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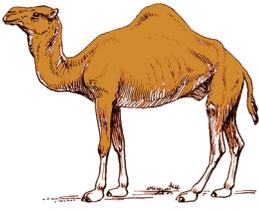
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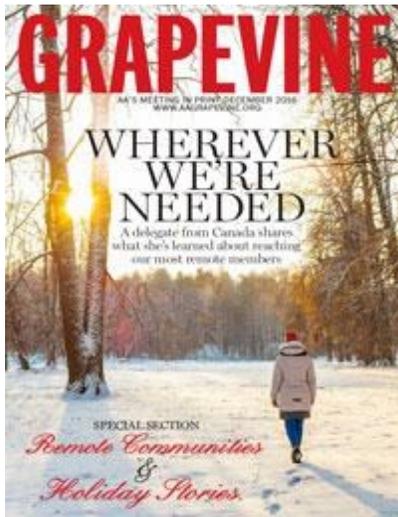
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Happy sober holiday season everyone!

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Area In Which You Will Serve: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Available: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Languages Spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Times Available: (Circle Choices Please)    8 AM – 6 PM    6 PM – 12 MDN    12 MDN – 8 AM

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December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

8:00 Speaker: Mary Ann J. from Silsbee

9:00 Raffle then Dance

Tickets \$10

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For More Info Call 409-242-8849    Groups Bring Dessert



# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention

January 20-22, 2017

*The Spiritual Life is not A Theory...*

## Registration

Registration fees:  
 AA/Al-Anon Early \$15  
                   On-site \$20  
 Alateen/Child Free  
 Coffee Tag \$5  
 Sat. Dance Only \$12  
 Dance included in registration fee  
**Early Registration:**  
 Open through Dec.31, 2016  
 Onsite Registration  
 Opens 2pm on Friday

## Friday

8:00 p.m. AA Speaker- Josh A. Beaumont, TX.  
 9:30 p.m. Ventriloquist/Comedian-Jack F. New York, NY

## Saturday

9:00 a.m. AA Speaker- David B. - Austin, TX.  
 10:30 GSO Speaker- TBD  
 1:30 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker-Mandy S.-Austin, TX.  
 3:00 p.m. CFC Speaker-TBD  
 4:30 p.m. Spanish Speaker-TBD  
 7:30 p.m. AA Speaker- Shene' St S.  
 9:30 p.m. Dance

## Sunday

11:00 a.m. AA Speaker-Sherry B. - Austin, TX.

Hotel convention room rate \$99 per night/Hotel cut-off date December 29<sup>th</sup> 2016  
 Contact hotel be sure to mention the convention Phone 281-875-2222  
 Hotel: Houston Hilton North 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX. 77064

Note: Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. In AA, a conference/convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fee to attend these conferences. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are in hotels/convention centers, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference for speakers, printing of flyers, programs and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money. Attendance at a convention/conference is voluntary, furthermore attending as part of a group is optional, but as responsible AA members we must "pay our own way!"

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**Alateens must have permission slips!**  
 Please indicate special needs in space provided below.  
 Spanish translation will be provided

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on line registration now available - Go To

<http://www.setaconvention.org/registration.html>

Register by mail: Make checks payable to SETA Convention Treasurer  
 c/o 9th District Intergroup,  
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# Twelfth Step Prayer

***Dear God, Having had a spiritual experience, I must now remember that "faith without works is dead." And PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. So, God, please help me to carry this message to other alcoholics! Provide me with the guidance and wisdom to talk with another alcoholic because I can help when no one else can. Help me secure his confidence and remember he is ill.***

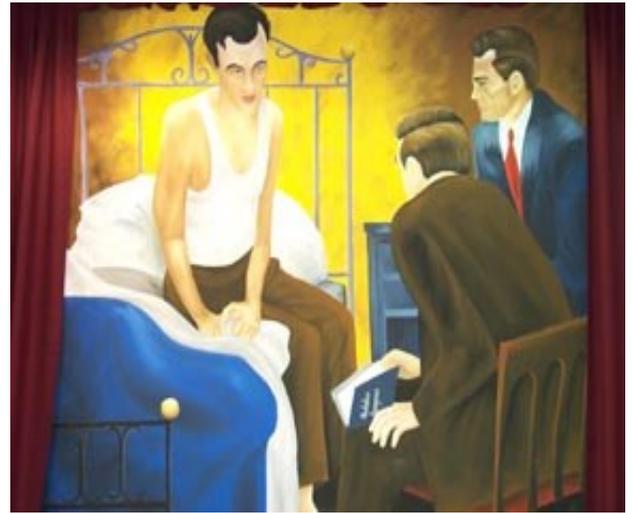
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## Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

***Lord, make a channel of Thy peace. That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring harmony. That where there is error, I may bring truth. That where there is doubt, I may bring faith. That where there is despair, I may bring hope. That where there are shadows, I may bring light. That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted. To understand, than to be understood. To love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. AMEN***

