

New York North AFG Officer or Committee Report

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Report:

- *Carol Cowan is the new associate director of literature*
- *Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships--A Collection of Insights from Our Shared Journey* (P-95) is a 48-page booklet that provides brief but powerful messages of timeless wisdom. It's perfect for newcomers as well as anyone who may need to "Keep It Simple" and get back to basics. Currently being designed and translated, it will be available this fall in English, French, and Spanish for \$4.00 US.
- Approved [Quotations](#) for 2025 Service Arm Calendars
- Currently we have translation services in English, French, and Spanish. There may be upcoming conversations regarding translations in other languages
- Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in Braille and other formats for visually impaired members.
 - Connecting with local resources for the Blind and Visually Impaired will link members with other sources such as National Library Service for the Blind, Bookshare.org, and LearningAlly.org, each listing several Al-Anon books that may be compatible with devices used by the vision-impaired and in audio format. Individuals may contact them directly for additional information.
 - World Service Office does not have the resources to be able to publish all materials in a variety of formats and must rely on public resources that are available to support the needs of our members. It is in the spirit of Tradition Five that it is happy to do so.
- Service Guidelines have been updated for the following items- there will be a "new" tile for 6 months
 - [Public Outreach Service \(G-10\)](#)
 - [Group Representatives \(G-11\)](#)
 - [Literature Distribution Centers \(G-18\)](#)
 - [Starting an Alateen Group \(G-19\)](#)
 - [Ordering Literature \(G-31\)](#)

- [Alateen Safety Guidelines \(G-34\)](#)
- [Area Group Records Coordinator \(G-36\)](#)
- [Area Public Outreach Coordinator \(G-38\)](#)

The Writing Guide for new CAL on Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship is now available.

Several years ago, the Literature Committee began discussing requests from the fellowship for a piece of Conference Approved Literature on sponsorship and service sponsorship primarily made up of member sharings.

A recommendation was made, discussed, and approved by the 2023 World Service Conference, giving conceptual approval **"to develop a comprehensive piece on sponsorship and service sponsorship using personal stories from Al-Anon members."**

Since then, a writing guideline has been developed, approved, and translated into French and Spanish, and is now available for distribution throughout the fellowship. **Please share this writing guideline, use it to facilitate writing workshops, and consider submitting your own experience, strength, and hope on this important topic.**

The attached Writing Guide is also posted on the ["Send Your Sharing"](#) page of the Al-Anon website. Sharings may be submitted online at al-anon.org/sharing, via email to wso@al-anon.org with "Sponsorship Piece" in the subject line, by fax to 757-563-1656, or by postal mail to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617.

New CAL coming this fall!

In 2021, the WSC gave conceptual approval to add a new introduction to *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4) that places the book in historical perspective, and to develop a booklet of gems from this book, possibly including some new material. In case you missed Tom's announcement a few weeks ago, the GEMS Booklet (working title) has received its official title and will be published this fall!

Here's the skinny:

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Sharings needed for "CAL Corner"

Please continue to urge members to share in writing about how *any* piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We could especially use sharings about any of the following: *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31), *Alcoholism, a Merry-Go-Round Named Denial* (P-3), *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34), the *Just for Tonight* Alateen Bookmark, *The Al-Anon Family Groups-Classic Edition* (P-5), *Three Views of Al-Anon* (P-15), *As We Understood...* (B-11), *...In All Our Affairs* (B-15), *How Al-Anon Works* (B-32), or *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78).

You'll find the CAL Corner and all our writing guidelines, as well as the online submission form, here: [Send Your Sharing - Al-Anon Family Groups](#). If you are announcing this verbally or in print (rather than electronically), you may use the URL al-anon.org/sharing.

Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters

We'd love for you to use your Area newsletter to publish your Assembly reports, members' reviews of various CAL, or sharings on how local members are encouraging the use of CAL at their groups. In keeping with Al-Anon's copyright and reprint policies on pages 116-18 of the [2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual v3](#), if you plan to quote from CAL, please remember to request and receive reprint permission prior to publication. Also please note that only limited quotations of a paragraph or less can be approved, and permission only applies to print publication, not online.

Because your Assembly or Area World Service Committee meetings might not coincide with these postings on AFG Connects, please know that you can contact the WSO anytime you need more

information or have questions about literature content. The email is wso@al-anon.org, with Literature in the subject line.

Thank you again for all you do to encourage your Area members to use CAL.