



District 6 Newsletter “The E-News”

District Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2023

We will be meeting IN PERSON AND ONLINE



**Dripping Springs
Presbyterian Church**

**26650 Ranch Road 12
Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

The information to join the meeting online will be provided via email. If you are not sure if you are on the district email distribution lists, please contact Anna A. (District Representative) at etx.district6@gmail.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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2023 is here. A new year, a new start.

How did you start off the New Year? A party? A tradition? I like having a dish of black-eyed peas to bring good luck in the new year. How about a resolution? Did you keep the last one? I didn’t even make one!

Well, we can start over! A new year brings new opportunities to grow. We deal with our problems (that come as a result of our alcoholic/addict) one day at a time. We read our literature, go to meetings, and call our sponsor and/or another member of our group. We work the Steps and gain confidence, strength, patience, and compassion for our loved ones. It’s PROGRESS, not perfection. I hope your new year is all about turning your life over to your Higher Power and living each day in the knowledge that a HP will guide you in the way you need to go.

As a Reminder:

To the extent possible, this newsletter was made to behave like a web site, by providing links to and between various sections. If there are any questions about it, please email me and I will get the answer to you as soon as I can. Please feel free to provide feedback and suggestions about what you like, what works well or not so well, desired content or functionality.

In Service,

Donna M.



Did you know that the World Service Office has a member blog? You can find that blog [HERE](#).

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District 6 Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2022 (Saturday)

Minutes by Natanya A, Temporary Secretary

This was a hybrid meeting with GRs and others participating both in the room and online.

Business Meeting

a) District Rep (DR) Announcements

Alternate District Representative Lynn P opened the meeting welcoming everyone and thanking Natanya A, Jessica P and Anderson Mill AFG, Cat A, Anna A, Donna M, Candy P, and Mary M, Lydia M and Georgetown West, for their service.

Lynn formally opened the meeting with a moment of silence and led the Serenity prayer. The Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties were read. The GRs introduced themselves, the AFG they represent and what city the AFG is in, and either a challenge or a success.

Ask It Basket: Lynn passed the Ask It Basket and announced that questions can also be emailed to ext.district6@gmail.com. Responses will be posted in the next newsletter. Our newsletter is sent to the GRs electronically and is available on the Austin Al-Anon Information Center (AAIC) Website under the Resources tab.

7th Tradition: The basket was passed for the 7th Tradition contributions. Contributions can also be sent to the District Treasurer at the address in the mailout of the printed Service Arms page which was mailed to the group.

Barbara M, District Archivist, introduced the archives display available in the back of the room.

Janie, Office Manager for the Information Center, thanked everyone for donations and purchasing of literature. She shared that more donations would be appreciated. Groups interested in purchasing literature can also email aaicemployee@gmail.com. Include your name, telephone number, and name of the group.

The DR report was given and is also included in the District newsletter.

The Fall 2022 East Texas Al-Anon Alateen Area (ETAA) Assembly is being hosted in Lake Jackson, TX on November 4-6. Groups may want to send a representative as we will be voting on if we will allow Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically (AFGWME) to be part of our Area.

The Spring 2023 ETAA Assembly will be held May 19-21 at the Wyndham in Round Rock. District 6 is hosting. We have filled the Literature Chairperson position (Jackie D) on the Host Committee: Still have 3 open positions to fill: Alateen Chairperson, Entertainment Chairperson, and AA Liaison. Al-Anon information center has a new email address for questions: aaicinquirey@gmail.com

DR Anna A and Alt DR Lynn have been visiting meetings in the District. If you want them to visit your meeting please let them know and they will prioritize.

b) Distributed Report Questions

Following the Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) system, the reports were sent to everyone for review prior to today's meeting.

Minutes: No amendments were submitted. The July Minutes were approved as printed in the Fall 2022 District Newsletter by consensus.