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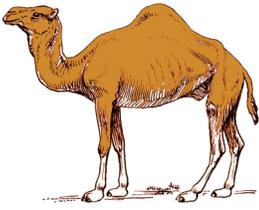
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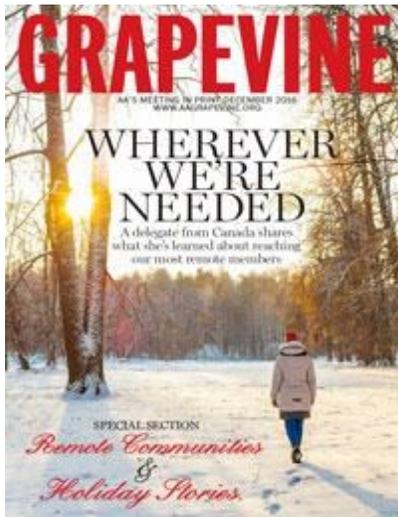
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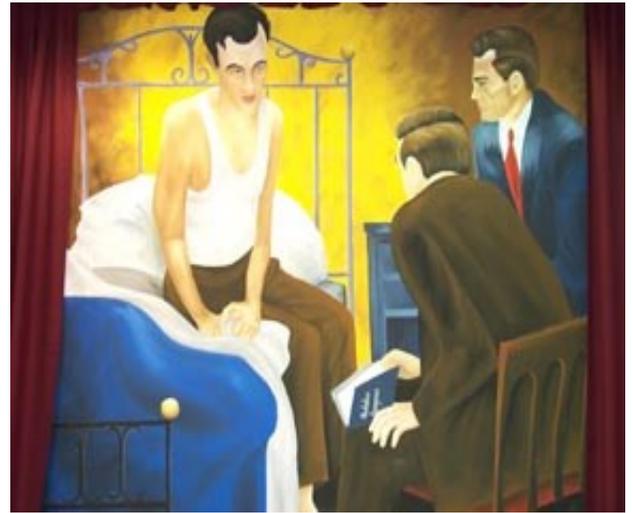
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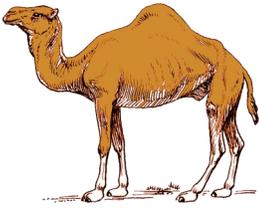
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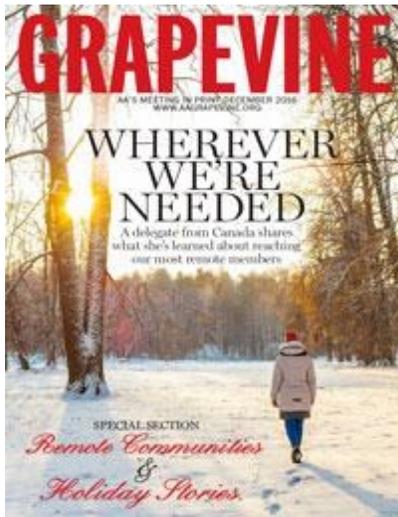
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Anahuac	\$0.00	\$0.00	Newton	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bolivar	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nueva Vida (Port Arthur)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bridge City	\$0.00	\$100.00	<b>Orange</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
Buna	\$0.00	\$0.00	Pecan Groves	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$200.00	Pineywoods	\$0.00	\$85.00
Dam Group (Hwy. 225)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Primary Purpose	\$0.00	\$30.00
Deweyville	\$0.00	\$0.00	Rule #62 Young Peoples Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
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We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly CSR meeting and talk with the correction com-

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West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

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6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

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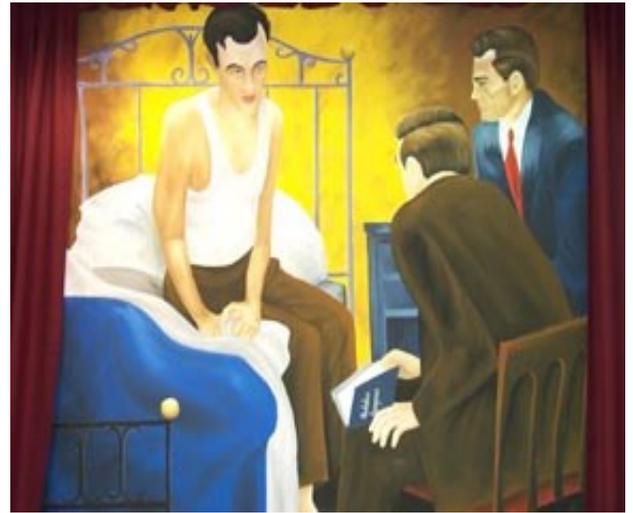
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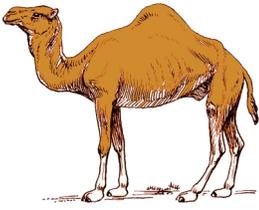
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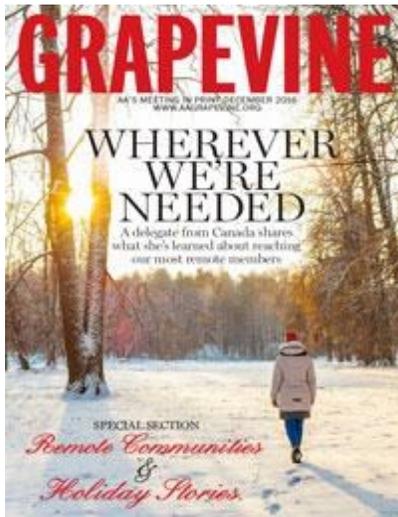
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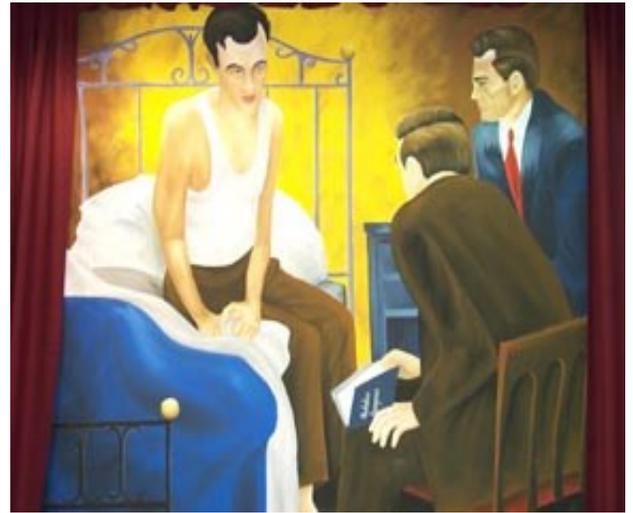
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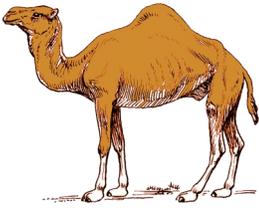
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*The AA Service Manual/ 12 Concepts for World Services—pg. 60*

