

AREA 75 GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE REPORT
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We had great information sharing at both the Spring Conference Grapevine committee meeting and the first Corrections/Grapevine workshop held in Fond du Lac on May 5. Marty S, Area 75 Corrections Chair, and I will be hosting our second “zonal” workshop on July 28 in New Glarus. Please contact either of us for more information and flyers (also available at area75.org).

I am happy to report on two new Grapevine products released since our April meeting:

1. “In Our Own Words” – A book with stories of young AAs in recovery from the pages of the Grapevine. This book sells for \$7.95 in quantities of 1-4.
2. “A Lifetime of AA” – A special collection of old-timers’ stories from the Grapevine. This CD contains recordings remastered from the audiocassette tape “Old-Timers Corner” plus two new stories from the Grapevine. The price is \$10.00.

The Grapevine website (aagrapevine.org) continues to be improved. The online Grapevine Forum is now a threaded bulletin board so you can better follow a conversation and share your experiences. You can now also get email alerts for new messages posted.

The July 2007 issue is out and, as always, its focus is AA in correctional facilities, with stories written by people who have been able to stay sober while incarcerated, often acknowledging the AA members who work hard to carry our recovery message inside. This issue is staple-free, and extra copies have been printed for use in institutions that prohibit stapled material.

The “gray pages” are returning to the Grapevine, with information about the social, medical and legal aspects of alcoholism. The first edition is expected in October 2007.

OUR BIG NEWS – THE AREA 75 SUPPORTS THE GRAPEVINE CHALLENGE

In order to increase awareness of the valuable 12th-step tools we have in the Grapevine and La Vina, we are launching a challenge to AA members in Area 75. It is hoped this challenge will increase subscriptions from our Area by at least 100, and will garner support for the Count On Us fund via back issues and monetary donations. Each DCM has received or will receive a challenge kit. Anyone interested in participating in this challenge is welcome to contact your DCM, your District Grapevine representative or me. I will be happy to get kits into the hands of anyone willing to help.

If you would like me and/or the Grapevine display to visit your District GSR Meeting or workshop, please let me know. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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