

Everything in life flows. In all things the wisdom of “this too shall pass” is true. Life is beautiful, challenging and unpredictable. I am so grateful that Al-Anon gives us tools and a guide map to learn to navigate uncertainty, and to trust that with the help of our Higher Power we will be more than okay. We will be transformed! Just as we, as individuals, are unfolding and becoming so too is Al-Anon. Here are some of the changes coming to our CAL:

The 2021 WSC voted to create a new introduction to *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B6) to provide an historical perspective on the book and emphasize the timeless spiritual principles contained in it, *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4) will possibly have some new material added and will have a new preface added for historical perspective, and to develop an Alateen bookmark based on the *Just For Tonight* Al-Anon bookmark (M81) with content that will come from the teens.

There is a project to develop an electronic Packet. There isn't a release date as of yet, but it is expected to be available this year and will work similar to the way that our current eBooks do.

There is a new daily reader coming! This is “a new daily reader that reflects the diversity of the Al-Anon fellowship” and its members as they are today. It will be a collection of single-page meditations (between 200-300 words) that focus on applying Al-Anon principles to a real-life problem or challenge. The Literature committee spent some time clarifying that “diversity” is more than gender, age, skin color, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or religion. It is anything that makes us feel different from other people in the room. Diversity can also mean a new viewpoint—a fresh way of looking at recovery. They hoped that the book will show, through the diverse experiences of our members, how universally the Al-Anon program works, regardless of our differences. I am excited and eagerly anticipate this newest addition to our rich treasure trove of CAL.

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.