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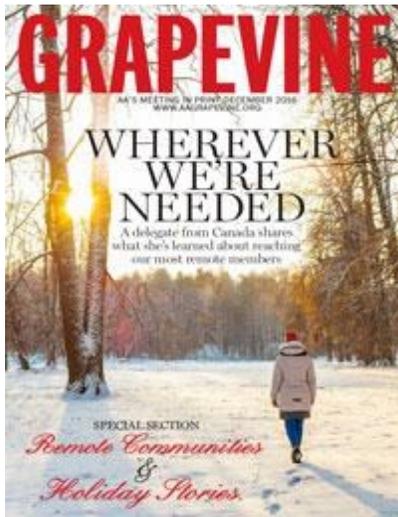
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Meetings, meetings, meetings we always hear. But what if you can't get to one? What if you live in a small town in Kansas or up in the Yukon or you're out at sea? What then? And geography is not necessarily the only barrier; sometimes it can be language or a disability or cultural. This month's special section features stories by members who share about their challenges and stay sober—no matter what. There are also a couple of lovely sober holiday stories as well.

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Get involved! Grapevine invites you and your group, group of groups, district and/or area to join in the updated outreach effort Grow Your Grapevine through February 2017. For details, see pages 9 and 10. Our new 2017 editorial calendar is now on our website. Visit [www.aagrapevine.org/share](http://www.aagrapevine.org/share) to see the story themes for next year's issues. We want to hear from you.

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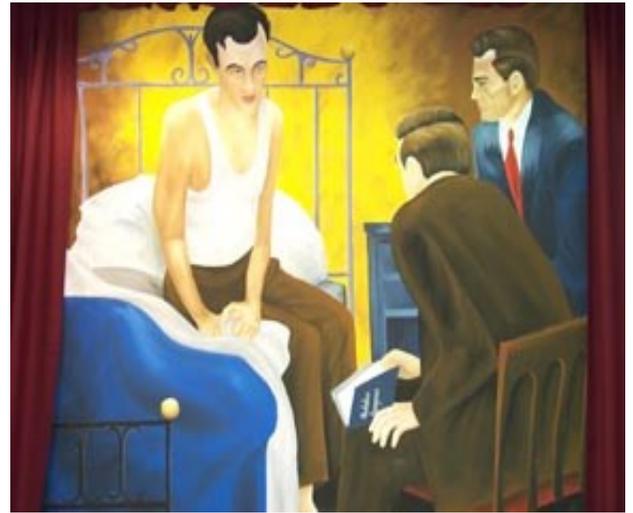
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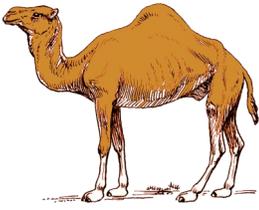
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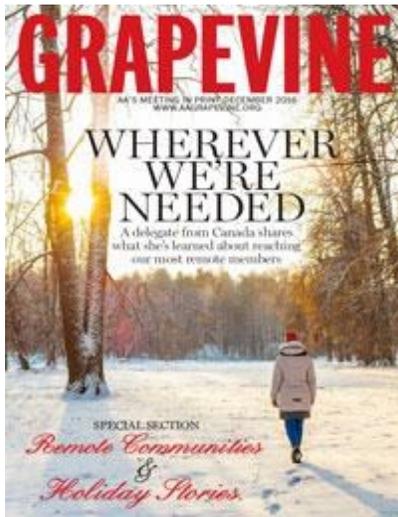
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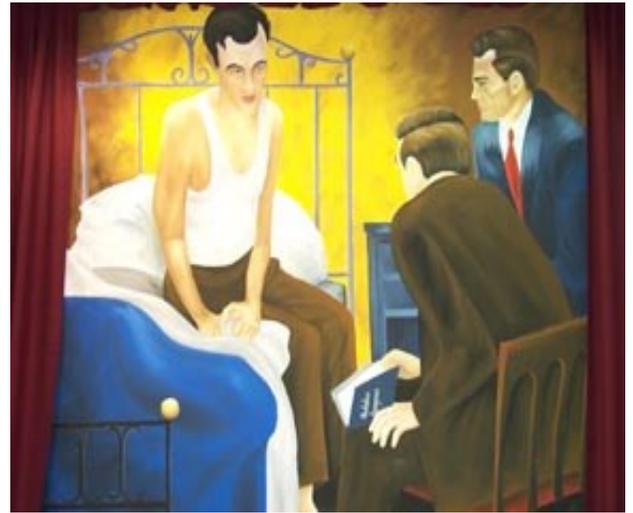
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## Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

