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Sample Agenda for Group Business Meeting*

Treasurer's Report
- Income and expenses since last report
- Balance

Literature Report
- Present inventory
- Discuss group's literature needs

Public Outreach Report
- Explain public outreach activities of group members since last report

Group Representative Report
- Report highlights of previous District and Assembly meetings
- Have multiple copies of full Assembly reports available.

Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Report
- Discuss highlights of previous AIS meeting

Old Business
- Status of previous group issues

New Business
- Discussion of group concerns
- Group conscience decisions/vote on issues

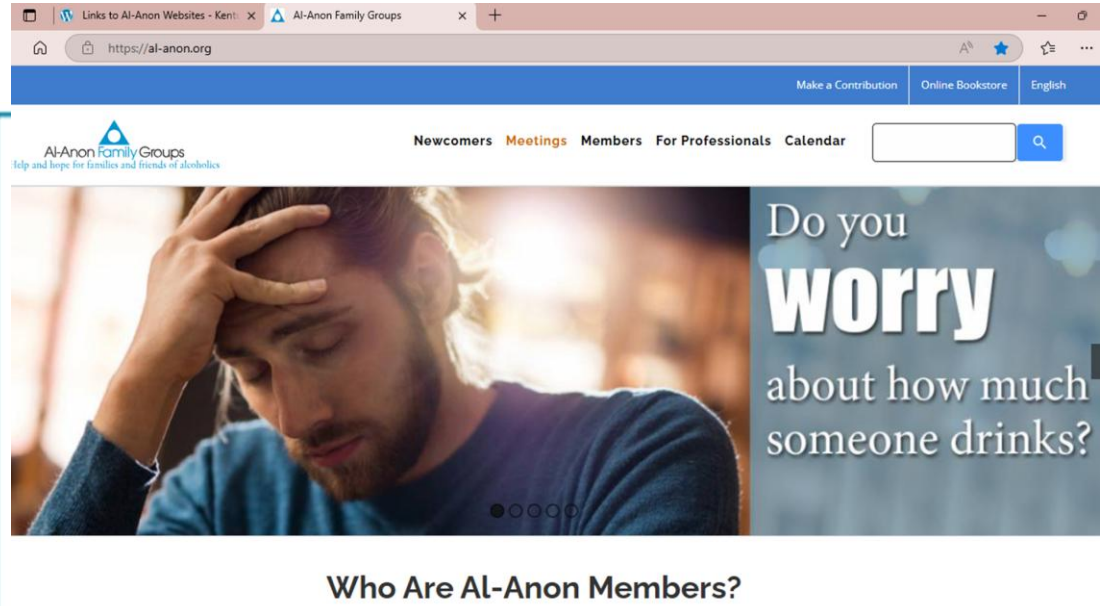
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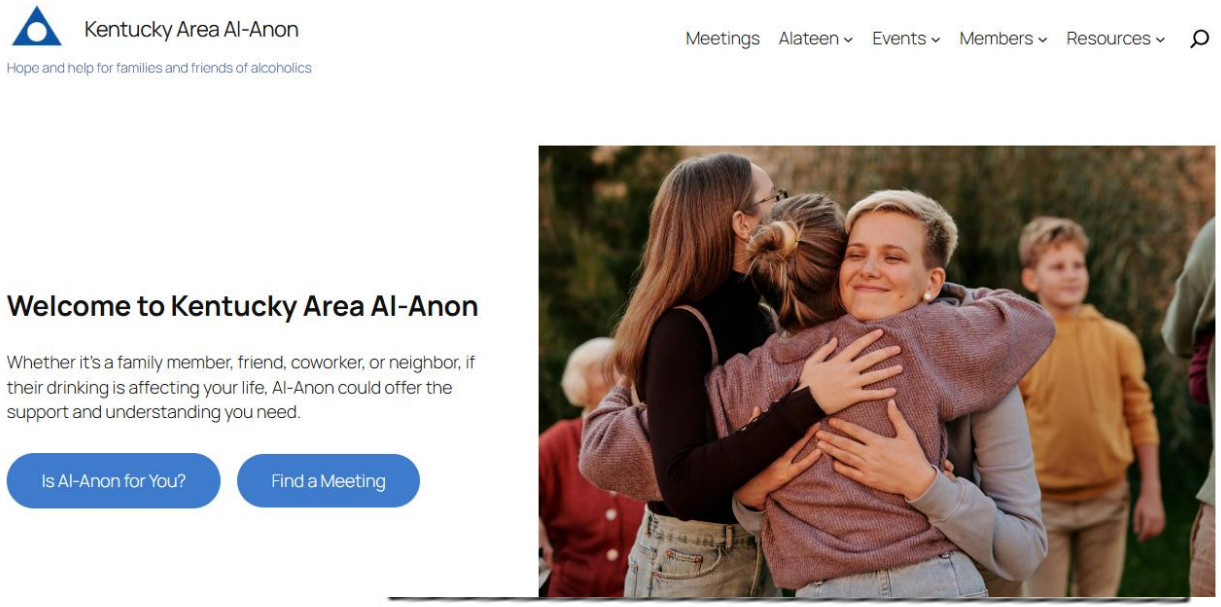
Questions/Comments/Announcements/Suggestions

