

# Agenda

- AA Preamble & Welcome – Mimi F., DCM D38
- Facilitation & Zoom Guides – Doug W. & Davitt B.
  - Handouts: [aawilliamsburg.org/grapevine](http://aawilliamsburg.org/grapevine)
- Objectives for Today
- Grapevine Guidelines from **AA**GRAPEVINE, Inc.
- Grapevine Informal Do's & Don'ts
- ❖ Recent Author Panel
- Q&A from Participants
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition
- Quiet Time: Theme & Topic Sentence
- Sharing: Theme & Topic Sentence
- Next Steps: Volunteer Peer Reviewers
- Closing: AA Responsibility Statement

# Published Guidelines

- Source: **AA**GRAPEVINE, Inc.
- Look at recent issues
- Speak to your experience
- Selected by staff consensus
- No poetry, songs, tributes
- Any length. Suggested: 300 – 1800 words
- ~Five months from submission to publication
- Jokes, cartoons, photos are fine
- Submitting to GV: see the handout

# Do's and Don'ts

## **Do:**

- Speak the “Language of the Heart” in *your* voice
- Select a main point, build story around it
- Specifics are good: location? event? people?
- Use universal AA clichés, slogans, principles
- Share, don't teach
- Set it aside after writing
- Read it aloud and have it read back to you

# Do's and Don'ts

## **Don't:**

- ....submit right away. Put it away for awhile
- ....exaggerate. Your story is great already
- ....use product names (like “Old Crow”)

# Do's and Don'ts

## **Helpful Category Themes:**

- Steps & Traditions
- Seasonal
- Young, Old, New, Emotional Sobriety, Prisons, Spiritual Awakening, Service, Diverse Fellowship
- Jokes, photos, art, and letters

# Author Panel

- Terrie S: September 2021

Participant Q&A

# Quiet Time, Sharing, Next Steps

- Seventh Tradition basket
  - [trianglesteppingstones.com/support-the-club/](http://trianglesteppingstones.com/support-the-club/)
- Topic Sentence & Theme. Which comes first....?
- Write It Down
- Say It Out Loud

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- Sharing
- Discussion
- Volunteer peer reviewer (post to chat)

## AA Responsibility Declaration:

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.