



# District 6 Newsletter

Summer 2016

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## District Meeting

July 16, 2016

### Host Groups

Spiritual Awakenings AFG, Hope for Today AFG, and Serenity Seekers AFG

### District Meeting Location

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Community Life Ctr. Fellowship Hall  
3701 W. Slaughter Lane  
Austin, TX 78749

### Contact

Marilyn C. (512) 913-4949

### Agenda

Registration/Breakfast.....8:00 A.M.  
Workshop.....9:30 A.M.  
Business Meeting.....10:30 A.M.  
Potluck Lunch.....11:30 A.M.  
Adjourn.....2:00 P.M.

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AUGUST 15, 2016

## How Well Do You Know the Austin Al-Anon Information Center?

**What is an Al-Anon Information Center?** The *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017* (Page 63) defines it as "a local service established and maintained by one or more districts or by groups located close enough to one another for easy access and communication."

**What does an Al-Anon Information Service provide?** It may provide the following:

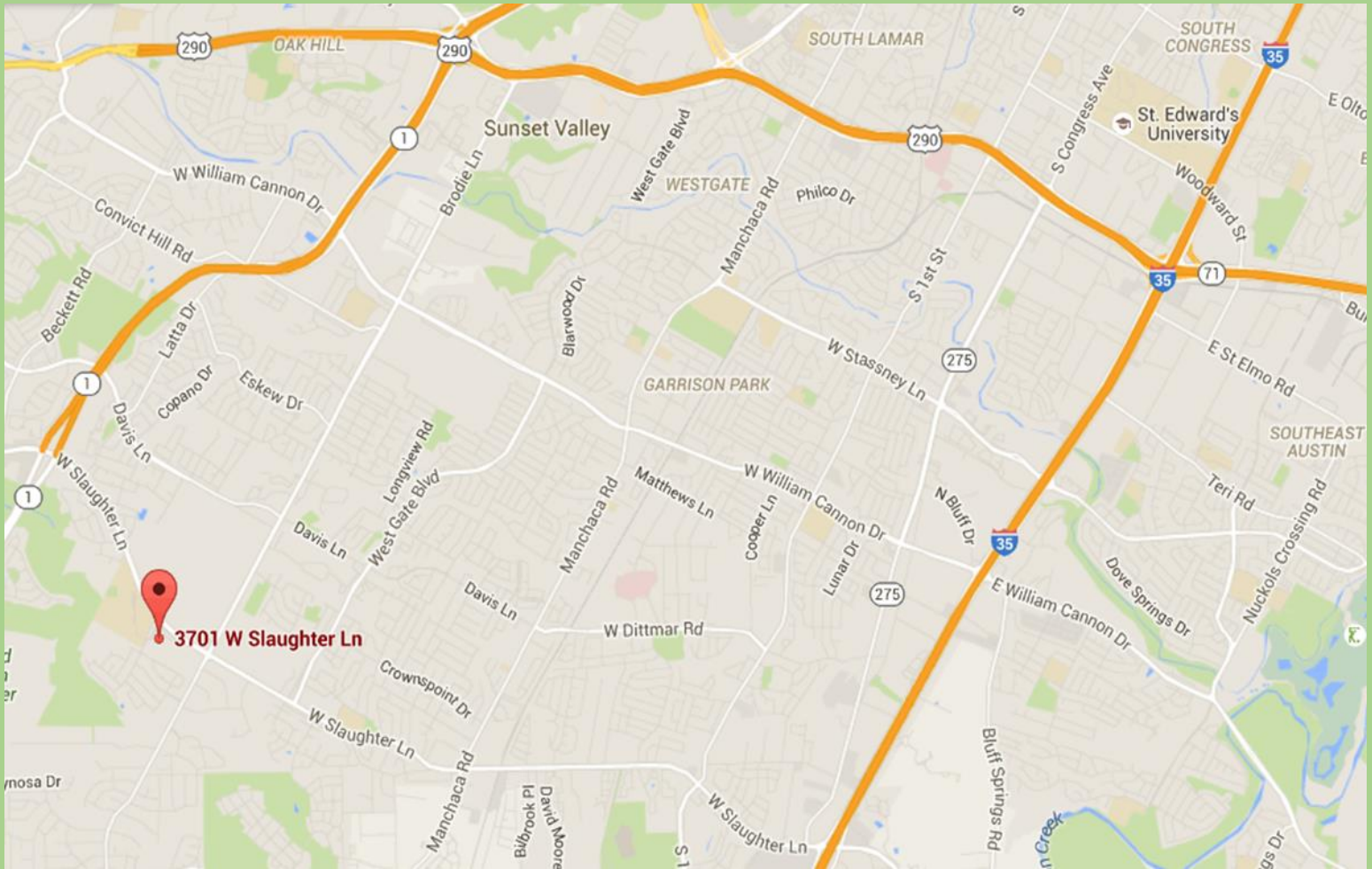
"Maintains a listing in the local phone directory so that those seeking information about Al-Anon and Alateen can easily find it. Maintains.....an office address for listing with the World Service Office. Receives postal mail, e-mail, and phone inquiries, and forwards them to the appropriate group for response or follow-up. In cooperation with Area Group Records Coordinator, updates, publishes, and distributes lists of group meetings in their local area. Plans and conducts program-exchange meetings where the groups' Chairpersons or Program Chairpersons exchange teams of speakers for a scheduled period. Serves as an avenue for local public outreach service, which is channeled through the districts whenever possible.\* May maintain a stock of Conference Approved Literature (CAL), and may register with the WSO as a Literature Distribution Center (LDC) to sell CAL. May maintain a Web site that is linked to their Area Web site.\*\* Holds periodic meetings attended by all the Information Service Representatives where activity reports, including a financial update, are made and matters regarding the groups are discussed. Prints and distributes its own newsletter of local Al-Anon/Alateen activities for the groups that support it." (*Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017*, Page 64)

