



District 6 Newsletter “The E-News”

District Meeting

Saturday, April 15, 2023

We will be meeting IN PERSON AND ONLINE



**Cedar Park
Recreation Center

1435 Main St.
Cedar Park, TX 78613**

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.

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Spring is upon us, with the warm weather, once again. What an exciting time coming up! District Meeting at a new location with a dedicated electronic component! Spring Assembly is almost here! I don’t know about Y’all, but I’m excited! I think with all the preparations, we might come to have certain expectations. I looked up expectations in our daily reader, ODAT, and decided to share the reading from August 4.

“One source of frustration we seldom recognize is in expecting too much of others or expecting too specifically what we feel they ought to be, say, give or do. If I expect another person to react in a certain way to a given situation, and he or she fails to meet my expectation, have I the right to be disappointed or angry? Every human being has his own individual drives and motivations, beyond my understanding and control. I may say: ‘But he knew what I expected,’ not realizing that it may have been precisely for this reason that he rebelled and acted otherwise. My search for peace of mind will bear fruit more readily if I stop expecting and relax into accepting. TODAY’S REMINDER: I will not set a pattern based on my own experience and wishes—and expect someone else to live up to it. This is interference of a subtle and damaging kind; it damages my peace of mind and dignity, and those I am smothering with my expectations. I, too, often fail to live up to the expectations of others.”

May we be mindful of our expectations of others! Serenity = Peace of mind.

In Service, Donna M.

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

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District 6 Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2023 (Saturday)

Minutes by Norma B., Secretary

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

Welcome; Serenity Prayer; Traditions, Concepts, & Warranties; Introductions: New & Returning Group Representatives (GRs), Group's City; Ask It Basket; 7th Tradition

Anna welcomed everyone to the meeting including the 3 new GRs.

Anna opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

The Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties were read.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Anna passed the Ask It Basket. Questions can also be texted or emailed to Anna at ext.district6@gmail.com. All responses will be in the next newsletter. Ask It Basket questions and responses from the October meeting are in the Winter Newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter you need to be on Anna's email list as it is only available electronically. In addition, the Winter Newsletter and previous newsletters have been archived in the District 6 Repository and on the Austin Al-Anon Information Center website under Resources tab.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed. Also, contributions can be mailed to the District Treasurer at the address in the mailout of the printed Service Arms page which was mailed to the group Current Mailing Addresses (CMAs). Contributions received will be reported in the next District Newsletter.

Business Meeting

a) District Rep (DR) Announcements

The DR Report can be found in the Newsletter saved in the Repository. Highlights from the report:

District 6 is the Host District for the 2023 Assembly. There is a second speaker scheduled. And, an Alateen chairperson was found. The AA Liaison position is still open.

The new Service Manual is scheduled to ship from the vendor to the WSO in mid-February.

Anna forwarded an email from Mattie requesting chosen agenda items for consideration at the World Service Conference.

Anna and Lynn will start attending group meetings again this year starting with the new groups first, then groups that do not attend the District meeting. If you ask them to attend your group, you will jump ahead in the line.

b) Distributed Report Questions – Secretary (Approve October Minutes), Treasurer, Group Records, Cloud Storage/Repository, Newsletter

Following the Knowledge Based Decision Making system, all the reports were sent out early for review. No questions were asked.

Minutes were approved by consensus as printed in the Winter 2023 Newsletter.

c) Other Updates (ATAAC, AAIC, etc.)

Anna and Natanya provided a reminder of the All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference (ATAAC) in Pflugerville.

The Austin Al-Anon Information Center (AAIC) Liaison service position is open. The AAIC Board Chair service position is also open. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, contact the Acting Chair, Kathy J, at AAICchairperson@gmail.com.

New Business**a) Roll Call & Voting Procedure Agreement (majority vs 2/3 approval) – Norma B.**

Total number of voting GRs = 25

2/3rd = 17

Simple majority = 13

A simple majority is to be used for all voting including the budget except for elections of our trusted servants which is a 2/3rd vote.

b) Vote for Addition of Technical Support Coordinator Service Position – Anna A

Anna explained the new service position noting that the duties of the position were posted in the Repository and were discussed at the October District Meeting. Comments and questions were addressed.