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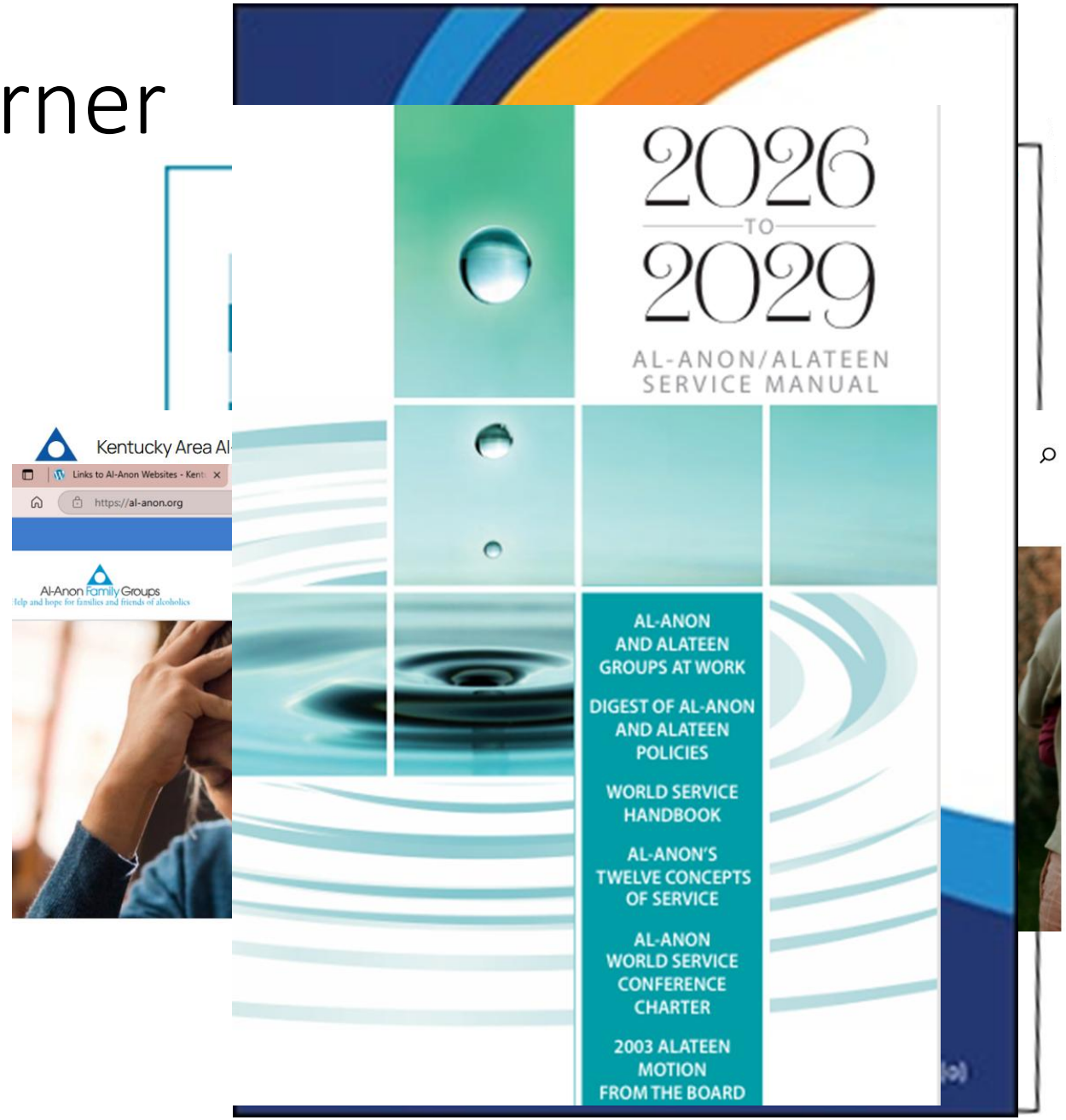
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