

# THE BEACON

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

## **A Message from the Chair ~ Paula H.**

As we approach mid-year 2022, I am filled with immense gratitude for continuing in Al-Anon service as Area Chair. I am grateful that I am not alone and that when I am uncertain or make mistakes, there is always someone to guide me. It has been a tremendous growth opportunity!

On January 29, 2022, I attended the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting in Dobbin, TX. A very detailed report is in the Secretary's minutes, which I encourage you to read, but here are some of the highlights.

1. We welcomed Lisa W., newly elected District Representative (DR) from District 2.
2. I appointed Laura B. (with approval from the AWSC) as temporary Area Group Records Coordinator, as Peggy T. has assumed the very busy role of DR for District 5.
3. Kurt N. has stepped into the role of Information Steward for documents used by the AWSC. (Please see motions in minutes for more information.)
4. We received a proposed policy for consideration by Group Representatives (GRs) by the Electronic Meetings Work Group.
5. Judy P. led a discussion of the differences among policies, procedures, and guidelines.
6. The Audit Committee gave a report.
7. There was a discussion on how groups are assigned to Districts.
8. Kay C. led a workshop on unifying large/rural areas.

Any Al-Anon/Alateen member may attend the AWSC meetings; although the member has no voice or vote, he/she may write a comment/question to a current AWSC member. Attending an AWSC meeting is a great way to see what happens beyond the group level, and it may encourage someone to stand for a service position!

On March 4-6, I attended the South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM) in Grapevine, TX. The South Central Region includes Texas West, Texas East, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri. Many members of our Area attended and some gave presentations. There was much meaningful discussion around this year's World Service Conference (WSC) theme, "Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding." I learned that if I want to keep what I have gained in Al-Anon, I have to give it away in gratitude. I can freely give my time, my experience, strength, and hope, my compassion, my understanding, and my love. I also learned that service is not an option; it is an opportunity. Just sharing at a meeting is service.

I am looking forward to chairing my first in-person Assembly on May 13-15 in Corpus Christi! Like the theme of the Assembly, "Recovery through Unity", I know we will experience much unity, fellowship, and fun! So far the items of business for the Assembly are election of an Area Group Records Coordinator, possible nomination of a South Central Regional Trustee, a proposal from the Electronic Meetings Work Group, and continuing with the use of the Consent Agenda. There may be more items as well. An agenda for the AWSC and Assembly will be sent via email to all members of the AWSC; this includes DRs, who can share the Assembly agenda with groups. The agendas will be posted on the Texas website ([www.texas-al-anon.org](http://www.texas-al-anon.org)) under Texas East.

With gratitude and love in Al-Anon service,  
Paula H.—TX East Area Chair



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**62nd WSC**  
**April 25 – May 1, 2022**  
**Tarrytown, New York**

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

**3rd Quarter  
Submission Deadline  
for *The Beacon***  
**July 1, 2022**

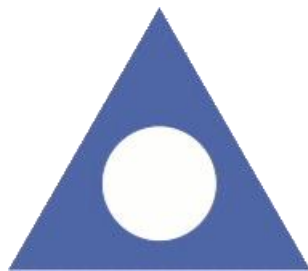
**Fall Assembly**  
**November 4-6, 2022**  
**Lake Jackson, TX**

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## AREA CONTRIBUTIONS

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### Delegate Report ~ Mattie T.

Hello Texas East, our theme for this year's World Service Conference (WSC) is "Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding, April 25-30, 2022." I am looking forward to my first in-person WSC. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your love and support as I continue to represent Texas East.

I am pleased to announce that the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* v.1 (P-24/27) is available in English, French, and Spanish in an electronic format at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)!

Every Al-Anon and Alateen member is encouraged to actively use and study this manual. It gives a clear and concise picture of the Al-Anon fellowship, its purpose and functions, and how it helps us to resolve group problems and maintain unity.

Updates to the Manual are noted with the use of vertical lines in the outer margins.

We invite you to share news of this updated resource with members in your Area. The printed version will follow in late summer.

There has been many discussions regarding individuals changing the pronouns when reading the Al-Anon Steps and Traditions, please read the statement below issued from the WSO:

*"On behalf of the clearinghouse, the WSO would like to provide clarity as it relates to this discussion of changing any words in the Twelve Steps, Traditions or Concepts of Service used in Al-Anon and Alateen meetings and events:*

- *Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) holds the copyright to the words found in the Twelve Steps of A.A.. This includes any translation of those same Steps. Any recovery program that wishes to use and adapt the Twelve Steps of A.A. must request permission to do so from the A.A. GSO. The Twelve Steps are not part of the public domain.*
- *Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc. has held the legal copyright to the Al-Anon and Alateen Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and Concepts of Service since 1996.*
- *Our World Service Conference, which is recognized as the senior conference by all other structures, has deemed it to be prudent to only consider changing these steps through the written consent of three-quarters of Al-Anon groups worldwide. Please see the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter on page 224 of the 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) version two (2).*
- *WSO encourages review of page 36 of the [2014 World Service Conference Summary \(P-46\)](#) where the process is described to effect such a change.*

*Again, our members are free to interpret the Legacies according to their own perceptions. When in an Al-Anon meeting, our unity is preserved when the Legacies are read aloud as they appear in our Conference Approved Literature (CAL). It is not within the autonomy of the individual group to change the pronouns when reading the Legacies as this affects Al-Anon as a whole. Changing the wording of our Steps and Traditions is very similar to bringing outside literature into our meetings. The consistent reading of our Three Legacies as they are written protects Al-Anon's copyright and assures Al-Anon members that wherever we go throughout the world, Al-Anon's message of help and hope remains clear and consistent."*

Last year the Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event was not held due to the COVID pandemic. I am pleased to announce

the 2022 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event is being planned and will be held on October 29, 2022, in Cleveland, OH! Mark your calendars and come join the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee members for a day of fun and connecting with each other. More information regarding the 2022 Road Trip! will be presented at the 2022 WSC in April.

Here's the 2021 WSC Structure Contributions from Texas East:

#### % Of Groups

50%

#### Avg For Groups

\$212.77

#### 2021

\$42,129.00

#### 2020

\$54,648.00

I invite you to meet me in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 29 through July 2, 2023, to celebrate Al-Anon's Seventh International Convention!

Mattie T.  
Texas East Delegate—Panel 61

Hola Texas East, nuestro tema para la WSC de este año es "Mejorar nuestra recuperación a través de la abundancia, la unidad y la comprensión, del 25 al 30 de abril de 2022". Estoy deseando que llegue mi primer WSC en persona. Por favor, manténme en tus pensamientos y oraciones. Gracias por su amor y apoyo mientras continúo representando a Texas East.

¡Me complace anunciar que el Manual de Servicio 2022-2025 De Al-Anon/Alateen v1 (P-24/27) está disponible en inglés, francés y español en formato electrónico en [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)!