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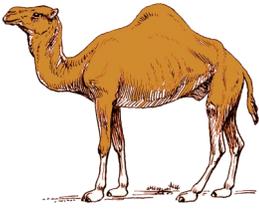
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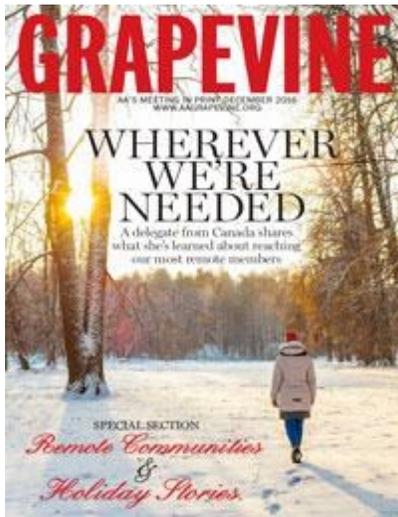
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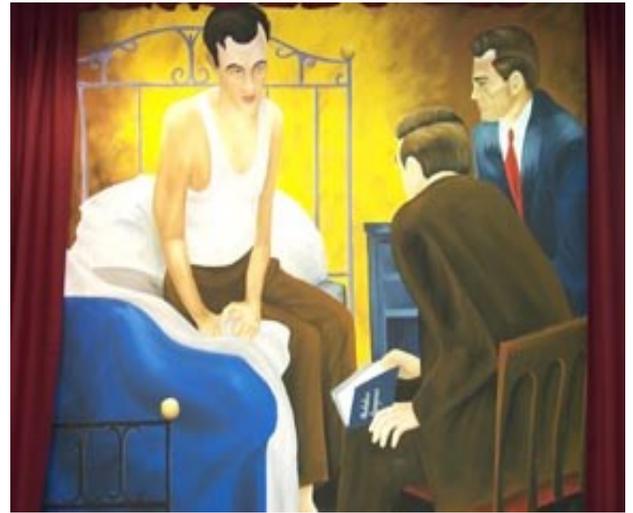
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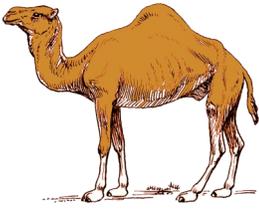
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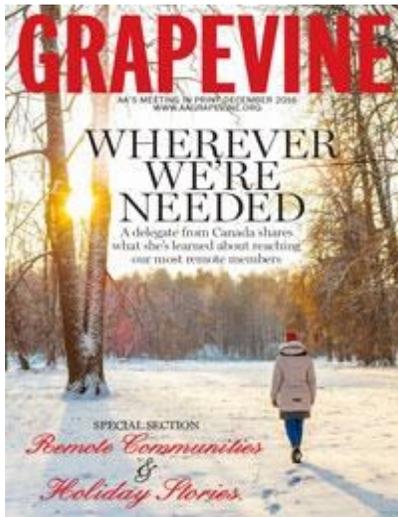
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## Opportunities For Service

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We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly CSR meeting and talk with the correction com-

### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to go into both the men and the women's facilities. Come to the next

## Announcements

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January 8, 2017 At 2:00 PM

West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

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### Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting

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Westgate Memorial Baptist Church

6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

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December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

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9:00 a.m. AA Speaker- David B. - Austin, TX.  
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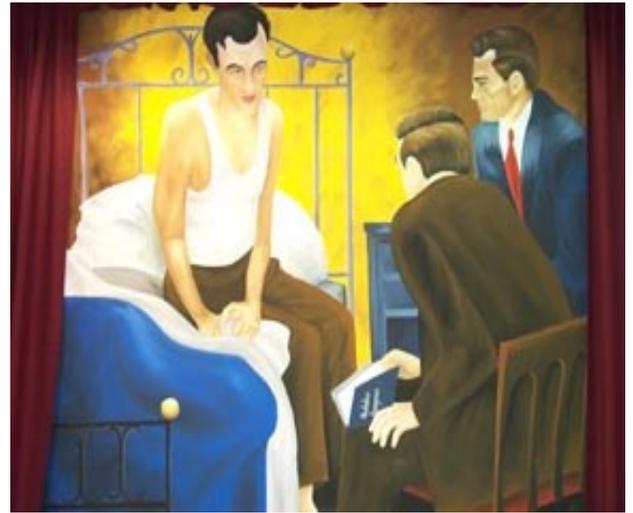
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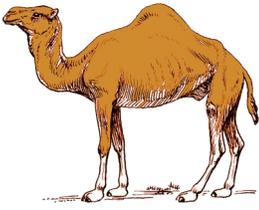
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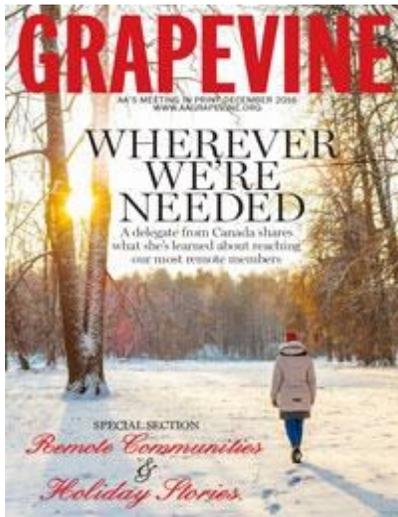
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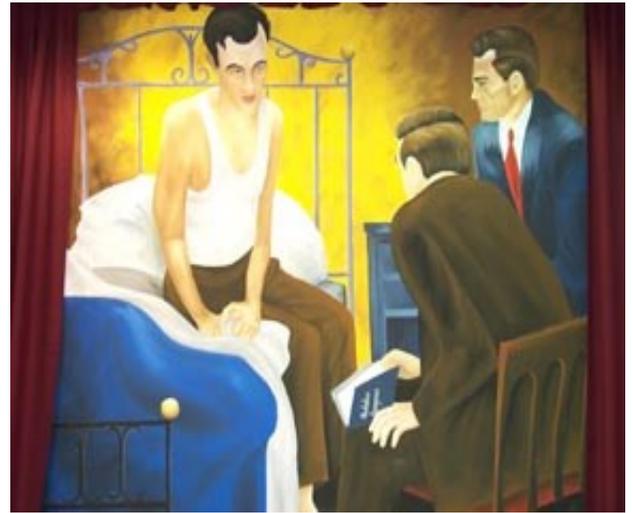
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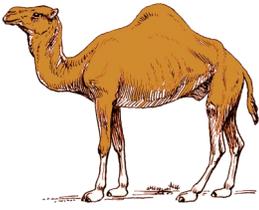
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*The AA Service Manual/ 12 Concepts for World Services—pg. 60*

