

**Date:** Sept. 16-18, 2016

**Event:** Area 61 Fall Assembly

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**Position:** Literature Coordinator

## **SUMMARY:**

Discussions at the August AWSC Literature Task Force committee meeting involved reviewing the Literature Coordinator job description, reviewing two computerized inventory formats that might meet the needs for tracking CAL, and determining whether the Literature Task Force should continue or be dissolved and, if it is dissolved, whether a Literature Standing Committee should be recommended to replace it. After presenting this information to the AWSC, the Chair dissolved the Task Force and a Literature Standing committee was formed.

[A family commitment prevented me from attending AWSC. A special "Thanks" to the remainder of the committee members for stepping up during my vacancy!]

## **PROJECTS/GOALS:**

1. I provided CAL on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Workshop in Montello sponsored by District 9.
2. A discrepancy was discovered between the CAL Inventory amounts prior to me stepping in as Literature Coordinator and the initial inventory amount determined by me. My hope is that this situation will be rectified lending clarity and accuracy to all future Literature Financial Reports even if it needs to be investigated by others...perhaps a Financial Committee or the Policy committee would review the information?
3. I am in the process of putting together a 3 ring binder which would include literature information. I was not aware that the LDC would be closed during the summer months and, as a result, would not process orders until September 1. \*\*Important information such as this can be noted in the literature binder to help future Literature Coordinators.
4. Tidbits of information regarding specific CAL:

***Did You Know?***...Al-Anon's literature is often comprised of sharings from actual members. However, One Day At a Time in Al-Anon (ODAT), first printed in 1968 and one of our popular meditational books, is an exception. "The ODAT (B-6/B-14) in its entirety was written by Alice B., Chairman of the Literature Committee from 1964-1971 whom then went on to become a member of the Executive Committee, and until 1981, was a member of the Board of Trustees. Alice also wrote The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage, published in 1967, and provided the groundwork for Al-Anon's Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, published in 1981. Alice died in 1984 but the legacy she left through the printed word, has benefited those Al-Anon members who came after her."\* If you like historical information related to Al-Anon, you might want to check out Lois Remembers (B-7). A timeline of Al-Anon's history can also be found on the Members' Website under "WSO"

## **QUESTIONS OR ISSUES:**

Although it is suggested that during Al-Anon meetings only CAL be used, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition also provides groups with autonomy. Are Al-Anon groups permitted to make a decision to use other than CAL during their meetings?

## **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

\*\*Please note: (The LDC in SE Wisconsin is not closed during the summer months)

\*Taken from First Steps- Al-Anon...35 Years of beginnings pg 97. This book is out of print and is no longer available