright future!

Respectfully submitted,  
DebiSu Y.

#### **District 10 ~ Martha R.**

Hello everyone!

We had our first in-person district meeting. We were very active in discussions about our needs to get groups going again. I would really encourage those groups that have no Group Representative to ask again and obtain one. I am still making rounds so all can let me know what, if any, needs that I can help with in order to have successful meetings.

#### **District 12 ~ Lynn S.**

Since District 12's last meeting in April, the ETAAA Assembly Host Committee has been meeting and planning the 2021 Fall Assembly for November 12 and 13, 2021, in San Marcos, Texas.

At the time of our initial search for a hotel that would be open to providing both lodging and meeting space for a person-to-person event, many hotels were not open to meet the needs that the Assembly would require.

The Holiday Inn & Convention Center of San Marcos was willing and able to accommodate our needs but was only available for Friday and Saturday, due to a contract with another event that Sunday morning.

As Al-Anon members like to shop, our thinking was this could be an opportunity to go across I-35 and check out the outlet malls before heading home on Sunday.

The hotel has blocked ten King and twenty-five Queen rooms at \$84.00 +tax, per night. Ask for 'Block Code ETA' to be guaranteed this rate. Please make your reservation by November 1, 2021. For those who are attending your first ETAAA Assembly, you will make your own hotel reservation. (See the hotel information on the Assembly registration form in this issue of *The Beacon*.)

Both the Assembly Registration table and the Hospitality Room will open Friday, at 4:00 p.m. More information for the Friday evening program and meetings will be announced after the August 7th AWSC meeting.

To help the GRs with time for lunch on Saturday, we have requested a lunch menu of a deli setup with soup and salad for \$12.50. Available options are: homemade chicken & rice soup, broccoli & cheese soup, Sonoma chicken salad, BLT club, turkey & Swiss sandwich, and Caprese sub. Please reserve your lunch on your registration form.

Saturday evening, dinner is on our own, but District 12 will be hosting Al-Anon speaker, Stephanie B. from Granite Shoals, Texas. (Time to be announced.)

Please help the Host Committee, Area Officers, and Coordinators to prepare for a successful and informed Assembly for our Area Trusted Servants by submitting your registration form and check (made payable to District 12 ETAAA) by November 1, 2021.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this Fall.

Lynn S.

#### **District 13 ~ Sarah W.**

District 13 looks forward to supporting District 12 for the Fall Assembly. Needs are coming together and volunteers are soon to follow. We'll see you all in November!

### **AIS LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Austin AIS ~ Position Vacant**

*No Report*

#### **Beaumont AIS ~ Barbara G.**

The Beaumont AIS board meeting was held on April 17, on Zoom. We elected new board members and officers. Finances continue to be our primary concern as our sales remain down, due to the pandemic. We operate on a 'shoestring' budget, and have been thankful for some individual donations. We discussed, then voted on our budget. We continue to make plans for an online bookstore to help boost our finances.

Our office manager has resigned, and since we are currently open only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we are looking for someone just a few hours a week. Needless to say, we continue to look for volunteers. Our 24-hour hotline is working well since it was reorganized, and all telephone volunteers have been assigned well in advance. Because we cover the hotline for 5 days, we know the schedule well in advance, and have contact information of the other volunteers so changes can be made.

I hope to see you all face-to-face at the Fall Assembly.

Barbara G.

#### **Houston AIS ~ Joyce Y.**

Houston Al-Anon Information Service/Literature Distribution Center (AIS/LDS) opened for in-person/foot traffic business on June 1. Beginning July 1, new hours for the office will be Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 3 pm. A special thank you to the Al-Anon communities in Districts 4, 5, and 7, for your support of the Houston AIS in continuing to carry the message of Al-Anon.

'Bloom Where You Are Planted' is the theme for the Face-to-Face Fundraiser for Houston AIS, which is virtual (via Zoom). It is scheduled for Saturday, July 17th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There is no fee for registration, but donations are always welcome. For a flyer, Zoom information, and registration information, see:

<https://www.houstonalanon.org/newsletter-events/event/272-2021-intergroup-face-to-face-via-zoom.html>

Other upcoming events:

HAIS Board virtual meeting – July 25, 2:00 to 3:30 pm

HAIS Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) virtual meeting – July 25, 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Thank you to the Houston Intergroup for allowing me to serve as Houston AIS Liaison (AISL) as the communication link between the AIS and the East Texas Area Assembly/Area World Service Committee. Service = Gratitude in Action.

Joyce Y.

*Concept 4 – Participation is the key to harmony.*

#### **San Antonio AIS ~ Dolores W.**

*No Report*

#### **Intergrupo Hispana De Houston ~ Nora F.**

*No Report*

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **Audit Committee Report**

Audit Committee Members:

Margaret F., Joyce Y., Lynn B.

Submitted – 6/29/2021

The Audit Committee will conduct an audit of financial records for the period ending 12/2020, the weekend of the AWSC meeting. A report of results will be provided prior to the November 2021 AWSC/Assembly. Myrthala C., current Area Treasurer, reported that financial tax reports and the paperwork to maintain the ETAAA's non-profit status have been filed.



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### **Task Force Report**

Area Meeting List Publishing Policy Task Force  
Members: Anna A. (Chair); Ginny M., Martha R.

There are many unknowns surrounding this issue, with the primary question being: 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?

### **Background:**

A Thought Force previously assessed this issue. The charge for that Thought Force was: "Does our Area want or need, based on the four Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) questions, to go forward with a Task Force to establish fair and balanced "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies that are founded on the spiritual principles of Al-Anon's three Legacies.

The Thought Force recommended 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 related to the four KBDM questions.