**What is Al-Anon Information Service Representation?** "...The Information Service can be a function of districts, providing a network of communication. It is suggested that the Alternate Group Representative serve as the Information Service Representative and the GR serve as the Alternate Information Service Representative. In addition, the Alternate District Representative may be a member of the AIS board, and the DR generally serves as the Alternate Information Service Board member. AISs send a representative, called an Al-Anon Information Service Liaison to Area World Service Committee and Assembly meetings." (*Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017*, Page 65)

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Directions: District Meeting – July 16, 2016  
Bethany Lutheran Church, 3701 W. Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX 78749  
Contact: Marilyn C. (512) 913-4949



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Traveling north on I-35:

- Take Exit 227 toward Slaughter Lane
- Turn left onto W. Slaughter Lane

Traveling south on I-35:

- Take Exit 227 toward Slaughter Lane
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Please remember that the lunch is potluck, so bring your favorite dish. GRs should bring their service manuals for use during the meeting and are also encouraged to bring a written group report to be included in the next newsletter.

### Future Events

July 16	District 6 Mtg., Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (Austin, TX)
Aug. 16	Austin Information Ctr. Board Mtg. (Northland AFG)
Oct. 15	District 6 Mtg. (Location TBD)
Nov. 4-6	East Texas Area Al- Anon/Alateen Assembly (Corpus Christi, TX)
Nov. 14	Austin Information Ctr. Board Mtg. – Elections

### District 6 Newsletter Subscriptions

The *District 6 Al-Anon/Alateen Newsletter* is published quarterly. Groups receive the newsletter at no charge. Suggested individual contributions are \$11/year for a subscription, which helps cover publishing costs.

#### District 6 Newsletter Subscription Form

Name:  
Address:  
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Home Group:

Send form and any check(s) to:  
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P.O. Box 342194  
Lakeway, TX 78734

### How Well Do You Know the Austin Al-Anon Information Center? (cont'd)

**\*Public Outreach Service** -- "Al-Anon Information Services and Area World Service Committees may have need for public outreach posters that can be produced and distributed within their area of service. ... Districts, Information Services, and Areas work together on such projects so the Al-Anon message remains consistent and unity among the service arms is ensured." (*Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017*, Page 112)

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Austin Al-Anon Information Center cooperated with District 6 on a massive public outreach project recently? For a month, there were 110 WSO-approved posters placed on Austin Capital Metro buses with information regarding Al-Anon. Kitty, the Austin Al-Anon Information Center employee, has noticed an increase in the volume of calls and visits to the center since that public outreach campaign. An average of five to seven calls are received daily, and an average of four visits daily are made to the information center.

