



District Meeting July 21st

**Hosted by:
Glass House AFG &
Temple New Group AFG
At the First Methodist
Church in Temple**

Directions:

Take IH 35 North to Exit 301/TX 53 East/W Central Ave. At the 4th light, turn left on 3rd St. Turn right on W. Adams. At the second light, turn left on Barton/N. 2nd Street. We will be meeting in the Family Center right across from the church. Please contact Tallie R. at (254) 718-7818.

Refrigeration, microwave and stove are available.

- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Opening
- 9:30 am Workshop
- 11:00 am Business Meeting
- 12:00 pm Pot Luck Lunch
- 1:00 pm Business Meeting
- 3:30 pm Adjournment

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Our Area Alateen Process Person's Story...

After 18 years of marriage my husband decided the best way to deal with his drinking was to get rid of his wife, two teenage children, two dogs and two cats. When I agreed that divorce would probably be the best for all of us I retained a lawyer. My thinking was he would help me do something I never thought would happen to me become a divorcee and I would be alright. My husband was in another state with his job and I called him to let him know I had spoken with the lawyer and decided to "let him go". He was so happy with the news he went out to celebrate, wrecked his vehicle and ended up in the "drunk tank" of the local police station. His employer and the local judge were not impressed with him at all nor did they consider enabling him as I had done for years. His employer said if he wanted to keep his job he would go to a 28 day treatment program and the local judge thought that sounded like a good idea and made the same offer if he wanted to stay out of jail.

He came back to our town and moved into an apartment and the children and I stayed in our home. He went to AA meetings six weeks before he could go to the treatment center. He took part in a local AA Convention and listened to all of the speakers. There was only one Al-Anon speaker but she spoke for 90 minutes and he stayed for the whole talk. Afterwards he bought her tape and spoke to several of the Al-Anon members between speaker meetings. He asked about literature and meetings for his family – he was given a meeting list and the suggestion to purchase the book Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism.

He showed up on my doorstep with the book and the meeting list – needless to say I was not very receptive to hearing how someone or something could get him to stop drinking and think about what kind of person he had become. So he tossed the book on the couch next to me and ran out the door. Three weeks into his treatment program I received a letter from the center explaining to me that alcoholism is a family disease and they would like for our family to come to a family week and learn more about how we had been affected by someone's drinking. I knew they needed me to tell them about him and how he had been for the last 10 years. Funny, they really didn't want to hear about him, they wanted to hear about me and the children. They shared with me and my children that even if we did get divorced from him, we had still been affected by his drinking and we really needed to attend Al-Anon and Alateen. For four days they talked about Al-Anon and Alateen, gave me the One Day At a Time and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Al-Anon books and gave my children A Day At a Time in Alateen and Alateen, Hope for Children of Alcoholics. The last day at the treatment center was August 30 – that was the first day I read the ODAT. This reading gave me the courage to give my marriage a chance with, each family member in their program of recovery. We talked it over with each of us scared to it try and scared to not try it. We agreed to give us and the programs one year before we threw in the towel.

Twenty-one years later we are still married and both are in our respective programs. I still don't know what he is doing in his recovery because I am focusing on mine by reading those same books and more, and attending my home group meetings weekly. My program also includes service by being a certified Alateen group sponsor and sharing my spiritual understanding of a Power greater than myself with others.

Future Events

June 9, 2007	Alateen Sponsor Training Workshop & Meeting, 9:30-3:30, Wimberley Presbyterian Church
June 18, 2007	Austin Al-Anon Information Center Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
July 21, 2007	District 6 Meeting Hosted by Glass House AFG & Temple New Group
August 20, 2007	Austin Al-Anon Information Center Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
October 20, 2007	District 6 Meeting Hosted by Hope AFG, Cedar Park

Officer Reports

District Representative

District 6 Meeting, April 21, 2007

Greetings everyone,

Not a lot has happened for me to report, though I expect to get busier with the district meeting on April 21st and the Spring Area Assembly in May in Victoria.

What I would like to mention are some tentative agenda items our GRs may be voting on at the Assembly. I say tentative, because the Area World Service Conference will set the agenda for the assembly business meeting on Friday night, the first night of the assembly.

