

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Paula H.

Happy New Year, East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen members! May 2022 bring you many blessings of health, happiness, peace, serenity, and recovery in the program!

I regret that I had to miss the November Assembly in San Marcos, but I heard many exciting things about the weekend. Thank you so much to Lynn S. and District 12 for hosting and to Sarah W. and District 13 for your support! I heard many happy reports of much needed hugs, fun, laughter, and an awesome raffle! Thank you so much to Kay C. for facilitating as Chair and to Joyce Y. for acting as temporary Secretary; this is truly a "we" program!!! Congratulations to Mandy T. for being elected as our new Area Secretary; I know she will do an amazing job! Many thanks to all who attended as well! I cannot wait to see everyone in Corpus Christi in May, 2022!

Our next Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting will be held January 29, 2022 in Dobbin, TX, at the Dobbin Community Center beginning at 10 am. All Al-Anon members are welcome to attend; Al-Anon members who are not part of the AWSC have no voice or vote, but attending an AWSC meeting is a great way to know what happens at the AWSC meetings, and it might encourage someone to get involved in Al-Anon service beyond the group level! District 7 has graciously agreed to host the meeting; thank you Allyn D. and District 7! So far these are the items of business that will be discussed: 1. Final recommendations for Cloud Based Storage; 2. Discussion of Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines; 3. Audit Committee presentation; 4. Electronic Meeting Work Group Update; 5. Discussion of a workshop on unifying large/rural areas; 6. Possible temporary appointment of an Area Group Records' Coordinator; 7. Discussion on how groups are assigned to Districts.

Please encourage your group members to read The Beacon. It is the best way to stay informed of the many important activities and upcoming events that are happening in our Area. Each group receives a paper copy, and an electronic copy is posted on the Texas East website, www.texas-al-anon.org. Service in Texas East is alive and well, and I am honored to be of service in such an outstanding Area.

Finally, I wish to express my extreme gratitude for all the cards, emails, prayers, love, and gifts that I received before and after my cancer surgery. Your concern and support has made a positive difference! I appreciate all of you very much, and I can't wait to be with you in person again!

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

AWSC Q1 Meeting
Jan. 29 2022
Dobbin, TX

ATAAC
Feb. 18-20 2022
Fort Worth, TX

**28th Annual
P.O.S.S.E. Roundup**
March 18-20, 2022
Gonzales, TX

**Submission Deadline
for The Beacon**
April 1, 2022

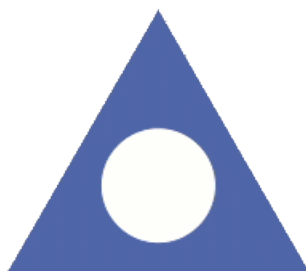
Spring Assembly
May 13-15, 2022
Corpus Christi, TX

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Delegate Report ~ Mattie T.

As this year comes to an end, I want to take a moment and wish each of you joyous holidays and blessings for 2022.

I thank you for the confidence you all have entrusted in me to represent our Area. This first year was very challenging for me but with the help of many trusted servants (past delegates) and many of you, I was able to be present each and every time I was called upon.

I want to take a moment to reflect on the challenges we have overcome as an Area:

1. Coming together for the face-to-face AWSC meeting after being in quarantine for the past 18 months in August 2021 and learning the true meaning of how much we need each other in our journey of recovery.
2. We celebrated Al-Anon's 70th Anniversary with the past delegates in October 2021 and added a new journal to the Area Archives.
3. The November 2021 Fall Assembly meeting of all the members who attended and the hugs and laughter for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. I had the pleasure to visit Districts 4 and 12 this year, and it was wonderful to visit a face-to-face District meeting and connect with the DRs, GRs and other members of our fellowship. If you are meeting face-to-face, I am available to visit your District.
5. Over the years many Al-Anon Information Services have contacted the WSO inquiring about the availability of Al-Anon meetings for the hearing-impaired community. It is with great excitement that we announce that the World Service Office has registered its first American Sign Language electronic Al-Anon meeting on the Zoom platform. The meeting is accessed on the al-anon.org website under Al-Anon Electronic Meetings; adjust the filter under Language to "American Sign Language (ASL)" and the meeting information is listed.

In a time when we are facing so many changes, online meetings, back to face-to-face meetings and fear of when, how and who, we realize that our Higher Power is still in charge. This is truly a "We" program and we need it now more than ever, the kindness and inclusion goes a long way

Now for some WSO updates: The WSO Board of Trustees (BOT) issued a 3rd Quarter Chairman's letter and Financial Update, which is on the WSO website, al-anon.org. Please take a few minutes to read about what is happening at WSO and the financial strains of our organization.

The 2022 WSC will be held April 26-30, 2022, at the Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Job Opening: Program Specialist (Spanish) - Email resume with cover letter to HumanRes@al-anon.org. Cover letter or resume should include the following information bulleted below.

- When did your membership begin?
- What groups have you/ are attending?
- What service positions have you held (with dates)?

Are you ready for the next level of Service?

Executive Committee – the deadline for submitting a resume as an At-Large member of the Executive Committee is January 1, 2022.

The term for At-Large members of the Executive Committee is one year. If you feel you possess the skill sets and you have time to serve, please consider submitting a resume as an At-Large member. The duties and responsibilities of this Committee can be found under Concept Eight in the 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) version 2. Additional information along with the electronic resume can be found at:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/volunteers/executive-committee/>

Save The Date: Al-Anon's International Convention with A.A. Participation

June 29 - July 2, 2023

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Finally, thanks to each of you for your Al-Anon service. Together we can make it!

Mattie T.

Delegate Panel 61

Texas East

Ahora que este año llega a su fin, quiero tomarme un momento y desearles a cada uno de ustedes unas felices fiestas y bendiciones para el 2022.

Les agradezco la confianza que todos han depositado en mí para representar a nuestra Zona. Este primer año fue muy desafiante para mí, pero con la ayuda de muchos servidores de confianza (Delegados anteriores) y muchos de ustedes, pude estar presente cada vez que me llamaron.

Quiero tomarme un momento para reflexionar sobre los desafíos que hemos superado como Zona:

1. Reunirnos para la reunión presencial de CSMZ después de estar en cuarentena durante los últimos 18 meses en agosto de 2021 y aprender el verdadero significado de cuánto nos necesitamos mutuamente en nuestro viaje de recuperación.
2. Celebramos el 70 aniversario de Al-Anon con los delegados anteriores en octubre de 2021 y agregamos una nueva revista a los Archivos de la Zona.
3. La Asamblea de Otoño de noviembre de 2021 reuniendo a todos los miembros que asistieron y los abrazos y las risas por primera vez desde la pandemia de Covid-19.
4. Tuve el placer de visitar los Distritos 4 y 12 este año y fue maravilloso visitar una reunión de Distrito presencial y conectarme con los RD, RG y otros miembros de nuestra hermandad. Si ustedes se reúnen presencialmente, estoy disponible para visitar su distrito.
5. A lo largo de los años, muchos Servicios de Información de Al-Anon se han puesto en contacto con la OSM para preguntar sobre la disponibilidad de reuniones de Al-Anon para la comunidad con problemas de audición. Con gran entusiasmo anunciamos que la Oficina de Servicio Mundial ha registrado su primera reunión electrónica de Al-Anon en Lenguaje de Señas estadounidense en la plataforma Zoom. Se accede a la reunión en el sitio web Al-anon.org bajo Al-Anon Electronic Meetings; Filtre debajo del Idioma a "Lenguaje de señas estadounidense"

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(ASL)" y la información de la reunión está en la lista.

