

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING GRAPEVINE ARTICLES

With these guidelines, we'd like to welcome you to the pages of the A.A. Grapevine, where we hope you will feel at home. The Grapevine is your magazine, and nearly half of every issue is written by A.A. members who have never written for the Grapevine before.

With a little willingness and a desire to share, A.A. members around the world have been submitting their personal stories, their sorrows and joys, their ups, downs, and in between to the A.A. Grapevine since 1944. So why stop now?

Without your written experience and opinions, the magazine cannot continue to be an effective tool for sober living and a vital, accurate picture of the Fellowship as a whole. So, if you've hesitated--thinking you can't do it--why not consider joining A.A.'s meeting in print? You might just keep coming back!

As you plan your article, keeping in mind A.A.'s singleness of purpose, you might want to leaf through a few old issues to get an idea of the sort of articles most often published. Then close the magazine, and do your own thing! Say what you want to say, not what you think we'll publish. And don't be timid about branching out; we're always looking for a change of pace, as long as it relates to A.A. experience.

Format - If possible, manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced, with generous margins. If you don't have a typewriter or word processor, though, don't worry about it. Just write clearly and legibly, on one side of the paper only. If you quote from A.A. literature (or another source) in your manuscript, please give the correct name of the source, along with the page number.

Length - Maybe you heard a one-liner in a meeting that you'd like to pass along, or maybe you just want to relate one short but sweet incident, or maybe you really want to go in-depth on a particular subject--no matter how short or long, the important thing is that you say what you want to say. The average contribution varies from one to five or six typed pages, but if the editorial staff feels that much cutting is needed, we will seek your permission. Normally our editing is very-slight.

What we do not publish - Poems, personal prayers, tributes to individual A.A.s, drama, anything not related to Alcoholics Anonymous (such as articles about the field of alcoholism treatment, legislation, medical advances, etc.).

Where to send it - Send your completed manuscript to The Grapevine, Editorial Department, P.O. Box 1980. Grand Central Station, New York. NY 10163-1980. You will be notified whether or not the piece will be published, but since we work several months in advance, the length of time between acceptance and publication can vary from a couple of months to over a year. Your notification of publication will be a complimentary advance copy of the issue in which your article appears. Good luck, and welcome home!

Submit Work

If your work is fairly short, the simplest way to submit it is within the body of your e-mail. However, if you do wish to attach a file to your e-mail, please save the document in word or simple text format.

To send manuscripts, calendar events, and humor submissions:
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