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Literature Coordinator Report

There is so much great Conference Approved Literature available, but sometimes, for a variety of reasons, a piece of literature is discontinued. This topic came up on the AFG Connects Literature discussion recently. Carol C., the Associate director for Literature noted that “Discontinued literature is still CAL, but there are always good reasons that have been carefully and spiritually considered when a piece is discontinued. Reasons often have to do with a piece being no longer timely, responsive to identified needs, or reflective of the current membership. Such decisions are not made lightly, and the procedure ensures this.”

The decision to discontinue *If Your Parents Drink Too Much* (P-22) was undertaken with a great degree of care and dedication and was executed in accordance with delegated authority as described in the Twelve Concepts of Service. The Executive Committee discontinued this piece after receiving numerous communications from professionals (including a school counselor) and members who were dismayed by the stereotypes the comic book portrays, noted Carol.

As she stated, discontinued CAL is still conference approved, but hopefully your group will consider why it was discontinued and whether it is appropriate for your meeting.

Check out all the current books and pamphlets available on the Al-Anon website. And please support the Iowa Al-Anon Literature Depots. You can order literature directly from them and help support our Area! https://iowa-al-anon.org/?page_id=166

In Service,

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