**\*\*The Austin Al-Anon Web site** can be found at [www.austinalanon.org](http://www.austinalanon.org). It is maintained by a volunteer, and the Web site domain is funded by the information center. There are various sections on the Web site, including the "AAIC Board," that were recently added in an effort to increase transparency between the information center board and the Al-Anon groups. The various sections are as follows: "Home," "Al-Anon," "About Us," "Meetings," "Events," "Resources," "AAIC Board," and "District 6."

The Austin Al-Anon/Alateen Information Center is located at 6301 Manchaca Road, Suite F, Austin, TX 78745. The phone numbers are (512) 441-8591 and (888) 287-2115. It is open from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. daily. The center's success is due to its faithful and dedicated employee, Kitty G., and to the groups who financially support the center through donations and literature purchases. The information center was previously located near S. Lamar and has been in operation for 28 years. Financially, the center is doing well, but more financial support is needed. Local literature sales are usually over \$5,000 per quarter; out of town sales over \$3,500 per quarter; walk-in sales over \$450 per quarter; and donations over \$4,000 per quarter.

The center serves the Austin area, many surrounding communities, and two cities far from Austin. The communities in District 6 served by the center are Austin, Buda, Kyle, San Marcos, Lockhart, Lakeway, Wimberley, Dripping Springs, Taylor, Elgin, Bastrop, Giddings, Pflugerville, Cedar Park, Leander, Round Rock, Georgetown, Salado, Temple, Belton, Harker Heights, Killeen, Gatesville, and Waco. The surrounding communities served by the center are La Grange, New Braunfels, Llano, Burnet, Marble Falls, and farther still, Hamilton and San Angelo. Thirty one communities are impacted by the Austin Al-Anon Information Center! The hope is that the Austin Al-Anon Information Center will continue to thrive in the future because there will always be families and friends of alcoholics who need help.

In Al-Anon service,  
Paula H., Austin AIS Liaison

## Officer Reports

### District Representative

Attended the AWSC meeting in February –

- When making a contribution to the Area, please remember to put your district number (which is District 6) on your check, etc. and make payable to Treasurer ETAAA and mail to ETAAA, P.O. Box 34102, San Antonio, TX 78265.
- We made recommendations to vote on at the May Assembly, and the items are:
  - a) Counties in Texas West to move to Texas East. Texas West has voted to have these counties move to Texas East, so the decision is in line to accept the following counties -- Valverde, Kinney, and Edwards to join District 13.
  - b) Redraw the district lines in August for the AWSC.
  - c) Reimburse up to five cents per side on home printed handouts.
  - d) Round off CD for ample reserve to \$20,000. The CD currently contains \$13,000.
  - e) Send \$2,000 to the WSO.
- Future AWSC meeting dates:
  - August 2016 hosted by District 5 in Houston
  - November 2016 in Corpus Christi at the Fall Assembly
  - January 2017 hosted by District 7
  - August 2017 hosted by District 3
  - November 2017 hosted by District 6 at the Fall Assembly
- District 12 hosted the 2015 Fall Assembly; the numbers are as follows:
  - 155 attended the assembly
  - 0 Alateens
  - 5 AA members
  - 89 voting GRs
  - Seed money from the Area -- \$3,500
  - Shortage was \$524.47

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### Secretary's Report- Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2016

Hosted by Temple New AFG and Temple ODAT

Lori L., district representative, called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and thanked the host groups.

Susan T. welcomed everyone.

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the Three Legacies. The Ask It Basket was passed.

After introductions, everyone enjoyed a skit, *Freedom*, presented by Temple New AFG and Temple ODAT members Susan T., Kerry M., Linda W., Lou M., Kay B., and Melissa.

The business meeting began at 9:36 A.M. with the officers' reports (Page 4). Alice M. asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January 23, 2016 minutes as printed in the "Spring 2016" *District 6 Newsletter*. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were approved as printed.

Lori L. advised that Debra W. had resigned as Public Outreach (North) Coordinator. She asked that anyone interested in any of the three open positions – Public Outreach (North), Alateen, and Spanish Coordinators contact her.