One item will have to do with recommendations for the South Central Regional Trustee position, and for a Trustee-at-Large position. I don't know who has expressed interest yet, but it always brings Al-Anon business closer to home for me when one of our own is one of these trusted servants.

I expect there may be some discussion of raising the cost of our assembly registration fee from \$15 to \$20. Expenses of presenting an assembly have risen, yet this would be another increase in expenses for GRs and others who attend. The registration fee has been considered nonrefundable, though is hasn't been explicitly stated as such.

Also perhaps to be discussed is the considering whether we do, in fact, want to continue sending the Beacon (our area newsletter) free on a trial basis. It appears that this motion was made and passed some years ago without the trial period being defined.

A final item may be whether the training of volunteer Alateen sponsors and drivers within each district is better done by area coordinators (the Alateen Process Person and/or the Alateen Coordinator) or by other volunteers within the district, such as the district Alateen Coordinator.

You might want to talk about these topics in your groups and see what your members think. Of course, some topics might be settled before the assembly and never come up for a vote, and some other topics entirely may be mentioned: one of the variables that makes assemblies unpredictable. Hope to see you in Victoria!

Hugs in service,
Randy M.

Secretary

District 6 Quarterly Meeting
April 21, 2007
Hosted by Georgetown Alateen

9:00: Preamble, Steps & Traditions
9:30: Alateen Sponsor Training & Workshop-Alanon/Alateen Jeopardy
10:45: Business Meeting Begins

Officer Reports:

DR: Randy

Secretary: Cindy, amendment to minutes from 1/27/07 meeting: In regards to discussion on guidelines for becoming a District Representative- As per Alanon-Alateen Service manual pg.108 states- An incoming, outgoing, or active past GR who is elected by the other GR's in his district either in his home district or at an Assembly may serve as District Representative.

Treasurer: Shelly

Coordinators Reports:

Alateen: Lizz S.

Archives: Linda

Forum/Literature: Mike

Information Center South: Mike

Information Center North: Cindy

Newsletter Editor: Lori

Public Outreach South: Carolon

Public Outreach North: Cindy

12:00-1:00: Potluck Lunch

1:00:Resume Business Meeting

- Election of District 6 Alateen Liaison Coordinator- Eden M. volunteered and gave bio, group voted, all for 0 against, Eden M. is new Alateen Liaison Coordinator.
- Discussion on Placing District Newsletter on Alanon/Alateen Website by Steve S., group discussion on topic occurred. Group agreed to give trial of next 2 issues on Website. Groups will continue to receive paper copy; individuals may receive paper copy if they submit a request to Newsletter Editor.

Group Reports Given

- Future District Meeting: July 21st hosted by Northland AFG or Belton AFG as back-up. October 20th hosted by Hope Group in Cedar Park

New Business

- Fall Assembly November, 2007 in Houston, TX- District 6 is responsible for providing workshop-will discuss further at July District meeting, any topics or suggestions submit to DR-Randy M.
- Discussion on Kristi Fund- Deadline for applications to help send Alateens to T53AC is 5/15/07. Alateens in need of financial assistance may submit an application with their name, address, sponsors name, group name, and statement on why they should be chosen for assistance. The Alateens chosen for assistance will receive 50% of financial assistance; the rest will be up to the Alateen to fund. Alateens need to submit application to their sponsor to pass on to either Randy M @ JRM0002@aol.com or to Lizz S. @ lpc303@aol.com for approval. Any questions please call Lizz S. @ 512-567-6817 or Randy M. @ 512-250-8122.

Meeting Adjourned.

In Service,

Cindy B.



