

**Electronic Welcome, Newcomer! (eK-10):** The newly revised and reformatted electronic version of the *Al-Anon Newcomer Packet* (K-10) is in the final stages of production. More details will be **announced soon**, when it will be available through a variety of vendors, just as our current eBooks are. In the meantime, when welcoming a newcomer to an electronic meeting, the group can provide the following URL to the newcomer so that they can sign up to receive an email with newcomer information: <https://al-anon.org/welcome>. The newcomer will be prompted to enter a personal email address and the digital information will be immediately delivered. Groups meeting face-to-face may also wish to share this in their meetings and include it in their meeting formats when welcoming new members. (Please note that the revised paper version of *Welcome, Newcomer!* will not be available until inventory of the current version is depleted.)

**New Literature Motions from the 2021 World Service Conference (WSC):** The 2021 WSC carried three motions regarding Conference Approved Literature, which were based on recommendations from the Literature Committee.

- The first was for development of a new Alateen bookmark based on the *Just for Tonight* Al-Anon Bookmark (M-81). Like the *Just for Today* Alateen Bookmark (M-13), its contents will come from the teens themselves.
- The second motion was to add a new preface to the book, *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4), that would place it in historical perspective and to develop a booklet made up of "gems" from the original, possibly including some new material.
- The final literature motion discussion was to create a new introduction to our first daily reader, *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6) from 1968. This will provide an historical perspective on the book, and at the same time emphasize the timeless nature of Al-Anon's spiritual principles that the book so wonderfully exemplifies.

**Many Voices, One Journey (B-31):** Celebrate Al-Anon's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and learn about our rich history by purchasing this book at the reduced price of \$8.00 plus shipping, through June 30, 2021 at: <https://al-anon.org/onlinestore>.

**NEW DAILY READER (working title):** The WSO continues to receive questions from the fellowship regarding whether additional sharings are needed for the new daily reader. As previously announced, the deadline for submissions was June 2020. The volunteer Literature Committee has just completed review of the near final draft. Still much more work lies ahead so that the book can hopefully be ready for its debut in English, French, and Spanish at the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention in New Mexico.

**Members Blog:** Have you read or written a sharing for the Member Blog? Please encourage other members to do so as well? Please check it out at [al-anon.org/member-blog](http://al-anon.org/member-blog). Each month there are new topics added, including the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service. May's topic is, "As we celebrate 70 years of Al-Anon Family Groups, what insights have you gained about your own Al-Anon milestone?"

**The Forum "CAL Corner":**

- **Topics:** 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. This month the department is focused on *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31), and in June on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* (P-4).

- **Sharings:** How has Conference Approved Literature enhanced your recovery? Please consider writing a sharing about how a piece of CAL has helped you in your recovery. Sharings are currently needed on *Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions* (B-8), *Living Today in Alateen* (B-26), *Discovering Choices* (B-30), and *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" at: <https://al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf>.

**Forum Representatives:** GRs, as the Forum Representatives for your group, please encourage members to subscribe to *The Forum* by:

- Noting the link to The Forum subscription at: <https://al-anon.org/forum> when sending emails to your group.
- If meeting face to face have *The Forum* subscription order form to share at the meeting.
- Chairing a meeting and using a sharing from *The Forum* as a meeting topic.
- Share in your group how valuable *The Forum* is to you.
- Express your gratitude for an Al-Anon friend and purchase a Forum subscription for them

### Virginia Area *Forum* Sales:

	<b>Subscriptions</b>	
	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Individual Members</b>
May 2020	55	356
May 2021	32	370
	-23	+14

**Alateen Literature:** Does your home group have Alateen literature available for young people who might come to your Al-Anon meeting, especially if no Alateen meeting is available to them? If you are considering being an Alateen sponsor, have you considered reading the literature to familiarize yourself with the experience, strength and hope that teens have to offer to each other and also to Al-Anon members. In an effort to fully appreciate all the benefits of Al-Anon, I have been reading the Alateen literature, and like all Conference Approved Literature, it has enhanced my recovery. If you have not read the Alateen Literature because you thought it was just for teens, you might be surprised about how insightful young people are and how much Al-Anon members can learn from them. Alateen literature challenges me to keep an open mind and to listen, forgive, and love more fully myself and others.

Thank you Alateens!

Submitted in appreciation and gratitude by,

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