



# District 6 Newsletter

## District Meeting October 20th

**Hosted by:**  
Hope AFG at  
Church of Christ  
300 Crystal Falls Pkwy  
Leander, Tx 78641  
**Contact: Carolon G. @**  
**(512) 587-4923**

### Directions:

**From the South:** Take IH 35 North and exit US-183 North to Leander. Exit E. Crystal Falls Pkwy/County Road 275. Turn left on Crystal Falls Pkwy. The church is 1-2 blocks on the left  
**From the North:** Take IH 35 South and exit US-183 North to Leander. Exit E. Crystal Falls Pkwy/County Road 275. Turn left on Crystal Falls Pkwy. The church is 1-2 blocks on the left Please contact Carolon G. at (512)587-4923. A stove, microwave and refrigeration are available.

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

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## Tally's Story...

I met and married my husband on July 31, 1959. That is when the road to destruction began. I wasn't raised around alcoholism except when I stayed with my aunt and uncle in the 1960's. What a wakeup call. During the disease we had 3 children and we were all affected. I kept trying to keep peace at any price. I sure wasted a lot of energy and time, and it caused a lot of turmoil in our home. There were a lot of good and bad times over the years until I gave him a choice to get help or move out. Much to my surprise he did turn himself into his commander who was really surprised. This led him talking to a Social Actions Counselor and he made a commitment to stop drinking for 90 days and he only lasted a week. In the meantime, I found some literature and a note to call them (Al-Anon) to help myself. The first thing they told me was that I didn't cause him to drink and it was like a load of bricks off my shoulders. They gave me a list of Al-Anon meetings and I couldn't wait to go to my first meeting. On February 23, 1977, I went to my first meeting and this lady came running down the aisle and gave me a hug and told me that she loved me. This lady became my first sponsor. On February 23, 2007, she passed away and her husband was in the hospital for lung disease. On July 14, 2007, my beloved husband passed away with 30 years of sobriety. He was loved by so many people by his saying, "Has anybody told you that they love you today?" He will be remembered for this phrase for years to come. Al-Anon has helped me to get through the most difficult times, especially since our 2 boys passed in July. I have to remember that nothing happens if I don't let God be a part of my life. I have a daughter who will have 14 years August 24<sup>th</sup> and for that I am very grateful to the fellowship.

## Future Events

<b>September 15, 2007</b>	Alateen Sponsor Trng Wrkshp & Mtg, 11-5 pm, Tyler, Texas, First Presbyterian Church, RSVP by Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> (See Flyer in newsletter)
<b>October 15, 2007</b>	Austin Al-Anon Information Center Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
<b>October 20, 2007</b>	District 6 Meeting Hosted by Hope AFG in Leander, Tx
<b>November 2-4, 2007</b>	Fall Assmely in Houston, Tx hosted by District 5
<b>December 17, 2007</b>	Austin Al-Anon Information Center Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
<b>January 2008</b>	District 6 Meeting Hosted by Taylor AFG, Taylor, Tx.

# Officer Reports

## District Representative

### District 6 Meeting, July 21, 2007

Greetings everyone,

To start with, I'd like to pass the word about an interesting feature on the WSO member's web site. There's a way we can actually listen to Lois W. describing some of the early days in Al-Anon. Go to [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members), then type in your group name followed by afg, click on Archives, then Early WSO History. For all of us who didn't get here in time to hear her in person, this is quite a treat.

One item we have for discussion concerns something that happened at our last district meeting. The church we met in discovered that their laptop computer was missing after our meeting. A police report has been filed, but the computer has not yet been recovered. As part of the investigation, the investigating officer had asked for the names of all those in attendance so he could check them against pawnshop records. Wanting to protect our anonymity, I at first refused. When I checked with the WSO, however, I received word from the Executive Director, who himself is an attorney, that anonymity does not apply when criminal activity is involved. Therefore I did make a copy of names and hometowns from the sign-in list from the meeting and gave that to the officer. I was able to contact some people ahead of time just to let them know this was going to happen; I apologize to those I didn't reach. I don't know of anyone, so far, who has been directly contacted by the police. The issue remains, what is our responsibility in this matter? I will ask for feedback and guidance from the district at the meeting, and hope to report that this has been resolved by the next district meeting.