Treasurer Report: No amendments or questions were submitted. The Treasurer's report is printed in the Fall 2022 District Newsletter. However, Treasurer Debbie provided an update to her report reflecting the latest bank statement which doesn't arrive until the end of the month:

- Total Q3 Income - \$1276.16
 - July Meeting collection: \$156
 - Q3 Group Donations - \$1,117.37
 - Q3 Interest - \$2.79
- Total Q3 Expenses - \$2883.34
 - Donation to WSO - \$2,000 (from unallocated funds)
- Net Income - \$392.82
- Current Bank Statement = \$21,266.84

c) Additional Reports and Updates

Nichole S, Raffle Coordinator for the Spring 2023 ETAA Assembly: volunteers are needed for a raffle committee that will largely meet on Zoom. Email nichole@oatman.com to volunteer.

Cat A, All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference (ATAAC) Chair for 2023 and 2024: The 2023 conference is February 10-12 in Pflugerville. She hopes everyone will register and bring their friends. We also need volunteers and raffle baskets. Visit <https://www.ataactx.com/> for more information and to volunteer. Cat has also emailed most of the GRs with information about ATAAC so please check your email for more details about the conference.

Jessica P, Austin Area Information Center Liaison: The minutes for the more recent AAIC meeting can be found in the District 6 repository. Jessica is moving out of the Area at the end of November so a new AAIC Liaison will be needed. All of the Information Center meetings are all now on Zoom to make it easy to participate.

New Business

a) Roll Call & Voting Procedure Agreement (majority vs 2/3 approval) – Temp. Secretary, Natanya A.

Total number of voting GRs = 22

2/3rd = 15

Simple majority = 12

A simple majority is used for all voting except for elections.

b) Possible Vote for District Spanish Coordinator – Lynn P.

Lynn reviewed duties. Lynn asked if anyone is willing to stand for District Spanish Coordinator. There were no volunteers. Anna asked the GRs to announce the position to their groups. Put any possible volunteers in contact with Anna. There is no prerequisite. Just a willingness to serve.

c) Possible Vote for District Alateen Coordinator – Anna A.

Anna asked if we have a currently certified Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) willing to stand for Alateen Coordinator. Alateen Coordinators must be a certified AMIAS. Anna reviewed duties. There were no volunteers. We have 16 AMIAS in our District. If we have anyone interested in serving in the future, please contact Pat E. We currently have 3 active Alateen groups. Please ask your groups if anyone is interested in serving.

d) Alateen Meeting That May Need a Sponsor – Bill H.

Bill H received a call two months ago from someone in the Communities in Schools group for Austin ISD interested in an Alateen meeting. There hasn't been much movement at this time but if you have any interest in being the sponsor for this group contact Bill H.

e) Kay C District Repository Update

Kay verified that everyone received the link to the electronic repository and there were no questions. All past newsletters have been loaded into the repository. Send Kay an email at etx.d6.repository@outlook.com if you want access or if you have any issues with the repository or the documents.

f) Cat A Hybrid District Meeting Workgroup

Charge was to determine if having a hybrid District meeting was feasible, and it was feasible for this group. The full report is in the newsletter.

g) January District Meeting Hybrid Component

We have had a successful hybrid meeting (people both in the room and online) which required a lot of behind-the-scenes work. We need to decide what the format for our January meeting will be.

Choices:

- In Person
- Virtual
- Hybrid

There were many comments and discussions about the topic. Some examples are:

- Jessica P highly recommends a service position to manage all of the activities required for a hybrid meeting to continue. She has been in technology for 25 years and it was a challenge for her. Anna and Lynn will also have to be comfortable with all required of them to coordinate the meeting. This approach makes the meeting more accessible for those who live far away from the meeting, health concerns, or other commitments.
- Lydia M thinks it is a great idea to have a permanent position. When she looks around the room she doesn't see a lot of technology faces.
- George C appreciated the hybrid component. He fully intended to attend in person but something came up and he could not come in person. The hybrid meeting allowed him to attend. He would encourage the continuation.
- Stephen S thus far has only seen individuals speaking. He is wondering about the set up in the room and if we have a large TV. He was curious about what the room set up looks like. Natanya used her iPad to show everyone.
- Mary R likes an in-person meeting but says it would be nice to continue to have a hybrid meeting. We are looking for groups to host the next meeting, but the format of the meeting will need to have a set up similar to this one. Need to figure out the format so groups can decide if they want to host or not.

