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# Through the Years With the Grapevine

June 1944—First issue of the Grapevine comes off press, put together by volunteers whom Bill W. called "six ink-stained wretches." An eight-page newspaper, it was mailed free to all AAs in the armed forces for the duration of World War II.



December 1944—Lois W.'s story appears in the Grapevine, telling how she learned to live by AA principles for herself, not just for Bill.

April 1945—Publication of questionnaire designed by Dr. E. M. Jellinek. Responses from hundreds of AAs formed the basis of Dr. Jellinek's famous chart, "Phases of Alcohol Addiction."

April 1946—Bill W.'s article, "Twelve Points to Assure Our Future," suggests the establishment of Twelve Traditions. Articles in subsequent issues discuss each Tradition, resulting in their adoption in 1950 as our Second Legacy, Unity.

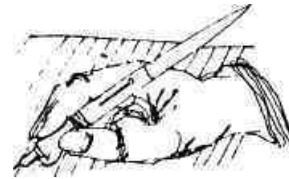


June 1947—The Preamble is first published, written by the editor of the Grapevine. Designed to let the general public know what AA is, the Preamble is now widely used at AA meetings.

September 1948—At the request of the Fellowship, the format of the Grapevine is changed from the large newspaper size to the present pocket size.



December 1950—Bill and Dr. Bob write in the Grapevine suggesting that the AA membership as a whole should take over, through a General Service Conference, the worldwide service jobs for the Fellowship.



January 1963—Publication for the first time of Bill W.'s now-famous correspondence with Dr. Carl Jung.

Special issues through the years—January 1951 and March 1971: memorial issues for Dr. Bob and Bill W. October 1968: "Doctors, Alcohol, and AA" issue, which has enjoyed wide distribution ever since. And the Grapevine has covered every International Convention.

February 1978—Publication for the first time of Bill W.'s correspondence with Yale University, in which he turned down an honorary degree in keeping with the anonymity Traditions.



March 1978—Grapevine circulation reaches 100,000!