It was requested the Hybrid District Meeting Update be given before the discussion for the Technical Support Coordinator Service position. See Hybrid District Meeting Update topic below.

It was asked if we are going to look at having a central location for the meeting, if the coordinator would travel when the meeting locations change, and, would we give them travel expenses.

Motion: I, Linda B, move that District 6 create a Technical Support Coordinator position to assist with hybrid meeting and other technical issues as needed.

Seconded by: Nichole S

In favor: 25

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

c) Discussion/Vote on 2023 District Budget – Anna A/Debbie P

Due to Debbie needing to leave the meeting early, this topic was moved earlier in the agenda. The vote to approve the budget will be held later in the meeting.

Debbie reviewed the 4th quarter actual and the 2023 draft budget. Both are posted in the Repository.

4th quarter: There was a discussion around the \$2000 donation to WSO. A motion was made at the July meeting to donate \$2000 to the WSO. The funds came from unallocated funds. The unallocated funds are a result of excess income over time.

Increase in the amount for AMIAS Background Checks

New line item for the new position of Cloud Based Coordinator's expenses

Additional funds for District Meeting Facility rent

New line Item for District Meeting Host Group Reimbursement

Increase in DR Expenses

Addition of DR International Convention expenses – the convention occurs every 5 years

The Newsletter Editor budget was lowered

Decrease in the Spanish Language Coordinator budget

New line Item for the new position of Technical Support Coordinator

Treasurer budget was lowered

A question was asked regarding a budget for the possible equipment needs for hybrid meetings. The Tech Support Coordinator expenses have been added in anticipation that we will vote to have this new service position. If the position is not approved, this line item can be removed before we vote on the Budget. Equipment expenses were not added as the amount needed is nebulous; and, to give the new coordinator time to evaluate what is needed. If the GRs approve the request, the funds would come from unallocated funds. There will be further discussion later in the meeting.

There was a question regarding the amount of unallocated funds we will have after using most in our 2023 budget. Unallocated funds are donations by the groups or individuals in the District made to the District. If those funds are more than we need for our budget, the extra goes into unallocated funds. We will not know what our unallocated funds are until the end of the year. These extra funds are to be used to promote Al-Anon within the District or donated to the Area and WSO. We also have a Prudent Reserve which is used if we run short of funds so there is no actual need to maintain unallocated funds.

Motion: I, Karen C, move to approve the budget as presented in the 2023 newsletter and presented today.

Seconded by: Shirley M

In favor: 22

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

d) Vote for Technical Support Coordinator – Anna A

Tiana L (A Path to Serenity AFG) is standing for this position. Her resume is posted in the Repository. 2/3 vote is required for the election. The GRs voted, and Tiana was unanimously elected as the District Technical Support Coordinator.

In favor: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

e) Possible Vote for District Spanish Coordinator – Anna A

We have not had a Spanish Coordinator for a while. Is anyone willing to stand for District Spanish Coordinator? Anna read the duties. No one volunteered to stand for this position.

Pat I said he is happy to serve as the Service Sponsor for anyone who would like to stand for this position. You do not need to speak Spanish to serve in this position. The last Spanish Coordinator, Kelly T, has said she is willing to answer questions also.

f) Fall Assembly Follow-Up Issues/Questions – Anna A

At the Fall Assembly the GRs voted to allow the Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically (AFGWME) to become part of the Texas East Area service structure. The policy and additional information are in the Winter 2023 Newsletter. If necessary, the working group will continue to meet to put together any procedures but the WSO system seems to be pretty simple, so the Area is not touching it at this time. It will be discussed further at the next Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting Anna is attending next weekend. If your group is currently meeting only electronically or has multiple meetings and any of those meetings are meeting only electronically, these groups need to decide if they want to continue to be exclusively electronic and register as one of the AFGWMEs. If so, they will be part of the Area service structure. If they choose not to be part of the Area service structure, they will be part of a new Global Electronic Area.

