

AL-AN NEWS

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District 12
San Antonio
Al-Anon Information
Service Office

EVENTS — CONTACTS — ADDRESSES — MINUTES WINTER EDITION 2025

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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S CORNER

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Welcome to 2025 in District 12. We have reached the quarter century mark of the 21st century. Did anyone else think we'd have flying cars by now? Is anyone else grateful that we don't? Just imagine the traffic jams in the skies!

But alas we have started our year on a very sad note when one of our own Al-Anon long-time members passed away. Almost everyone was touched in some way by Lynn Starkey whether they knew it or not. She was an important and integral part of Al-Anon in the 37 years she was a member. She served in many capacities in several different cities, and districts and even across two states. But her passion was the Alateen program. She expended much time and energy in her service work to Alateen and she loved it. There will never be another like Lynn, and she will be greatly missed.

We've already started getting busy and getting better this year by hosting the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting for Texas East. The meeting was held at Schertz United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 25. AWSC members traveled from all across East Texas to spend a weekend in and around San Antonio to attend the meeting. I would like to thank several members from District 12, Karen V., Dolores W., Kathy B., and Candy N., for their service work to make this meeting a success. Also, Marc B. for baking those wonderful cookies! We really made District 12 shine!

The next weekend of February 1 we held our first District Meeting of the year. And it was a sensational time. The meeting started at 3:00 PM in the Al-Anon room at Club 12, not our usual morning time

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UPCOMING EVENTS

District 12 Meeting	APRIL 12, 2025 WINNERS CLUB 5413 BANDERA RD. SAN ANTONIO, TX
ETAAA SPRING ASSEMBLY (EAST TEXAS AL-ANON ALATEEN AREA ASSEMBLY)	MAY 16-18, 2025 SOUTH PADRE ISLAND , TEXAS
DISTRICT 12 MEETING	JULY 12, 2025 ALAMO HEIGHTS
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ETAAA Victoria Fall Assembly (EAST TEXAS AL- ANON/ALATEEN AREA ASSEMBLY	November 7-9 2025
All Texas Al-Anon Alateen Conference (ATAAC)	February 20-22, 2026 Renaissance Dallas North Hotel Richardson, Texas

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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES ATTENDING DISTRICT MEETING 07/13/2024

Boerne Hope AFG Janice A.	Courage To Change AFG Dolores W.
Saturday Big Book AFG Cheryl W.	Northwest San Antonio AFG Joelle G.
New Beginnings AFG Warren W	
Gold Canyon AFG Donna B.	Sunrise AFG Kathy B.
Pass It On AFG Suzanne Packard	Seguin Serenity AFG Rene D.
Booster Shot AFG Lucy t.	Calming Candellight Elizabeth G. Alt GR
Canyon Lake AFG Audrey B.	Sunset AFG Marc B.
Wednesday 1pm AFG Gayle L.	NE Parents St. Davids AFG Rictchie McC.

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After taking care of business matters, we gathered together along with San Antonio Al-Anon Information Service (SAAIS) to enjoy a potluck dinner and some fellowship time. Then we were lucky enough to be able to attend the SAAIS speaker meeting held every month at Club 12.

A reminder to all – There is a plethora of information on our local website saais12.com under the District 12 tab. Dates of upcoming meetings and events, agendas, registration flyers, and group forms. We have worked hard to open up a convenient line of communication, without having to flood inboxes with constant emails. You can also access a calendar and the quarterly ALANEWS. If the information is not there it can probably be found at texas-al-anon.org or the WSO's al-anon.org. These are very useful tools and make your life so much easier, but it is up to you to access them.

It is with heavy hearts we collectively decided NOT to host A Day in Al-Anon this year. We decided it would be too difficult and sad without Lynn, who had already put some work into it. We can try next year when we have more time to put thought and effort into it.

So just for today, we shall pick ourselves up and carry on, keep it simple and turn it over to God, living one day at a time. For that is the Al-Anon way. And I shall let it begin with me. Thank you all for your service. I am so proud to be serving alongside everyone in District 12.

Patti Watson

DISTRICT 12 MEETING MINUTES

Patti W. opened the District 12 Quarterly Business Meeting on Feb 01, 2025, at 3:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Readings from the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual were read as follows: The Twelve Traditions (p14), the Twelve Concepts of Service (p16) and the General Warranties of the Conference (p17). The meeting took place at Club 12, 102 Thames Dr, San Antonio, Texas 78216.