The other big item for discussion will be our district's support of the fall assembly in Houston. Just as each district hosts an assembly in rotation, so does the district's take turns in supporting the host district. This fall is our turn to support District 5, which is hosting the assembly. There are five areas where our help is particularly needed. First, we need someone to coordinate registration for Group Representatives on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. This will mean making sure

GRs sign in for their district, so we will know how many voting members are attending. Second, we need someone to help make sure that everyone at the assembly signs up by Saturday for one of the four Action Committees (Public Outreach, Membership Outreach, Group Services, and Fellowship Communication). We will also need someone to assist each of the Action Committees when they meet on Saturday afternoon. Friday night various groups are scheduled for some networking time. GRs will get together, as will DRs, Alateen sponsors, Information Center representatives, and others. One person from our district will be needed to direct traffic and help the different groups find places to meet. Finally, if they are willing, our Alateens will have an opportunity to conduct the Al-Anon Jeopardy Game Show that was so much fun at the April district meeting.

If you weren't able to attend the district meeting and couldn't volunteer for one of the coordinator roles, please let your GR know, or contact me, if you are planning to attend the assembly and are willing to help out. I hope to see many of you in Houston.

Hugs in service,  
Randy M.

## Secretary

### District 6 Quarterly Meeting July 21, 2007

Hosted by Glass House AFG & Temple  
New Group AFG

**9:00:** Preamble, Steps & Traditions  
w/Serenity Prayer

**9:20:** Introductions

**9:30:** Presentation by Texas East Area 53 Delegate- Bennie P. \*May read a copy of the Delegates report on the 2007 World Service Conference in the Beacon, if you would like a copy of the report may email the editor of the Beacon @ [jyodat@aol.com](mailto:jyodat@aol.com). Temporary technical difficulties of the slide show.

**9:40:** Start of the business meeting

### Officer Reports:

DR: Randy M.

Secretary: Cindy B.

### Coordinators Reports:

Information Center North: Cindy

Information Center South: Kitty

**9:50:** Bennie P. Report Continues w/ a slide show presentation. One is able to reach Bennie through her email address at [benniepena@hotmail.com](mailto:benniepena@hotmail.com) if any questions regarding her trip to the 2007 World Service Conference.

### 11:08: Continuation of Coordinators Reports:

Newsletter Editor: Lori L.

Public Outreach North: Cindy

Alateen: Lizz S. (Lizz was unable to be at the meeting but will submit her report in the Newsletter).

Forum & Literature: Randy M.

**Old Business-** Discussion starts on the Pro's and Con's in regards to putting the District Newsletter Online. Groups need to discuss access and give GR's feedback on likes or dislikes to discuss further at 10/07 District Meeting. The District Newsletter is still in 6 month trial phase, so feedback at end of the 6 months (October 2007) will be important on whether it will continue or not.

**12:00-1:00:** Potluck Lunch

**1:00:** Business Meeting Resumes

### Group Reports Given

#### Announcements:

- October 2007 District Meeting will be hosted by Hope Group AFG in Cedar Park.
- January 2008 District Meeting will be hosted by Taylor AFG in Taylor.
- Fall Area Assembly will be held in Houston, TX on November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>
- International Al-Anon Convention will be held in Pittsburg, PA. July 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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# Treasurer's Report