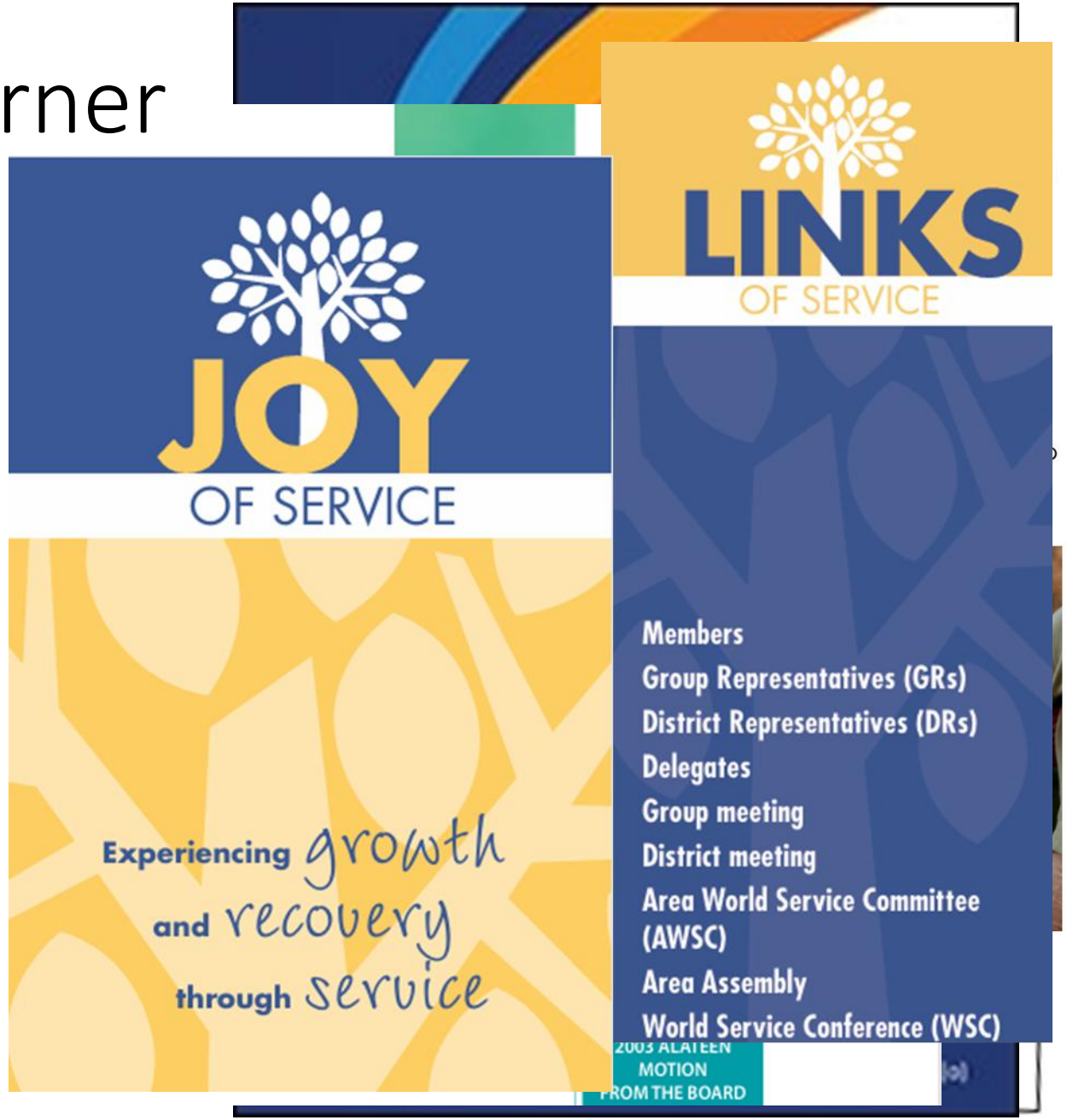
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