En un tiempo en el que nos enfrentamos a tantos cambios, reuniones en línea, regresar a reuniones presenciales y miedo de cuándo, cómo y quién, nos damos cuenta de que nuestro Poder Superior todavía está a cargo. Este es verdaderamente un programa de "Nosotros" y lo necesitamos ahora más que nunca, la amabilidad y la inclusión son de gran ayuda.

Ahora para algunas actualizaciones de la OSM:

La Junta de Administradores de la OSM (JDA) emitió una carta del presidente del Tercer Trimestre y una Actualización Financiera, que se encuentra en el sitio web de la OSM, al-anon.org. Por favor, tómese unos minutos para leer sobre lo que está sucediendo en la OSM y las tensiones financieras de nuestra organización.

La CSM 2022 se llevará a cabo del 26 al 30 de abril de 2022 en el Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Puesto vacante: Especialista en programas (español) – Enviar Curriculum Vitae por correo electrónico con carta de presentación a HumanRes@al-anon.org. La carta de presentación o el currículum deben incluir la siguiente información que se enumera a continuación:

- ¿Cuándo comenzó su membresía?
- ¿A qué grupos ha asistido / asiste?
- ¿Qué puestos de servicio ha ocupado (con fechas)?

¿Está listo para el siguiente nivel de servicio?

Comité Ejecutivo: la fecha límite para enviar un currículum como miembro en general del Comité Ejecutivo es el 1 de enero de 2022. El período para los miembros en general del Comité Ejecutivo es de un año. Si cree que posee las habilidades requeridas y tiene tiempo para servir, considere enviar un currículum como miembro en general. Los deberes y responsabilidades de este Comité se pueden encontrar en el Concepto Ocho en el Manual de Servicio de Al-Anon y Alateen 2018-202 (P-24/27) versión 2. Se puede encontrar información adicional junto con el currículum electrónico en:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/volunteers/executive-committee/>

Reserva la fecha: Convención Internacional de Al-Anon con participación de A.A.

29 de junio - 2 de julio de 2023

Albuquerque, Nuevo México

Finalmente, gracias a cada uno de ustedes por su servicio en Al-Anon. ¡Juntos podemos lograrlo!

Mattie T.

Delegada del Panel 61

Este de Texas

Alternate Delegate ~ Lynn S.

Happy New Year Texas East!

Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses (B-29) Now an e-Book

Grief and loss affect almost every aspect of living with or hav-

ing lived with alcoholism. In *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29), members share how they have learned to acknowledge and accept these losses with the help of Al-Anon Family Groups. *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* can now be purchased in softcover or as an e-book. More exciting news: the audiobook is coming soon. Visit the Al-Anon online store for pricing and links to e-book vendors.

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

Policy Book and Literature Changes:

One Day at a Time (B-6) Reader – April 1966 the World Service Conference (WSC) 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 the World Service Office (WSO) is the non-inclusive language in the *ODAT*. Conference motion was approved to put 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 (B-4) – Book is dated and the intent of the book is to help the Al-Anon communicate with their spouse. The use of old terms like the alcoholic always referred to as the man in the relationship. The references to gender in the book are dated although the book is very helpful. Conference voted to change the introduction of the book to reflect its historical value and there will be a "Book of Gems" published from this book to help with all relationships.

The Forum is in serious need of member sharings! Please consider writing and submitting a sharing to The Forum yourselves. Likewise, please communicate through the links of service that member sharings are needed. If you hear a meaningful sharing at a meeting, consider asking the sharer to write it out and send it in. If you know someone with a powerful recovery experience or a newcomer who is latching onto the program and seeing changes in his or her life, encourage that person to share about it in writing. Consider asking the GRs in your Area to print copies of *The Forum Writing Guide* (F-1) and distribute them to group members. Pass the word that anyone can go to al-anon.org/forumshare to access *The Forum Writing Guide* (F-1) and the online submission form to submit electronically. Not all sharings received are publishable, for a variety of reasons, but many are. And all sharings are received with respect and gratitude as acts of service to our fellowship, whether they are published or not. **Thank you so much for helping spread the word that The Forum needs written sharings from our members!** (Note: If you've had a sharing or photo published in *The Forum*, please send me an email (altdeltxepanel61@reagan.com) so that I can acknowledge you, and we can all celebrate and be inspired by your service.)

Sneak Peek for January

Look forward in the January issue to an Instant Meeting on coming to terms with the past; an application of Steps Two,

Three, Six, and Seven that one member calls "the willingness package"; a CAL Corner on *How Al-Anon Works* (B-32); an inspiring reflection on nine-plus years of service from an Alateen Group Sponsor; a member's heart-wrenching struggle to let go of children and a grandchild; how online meetings helped an introverted newcomer connect with people and rediscover joy; bittersweet memories of one member's sister, even as their relationship changed due to alcoholism; the importance of "trust" to the personal recovery of the Conference Chair; and much more!

Secretary's Report ~ Mandy T.

No Report

Treasurer's Report ~ Myrthala C.

Well, it was that time once again to review our budget during the Fall Assembly. In this 2022 Proposed budget all income and expenses for 2018-2021 were presented in the Financial History, as this made the checkbook balance make more sense. As a result of meeting virtually in the past two years for AWSC and Assembly meetings, there was a decrease in the amount of revenue received. The loss in revenue offset the drop in expenses too. Therefore, we now have a healthy reserve.

Members were informed that the current checking balance presented did not include the upcoming expenses for the end of 2021, which includes expenses from the Fall Assembly for officers/coordinators, seed money for the 2022 Spring Assembly, and paying the Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC.

The 2022 Proposed Budget was approved as presented. Also, approved was the mileage rate—to be increased from \$0.33 to \$0.40 per mile.

The Gratitude Basket was passed, and \$828.36 was contributed. It was suggested that members give the amount which represents their years in recovery. The amount contributed during the Fall Assembly remains in the Area.

Reimbursement forms may be mailed or emailed, receipts for all expenses claimed must be attached. A clarification that mileage for reimbursement is just from your home to the event and does not include any side trips unless it is related to your service work. A MapQuest printout or similar should be turned in showing mileage to be reimbursed. The Area pays \$0.10 per copy when it is from a home printer.