Roll Call-Janice A. Total Present: 24 | *Voting Members:* 15 | $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority: 10 | 51% Majority: 8

Approval of Minutes-Patti W. The Oct 19, 2024 minutes were published in the 4th Quarter 2024 edition *AL-ANEWS*. There were no corrections, the minutes were approved as published

Reports:

Treasurer's Report-Trina M. The entire District 12–2024 Financial Report is available on the SAAIS12.com website. Bottom line summary for the 2024 Financial Report is:

	2024	
	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Checking	\$8,282.98	\$8,625.86
Savings	<u>\$2,624.84</u>	<u>\$2,637.99</u>
	\$10,907.82	\$11,263.85

The 2025 Budget was presented by Trina; some line items were not included but the intent is to additions to the budget throughout 2025 when updates are deemed necessary and have them approved at the following district meeting. Rene D. made a motion to approve the budget for 2025; seconded by Renee S. Motion Passed (Votes: For-14 | Against-0 | Abstain-1)

District Literature/The Forum Coordinator-Renee S. Sharings are **ALWAYS** needed for *The Forum*. Renee S. suggested that groups submit sharings about Lynn S. Lynn S. recently passed away and was a wealth of knowledge and gave so much of her time for our Al-Anon and Alateen organizations. District 12 agreed that an article made up of how Lynn S. touched your life would be wonderful tribute to her. Sharings should be emailed to mbranaum@netzero.net with a subject line 'Lynn S. Sharing' including your Group Name. Marc will compose all received sharings into one article and then submit to *The Forum*.

The District Literature/Forum Coordinator Position will become in the next 6 months. If you or someone in your group is interested, please let Patti W. know.

District Spanish Language Coordinator-Rosie M. No Report.

District Alateen Coordinator- Position Vacancy - Lynn S. was our District Alateen Coordinator and due to her passing, this position is now open. If interested, you are required to be a certified AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service). For more information, please contact Patti W.

District Travel Coordinator- Karen V. The Spring Area Assembly is coming up, May 16-18 in South Padre Island, TX. Karen encourages room sharing and carpooling to save on expenses.

AL-ANEWS Editor – Rene D. Due date for reports is 2025FEB28.

Public Outreach Coordinator - Mike B. is from Booster Shot AFG and has been brainstorming about various areas where Al-Anon literature can be left for the public. (i.e. Dr. Offices, VA facilities, laundromats, churches, recovery centers, libraries, emergency rooms, women's shelters, health fairs).

Mike will be following up with the various areas to provide additional information and to check to see if the information is being given out. If you'd like to help Mike B. please contact him.

Archives Coordinator - Position vacancy

DR Report-Patti W.

- Issues for the ETAAA Spring Assembly (2025May16-18 in Padre Island, TX)
 - Transfer from one Zip Code to Another Area around the Houston area
 - Delisting - A group that is identified with Not using Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and/or Not following
 - AI-Anon guidelines or traditions will have their group removed from the phone list. The group will remain registered with the WSO.
- World Service Conference (WSC)
 - The conference will be held in New York instead of Virginia Beach during 2025. Our District Representative has asked the Area Delegate to come and visit our district after the WSC and share with us her experience touring 'The Stepping Stones.'

Alternate DR Report-Janice A.

- The Serenity Celebration coordinators would like other people to step up to lead future events.

Janice A. promoted the use of the SAAIS12 website. The website has a lot of potential and needs to be utilized more.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ETAAA South Padre Island Spring Assembly** (EAST TEXAS AL-ANON/ALATEEN AREA ASSEMBLY) Scheduled for 2025May16-18 in South Padre Island, TX. Get your reservations early.
- **ETAAA Victoria Fall Assembly** (EAST TEXAS AL-ANON/ALATEEN AREA ASSEMBLY) Scheduled for 2025Nov7-8 in Victoria, TX
- **ATAAC 2025** - All Texas Alateen AI-Anon Conference - Renee S. promoted ATAAC's Statewide Conference, which is scheduled for February 21-23, 2025, in Richardson, TX (near Dallas, TX)
- **A Day in AI-Anon** - Due to the loss of Lynn S. and that she was chairing 'A Day in AI-Anon', the event will not be held 2025
- **WSO Donation** – Marc B. made a motion for District 12 to make a \$500 donation towards a memorial in honor of Lynn S. to WSO; seconded by Rene D. Motion Passed (Votes: For-13 | Against-0 | Abstain-2)
- **REMINDER** for all Group Representatives and Alternate GRs to ensure that when sending a contribution to District 12 – that the appropriate remittance slip be used for the District 12 Treasurer and/or the District 12 SAAIS Treasurer. It was brought