Reports were given by the coordinators (Page 9).

**Old Business:** Judy W. reported that the printing of 150 additional posters had been completed, and the posters were available for distribution.

Peggy H. reported that the flyers were printed and available for distribution, and while she has volunteers for the Austin ISD, she needs volunteers for Bastrop, Cedar Park, and Georgetown school districts. Lori L. volunteered to help with Bastrop.

Anna A. reported that the Cap Metro signs had run for the 30 days, and the contract is complete. Unfortunately, Cap Metro does not retrieve the signs for reuse due to wear and tear during removal.

**New Business:** Lori L. announced that District 6 would host the November 3-5, 2017 ETAA Assembly in Austin at The Holiday Inn on 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd. She then reviewed all open District 6 Committee Chairperson

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### April 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

positions, asked for volunteers, and sent around a volunteer sign-up sheet.

The GRs reported group updates (Page 10). The meeting broke for lunch at 11:31 A.M.

The business meeting resumed at 12:37 P.M. The donation basket was passed -- \$82.00 was collected.

Lori L. announced the names of the volunteer Committee Chairpersons for the Fall 2017 Assembly. Only four Chairperson positions remain open: Registration, Public Outreach, Raffle/Fundraiser, and Speaker Host. She asked the GRs to ask their groups for volunteers. If interested, call Lori L. at (512) 705-3591.

One Ask It Basket question was asked (Page 5).

Alice M. called the roll. There were 37 attendees with 16 voting GRs.

Anna A. advised that, as requested, she had asked the printer how much could be saved if the four pages of the meeting list in the newsletter are eliminated. This would result in a savings of \$20 per newsletter. After a discussion, Kathy J. moved to keep printing the meeting list within the newsletter. Barbara H. seconded the motion. The motion passed with 12 Yes votes, one No vote, and three abstaining.

Anna A. announced the newsletter submittal deadline is May 16.

Josie volunteered to take the District 6 meeting supply

boxes and deliver them to July's host group.

Doon R. presented the 2016 District 6 First Quarter Operating Statement (Page 6).

Pat E. announced that the April 29-May 1 Alateen conference (TEA AC) only has eight attendees. A discussion followed on who can attend and that the Kristy Fund would pay for half the attendance fee. Pat requested that everyone ask their groups to invite any possible attendees they may know.

### Important Dates:

- August 6, 2016 – AWSC meeting, hosted by District 5, Zion Lutheran Church, 3606 Beauchamp, Houston, TX
- August 16, 2016 – Austin Information Center Board meeting, 6:30 P.M., Northland AFG
- November 4-6, 2016 – ETAAA, Corpus Christi, TX
- November 14, 2016 – Austin Information Center Board meeting, 6:30 P.M. (election meeting)

### Future District Meetings:

- July 16, 2016 – Hosted by Spiritual Awakenings AFG, Hope for Today AFG, and Serenity Seekers AFG, Austin, TX
- October 15, 2016 – Host group to be announced

The meeting was closed at 1:15 P.M. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted in gratitude,  
Alice M., District 6 Secretary

### Update:

**The Public Outreach (North) Coordinator and the 2017 Fall Assembly Registration and Public Outreach Chairperson positions have been filled. Thank you to the volunteers!!**

## Ask It Basket April 16, 2016

What constitutes an AA event? How can we tell if it's an AA event? Background: We had a meeting announcement of the Woman-to-Woman Conference. This is a three-day retreat bridging the gap between AA and Al-Anon women. It was mentioned that this should not have been announced at the meeting. When it was discussed at our group conscience, there was confusion as to whether this was an AA event.

**Answer:** AA events with Al-Anon and Alateen participation can be announced, but events of other Twelve Step programs, even if composed primarily of Al-Anon and Alateen members, cannot be announced. See the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (Pages 56 and 123). The Woman-to-Woman "retreat" is a conference for all women in recovery, regardless of the Twelve Step program; therefore, it is an example of an outside event.

