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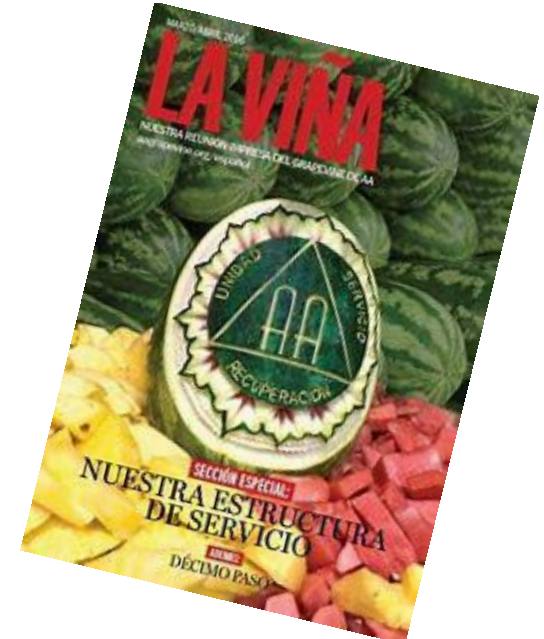
THE AA PREAMBLE

Alcoholics Anonymous

is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

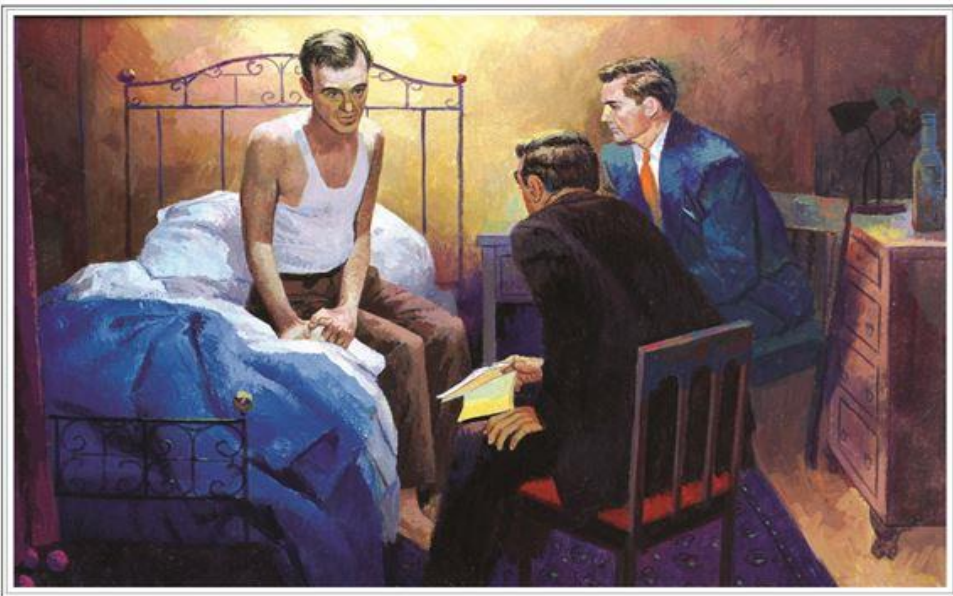
The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

AA GRAPEVINE MAGAZINES



The Grapevine was created by six AA members in the New York area — four women and two men. With the blessings of AA's co-founder Bill W., they published the first issue in June 1944, just nine years after the founding of AA. A copy of that first issue was sent to every AA group — about 300 at the time — and to all known AA members in the armed services overseas. An entire page with the heading, "Mail Call for All AAs in the Armed Forces," was devoted to letters from these members, who began calling the Grapevine their "meeting in print." The title stuck, and today the Grapevine and La Viña carry it on their covers.

After presentation of a business plan for the new **magazine** to the trustees' Finance Committee (which was approved), the Grapevine began preparations for **La Viña**, planned as a bimonthly publication for Spanish-speaking members of A.A. The first issue came off the press in June of 1996 and copies were distributed to subscribers in the United States



"The Man on the Bed". This oil painting was created by Robert M. for the AA Grapevine and was reproduced as the center spread in the December, 1955 issue.

