

GRAPEVINE 2018 SPECIAL SECTION TOPICS

- JAN Sponsorship (stories due July 5, 2017)**
Share your experiences of sponsoring others or of being sponsored. What are some of the things you learned? What things do you now pass on? Share your story.
- FEB Staying Sober Through Adversity (stories due Aug. 5, 2017)**
A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, a house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy ... how do we stay sober through tough times? Send us your stories.
- MARCH Families and AA (stories due Sept. 5, 2017)**
Are any other members of your family alcoholic? Are any of them in AA? Did you find out about the program through a family member? Do you go to meetings together? Are your children heavy drinkers? How do you cope? Share your family recovery stories.
- APRIL Bridging the Gap (stories due Oct. 5, 2017)**
Do you have any experience with Bridging the Gap (BTG) service? Did BTG help you get to your first AA meeting? How has doing this kind of service helped your sobriety? Tell us your story.
- MAY How the Steps Changed My Life (80 Years!) (stories due Nov. 5, 2017)**
Our Twelve Steps turn 80 this year! Tell us how the Steps have changed your life and enriched your sobriety. Give some examples. Share your stories.
- JUNE Sober Travel (stories due Dec. 5, 2017)**
Share your stories of staying sober while traveling on trains, planes and in far away places. Was it difficult to find meetings? What lengths did you go to stay sane and sober? Share things that helped you.
- JULY Prison Issue (stories due Jan. 5, 2018)**
Did you find AA in prison or jail? Do you bring AA meetings in to prisoners? Share your stories of finding and sharing hope behind the walls. Also, we're looking for stories by members involved in prison correspondence. We would love to hear your stories.
- AUG Carry the Message (feat winners of the Four Seasons Challenge) (stories due Feb. 5, 2018)**
What are the ways you (or your group) use Grapevine and La Vina to reach alcoholics in treatment centers, jails and prisons, doctor's offices or to homebound members? How do you use the Grapevine website or Story Archive to help carry the message? What ways do you use Grapevine in your home group or area? What kind of service helps you most? Let us know!
- SEPT Young & Sober (ICYPAA turns 60!) (stories due March 5, 2018)**
Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? We're looking for stories by people who got sober in their teens, 20s and 30s. Also, ICYPAA celebrates 60 years! Do you go to young people's AA conferences? How have they helped you? Share your experience.
- OCT AA in the Workplace (stories due April 5, 2018)**
How do the tools of AA help you navigate day to day on your job? Give examples. How different are you now at your job than when you were drinking? What's it like to be a worker among workers? Please share your experiences.
- NOV Classic Grapevine**
Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive.
- DEC Sober for the Holidays (also Remote Communities stories) (stories due June 5, 2018)**
Send us your sober holiday stories. What are the ways you stay sane and grateful during December and New Years? How do you navigate holiday parties and family gatherings? What service do you do during the holidays? Also, do you live in a remote community? Is it difficult to find AA meetings where you live? Tell us how you keep in contact with other AA members and work the AA program with this challenge. Share your experience.