

LITERATURE COORDINATOR REPORT FLORIDA NORTH AREA 9, PANEL 64



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At the AWSC meeting in February, I submitted my first report. A copy is posted on our website www.afgarea9.org. Go to: RESOURCES, AREA MEETINGS & REPORTS> PANEL 64 – 2024-2026> AWSC 2024 FEBRUARY. Today's report will be under ASSEMBLY 2024 MAY.

Link: [https://www.afgarea9.org/uploads/4/3/4/9/43490087/2024-01_area_lit_report_revised_1_.pdf].

As a brief recap, I informed the AWSC that I am a channel through which information passes from the World Service Office (WSO) and as suggested in the Area Literature Coordinators Guideline (G-6) I share ideas and keep in touch with all 13 districts. Since AWSC I began gathering contact information from each district regarding their literature distribution centers (LDCs) and literature chairpersons.

The March "*In the Loop*" newsletter from WSO had a helpful article describing the responsibilities of the Literature team, The *Forum* team, and the Publications team. *In The Loop* also included the January 2024 Chairperson of the Board ("COB") Letter. The COB Letter mentioned the tremendous success of our new daily reader, *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34) and thanked "those who contributed their sharing, those on the Literature Committee who began the process, and all members who purchased this wonderful piece of Conference Approved Literature "CAL"."

NEWS

- Service Manual Updates*
- A new literature catalog and order form are online which includes our newest daily reader *A Little Time For Myself*.

*The 2022-2025 *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) v3 is available electronically in English, French, and Spanish! For those members who have a printed copy of v2, replacement pages posted here: al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/... The changes include a housekeeping edit to the "Channel for Arriving at Policies" to reflect the accurate composition of the Policy Committee; updating the Announcing Events Policy text per a 2023 Conference motion; a housekeeping change to "Electronic Communication Outside of Al-Anon" to replace "social networking sites" with "social media posts"; and a housekeeping edit to the Concept Eight descriptive text to reflect a 2021 Bylaws change.

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

The Writing Guide is posted on the "[Send Your Sharing](#)" page of the Al-Anon website. Sharings may also be submitted 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.

WSO would like to urge members to share how **any** piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. Especially sharings about: *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).

NEW BOOKLET:

The GEMS booklet is a new booklet coming out this fall *Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships--A Collection of Insights from Our Shared Journey* (P-95). It 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. It will be available this fall in English, French, and Spanish for \$4.00 US.

Did You Know? Buying printed books from outside booksellers supports outside entities. Purchasing books from local Al-Anon Literature Distribution Centers or the WSO supports local Al-Anon services and the Al-Anon fellowship worldwide. [Ordering through the links to electronic vendors on the Online Bookstore](#) ensures that you are buying ebooks authorized by Al-Anon.

QUOTATIONS FOR 2025 SERVICE ARM CALENDARS

There are 20 quotations from CAL that may be used to create calendars without requesting reprint permission. Information and a copy of the quotes are displayed at the Literature table.



The following pamphlets have been updated recently:

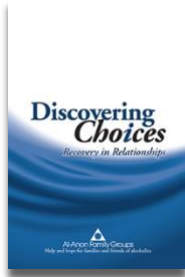
- Al-Anon Welcomes Native Americans/Aboriginals (S-67) <https://ecomm.al-anon.org/EN/ItemDetail?iProductCode=S67>
- Al-Anon Welcomes All People of Color (S-68) <https://ecomm.al-anon.org/EN/ItemDetail?iProductCode=S68>
- Al-Anon Welcomes Adult Children of Alcoholics (S-69) <https://ecomm.al-anon.org/EN/ItemDetail?iProductCode=S69>

AFG CONNECTS – Literature Coordinator Community:

The news and information I receive to pass on from the World Service Office (WSO) arrives via email or in the AFG Connects password-protected website.

The WSO welcomed their new WSO Associate Director of Literature, her name is Carol C. Tom C. has retired after many wonderful and much appreciated years at WSO.

DISCOVERING CHOICES (B-30).



How has Al-Anon literature helped you? Check out Chapter Fifteen: “Al-Anon Literature as a Resource for Relationships.” *Discovering Choices* (B-30), p. 283. This chapter discusses how CAL has helped members recover from the effects of alcoholism. Please consider using questions for a discussion at your meeting. For example, “What piece of Conference Approved Literature has had the greatest effect on my attitudes about my relationships?” *Discovering Choices*, p.298.

COPYRIGHT CORNER

Copyright & Trademark Protection was highlighted at the 2023 World Service Conference. “**What is copyright?** It is “the exclusive legal right, given to an originator or an assignee, to print, publish, perform, film, or record literary, artistic, or musical material, and to authorize others to do the same.” Say again! In English and in terms of our fellowship, what this statement means is that Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. is the only organization that has the legal right to print and publish Conference Approved Literature and to give permission to others to do the same.” ... “Without such protection, our Al-Anon message of hope could be harmed...” Presentation available upon request.

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?

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.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time.

Yours in Love and Service,
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