

**VA Area Fall Assembly  
October 16-17, 2021  
Literature/Forum Report**

**ATTN ALL ALATEENS:** Your sharings are important and needed for the new Just for Tonight Alateen Bookmark:

Find writing guidelines at: <https://al-anon.org/pdf/AlateenWritingGuideline.pdf>

Submit your sharing by: December 31, 2021

How to submit: You have 3 options

- Online:  
<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/literature-resources/send-your-sharing/>
- Email: [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org) with “Alateen Just for Tonight” in the subject line
- Mail: AFG, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach VA 23454-5617 Attn: “Alateen Just for Tonight”

**Forum Sharings Information:** Forum sharings are always welcome. Please see the updated Forum Writing Guidelines (F-1) available at <https://al-anon.org/pdf/TheForumWritingGuidelines.pdf>. After submitting a sharing, it takes about six months from the time a sharing is submitted until it is published (if approved by the Forum Editorial Advisory Committee-FEAC and selected for publication). If a sharing is specific to a season, it may be saved until that season. Sometimes **years** after they were sent in, sharings are selected and published. If your sharing is published, you will be sent a complimentary copy of the issue in which it appears.

**Forum Sharings Needed For “CAL Corner”:** How has a piece of CAL helped you in your recovery?

- *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94)
- *...In All Our Affairs: Making Crises Work for You* (B-15)
- *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33)
- *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78)

**Forum Sharings on Our Three Legacies:** Please consider writing about one of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, or Twelve Concepts of Service as very few sharings are received. Submissions should range from 200-400 words.

**See upcoming “Cal Corner” Topics:**

- October: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Living Today in Alateen* (B-26)
- November: *Discovering Choices—Recovery in Relationships* (B-30)
- December: *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29)

### **Forum Representatives:**

GRs: as the Forum Representatives, please display and talk about *The Forum* in your meetings. The “Instant Meeting” or **any** member sharing from *The Forum* are great resources for topics in your meetings. Also consider sharing “Inside Al-Anon” articles and “Notes from the WSO” to help keep members current about our fellowship, as they help inform members of the needs of the fellowship as a whole. For only \$11.00/year it’s a great investment in recovery, and if you or your home group currently do not subscribe, please consider adding this helpful tool to your Al-Anon tool box.

### **New Topics for the Members Blog:** [www.al-anon.org/member-blog](http://www.al-anon.org/member-blog).

- October Topic: “How do I practice acceptance when I wish things were different?”
- November Topic: What aspects of your recovery are you grateful for?

The Al-Anon Blog gives members an additional way to hear from others as well as to share experience, strength and hope. Members may also share about Al-Anon’s three Legacies. This month, October, features Step Ten, Tradition Ten, and Concept Ten. Please note that the Blog sharings themselves are not Conference Approved Literature and not intended for use at meetings.

### **Web Conference Calls:**

I participated in the first Forum Coordinators Web Conference Call hosted by Carol C., Magazine Editor/*The Forum*, in September. It was good to see, meet, share, and hear experience, strength, and hope from other Forum Coordinators. Based on the success of the call Tom C., Associate Director—Literature, is reinstating a similar (video) call for Literature Coordinators and will be hosting a call in mid to late October. Having these opportunities is an important source of fellowship and offers support as it reminds me of the way I ended many of my reports these past three years as Literature/Forum Coordinator with **“Together we can make it.”**

Thank you for your support and love!

Submitted in appreciation and gratitude by,

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