Se alienta a todos los miembros de Al-Anon y Alateen a usar y estudiar activamente este Manual. Da una imagen clara y concisa de la comunidad de Al-Anon, su propósito y funciones, y cómo nos ayuda a resolver los problemas del grupo y mantener la unidad.

Las actualizaciones del Manual se observan con el uso de líneas verticales en los márgenes exteriores.

Lo invitamos a compartir noticias de este recurso actualizado con los miembros de su Área.

La versión impresa seguirá a finales de verano.

Ha habido muchas discusiones con respecto a las personas que cambian los pronombres al leer los Pasos y Tradiciones de Al-Anon, por favor lea la declaración a continuación emitida por la WSO:

*"En nombre del centro de intercambio de información, la OSM desea proporcionar claridad en lo que respecta a esta*

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discusión sobre el cambio de cualquier palabra en los Doce Pasos, Tradiciones o Conceptos de Servicio utilizados en las reuniones y eventos de Al-Anon y Alateen:

- **Alcohólicos Anónimos (A.A.)** posee los derechos de autor de las palabras que se encuentran en los Doce Pasos de A.A. Esto incluye cualquier traducción de esos mismos pasos. Cualquier programa de recuperación que desee usar y adaptar los Doce Pasos de A.A. debe solicitar permiso para hacerlo a la OSG de A.A. Los Doce Pasos no son parte del dominio público.
- **Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc.** ha tenido los derechos de autor legales de los Doce Pasos y Doce Tradiciones y Conceptos de Servicio de Al-Anon y Alateen desde 1996.
- **Nuestra Conferencia de Servicio Mundial**, que es reconocida como la conferencia superior por todas las demás estructuras, ha considerado prudente considerar solo cambiar estos pasos mediante el consentimiento por escrito de tres cuartas partes de los grupos de Al-Anon en todo el mundo. Consulte la Carta de la Conferencia de Servicio Mundial de Al-Anon en la página 224 del Manual de Servicio de Al-Anon/Alateen 2018-2021 (P-24/27) versión dos (2).
- **La OSM** alienta la revisión de la página 36 del Resumen de la [Conferencia del Servicio Mundial 2014 \(P-46\)](#) donde se describe el proceso para efectuar dicho cambio. Una vez más, nuestros miembros son libres de interpretar los Legados de acuerdo con sus propias percepciones. Cuando estamos en una reunión de Al-Anon, nuestra unidad se conserva cuando los Legados se leen en voz alta tal como aparecen en nuestra Literatura Aprobada por la Conferencia (CAL). No está dentro de la autonomía del grupo individual cambiar los pronombres al leer los Legados, ya que esto afecta a Al-Anon en su conjunto. Cambiar la redacción de nuestros Pasos y Tradiciones es muy similar a traer literatura externa a nuestras reuniones. La lectura constante de nuestros Tres Legados tal Como stun secretos protégé loss derechos de autor de Al-Anon y asegura a los miembros de Al-Anon que dondequiera que vayamos en todo el mundo, el mensaje de ayuda y esperanza de Al-Anon sigue siendo claro y consistente".

¡El año pasado viaje por carretera! El evento You and Your Board Connect no se celebró debido a la pandemia de COVID. ¡Me complace anunciar que el Road Trip 2022! Se planea que el evento You and Your Board Connect se celebre el 29 de octubre de 2022 en Cleveland, OH! Marque sus calendarios y únase a la Junta de Síndicos y a los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo para un día de diversión y conexión entre sí. ¡Más información sobre el Road Trip 2022! se presentará en la WSC 2022 en abril.

Aquí están las contribuciones de la estructura de WSC 2021 de Texas East:

**% de Grupos**  
50%

**Promedio para Grupos**  
\$212.77

**2021**  
\$42,129.00

**2020**  
\$54,648.00

¡Los invito a reunirse conmigo en Albuquerque, Nuevo México, del 29 de junio al 2 de julio de 2023, para celebrar la Séptima Convención Internacional de Al-Anon!

Mattie T.  
Este de Texas Delegada del Panel 61

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

Spring greetings, Texas East.

Going over the Al-Anon Guidelines for Group Representatives (G-11), I was reminded that one of the duties of a GR is to "Encourage members to subscribe to and submit articles for *The Forum*, Al-Anon's monthly magazine."

So, I turned to the AFG Connects for Area Literature Coordinators and found this request from the World Service Office (WSO) Literature Committee:

**Sharings needed for "CAL Corner":** Please urge members to share in writing about how a piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We are currently looking for sharings about *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78), *Living with Sobriety* (P-49), *Reaching for Personal Freedom* (P-92), *The Al-Anon Focus* (P-45), and *From Survival to Recovery* (B-21). Send your sharings by May 15 to: *The Forum*, Attention: "CAL Corner", 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617, or by email to [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org) with "CAL Corner" in the subject line; or submit online at [al-anon.org/forumshare](http://al-anon.org/forumshare). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" at: [al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf](http://al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf)

*The Forum* subscription order form can be found on the back cover of each issue. The cost is \$11.00 annually. The digital version is available for purchase through your electronic media provider. Contact WSO for details.

**NEW DAILY READER (working title):** The process for developing Conference Approved Literature has been completed and approved for Al-Anon's next book. It is currently undergoing design and translation so that it can be ready for what we hope will be its debut in English, French, and Spanish at the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention in New Mexico.

The new introduction for the *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6), placing it in historical perspective of the time it was written in, has been completed and approved by the Literature Committee and will be in the next printing.

The 62nd World Service Conference (WSC) will take place in Tarrytown, New York, April 26-30, 2022. Each year, following the WSC, the World Service Office compiles a *World Service Conference Summary* (P-46) that provides a full report of the proceedings. The 2022 *Summary* will be posted to the Al-Anon website in July. Meanwhile, consider reading about what has occurred at past WSCs. Go to [al-anon.org/wscsummary](http://al-anon.org/wscsummary) to see all *Summaries* from 1961 through 2021. (*The Forum* April 2022 issue page 24).

**Secretary's Report ~ Mandy T.***No Report***Treasurer's Report ~ Myrthala C.**

The 1st Quarter of 2022 Statement of Financial activities is in this copy of *The Beacon*. The current checking balance is \$34,359.50. The Ample Reserve (CD) balance is \$20,000.66. The balance in the POSSE account is \$6,480.49 and the TEA AC balance account is \$5,917.96.

In order to receive payment for approved AWSC expenditures, a receipt must accompany the AWSC Expense Claim Form. When claiming mileage, a copy of a MapQuest printout should be turned in showing mileage to be reimbursed.

At the end of the year, the Audit Committee will be performing an audit of the Treasury income and expenses, so I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter by timely submitting your Expense Claim form with its receipts.

Please do not send pictures of the AWSC Expense Claim Form when submitting your expenses for reimbursement, since I am having problems printing them. Reimbursement forms may be mailed to: PO BOX 450675 Laredo, TX 78045.

The AWSC Expense Claim form can be found on our website, or you can email me and I will send you one.

