

**NORTH FL AREA  
Literature Coordinator Report  
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**“ “ CAL QUOTE CORNER**

Trying to change what we can't control is like banging our head against a wall. ...We somehow imagine that... will lead us to a solution, & that it demonstrates how much we love the wall.

– *Discovering Choices*  
pg. 150



**\*\*SPECIAL NEWS\*\*:**

- **CAL Chat Podcast:** Episode 2 has been posted & is ready to listen to! The conversation was so good I didn't want to edit anything out, so I had to break it into 2 parts. Part 1 is on a passage from *One Day At A Time* (B-6) & part 2 is on the *Detachment* (S-19) leaflet.

To find it on iTunes or Google Play Music, just search by the show name under the Podcasts category & it will list all the available episodes. There you can click on "Subscribe" to be notified when new episodes are uploaded. There is no cost to subscribe. You can also go directly to the show's website to stream or download episodes as well as access bonus material at [www.calchat.libsyn.com](http://www.calchat.libsyn.com).

Be a part of the "CAL Chat" podcast!

- Talk about your favorite literature.
- Share how it has improved your life...
- Your story is valued & I can't wait to hear it!

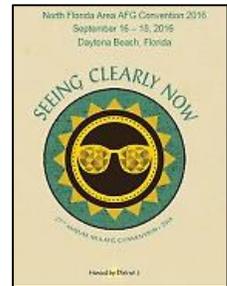
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My goal is to post a new episode near the beginning of every month so I am looking for people interested in participating in the show to talk about their favorite literature! CD copies of the show & a sign-up sheet will be available at AWSC in the hopes that you can hear an example of the podcast & be willing to share your love for our Conference Approved Literature!

- **LDC Conference Call:** On July 17<sup>th</sup>, we had our third Area literature conference call with LDC's & it was a very lively discussion. This is a place where we're able to bring up issues to resolve & realize we're not alone - & that we don't have to service work alone! A summarized transcript of the call was e-mailed out to all LDC's so that those that could not attend could see what we talked about. Our next conference call will be in January 2017.
- **Writing Workshop:** If you missed the spring Writers' Workshop, here's another opportunity! District 1 is hosting another Writers' Workshop. All are invited! Come try your hand (& heart) at sharing your experience, strength & hope through the written word for possible publication in Conference Approved Literature. Jill O.,

the Area Alternate Delegate, & I will be chairing & it will take place in Tallahassee, October 22nd, from 1-5pm. The flyer will be coming your way soon electronically & there will be hard copies at AWSC. Contact Susan R. at [dr1@afgarea9.org](mailto:dr1@afgarea9.org) to sign up.

- **2016 NFA Convention:** Roxanne, the LDC for District 3, is also head of the Literature Committee for this year's Convention in Daytona Beach. If you're able to donate an hour of your time to help out at the Convention's bookstore, she is looking to fill Saturday, Sept 17th, between 1-5pm. You can sign up online by visiting this link: <http://www.afgarea9.org/volunteers-and-donations.html>. Clearly hope to see you there! (Get it? Ha ha!)



- **Literature Timeline Display:** At the most recent Spring Assembly, I brought a new display showing every book (a "B-" item) & pamphlet (a "P-" item) chronologically from 1963 to the present. However, there are a few items I'm missing. If you have a copy of any of these items I'm searching for – or know where to find them – please let me know. I'd love to make this timeline as complete as possible.



**See the end of this report for detailed info on the ones in question.**

- **Library Outreach Project:** Members in District 10 have started to reach out to their local library branches to assess what Al-Anon literature they have & if more can be added. Any book can be used, but to survive circulation, hardcover books would probably be best. So far these titles were found in the libraries in Orange, Osceola, & Lake Counties: ***One Day At A Time*** (B-6), ***Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions (Revised)*** (B-8), ***...In All Our Affairs*** (B-15) & ***Paths to Recovery*** (B-24). This project could also be done in other Districts! What's in your library?

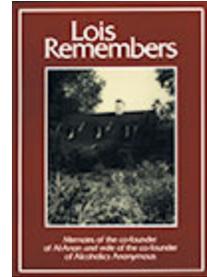
### NEW LITERATURE INFO:

- **Joy of Service** (S-57) & **Links of Service** (S-28): Both pamphlets have significant changes to their text as well as design. For the new "Joy of Service", it seems to clarify distinctions between GR's & DR's. For the new "Links of Service," it provides more detailed explanations of positions & service meetings in a style similar to the service manual. The WSO will notify Delegates via AFG Connects when they are available in French & Spanish. At this AWSC, I'll be passing out 1 of each pamphlet to each District.



- **Alateens Share with Adults in Their Lives** (P-67): This pamphlet was formerly titled ***Dear Mom & Dad***. The new revision features stories by Alateen members who share with the adults in their lives how they have been affected by the disease of alcoholism & why they need to go to Alateen. With updated graphics & text, this pamphlet can be used as a great outreach tool!

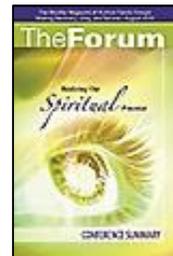
- **Lois Remembers** (B-7): Recent revisions include changes to the historical timeline in the back of the book, so that the timeline ends when Lois wrote the book. A thorough timeline of Al-Anon's entire history can be found on the members' website ([www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members)) under "WSO."



