

GRAPEVINE EDITORIAL CALENDAR 2023

- JAN** **Spiritual Awakenings** (stories due July 15, 2022)
Share your personal journey with Step Two. How did you find your Higher Power? Did you struggle with Step Two? What helped you? Tell us your story.
- FEB** **Making Amends** (stories due Aug. 15, 2022)
Did you have an interesting Ninth Step experience to share? How did it go? Were there any surprises? Share your experience.
- MARCH** **Service Keeps Us Sober!** (stories due Sept. 15, 2022)
What's your favorite kind of AA service? How has service helped you? Share your stories. Have you done service beyond the group? Your story might inspire other AAs to do service too!
- APRIL** **AA and Families** (stories due Oct. 15, 2022)
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 with us.
- MAY** **Home Group** (stories due Nov. 15, 2022)
Tell us why you love your home group. Why is it important to you? Describe some good times or interesting experiences you've had there. Which members helped you along the way? What have you learned there?
- JUNE** **Our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book (70 Wonderful Years!)** (stories due Dec. 15, 2022)
Our beloved "Twelve & Twelve" book turns 70 this year! Tell us the ways this book changed your life and enriched your sobriety. What are your favorite passages and why? Share stories.
- JULY** **Prison Issue** (stories due Jan. 15, 2023)
We're looking for stories of hope about AA in prisons and jails by incarcerated members and by those who bring meetings to them. Are you involved in correspondence service or prison sponsorship? We would love to hear your stories.
- AUG** **AA in the Military** (stories due Feb. 15, 2023)
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? Did you find AA while serving? Tell us about being in AA while serving your country.
- SEPT** **Young & Sober (ICYPAA Celebrates 65 Years!)** (stories due March 15, 2023)
Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? Do you go to Young People's AA (YPAA) meetings, dances and Conferences? How have they helped you? Share your experience!
- OCT** **Mid-Life Sobriety** (stories due April 15, 2023)
Share about some challenges you've had after 8, 10, 20 years sober. Have you ever nearly relapsed? Did you ever stop going to meetings or disconnect from AA? Have you ever been a dry drunk? How did you get back on track? What helped you may help someone else.
- NOV** **Classic Grapevine**
Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive.
- DEC** **Remote Communities Experiences (& Staying Sober through the Holidays!)** (stories due June 15, 2023)
Do you live far from AA meetings? Are you a loner? Stationed far away? Do you have a language or cultural barrier? Are you homebound? Do you use online meetings? Is it difficult to find AA meetings where you live? Tell us how you stay sober. Are you involved in Remote Community service?

Also, December is a great time of year to reach out to alcoholics and help others. What are the ways you stay sane and grateful during the holidays and New Year's? How do you navigate holiday parties and family gatherings? Share your best sober holiday stories!

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What are the things that helped you when you were very new to AA? How did your sponsor help? Did literature help? Which tips, suggestions or slogans helped you most? Share your newcomer stories!
- FEB** **Getting Through Tough Times** (stories due Aug 15, 2021)
A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, a house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy...How do we stay sober through adversity? Send us your story. Tell us how you stayed sane and sober.
- MARCH** **Emotional Sobriety** (stories due Sept. 15, 2021)
Over time, how have we learned to use the tools of AA to gain serenity and peace? How have our lives changed because of sobriety? Share some examples of emotional sobriety in your life today.
- APRIL** **What's On Your Mind?** (stories due Oct. 15, 2021)
Have thoughtful ideas about meetings, sponsorship, sobriety, Traditions or anything AA? Tell us how you really feel. "What's On Your mind?" is one of our most popular columns. This is your chance to share exactly what's on your mind. We want to know.
- MAY** **Twelve Concepts—60 Years! & Getting into General Service** (stories due Nov. 15, 2021)
Share examples you've seen of the Concepts in action in your service life. What are the things you have learned? Ever been a GSR?...a DCM?...a delegate? Have you worked on area committees? Share the joys of doing this kind of service. It just might inspire others!
- JUNE** **Oldtimers** (stories due Dec. 15, 2021)
Let's hear from our long-time members! What was AA like when you came in? What have you learned over the years? What have been your greatest challenges and joys? Share your stories.
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How do you stay sober while traveling on trains, planes and in faraway places? Vacations, business trips or moving away to another town. How did you find AA meetings? Tell us about them. Have you had any close calls? Share the tools that helped you stay sober on the road.
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What was your experience with relapsing? Did you relapse more than once? What did you learn about yourself? What finally helped you? How do you stay sober today? Share with us.
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