

VAWSC

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Literature/Forum Report

Here we are, not in a conference room, but on WebEx, making preparations for the Fall Assembly. I had no idea back in March at the VAWSC meeting that we would be doing this. I once shared in a meeting that everything had changed, but nothing had changed, and the only thing that *had* changed was my attitude.

I am feeling that way today about the use of technology. To be honest I would much prefer to be in a conference room sitting Face to Face (FTF), but I am very grateful we still can meet via WebEx, that we have all the AI-Anon tools, The 3 Legacies: Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service, the Serenity Prayer, slogans, sponsorship, Conference Approved Literature (CAL), and *The Forum* magazine. My recovery hinges on using all of these tools – just, not all at the same time. I am especially grateful for all AI-Anon members who continue to be active in AI-Anon sharing their experience, strength, and hope through their participation in CAL and *The Forum*. CAL and *The Forum* have been a lifeline for me these past months, and I am grateful.

The WSO reports that because so many responded to their “shout out” in April that more sharings were needed for the **NEW DAILY READER (working title)**, they now have *plenty* of sharings to choose from. They are no longer accepting additional sharings; however, there are always opportunities to submit sharings. Thanks to all the DRs who forwarded the Literature Report with that information in April on to the GRs and for members responding to the need.

Here are other ways you can share:

Members Blog: Please read or write on the Member Blog at www.al-anon.org/member-blog. Each month there are new topics added, so today we have choices! Members can also share about the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service.

“CAL Corner” Topics: This department is featured each month in *The Forum* magazine. As you know it contains members’ sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. August’s focus is on celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *Three Views of Al-Anon* (P-15), and September’s will be on *Hope for Today* (B-27). For upcoming issues please consider writing about

Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses (B-29), Courage to Be Me (B-23), Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33), and Reaching for Personal Freedom (P-92). You can find writing guides on the www.al-anon.org website:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/literature-resources/send-your-sharing/>

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/literature-resources/writers-reaching-out/>

The Forum Update: Thank you, DRs, who forwarded to the GRs *The Forum* report I sent out May 18th. Because we are not meeting FTF, I did not anticipate that there would be an increase in group sales, but I was hoping there would be an increase in individual subscriptions to *The Forum*; however, that did not happen. The chart below compares July 2019 to July 2020.

The only way I know how to pass along my recovery is to be an example. An Al-Anon friend often says to me “Whoever knows first goes first.” Thank you, DRs, for all that you do in your District to pass along the Al-Anon message. Do you get *The Forum*, and can you pass along to your GRs how *The Forum* has impacted your recovery? Please encourage the GR, in turn, to pass along to the group the value of *The Forum* in their recovery. The GR is *The Forum* Representative to the Group.

Please forward this report to your GRs. Together we can make it.

***The Forum* Sales for Virginia**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Groups Participating</u>	<u>Total Group Copies Ordered *</u>	<u>Number of Individuals Participating</u>	<u>Number of Individuals Copies Ordered*</u>	<u>Grand Total of Copies Ordered</u>
<u>July 2019</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>437</u>
<u>July 2020</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>444</u>

* Some Groups and or Individuals order more than one copy.

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