

## VIRGINIA AREA ASSEMBLY

2020 Fall Assembly

OCT 10-11, 2020

Literature/Forum Report

**NEW DAILY READER** (working title): The literature committee is excited to report that they are now halfway through review of the first draft and greatly appreciate all the sharings they received. Please remind members that they are no longer in need of additional sharings for this book. However, if members have a submission, they didn't submit, the committee would gladly accept them for *The Forum* and or *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*.

**MEMBERS BLOG:** Have you checked out the members blog at [www.al-anon.org/member-blog](http://www.al-anon.org/member-blog)? Each month there are new topics added, including the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service to read about and it offers just another way to share your experience, strength and hope.

**"CAL CORNER":** 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. October's focus is on the eBook *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening...e-book* (eB-25). November's topic is on Al-Anon's basic book *How Al-Anon Works* (B-32).

**SHARINGS NEEDED FOR "CAL CORNER":** They are currently looking for sharings about *Courage to Be Me* (B-23); *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29); *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33); *Reaching for Personal Freedom-Living the Legacies* (P-92); and *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" at <https://al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf>.

**AI-ANON'S CONFERENCE APPROVED PAMPHLETS:** Do you know what was the first pamphlet created or perhaps you are familiar with the latest piece produced? Do you have a favorite pamphlet? The pamphlets are another great tool that can be used in meetings as well as in your personal recovery. It was noted *In the Loop on July 9, 2020* "Al-Anon conference approved pamphlets are perhaps among our fellowship's most under-used resources. They contain a treasure trove of valuable insights."

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**THE FORUM:** GRs as Forum Representatives, please encourage members to subscribe to *The Forum*. Now with members who may not be able to connect with an Al-Anon Family Group *The Forum* offers more than ever a great way to stay connected.

Please consider the following when spreading the word:

- There are members that do not even know about *The Forum*.
- As well as the newcomer it is a great resource for all members.
- *The Forum* offers great meeting topics with a wide range of perspectives.
- Each issue includes member's shares that offers experience, strength, and hope much in the way they would share in a meeting.
- It also includes news and information from Al-Anon's WSC and the WSO.
- With *The Forum* having the most recent sharings, I think of it as the pulse of the fellowship,
- And at only **\$11.00 per year** it is a great gift to give yourself or an Al-Anon friend.

**Subscribe to *The Forum* today at [www.al-anon.org/forum](http://www.al-anon.org/forum)**

Please GRs feel free to forward this report on to your group members. Together we can make it!

Submitted in appreciation and gratitude by,

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Answer Key:

**First Pamphlet:** Purpose and Suggestions (P-13) See Al-Anon Cofounders: The Extraordinary Work of Two Ordinary Women (P-87) for the history.

**Newest Pamphlet:** Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents (P-94)

**Your Favorite Pamphlet:** Please share your answer with an Al-Anon friend, your group, and or email me at the above email address. Would love to hear from you!