Gratitude in Service,  
Myrthala C.

**Area Alateen Process Person ~ Ilene F.**

I am so grateful to be able to serve as your Area Alateen Process Person.

The Area Recertification is in full swing for both our Alateen Groups and Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service (AMIAS). It's the last day of March, and we have 2 months remaining to complete the Annual Recertification for 2022.

**AMIAS**

- 47 registered AMIASs are required to be recertified in our Area by 6/1/2022.
- 30 AMIASs have completed the required recertification training.
- 18 AMIASs have turned in their application paperwork, passed the background checks and have been recertified.
- 7 AMIASs have chosen not to recertify this year, we are forever grateful for their service.
- We are currently 53% complete with the AMIAS recertification.

**Alateen Groups**

- 20 registered Alateen Groups required to be recertified in our Area by 6/1/2022.
- 13 Alateen Groups have been recertified.

•4 Alateen Groups have reported as not meeting and have been deactivated. Covid is still impacting the Alateen program quite hard.

•We are currently 85% complete with the Alateen Group recertification.

I was fortunate to attend P.O.S.S.E this year. Along with being informative and a great opportunity to complete the Area Recertification requirements, the fun activities, sharings, and fellowship made for an enjoyable and fulfilling weekend. I am already looking forward to next year when I may see my fellow AMIASs again.

I am happy to share that even though the Alateen program was hit hard these past couple years, our Area has been blessed with 16 Al-Anon members completing the initial certification training required to become an AMIAS.

I would like to close with the final reminder that our Area requires that all AMIAS and Groups recertify by 6/1/22. Please have your paperwork dropped in the mail early enough so that it is to me no later than Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This will allow me to have enough time to complete the background check and update your certification in the WSO database by 6/1/22.

Any AMIAS or Groups that are not recertified by 6/1/22 will be inactivated and unable to participate in the Alateen program until proper training and paperwork is submitted. Please reach out to me if you have any questions regarding your recertification.

Yours in grateful service,  
Ilene F.

**Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Carolyn F.**

Do you want to MAKE WAVES!?

Become an AMIAS and set sail on a voyage of discovery and delight. AMIAS = Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service.

Our East Texas Alateen program needs more cruise directors! The Covid epidemic tsunami sank many of our Alateen groups, but some very special sailors have kept our Alateen program afloat. They paddled hard and found calm water. Thanks to those persistent skippers, the Alateen program in East Texas has kept its head above water. Now, the teens are swimming out to us.

The current need for cruise directors is tremendous. You will discover a depth of understanding and compassion from our teens that you thought unimaginable. You will delight in hearing some heartfelt experiences of their own tests to keep afloat. Our destinations of sharing experience, strength, and hope are guaranteed.

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To join the East Texas AMIAS family—and make some waves—it is not difficult. Our trainers will guide you in learning the ropes. We offer training through Zoom and person-to-person. Get your passport stamped! Our trainers are waiting! Contact Carol: 225-235-8538

Carol F.

### **POSSE Report ~ Lynn S.**

Texas East Area annual Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (POSSE) was held March 18-20, 2022. This was the 28th year for the Round-Up weekend in Gonzales, Texas with 10 participants working together for their Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) recertification or initial certification.

After the Registrar, Mandy T., checked everyone in and assigned rooms, the fun began with going to town for a fellowship dinner at the Rodeo Restaurant. Back at the camp the workshops included AMIAS – Circles of Support led by Area Alateen Coordinator (AAC), Carol F., showing us how the Links of Service work for the Alateen groups and their group sponsors.

Our World Service Office (WSO) guest, Sue P., could not attend again this year but was able to participate electronically for her workshop. Sue provided an overview of the 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees (BOT). She encouraged us to turn to the *Service Manual 2018-2021* version two (2), page 228 for the complete motion and the Safety and Behavioral Requirements.

AAC Carol F. reviewed the AMIAS Legal Responsibilities and Safety Boundaries required of each Alateen Group Sponsor in Alateen meetings and when Alateens are participating in A.A. and Al-Anon Events.

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), Ilene F., walked us through filling out our AMIAS certification forms. She also went over the new form for registering a new Alateen Group and the new form for submitting changes to an existing Alateen group. She stressed that these forms must come from the AAPP and be returned to the AAPP before an Alateen group can begin meeting. She shared that Alateen groups will be using a new WSO Annual Update form for 2022, and that it is very important that the group's Current Mailing Address (CMA) return it ASAP as it is now part of the Area Annual Recertification. The deadline for all AMIAS and WSO Annual Update forms must be turned in to the AAPP by June 1, 2022.

All in all, the weekend included ideas from each of the participants on encouraging the Alateen groups to use the many pieces of Alateen Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and writing sharings for the Alateen newsletter *Alateen Talk*. Lynn B. shared some ideas for Alateen Public Outreach. Last, but not least, Nancy B. led the "God as I understand Him" meeting and we circled for the closing with the Al-Anon Declaration and singing "Lean on Me".

The 29th POSSE Round-Up will be held March 17-19, 2023 in

Gonzales, Texas. The cost will remain the same at \$125.00.

Lynn S.

### **Area Archives Coordinator ~ Lynn B.**

In February 2022, I took items from our Archives to the 2022 All Texas Al-Anon Alateen Conference (ATAAC), held in Ft. Worth, Texas. Many attendees stopped by the display to read and view our area's collection of its history.

The formal inventory of the Texas East area's archives has begun. This will be a lengthy process and not a task that can be done by one person.

I am looking for volunteers to help with this project. Assisting with the Archives inventory is a wonderful way to learn the history of Al-Anon in Texas East and to serve our area. Volunteer time commitment is flexible. Volunteers can help one time or on multiple occasions.

Our collection currently resides in Houston and the actual inventorying of the Archives will take place in my home, also located in Houston.

Please contact me if you or any other member in your district would like to participate.

email: [myrtle.09@yahoo.com](mailto:myrtle.09@yahoo.com)

With gratitude,

Lynn B.

### **Temporary Group Records Coordinator ~ Laura B.**

*No Report*

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

*No Report*

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

Happy Spring, everybody! As I'm typing this, it is absolutely beautiful outside, for which my gardening-lovin' heart is very grateful. Now for some news:

**The 2021 Member Survey Results** – If you've been looking for something to send professionals, something that provides evidence-based data for the efficacy of Al-Anon, then this one's for you! I am excited to report that one of our most important outreach tools for professionals is now available, "The 2021 Member Survey Results".

This survey gives professionals an idea of who we are, who we are affected by, the effectiveness of Al-Anon, and the clarification that Al-Anon is not competing with professional therapy.

The need to share this tool with professionals is reflected in the survey data. Of the 10,848 members who reported receiving treatment prior to attending Al-Anon, only 41% were referred to Al-Anon by a professional. That means 59% of them were not referred to Al-Anon by a professional. Those are the professionals we want to be reaching out to, talking to, and letting them know we are here to be complementary to their

professional help.