Treasurer's Report

	District 6 Treasurer's Report			
	2006 Totals	2007 Budget	1st Quarter 2007	2007 Year to Date
Operating Account:				
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	3,442.23		453.58	453.58
<i>Anonymous Cash</i>	498.00		157.00	157.00
<i>Group Donations</i>	3,325.78		1,396.10	1,396.10
<i>Other</i>	-		-	-
Subtotal Income	3,823.78	6,400.00	2,006.68	2,006.68
Alateen Coordinator	319.26	500.00	181.01	181.01
Archives	112.12	25.00	-	-
District Meeting	369.31	400.00	50.00	50.00
DR Expenses	513.51	600.00	-	-
DR RSS Expenses	471.78	-	-	-
Forum/Literature Coordinator	-	25.00	-	-
Miscellaneous (1)	192.25	350.00	45.00	45.00
Newsletter	3,541.62	3,000.00	759.00	759.00
Public Outreach Coordinator - North	434.36	500.00	-	-
Public Outreach Coordinator - South	930.00	1,000.00	-	-
Accrue Reserves	400.00		100.00	100.00
Release Reserves	(471.78)		-	-
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	6,812.43	6,400.00	1,135.01	1,135.01
<i>Ending Balance</i>	453.58	-	871.67	871.67
<i>Reserve Accounts:</i>				
Kristy Fund				
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	514.50		514.50	514.50
<i>Accrual</i>	-	N/A	-	-
<i>Payment</i>	-		-	-
<i>Ending Balance</i>	514.50	-	514.50	514.50
<i>Int'l Reserve</i>				
Beginning Balance			1,638.17	
<i>Accrual</i>	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00
<i>Payment</i>	-		-	-
<i>Ending Balance</i>	1,638.17	200.00	1,688.17	1,688.17
<i>RSS Reserve</i>				
Beginning Balance			593.20	
<i>Accrual</i>	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00
<i>Payment</i>	(471.78)		-	-
<i>Ending Balance</i>	593.20	200.00	643.20	643.20
<i>Prudent Reserve</i>				
Beginning Balance	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
<i>Accrual</i>	-	N/A	-	-
<i>Payment</i>	-		-	-
<i>Ending Balance</i>	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Bank Account Balance		(400.00)	5,717.54	

Notes:



Coordinator's Reports

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Those of you who attended the April District meeting are aware of the changes to come for the newsletter due to cost of publication. To reduce costs and improve overall accessibility, the District 6 Newsletter is being made available online at the Austin Al-Anon Information Service website which is located at www.austinalanon.org/District.htm. A hardcopy newsletter will also be mailed to all active, registered groups in District 6, using the Current Mailing Address (CMA) that the groups have provided to the WSO and the East Texas Area Group Records. The items that **will not** be posted in the newsletter on the website will be the Information Center Board meeting minutes, page 11 of the newsletter due to anonymity of the Officers and Coordinators and the meeting schedule. Posting the newsletter on the website will be a trial period of the Summer and Fall issues.

Grateful in Service,
Lori L.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

NORTH

I mailed out packets to local doctors in Waco, West and McGregor. I included a few pamphlets in Spanish and English, the Outreach Forum in Spanish and English, the "Dear Dr." letter, and the pamphlet for professionals. I also included a schedule of local meetings and the Waco Alateen Group notice. I will be mailing packets to the local school counselors as well. I talked to the new Director of Dependency Programs at the DePaul Center and have pamphlets and other small literature items ready to deliver to her. I talked to a woman at the Gatesville prison and she told me how to make contact and who to contact to provide information to.

Love in Service,
Cindy C.
P.O. Coordinator - North

SOUTH

Public outreach has had many opportunities to share our Experience Strength and hope since the last news letter. We have a very active Public Outreach Program and I want to thank everyone for their participation so far. It takes every one of us to get the word out about Al-anon/Alateen; there are so many hurting people in our community.

Al-anon participated in two health fairs one at the Redding Middle School in Austin and Intoxicated with the Truth Alcohol awareness event at Austin Community College in March. The volunteers that handed out literature were Doreen, Sissy, Jane A and Carolon.

Austin Recovery Center Speakers for March, April and May were Karen B., Jan W, and April.

The white house (Georgetown AA/Al-anon Speakers Meeting) speakers for the AA family group were Karen B., Carolon G and April.

A PSA was mailed to KCEN TV in Eddy Texas.

Lori created 60 professional packets for me. This helped me so much. If anyone else would like to stamp literature, make packets etc. I can put you to work.