Voting

Jessica P makes a motion to hold a hybrid district meeting for January 21, 2023. Nancy B seconds.

Hybrid

- For - 18
- Against - 3
- Abstentions - 0

Motion carries

January Meeting Follow-ups: potential to have the meeting in Dripping Springs. Thanks to Linda B for joining the tech working group.

Technology Support Coordinator: Lynn asks everyone to take the duties for the Technology Support Coordinator (in the One Drive with the materials for the meeting) back to groups to see if we can get someone identified to fill that position.

Discussion: Budget for technology equipment for hybrid meeting.

Jessica P made a recommendation for a budget to purchase technology equipment to support the hybrid meeting as the iPads and other equipment used during the hybrid meeting were hers, the church's, or Anna A's. A motion was not put forward because Kay C reminded the group that we had not gone through the KBDM process yet. The working group will go back and make a recommendation that can be published in the report and considered at the January meeting.

Jessica pointed out that for the January hybrid assembly others will need to lend devices if none are purchased because she is moving and not able to donate hers for future meetings.

Discussion: Upcoming items for the Fall Assembly

Anna reviewed some important items that will be discussed at the Fall ETAA Assembly including:

- Allowing Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically (AFGWME) to be part of our Area.
- Redistricting of District 5 into several smaller districts. If this happens our District will be the largest in the Area.

Kay C briefly discussed the 2023 Area budget, which will also be voted on at the Fall Assembly.

All of the information for the Assembly will be in the Beacon and on the Texas Al-Anon Website at texas-al-anon.org.

Natanya A offered a quick demonstration on how to access Assembly files.

The meeting was adjourned and the group closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.



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Ask It Basket Questions

Question 1: Our meeting is in person. We have a lot of crosstalk and follow up comments, even sometimes interrupting. How should this be addressed?

Answer: This is an issue most likely resolved through a group conscience decision or perhaps through a group inventory if one hasn't been conducted in a while. The guideline Taking a Group Inventory ([G-8a](#) and [G-8b](#)) is a useful tool, which can be used in this process. Once a solution is determined, some groups have chosen to write it down and make it part of the meeting opening or scripted comments. Information on how to conduct a group conscience meeting can be found in the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (version 2)*, under Group Business (Pages 46-57) and the following sections:

- Group Business Meetings and Group Conscience
- Group Business Meetings
- Discussion of the topic(s)
- Group Conscience
- Group Inventory
- Group Problems and Solutions

As a possible consideration in a group conscience on this topic, the September 2007 edition of *The Forum* contains a sharing entitled "Crosstalk – or loving interchange?" by Martha C. from Virginia. This sharing presents the perspective of "since we don't give advice, the loving interchange is one of the most significant gifts we can give each other."

Question 2: Is there any concern about anonymity regarding hybrid/online meetings since the IP address is connected to a specific individual's personal information?

Answer: Anonymity is a primary principle of the Al-Anon program and should always be a consideration when groups and individuals are making decisions. However, online and electronic meetings have been a part of the Al-Anon program since 2001 and 2007, respectively. On Page 25, the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (version 2)* states, "In 2001, the WSO started registering online meetings, in 2007, phone and other electronic meetings, and in 2020 the Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App was launched. Electronic meetings offered Al-Anon members a means of connecting and sharing the Al-Anon program regardless of location."

In addition, the WSO electronic meeting web page states, "Electronic meetings, like all Al-Anon meetings, offer help and hope to anyone who is affected by alcoholism in a family member or friend. Electronic Al-Anon meetings agree to abide by the spirit of the Twelve Traditions. Each Al-Anon member is responsible for keeping the meeting focused on Al-Anon recovery and discussion of Al-Anon related topics. Al-Anon will always be what we—its members—make it. Confidentiality and anonymity vary from platform to platform. It is the responsibility of the Al-Anon member to understand how to maintain personal anonymity when participating in an online Al-Anon meeting."

Question 3: At a recent group conscience for our group, we agreed to ask if it is considered crosstalk to address newcomers directly during the sharing section of a meeting?

