

12 Ways Grapevine Helps

with our daily Twelfth Step work

- 1. AA PREAMBLE** Used for meetings all over the world, it was written by an editor of Grapevine and first appeared in the June 1947 issue.
- 2. THE SERENITY PRAYER** Began appearing in early Grapevines as it moved into general AA use.
- 3. THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION** Written by another Grapevine editor for the 1965 convention in Toronto, it went on to become a staple expression of AA purpose.
- 4. FIVE SLOGANS** Used by AA meetings everywhere, they first appeared in their well-known graphic form in five issues of Grapevine in 1956 and 1957.
- 5. THE TWELVE TRADITIONS** In the early 1950s, our co-founder Bill W. hammered out our Twelve Traditions in the pages of Grapevine.
- 6. A PLACE TO TELL YOUR STORY** Send us your story! Take a look at the magazine to get some ideas. It's easy! Go to www.aagrapevine.org/share. We want to hear from you!
- 7. A SOURCE OF AA HISTORY** For decades, Grapevine has published a variety of articles which reflect the early history of AA, including the writings of our cofounder Bill W. for Grapevine which can be found in their entirety in *The Language of the Heart*. Our Story Archive holds hundreds of articles by our earliest members back to 1944.

- 8. A LINK WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE** If your group, district, area or country needs help or wants to know how groups operate, there are others who may have found solutions and have shared their experience in Grapevine. See how others do it!
- 9. A MONTHLY 12TH STEP TOOL** Does your group bring meetings into jails and institutions? Grapevines that reach members behind walls are greatly appreciated. You can also bring a magazine to professionals (lawyers, doctors, judges, etc) to help them better understand our program.
- 10. A PLACE TO SHARE YOUR OPINION** Do you have an idea you would like to share? Is there something you would like to get off your chest? Grapevine offers you a “podium” to communicate your thoughts to a wide audience within AA.
- 11. IT'S OUR MEETING IN PRINT** Grapevine is an ideal solution for those on the road or in the air or who cannot attend regular meetings. The magazine can be read like a meeting, starting with the Preamble, then reading the different stories and ending with the Serenity Prayer. There's even a monthly discussion question!
- 12. A PERFECT GIFT** Give Grapevine to a newcomer, a friend or a fellow in AA. A subscription to Grapevine, whether it be for a year or two, is a great way to get to know AA better. It is also a great sober anniversary gift!

In 1986, The General Service Conference recognized AA Grapevine as the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

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