### **Charge for the Task Force:**

- To develop an online survey to go to the District Representatives and to be shared with the groups to gather more information related to the four Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) questions;
- To present the results of this survey at the stand-alone August or September 2021 AWSC meeting; and
- To make recommendations to the AWSC on how to proceed, based on the results of the survey.

### **Current Status:**

Survey questions were developed and distributed in May 2021. The DRs were provided a survey to get input from the GRs in their districts. The DRs were then asked to summarize the responses to these survey questions and fill out a separate electronic survey with questions geared toward the districts. The responses from the DRs are currently being summarized and will be placed in a presentation format. The Task Force will meet again prior to the August 7th AWSC Meeting to assess the survey results and develop possible recommendations to the AWSC.



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**Aviso de Alateen:** Al registrarse, todos los Alateen deben entregar las formas de las Guías de Comportamiento de ETAAA completadas y estar acompañado por un adulto registrado. Los formularios médicos y de permiso notarial deben conservarse por el adulto responsable y registrado. Los formularios se pueden encontrar en el Sitio Web del Este de Texas: [Texas-al-anon.org](http://Texas-al-anon.org)

# Removing Our Masks



**2021 ETAAA Fall Assembly**  
 November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**Holiday Inn & Convention Center**  
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## Saturday night Speaker: Stephanie B., Granite Shoals, Tx.

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- Rooms are blocked for both Friday and Saturday night

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

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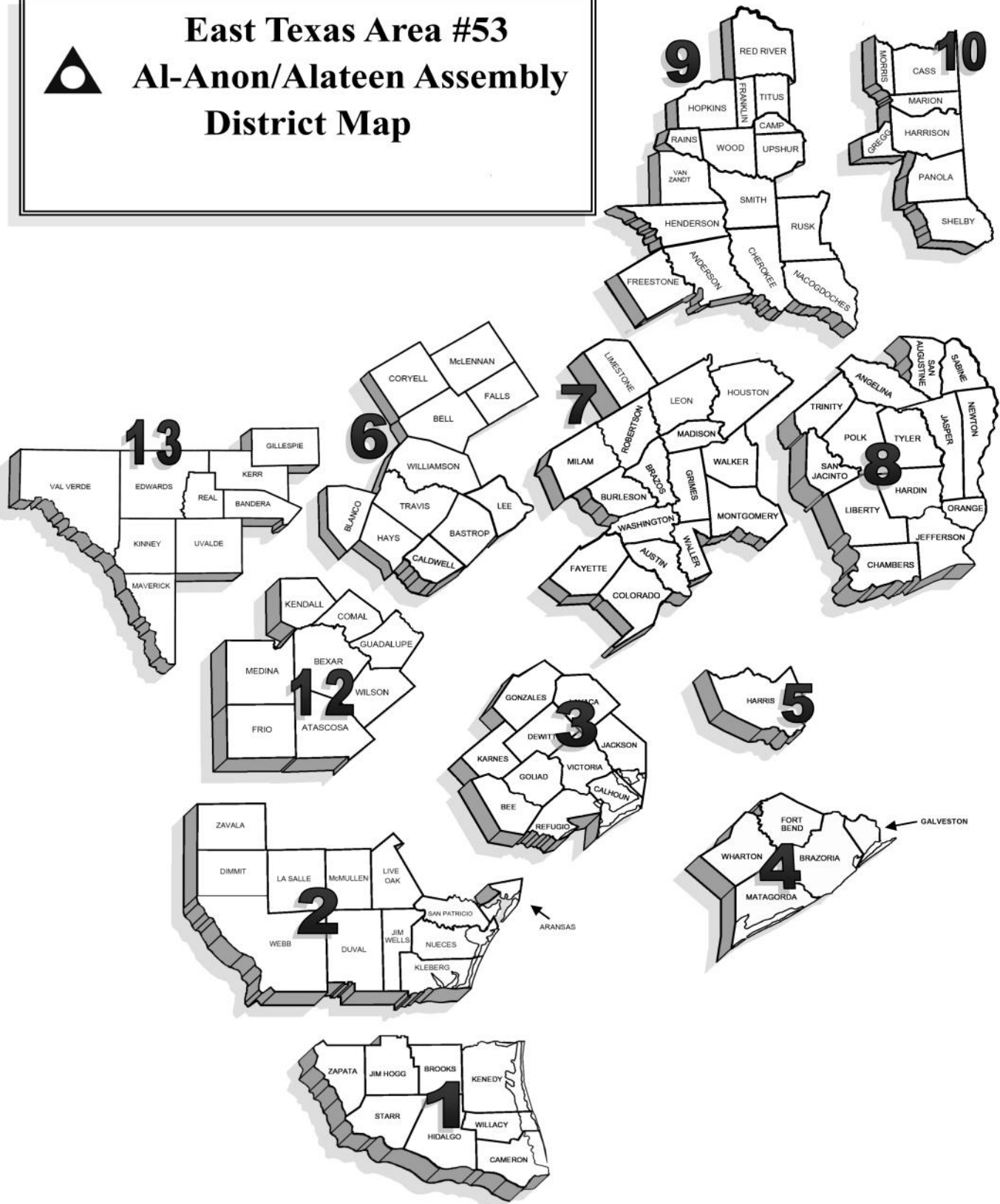
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 Deb A. [beachbumsdr@mindspring.com](mailto:beachbumsdr@mindspring.com)

**Alateen Notice:** When registering, all Alateens should turn in a completed ETAAA Behavioral Guidelines form and be accompanied by a registered adult. Notarized Permission and Medical forms are to be kept by the responsible, registered adult. Forms can be located on East Texas Website: [Texas-al-anon.org](http://Texas-al-anon.org)



# East Texas Area #53 Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly District Map





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- \* Contact the Area Group Records Coordinator

**Personal Only:** ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Address Change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Only:** District # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_