to attention that the District 12 SAAIS Treasurer's **in the ALANEWS is Not** up to date with the current Treasurer's name. The remittance slips on the saais12.com website **are** up to date.

- **REMINDER** for 2025 District 12 Quarterly Business Meetings
 - District Meeting-2025APR12 Winners Club
 - District Meeting-2025JUL12 Alamo Heights UMC
 - District Meeting-2025OCT18 Alamo Heights UMC

The District 12 Quarterly Business Meeting concluded at 4:35 pm with the AI-Anon Declaration.

ALTERNATE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

NO REPORT

ALATEEN REPORT

VACANT

PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Mike reported on the area public outreach meeting that was held on January 19, 2025 via Zoom and was led by Lorna F. the area public outreach coordinator. There are new Public Outreach Posters available on the AI-Anon website at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/public-outreach-posters/>

Mike brought some copies of this but will bring more to the next district meeting and can also make more available to anyone wishing to help with public outreach. These can be posted in many places including doctor's offices, libraries, churches, laundromats and bus stops just to

name a few. They can also be made available to medical facilities, recovery centers, shelters, courts, and to any location where you think they may be accessible to those in need. These are great to give out along with copies of the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazine. Mike has copies of those as well. Please contact him via email at mykalanjlo@gmail.com if you are willing to help with public outreach.

Mike B.

AL-ANEWS EDITOR REPORT

If you are interested in receiving our District 12 newsletter please include your Name, Group Name, Group Number and email address.

All groups in District 12 and 13 should be receiving the *AL-ANEWS*.

I do have some individual members that receive one too.

Deadline for the Winter 2024 issue of the *AL-ANEWS* is February 28, 2025.

Rene D.
AL-ANEWS Editor

ARCHIVE REPORT

ARCHIVES COORDINATOR

This Position is still Vacant. Please read the job description and think about how you might serve.

- To gather, organize and protect the documented history of the district.
- To encourage individual members to take photos and keep accounts of District functions and submit them to archives.
- To collect the history of groups in the district.
- To share archives ideas with the Groups in the District.
- To set up displays of archival materials at each District meeting.
- To solicit archival materials from groups within the District.

SPANISH COORDINATOR

NO REPORT

LITERATURE COORDINATOR

Greetings Everyone!

I hope everyone has had a great start to the New Year. May you THRIVE in '25!

Just a reminder to consider sending in your experience, strength, and hope to the FORUM. They are always looking for new writings to put in upcoming issues. We had several people published within the last year.

So let your budding writer out into the open.

If you or your group do not subscribe to the Forum, please consider it. It is wonderful, monthly CAL literature lifts your spirits, gives you something to think about, and can be great to lead a meeting with.

It is still the bargain price of \$11.00 a year for 12 issues. Enjoy the wonderful Spring months ahead!

Renee S.

SAAIS UPDATE

Committee Quarterly Meeting Minutes

No Report

SAAIS LIAISON REPORT

November 8, 2024 AWSC Kerrville ETAAA

The AWSC approved five policy changes to be presented to the GRs at the November 2024 assembly:

- Change electronic publishing of The Beacon from trial period to permanent.
- Allow electronic authorization for Area expenditures by two Trusted Servants.
- Approval to allow expansion of use of the Zeffy App for Area events like registration, meals, and Raffles.
- A task force was formed to recommend improvements to the Beacon so it won't be so long.
- Discussed making the AWSC meetings hybrid to potentially save the area money and improve attendance.

