

GRAPEVINE EDITORIAL CALENDAR 2025

- JAN** **Spiritual Awakenings** (stories due June 15, 2024)
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 experience.
- FEB** **Long-time Members!** (stories due July 15, 2024)
Let's hear from our long timers! 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.
- MARCH** **Sober & Out (LGBTQ+ AA Stories)** (stories due Aug. 15, 2024)
Are you a lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or transgender AA member? Share your story about your journey in AA. What were your challenges and joys? What things have helped you get sober? Share some stories about your meetings, sponsorship, service and fellowship.
- APRIL** **Making Amends** (stories due Sept. 15, 2024)
Did you have an interesting Ninth Step experience to share? How did it go? Were there any surprises? Share your experience.
Also **Living Sober Turns 50!** Share a story about how this remarkable AA book helped you.
- MAY** **Young & Sober** (stories due Oct. 15, 2024)
Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? What were the challenges? Do you go to Young People's AA (YPAA) meetings, dances or conferences? How have they helped you?
- JUNE** **Annual Prison Issue** (stories due Nov. 15, 2024)
Did you find AA in prison? What is sobriety like inside? What are meetings like? Are you involved in correspondence service or prison sponsorship? We are especially looking for stories by women in long-term custody.
- JULY** **AA Around the World (Special International Convention Issue)** (stories due Dec. 15, 2024)
The International Convention is upon us! We want to know what AA is like in other cities and countries around the globe. How is it different, how is it the same? Do you attend AA outside of the U.S. and Canada? Have you helped AA get started somewhere? Let's hear from you!
- AUG** **Atheistic/Agnostic AA members' Stories** (stories due Jan 15, 2025)
Do you have experience staying sober in AA as an atheist or agnostic? What have been your joys and challenges? We are looking for a variety of experiences. Please send us your stories
- SEPT** **Gratitude** (stories due Feb 15, 2025)
What were you like before AA, compared to what you're like today? How do you stay grateful now each day? Share some stories which illustrate your journey with gratitude now that you're sober.
- OCT** **Technology & AA** (stories due March 15, 2025)
Online meetings, hybrid meetings, smartphones, texting, meeting apps, social media...and yes, good old fashioned phone calls. How has technology helped your sobriety and changed the way you connect with your sponsor, sponsees and fellows?
- NOV** **Classic Grapevine**
Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive.
- DEC** **Remote Communities** (stories due May 15, 2025)
Are you involved in Remote Community service? 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.
Sober Holidays! (stories due May 15, 2025) 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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JAN **Stories for Day Counters** (stories due June 15, 2025)

What are the things that helped you most when you were very new to AA? How did you find a sponsor? How did they help you? What parts in the literature helped you most? Which suggestions or slogans or service positions helped you? Share your newcomer stories!

FEB **Getting Through Tough Times** (stories due July 1, 2025)

A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, a house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy...How have you stayed sober through adversity? Tell us how the program and fellowship helped you.

MARCH **Families and AA** (stories due Aug. 1, 2025)

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.

APRIL **Getting into General Service** (stories due Sept. 1, 2025)

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! **(plus preview of brand new GV Book on "Gratitude")**

MAY **How the Steps Changed My Life** (stories due Oct. 1, 2025)

Tell us how the Steps have changed your life and enriched your sobriety. Give some examples. What is your favorite Step? Which one surprised you most? Share your stories.

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AUG **Sober Travel** (stories due Jan 1, 2026)

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.

SEPT **Sponsorship** (stories due Feb 1, 2026)

Share your experiences of sponsoring others or of being sponsored. What are some of the things you learned? What things do you now pass on? Share your story.

OCT **Dealing with Loneliness** (stories due March 1, 2026)

Members don't often share about loneliness. How do you deal with it in sobriety? What was your experience with loneliness when you were still drinking? What's it like now? What are the tools you use to combat loneliness and to reach out for help and fellowship.

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