

August 2019 Literature Coordinator Update:

Dear Literature Coordinators,

Here's the latest update of literature news. Please feel free to pass this info on at Assemblies and via e-mail to District Representatives, Information Services/Intergroups, Website Coordinators, and Newsletter Editors. Establishing an e-mail list of these members makes it easy to forward this information.

- **NEW DAILY READER (working title):** The WSO is in the process of hiring a professional freelance writer/editor who is an Al-Anon member to analyze all sharings received and submit drafts of daily readings to the Literature Committee for review. Once evaluated, we will notify the fellowship of any topics for which additional writings are needed. In the meantime, please continue to encourage members to write sharings about any of the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service, as well as ones that exemplify the wide variety of relationships and backgrounds of members today.
- **Alateen Newcomer Packet (K-18)** To reduce rising costs and efficiently allocate resources, this newcomer kit, like the *Al-Anon Newcomer Packet* (K-10) before it, has been converted into a booklet. The new booklet offers a more aesthetically pleasing product and provides better ease of use. The price has increased from \$1.40 to \$1.75
- **THE BEST OF THE FORUM (working title):** The Board of Trustees has decided not to proceed with a printed version of this project, and to instead explore alternate methods for sharing members' selections of the best *Forum* articles. The project remains in development, and members are still encouraged to submit additional suggestions of what they consider the best of *Forum* articles, especially from the last couple years.
- **"CAL Corner" Topics:** This department is featured each month in *The Forum* magazine. It contains members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. August's articles celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Alcoholism, a Merry-Go-Round Named Denial* (P-3). September's focus is on *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94), and October's will be on *...In All Our Affairs* (B-15).
- **Sharings needed for "CAL Corner":** We always need more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write about *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33), *As We Understood...* (B-11), the *Just for Today* (M-12) and *Just for Tonight* (M-81) Bookmarks, and *Blueprint for Progress* (P-5 and P-91). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community.
- **2020 CAL Catalog (S-15):** The English version of this free service tool is now available and can make great handouts at Assemblies to remind everyone of the wide variety of material available. It will be included as an insert in the September issue of *The Forum* and is also available as a free download at al-anon.org/cal-catalog.
- **Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters:** Please use your Area newsletter to share how local members are spreading the word about CAL or to publish their reviews of various CAL.
- **Just for Tonight Bookmark (M-81):** Our latest piece of CAL, introduced this March, is doing very well—so much so that as of the end of June, we had printed 350,00 copies of it. But I have heard from a number of members who were unaware of its existence. Please do what you can to let groups in your Area know about this helpful tool.

- ***Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33)***: Hard to believe, but this book is now over a year old. As sometimes happens with new books in their second year, sales are starting to slow down. Although it is currently our sixth highest seller, please continue to encourage members and groups in your Area to read this book.

Because your Assembly or Area World Service Committee meetings might not coincide with my postings on AFG Connects, please contact me anytime you need more information.

Yours in gratitude and service,

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cc: Conference members
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