

Literature Coordinator report for March 27, 2021 Assembly

January/February 2021 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.

- ◆ **You Are Our Frontline Trusted Servants:** A huge thank you to all Literature Coordinators for your valiant work during this pandemic. Your work in keeping our fellowship aware of the importance of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) has never been more important. Literature sales last year were considerably lower, and we rely on you to remind local members of the value that CAL provides to their recovery. Please share with each other on AFG Connects the ways in which you are reaching out to the members of your Area.
- ◆ **Welcome to New Literature Coordinators:** We are so glad to have you aboard! If you haven't reviewed the *Area Literature Coordinators (G-6) Guideline* yet, click here: al-anon.org/pdf/G6.pdf. If you have any questions or comments for your fellow Coordinators, please post them here on the Literature Coordinator community of AFG Connects. If you have any questions regarding this site, please contact Annette S. at Annette@al-anon.org. If you have any questions regarding your role as a Literature Coordinator or about CAL, please contact Tom C. at Tom@al-anon.org. For those of you whose Areas have combined the positions of Literature and *Forum* Coordinator, please know that you should also be connected by now to the *Forum* Coordinator community of AFG Connects, where you will receive information specific to *The Forum*.
- ◆ **Electronic version of the *Al-Anon Newcomer Packet (K-10)*:** As was mentioned in the most recent Chairperson of the Board letter, this project was recently approved for development, and Staff is implementing a previous Literature Committee recommendation to eliminate duplication of information in the *Packet*. No release date has been set yet, but the project is in progress and expected to be available this year through a variety of vendors, just as our current eBooks are, such as the electronic versions of *How Al-Anon Works (eB-22)*, *Courage to Change (eB-16)*, *Hope for Today (eB-27)*, etc., and it should work in the same way that the eBooks do. Announcements will be made when it is available. In the meantime, electronic meetings can provide the following URL to newcomers so they can sign up to receive an email with newcomer information: al-anon.org/welcome. The newcomer will be prompted to enter a personal email address to where the digital information will be immediately delivered. Members may wish to share this in their meetings and include it in their meeting formats when welcoming new members.
- ◆ **NEW DAILY READER (working title):** The Literature Committee will soon be reviewing the near final draft of our next daily reader! Once it has given approval, the draft will proceed with Policy review and final review by the Executive Director. But there will still remain much work to be done, including selection of a title by the Titling Committee, developing an index, designing the look of the book, and translation into French and Spanish so that all three editions can be released at the same time. (That last item is a year-and-a-half project in itself.) Our goal is to have the book ready for the 2023 Al-Anon

International Convention in New Mexico. That sounds like a long way off, but the view from here is a busy one.

- ◆ 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. January's topic is *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29). In February, the department will focus on the 25th anniversary of *Courage to Be Me* (B-26), and in March on *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33).
- ◆ 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 *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94), *Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions* (B-8), *Living Today in Alateen* (B-26), *Discovering Choices* (B-20), and *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29). 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 AWSC 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 C., Associate Director--Literature

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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