The GRs voted to let District 5 realign using the plan they developed. They will realign into five separate districts: West #5, Northwest #14, North #15, East #16, and Central #17. The names represent the geographic area of Harris County. District 6 is now the biggest District in the area with 74 active groups. It would be a good idea for the District 6 to pay close attention to what happens in the District 5 realignment and how it affects the service participation and growth, etc. Take it back to your groups to think about.

Based on the Area's 2023 budget there is a potential \$10K deficit. Your Group Conscience may want to consider adding the Area when sending group donations.

FindRecovery.com website is not a valid Al-Anon website. The WSO has taken action to cease and desist. Please do not use this website as a reference; and, pass this information on to others.

It was asked if there is an update on financial health of the WSO? Not to Anna's knowledge. She will learn more at the WSC Meeting she is attending. Anna will provide an update.

g) Time Change for Future District Meetings – Anna A

Anna explained the history and noted that the new start time has been a big hit. The results from a survey taken asking if future meetings should start at noon and end at 4:00pm was unanimous with 27 responses. A brief discussion was held to determine if we want to do this permanently.

Motion: I, Nichole S, make a motion that District Meetings be held from 12:00 pm to end no later than 4:00 pm.

Seconded by: Linda N

In favor: 23

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

h) Hybrid District Meeting Update – Anna A/Work Group Members

Anna reviewed the position duties which were beefed up since the previous discussion; and, the Work Group's report. Both documents are posted in the Repository.

The Work Group considered what we may need to purchase. We had some equipment donated and some loaned which will help cut expenses. It was estimated with the donated and loaned equipment approximately \$420 would be needed. If we moved to a permanent location such as a facility to be proposed today, some of this equipment may not be needed because a lot of the equipment is already set up. Would we like to discuss and vote on new equipment expenses today or wait until we have the coordinator on board, and they can suggest what is needed? Anna did a temperature check, and the majority would like to wait. One person opposed waiting because if we wait and the April meeting goes well we would not be able to vote on the allocation of the funds until the July meeting. If we vote today to approve the funds, the money would be available if needed. Anna did a second temperature check on whether to allocate the funds for equipment now or after the April meeting. The consensus vote changed to voting now with 13 in favor.

There was further discussion around where the funds will come from (unallocated funds) and input on how the funds are spent.

Motion: I, Pat I, move we allocate \$500 for possibly purchasing equipment for hybrid meeting and trust our new tech coordinator to spend it wisely.

Seconded by: Lydia M

In favor: 19

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 0

i) April District Meeting/Hybrid Component – Anna A

The April meeting will be held at the Cedar Park Recreation Center. The facility has adequate equipment to assist with a hybrid meeting. Various Work Group members have toured it. They feel it is a good location for a permanent location. We will consider a vote after the April meeting to use it as a permanent venue.

Anna would like to consider the format for future meetings. Do we want to continue to have hybrid meetings? Discussion followed:

If we continue to take the meeting on the road, there will continue to be issues which will affect our ability to be effective. If Cedar Park Recreation Center works out, that could be an input into the decision we make.

How expensive to rent the Cedar Park facility? Anna said it is \$270 which within the amount allocated. Moving the meeting from location to location would help by allowing those far away to participate and feels that making it work goes with outreach.

Motion: I, Karen C, make a motion to have just the next District meeting hybrid, and determine if the Cedar Park location can full support a hybrid meeting for the future.

Seconded by: Shirley M

In favor: 18

Opposed: 3

Abstained: 0

The next District meeting will be hybrid at the Cedar Park Recreation Center.