You can find the 2021 Member Survey Results at:

[https://al-anon.org/resources-for-professionals/membership-survey/?utm\\_source=intheloop&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220309ITL&utm\\_term=EN-buttonlink8\\_View-Survey-Results&utm\\_content=/resources-for-professionals/membership-survey/](https://al-anon.org/resources-for-professionals/membership-survey/?utm_source=intheloop&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220309ITL&utm_term=EN-buttonlink8_View-Survey-Results&utm_content=/resources-for-professionals/membership-survey/)

It can also be found on the WSO website, [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org), at the very bottom of the Members page, "Membership Survey". Keep in mind these survey results are valid for 3 years. We'll be taking a new survey in 2024 and have updated information to share.

Who can share this tool with professionals? Any member who is willing to bring the Al-Anon message of help and hope to those who are affected by someone else's drinking.

If you have questions or need more information, feel free to contact your District Public Outreach Coordinator. I am also available to answer questions and/or chat about how to reach out to the public in your district. Just another reminder we are never alone in our Al-Anon service.

Hope to see you all at the May Assembly in Corpus Christi. I'd love to hear your stories about public outreach happening near you!

#### **Spanish Coordinator ~ Everica R.**

*No Report*

#### **Website Coordinator ~ Natanya A.**

Things have been a little quiet on the website front as we wait to begin ramping up for our next Assembly. I am excited to begin working with Kurt N. on our new cloud-based storage strategy and learning more about how it will work with the website.

Two quick reminders about content for the website for Assembly:

- Any report that is submitted in time for publication in *The Beacon* will not be separately published on the website. We link to *The Beacon* as our main record. Information that is not in *The Beacon* or that is an update to a report already published in *The Beacon* will be on the website.
- When you submit content for publication on the website, please be sure to remove last names to help protect the anonymity of everyone. I try to review all content but as we get closer to a big event like an Assembly, I may miss something.

Love in service,  
Natanya A.

### **DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

#### **District 1 ~ Veronica P.**

*No Report*

#### **District 2 ~ Lisa W.**

First, I want to express my gratitude to Ginny M. and our District as they help my transition into the service of District 2 Rep with the ETAAA 2022 Spring Assembly upon us!

We meet as a District quarterly, and our last gathering via Zoom was on January 15. Our District is healthy with a mixture of in-person, hybrid, and several online meetings still navigating the slowly receding effects of the pandemic.

Presently we are meeting bi-weekly with our Assembly volunteers staying busy preparing to host this event on May 13-15 at the Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Bayfront Hotel.

Please note; the assembly registration and hotel cutoff date are **April 21, 2022**. (The registration flier is in this issue of *The Beacon*.) You may call the hotel at 361-882-1700 (**Block Code ETA**) for your reservation.

Assembly registration opens at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 13, and the hospitality room will also open at this time. Carol F. is our hospitality chair, providing you with this great place to snack and greet before the event kicks off at 7:00 pm with speaker Sarah S. from WSO headquarters.

Our Area Chair, Paula H., has set the AWSC meeting for 8:15 pm. on Friday.

Please consider the donation of a Raffle Basket or other items, i.e., crafts, quilts, small appliances, gift certificates, etc., by contacting this committee at [springassembly2022@gmail.com](mailto:springassembly2022@gmail.com). It would help to know how many baskets/items to expect for this "fun" fundraiser! Cash contributions are welcome too!

Cash donations can be made via Venmo—[Venmo@MayAssembly-2022](mailto:Venmo@MayAssembly-2022). Personal checks made payable to "2022 Spring Assembly" can be mailed to:  
Minga H.  
121 Naples St.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78404

Please consider purchasing the Gourmet Boxed Lunch to help us meet our contract needs and get back to the afternoon business meeting on time.

The dinner hour is on your own, followed by guest speaker Sarah S. from Al-Anon Family Groups, Virginia Beach, VA.

Sunday morning, there will be a workshop on Conflict Resolution presented by current Delegate Mattie T. and past Delegate Kay C.

If you have any questions, please call Ginny M. at 361-563-4190, Lisa W. at 361-549-4604, or email us at [springassembly2022@gmail.com](mailto:springassembly2022@gmail.com).

Lisa W.

**District 3 ~ Position Vacant***No Report***District 4 ~ Margaret F.**

District 4 is very busy with a lot going on. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will hold A Day in Al-Anon, "Solutions... In All Our Affairs", using said book as inspiration. As always, I'm sure the event will be a great success.

Also in the works are the plans for a great Fall Assembly, November 4-6, 2022. The committees are working hard to "SOS... Save Our Serenity". We are looking forward to seeing all our Texas East friends in Lake Jackson, so don't forget to SAVE THE DATE!

At our last Group Representative meeting on March 12, 2022, there were 20 attendees with 9 GR's and/or Alternate GR's. It is good to see this many people attending. I have visited a couple of groups and hope to get to visit many more groups soon.

I attended the South-Central Regional Delegates meeting the first weekend in March. It really helps me to understand how the Links of Service work, to understand more of the workings of the World Service Conference, and how important it is for all groups and districts to communicate their needs to the Area Delegate. I encourage all to learn about the links of service and how to use them for the greater good of your program and your group.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in May at the Spring Assembly in Corpus Christi. May the sun be bright, and enthusiasm spread rapidly in Texas East Area 53.

In service,  
Margaret F.

**District 5 ~ Peggy T.**

Since our last report, District 5 has held three district meetings, all using a hybrid format. We are also now incorporating

Meeting Date	Voting GRs / Alt. GRs	Increase / Decrease	Percent Increase
12/12/2021	16	-	-
1/15/2022	18	+2	13%
3/27/2022	27	+9	50%

fun and fellowship into our meetings, with desserts, snacks, and social icebreakers. It has lightened the mood and attendance is improving:

Hopefully this trend will continue, especially since we have just launched an outreach task force that will specifically focus on increasing participation.

On February 5, 2022, the District hosted a separate "Family Discussion" regarding the size of our district (104 groups and 133 meetings, whereas around 25 groups is considered optimal). We had a rich discussion with numerous people sharing

their personal experience, strength and hope on the subject. At the following District meeting on March 27, the GRs approved the next step of forming a thought force/task force on district realignment.

We are planning a gratitude dinner / spaghetti supper sometime in early summer. All Al-Anon members will be invited.

Peggy T.

**District 6 ~ Anna A.**

Spring has sprung here in Central Texas, and I'm excited to see our beautiful wildflowers! I'm also hoping to see many of our members face-to-face in the coming months. Our April District Meeting will be virtual, but we are currently polling our members to see how people feel about having the July District Meeting in person. If we do meet in person in July, it will be the first time since January 2020. I'm looking forward to a healthy discussion in April to come to a decision where everyone feels safe and comfortable about future district meetings. We're also continuing work on upcoming events and initiatives:

**Events**

•**District Meeting on April 23** – It will be virtual, as decided by the GRs at the July 2021 District Meeting. Please let me know if you would like to attend to see what goes on at our district meetings.