The Area checking account balance as of 12/31/21 is \$39,533.13, and \$20,128.10 in the ample reserve fund. The balance in the POSSE account is \$6,805.49, and the TEAC account is \$5,917.96.

The deadline for expenses for reimbursement for AWSC members will be February 15.

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Ilene F.

Happy 2022! I hope everyone had a good holiday season and will be starting 2022 happy and healthy. We are gearing up to begin the AMIAS recertification process for the 47 AMIASs that

are currently active in Area 53. All AMIASs looking to continue this service work must be recertified with WSO by June 30, 2022. The Area 53 deadline for submitting paperwork is June 1, 2022.

As we continue to be in a transition period due to the Covid-19 virus, certification training will be available via Zoom or in-person sessions. Recertification can also be obtained in March by attending the Program Of Sponsors Sharing Everything (POSSE). POSSE is a full weekend of workshops and fellowship, for both new and continuing AMIASs. The paperwork can be completed and turned in at the conclusion of the event.

Love in Service,
Ilene F.

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Carolyn F.

As Ilene has provided important information to our AMIASs about our deadlines, I will speak to the training itself. Our trainers will be holding recertification through Zoom training very shortly. AMIASs will be notified of dates and times. We will be using the WSO Alateen Service e-Manual as our training guide. Please download and print this before signing up for your Recertification workshop for 2022. It will be found on the East Texas website under the Members Tab. I thank you and our Texas teens thank you for your continued service and care.

There is a need for more Al-Anon members to join us in this wonderfully fulfilling family of AMIASs. Visiting the AMIAS site on the Area 53 website will give you the information you need. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

In Gratitude
Carol F.

Area Archives Coordinator ~ Lynn B.

My sleeves are rolled up and I am ready to begin the task of digitizing and preserving the Area's Archives that are in the greatest need of preservation. Preserving these mementos of historical value entails putting items into a digital format (picture taking and or scanning), transferring old cassette tapes onto thumb drives, plus repairing and preserving items. This not only includes our old documents, but the equally old banners, books, poster boards and speaker tapes held in our collection.

This is a very time consuming job—too much for one person... If you have the talent, time, and skills needed for completing any part of this endeavor, please consider volunteering for this project. This project does not require an ongoing commitment. If interested, please contact me.

Sadly our copy of Lois Wilson's typed manuscript - *Diary of Two Motorcycle Hobos*, went missing after the Fall Assembly. If you should locate the medium-sized, black, soft-cover book with the title handwritten on the cover, please contact me at the email or cell number listed above.

With love and in Service—Lynn B.

Group Records Coordinator ~ Peggy T.

I will be stepping down as the Area Group Records Coordinator effective January 29, 2022 at the Area World Service Committee meeting. Hopefully, someone will be willing to take over the duties of the position at that time until they would officially stand for it at the Spring Area Assembly where an election by GRs would be required.

Since most newcomers and visitors use the WSO public search on the Internet to find meetings to attend, this Area Group Records Coordinator position is key to extending a hand to them. Current and accurate information makes all the difference. If you are detail-oriented, please consider standing for this position. (You are welcome to call me if you have any questions about it.)

Also, as a member of groups yourself, please remind the person who is responsible for information to reach out to Area Group Records with any changes to the group's information. It's also a very good idea to use the WSO online public search to do a search yourself to check what the public sees when your group comes up. Let it begin with me!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Love,
Peggy

Newsletter Coordinator ~ Cyndie C.

No Report

POSSE Chair 2022 ~ Lynn S.

Program Of Sponsors Sharing Everything (POSSE) will be a face-to-face weekend for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) and Al-Anon members interested in certification as an AMIAS for our Area Alateen Groups March 18, 19, 20, 2022. This is POSSE's 28th consecutive weekend in Gonzales, Texas for an opportunity to participate in workshops on: Setting Boundaries with Alateens; Attending conferences with Alateens; Responsibilities as an Alateen Group Sponsor; Starting a new Alateen group; Program Ideas and most importantly Avoiding Burnout. For the District Alateen Coordinators (DAC) there is a workshop on "What is My Job?" This is to help the DAC learn their part in the success of the district AMIASs and their Alateen groups.

The cost is \$125.00 for the weekend, which includes two nights lodging, all meals on Saturday, Sunday breakfast, and registration. The deadline for registration with payment should be postmarked by March 1, 2022. Since this is not a hotel setting, and the meals are prepared and served by the camp, we must turn the head-count in two weeks before the event. It is important that we have everyone's registration by that time. Refunds are not accepted after March 1, but the registration is transferable.

Sue P., WSO Associate Director Groups, will be our guest for the weekend. She brings a wealth of information for all in the field of Alateen and the Board of Trustees Motion and Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Safety and Behavioral Requirements.

Area Web Coordinator, Natanya A., will post the POSSE flyer and registration form on the Area 53 website. Please encourage your AMIASs and District Alateen Coordinator to attend. This weekend will meet the annual requirement for AMIAS recertification training and initial training. You will need to bring your checkbook for your background check payment. Plus, the camp manager is a notary. So if you come for a great weekend, you will find help and meet other AMIASs from the Texas East Area. You can complete your AMIAS training requirement, get your paperwork notarized, and be able to hand-deliver it to the Area Alateen Process Person.

Registration can be emailed to Mandy T., Registrar, at the etxposse@yahoo.com email. If you can't download the registration form, she can email it to you. Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Love in Service,
Lynn S.

Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Pam J.

Hello Texas East Area 53 and Happy New Year to you all! I look forward with anticipation to see what this new year has in store for our Area 53 public outreach.

As was shared at the Fall 2021 Assembly, the WSO created a new PSA, which is available at the WSO website, www.alanon.org, under Member/Public Outreach. I'd like to share with y'all that the PSA is also available via YouTube. You can find it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4aCeppXO5o>. Alternatively, copy & paste into a search engine (ex. - Google): "Benefits of Al-Anon Recovery" PSAs from Al-Anon Family Groups - YouTube". If you haven't already seen this PSA, please take a moment to watch. It is so well done and carries Al-Anon's message of hope to all, including those of us already members.

The Al-Anon PSAs, past and present, are available to us to let others know about Al-Anon. Per the WSO, if we choose to share the link on social media, we are reminded to keep our anonymity by not mentioning that we ourselves are members. Simply share that Al-Anon is available to anyone seeking help.

As always, I am here to answer questions or offer support and ideas as we launch into a new year of making sure those seeking help know the hand of Al-Anon/Alateen is there to help. Contacting me is as easy as sending an email to: txe53poc@gmail.com.

Spanish Coordinator ~ Everica R.