Al-anon Speaker for Shoal Creek group

The group runs from 6pm to 9pm, and it generally works pretty well if the speakers can arrive around 6:30pm. I'm flexible about the amount of time that the speakers want to take for their presentation/discussion. The size and makeup of the group varies from week to week as people join or graduate, so it's hard to predict in advance if you'll get a lot of questions or a quiet group on any given night.

The meetings are all at Seton Shoal Creek Hospital at 3501 Mills Avenue (right behind the Randall's on 35th Street). I can give you more specific details when we get closer to setting the first date.

Please contact Vicki Ray, varay@seton.org or call her cell phone 512-663-6368.

Note: They want the volunteer there at 6:15 pm, and if I know someone is going I can go and help them find where to go, we usually meet at the fountain in the center of the ASH campus. We come in from the 41st street entrance off Guadalupe. They begin at 6:30 and stop at

just tell our stories and answer questions about Al-Anon and hand out any lit (old Forums, pamphlets, meeting schedules, etc.) we have. There is always an ASH staff member with us and they are very nice to work with. - Lisa --lisa@austinmortgage.biz

Family Group Night in Georgetown

I need speakers for July, August, October, November and December.

Austin Recovery Center

Volunteers are needed for family day to tell their story and answer questions about Al-anon the 1st Saturday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Please let me know what month you would like to speak in. I have July, August, October, November and December.

There are many other Public Outreach Opportunities in the days ahead and I will need volunteers. Please send me an e-mail telling me that you would like to volunteer for the different opportunities and I will put you on my e-mail mailing list.

If any of the groups in District 6 are doing any public outreach programs, please let me know so that we can keep documentation. If anyone has some ideals about getting the message of Al-anon/Alateen out take it to yours groups or let me know. Everyone get involved in service there are so many hurting people that need the program. If you need help, with literature, for Health fairs, schools, doctor's offices, churches etc. Please let me know.

Carolon G.
P.O. Coordinator - South

Coordinator Reports

ARCHIVIST

For the District Archives, I have added pages to the Archive Album.

There is a story about the Anderson Mill AFG provided by Paula. There are also some pictures from the Fall 2006 Assembly in Rockport-Fulton. The album is available for viewing and GR's are invited to submit their stories, pictures and other information for consideration for the archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M.

District 6 Archivist

ALATEEN COORDINATOR'S REPORT/SPONSOR'S CORNER

Greetings All!

The 13th annual POSSE was well attended with 9 attendees from District 6. WOO-HOO! Lori L., our newsletter editor, attended in my stead and wrote an interesting article about her experience- Thank you LORI L.!

In case you were wondering, District 6 now has 26 AMIIAS (18 sponsors/ 8 chaperon/helper/drivers) YIPPEE! If you are interested in receiving emails about Alateen sponsorship, please let me know so I can add you to the "Alateen interest" group.

It's time for certified sponsors and chaperones to RE-certify. Lynn S. will be mailing out individual recertification letters to everyone. So its training time again! And time to get in all the paperwork to Lynn S. by June 15th!

Our Area Alateen Coordinator, Brigitte B. will be having ALATEEN SPONSOR TRAINING WORKSHOP and SPONSORS MEETING in District 8 on April 28 in Beaumont. Possible District 5 training as well is being considered in Houston on 5/12/07.

District 6 and District 12 (San Antonio) will sponsor another ALATEEN SPONSOR TRAINING WORKSHOP and SPONSORS MEETING on Saturday, June 9th from 9:30AM to 3:30 PM at Wimberley Presbyterian Church, in Wimberley. Lynn S., our Area certification process person, will lead us in discovering more about Alateen

sponsorship. Sponsor Soup and a Lite lunch will be served. Experienced sponsors, as well as newcomers, are needed! Bring a chip/dip or a can of vegetables for the sponsor soup! RSVP- to Lynn S. (210) 210-494-8832 or Lizz S. (512) 567-6817.

TEA 53 AC (pronounced TEA-ACK) will have training workshops during the conference weekend for sponsors for sure. TEA 53 AC is the Alateen conference scheduled June 1-3. I have not received a flyer for that yet, but registration will be \$85.00. Any certified sponsor or chaperone may attend, whether they are bringing Alateens or not! Alateen scholarships (1/2 of registration fee) will be available through the Kristy Fund. Groups may also choose to "sponsor" a needy teen by paying 1/2 their registration. See any Alateen sponsor, the Alateen Coordinator, or D/R for details. Alateen Sponsor training may also be scheduled in July in the Valley.

