AREA 75 GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE REPORT September 7, 2008

Please remember that the Area 75 Grapevine Committee is asking for your continued help in these last months of the 2007-2008 rotation. The challenge continues to be: 1) Promote new subscriptions to the Grapevine and La Vina, 2) Make a monetary donation to the Count On Us fund to provide both new and renewal subscriptions to correctional facilities, and 3) Collect back issues for correctional facilities. We will have a donation box and donation can at the Grapevine display at the Fall Conference in Fond du Lac. We have over \$500 in renewal subscriptions to cover around year-end. Please ask your groups for a special collection to help in this effort.

Special thanks to Connie M of District 6 who collected \$155 for the Count On Us fund!

Great work, Connie!

New Products

- Spiritual Awakenings CDs in Spanish Bill W. said, "The greatest gift that can come to anybody is a spiritual awakening." Listen to these Grapevine stories from AAs relating the different spiritual awakenings they have experienced in the course of their recovery. To hear a sample selection, go to <u>aagrapevine.org</u>.
- o 2009 Wall Calendar and Pocket Planner
- o The Language of the Heart now available in large print

Grapevine Free Monthly E-Newsletter / Subscription Info

Over 29,000 people are now receiving the *Heard It From the Grapevine* E-newsletter. You can sign up on the website (<u>aagrapevine.org</u>).

2nd Quarter 2008 -

Average GV issue circulation = 106,227 with a pass-along rate of 4 = 531,115

La Vina May/June circulation = 10,436

Digital Archive = 3,046 subscriptions

AudioGrapevine = 1,598 subscriptions

GV - Wisconsin - June 2007 = 2540; June 2008 = 2629 (+3.5%)

LV - Wisconsin – Jul/Aug 2007 = 23; Jul/Aug 2008 = 27 (+17.39%)

Upcoming Special Features

October – Getting Sober Over 60

November – Classic Grapevine: Celebrating 20 Years of *The Language of the Heart* (with stories describing the origin of the Steps, Bill's struggle with Step Eleven, and a wild bender Bill went on with Ebby T)

December - Double-Digit Sobriety

Please remember to join us for the Area Grapevine Committee meeting on Saturday afternoon at the Fall Conference.

Thank you for your continued support in carrying the AA message utilizing the Grapevine and La Vina. And thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Grapevine Chair during this rotation.

Respectfully submitted,

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