

AWSC – March 1, 2024

Literature Coordinator Report

As the new Literature Coordinator for the Ohio Area, I now have access to the AFG Connects Forum for Literature Coordinators.

Most of my report is from an update shared by WSO that is intended to be shared at Assemblies, in Newsletters and with District Representatives in our area.

At the Spring Assembly, I plan to share a presentation about copyright and trademarks. And will be debuting a skit that can be used in the area about literature. More to come!

Here are the updates from WSO regarding Literature:

Retirement of WSO Associate Director of Literature, Thomas Coffey, effective March 1, 2024. He served for almost 23 years.

Did You Know?: Al-Anon members often have a lot of questions about Al-Anon literature. Here are some past articles from "Inside Al-Anon Family Groups" that can help provide some answers.

- CAL Process: al-anon.org/blog/the-cal-process-al-anons-group-conscience-in-action/
- Revising CAL: al-anon.org/blog/who-changes-our-literature-and-why/
- Discontinued CAL: al-anon.org/blog/can-we-use-discontinued-literature-in-meetings/
- Copyright and Reprint Permission: al-anon.org/blog/worthy-of-protecting/
- Buying CAL from Outside Bookstores: al-anon.org/blog/can-members-buy-al-anon-literature-from-outside-entities/
- New Intros to *ODAT* and *Dilemma*: al-anon.org/blog/new-introductions-are-here/ and a more detailed description of why at al-anon.org/blog/learning-to-relate-rather-than-compare/
- History of CAL: al-anon.org/blog/celebrating-60-years-of-conference-approved-literature/
- Hidden Gems in CAL: al-anon.org/blog/where-to-find-hidden-gems-in-al-anons-pamphlets/
- Al-Anon Promises?: al-anon.org/blog/does-al-anon-have-promises/
- Alateen CAL: al-anon.org/blog/alateen-literature-is-conference-approved-literature/
- Giving Writing Workshops: al-anon.org/blog/how-to-hold-a-writing-meeting-or-workshop/
- Preamble: al-anon.org/blog/learning-from-al-anons-example-to-grow-at-my-own-speed/
- What "Conceptual Approval" Means: al-anon.org/blog/lets-talk-terms/

A Little Time for Myself (B-34): The third printing of this new daily reader is currently in stock and available as we write this. Because we have received many questions from the fellowship regarding when the book will be available in large print or ebook format, please allow us to share with you the responses we have given:

Additional formatting options for the book, including large print and ebook versions, have not been determined at this time, as there are still several factors to consider. However, please know that before the editing of the book even began, test studies were done with Al-Anon volunteers to determine what font style, font size, amount of white space, and word count on each page would be most appropriate for comfortable reading. This was followed through in the development of the drafts and the design of the book.

If "A Little Time for Myself" becomes available as an ebook, it will be found at al-anon.org/e-cal. For more information on the production of additional Al-Anon ebooks,

please see page 88 of the *2023 World Conference Summary* (P-46), found here: <https://al-anon.org/pdf/P46-2023-web.pdf>

"CAL Corner" Topics: This department, featured each month in *The Forum* magazine, includes members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. January's topic is *A Little Time for Myself* (B-33), which fortunately is back in stock. February will focus on *Al-Anon Sharings from Adult Children* (P-47), and March's will be *Lois Remembers* (B-7), in honor of our Cofounder's birthday on March 4th.

Sharings needed for "CAL Corner": Please continue to urge members to share in writing about how any piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We could especially use sharings about any of the following: *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34), *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31), *Alcoholism, a Merry-Go-Round Named Denial* (P-3), and the *Just for Tonight* Alateen Bookmark.

See the writing guideline at <alanon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf>. If you are announcing this verbally or in print form, rather than electronically, the URL to use will be <al-anon.org/sharing>.

Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters: We'd love you to use your Area newsletter to publish your Assembly reports, include members' reviews of various CAL, or sharings on how local members are encouraging the use of CAL at their groups. In keeping with Al-Anon's copyright and reprint policies on pages 116-18 of the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual v2* (found here: <al-anon.org/pdf/P2427.pdf>), if you plan to quote from CAL, please remember to request and receive reprint permission prior to publication. Also please note that only limited quotations of a paragraph or less can be approved, and permission only applies to print publication, not online. Because your Assembly or Area World Service Committee meetings might not coincide with these postings on AFG Connects, please know that you can contact the WSO anytime you need more information or have questions about literature content. The email is wso@al-anon.org, with Literature in the subject line.

In Gratitude and Service,

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