*The Concept here considered consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. There are good reasons for placing it in this context.*

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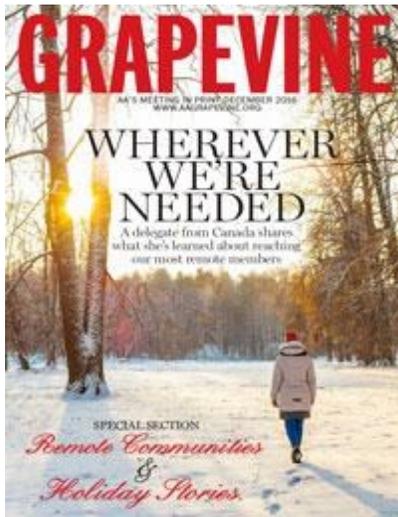
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Welcome

Meetings, meetings, meetings we always hear. But what if you can't get to one? What if you live in a small town in Kansas or up in the Yukon or you're out at sea? What then? And geography is not necessarily the only barrier; sometimes it can be language or a disability or cultural. This month's special section features stories by members who share about their challenges and stay sober—no matter what. There are also a couple of lovely sober holiday stories as well.

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Get involved! Grapevine invites you and your group, group of groups, district and/or area to join in the updated outreach effort Grow Your Grapevine through February 2017. For details, see pages 9 and 10. Our new 2017 editorial calendar is now on our website. Visit [www.aagrapevine.org/share](http://www.aagrapevine.org/share) to see the story themes for next year's issues. We want to hear from you.

Happy sober holiday season everyone!

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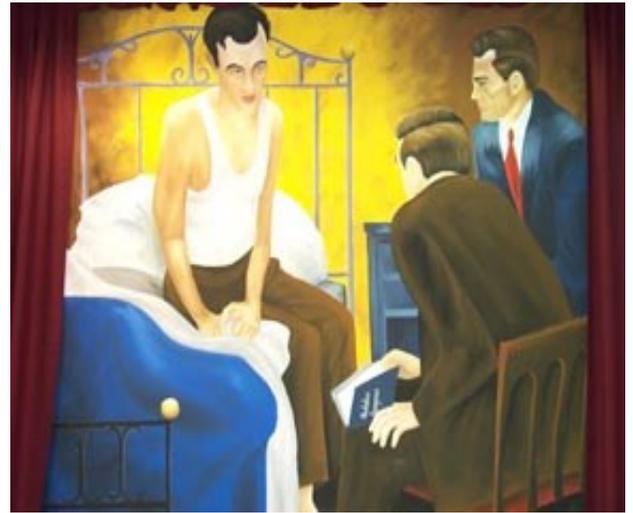
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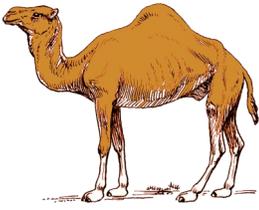
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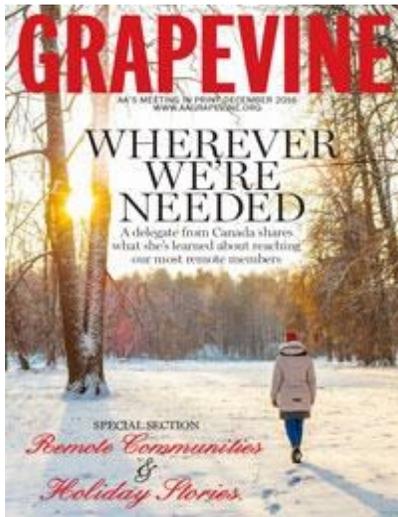
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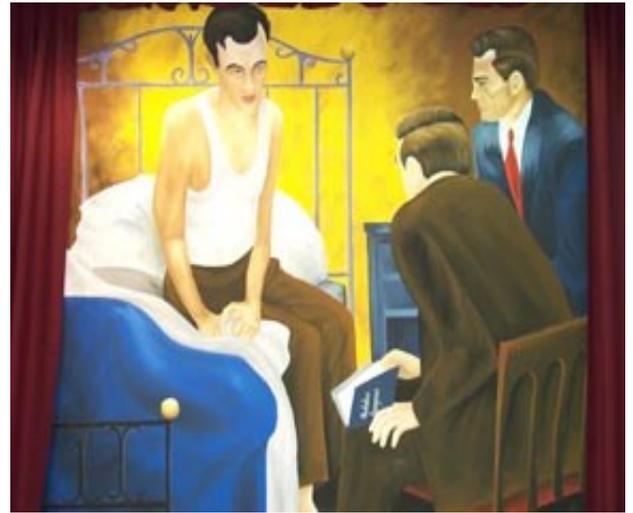
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## Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

