

Literature Coordinator Report to Louisiana AFG Assembly
May 2021

The following are excerpts of the Literature Coordinators' Digest from AFG Connects (WSO) since the March 2021 Assembly.

April 29, 2021:

April 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.

Electronic *Welcome, Newcomer!* (eK-10) Is Coming Soon: The newly revised and reformatted electronic version of the *Al-Anon Newcomer Packet* (K-10) is in the final stages of production. More details will be announced soon, when it will be available through a variety of vendors, just as our current eBooks are. 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 and 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. (Please note that the revised paper version of *Welcome, Newcomer!* will not be available until inventory of the current version is depleted.)

New Literature Motions from the 2021 World Service Conference (WSC): The 2021 WSC carried three motions regarding Conference Approved Literature, which were based on recommendations from the Literature Committee.

- The first was for development of a new Alateen bookmark based on the *Just for Tonight* Al-Anon Bookmark (M-81). Like the *Just for Today* Alateen Bookmark (M-13), its contents will come from the teens themselves.
- The second motion was to add a new preface to the book, *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4), that would place it in historical perspective and to develop a booklet made up of "gems" from the original, possibly including some new material.
- The final literature motion discussion was to create a new introduction to our first daily reader, *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6) from 1968. This will provide an historical perspective on the book, and at the same time emphasize the timeless nature of Al-Anon's spiritual principles that the book so wonderfully exemplifies.

***Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31):** Celebrate Al-Anon's 70th Anniversary and learn about our rich history by purchasing this book at the reduced price of \$8.00 plus shipping, through June 30, 2021. Find it on our website at al-anon.org/onlinestore.

NEW DAILY READER (working title): The WSO continues to receive questions from the fellowship regarding whether additional sharings are needed for the new daily reader. As previously announced, the deadline for submissions was **June 2020**. Please share the news that the volunteer Literature Committee has just completed review of the near final draft. Much more work lies ahead so that the book can be ready for what we hope will be its debut in English, French, and Spanish at the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention in New Mexico.

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. April's topic is *Reaching for Personal Freedom* (P-92). In May, the department will focus on *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31), and in June on the 60th anniversary of *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* (P-4).

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 *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 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,
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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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