

Alternate Delegate Report
AWSC January 30, 2021

When we look at the job description for the Alternate Delegate in the *Service Manual* version two (2) on page 137 under **Terms Used in Al-Anon Service** the first definition is **Alternate** An eligible member elected or appointed who can temporarily step in and /or complete the service term of a person unable to do so. Some examples of this service role are Alternate Group Representative, Alternate District Representative, and Alternate Delegate.

In Texas East Area 53 the job description for Alternate Delegate includes: Area Literature Coordinator, *The Forum* Coordinator and facilitating the Group Representatives Orientation/Interchange at the Area Assembly meetings.

In speaking with the past Alternate Delegate about these very important duties I decided I would separate these into four areas of information for the Area. I have asked the Area Web Coordinator to help me with a separate post on the website for Literature and *The Forum*. I hope you have at least had time to review them and will pass the information on to your groups.

My next step will be to review the current posting of the Assembly Group Representative (GR) Packet for necessary updates.

Since at this time we do not have an Area Alateen Coordinator, Area Chair, Paula H. ask if I would share this letter from the World Service Office (WSO) Associate Director – Group Services, Sue P.

Dear Area Alateen Coordinators,

We are writing today to request your assistance. In preparation for celebrating the 10th anniversary of *Living Today in Alateen* (B-26) we would like to receive sharings from members, Alateen and Al-Anon, that speak to how this piece of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) has helped you in your recovery.

Please get the word out to your Alateen and Al-Anon groups and Area-sponsored events that we would appreciate all sharings to be sent via email to groupservices@al-anon.org by March 30, 2021 in order to be considered for an upcoming edition of *The Forum*.

Thanks for all you are doing for families and friends of alcoholics!

Love in service,

Sue
Sue P.
Associate Director - Group Services

This is the second Daily Reader for the Alateens .

Thank you for trusting me to serve our Area and Al-Anon and Alateen in this panel.

Lynn S. Alternate Delegate Panel 61

Electronic version of the *Al-Anon Newcomer Packet (K-10)*: As was mentioned in the most recent Chairperson of the Board letter, this project was recently approved for development, and Staff is implementing a previous Literature Committee recommendation to eliminate duplication of information in the *Packet*. No release date has been set yet, but the project is in progress and expected to be available this year through a variety of vendors, just as our current eBooks are, such as the electronic versions of *How Al-Anon Works* (eB-22), *Courage to Change* (eB-16), *Hope for Today* (eB-27), etc., and it should work in the same way that the eBooks do. Announcements will be made when it is available. In the meantime, electronic meetings can provide the following URL to newcomers so they can sign up to receive an email with newcomer information: al-anon.org/welcome. The newcomer will be prompted to enter a personal email address to where the digital information will be immediately delivered. Members may wish to share this in their meetings and include it in their meeting formats when welcoming new members.

NEW DAILY READER (working title): The Literature Committee will soon be reviewing the near final draft of our next daily reader! Once it has given approval, the draft will proceed with Policy review and final review by the Executive Director. But there will still remain much work to be done, including selection of a title by the Titling Committee, developing an index, designing the look of the book, and translation into French and Spanish so that all three editions can be released at the same time. (That last item is a year-and-a-half project in itself.) Our goal is to have the book ready for the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention in New Mexico. That sounds like a long way off, but the view from here is a busy one.

Members Blog: Have you read or written a sharing for the Member Blog? Have you encouraged other members to do so? Please check it out at al-anon.org/member-blog. Each month there are new topics added, including the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service.

"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. January's topic is *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29). In February, the department will focus on the 25th anniversary of *Courage to Be Me* (B-26), and in March on *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33).

Sharings needed for "CAL Corner": Please urge members to share in writing about how a piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We are currently looking for sharings about *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94), *Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions* (B-8), *Living Today in Alateen* (B-26) *Discovering Choices* (B-20), and *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community of AFG Connects or at: al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf.

Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters: Please use your Area newsletter to share how local members are spreading the word about CAL or to publish their reviews of various CAL.