## Officer Reports (cont'd)

2016 District 6 Operating Statement (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

	<b>Budget</b>	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Notes</b>
D6 Basket Collection	\$500.00	\$143.00				\$143.00	
Total Group Donations including newsletter subscriptions	\$6,000.00	\$2,264.77				\$2,264.77	
Bank Interest	\$10.00	\$2.72				\$2.72	
Collection for Delegate	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Contribution from Unallocated Funds to cover proposed expenses	\$2,765.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,275.00</b>	<b>\$2,410.49</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,410.49</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	<b>Actual</b>	
Alateen Coord.	\$1,000.00	\$175.22				\$175.22	
Alateen Liaison Coord.	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Archives	\$75.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Rent/District Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$100.00				\$100.00	
DR Int'l Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
DR Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$176.00				\$176.00	
Alt. DR Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Secretary Expenses	\$200.00	\$17.49				\$17.49	
Treasurer Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Newsletter Editor	\$100.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Forum/Literature	\$150.00	\$11.00				\$11.00	
AMIAS	\$50.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Newsletter	\$2,400.00	\$560.03				\$560.03	
Public Outreach North	\$500.00	\$75.00				\$75.00	
Public Outreach South	\$1,000.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Spanish Coordinator	\$200.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
P.O.S.S.E. Scholarship	\$200.00	\$62.50				\$62.50	
Donation to TEA AC	\$500.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Delegate to Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Gift to Delegate	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$10.00				\$10.00	\$10.00 bank charge
Misc.	\$0.00	\$40.00				\$40.00	Donation money order declined
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,275.00</b>	<b>\$1,227.24</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,227.24</b>	

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## Officer Reports (cont'd)

2016 District 6 Operating Statement (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter) - cont'd

Income	Budget	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Actual	Notes
<b>Reserves</b>							
Int'l Reserve	\$1,801.43	\$1,801.43					For DR's attendance
T.E.A.M.	\$171.51	\$171.51					One-day seminar on service
Assembly Funds	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00					For deposits, etc. – paid \$500.00 deposit
Prudent Reserve	\$4,637.50	\$4,637.50					Approx. 1/2 annual budget
Kristy Fund	\$1,133.38	\$1,043.38					1/2 scholarships for TEA AC x2, \$90.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>\$9,743.82</b>	<b>\$9,153.82</b>					
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>\$9,743.82</b>	<b>\$9,153.82</b>					
<b>Allocated Funds</b>	<b>\$923.45</b>	<b>\$547.00</b>					Posters for schools -- spent \$376.45
<b>Allocated Funds</b>	<b>\$2,765.00</b>	<b>\$2,765.00</b>					Anticipated to cover 2016 expenses
<b>Allocated Funds</b>	<b>\$2,645.25</b>	<b>\$65.50</b>					CAP Metro project -- spent \$2,579.75
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>	<b>\$5,956.50</b>	<b>\$7,139.75</b>					
<b>Bank Balance (1/1/16)</b>	<b>\$22,034.02</b>	<b>\$19,671.07</b>					
Bank Balance	on 12/31/15	on 3/31/16					

## Information Service Center

### Austin AIS

The Austin Al-Anon Information Center (AAIC) Board met on May 16 at 6:30 P.M. at the AAIC. Thirteen voting members were present.

The AAIC Chair, Joyce, is working on several items. She is in the process of updating the office manager guide, as well as filing a necessary report with the Secretary of State. Items have also been donated to the AAIC for possible future computer use. A PC and iMac have been donated, in addition to a printer, modem, and router. Joyce will continue to work to see if the donated items are compatible and will investigate Internet access. Another board member will investigate to see if the AAIC can get a less expensive phone since the current bill is approximately \$90 per month.

The AAIC Treasurer, Peggie, reported that the AAIC financials are up-to-date with the Internal Revenue Service and that we are currently operating in the black. However, Peggie suggested that another appeal letter might be sent to groups, and the Board will vote on sending another appeal letter at the August AAIC meeting. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the AAIC budget, and it was determined that literature sales needed to be lowered to \$50,000. The budget was amended, and the amended budget was approved. Currently, the AAIC only has a checking account, but Peggie will open a savings account by June 1, 2016.


Two items of new business were discussed, and votes were taken. The Board voted to bypass the by-laws to extend the current secretary's term through December 2016. The Board also voted to raise the \$.03 pamphlets to \$.04 for a bulk order of 100 and to raise the price of individual \$.03 pamphlets to \$.05.