Answer: Some groups state in their meeting Welcome that any questions will be addressed after the meeting. Before some meetings end, attendees are asked to raise their hands if they can stay after the meeting to talk with newcomers. See response to Question 1 for additional considerations.

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Treasurer's Report

2022 D6 Operating Statement 4th Quarter						
Income	2022 Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Actual
D6 Basket Collection	200.00	0.00	0.00	156.00	136.00	292.00
Total Group Donations including newsletter subscriptions	3,975.00	1,225.37	1,429.16	1,117.37	1,144.31	4,916.21
Bank Interest	10.00	2.69	2.81	2.79	2.74	11.03
Contribution from Unallocated to cover propped expenses	4,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	8,485.00	1,228.06	1,431.97	1,276.16	1,283.05	5,219.24
Expenses	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
Alateen Coordinator	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Alateen Liason Coord.	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Alt' DR Expenses	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMIAS / Background Checks	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archives	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Austin AI Anon Information Ctr (repository)	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Bank Charges	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
District Group Records Coordinator	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DR Expenses	800.00	213.22	513.44	643.34	399.34	1,769.34
DR Int'l Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forum/Literature Cooridnator Exp	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gift to Delegate	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	350.00	0.00	0.00	2,240.00	100.88	2,340.88
Newsletter Editor	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P.O.S.S.E. Scholarship	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Outreach No.	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Outreach So.	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent / District Meeting	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	597.50	597.50
Secretary Expenses	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Software for Virtual Meetings	1,375.00	15.98	15.98	0.00	15.98	47.94
Spanish Language Coordinator	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer Expenses	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.41	56.41
Total Expenses	8,485.00	379.20	529.42	2,883.34	1,270.11	5,062.07
Reserves						
International Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
T.E.A.M.	171.51	171.51	171.51	171.51	171.51	
Prudent Reserve	4,904.37	4,904.37	4,904.37	4,904.37	4,904.37	
Kristy Fund	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	
Allocated Posters for Schools	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Allocated to Cover 2022 Expenses	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	
Unallocated Funds	7,357.08	7,806.73	8,655.59	5,598.14	7,893.60	
Net Income	449.65	848.86	902.55	392.82	194.84	
Total Liabilities & Capital (Bank Statement Balance)	21,082.61	21,931.47	22,834.02	21,266.84	21,364.32	
Bank Balance	12/31/2021	3/31/2022	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	

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District Representative Report

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and here's to a joyous and blessed 2023. The new year also marks the last year of this term for our District Officers and Coordinators, but it will be a busy one. Besides the usual District business, we will also have the added task of hosting the Spring 2023 East Texas Area Assembly. We are also moving forward with having an electronic component be part of our District meetings.

Read on for more information.

Events

- District Meeting on January 21 – The meeting will be held at the Dripping Springs Presbyterian Church, 26650 Ranch Road 12, Dripping Springs TX 78620. Our hosting group is Let It Begin With Me AFG. Please invite and bring others from your groups. All are welcome. If you cannot attend in person, please consider joining us online. The Zoom connection information will be provided via email.
- ETAAA Spring 2023 Host Committee – District 6 will be the Host District for the 2023 East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Area (ETAA) Spring Assembly. The event will be held May 19-21, 2023, at the Wingate by Wyndham in Round Rock. The theme is *Bloom and Grow: Recovery*. Our speaker from the World Service Office (WSO) will be Tom C. (Associate Director, Literature), and our local speaker will be Brooks K. We still need to fill more committee positions, including Alateen Chairperson and AA Liaison. The duties of each committee position can be found on Pages 6-11 of the *East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Guidelines for Area Host District Committee and Support District Committee* at <https://texas-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ETAAA-Host-Committee-Guidelines-Approved-21-11.pdf> (password: anonymity). Please consider volunteering and/or let your groups know about this 12th Step opportunity.