Closing: Anna closed the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Future District Meetings

- April 15, 2023 – Hosted by _____ (3rd Sat)
- July 15, 2023 – Hosted by _____ (3rd Sat)
- October 21, 2023 – Hosted by _____ (3rd Sat)
- January 20, 2024 – Hosted by _____ (3rd Sat)

Other Important Dates:

- February 10-12, 2023 – All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference (Pflugerville, TX)
- February 20, 2023 – Austin Al-Anon Information Center Board Meeting (Virtual)
- May 19-21, 2023 – East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Spring Assembly (Round Rock, TX)

Newsletter Deadline For: District Officers, Coordinators, GRs, & Thought/Task Force/ Committee Team Reports – **DUE BY:** **March 22, 2023**



Ask It Basket Questions

Question 1: Our attendance (in-person) continues to be small. Any suggestions on ways to try and encourage higher attendance?

Answer: Groups have reported different methods that have been used to increase group membership including, but not limited to, coordinating with other groups that meet at the same location to ask their members to attend the meeting that is struggling; attending the District meeting and asking for ideas from the other group representatives (GRs); and adding an electronic component to their meeting to allow more people to attend online. A group conscience is also an opportunity for members to share their ideas to increase group membership. A group inventory if one hasn't been conducted in a while may also provide similar opportunities. The guideline Taking a Group Inventory ([G-8a](#) and [G-8b](#)) can be used in this process.

Question 2: Is the AAIC still handling all phone queries? The same two volunteers have been handling all Spanish language callers since before 2018 — AAIC just gives out their numbers. I wonder if English queries are also being handled by the same volunteers year after year? We should recruit more volunteers and share this outreach work.

Answer: As per information received from the Austin Al-Anon Information Center (AAIC), the AAIC office manager only receives voicemail messages on the office phone. There are two on-call phone volunteers. All Spanish speaking inquiries are referred to a Spanish speaking volunteer, who has been identified as Carol.

Any suggestions on how to handle Spanish inquiries can be sent to the Board Chair at aaicchairperson@gmail.com for possible addition to the AAIC Board meeting agenda. Board meetings take place online the third Monday in February, May, August, and November at 6:30 pm. Anyone with questions about the current process for handling Spanish inquiries can also contact Office Manager Janie H. at aaicemployee@gmail.com or via telephone at (512) 441-8591 and (888) 287-2115 for further information.

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Treasurer’s Report

| 2023 D6 Operating Statement 1st Quarter | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Income | 2023 Budget | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | Actual |
| D6 Basket Collection | 600 | 198 | | | | 198 |
| Total Group Donations including newsletter subscriptions | 6,650.00 | 1,344.19 | | | | 1,344.19 |
| Bank Interest | 10 | 0.24 | | | | 0.24 |
| Contribution from Unallocated to cover proposed expenses | 6,075.00 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Total Income | 13,335.00 | \$1,542.43 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 1,542.43 |
| Expenses | 2023 Budget | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | Actual |
| Alateen Coordinator | 200 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Alateen Liaison Coord. | 225 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Alt DR Expenses | 200 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| AMIAS / Background Checks | 150 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Archives | 100 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Austin AI Anon Info Ctr (repository) | 100 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 10 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Cloud Based Coordinator Expense | 100 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Delegate Expenses | 150 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Delegate gift | 150 | 150 | | | | 150 |
| District Group Records Coordinator | 100 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| District Meeting / Facility Rent | 1,200.00 | 100 | | | | 100 |
| District Meeting Host Group Reimbursement | 1,200.00 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| DR Expenses | 2,000.00 | 222.33 | | | | 222.33 |
| DR Int'l Convention | 2,100.00 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Forum/Literature Coordinator Exp | 250 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 350 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Newsletter Editor (1 mailout) | 100 | 80 | | | | 80 |
| P.O.S.S.E. Scholarship | 1,800.00 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Public Outreach No. | 500 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Public Outreach So. | 300 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Secretary Expenses | 150 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Software for Virtual Mtg (Zoom) | 1,200.00 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Spanish Language Coordinator | 500 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Technical Support Coordinator Exp | 100 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Treasurer Expenses | 100 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Total Expenses | 13,335.00 | \$552.33 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$552.33 |
| 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 | 6,667.50 | 6,667.50 | 6,667.50 | 6,667.50 | 6,667.50 | |
| Kristy Fund | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 | |
| Allocated Posters for Schools | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | |
| Allocated to Cover 2022 Exp | 4,300.00 | 4,545.00 | 4,545.00 | 4,545.00 | 4,545.00 | |
| Unallocated Funds | 6,230.47 | 6,325.77 | | | | |
| Net Income | 194.84 | 990.1 | | | | |
| Total Liabilities & Capital (Bank Statement Balance) | \$21,464.32 | \$22,599.88 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$22,599.88 |
| Bank Balance | on 12/31/22 | *as of 3/20/23 | on 6/30/23 | on 9/30/23 | on 12/31/23 | |
| *Bank Balance as of 3/20/23. Bank Statement Balance will be updated for D6 meeting | | | | | | |

