

Literature//*Forum* Coordinator Report  
Spring Assembly 2021

Hello Everyone!

***The Forum:***

- The *Forum* Editorial Advisory Committee (FEAC) recently voted to approve a change to the "Instant Meeting" department of *The Forum*. The "Instant Meeting" is a section of the magazine that features two short member sharings followed by two or three thought-provoking questions. For a number of years, the Instant Meetings were always on the Step that corresponded to the month. Now, however, the Instant Meetings topics have been expanded to include topics of interest to members, for example, detachment, slogans, Sponsorship/being sponsored, grief, living in sobriety, etc. The first issue where the Instant Meeting will be topic-based rather than Step-based will be July's, and the topic is "Finding a Higher Power."
- Each month in *The Forum* magazine, the "CAL Corner" section contains members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery.
  - Please urge members to share in writing about how a piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We are currently looking for sharings about *Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions* (B-8), *Living Today in Alateen* (B-26), *Discovering Choices* (B-20), and *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29).
  - Here are the writing guidelines for "CAL Corner". I'm also adding a PDF version to my report so that members can share at their meetings: [al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf](http://al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf).
- Subscriptions to *The Forum* have been in decline in recent months and are down by about 3,000 subscriptions compared to this time last year. As such, I highly encourage members to talk with their groups about considering purchasing subscriptions as individuals, for groups, or as gifts. My home group (Monday night Spiritual Awakening in Hamden) raffled an annual Forum subscription for our virtual anniversary celebration in April...just an idea :)

June 2021 Issue Sales Report:

State	Group		Other		Total	
	Subscriptions	Copies	Subscriptions	Copies	Subscriptions	Copies
CT	19	19	275	280	294	299

\* for the sake of brevity, I'm only providing June's sales, but I'm glad to provide others upon request

**Literature:**

- An electronic copy of *Welcome, Newcomer!* (eK-10) is coming soon! More details will be announced soon, and in the meantime, electronic meetings can provide the following URL to newcomers so they can sign up to receive an email with newcomer information: [al-anon.org/welcome](http://al-anon.org/welcome). The newcomer will be prompted to enter a personal email address and the digital information will be immediately delivered. Members may wish to share this in their meetings and include it in their meeting formats when welcoming new members. The revised paper version of *Welcome, Newcomer!* will not be available until inventory of the current version is depleted.
- The 2021 WSC carried three motions regarding CAL based on recommendations from the Literature Committee: 1) the development of a new Alateen bookmark based on the *Just for Tonight* Al-Anon Bookmark (M-81); its contents will come from the teens themselves 2) to add a new preface to *The Dilemma of the*

*Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4) that would provide historical perspective and develop a booklet made up of "gems" from the original, possibly including some new material; 3) to create a new introduction to *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6) that will provide historical perspective on the book, and emphasize the timeless nature of Al-Anon's spiritual principles.

- Celebrate Al-Anon's 70th Anniversary and learn about our rich history by purchasing *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31): at the reduced price of \$8.00 plus shipping, through June 30, 2021. Find it on our website at [al-anon.org/onlinestore](http://al-anon.org/onlinestore).
- The WSO continues to receive questions from the fellowship regarding whether additional sharings are needed for the new daily reader; the answer is no. The volunteer Literature Committee has just completed their review of the near final draft and hope it will debut in English, French, and Spanish at the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention in New Mexico.
- There is a Members Blog available at [al-anon.org/member-blog](http://al-anon.org/member-blog). Each month there are new topics added, including the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service. Members are encouraged to contribute.

As a reminder, I am available to committee chairs and am happy to present and/or discuss potential ways to make literature available. Al-Anon CAL is a vital resource to our fellowship, and raising awareness of how to access it is something I look forward to.

Love in Service, Gratitude, and Humility,

Morgan R.