

LITERATURE COORDINATOR REPORT FLORIDA NORTH AREA 9, PANEL 64



TO: North Florida Area Assembly (May 16 & 17, 2025)
FROM: Robin Peterson, Literature Coordinator

It's been quite a while since my last Assembly Report in October 2024. Since then, thanks to our Technology Coordinator, all my reports are posted, along with other helpful information, on the Area 9 website. From the main page, it's under Resources/Members/Literature-Coordinator-Panel-64.

Here's a quick link. (<https://www.afgarea9.org/literature-coordinator-panel-64.html>)

As reported at the January 2025 Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting the World Service Office (WSO) collaborates with Literature Coordinators, through AFG Connects and Teams meetings.

New CAL on Finances in Al-Anon Recovery

The World Service Conference gave conceptual approval to develop a new piece of Conference Approved Literature about our relationship with finances in Al-Anon recovery.

- I will be presenting a workshop on this during the breakout session listed on the Agenda – May 17th @ about 4:35 pm.
- The Writing Guideline is on the Literature page, and it is so helpful. So, let's get writing so we can get a new book.
- If any District would like to host a workshop on finances in Al-Anon recovery or other CAL topic, I can help with that. The workshop can be in person or virtual



New CAL on Sponsorship (Personal & Service)

In addition, WSO is still looking for Sharings on Personal and Service Sponsorship. This was approved by the 2023 World Service Conference in response to a need expressed for a piece of Conference Approved Literature on sponsorship and service sponsorship that includes the personal experiences of members.

WSO is truly and deeply grateful to every single member who submits a sharing—Al-Anon Literature would not exist without the generous contributions of our members who share their experience, strength, and hope in writing.

Area Library

I am responsible for maintaining an up-to-date collection of Al-Anon literature, which I will eventually transfer to the next Literature Coordinator. This practice is essential for effectively addressing incoming inquiries.



Recent Q&A discussed on the Literature Coordinator's AFG Connects page:

- Q. Are both the long and short versions of the Serenity Prayer acceptable for use in meetings?
- A. The only version of the Serenity Prayer that appears in our Literature is the short version. The guidance on page 114 of our *2022–2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* says, "To keep Al-Anon's message in focus, and to encourage unity, only Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and Al-Anon/Alateen service tools are displayed, distributed, and used at Al-Anon and Alateen meetings."
- Q. Is information still the same regarding the use of discontinued literature.
- A. Yes, see <https://al-anon.org/blog/can-we-use-discontinued-literature-in-meetings/>
- Q. There are many free downloads on the website under member resources - <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/downloadable-items/>. For example, a pamphlet "Al-Anon: Now and Then" is available. Am I permitted under the copyright protection guidelines to add to my report?
- A. Yes, anything that is on the free downloads page may be downloaded, printed, and distributed. This includes attaching a pdf or a hard copy of the pamphlet *Al-Anon: Then & Now* to your Report.

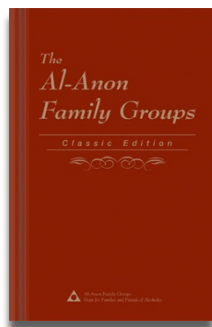
NEWEST BOOKLET:

The new booklet *Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships--A Collection of Insights from Our Shared Journey* (P-95) is being used all over the place. It's 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. It will be available this fall in English, French, and Spanish for \$4.00 US.



Reminder

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The Al-Anon Family Groups—Classic Edition (B-5)

Al-Anon's first book, was published in 1955. In 1988, the WSC approved a revised version with original text, footnotes and annotations.

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Quotations for 2026 Service Arm Calendars

20 quotations (in English, Spanish, and French) from Conference Approved Literature can be used by Al-Anon service arms in 2026 calendars without completing the usually required reprint permission request form. The first 12 quotations are about the Twelve Traditions, for those service arms that wish their calendars to focus on the “Tradition of the month.” Eight other quotations on a variety of topics are also provided. You may use as few or as many of these quotations in your calendar as you wish. As a service arm, you may also quote any or all of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service, provided you do not alter them in any way. The only stipulation is that you include the attribution to the quotation immediately following it, and that somewhere in the body of the calendar, you include the following credit line:

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HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?

Reminder: Each of our roles at the Area level, district level and group levels are very important. We are all necessary in connecting the members of each District to the powerful help found in our literature. There are still many groups that only read from one of the daily readers. I would like to encourage you all to use a wide variety of CAL in meetings as this helps inform other members of this valuable recovery resource.

Thanks for all you do to share Al-Anon literature with the families and friends of alcoholics.

Best wishes for continued peace and serenity in the Al-Anon program.

Yours in Love and Service,
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