Two discussions were tabled until the August AAIC Board meeting. The two discussion items concerned the Volunteer Committee and the Literature Committee. Concern was raised over the limited office hours that the AAIC is open, and the Volunteer Committee may look into extending office hours. This would entail soliciting more volunteer help for the AAIC. Literature sales are also a concern, as sales have been dropping slightly. The literature issue will also be discussed at the August AAIC Board meeting.

Kitty, the AAIC office employee, reported that daily calls and daily walk-ins increased slightly over the past quarter. This increase may be a result of the District 6 public outreach project in which Al-Anon posters were displayed on Capital Metro buses.


The next AAIC Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. at Northland AFG.

With gratitude in Al-Anon service,  
Paula H.



**East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)**  
**Fall Assembly 2016**  
**November 4 – 6, 2016**

**“A Sea of Miracles”**



**Holiday Inn Downtown Marina**  
**707 N. Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**  
**Hotel Telephone: 361-882-1700 ♦ Hotel Reservations: 1-888-729-5058**

**Speakers:**  
Friday–John S.–AA  
Saturday–Rosie M.–Trustee  
Sunday–Cindy S.–Al-Anon

**ETAAA Rates**  
**Standard King - \$109.00 + tax**  
**Two Double - \$112.00 + tax**  
**Reference Group Code: ETA**  
**Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date: October 14, 2016**

*Parking is \$10 for Weekend (covered parking garage). Hotel Amenities Include  
On-Site Fitness Center, Complimentary Wireless and Business Center*

The registration form for the 2016 ETAA Fall Assembly can be found at  
<http://texas-al-anon.org/event/etaaa-fall-assembly-2016/>.



## Al-Anon/Alateen Related Acronyms

- AAPP - Area Alateen Process Person
- AIS - Al-Anon Information Service
- AMIAS - Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service
- AWSC - Area World Service Committee
- CAL - Conference Approved Literature
- CMA - Current Mailing Address
- DAC - District Alateen Coordinator
- DR - District Representative
- EIN - Employer Identification Number (tax ID number)
- ETAA - East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen
- ETAAA - East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly
- GR - Group Representative
- ISR - Information Service Representative
- LDC - Literature Distribution Center
- P.O.S.S.E. - Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything
- PO - Public Outreach
- PSA - Public Service Announcement
- TEA AC - Texas East Area Alateen Conference
- TEAM - Together Empowering Al-Anon Members
- WSC - World Service Conference
- WSO - World Service Office
- (AA - Alcoholics Anonymous)

## Coordinator Reports

### Alateen – COORDINATOR NEEDED

If you are interested, please see the WSO Area Alateen Coordinator description, which District 6 has determined to be effective for the District Alateen Coordinator (DAC). The description (G-24) can be found at [www.al-anon.org/members/pdf/guidelines/G24.pdf](http://www.al-anon.org/members/pdf/guidelines/G24.pdf).

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### Forum/Literature (by Judy P.)

If you want to pick up a literature order at the district meeting, please place your order no later than July 8. Make sure to tell Kitty you will pick up your order at the district meeting. I will be picking up your literature orders from the Austin Information Service (AIS) the week of July 11. If you can't wait until the district meeting, you can have your literature mailed, or you can go into the AIS office and pick it up.

The phone number for the AIS is (512) 441-8591. The hours are Monday thru Friday, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

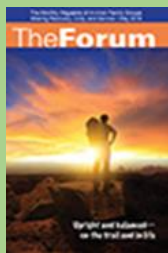
I will also have a limited supply of Al-Anon Conference Approved literature for sale.

### RECOMMENDED BOOK OF THE QUARTER



*As we understood...* (B-11), is a collection of spiritual insights by Al-Anon and Alateen members. This little book gives members the opportunity to learn from others who have traveled similar paths. Each person's story demonstrates the growth he or she has found in the program. Many have experienced situations that others would find unbearable, yet they develop strength and hope for the future.

### The Forum



Members are encouraged to subscribe to their own copy of *The Forum*, either in print or on-line through your computer and/or mobile device.

