

# Literature Coordinator Report for Assembly June 2023

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Hello everyone,

Here are a few items that might be of interest. I've also included updates on a couple of items mentioned in my January AWSC report.

**LDC follow up:** At the beginning of the panel, I received a few questions from our members about Literature Distribution Centers (LDC) . Although not specifically part of the Coordinator's job, I mentioned it at an Assembly and a few LDC chairs responded. Recently I was able to connect a district with LDC questions with one of our Area District LDC chairs and the connection was really appreciated! Perhaps we should consider a more formal way for the LDC chairs in our Area to be able to connect directly. Something to think about for the next panel.

**WSO Online Guidelines:** If you did not know, our WSO has prepared quite a few guidelines (PDFs) on a wide range of topics, including

Literature Coordinators. If you'd like to see if there might be a topic of interest, here is the address.

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/guidelines/>

**Highlights** from the WSO Literature Coordinator **AFG Connects** since my January AWSC report are listed below.

- **Alateen: “Just for tonight” bookmark** is in review.
  
- Several topics for discussion **posted by Literature Coordinators**.
  - Lord’s Prayer
  - Use of Square (and other methods) for literature purchases
  - “Links of Service” (WSO response below)
  - LDCs vs groups ordering directly from WSO
  - CAL - available as an ebook only:
    - *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening...* (eB-25)
    - *Welcome Newcomer!* (eK-10)
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- “Links of Service” - response from WSO: *“Greetings from your World Service Office. Thanks for your question regarding where the links of service are mentioned in Conference Approved Literature.*
  - *How Al-Anon Works (B-32) includes a good description of the links of service on page 130 in the section about Concept Two.*
  - *Paths to Recovery (B-24) mentions the links of service on page 250 within the section on Concept One.*
  - *Also, the Group Representatives Guideline (G-11) has a great little graphic about the links of service at [al-anon.org/pdf/G11.pdf](https://al-anon.org/pdf/G11.pdf). Sometimes a picture really is worth a thousand words.*

# Links of Service

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divide responsibility

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multiply involvement

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add awareness

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equals a good group

Member + Member = **Group**

**Group** + **Group** = **District**

**District** + **District** = **Assembly**

**Assembly** + **Assembly** =  
World Service Conference

All my best in service

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## Previous Highlights (from AWSC report) - updated:

### 1) Hard copy of new service manual - AVAILABLE \$11

Digital “interactive” version also available

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/service-manual/>

PDF also available

<https://www.al-anon.org/pdf/P2427.pdf>

### 2) **New Daily Reader:** *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34) will be introduced at the Al-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the end of June 2023.

### 3) **New Audio Book:**

Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses can now be purchased as an audiobook, as well as in softcover and ebook formats. Many thanks to all the volunteer members who made this audiobook possible. You can send members to [al-anon.org/b29](http://al-anon.org/b29) for more information



**“APPENDIX”** - A full report from **AFG Connects: Literature Coordinators**

**Mar 10, 2023 9:45 AM**

THOMAS COFFEY

Dear Literature Coordinators,

Here's the latest update of literature news. Please pass this on at Assemblies and via e-mail to District Representatives, Information Services/Intergroups, Website Coordinators, and Newsletter Editors. Creating an e-mail list of these members/service arms makes it easy to inform them.

**February Literature Coordinator Web Call:** Thanks to the 38 Coordinators who attended (out of the 56 invited). I hope it was as informative and helpful for you as it was for me. For those who couldn't attend, we hope you will watch the recording that was posted the following day and that you can join us for the next call, which we'd like to have next fall!

**Alateen Just for Tonight Bookmark:** As you may remember, the 2021 World Service Conference approved development of a Just for Tonight bookmark for Alateen members. Last year, once Alateen members completed sending in over 100 thoughts to be considered for inclusion in the bookmark, the Literature Committee began scoring each entry. A first draft was developed based on the ones with the highest scores, followed by a final review by the Committee and an additional review by an Alateen Task Force. The bookmark has now been approved by a Policy Review Task Force and is currently undergoing final review by the Executive Director, after which it will be designed and translated into French and Spanish. No release date has been set yet, but in case members in your Area want to know where it is, you now have the answer.

**New Daily Reader:** I'm still getting many questions from members who want to know when the new daily reader will be ready, what the title will be, and even whether it is too late to submit sharings for it. Please keep reminding your Area members that A Little Time for Myself (B-34) will be introduced at the AI-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico in late June in English, French, and Spanish. It is the same size as our other regular-sized daily readers (B-6, B-10, B-16, B-26, and B-27). I will post the price on this community as soon as it has been announced.

The book will be available through local Literature Distribution Centers and the Al-Anon Online Bookstore at <https://ecomm.al-anon.org/> immediately following the Convention.

**"CAL Corner" Topics:** This department of The Forum magazine includes members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. The March articles focus on Lois Remembers (B-7), in honor of our Cofounder's birthday. April's are about the Step of the month with Blueprint for Progress (B-91). For Al-Anon's History Month in May, Many Voices, One Journey (B-31) will be the topic.

**Sharings needed for future issues of "CAL Corner":** Please encourage members to write about how any piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We could especially use sharings about any of the following by May 15: Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33), Discovering Choices-Recovery in Relationships (B-30), As We Understood... (B-11), Al-Anon Spoken Here (P-53), Al-Anon Sharings from Adult Children (P-47), and The Al-Anon Family Groups-Classic Edition (B-5). See the writing guideline at [al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf](http://al-anon.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](http://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 in 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](http://al-anon.org/pdf/P2427.pdf)), 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 my postings on AFG Connects, please contact me

anytime you need more information or have questions about literature content. My email is [tom@al-anon.org](mailto:tom@al-anon.org).

Thank you again for all you do to encourage your Area members to use CAL. It's more important now than ever.

Yours in gratitude and service,  
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