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Throughout its history, as the Grapevine has grown and developed with the Fellowship, Grapevine articles have reflected major trends in AA

1940s: The Traditions take shape based on the trial and error of

Twelve Suggested Points for A.A. Tradition

By Bill

Nobody wanted Alcoholics Anonymous. It grew. Trial and error has produced a rich set of traditions. Little by little we have been adopting them as traditions. That we hope to never again reach the letter of avoid violence, mutual aid, etc. We are happy to accept our May we never allow to be the names of great and a very good word. The best of us addressed to the best values from the best personal recovery and a...

ROCHESTER PREPARES NOVICES FOR GROUP PARTICIPATION

Editor's Note: This is the third in a continuing series of articles addressing the process of introducing new members to the AA way of life. The first two articles, "The Newcomer" and "The Newcomer's Role," were published in the June and July issues of The Grapevine.

Dear Editor: The educational plan of the Wilson Club of St. Louis which was outlined in the June number of The Grapevine was read by the members of the General Session of Rochester...

that distasteful, incoherent and much overworked word "slip."

It also helps us to develop a sense of leadership among our members, a prime essential in the operation of any successful group. We feel that the approach in which such leadership must develop itself is not, as many may think, a vague, idealistic formula. On the contrary, it is the essence of one way of life, the only way worthy of a free man. The basic concept of the A.A. way of life is the integrity and dignity of the individual human being. This same idea is...

1960s: Young people and women join AA in growing numbers

Women Alcoholics Have a Tougher Fight

Anniversary reprint
From the May 1945 Grapevine

A Report on YOUTH GROUPS

One of a proposed series of articles on special interest groups in AA

How this fact offers an exceptional opportunity to women members of AA

WOMEN alcoholics do have special problems. To begin with, their liquor in a few months sobriety than most men alcoholics. In the process...

1970s: AA's relationship with the medical community and new ways of

Conference Report

QUIETLY, effectively, with neither fuss nor fanfare - and therefore in the best traditions of AA - history was impressively written in New York City during the four days of the First General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, April 19 through 22, 1951.

...a similar gathering of the Second Panel of the Conference - comprising representatives of the remaining states and provinces. The high importance of subject considered by the Conference seemed not only to justify, but demand this measured and unhurried approach. This first gathering was an informal, yet an essential, step in the development of the new, idealistic concept of the...

Where Psychiatry Fits in

WANT A HOT QUESTION in a closed meeting today? Just phrase one around this topic: there are those who refer to the psychiatrician in the affectionate terms "bond shrinker" for he couldn't relieve their hangover.

Then there is the book approach of do-it-yourself-couching, whose...

1970s: Membership continues to expand, giving rise to new and meeting formats

On Living Drug-Free

Mood-changers may not get us drunk, but they can certainly make us vulnerable

RECENTLY, while I was taking a college course on psychotropic drugs, the subject for the session was marijuana. Its relative "safety" in comparison to alcohol was brought up. It is physically nonaddicting, and produces no physical damage; and in these areas, it is indeed a far safer alternative to alcohol.

bobbing up and down "Whoa!" I said. "leave anyone with a mind-changing drug can't."

Marijuana is psychodicting. People are good," to escape the...

Our Primary Purpose and the Special-Purpose Group

by John L. Norris, MD
chairman of the AA General Service

A 13-page section in which five individuals express their opinions on an issue of moment in AA

IN RECENT YEARS, no subject seems to have been discussed more often, in more detail, for...