January 25, 2025 AWSC San Antonio

- Discussed the Area Meeting Publishing List Policy – Awaiting WSO approval
- With the recent addition of new Districts within Harris County, we need to revise Area policies related to group transfers between districts to include Districts that are determined by Zip Code.
- Discussed loosening the requirements of qualifications for Area Officers to open up the pool.
- Received thoughts concerning a Hybrid meeting format for stand-alone AWSC meetings.
- Discussed the challenges of rotating locations for the stand-alone AWSC meetings vs. the advantages of a single, stable location for the Hybrid Format and suggested this be tried on a trial basis.
- Discussed defining the motion process at Area Assemblies.
- WSO has removed all personal contact data from their
- meeting lists.

DISTRICT 12- 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT							
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET vs ACTUAL
INCOME							
Gratitude Baskets					0.00	0	0
Group Contributions	439.00	210.38	442.72	653.25	1,745.35	2,000	255
Misc Income					0.00	100	100
Workshop					0.00	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 439.00	\$ 210.38	\$ 442.72	\$ 653.25	\$ 1,745.35	\$ 2,100	355
EXPENSES							
Al-Anews Editor					0.00	25	25
Alateen Coordinator		135.32		39.98	175.30	250	75
Alternate District Rep					0.00	25	25
Archives Coordinator					0.00	0	0
District Representative		256.44	312.30	193.29	762.03	1,000	238
Public Outreach Coordinator				44.75	44.75	200	155
Secretary	26.64				26.64	25	(2)
Spanish Coordinator					0.00	25	25
Treasurer	34.48				34.48	50	16
Facility Rental		50.00		25.00	75.00	0	(75)
Gratitude Baskets					0.00	0	0
Area Delegate Visit					0.00	100	100
WSO Contribution				100.00	100.00	100	0
Area Contribution				100.00	100.00	100	0
Workshop					0.00	0	0
Misc		84.27			84.27	100	16
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 61.12	\$ 526.03	\$ 312.30	\$ 503.02	\$ 1,402.47	\$ 2,000	598
Bank Register Summary							
Begin Bal - Checking	8,282.98	8,660.86	8,345.21	8,475.63			
Income (from above)	439.00	210.38	442.72	653.25	1,745.35		
Expenses (from above)	(61.12)	(526.03)	(312.30)	(503.02)	(1,402.47)	342.88	
Net Change for Period	377.88	(315.65)	130.42	150.23		YTD Net	
Transfer to Savings							
End of Period Balance	8,660.86	8,345.21	8,475.63	8,625.86			
Begin Bal - Savings (Ample Reserve)	2,624.84	2,628.10	2,631.37	2,634.67			
Interest	3.26	3.27	3.30	3.32			
Deposits							
End of Period Balance - Savings	2,628.10	2,631.37	2,634.67	2,637.99			
Total Ending Cash Balance	11,288.96	10,976.58	11,110.30	11,263.85			

DISTRICT 12 CONTRIBUTION**Make Check Payable to: AFG District 12****Mail to: District Treasurer**
420 N Milam St
Seguin, TX 78155
(address expires 12/31/2026)**Group Name** _____ **Group #** _____**Current Mailing Address** _____**City/State/Zip** _____ **Telephone #** _____**Sent By** _____ **Check #** _____ **Amount** _____**SAN ANTONIO AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICE CONTRIBUTION****Make Check Payable to: SAAIS****Mail to: SAAIS Treasurer**
21515 Pearl Spring
San Antonio, Tx. 78258
(address expires 12/31/2026)**Group Name** _____ **District #** _____ **Group #** _____**Current Mailing Address** _____**City/State/Zip** _____ **Telephone #** _____**Sent By** _____ **Check #** _____ **Amount** _____**TEXAS EAST AREA 53 CONTRIBUTION****Make Check Payable to: ETAAA-Treasurer**
Attach this form to check or money order.
Do not send cash. Please print information.**Mail to: ETAAA**
PO Box 337
Pearland, TX 77588
(address expires 12/31/2026)**Group Name** _____ **District#** _____ **Group #** _____**Current Mailing Address** _____**City/State/Zip** _____ **Telephone #** _____**Sent By** _____ **Check #** _____ **Amount** _____**Email (for receipt)** _____**AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE OFFICE CONTRIBUTION****Make Check Payable to: AFG, Inc.****Mail to: AFG, Inc.**
1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617**Group Name** _____ **District #** _____ **Group #** _____**Current Mailing Address** _____**City/State/Zip** _____ **Telephone #** _____**Sent By** _____ **Check #** _____ **Amount** _____