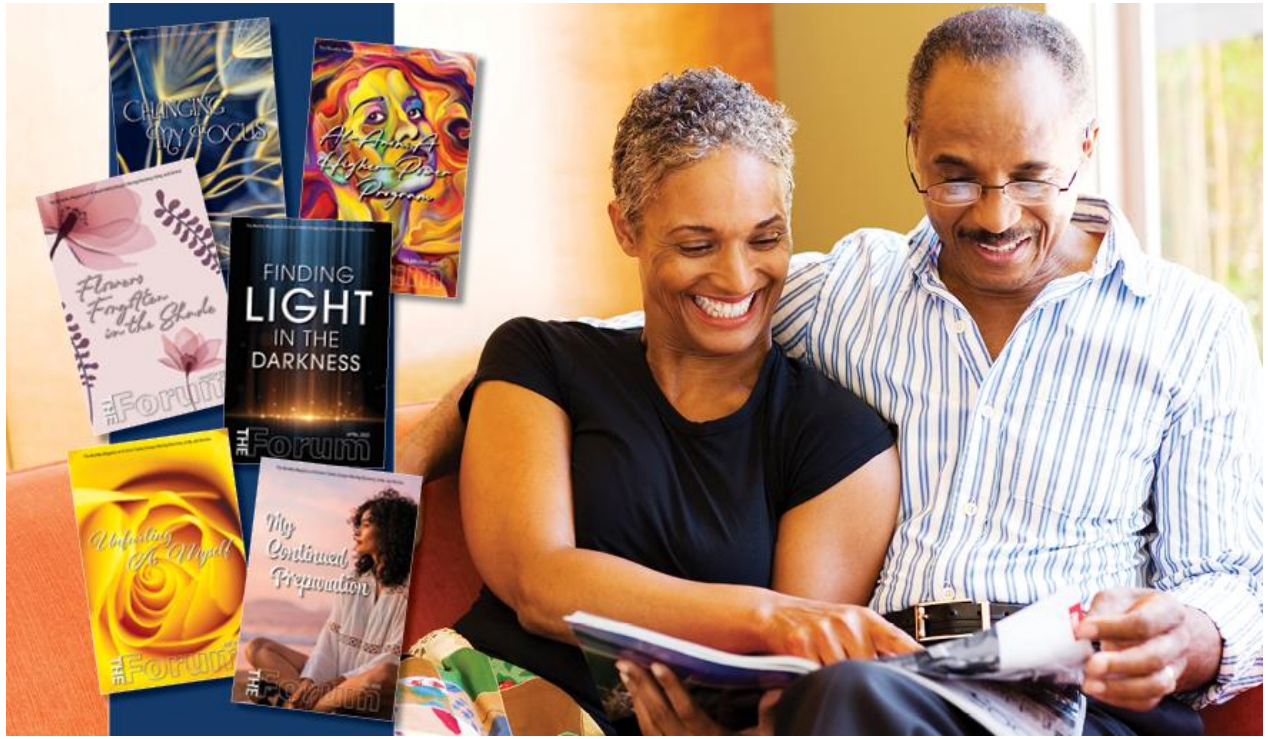
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The Forum – Statement of Purpose



