

**NORTH FL AREA
Literature Coordinator Report
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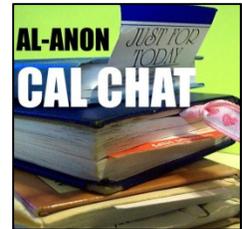
CAL QUOTE CORNER



“ I have had a million dollar experience that I wouldn't pay a nickel to repeat.
– *How Al-Anon Works*
pg. 323 ”

****SPECIAL NEWS**:**

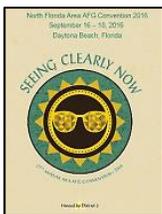
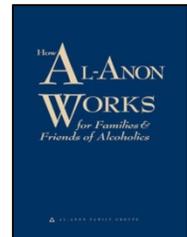
- My podcast now is up & running! It's a mini radio-like show called "Al-Anon CAL Chat" where members discuss their favorite literature & how it has improved their lives. Every episode features a different book so you can pick & choose which piece you'd like to find out more about!



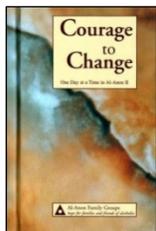
To find it on iTunes, just search by the show name & it will list all the available episodes. There you can click on "Subscribe" to be notified when new episodes are uploaded. There is no cost to subscribe. You can also go directly to the show's website: <http://calchat.libsyn.com> to stream or download episodes.

This link will also be posted on the Area website's literature page. If you'd like to be included in the show or have topics you'd like to hear about, let me know!

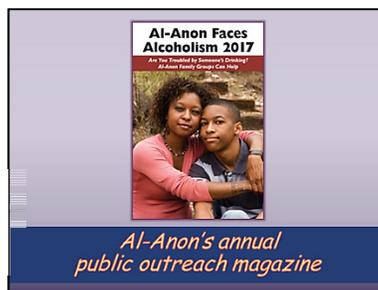
- Per our Delegate, Wendy R., the decision was made at this year's World Service Conference to extend the trial of the softcover **How Al-Anon Works** (item # B-32) for another 3 years! YAY!!!
- The Writing Workshop hosted by District 9 on April 30th went great! I'm willing to travel to any District in North Florida to give this workshop that is centered around the new daily reader or you can do it yourself! I've put together how-to instructions that will be posted on the Area website's literature page. It's three documents total – of which, the 3rd document will be under the password-protected part of the website. Please contact your District Rep, or Roger, the Area Technology Coordinator, for the password. FYI: This workshop can be used for Alateen members as well!
- The 2016 NFA Convention is requesting Alateen books! The Alateen Chair for this year's Area Convention is looking for multiple copies of 4 specific Alateen books to be purchased & donated which will then be given to Alateen attendees in gift bags. I e-mailed their 1-page flyer with their book "wish list" to all the LDC's back in March. Please contact me if you have not received this flyer because we need all the help we can get to distribute this & spread the word! To help offset the cost, a *group* could make a book donation (rather than an individual). FYI: Any overages will be kept in storage for the next major Alateen function after the 2016 Convention to keep sharing recovery through literature. This is a good cause all-around!



NEW LITERATURE INFO:



- As of March, the ***Courage to Change*** audio book (eA-16) is now available! It is 9 hours & 15 minutes long & retails for \$17.95. Check with your electronic media provider to purchase it.
- Also in March, WSO revised/updated the guideline: ***Alateen Meetings in Schools*** (G-5). It is also available on the Members' website www.al-anon.org/members. Please replace any old versions of G-5 you might have with this new one to avoid any confusion!
- The deadline to order the 1st printing of ***Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017*** will be here before you know it! Orders must be received to WSO by 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2016, with shipments expected to begin September 1, 2016. It's a good idea to set a reminder a few days before so this deadline is not missed because, as stated on the form: *"No exceptions can be made."*



- Would you like to give an outreach presentation featuring ***Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017***? Our Delegate, Wendy R., sent me a PowerPoint presentation that is complete with animation & speaker notes so it is ready-to-go! Contact me directly & I can e-mail it to you.

- ***The Forum Book*** (working title): Have you ever read a ***Forum*** sharing that:



- 📖 helped you to look at something a bit differently?
- 📖 made you laugh?
- 📖 touched your heart & reminded you that you aren't alone?
- 📖 had a unique way of presenting the topic/subject?
- 📖 will stand the test of time?

Those are the sharings WSO would like to include in ***The Forum Book*** (working title). The piece is intended to compile thoughtful sharings from past issues of ***The Forum*** (between 2005 – present) that are important enough to be read for years to come. To submit a past article for consideration, go to the Members' website at www.al-anon.org/members. Click on Individuals, Featured Publications, ***The Forum, The Forum Book*** (working title). They'll need to know the title, month, & year in which it appeared in the magazine.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- A list of frequently asked questions that I've gotten as Area Literature Coordinator will be posted on the Area website's literature page. It covers a variety of topics such as new literature, the process for discontinuing older pieces, & my favorite: "What do you *do*?" Check it out!

- CAL Sample Chapter: Each quarter WSO posts a sample chapter of Conference Approved Literature on both the Public Outreach site, www.al-anon.org & the Members' site, www.al-anon.org/members. From April through June, it's **Discovering Choices** (B-30).



- Sharings Needed: Writing guidelines for the NEW DAILY READER (working title), INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS (working title), & PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF YOUNG PROBLEM DRINKERS (working title) can be found on-line at the Members' site: www.al-anon.org/members. Sharings can also be submitted on-line at the Members' site, in the "Featured Publications" portion of the "Individuals" section, under "Submit a Personal Sharing." Please see the document "How to Submit a Sharing to the WSO" also available on the Members' website.
- Sharings Needed for the "CAL Corner" section of **The Forum**: WSO always need more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write. WSO could especially use articles about ...**In All Our Affairs** (B-15), **Many Voices, One Journey** (B-31), **What Do You Do about the Alcoholic's Drinking?** (P-19), & **Alcoholism, the Family Disease** (P-4). Feel free to contact me directly if you need a copy of the "CAL Corner" sharing sheet.

SPRING ASSEMBLY INFO:

Since we are having a special workshop on conflict resolution, please see a GIP here at Assembly if you would like a copy of:



- **Using Al-Anon Principles to Resolve Conflicts** kit
 - This kit provides information to aid members in preventing & dealing with conflict situations in Al-Anon groups & service.
 - The kit contains 1 of each item:
 - ✓ **Loving Interchange to Resolve Conflict** (S-71), wallet card
 - ✓ **Conflict Resolution Using Our Twelve Traditions** (S-72), card set
 - ✓ **Talk to Each Other – Resolving Conflicts within Al-Anon** (S-73), booklet
 - ❖ Item #: K-70
 - ❖ Cost: \$9.00

- The Spanish **CAL Catálogo 2016** (SS-15) began shipping in March & I have brought some with me to this Assembly. Please contact me by e-mail if you'd like an *electronic* PDF version of this 16-page document.
- I'm also bringing one set of four 2'x3' **Legacy Posters** (M-75) so you can see what they look like & if this is something your group might like. This set will be added to the collection of Area Literature to be kept for future reference & display.

With gratitude in service,

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Happy Reading!