*The Forum* can be ordered from the Al-Anon Members' Web site at <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/>. For the password, enter your home group name, followed by "afg" (without the quotes) at the end. From the front page, click on the "Order Literature" tab. On the next page, click on "Forum" in the upper right corner to get the order form.

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**Newsletter  
(by Anna A.)**

For the "Spring 2016" issue of the newsletter, we mailed 114 copies and had four returned as undeliverable. Total cost for this issue was \$580.99. If anyone has suggestions for additional information to be included in the newsletter, please let me know. The input due date for the "Fall 2016" edition is September 15, 2016.

After some discussion at the January district meeting, I checked to see what the reduction in cost would be if we stopped including the meeting schedules in the printed newsletter. It would reduce the newsletter by four pages, and the cost would drop approximately \$20.00. The district had concerns about those who do not have electronic access to the meeting schedules and rely on the hardcopy of the newsletter to provide this information. See the April 16 Meeting Minutes (Secretary's Report) for the district's vote on this issue.

Remember, you can always find the on-line version at <http://austinalanon.org/>, under the District 6 tab.

If you would like to contribute a story to the next edition of the newsletter, please contact me. We are in need of a cover story, so please don't be shy.

**Public Outreach (North)  
(by Robin C.)**

District 6 Public Outreach (North) has participated in two health fairs over the past month – one at the City of Killeen and the other at Fort Hood.

We are using the prescription pads to give to professionals to use with their clients.

We had started a meeting in Belton at the Cedar Crest Hospital and are trying to make a connection with the families of the patients. We are working with the administrator and hope to have an update on that in a few weeks.

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If you or your group would like to get more involved in public outreach, please contact Judy W. at (512) 567-6994 for ideas.

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**Spanish – COORDINATOR NEEDED**

If you're interested, please see previous newsletters from 2015 at <http://austinalanon.org/>, under the District 6 tab, for the District 6 Spanish Coordinator description.

**Group Reports**

**Faith AFG  
(by Anna A.)**

Faith AFG meets at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday nights at the Unity Church of the Hills [9905 Anderson Mill Rd. (Rm. 131)] in northwest Austin. We've had very good attendance from both newcomers and our regulars. Several of our newcomers are also sticking around and becoming involved in service work. It's wonderful to see!

We are primarily a newcomers meeting but love to see and hear from all those who wish to share their experience, strength, and hope. If you're ever in the neighborhood on a Thursday night, please stop by and enjoy some fellowship, hope, and laughter.

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**Georgetown AFG  
(by Rebekah)**

Georgetown AFG meets Mondays

at 8 P.M. We have just moved! Previously, our meetings were held at the White House, and they are now at 2409 Dawn Drive in Georgetown. The time and day have not changed.

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**Hope for Today AFG  
(by Cathy C.)**

Hope for Today meets every Monday at 3:30 P.M. in the conference room at Scott & White Clinic on Williams Drive in

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Group Reports (cont'd)

Georgetown. The clinic is a very safe, calm space to meet. Our 30+ members gather in a circle to fill the room with hope and love. This Family Group is just that – a family whose fellowship is so precious to us all! We have many new members and welcome more. The first Monday of each month is dedicated to the Traditions and the third to the Steps. We are so grateful to have each other and the teachings of Al-Anon to guide us. Please come and let our love flow through you.

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**Killeen AFG**

**(by Barbara H.)**

Killeen AFG is growing by leaps and bounds. We are meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 P.M., with a newcomers' meeting at 6:15 P.M. each Thursday before the regular meeting. We have also started Alateen meetings on Thursdays at 7 P.M. Our Alateen group has grown from three to approximately ten teens, and they are very excited. Our regular meeting has grown from seven to approximately 19 members! We are also planning to add a noon meeting on Wednesdays. This is still in the process, and we hope to have it in place within the next month.

We had a group conscience meeting and will be changing our name! Stay tuned for that.

We meet at Trinity Baptist Church, 403 FM 2410 in Harker Heights, TX.

**Personal Freedom AFG**

**(by Tina C.)**

The Personal Freedom AFG meets every Thursday at Faith Methodist Church on S. Lamar in Austin, TX from 6-7 P.M. This is an open discussion meeting using Al-Anon CAL with a focus on solution. We use our name sake workbook, *Reaching for Personal Freedom*, every first Thursday of the month.