Electronic Meetings

Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically (AFGWMEs): At the Fall 2022 East Texas Area Assembly, the group representatives (GRs) voted to allow AFGWMEs to continue to be part of the Area's service structure. Please see the additional information on Pages 14-15 of this newsletter regarding the policy for these groups to be part of the Area's service structure and some additional information from the World Service Office (WSO). The Area's Electronic Meeting Work Group will continue to meet to put together the procedures on how to implement the policy. Please be aware that if your group is still meeting only electronically or has multiple meetings and any of those meetings are meeting only electronically (i.e., the meeting has no interactive face-to-face component), the group/electronic meeting(s) should decide if they want to remain exclusively electronic and become AFGWMEs by registering as such with WSO. From here, they can become part of the Area service structure. If an AFGWME chooses not to become part of the Area service structure, it will become part of the new Global Electronic Area. "Hybrid" meetings, where a face-to-face meeting includes an electronic component as an interactive part of the meeting, are not affected.

Visiting Meetings

With the start of the new year, our Alternate District Representative Lynn P. and I will begin another push to visit as many groups in the District as possible. If you'd like us to attend one of your group meetings, please let me know at etx.district6@gmail.com. We'll be happy to attend in person or online.

Thank you all for your service, and I look forward to seeing everyone on January 21 in Dripping Springs.

In grateful service,
Anna A., DR

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Coordinator Reports

DISTRICT GROUP RECORDS (Cathy M.)

Making Changes to Your Group Information

Contact the District 6 Group Records Coordinator Cathy M at etx6grouprecords@gmail.com. Tell her what changes you want made, and she will make them for you. You can also contact her with any of your group records questions.

What happens if a group is reported "not meeting?"

Groups can be reported not meeting if someone attempts to go to the meeting and no one is there or if mail from WSO is returned. When that happens, Cathy will reach out to the Current Mailing Address (CMA) or the GR to learn if the meeting is still active or not. If she doesn't receive a response, the group is marked "Inactive," so it doesn't show on the meeting schedule. If there is an error—Cathy's communication came at a time someone was out of town for an extended period, or ill, or just didn't want to answer—she can change the meeting back to "Active" with a few keystrokes.

Please contact Cathy M at the email above with any questions.

NEWSLETTER (Donna M.)

See front page. Direct any questions/comments to Donna M. at etx6.newsletter@gmail.com.

DISTRICT REPOSITORY/CLOUD STORAGE (Kay C.)

The District 6 Repository is available to everyone to view. Currently, the Repository contains District 6 current and archived minutes, newsletters, and other District 6 information. You can access the Repository by clicking on this link. <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AtGAlAjTzGAnZ4fiYT-LYwFIBTw?e=arJM53>. Please bookmark the link on your browser, so you will have it for future browsing.

The most useful folder will be the District 6 meeting folder, which has all the information for upcoming District meetings. This folder will have the current newsletter, agenda, and other useful information about the upcoming District meeting. The District Representative will send a link to the GRs and friends of the District prior to the District meeting. Information in this folder will be archived one month prior to the upcoming meeting. If you want to print a document, double click on the document and once it opens, there are 3 dots by "Download" at the top of page. Click on these three dots, and you will see a print option.

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Group Reports

Central Texas Serenity Seekers (Donna M., GR)

At our last group conscience (GC) meeting, it was decided that we would go to F2F meetings only and revisit the possibility of hybrid meetings at our next GC meeting. It was also decided to drop one of our meetings (Saturday), due to lack of participation. We still have three meetings per week, though. We have had a number of new people join us!

2222 AFG (Natanya A., GR)

The 2222 AFG meetings on Thursday night at 6:30 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. We are a hybrid meeting and have a specific focus on using conference approved literature in every meeting. Our hybrid meeting format works very well because we have a technology volunteer who makes sure the meeting information goes out every week and who hosts the hybrid portion of the meeting including displaying the meeting format and any readings. The group has moved into a cadence of sending out readings 2-3 days in advance and we experience good participation from those in the room as well as online. Our only challenge is getting an in-room member to bring a laptop every week to support the meeting but I'm confident we'll have a solution in the new year.