	District 6 Treasurer's Report				
	2006 Totals	2007 Budget	1st Quarter 2007	2nd Quarter 2007	2007 Year to Date
<b>Operating Account:</b>					
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	3,442.23		453.58	871.67	453.58
<i>Anonymous Cash</i>	498.00		157.00	116.20	273.20
<i>Group Donations</i>	3,325.78		1,396.10	1,204.32	2,600.42
<i>Other</i>	-		-	-	-
<b>Subtotal Income</b>	3,823.78	6,400.00	2,006.68	2,192.19	3,327.20
<i>Alateen Coordinator</i>	319.26	500.00	181.01	32.20	213.21
<i>Archives</i>	112.12	25.00	-	-	-
<i>District Meeting</i>	369.31	400.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
<i>DR Expenses</i>	513.51	600.00	-	45.00	45.00
<i>DR RSS Expenses</i>	471.78	-	-	-	-
<i>Forum/Literature Coordinator</i>	-	25.00	-	-	-
<i>Miscellaneous (1)</i>	192.25	350.00	45.00	-	45.00
<i>Newsletter</i>	3,541.62	3,000.00	759.00	444.93	1,203.93
<i>Public Outreach Coordinator - North</i>	434.36	500.00	-	-	-
<i>Public Outreach Coordinator - South</i>	930.00	1,000.00	-	150.00	150.00
<i>Accrue Reserves</i>	400.00	-	100.00	100.00	200.00
<i>Release Reserves</i>	(471.78)	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	6,812.43	6,400.00	1,135.01	822.13	1,957.14
<b>Ending Balance</b>	453.58	-	871.67	1,370.06	1,370.06
<i>Reserve Accounts:</i>					
<b>Kristy Fund</b>					
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	514.50		514.50	514.50	514.50
<i>Accrual</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
<i>Payment</i>	-		-	-	-
<b>Ending Balance</b>	514.50	-	514.50	514.50	514.50
<i>Int'l Reserve</i>					
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			1,638.17	1,688.17	
<i>Accrual</i>	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
<i>Payment</i>	-		-	-	-
<b>Ending Balance</b>	1,638.17	200.00	1,688.17	1,738.17	1,738.17
<i>RSS Reserve</i>					
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			593.20	643.20	
<i>Accrual</i>	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
<i>Payment</i>	(471.78)		-	-	-
<b>Ending Balance</b>	593.20	200.00	643.20	693.20	693.20
<i>Prudent Reserve</i>					
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<i>Accrual</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
<i>Payment</i>	-		-	-	-
<b>Ending Balance</b>	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Bank Account Balance</b>		(400.00)	5,717.54	6,315.93	

Notes:





## Officer's Reports Cont.

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#### New Business-

- At April 2007 District Meeting a lap-top computer disappeared and the church at which the meeting was held would like replacement of the computer by District 6. Discussion was held on how to handle this matter and a small committee was created to research more details and come to an agreeable and fair resolution.
- Nomination was held for a new Alternate DR. The current Alternate DR has not attended the past two District Meetings and has not been attainable by phone or email. Kay C. was willing to stand as new Alternate DR for the rest of the current term. Michelle nominated Kay C. and nomination was passed unanimously.
- Fall Area Assembly in November, 2007 needs support for action committees from District 6. Volunteers were received for Public Outreach, Membership Outreach, Group Services, Fellowship Committees, GR Registration, and Friday Night Workshop.

Ask it Basket Questions were discussed.

Meeting Adjourned.

In Service,  
**Cindy B.**

## Coordinator's Reports

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

From the last mail out we had the following:

**Returns** – 4

**Change of address** – 4

**Additions** (mostly from the last District meeting in July) – 14

**Deletions** - 5

Since we are still in our trial phase of posting the newsletter on the Austin Al-Anon website, [www.austinalanon.org](http://www.austinalanon.org), it seems to be going well for the most part! As I stated at the last District meeting, it was brought to my attention by the former newsletter editor, Carolyn K., that it would be helpful to know "when" the newsletters would be posted. The **fall** newsletter, which is this one, will be up by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, and for the **winter** issue I am shooting for **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you Carolyn!! You will notice that I ask for pretty early deadlines from our Officers and Coordinators as I feel this gives you a good window frame to get your reports to me, which is greatly appreciated!