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District Representative Report

Happy Spring, Everyone!! Glad to see the weather getting warmer and loving the wildflowers that are out in full force this season. Well, here we are just about six weeks out from the Area Spring Assembly, which District 6 is hosting. Read on for more information about the Assembly, and some other items we have in the pipeline.

Events

- District Meeting on April 15 – The meeting will be held at the Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main St, Cedar Park TX 78613. Our hosting groups will be Hope and Came to Believe AFGs. 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. **There are no doubles left in the room block at the event hotel (Wingate by Wyndham), but several Kings are still available. Double rooms are available under the room block ETAA Assembly 2023 at our overflow hotel The Courtyard by Marriott. Reservations at the Wingate can be made by calling 512-961-1732 (then choosing Option 4), and reservations at the Courtyard can be made by calling 512-255-5551.** We are asking everyone who plans to attend to please register by April 28. After that date, the registration fee increases to \$40. There will also only be a handful of banquet tickets available at the door, so registering early is the best way to ensure you have a seat at the banquet. Pre-registration is critical in helping us plan for food, beverages, table/room set up, handouts at the registration table, etc. So, please get that registration in and join us for all the fun and fellowship.

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 be part of the Area's service structure. 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. Please see the information on Page 15 of this newsletter regarding the registration process for these groups. "Hybrid" meetings, where a face-to-face meeting includes an electronic component as an interactive part of the meeting, are not affected.

Future District Meetings

At the April District Meeting, we will be discussing (with a potential vote by the GRs) the format and location of our District meetings. The discussion will center around whether the District wants to continue "hybrid" District meetings and if so, where to hold them. Since the Cedar Park Recreation Center is a consideration for a possible permanent venue, I'd love to see as many GRs there as possible to check out the facilities and weigh in on this important decision.

Visiting Meetings

If you'd like me and/or our Alternate District Representative Lynn P. 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 April 15 in Cedar Park. – Anna A., DR

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Coordinator Reports

DISTRICT GROUP RECORDS (Cathy M.)

Making Changes to Your Group Information

Please contact me with changes to your meeting information, GR and Current Mailing Address (CMA) changes, and any questions you might have. I can be reached at etx6grouprecords@gmail.com You can go to www.al-anon.org/meetings to see how your group presents to newcomers and others looking for a meeting.

NEWSLETTER (Donna M.)

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

Forum/Literature (Peggy D.)

Sharings Needed for Future Issues of "CAL Corner"

Please encourage members to write about how any piece of Conference Approval Literature (CAL) has helped them with their recovery. Especially needed are sharings about any of the following by May 15: *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33), *Discovering Choices-Recovery in Relationships* (B-30), *As We Understood...* (B-11), *Al-Anon Spoken Here* (P-53), *Al-Anon Sharings from Adult Children* (P-47), and *The Al-Anon Family Groups-Classic Edition* (B-5). See the writing guide at al-anon.org/sharing

The 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v2 is available for purchase at a cost of \$11.

If you or your group would like to purchase literature to be picked up at the District meeting, please call or email Janie H. at the Austin Al-Anon Information Center at (512) 441-8591 or aaicemployee@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 12th.