•**ETAAA Spring 2023 Host Committee** – District 6 will be the host district for the 2023 ETAA Spring Assembly, and we have selected a venue. Yay! The event will be held May 19-21, 2023, at the Wingate by Wyndham in Round Rock, TX, which is about 20 miles north of downtown Austin. Now that we have a venue, selecting a theme, sending out flyers, and selecting speakers will begin to move quickly, so please keep an eye out for announcements.

**District Initiative**

A District 6 Repository Task Force was created to study the details and to make concrete recommendations regarding a document repository, including the potential creation of a service position to monitor activity. This will be extremely helpful in allowing the District to save its important documents in a manner that provides easy and safe access for members.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful spring.

In grateful service,  
Anna A.

**District 7 ~ Allyn D.***No Report***District 8 ~ Nina W.**

Woohoo! Spring is here! We are working on several things here in District 8.

Our next District Meeting will be on Saturday, April 9 at 9am, and the AIS Meeting will meet after ours. I want to thank all the GR's who have sent out the surveys for the Area. I have received several so far. This is very informative, and I will share



the results at our next meeting. We have the November 2023 Fall Assembly; this is an election meeting. I will send out an email for everyone to sign up to help with this wonderful event.

We had to postpone the GR's informative meeting for all incoming new GR's, former GR's and for those who are thinking about holding this position in the future. Several of our groups will be holding elections this month and I am wanting to give everyone a chance to transition before holding this informative meeting. I look forward to everyone being there to share their experience, strength and hope.

In Service—Nina W.

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

District 9 had a great face-to-face in Mineola, Texas on April 2nd. We had three new GRs in attendance. Also, we are proud to announce we now have a new group in Palestine – The Lunch Bunch AFG. In the days of COVID it is exciting to see new people stepping up to the plate!

District 9 is hosting Mattie T., our WSO Delegate, on July 23rd. We are planning on making this an exciting event, open to *every member of Al-Anon in District 9, (other districts are welcome too)*. A special viewing of the film *Lois's Story* will follow. This will not be just a district meeting, but instead we are hoping to share the joys of service with all, not just the GRs. The committee, which was created at our last district meeting, has worked diligently to come up with a plan for this event.

Our groups are thriving. In their reports, the GRs share strengths and challenges. Together, we are a village of strength, hope, and recovery.

District 9 is like most other districts in East Texas as we continue to deal with the unfolding challenges of COVID. The vast majority of groups are meeting only in person. We have groups that are continuing to meet only on Zoom, but these are fewer. A minimal number of groups are holding hybrid meetings with face-to-face and Zoom provided in some form.

We have folks committed to service in District 9, and I am deeply grateful for every GR that serves!

DebiSu Y.

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

*No Report*

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

Spring has sprung in Texas East, and it is my hope that the Spring allergies are not too bad for us.

District 12 had a good turnout for the Feb.12 meeting where the attending GRs participated in the **Survey to Gather Information from Rural and Large Geographic Populations**. Each GR then took the survey back to their group and asked each member to participate in the survey. To date, 3 of the 10 groups that were represented have returned surveys.

Three of the five district Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) have completed their annual recertification

training. One Alateen group is meeting and we are looking forward to Alateen groups growing again.

Our next district meeting will be April 23. This will be the meeting to help our GRs prepare for the Spring Assembly in Corpus Christi. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Corpus Christi.

Lynn S.

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

*No Report*

## **AIS LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Austin AIS ~ Jessica P.**

*No Report*

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

The Beaumont AIS board met Saturday, January 15 2022.

Our primary agenda item concerned issues that have arisen from our online bookstore. If your groups need literature, keep us in mind. The bookstore can be accessed through our website: [www.setxalanon.org](http://www.setxalanon.org)

We have a new volunteer and are now open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00PM. We continue to seek new volunteers so we can be open more often. We will be scheduling a "work day" soon to clean out the office and closets. Our 24-hour hotline continues from Thursday evening through Tuesday morning. Our schedules are posted way in advance and we have contact information for others if a change is necessary.

At our next board meeting in April, we will elect new directors and officers.

Barbara G.

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

Thank you District 4, for inviting the Intergroup Office to handle literature sales at the District 4 Day In Al-Anon in Alvin on March 26. What a great day of meeting in person for speakers, skits, and the 3 Fs – Fun, Food, and Fellowship.

The next HAIS Intergroup Service Rep. (ISR) meeting will meet via Zoom on May 1 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The board will meet prior from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. New board members will be affirmed. Zoom Meeting ID: 828 6537 4161 / Passcode: 995733

Come join us in person or by Zoom on May 7 at 2:00 p.m. for the Quarterly HAIS Speaker Meeting Fundraiser to hear Roosevelt (18 years) from Blue Dolphin AFG share experience, strength and hope. Limited books will also be available for purchase. The meeting will be held at Spring Branch Club – 1200 Blalock, Ste. 378 - Houston, or Join by Zoom – Meeting ID: 851 0346 6767 / Passcode: 622338.

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ETAAA FINANCIAL REPORT

ETAAA Financial Report 2022	Q1 3/31/22	Q2 6/30/22	Q3 9/30/22	Q4 12/31/22	Total YTD	2022 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Checkbook Balance (CB)	39,533.13		0.00	0.00			
Receipts							
Contributions Income	3,615.66				3,615.66	16,000.00	(12,384.34)
Beacon Income	42.00				42.00	200.00	(158.00)
Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	
Fall 2021 Surplus					0.00		
Spring 2022 Surplus					0.00		
Returned Seed Money					0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Background Checks	48.20				48.20		
Spring Birthday Basket (WSO)					0.00		
Fall Collection Basket (Area)					0.00		
CD Interest	135.53				135.53		
Miscellaneous Income					0.00		
Total Income	3,841.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,841.39	23,200.00	(19,358.61)
Total Income+ CB Balance	43,374.52	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Disbursements							
Travel / Expenses	2,385.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,385.41	14,400.00	(12,014.59)
Alateen Coordinator	257.00				257.00	1,800.00	(1,543.00)
Alateen Liaison					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Alateen Process Person	196.25				196.25	800.00	(603.75)
Alternate Delegate	236.51				236.51	600.00	(363.49)
Archives	39.34				39.34	700.00	(660.66)
Beacon Editor	127.60				127.60	500.00	(372.40)
Chair	157.93				157.93	800.00	(642.07)
Delegate					0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
Group Records	235.54				235.54	500.00	(264.46)
Public Outreach	61.26				61.26	600.00	(538.74)
Past Delegates	238.65				238.65	3,000.00	(2,761.35)
Past Area Chairpersons					0.00	900.00	(900.00)
Secretary					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Spanish Coordinator	229.60				229.60	800.00	(570.40)
Treasurer	404.08				404.08	800.00	(395.92)
Website Coordinator	201.65				201.65	500.00	(298.35)
Other Expenses	4,991.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,991.24	12,500.00	(3,440.72)