To recap from the last District meeting, we printed up 110 newsletters at \$3.23 each plus the postage at .58 cents/each, totaling \$444.93. Since we did not have our normal 300+ newsletters, we did not have to use bulk mail. Printing and shipping was done through Ginny's Printing.

Grateful in Service,  
**Lori L.**

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

#### NORTH

I have registered for a booth at the "Hooray for Health" Kids Health Fair again this year on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This year I will have Spanish pamphlets as well as English. Steve J. has volunteered to help again as well as a member of our home group who speaks Spanish. This will be a great help.

I am also working on a fall health fair at Providence Health Center in Waco. It is for employees so it is during the week and during working hours. I need volunteers to do this since Steve and I work full-time, so if anyone in the northern part of the district can help, please contact me.

I finished the mail out to all the high schools and intermediate schools.

With gratitude,  
**Cindy C.**  
P.O. Coordinator - North

#### SOUTH

It is going well in the Public Outreach arena. Things have slowed down since the kids are out of school, and I expect it to start

back up in September. I did place an ad in the Austin High School Fall and Spring Sports Calendars, and I am trying find other areas to put an ad. If you know of other papers or magazines that don't cost very much, please let me know

We still have volunteer opportunities. I really need everyone's help to go tell the message of Al-Anon. People are hurting, they need to hear our stories and learn that they can find help. They need our experience, strength and hope. If we don't tell them, who will? It has helped me work through the pain of losing my husband. I know everyone is busy, but please take one of these opportunities and just do it. You really will be glad you did!!

**The Family Group Night,**  
1019 College Street,  
Georgetown, TX

Dinner Meeting – 7:00pm;  
Speaker at 8:00 pm Need an Al-Anon speaker for 30 min. (they always have AA speaker too)  
Please contact John Field if you would like to speak 971-8065.

**The Austin State Hospital** at 4110 Guadalupe is in need of volunteers to go the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 to talk to their patients. **Note:** They want the volunteer there at 6:15 pm, and if I know someone is going, I can go and help them find where to go. We usually meet at the fountain in the center of the ASH campus. We come in from the 41st street entrance off Guadalupe. They begin at 6:30 and stop at 7:15. We do not try to make it a 'meeting', just tell our stories and answer questions about Al-Anon and hand out any lit (old Forums, pamphlets, meeting schedules, etc.) that we Have. There is always an ASH staff member with us, and they



# Coordinator Reports

are very nice to work with. - Lisa --  
lisa@austinmortgage.biz

**Austin Recovery:** Volunteers are needed for family day to tell their story and answer questions about Al-Anon the 1st Saturday of every Month from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Please let me know what month you would like to speak in: September 1<sup>st</sup>; October 6<sup>th</sup>; Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>; Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**In the Adolescent Chemical Dependency Program,** the parents accompany the teens on Mon, Wed and Thurs nights. The program is 20 sessions long, which is 5 weeks (we meet 4 times per week). Vicky would love to have a regular Al-Anon speaker come once every 4 or 5 weeks. She wants people that have gone through the experience of having a teen with substance abuse or dependence problems. Her preference would be for a Wednesday or Thursday night. The group runs from 6pm to 9pm, and it generally works pretty well if the speakers can arrive around 6:30pm. She is flexible about the amount of time that the speakers want to take for their presentation/discussion. The size and makeup of the group varies from week to week as people join or graduate, so it's hard to predict in advance if you'll get a lot of questions or a quiet group on any given night. The meetings are all at Seton Shoal Creek Hospital at 3501 Mills Avenue (right behind the Randall's on 35th Street). I can give you more specific details when we she gives me desired dates.

Please keep in mind that we will also be having Health Fairs through out the year that I will be sending you an e-mail about them.

