

GV Editorial Calendar 2016

January: Beginners Issue Help our newest members by sharing your experience as a newcomer. What were the things (suggestions, slogans, tools) that helped you most when you were counting days and learning to stay sober?

February: Staying Sober Through Adversity A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, a house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy ... how do we stay sober through tough times? Send us your story.

March: Old-timers Let's hear from our long-time members! What AA was like when you came into AA? What have you learned over the years? What have been some of your greatest challenges and joys? Share your experience.

April: Relapsing What is your experience with relapsing? Did you relapse more than once? What finally helped you? What did you learn? How do you stay sober today?

May: Getting Involved in General Service Ever been a GSR? ... a DCM? ... a delegate? Share the challenges and joys of doing this kind of service. It might inspire other AAs to do service beyond the group.

June: Fun in Sobriety Have you been on any fun sober trips? Hiking? Sober skiing? Game nights? New hobbies? Great vacations? Share ways you have learned to have fun—sober!

July: Annual Prison Issue Stories by members about how AA brings hope into prisons and jails. Stories by prisoners and by those who bring AA meetings to them, or those involved in prison correspondence. We would love to hear your stories.

August: Carry the Message (featuring stories from winners of the 2015 Subscription Challenge) What are the ways you (or your group) use Grapevine and La Vina to reach alcoholics in treatment centers, jails and prisons, doctor's offices or to homebound members? How do you use the Grapevine website or Story Archive to help carry the message? What ways do you use Grapevine in your home group or area? Let us know!

September: Young & Sober Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? We're looking for stories by people who got sober in their teens, 20s and 30s. Share your experience.

October: Atheist/Agnostic stories 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.

November: Classic Grapevine Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive.

December: Remote Communities (also the Sober Holiday Issue) Do you live in a remote community? Is it difficult to find AA meetings where you live? Tell us how you keep in contact with other AA members and work the AA program with this challenge. (Note: We are also accepting sober holiday stories as well. What are the ways you stay grateful during December and New Years?) Share your experience!