¡Happy New Year East Texas Area 53! As I announced in my previous report, there was Hispanic representation at the November Fall Assembly. We had a great time and we all were very happy to be there. Personally, I enjoyed every minute of those 2 days that we shared. There were 9 Hispanic GRs and some alternates. On Saturday night we were able to share experience, strength and hope in our 2 hours Owl Meeting. That was wonderful!

Regarding my work done, I assisted with interpretation to members who needed it at the Fall Assembly. I also translated the delegates' reports and other translations. I am very excited

about our next face-to-face meeting with the AWSC.

I am very grateful to my Higher Power for allowing me to serve in this worldwide fellowship and have the opportunity to live a better life.

Evérica R.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo Zona 53 del Este de Texas! Como anuncié en mi informe anterior, hubo representación hispana en la Asamblea de Otoño de noviembre. Lo pasamos muy bien y todos estuvimos muy contentos de estar allí. Personalmente, disfruté cada minuto de esos 2 días que compartimos. Hubo 9 RG. hispanos y algunos suplentes. El sábado por la noche pudimos compartir experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza en nuestras 2 horas de Reunión de compartimientos. ¡Eso fue maravilloso!

Con respecto a mi trabajo realizado, ayudé con la interpretación a los miembros que lo necesitaban en la Asamblea de Otoño. También traduje los informes de la Delegada y otras traducciones. Estoy muy emocionada por nuestra próxima reunión presencial con el CSMZ.

Estoy muy agradecida con mi Poder Superior por permitirme servir en esta hermandad mundial y tener la oportunidad de vivir una vida mejor.

Evérica R..

Website Coordinator ~ Natanya A.

No Report

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

District 1~Veronica P.

District 1 is alive and well. We are working on District projects (Service Workshops) as well as some of the following special projects in 2022.

These are some of the special projects that District 1 will be involved with next year... We are co-hosting the Spring Assembly in Corpus Christi May 13-15 and hope to see you all there! We will be working with Ginny—as co-hosts, we will be assisting with GR sign-in table, Hospitality Suite, and Raffle ticket sales. District 1 will also be participating in POSSE, March 18-20 in Gonzales.

Looking forward to working with all the groups in the new Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Veronica P.

District 2 ~ Lisa W.

No Report

District 3 ~ Susan J.

No Report

District 4 ~ Margaret F.

Hello, and Happy New Year from District 4 - Texas East Area 53. We are looking forward to a fun-filled and busy 2022.

Our District Group Representative meeting was December 11th, hosted by Hope for Today AFG in Galveston. There were 17 participants, including 8 Group Representatives. Mattie T., Texas East's Panel 61 Delegate, presented a workshop entitled "Facing Our Biases." She passed out a paper of 15 questions on "Taking A Personal Inventory" and 6 principles on "Using Al-Anon's Spiritual Principles." The workshop was informative, and members shared on how these topics related to their Al-Anon recovery.

A Financial Audit Committee has been formed and will meet in January 2022.

Joyce Y., District Archivist stated that a book has been prepared about Al-Anon's 70th Birthday Celebration in October 2021. It was on display for everyone to see. She provided copies of forms on Group History and Long-timers Information; groups are encouraged to complete and return them.

Sheri D., Public Outreach Coordinator, reported on three opportunities this Quarter. First was Brazoria County's Walk to Recovery. Second was that Al-Anon literature was sold at the Mouth of the Brazos conference. Finally, she reported that Joyce Y. had coordinated a literature table at the 1st Annual Friendswood Health Fair.

Alateen Coordinator, Renee G. reported that Carol, Area Alateen Coordinator, is planning Alateen sponsor training that is usually done after the POSSE weekend in March. She added that POSSE is open to all Alateen Sponsors or anyone interested in this service work, and credit for new AMIAS training or recertifications for all current AMIASs can be obtained at this event.

Additionally, A Day in Al-Anon is being planned for March 26, 2022 at the Alvin Taylor Street Club in Alvin. Planning continues with a meeting on January 22, 2022. A flyer will be available soon.

Plans for the 2022 Fall Assembly, "SOS-Save Our Serenity" are also continuing. Committees are in place and things are moving along. Remember – save the dates – November 4-6, 2022 at Lake Jackson Civic Center - fun, food, fellowship, and some business too!

District 4 is alive and striving to move forward. Looking forward to a very rewarding 2022 as the trusted servant I am.

Margaret F.

District 5 ~ Peggy T.

Hello from District 5!

We had our first hybrid district meeting for District 5 in mid-December. Although only 15% of the District's groups were

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represented at the meeting, attendance was pretty balanced on both sides of the screen, so to speak. We plan to make our district meetings hybrid going forward because it almost certainly bolsters attendance.

Here are a few key initiatives we are launching:

1. The GRs voted to have a family discussion regarding the size of our district (105 groups and 133 meetings). This will take place on Saturday, February 5th from 1:30 to 3:30. It will also be a hybrid meeting. In-person: Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd, Houston, TX 77055. Online: Go to www.zoom.us and enter the meeting ID: 554 091 4846 and Passcode: D5. Everyone is welcome.

2. To increase GR participation at the District, we have formed a task force which will create a "Buddy System." Individual GRs will be asked to volunteer to periodically visit a small handful of specific groups, with the objective being to encourage them to elect a GR and/or to participate at the district and area levels. They will track participation in the hopes that it will grow.

3. To make the District gatherings more fun and to increase participation, we are forming a Fun and Fellowship Task Force, which will be tasked with creating fun events both at district group conscience (aka business) meetings, and separate events as well.

4. Lastly, we are forming a Technology Work Group to assist us in setting up hybrid meetings, to organize our Google drive and other technology-related needs of the district.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

With love to my Al-Anon family,
Peggy

District 6 ~ Anna A.

Wow! An entire year has gone by, and a brand new and shiny 2022 is here. As we move into the new year, District 6 is preparing for our first district meeting of 2022 and continuing work on several initiatives:

Events

District Meeting on January 22 – It will be virtual, as decided by the GRs at the July District Meeting. Please let me know if you would like to attend to see what goes on at our district meetings.

District Initiatives

•ETAAA Spring 2023 Host Committee – District 6 will be the host district for the 2023 ETAA Spring Assembly. Several hotels in the Austin area have submitted proposals, and one will be selected by the end of January. The great news is that the committee now has Co-Treasurers and a bank account, so we can move forward with meeting our financial deadlines. Once the venue is selected, everything else, like selecting a theme, sending out flyers, and selecting speakers will start to move quickly.

Current Thought Forces and Task Forces

•The *Introduction to Al-Anon Task Force* is working to put together an *Introduction to Al-Anon* to take to professional organizations/schools or invite these organizations to come to an Al-Anon meeting.

•The District 6 Website Thought Force is working on a potential recommendation to the GRs as to whether to proceed with developing a website or creating and maintaining a document repository for the District.

Happy New Year!
In grateful service,
Anna A.

District 7 ~ Allyn D.