OTHER ITEMS



The Slogans

The Man on the Bed Picture



The Serenity Prayer

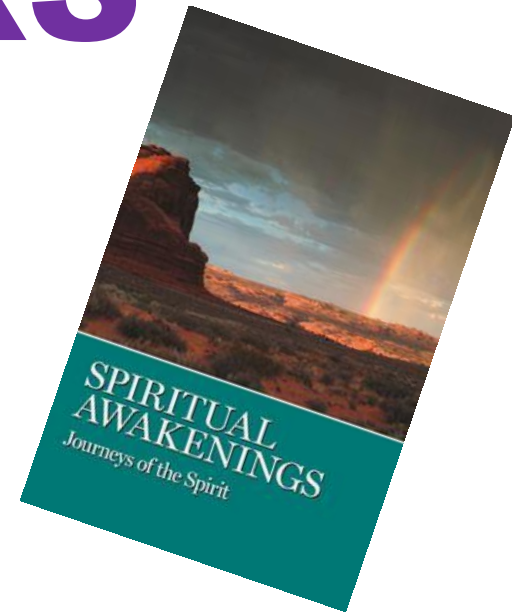
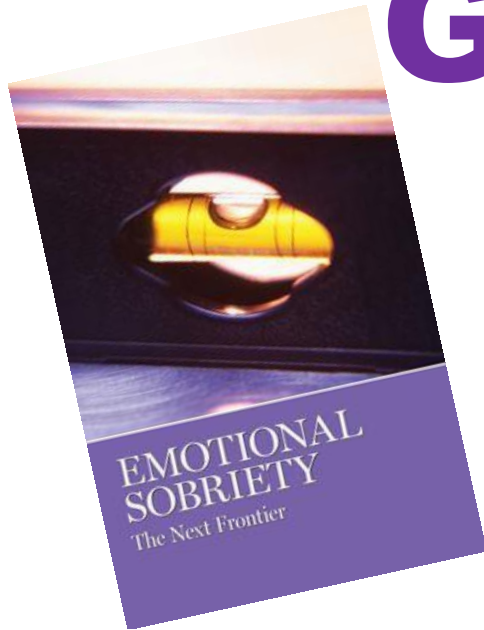


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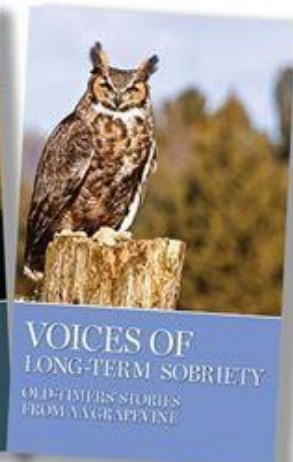
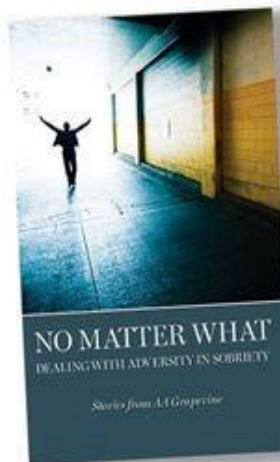