Kathie F is looking for volunteers for the prison in Lockhart. They meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Kathie F.'s number is 512-349-6154 or e-mail her at kflynn@scic.com

The GR for the Just For Today Elgin AFG need speakers for their meeting in Elgin, 6:30-7:30 at the First Methodist Church in Elgin. Please call Marilyn H. 512-736-3626 if you would like to speak.

Please, we need everyone's help to reach others and share our experience, strength and hope. If you have any questions, please let me know.

## **Carolyn G.**

Al-Anon Public Outreach Coordinator (South)  
Phone: 512-356-3155 (WK)  
512-587-4923 (Cell)  
512-259-2052 (HM)  
carolon.gerkin@ismi.sematech.org

## **ARCHIVIST**

There is no report at this time. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M.**

District 6 Archivist

## **ALATEEN COORDINATOR'S REPORT/SPONSOR'S CORNER**

Greetings All!

See this month's FORUM for a celebration of Alateen's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year! Alateen celebrations are going on all over the country!

TEA 53 AC, the Alateen conference held in Gonzales in June was a success- YAHOO for Alateen! Thank you's to all the Sponsors and Chaperones that helped make this conference possible, especially to the organizers, Lynn S. and Brigitte B.

An Alateen Sponsor Training workshop and a District Sponsor Meeting were held in Wimberley on 6/9/07, led by Lynn Starkey, our Area Alateen Certification Process person, and the District 6 Alateen Coordinator. There were 10 participants all together, and much enthusiasm was shared on the Alateen program!

Many, many chaperones and sponsors from District 6 did not meet the recertification deadline. June 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for recertification for existing chaperones and sponsors. Prior to 6/30/07, District 6 had about 27 Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service- AMIAS (19 sponsors/ 8 chaperones.) Currently, District 6 has 13 sponsors and 3 chaperones, so we "lost" eleven AMIAS in our district. One Alateen group, Hilltoppers, is currently "inactive" or closed. Some chaperones or sponsors may feel that they are not "needed" if they were not called upon this year. However, when the need arises, often unpredictably, there will not be enough time for us to re-certify – or enough time to recruit new folks into Alateen service! New chaperones and sponsors, of course, may continue to be certified at any time!

The good news? It's not too late to do Alateen service! You can still send in the certification paperwork! See this website: [www.texas-al-anon.org/tx\\_e\\_alateen\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.texas-al-anon.org/tx_e_alateen_guidelines.htm). Submit forms #1, 2, 3, and 4 for certification as a chaperone/driver/helper; Forms #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are required for certification as a sponsor. Mail ALL the certification paperwork together with a check for \$6.50 (made out to ETAA) to cover your Criminal Background Check to Lynn Starkey, 4846 Corian Springs Dr., San Antonio 78247, phone: 210/494-8832 or Email: [LynnStarkey@earthlink.net](mailto:LynnStarkey@earthlink.net)

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# Group Reports

## Temple New Group

We continue to meet on Thursday at 7:00 p.m at Christ Episcopal Church. We have had an influx of new people who are coming back. We continue to have a 4<sup>th</sup> Step meeting and a Tradition & Step meeting, and the rest of the meetings are chairman's choice.

Love in Al-Anon,  
**Tally R.**

## Taylor AFG

Taylor AFG meets weekly on Thursday at 8 pm. This group has discussion meetings and has 2 to 5 in attendance.

Ruth P. resigned as GR due to health. Betty B. was elected temporary GR until next full term elections.

The local newspapers, a 5-day daily, lists our meeting day, time and location in each day's issue.

**Betty B.**  
Temp GR

## Waco Alateen

The Waco Alateen group began in September 2006. In March 2007, the meeting time and place moved to meet the current needs. Since March, there has been teens/preteens in attendance for all but 2 meetings. Summer attendance is low, but there usually is a newcomer present at most meetings.

Sponsors,  
**Steve & Cindy**

## H.O.T. AFG

The H.O.T. AFG continues to meet on Monday evenings at 7 pm and Saturday mornings at 9 am. Attendance has been lower than normal. We are getting some newcomers, especially on Monday evenings.