At the fall quarterly meeting on October 16, District 7 invited Pam J., Area Outreach Coordinator, to be the guest speaker. Pam presented the newest outreach resources available from WSO and answered questions. Her presentation was very well received. We are grateful for her willingness to share her experience, strength, and hope. We are also grateful to Kurt N. for hosting the meeting at his home in Conroe. Our next meeting is currently scheduled for January 15th at the newly renovated MHMR Building in Bryan. It will be hybrid.

District 7 is honored to host the upcoming AWSC meeting at the Dobbin Community Center in Dobbin, Montgomery County on Saturday January 29. We are currently working out the details of budget, food and AV needs. Local hotel information has been provided and rsvp's will be requested for food planning. We are practicing "Keep it Simple" while still providing a positive experience with a warm welcome.

Happy New Year to the District 7 AFG's and East Texas Area!
Allyn D.

District 8 ~ Nina W.

Happy New Year from District 8! I am excited to see where 2022 is going to lead us.

Our District Meeting will be on Saturday, January 15. The minutes and agenda will be sent out soon.

Please be on the lookout for our upcoming GR's meeting. We are going to schedule a meeting in February for all incoming GR's, former GR's and for those who are thinking about holding this position in the future. This is an informative meeting to better understand what the GR position entails. I look forward to everyone being there to share their experience, strength, and hope.

In Service,
Nina W

District 9 ~ DebiSu Y.

No Report

District 10 ~ Martha R.

No Report

District 12 ~ Lynn S.

Happy New Year from District 12. The 2021 Fall Assembly report for this newsletter is short and sweet. The long version will be posted on the Area Website and forwarded to the 2022 Fall Assembly Host Committee District 4, the Area Chair and the Area Assembly Mentor.

The total registration was 161 with 132 lunches. Our income exceeded our expenses and we were able to return the \$3500.00 seed money and an excess to the Area Treasurer before the close of the 2021 year. Thank you to all that came and participated in the workshop and raffle. District 12 is looking forward to the Spring Assembly, May 13-15, 2022 in Corpus Christi.

Our next District meeting will be January 15, 2022 in Seguin, TX. With the New Year upon us I will resume group visitations and look forward to meeting more members of Al-Anon and A l a t e e n i n t h e d i s t r i c t .
Lynn S.

District 13 ~ Sarah Worden

District 13 was happy to support the Fall Assembly even though we had just 2 members attend. As District Representative, I was able to attend most planning committee meetings, and it was good to see how well the event went after all of our planning. Thank you all for your support in the process. It was great to see all of you!

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

No Report

Beaumont AIS ~ Barbara G.

On August 20th, we launched our online literature sales store. On our website you can browse CAL, order and pay with credit, debit or PayPal and have your purchase shipped to you. The next time you or your group needs literature, check out our website at www.setxalanon.org and give us a chance to meet your literature needs.

The AIS board met October 16th and there were 2 new GR's in attendance. We remain without an office manager, but our previous manager comes in for a few hours and does bookkeeping as needed. We have a new volunteer who covers Tuesday mornings, so we are now open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10AM to 12:30PM, and Thursday from 10AM to 3PM. We are still looking for volunteers. Our 24-hour call forwarding schedule is established several months in advance and since we cover Thursday afternoon to Tuesday morning, we have opportunities to trade with others on the list. It's working very well.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in November.
Barbara G.

Houston AIS ~ Joyce Y.

Happy 2022 to all. Houston Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) used Zoom meetings during 2021. However, fundraiser speak-

er meetings in the last quarter were hybrid, to accommodate a greater attendance.

The next Houston AIS fundraiser speaker meeting will be at 2pm on February 12, at the Spring Branch Club – 1200 Blalock Rd – Houston TX. Terri from Copperfield Al-Anon Family Group will be sharing her journey through 19 years of recovery.

The AIS will be selling Conference Approved Literature at the District 4 Day In Al-Anon – “Solutions In All Our Affairs” on March 26 at Alvin Taylor Street Club – 204 Taylor Street Alvin, TX 77511 from 9 am to 3 pm. Come enjoy a day of speaker panels, fun, food and fellowship. Pre-registration is \$10 (postmarked by March 15) or \$15 at the door.

Applicants for the Houston AIS Board are needed at April 24 meeting. Nominee requirements are; at least two years in Al-Anon; commitment to utilize AlAnon principles, Traditions, Concepts, and Houston Intergroup By-Laws to guide your service; Willingness to make a three-year commitment. Please Email <https://www.houstonalananon.org/> for an application and return to the Intergroup Office.

Houston AIS depends on the generosity of its volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help organize our next F2F fundraiser.

Concept 4 – Participation is key to harmony.
Joyce Y.

San Antonio AIS ~ Dolores W.

No Report

Intergrupo Hispana De Houston ~ Nora F.

No Report

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ETAAA Financial Report 2021						
Income	1st Qtr 3/31/21	2nd Qtr 6/30/21	3rd Qtr 9/30/21	4th Qtr 12/31/21	Total YTD	2021 Budget
Assembly Surplus	768.34	672.70	0.00	1,820.33	3,261.37	
Fall 2020	768.34				768.34	
Spring 2021		672.70			672.70	
Beacon Income	30.00	30.00	12.00	84.00	156.00	200.00
Contributions Income	1,339.18	3,935.50	3,967.95	3,394.47	12,637.10	18,000.00
Fall Gratitude Basket				828.36	828.36	
Miscellaneous Income		1,517.35			1,517.35	
Returned Assembly Seed Money Fund	768.34		0.00	828.36		12,300.00
Total Income	2,137.52	6,155.55	3,979.95	6,127.16	18,400.18	30,500.00
Expenses						
Travel / Expenses	148.00	206.20	1,736.42	3,096.67	5,187.29	14,800.00
Alateen Coordinator			98.87	388.20	487.07	2,200.00
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00
Alateen Process Person		200.10			200.10	1,000.00
Alternate Delegate			67.98	264.59	332.57	600.00
Archives			179.71	262.49	442.20	600.00
Beacon Editor				126.82	126.82	500.00
Chair		6.10	41.14	278.25	325.49	800.00
Delegate			330.53	350.73	681.26	1,100.00
Group Records				232.36	232.36	500.00
Public Outreach			174.65	196.91	371.56	600.00
Past Delegates			58.65	240.66	299.31	3,000.00
Past Area Chairpersons					0.00	900.00
Secretary			265.60		265.60	800.00
Spanish Coordinator				240.66	240.66	500.00
Treasurer	148.00		519.29	515.00	1,182.29	800.00
Website Coordinator					0.00	500.00
Other Expenses	1,628.18	499.69	363.29	3,054.07	5,545.23	8,400.00
Beacon Publishing	722.55			2,866.43	3,588.98	3,300.00
Storage Unit for Archives	189.00	126.00	239.71	119.00	673.71	800.00
Web Hosting Fee					0.00	100.00
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	15.00	33.95	15.00		63.95	100.00
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00
Transitional AWSC Meeting	701.63	66.88	108.58	68.64	945.73	3,000.00
Web-Based Conferencing		272.86			272.86	600.00
Assembly Seed Money Fund						