Al-Anon/Alateen 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
- CMACurrent Mailing Address
- DACDistrict Alateen Coordinator
- DR District Representative
- EIN Employer Identification Number (tax ID number)
- ETAA East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen
- ETAAAEast Texas Area Al-Anon/ Alateen Assembly
- GR Group Representative
- ISRInformation Service Representative
- LDC..... Literature Distribution Center
- P.O.S.S.E. Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything
- PO Public Outreach
- PSAPublic Service Announcement
- TEAAC ... Texas East Area Alateen Conference
- TEAM.....Together Empowering Al-Anon Members
- WSC World Service Conference
- WSO World Service Office

- A.A.....Alcoholics Anonymous



Hybrid District Meeting Work Group Report

January 2023

- **Possible permanent location venue for District meetings**

The Cedar Park Recreation Center has been booked for the April District Meeting, and the GRs will be asked to consider this location as the permanent location for hybrid District meetings at the April District Meeting. The recreation center has adequate space for the in-person component as well as adequate Wi-Fi and AV equipment (screen and projector) for the virtual component.

- **Type and cost of equipment needed (see attached document) / equipment already in District possession through donations**

A laptop (Mac), Chromebook, and iPad stands have been donated to the District. A projector (back-up), screen (back-up), speakers (back-up), and iPad (back-up) can be loaned out by certain members for District meetings if necessary. It may prove beneficial for the District to purchase the following to not be dependent on borrowing from members for each meeting:

- iPad: \$170
- Webcam: \$150
- Speakers: \$100
- Total: \$420

The GRs will be asked at the January District Meeting to consider approving some financial support for purchase of technical equipment from Unallocated Funds.

- **Technical Support Coordinator duties and those who may be interested in serving**

The duties for the Technical Support Coordinator service position have been significantly clarified since the last draft shared with the District. There has been interest in standing for the position from a couple of members; however, the DR will confirm prior to the January District Meeting who is still interested.

- **Recommendations to GRs at January District Meeting:**

- **Amount of money needed from Unallocated Funds for equipment**
- **Creation of Technical Support Coordinator service position**

We'll need to take an actual vote to make this a new service position and once that's done, if we have a candidate, we'll have an election.

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Austin Al-Anon Information Center

Summary from Board Meeting, November 21, 2022

The Austin Al-Anon Information Center met on November 21, 2022. They are currently running at a deficit of \$2,721 with a prudent reserve of \$40,610. Overall, group contributions are down considerably, and donations are welcomed.

Officer elections were held and the following positions were filled:

Secretary - Karen R.

Treasurer - Kathy J.

Website Coordinator - Terry F.

Currently vacant are Board Chair and Liaison positions.

Information center volunteers are needed for the third Thursday of each month. If interested, see their website for information on this position and to fill out a volunteer form.

A motion to increase the literature budget to \$1,500 was passed. This will allow staff to purchase additional literature from the World Service Office.

The next meeting will be held on February 20 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Thank you,

Lynn P., Alternate District Representative

Open Service Positions

The Austin Area Information Center (AAIC) where our area groups can easily and locally purchase Al-Anon literature has an urgent need to fill two (2) service positions. Elections were held at the 11-21-2022 board meeting, and no one stood for these positions. An excerpt from the by-laws describing the positions is summarized below. All service terms are one (1) year at a time with a three (3) year maximum for the same position. All board meetings are now held on Zoom and are once per quarter. The next meeting is Feb. 20, 2023.

CHAIRPERSON:

- Duties: Compile the agenda for quarterly board meetings;
- Send out agenda and attachments for quarterly board meetings a week in advance of meeting;
- Chair/run the quarterly board meetings;
- Be one of the authorized signatures on the AAIC bank accounts;
- Be legal representative for AAIC if required (signing office space lease, etc.); and
- Monitor and respond to aaicchairperson email account.

AAIC LIAISON:

Duties: act as liaison between AAIC, District 6, and the AWSC (Area World Service Committee), each of which meet once per quarter. The Liaison is responsible for attendance and submitting reports to the other service arms and committees.

Travel expenses, including lodging, meals, gas, and registration expenses are reimbursed by AAIC.

Please review [Section 7.4 Office Eligibility](#) of the by-laws for additional information. If you have any questions or are interested in either of these service positions, please send an email to aaicchairperson@gmail.com.