***Lord, make a channel of Thy peace. That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring harmony. That where there is error, I may bring truth. That where there is doubt, I may bring faith. That where there is despair, I may bring hope. That where there are shadows, I may bring light. That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted. To understand, than to be understood. To love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. AMEN***

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## Step 12

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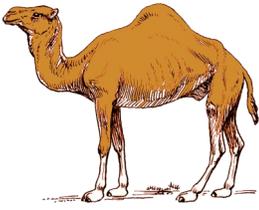
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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions—Pg. 184*



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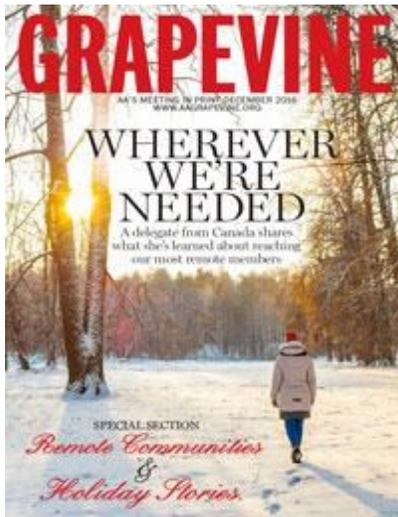
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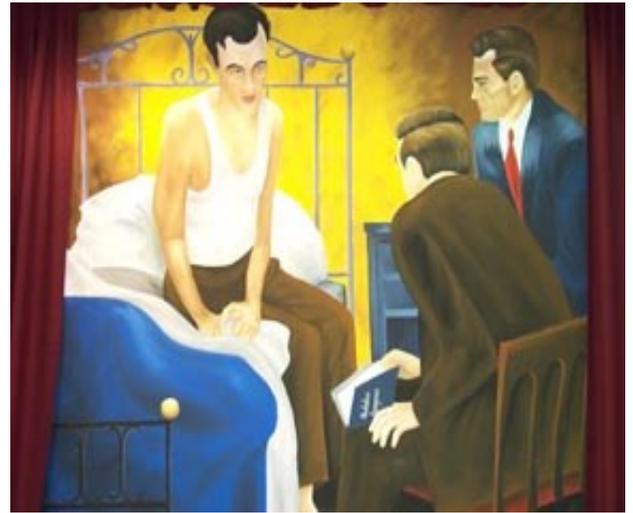
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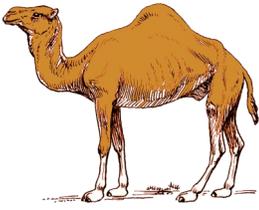
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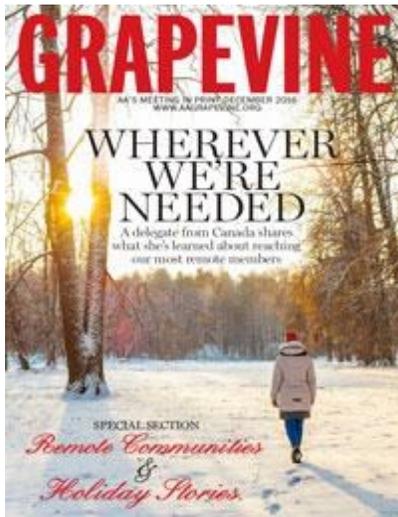
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## Opportunities For Service

### SHARE THE MESSAGE IN THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES

We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly CSR meeting and talk with the correction com-

### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to go into both the men and the women's facilities. Come to the next

## Announcements

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January 8, 2017 At 2:00 PM

West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting

January 15, 2017 At 2:00 PM

Westgate Memorial Baptist Church

6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

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December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

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*The Spiritual Life is not A Theory...*

