

April 2017 Literature Coordinator Update:

Dear Literature Coordinators,

Here's the latest update of literature news:

- **Sharings still needed:** At this point, the Literature Committee has received enough sharings to proceed with developing introductory text for the intimacy book and the parents/grandparents pamphlet. However, we still need more sharings for the new daily reader, for which we have received 1, 070 so far.
- **Forum Article or Daily Reader Sharing—What's the Difference?** The “Inside Al-Anon Family Groups” article in the January issue of *The Forum* addressed the difference between writing a sharing for *The Forum* and writing for a daily reader. If you are still wondering what the difference is, please read the attached article and pass it on!
- **Paths to Recovery Workbook (P-93)**, which was introduced in January, has been so well received that it has already gone into a second printing. Please share on AFG Connects with your fellow Literature Coordinators about what you are doing to encourage members to use this new tool. The workbook includes the same questions as the *Paths to Recovery* (B-24) book, along with space to write. The workbook is three-hole punched, so if more room is needed for writing, it can be placed in a three-ring binder with extra paper. French and Spanish versions will be available in April.
- **CAL Sample Chapter:** Each quarter we post a Sample Chapter of Conference Approved Literature on both the Public Outreach site, www.al-anon.org and the Members' site, www.al-anon.org/members. The Sample Chapter for April through June will be *From Survival to Recovery* (B-21). From July through September it will be *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29).
- **“CAL Corner”:** Each month, the “CAL Corner” feature in *The Forum* includes members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. The April articles feature *Reaching for Personal Freedom* (P-92). The May articles are about *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29).
- **Sharings needed for “CAL Corner”:** We always need more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write. We could especially use articles about *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29), *Alateen's 4th Step Inventory* (P-64), *Hope for Today* (B-27), and *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4). Please see the writing guideline for “CAL Corner” in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the “Library” folders in the Literature Coordinator community.
- **Coordinator Conference Calls:** We've usually had two conference calls a year—one in March or April and one in September or October. Due to a lot of pressing deadlines, I'm going to have to postpone the conference call to sometime after the World Service Conference, preparation for which is looming large right now. I'm still hoping to have the two calls this year—it's just going to have to wait a little. I will include this information in future updates. Thanks for your interest in the calls—I think they are very important. In the meantime, the discussion threads on AFG Connects are an additional resource for Coordinators to use share ideas, projects, and questions with each other. You can reply to any of the existing discussions by hitting the “Reply to Discussion” button, or create a new topic by clicking on the green “Post New Message” on the “Discussion” page.
- **Exploring AFG Connects:** Please take time to search through the Literature Coordinator community of AFG Connects where you will find much information to share with your Area. In addition to the Coordinator Guidelines, there are presentations, skits, workshop guidelines, directions on how to submit sharings, and more. There is even a list of literature projects you can initiate to increase awareness about CAL. You'll also find summaries of previous conference calls in the “Conference Calls” sub-

folder, and recurring questions in the “Questions and Concerns” subfolder. If you need help finding anything, please contact Annette and she will be glad to help.

- **Sharing CAL with Your Area:** Please consider ordering enough copies of the *2017 CAL Catalog* and the *Why CAL?* (P-35) pamphlets to give to everyone at AWSC meetings and Assemblies. We included the *Catalog* with the January group copy of *The Forum*, but it doesn't hurt to put it in members' hands too. *Why CAL?* is also available as a free download at: <http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/P35.pdf>.

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.

Yours in gratitude and service,
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cc: Conference members
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