

## **Literature Coordinator's Report for AWCS Meeting (August 18, 2018)**

It has been a busy summer, and I hope everyone has enjoyed some time to bask in the warmth of the weather and our fellowship as well. Since the conclusion of the Spring 2018 Assembly in Lake Placid, I have been coordinating with the members of our team to submit our final report and conclude our business with the High Peaks Resort. We will be giving Pam the checks for the seed money and the balance of our assembly account once we close out the statement. Thanks again for everyone who attended and participated in the event!

The following information was announced during the October Literature Coordinator conference call:

- At this point, we've received over 1,159 sharings for the Intimacy piece, about 176 sharings for the parents/grandparents pamphlet, and 515 sharings for the new daily reader. We still would like more sharings--especially Step sharings for the parents/grandparents pamphlet, and sharings for the daily reader. A new writing guideline for the daily reader can be found on the Members' Web site, in addition to the original one. I'll be posting it on AFG Connects next week. All of the other writing guidelines are already there in the library section in the "Guidelines & Procedures" folder under the folder icon.
- The deadline for Al-Anon members who are professional freelance writers/editors to send in proposals for the intimacy piece and the parents/grandparents pamphlet was Thursday, October 15th. We have received 30 intimacy bids and 13 parents/grandparents bids.

I submitted reviews for the aforementioned pieces to AFG Connects, and I have joined several threads over the summer to share my thoughts on the various topics that have cropped up. I find AFG Connects to be a resourceful tool for disseminating information and staying in touch with our friends in Al-Anon.

I am working with the group reps in our district to inventory the libraries of our groups in order to build a district wide list of materials. We will be ordering a slew of books and pamphlets to fill in the gaps and provide our members with a plethora of CAL works to help our loved ones in need of recovery. I encourage other districts to do the same for better outlets of communication and resources.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly in Syracuse in September. Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay cool (metaphorically), and take care!

Mike R.