ETAAA Financial Report 2022	Q1 3/31/22	Q2 6/30/22	Q3 9/30/22	Q4 12/31/22	Total YTD	2022 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Beacon Publishing	777.60				777.60	3,300.00	(2,522.40)
Storage Unit for Archives	111.00				111.00	800.00	(689.00)
Web Hosting Fee	155.88				155.88	100.00	55.88
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Miscellaneous Expense					0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Post Office Rental	212.00				212.00	0.00	212.00
Bank Fees	202.80				202.80	0.00	202.80
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Transitional AWSC Meeting					0.00	0.00	0.00
Web-Based Conferencing	31.96				31.96	600.00	(568.04)
Assembly Seed Money	3,500.00					7,000.00	(7,000.00)
<b>World Service Conference</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,100.00	(3,100.00)
Area's Gifts to WSC					0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC					0.00	2,400.00	(2,400.00)
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC					0.00	400.00	(400.00)
<b>SC Regional Delegate Meeting</b>	1,617.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,617.52	4,800.00	(3,182.48)
Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Chair	436.50				436.50	600.00	(163.50)
Immediate Past Delegate					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Active Past Delegates	475.52				475.52	2,400.00	(1,924.48)
Alternate Delegate	705.50				705.50	600.00	105.50
<b>Background Checks</b>	20.85				20.85		
<b>WSO Contributions (Spring Basket)</b>					0.00		
Transfer to CD					0.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	9,015.02		0.00	0.00	9,015.02	34,800.00	(25,784.98)
<b>Check Balance</b>	34,359.50	0.00	0.00	0.00			
<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>	(5,173.63)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
<b>Ample Reserve Fund (CD)</b>							
Beginning Balance	20,000.00	20,000.66	20,000.66	20,000.66	20,000.00		
Increase/(Decrease)	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Ending Balance	20,000.66	20,000.66	20,000.66	20,000.66	20,000.00		

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Plans are under way for our Face2Face Fundraiser on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church on Blalock. Volunteers are needed to make this happen. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dena F. at 832-343-0758. More details to come.

Service = Gratitude in Action

Joyce Y.

**San Antonio AIS ~ Dolores W.**

*No Report*

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

¡Saludos, del Intergrupo Hispano de Houston!

Estoy contenta de darles la noticia de que los grupos Hispanos ya tienen sus reuniones presenciales. Existen 17 grupos actualmente y la mayoría he tenido la oportunidad de visitar para saber cómo se encuentra, y hacer saber de los futuros eventos que se realizarán en el área 53.

Tuve la oportunidad de participar en la Asamblea de Otoño en 2021. En este año pude asistir a la ATAAC Conferencia en Fort Worth de 18-20 de Febrero. ¡Para mí fue una experiencia! ¡Maravillosa! Tuvimos nuestras reuniones en español donde compartimos con varias compañeras(os) que asistieron.

El comité de Información Pública del Intergrupo Hispano está trabajando distribuyendo folletos y revistas en la comunidad; los nuevos flyers han sido de buena aceptación para colocar en lugares como panaderías negocios pequeños.

Tenemos literatura en español a disposición para los grupos que desean comprar. La línea para los que soliciten información en español es 713-681-1296.

Recibimos la invitación para participar en LIX Asamblea Hispana De AA Del Estado De Texas - AA en Mayo del 27-29. Es una oportunidad para volver a reencontrarnos! ¡La participación es la clave de la armonía!

Gracias por su confianza.

Nora F.

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Greetings from the AIS Houston Hispanic Intergroup!

I am happy to give you the news that the Hispanic groups are meeting face-to-face. There are currently 17 groups, most of which I have had the opportunity to visit to find out how they are doing, and let them know about future events taking place in Area 53.

I had the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Fall Assembly. This year I was able to attend the ATAAC Conference in Fort Worth from February 18-20. For me it was an experience!

Marvelous! We had our meetings in Spanish where we shared with several companions who attended.

The Public Information Committee of the Hispanic Intergroup is working on distributing brochures and magazines in the community; the new flyers have been well accepted to place in places such as small business bakeries.

We have literature in Spanish available for groups who wish to purchase. The line for those requesting information in Spanish is 713-681-1296.

We received the invitation to participate in the 59th Hispanic Assembly of Texas - AA on May 27-29. It is an opportunity to meet again! Participation is the key to harmony!

Thank you for your trust.

Nora F.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Audit Committee Report**

2021 Audit of ETAAA books was recently completed. The committee is currently working with the Area Treasurer for further clarification of Assembly surplus and seed money. A review of possible changes in format for future reports is also being reviewed.

The AWSC voted to complete audits annually for the prior year before tax reports due date of May 15.

Audit Committee

Joyce Y.

Margaret F.

Lynn B.





**East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)  
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) January 29, 2022  
Dobbin Community Center - Dobbin, TX**

**Chairperson – Paula H.** opened the meeting at 10:05 am with the Serenity Prayer.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Paula H. thanked District 7 and Allyn D., District Representative (DR), for hosting. She also expressed her appreciation for all the love and support during her recent illness. Lisa W. was introduced as the new DR for District 2 replacing Ginny M. Peggy T. has resigned as Group Records Coordinator effective today, January 29. She will continue as DR for District 5. Laura B. is interested in the position.

**Reading of the Traditions and Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference** from *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (Vol. 2): Attendees read the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference, pp. 15 -18. Paula H. shared etiquette for the meeting.*

**Secretary:** Mandy T. was unable to attend due to a family illness. Joyce Y., Acting Secretary, called the roll and 22 of 29 voting members were present. For voting procedures, it was determined that 15 was 2/3 and 12 was a majority. The group voted to use 2/3 for voting. Voting members absent were Area Secretary, District 1 DR, District 3 DR, District 10 DR, Houston Hispanic AIS Liaison, and San Antonio AIS Liaison.

**Delegate's Sharing:** Mattie T. shared that the non-Panel Area Assembly elected a Delegate on January 22, 2022. She reviewed the necessary steps and process for the non-Panel Area to join the World Service Conference (WSC) structure by a motion by the Conference Chairperson to the Conference for admission. Members of the 2022 WSC will vote on the motion the first morning of the WSC. Following approval by the WSC to admit the Area into the WSC Structure, the new Panel 62 Delegate will become a voting member of the 2022 WSC.

The 62nd WSC will be held April 25 – May 1, 2022 at the Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, New York 10591. All Conference members will visit Stepping Stones and attend an open Policy meeting.

It is time to solicit candidates for the South Central Regional Trustee Position. Duties, qualifications and resume can be found at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/board-of-trustees/board-of-trustee-application/>. The application is due August 15, 2022. However, candidates from our Area must be approved by the East Texas Area Assembly at the May 2022 Assembly prior to this August 15 deadline.

The *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* version one (1) [P-24/27] will be available electronically in English, French, and Spanish at [al-anon.org](https://al-anon.org) this spring. Updates to the Service Manual will be noted with the use of vertical lines in the outer margins. The printed version will follow in late summer.