For more information on sponsor requirements, medical forms, or for forms to transport Alateens, etc., please see http://www.texas-al-anon.org/tx_e_alateen_guidelines.htm. To become a certified chaperone, you'll need 2 years in Al-Anon, pass a criminal background check to become certified, fill out Forms 1-2-3-4. Certified chaperones help Alateens and sponsors by transporting the teens to conferences or assemblies. Once certified, you can then sit in on Alateen meetings too. Get Sponsor training, attend a district sponsors meeting and district meeting and soon you'll be completing the last two forms (5- 6) to become a certified sponsor!!!!

A District Sponsor's meeting was conducted today with 8 attendees. We discussed the importance of monitoring our physical contact with the Alateens and waiting for the teens to initiate a hug. Some Alateen groups hug after a meeting and some don't! Sponsors discussed ways to increase attendance such as letters and/or literature to local schools and churches. We decided more public outreach may be in order to inform the public about Alateen. Flyers posted at local AA as well as Al-Anon meetings are recommended. Alateens may always attend an Al-Anon meeting and Alateen literature can be used in any Al-Anon meeting. All certified sponsors and chaperones are encouraged to attend TEA 53 AC!

Other Alateen news: Alarenagade Alateen group #503748 in Bastrop changed their name to Ride to Sanity Alateen. New Life Alateen (Amistad AFG) closed in Dec 2006.

Don't forget the 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY for Alateen at the May assembly! Yahoo for Alateens!

LOVE in service,

Lizz S.

Group Reports

Temple New Group

We continue to meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Our regular members continue to enjoy our step meetings we have spread out over the month. One night of the month we are taking the stop of the month according to which month we are in, and one night we are still using a topic from the *Blueprint for Progress* book. Our members are very interactive when using these topics and recovery is really what we are striving for from using these tools.

We are really encouraging our members and newcomers to be sure and take phone numbers at our meeting and don't hesitate to call when you need to talk to someone. We are really trying to get the word out at these meetings for people to get a sponsor and work the steps. This will only aid in their recovery and this is how the program can really work for all of us.

We are also in need of more men to be a part of our meetings. If you know of men that need a meeting in this area, send them our way.

Cheryl M.

Group Representative

Independence AFG

At Independence AFG, we are becoming comfortable in our new location at 45th Street and Red River in Austin. We meet at the Red River Church at 7 p.m. every Friday. We have a good core of members and new members all the time. Please come visit us.

Sissy S.

Belton Steps and Traditions

We continue to meet on Sunday's at 8:00 p.m. at St. Lukes Episcopal Church located at Downing and Beal. We have about 10 at the present time. We used to have the meetings listed on Sunday in the TV section and since there is a new editor, this has since stopped. I went to the paper and talked to the new editor and he said that we could look up the number in the phone book. He said he might run the meetings once in a while. With this said, I went to the Al-Anon meeting and said that we were going to have to carry the message. One of our members works for 5 radio stations and has given them information to announce. (KUSJ 105.5 Country, KLTDE 101.7 Rock, KSSM 103.1 adult urban contemporary, KTEM 1400 AM Newstalk, KOOC 106.3 Hip Hop.) Any suggestions that someone might have, please let me know. I can be reached at (254) 718-7818.

Love in Al-Anon,

Tally R

Group Representative

Anderson Mill AFG

Anderson Mill AFG meets Tuesday night at 7:30 P. M. at Bethany United Methodist Church on Anderson Mill Road in room D203 in the education building. Babysitting is provided, and we have a speaker the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Birthday night is the 4th Tuesday, and we usually have goodies if there are any birthdays. Recently, we completed a group history, which is now in the District 6 archives. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome so everybody come and bring a friend.

In Al-Anon service and love,

Paula H.

Serenity Trail AFG

Meets on Friday's at 8:00 pm at Grace Lutheran in Round Rock. We are down to between 6 and 10 in attendance. Our format is to study the steps the 1st and 3rd Friday, Traditions the 2nd Friday, and Topic the 3rd Friday. If we have a 5th Friday in a month we have Birthday night.