The Forum is an international monthly publication of Al-Anon Family Groups, that offers help and hope for the families and friends of alcoholics. This magazine features timely sharings from Al-Anon and Alateen members, much in the way that they contribute when attending Al-Anon or Alateen meetings. The magazine also includes suggested meeting topics, as well as news and information from Al-Anon's World Service Conference and World Service Office.

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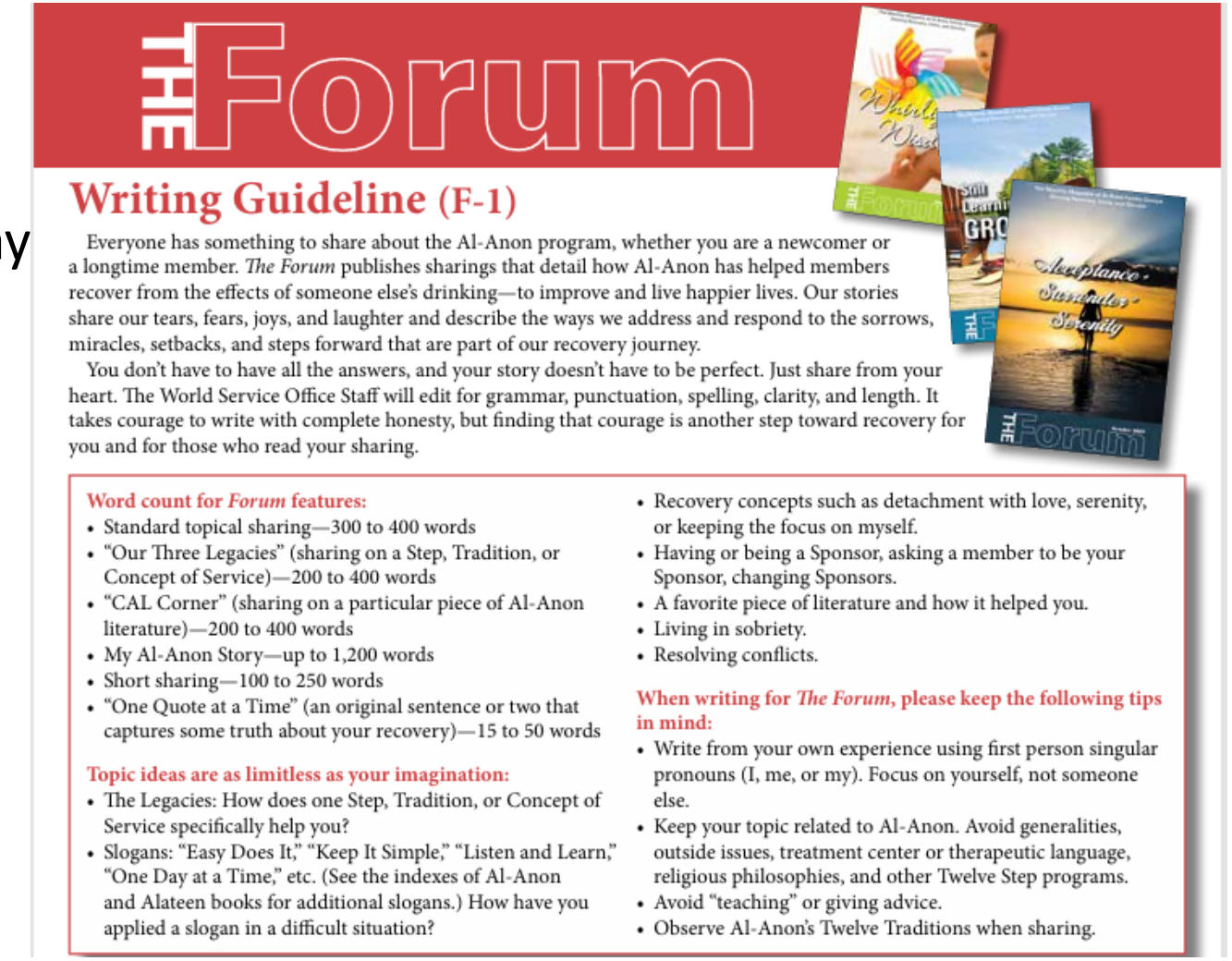
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Forum Articles as Meeting Topics