Mattie briefly reviewed the highlights of the 2021 Membership Survey taken June-July 2021. Responses from a record-breaking 16,486 Al-Anon members have been tallied.

Save the date for 2023 Al-Anon's International Convention with A.A. Participation – June 29 – July 2, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Paula H. stated any groups or districts who would like to send funds to Mattie to help defray her expense costs to please send to her home address and not the hotel.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Lynn B. requested that the Archives report be pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under **Other Business**.

**Motion was made by Margaret F. to approve Consent Agenda, Seconded by DebiSu Y.**

**For 21. Against and Abstain – 0.**

**Motion passed.**

**Assembly Reports:**

**Fall Assembly 2021 - November 12-13, 2021 – Lynn S.** – The theme was “**Removing Our Masks**” and was held

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at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center of San Marcos. Total rooms blocked were 35. Attendance was 161. The number of lunches sold totaled 132. Cost of registration was Al-Anon/AA \$30, Alateen \$5. Seed money of \$3500 and excess has been submitted to the Area Treasurer. There were 72 GRs present. Total Al-Anon Years of Attendees was 2052.

**Spring Assembly 2022 - May 13-15, 2022 – Lisa W.** – The theme will be **“Recovery Through Unity”** and will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina in Corpus Christi. Rooms are \$128 per night with a cutoff date of April 21, 2022. (60 rooms each for Friday and Saturday nights have been booked). There is no charge for meeting rooms if 70% of the total room block or 85 total room nights is met. Venmo Pay Option: @MayAssembly-2022. *(If you pay by Venmo, please mail in the registration form.) Sarah S., WSO Director of Programs, will be our speaker and/or lead a workshop.*

**Fall 2022 - November 4-6, 2022 – Margaret F.** – **“Save Our Serenity”** – The Assembly will be at Lake Jackson Civic Center in Lake Jackson. There are two Hotels: Comfort Suite \$90/night for king or two doubles *(November 1 cutoff)* and Best Western \$109/night *(October 4 cutoff)*. Registration is Al-Anon/AA \$30, Alateen \$5. The luncheon is a TexMex Buffet for \$20. The speaker is Dee L., ETAAA Past Delegate. Workshops will be given by Diane B., South Central Regional Trustee, and another by District 3. **Spring 2023 – District 6 – Planning in progress.**

#### **Business - Discussion/Voting:**

**Cloud Based Storage Task Force – Natanya A.:** Kay C., Kurt N., and Jessica P. served on the Task Force. Their charge was to find a cloud-based storage provider specifically for the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and to create guidelines for use of that storage system. The Task Force came up with a Charter to show who is responsible for the task. The Task Force sees a third step, which is the need for a new role to support this system outside the Website Coordinator role. The Task Force recommends the use of Microsoft One-Drive. It is a common web browser, user friendly, secure, and easy to administer/manage. Users do not have to have a Microsoft application to access. File sharing is free for up to 300 people. It is recommended that an Information Steward be responsible for setup of working guidelines and explanation of info. Discussion followed.

**Motion #1 - I, Natanya A., move that the AWSC adopt Microsoft One-Drive as our cloud-based storage platform on a five (5) year trial basis.**

**Seconded by Peggy T.**

**For 22, Against and abstain 0.**

**Passed unanimously.**

**Motion #2 – I, Jessica P., move to accept the Charter from the Cloud-based Storage Task Force for a five (5) year trial basis.**

**Seconded by Allyn D.**

**For 21. Against and abstain 0.**

**Motion passed.**

**Motion #3 – I, DebiSu Y., move that the AWSC create a new support position with the title Information Steward to execute the Charter for the Cloud-based Storage System on a five (5) year trial basis.**

**Seconded by Anna A.**

**For 22, Against and abstain 0.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The Cloud Based Storage Task Force is now disbanded.

**Electronic Meetings Work Group Update – Peggy T.** - There were 101 responses to the Electronic Meeting Work Group's E-mail Survey to members regarding participation of Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically (AFGWME) in the Texas East Service Structure. Results showed 89 (88.1%) agreed with policy, 12 (11.9%) did not agree. Peggy reviewed the Proposed Policy for consideration by Group Representatives (GR). Based on some input from the survey, it now includes that the group should have and maintain a physical Current Mailing Address (CMA) in the Texas East Area AND that they be willing to send a Group Representative (GR) to the Texas East Assemblies and the meetings of the assigned district. It also includes procedures for District assignments and how to request changes from the electronic area to Texas East Area. If the AFGWME does not have a CMA in the Texas East Area,

their participation in our service structure will require explicit approval by our area based on the group's circumstances.

**Audit Committee – Joyce Y.** – Margaret F., Lynn B. Audit of ETAAA Treasurer's accounting records for 2018, 2019, and 2020 has been completed with no discrepancies found. We recommend a yearly audit be performed immediately, following the close of the previous year's books, and before Tax Reports are filed. The audit for 2021 books will be completed after this AWSC meeting. Additional recommendations are to change the report format for Unallocated Funds, place Miscellaneous Income and Expenses on separate line items, and add "Date Submitted" on the reimbursement form. We recommend a written accountability procedure for reimbursement be provided for consistency in reporting and reimbursement. Discussion followed.

**Motion #4 – I, Mattie T., move that the ETAAA Financial Audit be performed at the end of each fiscal year and before tax forms are filed annually.**

**Seconded by Lynn S.**

**For 22**

**Passed unanimously.**

**Area Group Records Coordinator Vacancy** – Laura B. has volunteered to be temporary Area Group Records Coordinator. Paula appointed Laura, with AWSC approval, as interim Area Groups Record Coordinator until she or someone else can be elected at the May 2022 Assembly.

**Policies and Procedures/Guidelines – Judy P.** – Rosie M., Lynn S., Dee L.. Judy reviewed the differences between policies, procedures, and guidelines. The Committee suggests this be a handbook which includes Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines based on traditions, motions, job descriptions and shared experience. After discussion, the AWSC agreed, and the Committee will move forward.

**How Area Assigns Groups in Districts – Peggy T.** – District 5 has 104 groups with 133 meetings with small participation at district meetings and assemblies. She outlined the history of the 2017 Task Force progress in division of District 5 and the successful move of several groups from District 5 to District 4 and District 7. Due to District and Area changes with elections, the remaining District 5 process was not completed. District 5 GRs recently voted to have "family discussions/conversations" to discuss how this division of District 5 into several smaller districts might be accomplished and to encourage more participation and service. District 5 wants to remain transparent with the AWSC and Area through this transition. It could also serve as a learning opportunity for other districts to review their group and areas serviced for possible split.

#### **Other Business:**

**Archives: Lynn B.** – The Area's copy of "Motorcycle Hobo" manuscript is missing from the Archives display at the November Assembly. As a result, this has brought up some concerns about ways to safely display our Archives at events. During discussion, suggestions offered were: display unique items in locked cabinets, have Archives in a separate room which can be locked, have someone stay with the display at all times.