The group turned two in February 2016! We continue to grow and have a steady attendance of regulars as well as newcomers. We hold quarterly group conscience meetings and have voted on changes and additions to our group format as we have grown. We recently voted to have a group inventory and will continue working through the process to discuss at our next group conscience. The group currently has several service positions filled, including Group Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, and Literature Representative. We are currently seeking an Alternate Group Representative.

Come join us in sharing our experience, strength, and hope!

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**San Marcos AFG**

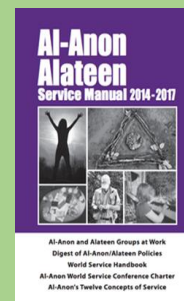
**(by Karl B.)**

Among the highlights of our San Marcos AFG since our report in the "Spring 2016" *District 6 Newsletter* are the following: a continuation of

Speaker's Night, featuring Jim V. of AA on May 24 that included a potluck dinner prior to our regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.; a meeting with one of our founding members, Paula C., as a beginning step in developing our group history – two of our longtime members have volunteered to flesh out our initial outline with their memory and information gleaned from other sources such as our minutes, taped interviews, etc.; a 65th Al-Anon anniversary birthday cake served at our regular meeting on April 16; a commitment to host the District 6 meeting in San Marcos in January 2017; a continuation of public outreach efforts to our community and university; a revision to our closing script for each meeting that allows each leader more discretion; and significant contributions to WSO's quarterly appeal, the Al-Anon/Alateen Information Center, District 6, and ETAAA. In the near future, we plan to honor Paula C. at one of our regular meetings.

Our group e-mail continues to be a valuable way to keep members informed of minutes, treasurers' reports, and announcements of future events. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. and Saturdays at 11 A.M., all at First Lutheran Church on Holland Street in San Marcos, TX.

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GRs: Don't forget to make the service manual part of your library.

### Service Arms

There are five service arms that groups may choose to support after meeting their own expenses. These are listed below with their addresses. Please remember to indicate your group number, so group contributions can be acknowledged. Personal contributions are also gratefully accepted.

<p><b>AL-ANON INFORMATION CENTER</b> 6301 Manchaca Road, Ste. F Austin TX 78745 512-441-8591</p>	<p><b>AIS WACO AREA</b> PO Box 8374 Waco, TX 76714 254-808-4757</p>	<p><b>DISTRICT 6</b> Doon R. PO Box 342194 Lakeway, TX 78734 512-582-0463</p>
<p><b>EAST TEXAS AREA (ETAA)</b> Treasurer-ETAA P.O. Box 34102 San Antonio, TX 78265</p>	<p><b>WORLD SERVICE OFFICE AFG, INC.</b> 1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617 800-344-2666 <a href="http://www.al-anon.alateen.org">www.al-anon.alateen.org</a></p>	

### District 6 Service Committee Officers

<p><b>DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE</b> Lori L.</p>	<p><b>ALTERNATE D.R.</b> Judy W.</p>	<p><b>SECRETARY</b> Alice M.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER</b> Doon R.</p>
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### Coordinators

<p><b>ALATEEN</b> OPEN</p>	<p><b>ARCHIVIST</b> Barbara H.</p>	<p><b>FORUM / LITERATURE</b> Judy P.</p>	<p><b>NEWSLETTER</b> Anna A.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC OUTREACH (South)</b> Jim C.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC OUTREACH (North)</b> Robin C.</p>	<p><b>SPANISH COORDINATOR</b> OPEN</p>	

### Websites

<p>WSO</p>	<p><a href="http://www.al-anon.org/members">www.al-anon.org/members</a> (log in using your group name followed by "AFG")</p>
<p>Texas</p>	<p><a href="http://www.texas-al-anon.org/">www.texas-al-anon.org/</a> (password: anonymity)</p>
<p>Austin</p>	<p><a href="http://www.austinalanon.org">www.austinalanon.org</a></p>

Central Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Meeting Lists can be found at:

<http://www.austinalanon.org/meetings.htm>

Information and Flyers for upcoming events can be found at:

<http://texas-al-anon.org/events/>