The Chair may share their story or choose a topic. All are welcome. Come see us.

Mike C.

Group Reports

Bee Caves Rd AFG

We continue to meet at noon each Friday at St. John Neumann Catholic church. It is a Step meeting on a new step each week. Regular attendance is approximately 40.

Don C.
GR

Westlake Young Alateen Group

We meet on noon on Saturday's. Attendance averages 5 young people (ages 4-14) each week. We are beginning meetings with Al-Anon and AA members to bring their children.

Don C.
Co-Sponsor

Freedom to Recover AFG

Our group meets Wednesday's at 8 p.m. at Round Rock Presbyterian Church. We have speaker meetings on the 5th Wednesday of the month. We were delighted to have Steve S. from Faith AFG at a recent meeting. Attendance has been down this Spring, but remember this program is for people that want it, not for those who need it.

John

Killeen AFG

We continue to meet twice a week on Tuesday's and Friday's at 7:00 p.m. in the educational wing of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church at 2800 S. Trimmier Rd. Recently we have had as many as 3 newcomers per meeting.

Coy C.
GR

Friday Nite AFG

We meet on Friday evenings at 8 p.m. at 1006 Alley A at the Episcopal Church. We had a group conscious meeting where we voted to swap off by volunteering to chair the meeting as well as have the key to open the door! I made up a box with *The Forum* on one side and *The Beacon* on the other to put in personal donations to keep our subscriptions current.

Grateful in service ,

Lori L.
GR (Bastrop)

Wimberley AFG

Sure is nice going to meetings with the great weather and daylight hours. Come join us – meetings are held in the area as follows:

Sunday: AFG Night Discussion at 5:30 pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Monday: AFG Discussion Noon at Presbyterian Church

Tuesday: AFG Literature Study at 7:30 pm at Presbyterian Church AND Alateen "New Beginning" at 7:30 at Presbyterian Church

Wednesday: Men's Al-Anon meeting is NO LONGER available – unfortunately it has folded

Thursday: AFG Discussion at 8 pm, Presbyterian Church

Earlier this spring we were able to participate with Al-Anon literature brochures (\$74 worth) at the Wimberley Health Fair which was held at the Wimberley Community Center.

One of our members took it upon herself to purchase \$20 worth of Al-Anon literature and then drove around town visiting various doctors offices and public places distributing the literature

with the appropriate permission.

May 31st Kay C. will be speaking at our speaker meeting. Come and join us in fellowship and eating at 7 pm (bring potluck dish) followed by Speaker meeting at 8 pm – held at the Presbyterian Church, 956 Hwy 2325 (across from the high school).

On June 9th, Wimberley will be hosting the District 6 Alateen Sponsor Training Seminar being held at the Presbyterian Church.

Lois H.
New GR

New Beginnings AFG

Three Waco groups continue to host the meetings on Thursday nights at 7:30 at the DePaul Center. Attendance is low but they are showing up at other groups in town as well, so that is encouraging! Also, we have sold some literature.

Cindy C.
GR

Smithville AFG

We continue to meet on Saturday nights at 7 pm at the First Baptist Church. We have some newcomers that are still coming back! We have a regular attendance now of 7 people. We have held a group conscious meeting to swap off on chairing the meetings as well as opening the door!

Shirley O.
GR

Ask It Basket Plus a Little More!!

ASK IT BASKET QUESTIONS!

Q1: Is it contradictory to Tradition in regarding anonymity to respond to a “chat room” which is public such as the HBO site for their addiction program & identify oneself as a member of Alanon?

A1: Please refer to pg. 48, 73, 74, & 90 in the Service Manual regarding Public Relations. There is a guideline at the membership level on the WSO website about internet practices. It is recommended one should not give their name if they state they are a member of Al-Anon. Another option is if you want to state your name you could simply say you are a member of a 12 step group.

Note: The other question was misplaced but it is okay! It is good to know (and a relief) that we don’t have to be perfect anymore and we are loved and accepted as we are! I am sure that it will surface and I will print it as soon as it does! Thank you!!!