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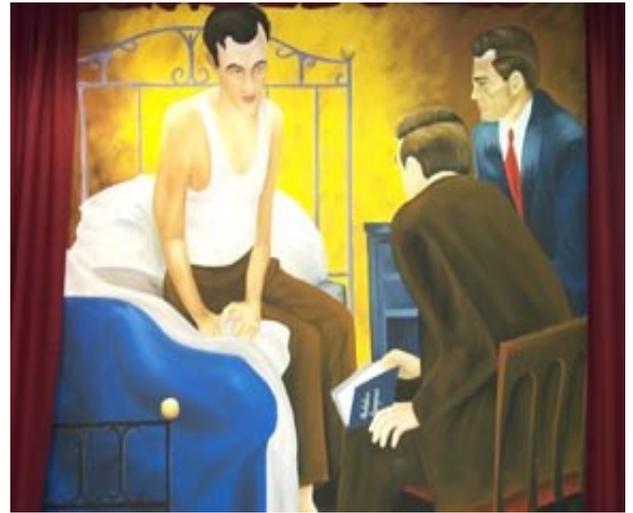
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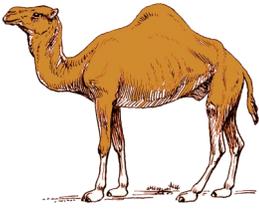
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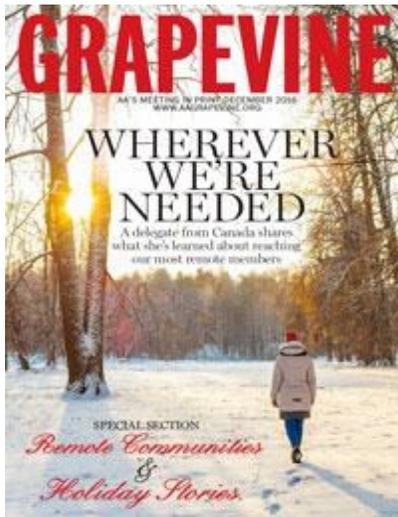
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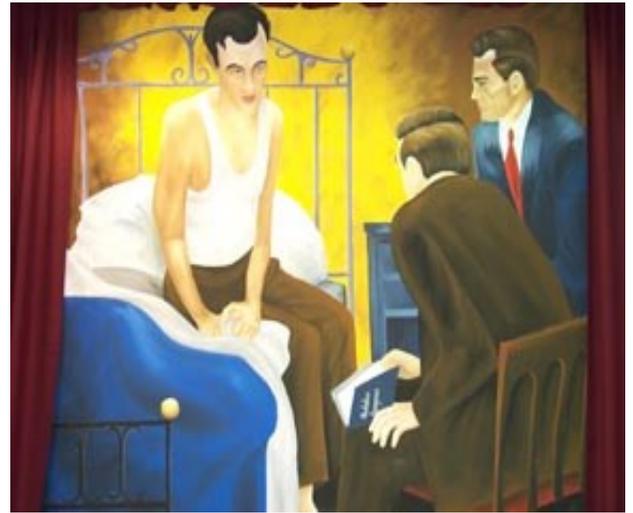
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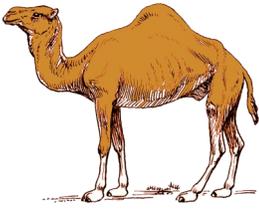
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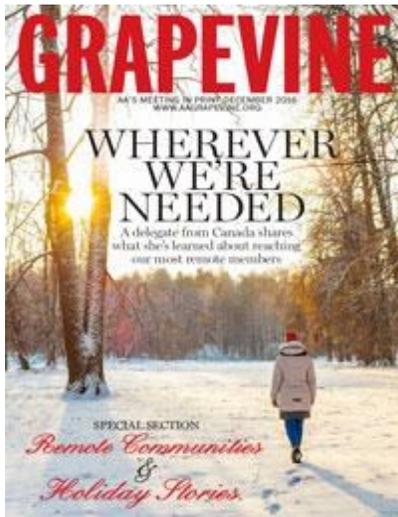
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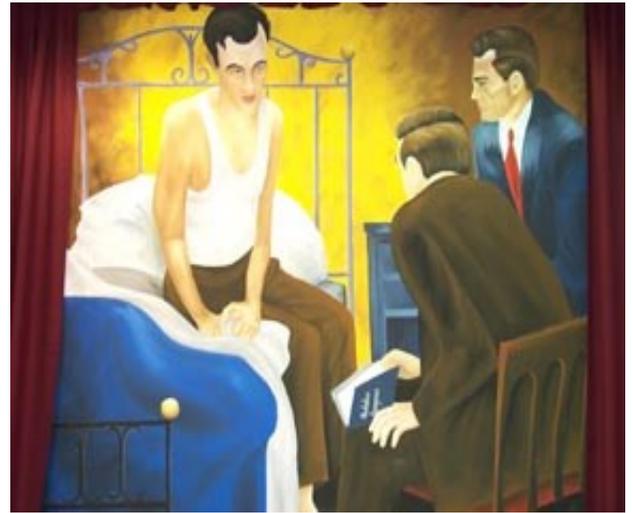
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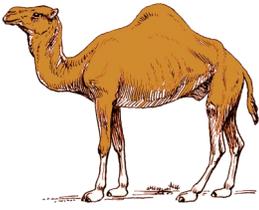
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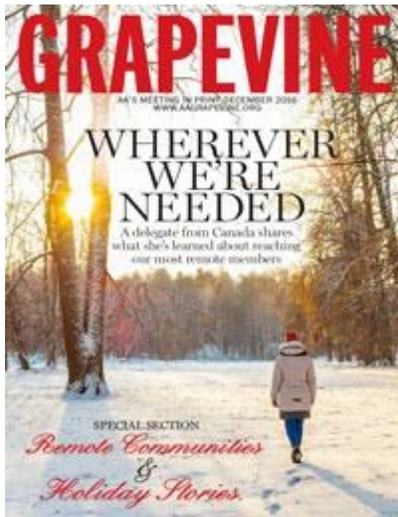
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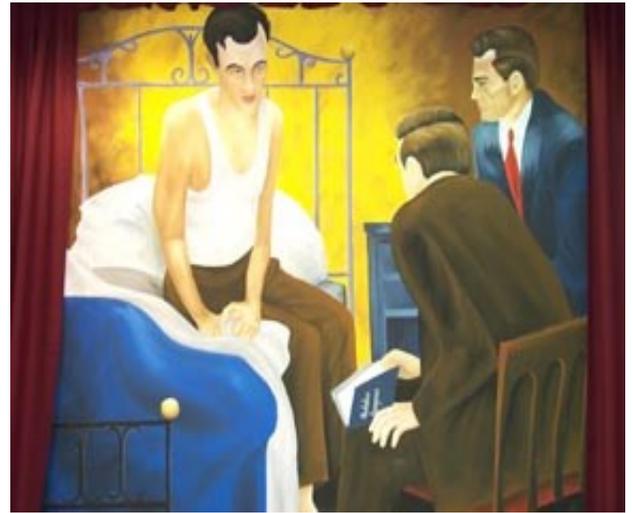
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## Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

