

Literature Coordinator Report

Since assuming my role as Literature Coordinator for New York North, I have come to appreciate the duties and responsibilities of this role. I realize how vital a role service plays in my personal recovery, and the new hat that I have chosen to wear is already proving to be a worthwhile one.

The first thing I had to do was to familiarize myself with the plethora of books, pamphlets, and bookmarks that we can purchase from the Al-Anon Store. I raided the cupboards of various meetings that I attend on a regular basis, brought the selections home, and started on my literary journey to understanding how many messages and personal stories of experience, strength, and hope are available to us in Al-Anon. While I still have a ways to go before I have gone through the entire collection, I am moving forward and expanding my vision of what the program means to me.

I have also used what I learned from perusing these selections to develop a skit for my district's annual Day of Sharing. The title of the presentation is "Our Amazing Al-Anon Literature" and I created a notebook that contains the script and a visual of over fifty selections in the literature library. The final product will be on display during the Spring Assembly 2018 in Lake Placid.

The regular correspondences I receive from AFG Connects enables me to share what other coordinators are doing around the country. I have joined some discussion boards and forums to reach out to other members who share my position, and I hope to participate in more activities as the year continues.

In the three months since my term began, I have written a monthly submittal to the *Northern Hi Lights* newsletter. Sharing my thoughts on new beginnings, how together we can make it, and perfectionism have been beneficial to me personally, as I see where I have been and where I hope to go in my recovery. I have also agreed to be a proofreader for the newsletter as the new staff settles into their role.

Finally, I have been involved with the Spring Assembly 2018 event that will take place at the High Peaks Resort on May 4-6, 2018 in Lake Placid. As Co-Chairperson for the weekend's program, I have been blessed to work with a talented and resourceful group of individuals. I am also the banquet speaker for Saturday night, where I will share story of recovery with everyone, based on our general theme of "Find Your Roots and Spread Your Wings." I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Thanks to everyone for his or her love and support as I work with you in my role as Literature Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mike R.