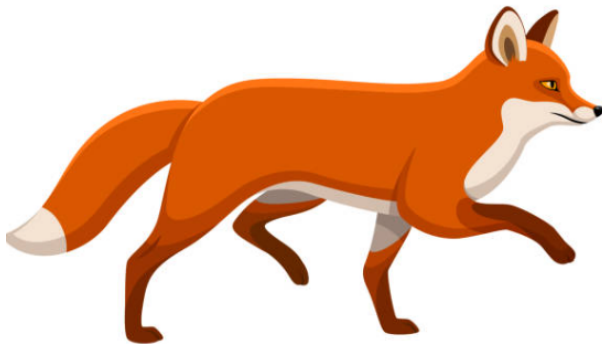


Area 9 Florida North AI Anon FG Literature Coordinator's Report

AWSC January 2022



SUMMARY

- **AREA 9 news**
 - Zoom Workshops
 - LDC support follow up - survey
- **WORLD SERVICE notes from Literature Coordinators ListServe: Topics of interest**
 - Letter from Tom Coffey
- **Where does the new CAL come from?**

Area 9

- Workshops = Recovery + ZOOM fun!

Purposes: to provide recovery/connection opportunities without meeting in person; service opportunities

Next step: TBD

- LDC support follow up - survey

Purpose: to provide method of connecting LDC chairs for mutual support

Response: minimal (5/13); 4 out of 5 thought it might be useful to connect with other LDC chairs; 1 request for assistance with literature sales at 2022 convention.

Next step: undetermined; considering resending

World Service

December 2021

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/service arms makes it easy to forward this information.

Literature Coordinator Web Conferencing Call: Many thanks to the 30 Coordinators (out of 67) who attended the October 20 web conferencing call! We hope to have another one in the early months of the new year. Stay tuned to AFG Connects for future announcements!

Alateen Sharings Still Needed for Just for Tonight Bookmark: Earlier calls for sharings included a December 31 deadline. We've only received a few sharings so far, and if we don't receive more sharings soon, we'll need to extend the deadline (and delay publication). Please announce this in your Area. Alateen members can find the writing guide and/or submit sharings online at al-anon.org/sharing. They can also email sharings to wso@al-anon.org (with "Alateen Just for Tonight" in the subject line), or mail to AFG, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617, Attn: "Alateen Just for Tonight."

Members Blog: Please encourage members to write a sharing for the Member Blog, found at al-anon.org/member-blog. The new topic for December is "Have you experienced difficulty 'letting go' of a service position?" January 2022's will be "What would you tell your pre-Al-Anon self?" The Blog is a fantastic source for meeting topic *ideas*, but please note that the sharings themselves are not Conference Approved Literature and not intended for use at meetings.

"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. In December the department focuses on *A Guide to the Family of the Alcoholic* (P-7), and January's is on *How Al-Anon Works* (B-32). February's topic is *Lois Remembers* (B-7).

Sharings needed for "CAL Corner": 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 ...*In All Our Affairs* (B-15), *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33), *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78), and *From Survival to Recovery* (B-21). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community of AFG Connects or at: al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf

Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters: I'm the staff liaison to the Area Newsletter Editors as well as the Literature Coordinators, so I receive many of the Area newsletters each month. I would love to see more of you use these resources to publish your Assembly reports, members' reviews of various CAL, or sharings on how local members are encouraging the use of CAL at their groups.

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 or have questions about literature content.

Yours in gratitude and service,

Tom Coffey

Associate Director-Literature

The Process of Developing New CAL (G-6): *Where does new CAL come from? ("Advanced" workshop - please contact me if you are interested)*

CLIP FROM G-6

The Process for Developing Conference Approved Literature (CAL)

Al-Anon's Conference Approved Literature originates with an idea, which can come from any Al-Anon member, group, or service arm. The Conference gives conceptual approval to ideas that meet the needs of the fellowship in a way not already covered in existing literature.

After Conference approval, the WSO requests personal sharings from members around the world. The Literature Committee and WSO Staff coordinate the piece's development. Through this process, the literature reflects the views of our fellowship without being limited to one person's thoughts or ideas. Drafts are reviewed by the Literature Committee and members of the Policy Committee to assure they adhere to Al-Anon principles, policies, and Traditions. This process provides a series of "checks and balances" to the creation of our literature. The Conference does not evaluate or give approval to any literature produced outside of this process.

See Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) and Why Conference Approved Literature? (P-35).

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