The group literature orders will be ready for you at the District literature table.

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
- 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
- TEAAC ... Texas East Area Alateen Conference
- TEAM..... Together Empowering Al-Anon Members
- WSC World Service Conference
- WSO World Service Office

- A.A..... Alcoholics Anonymous



Group Reports

Buda Serenity Seeker's Group (Saturday 10:30-11:30 a.m.)

We are well and growing with many newcomers since the beginning of 2023. We had a good number from our Area that attended and participated in supporting the All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference (ATAAC) in February. Our members put together a lovely gardening raffle basket, and three ladies stepped up to service by leading workshops. Our time together with our group was blessed by meeting many new members from our large District.

We strive to increase our understanding and in applying Tradition One to our fellowship, we recently focused on the Al-Anon document: *Let's Talk about Safety in Al-Anon Meetings!* Great meeting topic and we came away feeling grateful for our group embracing not only the Steps but also our Traditions!

Striving for Serenity,
Shirley M., GR

Spiritual Awakenings AFG

Our group in Austin, Texas is now in-person only. We were hybrid right after COVID; however, after a group conscience meeting, we agreed by a majority that we would stop the hybrid meetings and go back to in-person only. It is working out nicely, and we have found that we are adding new members. We are now in room 102 instead of 107 at Bethany Lutheran Church located on Slaughter, and we meet at noon on Mondays.

Mary B., GR.

Anderson Mill AFG

We continue to meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Unity Church of the Hills on Anderson Mill Rd. The meeting is held in the annex building to the left of the church. We will start a group inventory in the coming weeks.

Our group continues to be very small, and we would love to have you visit, if you are able!

Nichole S., GR

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Austin Al-Anon Information Center

Open Service Position

The Austin Area Information Center (AAIC) where our area groups can easily and locally purchase Al-Anon literature still needs to fill one (1) service position. Elections were held at the 11-21-2022 board meeting, and no one stood for this position. An excerpt from the by-laws describing the position is summarized below. The service term is 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 May 15, 2023.

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 this service position, 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.



Process to Register Electronic Groups

Texas East Area will be accepting Electronic Groups. [The information below is for Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically \(AFGWMEs\) that want to remain part of the Texas East Area service structure.](#)

Process for new electronic Al-Anon group registrations:

Members go to [New Al-Anon Group Registration Form for Groups with an Electronic Location](#) on [al-anon.org](#) and:

- click on “Register Online.” If a group wants to remain part of the Texas East Area service structure, select Texas East under “Local” and enter “6” as the District number; and
- enter and verify the new electronic Al-Anon group registration information in the WSO database and notify the Area Group Records Coordinator (AGRC) that the registration was submitted by a member directly to the WSO.

The AGRC reviews the registration in read-only format on the Online Group Records application and submits any changes via email at AFGRecords@al-anon.org.

Process for groups with an electronic location that want to make a group records change:

Members go to [Al-Anon Group Record Change Form for Groups with an Electronic Location](#) on [al-anon.org](#) and:

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

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).

UPDATE:

On Friday March 10, the NEW Global Electronic Meeting Search was published. You can find the new search on [al-anon.org](#) by clicking on Electronic Meetings, under Meetings. Right away, you'll notice the first meeting listed will show either just started or about to start. The time listed reflects your local time zone because the search picks up this information from your computer/mobile device. Thankfully, this means newcomers and members no longer need to calculate meeting start time based on the group's originating time zone. Anyone anywhere can join with the click of a mouse when it is most convenient for them. You will also notice a simple guide, which emphasizes that, in keeping with Al-Anon's Twelve Traditions, all groups agree to welcome newcomers and members at any meeting regardless of the Attendee listed. The search also includes a few definitions based on frequently asked questions.

Finally, the team is working diligently to prepare a presentation for the World Service Conference (WSC) to provide you with many more details about the work underway to transform WSO systems and processes to support electronic groups. The WSC is looking forward to the opportunity for great discussion in April.

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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.

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