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	2022 Budget
World Service Conference	0.00	3,790.39	0.00	2,400.00	6,190.39	2,700.00	3,490.39	3,100.00
Area's Gifts to WSC		3,500.00			3,500.00	300.00	3,200.00	300.00
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC				2,400.00	2,400.00	2,000.00	400.00	2,400.00
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC		290.39			290.39	400.00	(109.61)	400.00
SC Regional Delegate Meeting	35.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	4,800.00	(4,735.00)	4,800.00
Delegate		30.00			30.00	600.00	(570.00)	600.00
Chair					0.00	600.00	(600.00)	600.00
Immediate Past Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)	600.00
Active Past Delegates					0.00	2,400.00	(2,400.00)	2,400.00
Alternate Delegate	35.00				35.00	600.00	(565.00)	600.00
Total Expenses	1,811.18	4,526.28	2,099.71	8,550.74	16,987.91	30,700.00	(13,712.09)	34,800.00
Net Income Less Expenses	326.34	1,629.27	1,880.24	(2,423.58)	1,412.27		1,612.27	
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		3,500.00	10,500.00			
Received Alateen Background Checks	97.30	249.70	39.80		386.80			
Spring Birthday Basket		100.00			100.00			
Total Extraordinary Income	3,597.30	3,849.70	39.80	3,500.00	10,986.80			
Expenses								
Seed Money	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	10,500.00			
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	20.85	287.34	82.55		390.74			
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO		100.00			100.00			
Total Extraordinary Expenses	3,520.85	387.34	3,582.55	3,500.00	10,990.74			
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	76.45	3,462.36	(3,542.75)	0.00	(3.94)			
Profit/(Loss)	402.79	5,091.63	(1,662.51)	(2,423.58)	1,408.33			
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	43,619.22	41,956.71	38,124.80			
Increase/(Decrease)	402.79	5,091.63	(1,662.51)	(2,423.58)	1,408.33			
Transfer to CD								
	38,527.59	43,619.22	41,956.71	39,533.13	39,533.13			
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)								
Beginning Balance	20,037.68	20,059.88	20,082.60	20,105.34				
Increase/(Decrease)	22.20	22.72	22.74	22.76				
Ending Balance	20,059.88	20,082.60	20,105.34	20,128.10				

East Texas Area Al-Anon Assembly (ETAAA) Business Meeting - November 13, 2021 San Marcos, Texas

Opening – Kay C., facilitator substituting for Area Chair Paula H. opened the meeting at 9:29 am with the Serenity Prayer. Kay welcomed everyone to our first face to face assembly since November 2019. She thanked District 12 as Host District and District 13 as Support District. A Conference Etiquette Power Point was shown, followed by a brief explanation of who has voice and vote at the Assembly.

Reading of the Traditions and Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference from 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (Vol. 2): *Tammy R. read the Twelve Traditions, pp. 15-16 and Candy N. read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference, pp. 17-18.*

Delegate's Report – Mattie T., after an enthusiastic welcome, shared highlights from the October 2021 Board week from Chairman of the Board (COB) letter.

- Literature sales are slightly below revised budgeted expectations and year-to-date expenses are slightly below budget. As of September 1, 2021, the World Service Office (WSO) has a deficit revised budget of \$233,753. If each group would contribute \$263 annually, this would take care of the deficit.
- **International Coordination Committee (ICC)**—ICC and WSO members participated in the European Zonal Meeting (EZM) September 3-5, 2021, hosted by the German General Service Office (GSO) via Zoom with 18 GSOs participating and 28 members in attendance. The ICC is planning the 2022 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) to be held in London, England October 12-15, 2022. The theme is "Connecting Hearts and Minds Around the World." After review by ICC, the Board unanimously approved Russia's request to register a General Service Office on a three-year trial basis. For more information on Al-Anon outside of the World Service Conference Structure, go to <https://al-anon.org/for-members/international/>
- **Strategic Plan Updates** – Some Strategies from 2021 will be ongoing into 2022. Other major projects include Electronic Meeting Transformation, 2023 Al-Anon International Convention, NEW DAILY READER (working title) Translation, and 2022-2025 *Service Manual Translation*.
- **Executive Committee** – Deadline for submitting a resume for At-Large member of the Executive Committee is January 1, 2022. Additional information, along with the electronic resume, can be found at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/executive-committee/>
- **2022 World Service Conference (WSC)** – The 2022 WSC will be held April 26-30, 2022, at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. Included will be a visit to Stepping Stones as well as attending an open Policy Committee meeting. We are hopeful to welcome a Delegate from the non-geographic, non-panel Area to an historic World Service Conference—our first new Area since Alaska was admitted to the World Service Conference in 1987. This hybrid area (Area 68, Panel 62) will have to come to WSC in person.
- As Delegate, Mattie is serving on the Diversity Thought Force. They developed a Bias Inventory and she passed out to everyone. Bias is more than age, color, etc. Perhaps members could share with groups or districts as a workshop or group inventory.

Budget Report – Myrthala C. presented the 2022 Budget including Financial History for 2018-2021 as published in the Beacon. Because of virtual meetings, Contributions as well as expenses have declined. However, we have a healthy reserve and not operating in a deficit as previous years. Recommendations for 2022 budget are: decrease Contributions to \$16,000; removal of Transitional Meeting which is held only in first year of new Panel; Estimated Assembly Seed Money Fund will be included and budgeted as Estimated Revenue. Current checking account balance is \$41,956.71. Currently the Ample Reserve (held in CD) is \$20,105.34. Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P.O.S.S.E.) balance is \$6,805.49 and Texas East Area Alateen Conference (TEAAC) balance is \$5,965.66. Please mail contributions and expenses to P. O. Box 450675 – Laredo, TX 78045. Mail will not be forwarded from Silsbee P.O. Box after January 1, 2022. Deadline for submitting this fall Assembly expenses is November 10, 2021. Myrthala recommended increasing mileage expense from \$0.33 per mile to \$0.40 per mile.

Roll Call – Joyce Y., Acting Temporary Secretary. 89 voting Group Representatives (GRs) were present by District as follows: D1 (6), D2 (8), D3 (1), D4 (11), D5 (13), D6 (18), D7 (8), D8 (4), D9 (4), D10 (3), D12 (12), D13 (1). The GRs voted to use 66.7% (59) for Secretary Election by ballot and Electronic Groups by show of hands. The GRs voted to use 51% (45) for Consent Agenda, Budget, and Alateen Requirements and other business by show of hands.

