

# HIGHER GROUND

District 10 Newsletter

JANUARY 2019



## Contribute your story and experience to the Grapevine

The Grapevine is composed mainly of material contributed by members of AA. Each month, Grapevine publishes stories on special topics as well as for departments such as Emotional Sobriety, Sponsorship, Newcomers, Youth Enjoying Sobriety, Old-Timers and Home Group. Each issue also includes a story on the Traditions and the Steps. But you are not confined to these topics. The editors are always looking for innovative material, as long as it relates to AA experience and reflects an awareness of AA's singleness of purpose.

Since it takes considerable time to select and edit and produce each issue, if you are writing about a particular theme, the Grapevine will need your stories no later than 5 months before that issue comes out. Following are upcoming themes for which personal articles are being sought and that still allow for a 5-month review.

**JUL 2019 Annual Prison Issue** (Stories due Jan 10, 2019)  
Share your stories 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.

**AUG 2019 African-American Alcoholics in AA** (Stories due Feb 10, 2019)  
Share your story. What has your journey in AA been like? How did you find AA? What have been some of your challenges?

**Carry the Message** (Stories due Feb 10, 2019)  
What are the ways you (or your group ... or your area) use Grapevine and La Viña to carry the message to alcoholics? How has it helped your sobriety?

**SEP 2019 Young & Sober** (Stories due March 10, 2019)  
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.

Read the submission guidelines at: [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

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## CHRISTMAS 1951

AS in no other season we of AA gratefully reflect upon that miracle of rebirth and regeneration which has befallen us; we joyfully gaze upon the ever brighter radiance that suffuses our once dark world. Once again we listen to our Lord's command--"Freely ye have received, freely give."

Lois and I say to you all "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas indeed!"

WHEN the holiday time of the year comes around we of your General Service Headquarters wish that we could speak to each and everyone of you personally. For AA this has been a year of milestones. May this coming Christmas day and all the days to follow be happy personal milestones to you all. From all of us to all of you, a happy, happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Bill W., Grapevine Dec. 1951

## Joy of Service Day Hosted by District 10

The HMB Area 48 Joy of Service Day will be held in Plattsburgh on Feb. 2, 2019 and is being hosted by AA Districts 10, 19 & 42. It will be held at Club 12, 1 Durkee St. from 9:00 – 3:00. The tentative agenda includes:

9:00am -10:00am Meet & Greet/Coffee Hour

10:00am – 10:45am 1st Panel Discussion- Service 101

11:00am – 11:45am 2nd Panel Discussion- Young people in service

12:00pm– 1:00pm Lunch & Fellowship

1:00pm- 1:45pm 3rd Panel Discussion-Learned of AA through Service

1:45pm- 2:45pm Speaker

## Upcoming Events

### Local

Feb. 2 Joy of Service Day, Plattsburgh

Feb. 20-22 NERAASA 2019, MD

See: [www.neraasa.org](http://www.neraasa.org).

### On The Road

Feb. 6-9, 2014 – 55<sup>th</sup> International Women's Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

See: [www.internationalwomensconference.org](http://www.internationalwomensconference.org)

## Group Anniversaries

Jan. 1, 1974 Port Henry - Port Henry Group

Feb. 1 2001 Plattsburgh - Diamonds in the Rough

Feb. 8 1981 Westport - Westport Group

Feb. 9 1976 Plattsburgh - Southend Group

Feb.13 1996 AuSable Forks - Saturday Big Book

Feb.22 1983 Elizabethtown - Elizabethtown Group

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## This Month in AA History

Jan 2, 1889 Sister Ignatia born, Ballyhane Ireland.

Jan 25, 1915 Dr. Bob marries Anne Ripley.

Jan 24, 1918 Bill marries Lois Burnham in the Swedenborg Church in Brooklyn Heights.

Jan 1929 Bill W. wrote third promise in Bible to quit drinking.

Jan 1946 Readers Digest does a story on AA.

Jan 8, 1938 New York AA splits from the Oxford Group.

Jan 3, 1939 - First sale of Works Publishing Co stock is recorded.

Jan 5, 1939 Dr Bob tells Ruth Hock that AA has "to get away from the Oxford Group atmosphere".

Jan 1939 400 copies of manuscript of Big Book circulated for comment, evaluation and sale.

Jan 10, 1940 - 1st AA meeting not in a home meets at King School, Akron, Ohio.

Jan 21, 1954 - Hank P who helped Bill start NY office dies in Pennington, New Jersey.

Jan 23, 1961 - Bill W sends appreciation letter to Carl Jung for his contribution to AA

Jan.24, 1971 Bill W dies in Miami Beach, FL.

Jan 26, 1971 New York Times publishes Bill's obituary on page 1.

## Quote of the Month

We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are.

Anais Nin

## District Meeting Schedule

Jan. 8 Plattsburgh  
Club 12, 1 Durkee St.

Feb. 12 Elizabethtown  
United Church of Christ,  
Fellowship Hall, Court St.

Mar. 12 Plattsburgh  
Club 12, 1 Durkee St.

All meetings begin at 7:30

