

**LITERATURE COORDINATOR REPORT
FLORIDA NORTH AREA 9, PANEL 64**



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Happy Summer Everyone. Living through the heat, one day at a time.

I have created a list of all the District Literature Chairs within Florida North and have started email communications with them. Otherwise, there is not much new to report since Assembly, so I've included in my report below a few tidbits and some reminders.

But First. It's a blast. An email blast!

Gini, the LDC Chair from District 12 sends out email blasts in snippets so as not to overwhelm district with tons of info all at once. Gotta love sharing ideas. Here's one of her recent snippets:

Hello!

Just checking in to see if everyone has done their cut & paste project with the new pages for our Al-Anon Service Manual? I choose to print my new pages in color. Cut them to cover the appropriate page. Then I used 1/4 inch double sided paper craft tape and then carefully lined up the coverup page...

Click the button below, it'll take you right to the Replacement Pages, print them out and invite some Al-Anoners over for a little fun. Cheers!

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/>



REMINDER: Sign-up for In The Loop News.

The *Just for Tonight* Alateen Bookmark Wisdom for All Ages:

Alateen's *Just for Tonight* bookmark offers Alateen and Al-Anon members ideas to help prepare for a peaceful, restful night. It's available at your local Literature Distribution Center or the Al-Anon Online Bookstore for \$.25 US.

NEWS

The WSO is currently researching solutions that will allow for the expansion of CAL ebooks while also considering the need of all structures to be self-supporting. While this research is taking place, the conversion of CAL to ebooks is on hold. As we often say, more will be revealed.

Highlight from World Service Conference

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

Literature Q&A (Questions & Answers)

Q: Has the World Service Office (“WSO”) notified members whose sharings were used in the new daily reader *A Little Time for Myself*?

A: Unlike *The Forum*, notifying members if their sharing was selected for publication is not part of the Conference Approved Literature process. Members who submit sharings for any piece of literature are sent a thank you letter or email upon receipt of their submission—sharings are published anonymously, and the writers are not notified. Many members who have had a sharing published have written to express their delighted surprise at discovering a sharing they submitted in the pages of one of our books.

Per the writing guidelines for a new piece of CAL, sharings may be edited for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity, length, and fidelity to Al-Anon’s spiritual principles and Traditions. Additionally, the writing guidelines and submission forms state that all submissions become the property of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., and may be used in whole or in part to develop Al-Anon/Alateen printed or electronic material.

**Above Q&A summarized from communications with
Carol Cowan | Associate Director—Literature, Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.**

Carol also stated: “We are 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, and we are deeply grateful to all who do, whether their sharing is published or not.”

Speaking of Writing Guidelines, WSO is looking for sharings for our new CAL on Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship. The Sponsorship Writing Guide is attached. Go to this page "[Send Your Sharing](#)" 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.

NEW BOOKLET COMING SOON:

Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships--A Collection of Insights from Our Shared Journey (P-95) is scheduled to be available this fall in English, French, and Spanish for \$4.00 US.

Did You Know?

Did you know that anything in our catalog of Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature that starts with an “S” is not copyrighted CAL? It is considered a "Service Tool" and can be downloaded, copied and distributed as often as we like!

Thanks for the tidbit, Deborah (D-10 DISL).

That's it from your grateful Literature Coordinator.
Please feel free to reach out to me any time.

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

Yours in Love and Service,
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Attached: Sponsorship Writing Guide