**Presentation: Unifying Large Rural Area Workshop – Kay C.** – This survey was compiled by a Task Force during Kay's term as Delegate. Kay asked AWSC attendees to divide up into groups. Each member had 3 minutes to complete the survey, then 10 minutes to discuss within their group strategies to implement the survey, and each group to share one strategy. Strategies given included use of multi-modes of communication through social media with link to survey, use of Survey Monkey, visit groups in person at group location or multi-groups at one location. Kay is asking DRs to provide to their GRs to ask their groups to discuss and collectively answer, then return the completed survey to DR for compilation for final return at the fall stand-alone AWSC.

*Next Beacon deadline is April 1.*

Meeting adjourned with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Y., Acting Secretary



# Zona Este de Texas de Al-Anon y Alateen (ZETAA)

## Asamblea de Primavera 2022

### 13-15 de mayo de 2022

# "Recuperación a través de la Unidad"



*Hotel Ingo*

**Holiday Inn Downtown Marina**

**707 N. Shoreline Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78401**

**Reservaciones de hotel: 361-882-1700 (Pregunte por el código ETA)**

**Precio de habitación para ZETAA: \$128 + tax**

**Fecha límite de reservación: 21 de abril de 2022**

*Estacionamiento \$7 por el fin de semana (estacionamiento techado). Los servicios del hotel incluyen gimnasio, Internet inalámbrico de cortesía y un centro de negocios.*

**El progreso individual del mayor número depende de la Unión**



Similitudes



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Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Nombre en el distintivo \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección \_\_\_\_\_ Ciudad/Estado/Código Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre del Grupo \_\_\_\_\_ Distrito #: \_\_\_\_\_

Teléfono # \_\_\_\_\_ Correo electrónico \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Registración de Al-Anon

Cheques a nombre de **2022 ETAAA**

\*\*\*\$35 registraci3n tarde en la puerta!

Enviar a: **2022 ETAAA**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Registraci3n de AA

**P.O. Box 451364 Laredo, TX 78045**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Registraci3n de Alateen

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Comida

**Enviar preguntas a:**

[springassembly2022@gmail.com](mailto:springassembly2022@gmail.com)

**Opci3n Venmo: @MayAssembly-2022**

¿Le gustaría servicio de traducci3n al espa3ol? Sí \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRITO DE APERITIVOS DISPONIBLE EN EFECTIVO**

Al registrarse, todos los miembros de Alateen deben entregar un Formulario de Guías de Comportamiento de ETAAA completo y estar acompa3ados por un adulto registrado. El adulto registrado debe conservar el permiso notariado y los formularios médicos. Los formularios se pueden ubicar en el sitio web del Este de Texas: [www.texas-al-anon.org](http://www.texas-al-anon.org).

Fortaleza



Conocimiento mutuo



Unidad



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**East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)  
Spring Assembly 2022  
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# "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.*

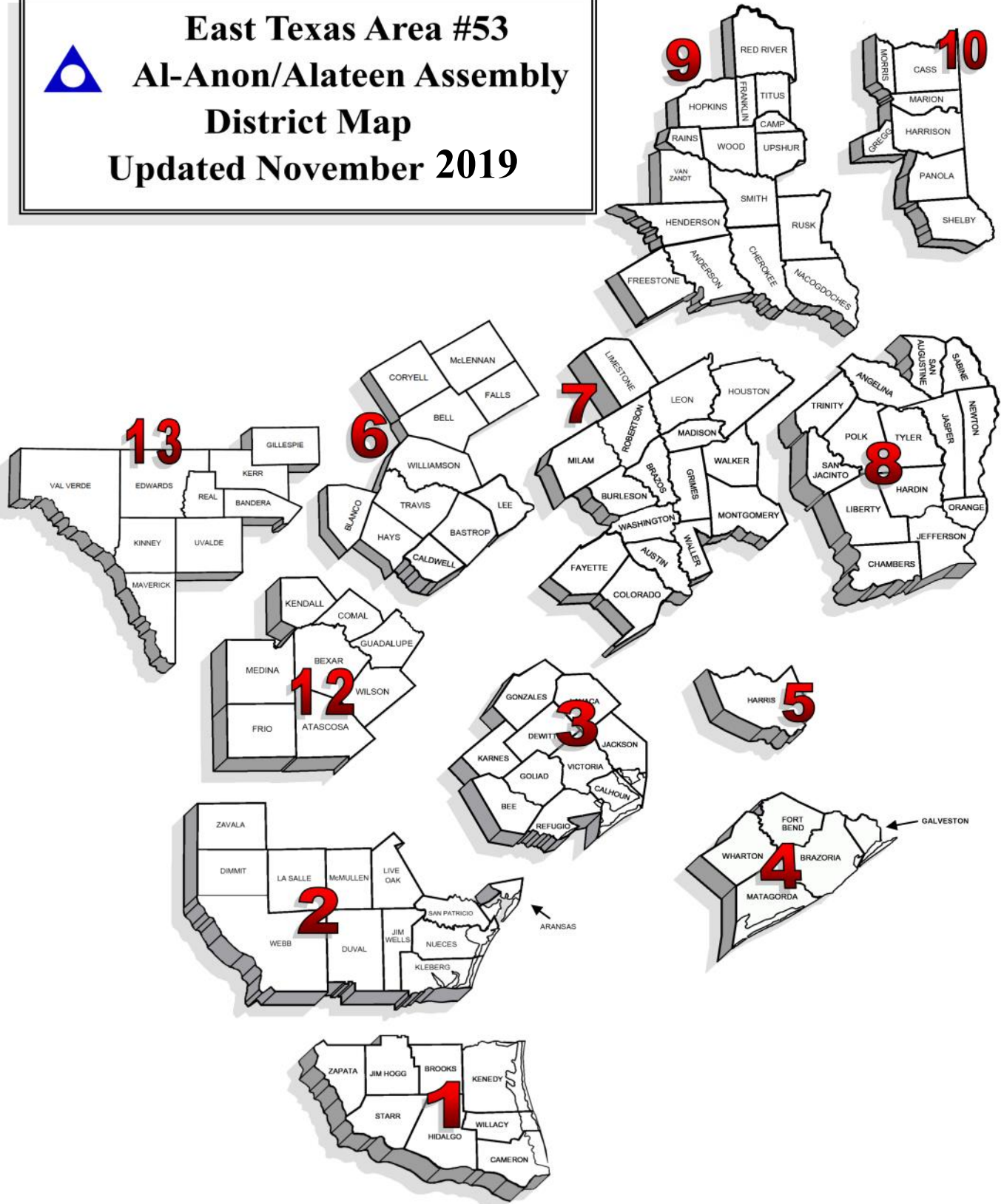
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**District Map**  
**Updated November 2019**





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Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address (for receipt) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Treasurer – ETAAA | *Please do not send cash by mail*  
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