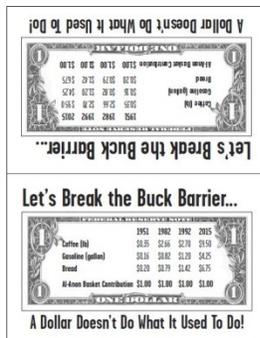
- **Information for the Newcomer** (S-4) & **Getting Started** (S-15R): Both pamphlets have had revisions that are now in print. More info to follow on what the changes are... (FYI: **Getting Started** (S-15R) is a service tool included in the Newcomer Packets to introduce Al-Anon literature to newcomers.)

**ADDITIONAL INFO:**

- **The Forum**: Did you know the electronic version of **The Forum** is now more widely available? Individual copies of The Forum are available on Amazon & Kobo for \$1.49 & Apple iTunes for \$1.99. An annual electronic subscription continues to be available from Barnes & Noble for \$11 with individual copies for \$1.49 each.



- **"Break the Buck" tent card**: Our Area Delegate, Wendy R., e-mailed this out to all Panel 55 members in May. There have been questions as to whether this is a CAL item that can be ordered from WSO. Below is the response from Suzanne M., the Associate Director of the World Service Conference:



The tabletop tent card wasn't approved by the WSO. In this situation, it is okay to use this non-Conference Approved piece in meetings. This situation is similar to a group creating signs with Al-Anon slogans for use in the group meeting as a reminder to keep the slogans in mind.

It may be helpful to also include a little framing with the introduction of the tent card, such as a review of the "Group Finances/Budget" section (pages 56-59) in *Groups at Work* (P-24).

- **CAL Sample Chapter**: Each quarter WSO posts a sample chapter of Conference Approved Literature on both the Public Outreach site, [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) & the members' site, [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members). Through the end of September, the chapter is from **...In All Our Affairs** (B-15).



- **CAL Conference Discussion of the "Prayer for Today"**: If you receive questions from members about this year's discussion at the World Service Conference regarding the prayer found on the back of the **Just for Today** Wallet Card (M-10) or Bookmark (M-12), please refer them to your Delegate or the discussion on pages 57-60 in the **2016 World Service Conference Summary** (P-46) which is available to buy for \$5 & can also be downloaded (as a PDF) for free from the WSO's online literature store at <http://ecomm.al-anon.org/shop> or the member's site: [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members).



The Conference did not make any decision other than to continue the discussion next year after having opportunities to have informed discussions with their Areas.

- **Sharings Needed:** Writing guidelines for the NEW DAILY READER (working title), INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS (working title), & PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF YOUNG PROBLEM DRINKERS (working title) can be found on-line at the members' site: [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members). Sharings can also be submitted on-line at the members' site, in the "Featured Publications" portion of the "Individuals" section, under "Submit a Personal Sharing." Please see the document "How to Submit a Sharing to the WSO" also available on the members' website.
- **"CAL Corner":** Each month, the "CAL Corner" feature in *The Forum* includes members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. The July articles are about **Reaching for Personal Freedom** (P-92). In August, they'll focus on **...In All Our Affairs** (B-15), & in September on **Many Voices, One Journey** (B-31). WSO always need more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write! They could especially use articles about **Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses** (B-29), **Alateen—Hope for Children of Alcoholics** (B-3), & **Hope for Today** (B-27). Feel free to contact me directly if you need a copy of the "CAL Corner" sharing sheet.
- Stay tuned for the upcoming Area website's literature page that will feature a list of frequently asked questions that I've gotten as Area Literature Coordinator. It covers a variety of topics such as new literature, the process for discontinuing older pieces, & my favorite: "What do you *do*?"

**Literature Timeline -  
Missing items  
I'm searching for:**

Year	Title	Image Status	Count
1963	For Teen-agers with an Alcoholic Parent	(Need image)	#: Unknown
1964	Before Al-Anon – Loneliness and Despair	(Need image)	#: Unknown
1965	Are You Living with a Severe Drinking Problem?	(Need image)	#: Unknown

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# 1966

Allies for  
Al-Anon

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Young Wife: Are You  
Worried about Your  
Husband's  
Drinking?

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You Can Sponsor a  
Newcomer  
to Al-Anon

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# 1968

World Directory for  
Al-Anon Family  
Groups

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Al-Anon  
Treatment Tool

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Al-Anon Family  
Group Impact on  
Professional Rehab  
of the Alcoholic

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# 1970

Al-Anon Do's  
& Don'ts

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# 1973

Al-Anon,  
a Resource  
for Labor and  
Management

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# 1975

A Teacher Finds Guidance in Al-Anon

(Need image)

P-43

# 1979

Adult Children of Alcoholics

(Need image)

P-47

Might look like this.



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# 1980 or 81?

Al-Anon and Professionals

(Need image)

P-34

Top might look like this.



Difficult to find out when this came out!

# 1995

Concerned About Your Mental Health?

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P-79

What Happens After Treatment?

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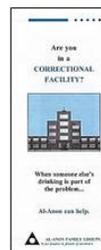
P-81

Living in a Shelter?

(Need image)

P-82

All three will look like this series.



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# 2006?

Three Views of  
Al-Anon—  
Alcoholics  
Speak to the  
Family.  
(Need image)

P-15

Will look like this but with  
new subtitle.



Previous subtitle was: "from  
the Other Side of the Family" .

Motion was made in 2006 to  
change subtitle to: "Alcoholics  
Speak to the Family" but not  
sure when these started  
printing. Can't find one with  
this older design/look.

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With gratitude in service,

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*Happy Reading!*

