

Literature Coordinator Report to Louisiana AFG Assembly
November 2020

The following are excerpts of the Literature Coordinators' Digest from AFG Connects (WSO) since the August Assembly.

August 21, 2020:

Where to Find Hidden Gems in Al-Anon's Pamphlets

Al-Anon's Conference approved pamphlets are perhaps among our fellowship's most under-used resources. They contain a treasure trove of valuable insights.

Where can I find the "Do's and Don'ts" list?

There are several versions; the most well-known is in Alcoholism, the Family Disease.

- Alateen Do's and Don'ts (M-9)
- Alcoholism, the Family Disease (P-4), pages 21-22
- A Guide for the Family of the Alcoholic (P-7), pages 9-10
- So You Love An Alcoholic (P-14), page 3
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Where can I find the "An Open Letter from an Alcoholic"?

- Three Views of Al-Anon—Alcoholics Speak to the Family (P-15), pages 2-3

Where can I find "A Checklist for Evaluating Our Maturity"?

- Alcoholism, the Family Disease (P-4), pages 19-20

Where can I find the "Four Primary Ideas"?

- Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work (P-24), pages 21-22

Where can I find the "Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon"?

- Alcoholism, the Family Disease (P-4), page 22
- The Twelve Steps and Traditions (P-17), page 21
- Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work (P-24), page 22

August 25, 2020:

Shipping Discount

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many groups are not meeting in person. Therefore, it has become difficult for members to obtain literature through traditional methods. In an effort to enhance the affordability of literature for members, the flat rate shipping cost of \$10 has been reduced to \$5 for individual orders under \$50 in the US, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda. Shipping costs for orders in Canada will be reduced to \$10 for individual orders under \$50. This special shipping rate will be available for a limited time.

September 9, 2020:

September 2020 Literature Coordinator Update

Dear Literature Coordinators,

Here's the latest update of literature news. Please feel free to pass this info on at Assemblies and via e-mail to District Representatives, Information Services/Intergroups, Website Coordinators, and Newsletter Editors. Establishing an e-mail list of these members/service arms makes it easy to forward this information.

- **NEW DAILY READER (working title):** The Literature Committee is working hard reviewing sharings for this project, and is now halfway through review of the first draft! There is still much work ahead, but we are excited to report this milestone. Please remind members that we no longer need additional sharings for this book, but will gladly accept them for The Forum and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism.
- **Members Blog:** Have you read or written a sharing for the Member Blog? Have you encouraged other members to do so? Please check it out at al-anon.org/member-blog. Each month there are new topics added, including the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service.
- **"CAL Corner" Topics:** This department is featured each month in The Forum magazine. It contains members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. September's articles are about Hope for Today (B-27). October's focus is on the eBook Having Had a Spiritual Awakening . . . (eB-25). November's topic is our basic book, How Al-Anon Works (B-25).
- **Sharings needed for "CAL Corner":** Please urge members to share in writing about how a piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We are currently looking for sharings about Courage to Be Me (B-23); Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses (B-29); Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33); Reaching for Personal Freedom (P-93); and Many Voices, One Journey (B-31). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community of AFG Connects or at: al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf.
- **Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters:** Please use your Area newsletter to share how local members are spreading the word about CAL or to publish their reviews of various CAL.

Because your Assembly or Area World Service Committee meetings might not coincide with my postings on AFG Connects, please contact me anytime you need more information or have questions about literature content.

Yours in gratitude and service,

Tom Coffey
Associate Director--Literature

October 13, 2020:

Job Opening

Dear Literature Coordinators,

Is the *Forum* a valuable part of your recovery program? Are you passionate about its content, message and audience? Do you enjoy reading diverse sharings? Do you have experience editing content to capture the "voice" of the author? If so, you may be a fit for the attached position! Al-Anon's Magazine Editor role requires five or more years of active membership in Al-Anon. To apply for this position, please forward your resume and cover letter to HumanRes@al-anon.org

My best,

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October 27, 2020:

Literature for the visually impaired

Dear Mary,
Greetings again from your World Service Office. Thanks for your question regarding literature for the visually impaired.

The WSO is currently in the process of updating its list of organizations that provide Al-Anon literature as part of their services to the visually impaired. This has been somewhat delayed due to the pandemic. In the meantime, members can check with local or national services that serve the visually impaired to see if they offer any of our titles.

Also please note that *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* is available in audiobook format. Click on this link to find out where you can purchase it: al-anon.org/b6
The following two books are available in audiobook and eBook formats. Some eBook readers provide text-to-audio. Click on the links below to find out where you can purchase them:
Courage to Change al-anon.org/b16
How Al-Anon Works al-anon.org/b32

These publications are available only in eBook format. Click on the links below to find out where you can purchase them:
Alateen-Hope for Children of Alcoholics al-anon.org/b3

Having Had a Spiritual Awakening . . . al-anon.org/b25

Hope for Today al-anon.org/b27

The Forum magazine al-anon.org/eforum

You can also check the "AV/Audio" or "Electronic Literature" categories at al-anon.org/onlinestore for more details.

Thanks for all you do as a Literature Coordinator. Best wishes for continued peace and serenity in the Al-Anon program.

Yours in Service,
Tom

Link for Newcomers during pandemic

Dear Mary,

Greetings from your World Service Office. Thanks for your question regarding electronic newcomers information. Please inform newcomers to use this vanity URL to sign up to receive the welcome information: al-anon.org/welcome

The member will be prompted to enter a personal email address to where the digital information will be immediately delivered. Please share this in your meetings and include it in your meeting formats when welcoming new members.

This information is only available in English at this time but is in the process of being translated into Spanish and French. It will be announced once it is ready.

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Please contact me if there are any specific questions you would like me to ask the WSO Literature staff.

Thank you for your service!

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