

Guidelines for Contributing to the AA Grapevine and La Viña

Writing Articles

Before writing, you might want to leaf through a few issues to see what kinds of articles are published. Most are first-person accounts of the writer's experience with alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous. The magazines publish stories for special departments, such as Along Spiritual Lines, AA Around the World, The Home Group, and Youth Enjoying Sobriety as well. Articles about the Steps and Traditions, jokes for Ham on Wry, and letters for PO Box 1980 and Your Move are welcome, too, as are submissions to i-Say and Rule #62 on the website. 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. Articles are reviewed by the editorial staff and selected by consensus, a process which can take several months.

Length and format: The magazines publish work of different lengths, from snappy one-liners and one-paragraph anecdotes to five — or six-page articles (2,000–3,000 words). All manuscripts should be double-spaced. Manuscripts sent by e-mail should be submitted in the body of the message or as attached files, saved in "Word," "Simple text," or "Rich text." Handwritten manuscripts should be written clearly on one side of the paper.

Submitting Photographs, Illustrations, and Cartoons

Photographs may be submitted for "Picture This" or "If Walls Could Talk." We also use photographs, line drawings, and paintings when they relate to specific articles. The annual Grapevine Photo Contest for photographs for the Grapevine Wall Calendar is announced in the magazine. Original cartoons, never published elsewhere, are also welcome.

Format: The Grapevine and La Viña accept original black-and-white or color photographs, slides, and art, in any size. Art sent via e-mail must be in a JPEG or GIF format, no larger than 90K. Photographs must be scanned using a very high resolution (at least 600 dpi)

What the Magazines Do Not Publish

Neither magazine publishes poems, prayers, song lyrics, tributes to individuals, plays, previously published material, or anything unrelated to AA or that violates the principles of AA.

Send submissions to:

The Grapevine, Editorial Dept., 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115 or by e-mail to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org. Please include your full postal address so we can respond to you.

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web features i-Say and Rule #62 can be found at www.aagrapevine.org. Articles written in Spanish can be submitted to La Viña at the address above.

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