

LITERATURE COORDINATOR – REPORT FOR AWSC

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Here is the current news from WSO. I hope to have more information following my next literature conference call in April.

A free updated 2011 CAL Catalog was sent out with the January 2011 group copy of *The Forum*.

Al-Anon's newest book *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31) will be available for purchase on April 16th. I contacted WSO and the price of the new book will be \$16, will have a soft cover and is a total of 426 pages. Literature Distribution Centers will receive priority notice order forms ahead of time.

Take a look at the WSO website www.al-anon.org/members. Each quarter the WSO posts a sample chapter of Conference Approved Literature. Through March the chapter is from *Paths to Recovery* (B-24), and the topic is "What Does Powerless Really Mean?" This also includes a list of where you can find this topic in other CAL. The April through June Sample Chapter page on the members' website will feature *Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Traditions* (B-8). The sample chapter on the Members' site also includes an opportunity to share on this topic, as well as quotations, meeting topics, and discussion questions pertaining to the quarter's book.

Check out the CAL Corner in *The Forum*. It features members' sharings on how a particular piece of literature has helped in their recovery. Please encourage members to submit sharings about *Courage to be Me* (B-23) and the pamphlets *The Al-Anon Focus* (P-45), *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* (P-4), and the *Twelve Steps and Traditions* (P-17) for upcoming sharings.

There is still a need for Legacy Workbook sharings for the upcoming new workbook now in development. Encourage members to share for this workbook by posting on the blogs on the members' website.

Again, WSO encourages any areas to develop and submit workshops or skits on a variety of CAL books and pamphlets. If you have developed a skit or workshop, please submit it to the WSO. Check out the two Powerpoint presentations CAL which I have asked to be put on the website.

I will have forms available to submit your favorite CAL for a meeting topic and also forms for submitting how Al-Anon literature helped you for CAL Corner in *The Forum* available at the Spring Assembly/Convention. These forms are also available at the WSO members' website.

There was an interesting article in the Spring 2011 Area Highlights. The question had come up about whether we carry books in large print or Braille for members with special needs. The WSO does not publish or stock CAL in Braille. However, the literature catalog lists the S-14 *Al-Anon/Alateen Directory for Members with Special Needs*. This can be ordered or downloaded from the WSO website. This directory provides the names of organizations that are permitted to reproduce Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature. Large print is available in all three daily readers and there is a CD (B-16cd) available for *Courage to Change* which can only be used on a computer. It is permitted to enlarge CAL on a copier as a service project or create audio recordings for that member only but cannot not altered in any way or sold. This is not a violation of any Traditions or copyright laws if the above specifications are followed.

Yours in Al-Anon Service,
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