

Literature Coordinator's Report (Fall Assembly) (September 26, 2020)

I had the chance to meet with various officers and coordinators back in August 2020, and even though the information I gave then has not changed much, there are some new additions to the Literature Coordinator portion of AFG Connects.

Since November 2019, I stepped back up to the position of District Rep in District 26. In addition to being a Group Rep at my home meeting in Ogdensburg, I have enjoyed being the Literature Coordinator for New York North. My service positions have enabled me to pay it forward for the help I received when I entered the rooms of Al-Anon ten years ago.

In addition to the aforementioned positions, I have worked with members of my district on several public outreach projects. The new bookmarks and the 2020 edition of "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" have been distributed to offices and meeting rooms throughout our district as a means of connecting with people in crisis and professionals who can spread the word. Our Day of Sharing in Massena (October 24, 2020) is entitled "It's Time for Change" and includes a district group inventory to help its members to move forward into a new era of personal recovery.

I have also kept in contact with members of the Alateen Interest Meetings on Zoom, and I helped AMIAS in my district complete their Alateen recertification process. Although my schedule has precluded my participation in the meetings face to face lately, the other members of the team have graciously included me in their conversations.

The remaining pages of this report includes a message from Tom Coffey, the WSO Literature Coordinator. The latest updates for Literature Coordinators as of February 2020, July 2020, and September 2020 are included in this important message. Feel free to look at the particulars at your own convenience.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on September 26th on Zoom at the Fall Election Assembly 2020. I hope that everyone has the chance to enjoy the warmer weather. Thank you for your continued love and support.

Mike R.

February 2020 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 makes it easy to forward this information.

Welcome to New Literature Coordinators: 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 Shorter at Annette@al-anon.org. If you have any questions regarding your role as a Literature Coordinator or about Conference Approved Literature, please contact Tom Coffey 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*.

NEW DAILY READER (working title): A list of 20 topics that are still needed for the book was posted to Literature Coordinators on AFG Connects. It was also posted for *In the Loop* (<https://al-anon.org/blog/last-chance-to-share-for-the-new-daily-reader/>) and will be in the March issue of *The Forum*. Please let members in your Area know. Please submit by 6/1.

"Inside Al-Anon Family Groups" articles about CAL: Links to electronic versions of the articles about the CAL process, discontinued literature, and revisions to literature, which appeared in the May, June, and October 2019 issues of *The Forum* were posted on AFG Connects to the Literature Coordinators, with hopes that these can improve membership understanding of our literature.

"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. February's articles are about the *Just for Today* (M-12) and *Just for Tonight* (M-81) Bookmarks. March's focus is on *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33), and April's will be on *Blueprint for Progress* (P-5 and P-91).

Sharings needed for "CAL Corner": We always need more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write about *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94), *As We Understood....* (B-11), *Three Vies of Al-Anon* (P-15), *Paths to Recovery* (B-24) and the *Paths to Recovery Workbook* (P-93), *...In All Our Affairs* (B-15), and *How Al-Anon Works* (B-32). 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

Exploring AFG Connects: Please take time to search through the many existing documents in the Literature Coordinator community of AFG Connects—particularly the summaries of previous conference calls, Literature Coordinator Guidelines, Workshops, skits, and recurring questions from other Literature Coordinators. These are all found in the folders under "Library" in the community. To access the folders, click on the "Folders" icon (the small image of a black folder). If you have trouble locating these documents, or have any other questions regarding AFG Connects, feel free to contact Annette at annete@al-anon.org.

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.

July 2020 Literature Coordinator Update:

Dear Literature Coordinators,

Here's the latest update of literature news for July 2020. 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.

NEW DAILY READER (working title): Many thanks for getting out the word about our last call for sharings for this project. We had many responses and now have plenty of sharings to choose from, so we are no longer accepting additional sharings. We will gladly accept sharings for *The Forum* and *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*.

Members Blog: Please encourage members to read and write on the Member Blog at al-anon.org/member-blog. Each month there are new topics added, so today we have choices! You can also share about the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service too!

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<https://al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf>.

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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.

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NEW DAILY READER (working title): The Literature Committee is working hard reviewing sharings for this project, and is now halfway through review of the first draft! There is still much work ahead, but we are excited to report this milestone. Please remind members that we no longer need additional sharings for this book, but will gladly accept them for *The Forum* and *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*.

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.

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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 *Courage to Be Me* (B-23); *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29); *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33); *Reaching for Personal Freedom* (P-93); and *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31). 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.

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