

Dear NYN:

I am copying to you the latest news from WSO's Associate Director of Literature, Tom Coffey.

Five Minute Update—Literature & *The Forum*

Tom Coffey, Associate Director—Literature

2018 Calendar Quotations: For the last five years, the WSO has provided CAL quotations that could be used by service arms in fundraising calendars without seeking written permission. The WSO posted 20 quotations for use in 2018 calendars in March on the Announcements community of AFG Connects. If service arms submit reprint permission requests for use in calendars, they will be asked to select from the 20 quotations instead.

PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF YOUNG PROBLEM DRINKERS (working title):

In January, the WSO selected a freelance writer/editor for the parents and grandparents pamphlet. The writer/editor, having read the 240 sharings submitted, has completed the first draft of the pamphlet, which the Literature Committee is in the process of reviewing. We hope for the pamphlet to be introduced at the 2018 World Service Conference in English, French, and Spanish.

INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS (working title):

The WSO also selected a freelance writer/editor for the intimacy book in January, who has read the 1,272 sharings submitted, and selected those to be included. Introductory text for the six sections of the book is currently being drafted. We expect a first draft of the entire book to be ready for review by the Literature Committee in May. If completed on schedule, the book will be available in English at the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention in Baltimore.

NEW DAILY READER (working title):

We've received over 10,682 sharings so far for the daily reader. The January issue of *The Forum* included an "Inside Al-Anon Family Groups" article describing the differences between a daily reader sharing and a sharing for *The Forum*, in hopes of clarifying this for the fellowship and attracting more sharings. Provided that members continue to submit additional sharings, we hope to begin looking for a writer/editor for this project by the end of this year. No deadline has been set at this point for submitting sharings, and no publication date has been proposed.

New Addition to *The Forum*: In January, *The Forum* began adding several questions about the Step of the month to the “Instant Meeting” department of the magazine to encourage discussion when used as a meeting topic.

Requests for More Sharings for *The Forum*: *The Forum* continues to be in shortage of sharings about each of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service for use in the back pages of the magazine. Because of the need for Canadian sharings, in April the WSO staff contacted Canadian *Forum* Coordinators and Delegates to encourage them to hold *Forum* Workshops in their Areas.

THE FORUM BOOK (working title): So far, members have sent in over 441 titles and publication dates of *Forum* articles that they consider the best of recent years. Please keep encouraging members to let the WSO know which *Forum* stories they want to see included in this book. And don't forget to send in your own selections!

***Lois W. and the Pioneers* Free Downloadable Audio Interview**

In celebration of Al-Anon's beginnings in May of 1951, you can now listen to the full audio interviews of Lois, Henrietta and Margaret on the Members site.

- Go to al-anon.org/members.
- Enter your group name, followed by AFG as your password.
- Click on “WSO” on the home page choices.
- Click on “Inside the WSO.”
- Click on “History of the WSO and Al-Anon.”
- Under “Archives,” click on “*Lois W. and the Pioneers* Audio Interview.”

Part One is a 56-minute interview with Lois, then in her 90s. Part Two is a 54-minute interview with Lois, Henrietta and Margaret, which was excerpted for the DVD of the same title.