

## **Grapevine Editorial Calendar 2017**

### **JAN Emotional Sobriety** (Stories due Aug 5, 2016)

Now that you've been in AA for a while, how has your life become more manageable, peaceful, easier and free because of the program? Let us know. Give us some examples.

### **FEB Making Amends** (Stories due Sept 5, 2016)

Did you have an interesting Ninth Step experience to share? How did it go? Any surprises? Tell us your story.

### **MARCH My Home Group** (Stories due Oct 5, 2016)

What is special about your home group? How has it helped you? Tell us about the old-timers, events, and service there. Give us some examples; share some special memories.

### **APRIL AA in Treatment Centers** (Stories due Nov 5, 2016)

Did you attend a detox or treatment center? Is that how you found AA? How did your experience in a treatment facility help you in your recovery? What things did you learn there about getting and staying sober? Do you now take AA meetings into facilities to give back? Bridging the gap? Share with us.

### **MAY Diversity** (Stories due Dec 5, 2016)

When you first got to AA, did you feel different from everybody else? How did you learn to fit in? Did you feel too old, too young at first? Did you speak a different language? Were you the only gay member? Did you have special challenges? How did AA help you feel like you belonged?

What are ways your group supports or encourages diversity?

### **JUNE Dating in Sobriety** (Stories due Jan 5, 2017)

Share some of your experiences learning to date in sobriety. How did it go? What were the challenges? What were some suggestions that helped? Any tips? (Believe me, we all want to know!)

### **JULY Annual Prison Issue** (Stories due Feb 5, 2017)

Stories by members about how AA brings hope into prisons and jails. Stories by prisoners and by those who bring AA meetings to them, or those involved in prison correspondence. We would love to hear your stories.

### **AUG 2016 Carry the Message (featuring stories from winners of the Grow Your Grapevine event)** (Stories due March 5, 2017)

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? Let us know!

### **SEPT Young & Sober** (Stories due Apr 5, 2017)

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. Share your experience.

### **OCT AA in the Military** (Stories due May 5, 2017)

Did you ever serve in the military sober? Were you ever stationed overseas or on a ship while trying to stay sober? What were AA meetings like in the military? What were some of the challenges? Is that where you found AA? Share some experiences about being in AA while serving your country.

**NOV**

**Classic Grapevine**

Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive.

**DEC**

**Service for the Holidays** (Stories due July 5, 2017)

December is a great time of year to reach out to alcoholics and do some service. What are some things you do to stay sober? What are the ways you stay grateful during December and New Years?) Share your experience!