**Steve**

## Belton Steps and Traditions

We continue to meet on Sunday's at 8:00 p.m. at St. Lukes Episcopal Church located at Downing and Beal. We've had an influx of new people and some are coming back. We do a Step and Tradition meeting each month and chairman's choice for the rest of the meetings. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we have a speaker.

Love in Al-Anon,  
**Tally R.**  
Group Representative

## Georgetown West AFG

The group considered implementing a temporary sponsor idea for newcomers. A group in San Antonio shared this idea at the May Assembly that they give newcomers (with their permission) a temporary sponsor. We considered using the term "contact person" rather than "temporary sponsor". This idea was discussed at our May and June Group Conscience Meeting. We decided to not implement the idea. I resigned as GR for the Georgetown West AFG yesterday.

Sincerely,  
**Lynn L.**

## Just For Today AFG (Elgin)

We are a new group; our first meeting was held March 6, 2007 with eleven attendees. We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 3rd in Elgin. The first Tuesdays are step meetings; second and third Tuesdays are discussion meetings; fourth Tuesdays are birthday nights and discussion meetings; and fifth Tuesdays are speaker meetings. We were delighted to have Mary Margaret from Courage to Change AFG at our recent Speaker meeting.

Come join us! Regular attendance is 6-11 each week.

**Marilyn H.**  
GR

# Group Reports

## Westlake Young Alateen Group

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

**Don C.**  
Co-Sponsor

## Freedom to Recover AFG

Freedom to Recover AFG meets at 8:00 pm on Wednesday's at Round Rock Presbyterian Church in the Children's Education Building. The church is at 4010 Sam Bass Road (on FM 3406 three miles west of IH-35). The monthly meeting format is:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday - Step
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Topic
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Tradition
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Topic
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday *if there is one* – Speaker (August 29 and October 31)

The group is averaging between ten to thirteen people this summer. At the June business meeting the group decided to mail in \$6 for a Beacon subscription. Come by to visit us as we grow together in recovery.

In gratitude and service,  
**Millie**

## Killeen AFG

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

**Coy C.**  
GR

## Friday Nite AFG

We recently had a Group Conscience meeting to vote whether or not to change the time of our meeting on Friday evenings. The vote was to keep it at 8 pm. We are still located at 1006 Alley A at the Episcopal Church in Bastrop. If you are ever out our way on a Friday night, drop in and see us!

Grateful in service,  
**Lori L.**  
GR

## Wimberley AFG

During late spring, early summer it seemed that our attendance had dropped, but as of late our attendance is picking up again at the Monday noon and Tuesday 8 pm meetings (Presbyterian Church at 956 Hwy 2325). The Tuesday 7:30 pm Literature Study meeting at the Presbyterian Church, as of the beginning of July, is reading and discussing the new book *Opening Our Hearts --- Transforming Our Losses*. The Alateen meeting coincides at the same time as the Literature Study meeting, but as of July our Alateen attendance has dropped down to nil. The Sunday 5:30 pm meeting which is held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on FM 3237 continues to be a small meeting which is held in a peaceful, tranquil setting.

A Group Conscience is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Participation at our group conscience has also increased – maybe due to the regularity of having an established day assigned to the Group Conscience. This meeting lasts 45 min., leaving the last 15 min. to “quick fellowship” followed by our group conscience. It also appears that this regularity is having a positive effect on handling issues, ideas, suggestions on a

prompt basis.

Cassie from Lakeway is our scheduled Guest Speaker at our “Eating Meeting” on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The “eating” (potluck) fellowship begins at 7 pm followed at 8 pm by our Speaker Meeting. Come join us as we eat and listen to Cassie share her experience, strength and hope!