P.O.S.S.E. (Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything) 2007 IN GONZALES, TEXAS

I was fortunate enough to attend P.O.S.S.E. this year as the representative for District 6 Alateen Coordinator - Lizz S. could not attend. P.O.S.S.E. is the East Texas Area Alateen Sponsor training and it is the BEST! While it was an “action-packed” weekend full of informative information and meeting and getting to know the other sponsors and sponsors-to-be like myself, I found it very rewarding and fun to get to be a part of it!! P.O.S.S.E. gave me the opportunity to grow as well. I am not very good at starting conversations with others or keeping them going but I found that I was comfortable and I could open up a bit more. I enjoyed the one-on-one conversations that I had with different sponsors. It was just what I needed to hear!

Some aspects of P.O.S.S.E. is just like attending District and Assembly meetings where there are issues to discuss and motions to be made and voted on. Bennie P., our Delegate, attended P.O.S.S.E. for her first time! She shared with us what she learned at the World Service Conference (WSC) on Knowledge-Based Decision Making. This was very helpful and useful during the business meeting on Sunday. Thank you Bennie!

While all of P.O.S.S.E. was great, there are two more parts I would like to share with you. Steven J. did “God As I Understand Him” and Nancy P. did a writing workshop for teens and sponsors. These two events stood out most to me because of where I am spiritually and facing this new path of working on becoming a certified Alateen sponsor. Thank you so much to both of you for your time and effort of putting this together for us “newbies” at P.O.S.S.E.!

Thank you Lizz, for asking me to represent District 6! Also a big thank you to Lynn S. and Brigitte B. for putting on a very successful P.O.S.S.E. for 2007! I know Diana A. and Danielle H. will do a fine job too for P.O.S.S.E. 2008, which will be March 28-30, 2008, so mark your calendars now!! Hope to see you there next year!!

Love in Service,
Lori L.
Certified Alateen Chaperone & now a Certified Alateen Sponsor!

Information Service Centers

Austin

AIS – WACO

The Information Service Center purchased a new pager. Our old one was analog and we were not getting calls and voice mails. The new one is digital and working well.

We are still receiving contributions from some groups and individuals. The contract for the next year for the Yellow Pages ad has been signed. We also upgraded the ad. The letters are larger, it has a border around it and a white background. It says, "So you love an alcoholic," has the website address and our pager number.

We have a new Al-anon group in Waco. It is the Bellmead Group and meets at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Monday night at 8 p.m. The registration process has been explained to them and hopefully that will happen soon.

Cindy C.
AIS – Waco, Chair

AIS - Austin

At the Feb. 19th board meeting, the members were assaulted by a foul odor permeating the Information Center office. It was the consensus that it was backed up sewage although there was no problem in the bathroom. The courageous group kept the door open and braved the odor for the meeting. The next day, a plumber was called out and for \$288 he cleaned out all the pipes. The smell continued for 2 more days that led all the offices connected to ours to believe that in fact there might be dead varmints in the attic. The surrounding offices called out the pest control.

The offending odors are gone and the April 16th board meeting was held with the door shut, and no clothespins were needed!

Literature is selling like hotcakes. The center bought \$2,674.00 in books and pamphlets, but sold \$7,471.72 of literature.

We now have a volunteer for Tuesday through Friday. Monday is still open. The volunteer hours are 2-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Kitty G.
Information Center Employee

Looking for a Speaker Meeting?

1 st Wednesday of each month	Northland AFG in Austin, 8 p.m.
2 nd Saturday of each month	Georgetown AFG , 8 p.m. Al-Anon speaker and AA Speaker. Potluck diner starts at 7 p.m
3 rd Tuesday of each month	Anderson Mill AFG , 7:30 p.m.
5 th Monday of each month	Courage to Change AFG in Austin, 6:45 p.m.
5 th Sunday of each month	Belton Steps & Traditions AFG in Belton, 8:00 p.m.
5 th Wednesday of each month	Freedom to Recover AFG in Round Rock, 8:00 p.m.
5 th Thursday of each month	Wimberley AFG in Wimberley; eating starts at 7:00 p.m. & speaker meeting starts at 8



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