Approval of Consent Agenda—Kay C. discussed how Consent Agenda works. No reports were requested to be pulled. **Motion 1 – I, Martha Roberts, make a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as stands, seconded by Christy T.** For 86, Against 0, Abstained 1. **Motion passed.**

Public Outreach, Public Service Announcements (PSA)— Pam J. introduced a new PSA. She shared ways to share and protect your anonymity. The PSA can be found at <https://al-anon.org/media-kit/public-service-announcements/>. The "Benefits of Recovery" is the new PSA.

Electronic Meeting Work Group (EMWG)—The EMWG (Peggy T., Anna A., Kurt N.) was appointed by Paula H. (Area Chair) to develop information to allow GRs to make an informed decision regarding whether groups that meet only online ("exclusively electronically") will be allowed to participate in our Area 53 service structure. If GRs decide to not allow exclusive electronic groups to participate in our Area 53 service structure, they will remain part of the virtual area by default. Full report is on file.

Assembly Reports

- **District 2/District 1 Support** – Ginny M. for Spring 2022 Assembly – *Recovery Thru Unity* – May 13-15, 2022 at Holiday Inn Bayfront Marina Hotel – Corpus Christi. Speaker will be Sarah S., WSO Director of Programs. Hotel is \$128+tax per night with a cutoff date of April 21, 2022 for this rate.
- **District 4/District 3 Support** – Margaret F. for Fall 2022 Assembly—SOS – *Save Our Serenity* – November 4-5, 2022 at Lake Jackson Civic Center – Lake Jackson. Hotels are Comfort Suites - \$90+tax with a cutoff date of November 1 and Best Western Plus - \$109+tax with a cutoff date of October 4. Both hotels have Complimentary Breakfast. There will be a Saturday Luncheon at the Civic Center and time for fun and fellowship.
- **District 12/District 13 Support** – Lynn S. announced 160 registered with actual attendance of 148. Lunch was served to 137. There are 1813 years of Al-Anon in the room today. Her full report will be given at the Spring Assembly and the January Area World Service Committee (AWSC).

Discussion and/or Voting Items

1. **Election of Area Secretary**—Jennifer S. resigned as Area Secretary. **Mandy T was elected as the new Area Secretary.**
2. **Budget 2022—Motion 2 – I, Kurt N., move that the 2022 East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly budget be approved, seconded by Linda H.** For 88, Against 0, Abstained 0. **Motion passed.**
3. **Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements—Motion 3 – I, Teresa D., move that the changes to the Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements be accepted as presented, seconded by Carla G.** For 88, Against 0, Abstain 0. **Motion passed.**
4. **Electronic Groups**—After much discussion, the following motions were made:
 - **Motion 4 – I, Lynn B., move that no vote is taken today on deciding on whether or not to allow registered electronic groups to participate in East Texas Area 53 Assemblies, to allow further thought, research and discussion on this topic prior to voting, seconded by Lisa H.** Motion failed.
 - **Motion 5 – I, Kurt N., move that exclusively electronic AFGs be allowed to be part of the East Texas Area, that their members be allowed to serve in Area service positions, and that Assemblies become hybrid in format no later than when the first exclusively electronic AFG join the Area, seconded by Allyn D.** For 30, Against 57, Abstain 2. **Motion failed.**
 - **Motion 6 – I, Leslie H., move that we allow Exclusively Electronic Al-Anon Family Groups to participate in our Area 53 Service Structure, seconded by Minga H..** For 41. Motion did not receive enough Yes votes to meet 66.7% requirement. **Motion Failed.**
 - **Motion 7 – I, Sue V., move that the electronic meetings work group create guidelines for electronic meetings to join Area 53, seconded by Lisa H..** For 61, Against 19, Abstain 8. **Motion passed.**
5. **Other** – Request increase in mileage rate. **Motion 8 – I, Carla G., move that the ETAAA mileage rate be raised to \$.40 per mile, seconded by Teresa D.** For 79, Against 0, Abstain 5. **Motion passed.**

Myrthala C. passed the gratitude basket and \$828.36 was contributed. These contributions will remain in the Texas East Area.

Meeting closed with Myrthala C. leading the *Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration, in Spanish and English.*

Submitted by Joyce Y.
Temporary Acting Secretary

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**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) November 12, 2021
San Marcos, TX**

Facilitator substituting for Chairperson – Kay C. opened the meeting at 8:07 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Introductions: Kay C. thanked District 12 for hosting and District 13 for being the support district for the weekend.

Reading of the Traditions and Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference from 2018+2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (Vol. 2): Everica R. read the Twelve Traditions, pp. 15-16 and Lisa W. read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference, pp. 17-18. Kay C. read the definition of Area World Service Committee (AWSC), pp 68. Kay welcomed Diane B., South Central Regional Trustee, and thanked her for her service.

Acting Temporary Secretary: Joyce Y. called the roll and 26 out of 30 voting members were present. For voting procedures, it was determined that 18 was 2/3 and 14 was a majority. Voting members absent were Area Chair, Area Secretary, Austin AIS/LDC Liaison, and Houston Hispanic AIS Liaison.

Delegate's Sharing: Mattie T. thanked Everica R., Spanish Coordinator, for translating her Delegate Reports and encouraged others to send their reports to her for translation. There is an opening for an Executive Committee At Large position for WSO for a one-year term with a deadline of January 1, 2022. Duties, qualifications and resume can be found at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/executive-committee/>. More information will be presented tomorrow during the ETAAA business meeting.

Mattie thanked Kay C., Joyce Y., and Past Delegates for helping her in celebrating Texas East Area Al-Anon's 70th Anniversary on October 2. Several Past Delegates and current Delegate shared what it was like during their term and shared their history and love for service. Check out the 70th Celebration Book on the Archives table. Thank you to all who attended.

Concerns were expressed about some of this weekend's confirmed reservations being cancelled at the Holiday Inn and moved to another hotel at a higher rate. After discussion, it was suggested Lynn S. work with the hotel for possible further compensation due to the confusion.