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Electronic Meetings

Participation of Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically in the Texas East Al-Anon/Alateen Area Service Structure Final Approved Policy

Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically (AFGWMEs) will automatically qualify to participate in the Texas East Al-Anon/Alateen Area (Texas East Area) service structure if they meet the following qualifications:

- 1) They have and will maintain a physical Current Mailing Address (CMA) in the Texas East Area AND;
- 2) They are willing to send a GR to the Texas East Assemblies and to the meetings of the District to which they are assigned.

District assignments for the AFGWMEs will follow the same procedure for newly registered geographical groups in our Area.

An AFGWME that is interested in participating in the Texas East Area service structure should reach out to the Texas East Area Group Records Coordinator to request the change from the virtual Area to our Area.

If the AFGWME does not have a CMA in the Texas East Area, their participation in the Texas East Area service structure will require explicit approval of the Texas East Area based on the group's specific circumstances. A District assignment will also be determined at that time. The group is willing to attend Texas East Area Assemblies and District meetings in person, until and if we ever offer an electronic component.

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Process to Register Electronic Groups

Texas East Area will be accepting Electronic Groups.

It is important to note that *"groups that were meeting in a physical location and moved to on-line will only have to submit an Al-Anon Group Record Change Form for Groups with an Electronic Location"*. They can click the link and go to al-anon.org.

Process for group moving from a physical location to an electronic one:

Members submit the [Al-Anon Group Record Change Form for Groups with an Electronic Location](#) on al-anon.org.
AFG Records staff:

- enter the electronic meeting location in the WSO database; and
- notify the AGRC of meeting location changes via the Weekly Change Report.

Process for new electronic Al-Anon group registrations:

Members submit the [New Al-Anon Group Registration Form for Groups with an Electronic Location](#) on al-anon.org.
AFG Records staff:

- enter and verify the new electronic Al-Anon group registration information in the WSO database and notify the AGRC that the registration was submitted by a member directly to the WSO; and
- AGRCs review the registration in read-only format on the Online Group Records application and submit any changes via email at AFGRecords@al-anon.org.

AFG Records staff:

- update the registration record and register the new group;
- notify the Area Delegate, Area Group Records Coordinator (AGRC) and District Representative (DR) that the group is registered; and
- send a group welcome email to the Current Mailing Address (CMA).

Please note that WSO is not able to display electronic Al-Anon groups connected to a geographic Area at this time. We are still working on finding the best way to adapt the current meeting search to pin the electronic Al-Anon meeting information to a geographic location. Meanwhile, Areas can list the meetings on the Area and local websites, so newcomers and members alike can find these meetings.

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SERVICE ARMS and DISTRICT 6 SERVICE COMMITTEES

Tradition 7 Contributions

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

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE AFG, INC.

1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617
(800) 344-2666

DISTRICT 6

Debbie P.

EAST TEXAS AREA (ETAA)

Treasurer – ETAA
P.O. Box 450675
Laredo, TX 78045

AL-ANON INFORMATION CENTER

6301 Manchaca Road, Ste. F
Austin, Texas 78745
(512) 441-8591

District 6 Service Committee

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District Representative

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etx.district6@gmail.com

Alternate DR

Lynn P.

Secretary

Norma B.

Treasurer

Debbie P.

COORDINATORS

Alateen

Pat E. (Interim)

Archivist

Barbara M.

Forum/Literature

Peggy D.

Newsletter

Donna M.
etx6.newsletter@gmail.com

Public Outreach (South)

Mary R.

Public Outreach (North)

Gail H.

Coordinator/ Hispanohablante

Open

District Group Records

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etx6grouprecords@gmail.com

Cloud Based Storage

Kay C.