**Lois H.**  
New GR

## New Beginnings AFG

We have had good attendance lately. This meeting is mostly newcomers and those returning to Al-Anon after a long absence. We are selling literature and make sure newcomers get a meeting list and pamphlets.

**Cindy C.**  
GR

## Smithville AFG

We recently held a group conscience and voted to open a **new** meeting and keep our existing one on Saturday nights. The new game is plan is to meet at 8 pm on Monday nights and at 6 pm on Saturday nights. The location is new too! We are now located at the First Presbyterian Church on 300 Burseson St. in Smithville. We just put this into action this past week and so far so good!!

**Shirley O.**  
GR

# Ask It Basket Plus a Little More!!

## ASK IT BASKET QUESTIONS!

**Q1:** If a group wants to “adopt” a school, what materials can be put in the school? What types of activities have Al-Anons/Alateens been involved in? Is the counselor contacted first or the principal?

**A1:** All elementary, middle, and high schools received 2 Alateen books to be put in the library of each school. Also each school gets a packet for all counselors which had letters to them, information pamphlets, schedules, and contact information. This was done district wide. I worked with the Community in schools person most often. They are a government organization in most if not all schools. This kind of thing is what they do. It is also appropriate to contact either the counselor or the principal. There is a LARGE need for Alateen groups in the schools. Become a sponsor and start a group. Sissy

**Q2:** The other day I was asked to sponsor a person of the opposite sex. I suggested to them to ask someone of the same sex. Should I have accepted being their sponsor?

**A2:** This is a personal decision but the general rule is that men sponsor men and women sponsor women. There is no set rule but if spouses are involved they should be consulted in this discussion.

**Note:** Our Delegate, Bennie P. has the other 2 questions and is working on getting us an answer from the WSO. I will report those questions and answers in the Winter issue, so be looking for them! Thank you!!!

## ALATEEN COORDINATOR'S REPORT/SPONSOR'S CORNER – CONT'D FROM PAGE 5

I do have some food for thought for the district. Do you- or your home group- fully support the Alateen program- even if you currently have no teens attending meetings? Do you use Alateen literature in your “regular” Al-Anon meetings? Is the newcomer encouraged to bring their children to the existing Alateen meetings? Are you, or your group representative, currently certified as *at least* a chaperone? Do you realize that its really simple (Forms 1-2-3-4!) What are you waiting for? ALATEEN NEEDS YOU! I strongly suggest you send in your paperwork for CHAPERONE now; you can always attend training and "upgrade" your certification to sponsor later!

See you at the next District Meeting scheduled October 20<sup>th</sup> in Cedar Park. A District Sponsor Meeting will be held at that time.

LOVE in service,  
Lizz S.



# Information Service Centers

## Austin

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**MINUTES OF THE June 18 , 2007 MEETING  
OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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of the Meeting. [Austinalanon.org](http://Austinalanon.org)



## AIS – WACO

We are doing well. We have good cooperation with three Waco groups who keep the New Beginnings meetings hosted and the pager rotating. Our new pager is working well and we are receiving a good number of calls. Our new ad is in the AT&T Yellow Pages. It came out really nice and stands out on the page so it can be readily noticed.

Love in Service,

**Cindy C.**

**AIS – Waco, Chair**

## AIS - Austin

Your center is alive and well and operating in the black!

In the period between the last two board meetings, the income from literature sales was double what we put out in purchases. (\$8,210 in sales; \$3,995 in purchases.)

There are volunteer openings from 2-4 p.m. on Monday and Friday.

Anyone interested in helping to do a book and pamphlet inventory, please see me today or call me at the office, (512) 441-8591, 10 to 2, Monday thru Friday.

**Kitty G.**

**Information Center Employee**

### Looking for a Speaker Meeting?

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

**Editor's Note: If I do not have your days and times correctly, please advise! Thank you!**



# Service Arms Representatives

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## District 6 Service Committee

### Officers

### Coordinators

**Texas Website: [www.texas-al-anon.org](http://www.texas-al-anon.org)**

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