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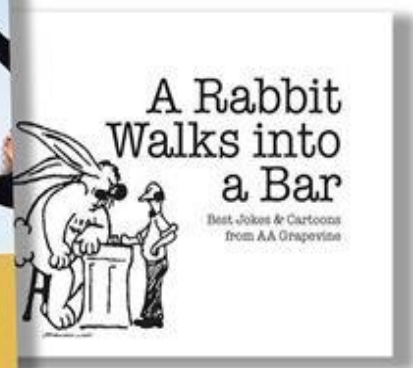
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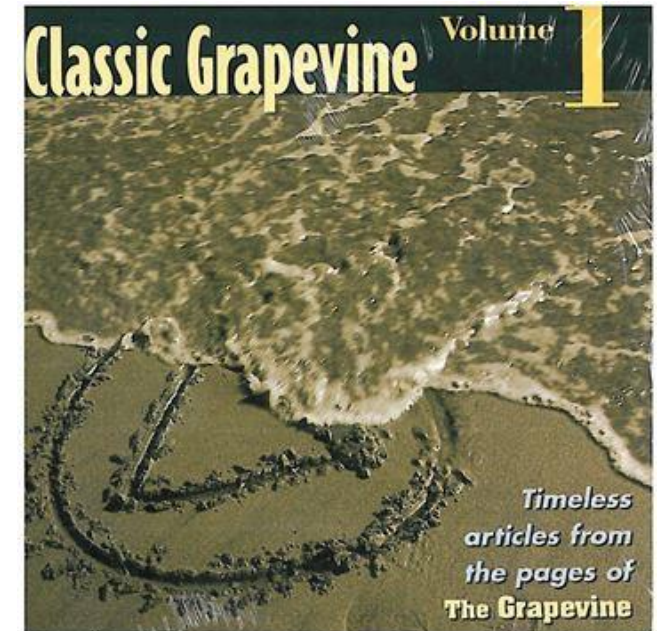
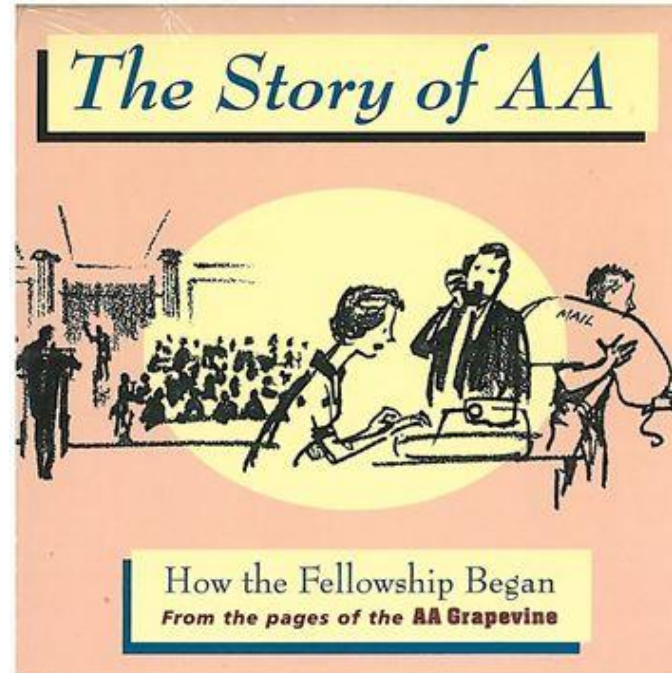
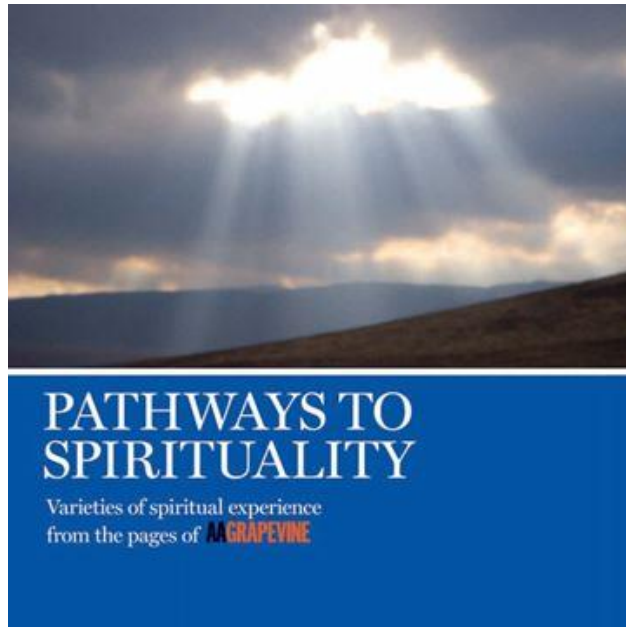
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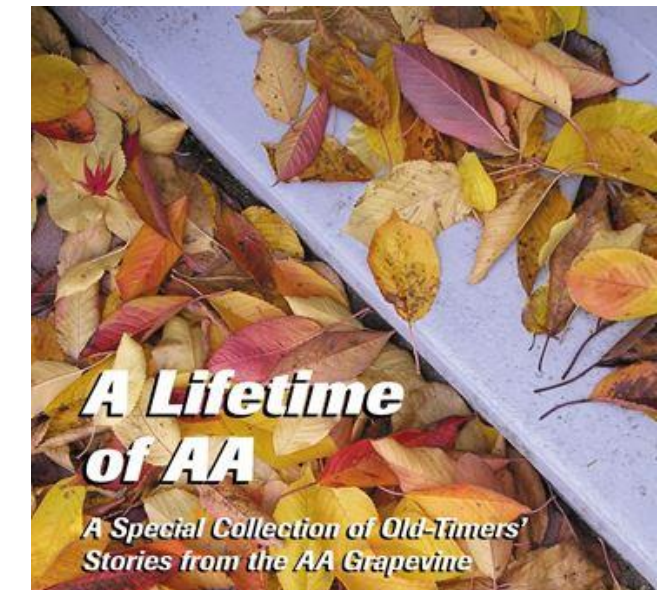
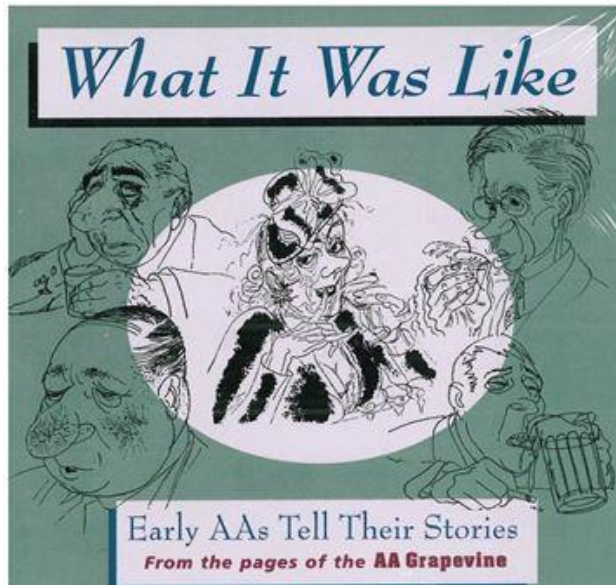
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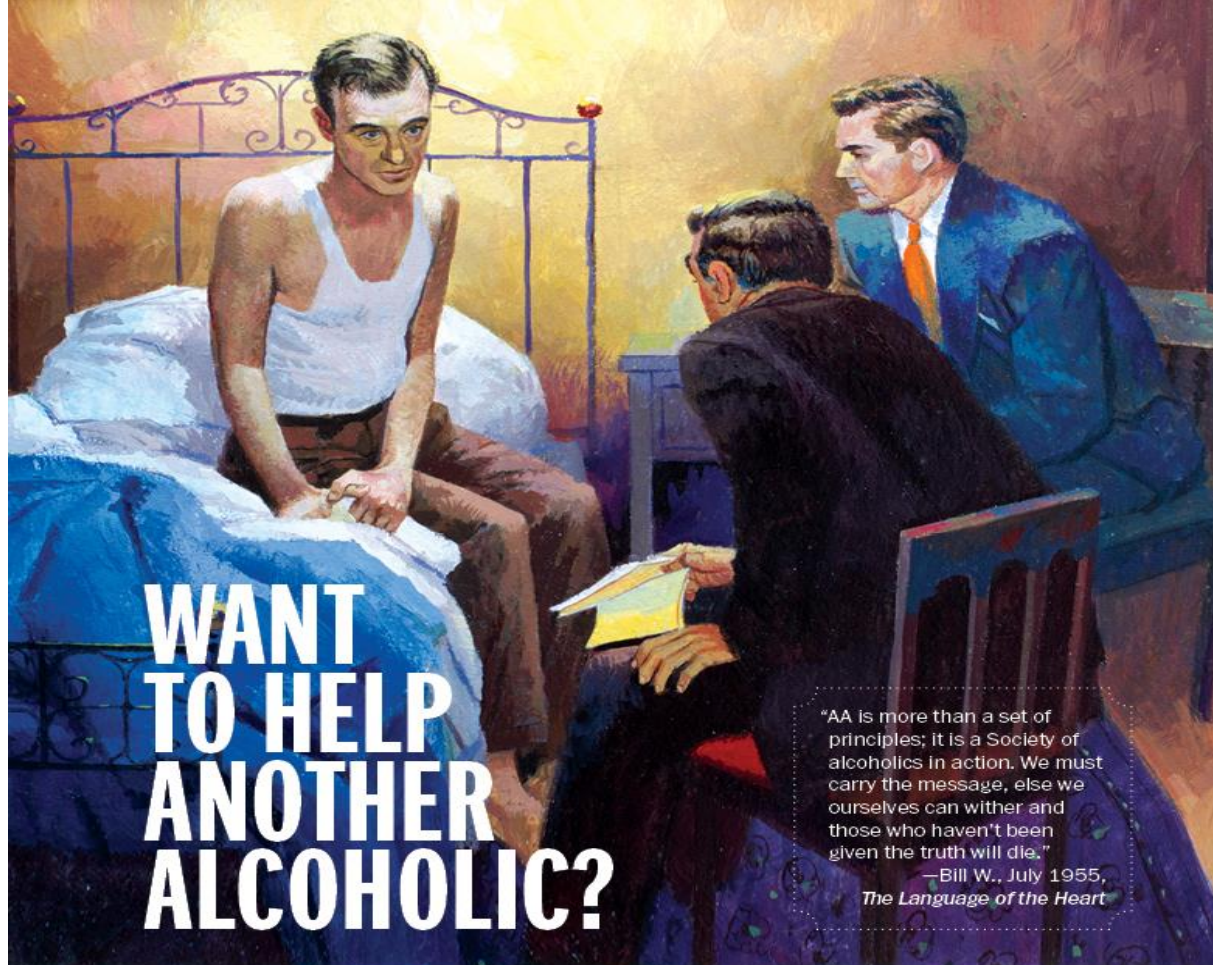


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WANT TO HELP ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC?

"AA is more than a set of principles; it is a Society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth will die."

—Bill W., July 1955,
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about them, but when she
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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-know graphic form in five issues of Grapevine in 1956 and 1957.
5. **THE TWELVE TRADITIONS** in the early 1950's,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 writing of our co-founder 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 other 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 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!

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