

Grapevine News

From Linda C., Panel 56 Grapevine Committee Chair Area 09

Welcome to the new Area Grapevine Committee Chair! You have one of the best service positions ever! Enjoy!

New from the AA Grapevine: New CD, *Powers of Example: AAs talk About Practicing the Principles in Everyday Life*. This CD includes: "So You Think You're Different?", "Inclusive Not Exclusive"; "A Program of Action"; "A God of My Understanding"; "Why Have a Home Group?" and more. FYI: A sample selection from this CD is available at WWW.aagrapevine.org.

And speaking of aagrapevine.org, check it out! You can subscribe to the AA Grapevine, get gift subscriptions for your sponsor, sponsee, home group, doctor, library, uncle Harry. You may sign up for the audio version of the magazine, download it each month into your computer, MP3 player or iPod and listen at your pleasure. The 2008 calendar and day planner are available on the catalogue page, and you can share your experience, strength and hope on the I Say bulletin board....and lots more...

Want to know how many days, hours, minutes, seconds you've been sober? Check it out at aagrapevine.org!

Message from the Executive Editor of the AAGrapevine, Robin B.:

Happy New Year from the AA Grapevine!

"New Year's Resolution," this month's cover story, highlights the simple, profound changes that the principles of AA can make in the way sober alcoholics deal with family. Accepting the damage alcoholism has done to himself and his family, the author not only manages to shift his own behavior but also looks to the future with love and hope. That's an example of the kind of honesty and tolerance I'd like to follow in the year to come.

But I've learned in AA that I cannot do that alone. I need to hear stories from alcoholics facing life's challenges without drinking to learn how to handle the challenges in my own life. I need to read

stories by alcoholics who grow and flourish when they open their minds and hearts to other people in order to trust that love and tolerance will work for me as well. So let me take the time to thank you all for helping to make sure stories like this were available in the Grapevine and La Vina this year to everyone who needed them and for helping to make sure they will be there for those to come.

Speaking of looking forward, I want to announce the arrival of a new art director here at the Grapevine. A longstanding member of AA, Kim K. is putting the finishing touches on the next issue. So you can expect a few changes in the look of the Grapevine you get in February along with great stories about Tradition 2, Twelfth-Stepping and dating in sobriety.