NOTE: Contact details for these individuals is not included here in order to protect anonymity and general release of personal information. Details are available from your Group Representative or District Representative.to

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EAST TEXAS AL-ANON/ALATEEN (ETAA)
SPRING ASSEMBLY

MAY 19-21, 2023

FEATURING SPEAKER TOM C., ASSOC. DIRECTOR OF LITERATURE, WSO

Wingate by Wyndham & Williamson
Conference Center
1209 N IH 35, Round Rock, TX 78664

\$134 + tax (Double); \$124 + tax (King)
Free parking & breakfast included

Reservations

512-341-7000 (Code: ETAA Assembly)
www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate
Destination: Round Rock
Group code: CGETAA

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Round
Rock (Overflow Hotel)

2700 Hoppe Trail, Round Rock, TX 78681

\$139 + tax (Double)
Free parking & breakfast included

Reservations

512-255-5551
(Code: ETAA Assembly 2023)



The deadline for advance conference registration and hotel registration is April 28

Registration form fields: Are you a GR?, First Assembly?, Name, Badge Name, Address, City/State/Zip, Group Name, District #, Phone #, Email

- \$35 Al-Anon Registration
\$35 AA Registration
\$40 at the door for Al-Anon/AA (after April 28)
\$5 Alateen Registration
\$25 Banquet Ticket (optional)

Make Checks Payable to: ETX6ETAAA
Mail To:
ETAAA
P.O. Box 3273
San Marcos, Tx 78667

OR

Register online: https://bit.ly/etaaa-may2023
Pay with Venmo: @ETAAA-May2023
Please include the text "Spring ETAAA registration" and the name you registered with in the "What's It For" box of your Venmo payment.

Dietary needs:
Translation equipment needed: Y / N

All registered Alateens must turn in a complete Behavioral Guidelines Form and be accompanied by a responsible, registered adult. Notarized Permission and Medical Forms are to be kept by accompanying adult. Forms can be obtained by an Alateen Sponsor/Coordinator.

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ZONA DEL ESTE DE TEXAS DE AL-ANON Y ALATEEN (ZETA)
 ASAMBLEA DE PRIMAVERA
 19-21 DE MAYO DE 2023

ORADOR INVITADO TOM C., DIRECTOR ASOCIADO DE LITERATURA , OSM

Centro De Conferencias de Wingate by Wyndham & Williamson
 1209 N IH 35 , Round Rock, TX 78664

Courtyard Marriott Austin Round Rock (Hotel alternativo)
 2700 Hoppe Trail , Round Rock, TX 78681

\$ 134 + tax (Doble) ; \$ 124 + tax (King)
 Estacionamiento gratis y desayuno incluido

\$ 139 + tax (Doble)
 Estacionamiento gratis y desayuno incluido

Reservaciones

☎ 512 - 341- 7000 (Código : ETAA Assembly)
 www .wyndhamhotels.com/wingate
 Destination: Round Rock
 Código del grupo : CGEA

Reservaciones

☎ 5 1 2 - 2 5 5 - 5 5 5 1
 (Código : ETAA Assembly 2 0 2 3)

La fecha límite para el registro anticipado de la conferencia y el registro del hotel es el 28 de abril.

¿Es RG? Sí ___ No ___ Primera Asamblea? Sí ___ No ___

Nombre _____ Nombre en el gafete _____

Dirección _____ Ciudad/Estado/C.P. _____

Nombre del grupo _____ Distrito # _____

Teléfono _____ Correo electrónico _____

- ___ \$35 Registración de Al-Anon
- ___ \$35 Registración de AA
(\$40 en la puerta para Al-Anon/AA (después del 29 de abril)
- ___ \$5 Registración de Alateen
- ___ \$25 Banquete (opcional)

Cheques a nombre de: ETX6ETAAA
 Enviar a:
 ETAAA
 P.O. Box 3273
 San Marcos, Tx 78667

Necesidades alimenticias: _____
 ¿Necesita equipo de interpretación?: S / N

Regístrate en línea:
<https://bit.ly/etaaa-may2023>
 Pagar con Venmo: @ETAAA-May2023
 Por favor incluya el texto "Spring ETAAA registration" y el nombre y el nombre con el que se registró en el cuadro "Para qué sirve" de su pago de Venmo.

Todos los miembros de Alateen inscritos deben entregar un Formulario de Guías de Comportamiento completo y estar acompañados por un adulto responsable registrado. El adulto acompañante debe conservar el permiso notariado y los formularios médicos. Los formularios pueden ser obtenidos por un Padrino/coordinador de Alateen.