Treasurer's Report: Myrthala C. thanked Kay C. and Lynn B. for serving on the Budget Committee and helping with preparing the proposed 2022 budget. The 2021 YTD includes total income of \$19,273.02 and total expenses of \$18,091.37. Current Fall Assembly expenses as well as Delegates Equalized Expenses are not included in this YTD report. Checking Account Balance is \$41,956.71, CD Balance is \$20,105.34. Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P.O.S.S.E.) balance is \$6,805.49 and Texas East Alateen Conference (TEAC) Balance is \$5,965.66. Financial History Actual amounts for 2018-2020 YTD balances are also included for comparison. Because we were not meeting face to face, Income and expenses were smaller in 2021. For this reason, 2022 budget contributions and expenses have been decreased for a more conservative budget. Seed Money income and expense is now included in this new budget format. No budget was set for the Transitional Meeting which only happens every three years. It was recommended that mileage reimbursement expense be increased from \$.33/mile to \$.40/mile due to increase in gasoline costs. This will require a motion from the Group Representatives. Margaret F. expressed concerns about an increase to \$.40 as IRS states \$.14 a mile reimbursement for volunteer groups. She was asked to look into and report back at the winter AWSC meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Lynn B. requested that the Archives report be pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under **Other** business. **Motion made to approve the Consent agenda was made by Martha R., seconded by Natanya A. to approve Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously**

Discussion/Voting:

1. **Assembly Host Committee Guidelines:** Allyn D. reported this has been a work in progress document since February. The Task Force recommends approval of these guidelines today as they stand with no further changes at this time. The task force will disband after this meeting. **Motion made by Peggy T., seconded by Ginny M., to accept the Assembly Host Committee Guidelines as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Business Meeting Agenda:** Susan J. asked for procedure for requesting items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda at the business meeting. Kay will ask if anyone has a question about any item on the Consent Agenda. If so, they will come to the mic and ask that report be pulled. At that time questions will not be addressed, but the report will be pulled and put under "Other Discussion." **Motion made by Lynn B., seconded by Natanya A. that Business Meeting Agenda be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Archives Report:** Lynn B. reported Archives have moved from Life Storage in Houston due to an increase from \$52 to \$86 a month. Storage is now at Public Storage at a rate of \$39/month, plus insurance of \$15/month.

4. **Other Announcements:**

- Speaker CDs or MP3s are \$10. AWSC and Business Meetings CDs or MP3s are \$50. We are under contract for \$200 in sales with JV Audio Company. Therefore, purchases are encouraged.
- Paula would like to have the next AWSC on January 29, 2022, and a host district is needed. Allyn D., District 7 District Representative (DR), will look at it and get back with Paula.
- The Area Meeting List Policy Work Group and Area Inventory Task Force has been tabled until January by Paula due to lack of volunteers.
- The next deadline for *The Beacon* is January 5, 2022.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration in English and Spanish.

Joyce Y. – Acting Temporary Secretary

East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)

Spring Assembly 2022

May 13-15, 2022



"Recovery Through Unity"

Hotel Info

Holiday Inn Downtown Marina

707 N. Shoreline Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Hotel Reservations: **361-882-1700** (Ask for the code **ETA**)

♦ **ETAAA Room Rate: \$128 + tax**
Reservation Cut-Off Date: April 21, 2022

Parking is \$7 for the weekend (covered parking garage). Hotel amenities include an onsite fitness center, complimentary wireless internet and a business center.

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Full Name		Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon <input type="checkbox"/> Alateen <input type="checkbox"/> AA
Name of Responsible Adult Accompanying Alateen (if applicable)			
Email		Phone	
Address		City, State, ZIP	
How do you plan to attend?	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom (\$0)	Name shown on badge:	

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Correo electrónico		Teléfono	
Dirección		Ciudad, Estado, Código postal	
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WHEN: MARCH 18, 19, 20, 2022

WHERE: DISCIPLE OAKS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER, GONZALES, TX

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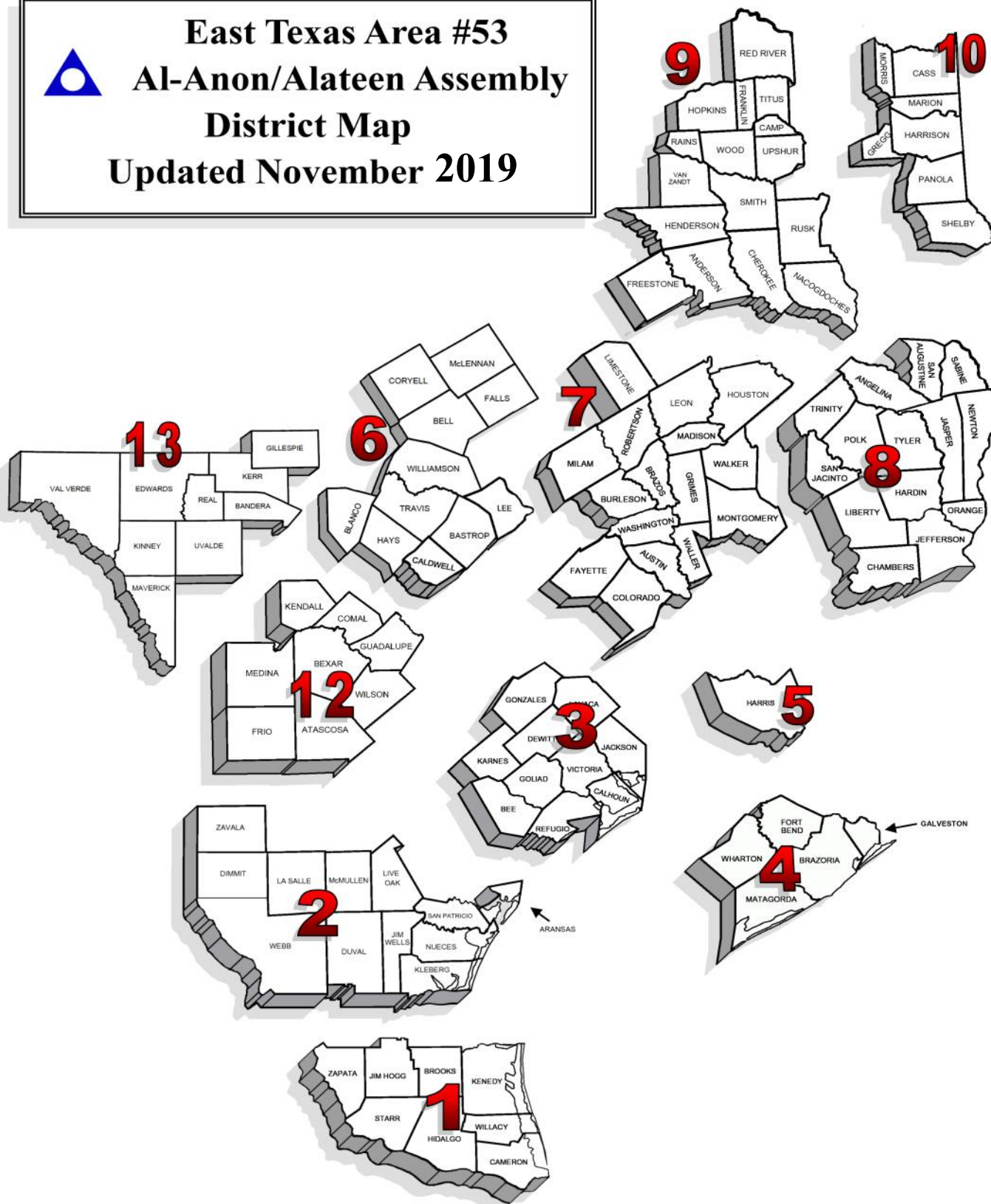
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