- Chair a meeting using *The Forum*
- Instant Meeting
- Our Three Legacies
  - Recovery through the Steps
  - Unity through the Traditions
  - Service through the Concepts

Encouraging members to share by:

- Writing an article
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  - wso@al-anon.org
  - al-anon.org/sharing



THE Forum

Writing Guideline (F-1)

Everyone has something to share about the Al-Anon program, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime member. *The Forum* publishes sharings that detail how Al-Anon has helped members recover from the effects of someone else's drinking—to improve and live happier lives. Our stories share our tears, fears, joys, and laughter and describe the ways we address and respond to the sorrows, miracles, setbacks, and steps forward that are part of our recovery journey.

You don't have to have all the answers, and your story doesn't have to be perfect. Just share from your heart. The World Service Office Staff will edit for grammar, punctuation, spelling, clarity, and length. It takes courage to write with complete honesty, but finding that courage is another step toward recovery for you and for those who read your sharing.

Word count for *Forum* features:

- Standard topical sharing—300 to 400 words
- "Our Three Legacies" (sharing on a Step, Tradition, or Concept of Service)—200 to 400 words
- "CAL Corner" (sharing on a particular piece of Al-Anon literature)—200 to 400 words
- My Al-Anon Story—up to 1,200 words
- Short sharing—100 to 250 words
- "One Quote at a Time" (an original sentence or two that captures some truth about your recovery)—15 to 50 words

Topic ideas are as limitless as your imagination:

- The Legacies: How does one Step, Tradition, or Concept of Service specifically help you?
- Slogans: "Easy Does It," "Keep It Simple," "Listen and Learn," "One Day at a Time," etc. (See the indexes of Al-Anon and Alateen books for additional slogans.) How have you applied a slogan in a difficult situation?
- Recovery concepts such as detachment with love, serenity, or keeping the focus on myself.
- Having or being a Sponsor, asking a member to be your Sponsor, changing Sponsors.
- A favorite piece of literature and how it helped you.
- Living in sobriety.
- Resolving conflicts.

When writing for *The Forum*, please keep the following tips in mind:

- Write from your own experience using first person singular pronouns (I, me, or my). Focus on yourself, not someone else.
- Keep your topic related to Al-Anon. Avoid generalities, outside issues, treatment center or therapeutic language, religious philosophies, and other Twelve Step programs.
- Avoid "teaching" or giving advice.
- Observe Al-Anon's Twelve Traditions when sharing.

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- **WSO Volunteer**
- **Forum Editorial Advisory:** recommends editorial policies for our monthly magazine; considers articles for publication and seeks to place *The Forum* in the hands of every Al-Anon and Alateen member



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