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## 12th Step Principle Service

### 12th Promise

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## Step 12

**“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”**

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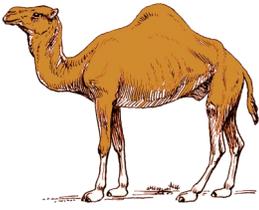
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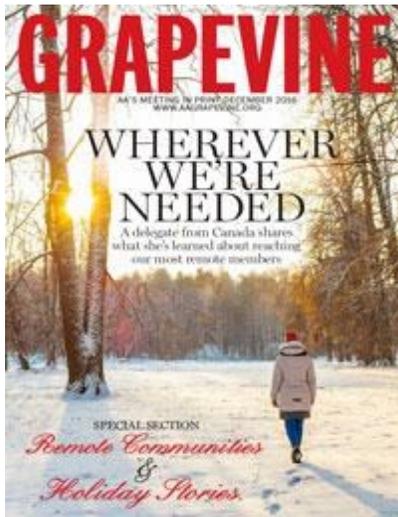
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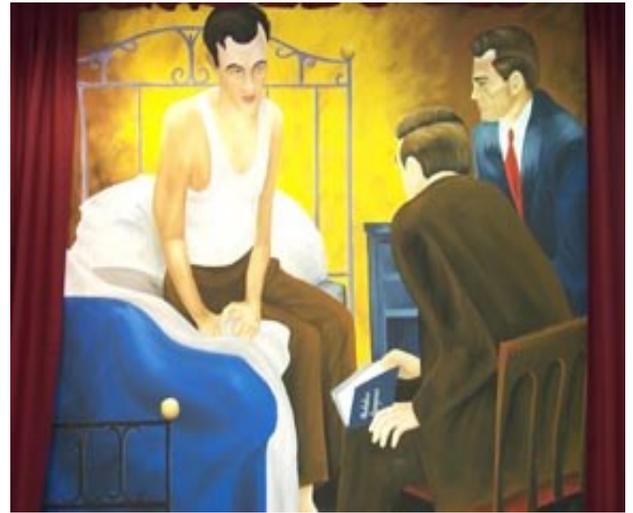
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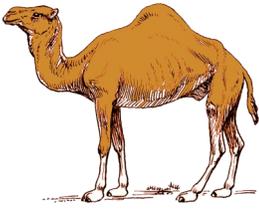
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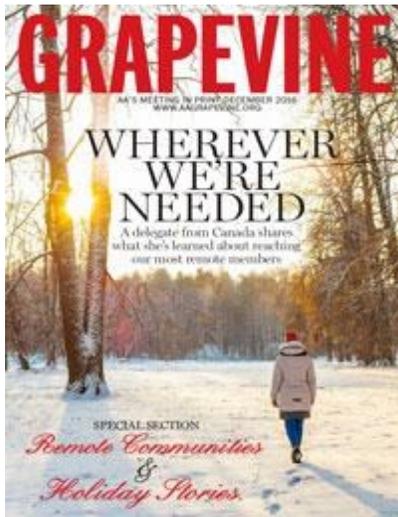
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Bolivar	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nueva Vida (Port Arthur)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bridge City	\$0.00	\$100.00	<b>Orange</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
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Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$200.00	Pineywoods	\$0.00	\$85.00
Dam Group (Hwy. 225)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Primary Purpose	\$0.00	\$30.00
Deweyville	\$0.00	\$0.00	Rule #62 Young Peoples Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	Serenity	\$0.00	\$892.58
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## Opportunities For Service

### SHARE THE MESSAGE IN THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES

We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly CSR meeting and talk with the correction com-

### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to go into both the men and the women's facilities. Come to the next

## Announcements

### Next District 90 GSR Meeting

January 8, 2017 At 2:00 PM

West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting

January 15, 2017 At 2:00 PM

Westgate Memorial Baptist Church

6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meeting is held in the rear of the building.

# BILL AND BOB'S BLACK AND WHITE MASQUERADE BALL

December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

8:00 Speaker: Mary Ann J. from Silsbee

9:00 Raffle then Dance

Tickets \$10

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For More Info Call 409-242-8849    Groups Bring Dessert



# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention

January 20-22, 2017

*The Spiritual Life is not A Theory...*

## Registration

Registration fees:  
 AA/Al-Anon Early \$15  
                   On-site \$20  
 Alateen/Child Free  
 Coffee Tag \$5  
 Sat. Dance Only \$12  
 Dance included in registration fee  
**Early Registration:**  
 Open through Dec.31, 2016  
 Onsite Registration  
 Opens 2pm on Friday

## Friday

8:00 p.m. AA Speaker- Josh A. Beaumont, TX.  
 9:30 p.m. Ventriloquist/Comedian-Jack F. New York, NY

## Saturday

9:00 a.m. AA Speaker- David B. - Austin, TX.  
 10:30 GSO Speaker- TBD  
 1:30 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker-Mandy S.-Austin, TX.  
 3:00 p.m. CFC Speaker-TBD  
 4:30 p.m. Spanish Speaker-TBD  
 7:30 p.m. AA Speaker- Shene' St S.  
 9:30 p.m. Dance

## Sunday

11:00 a.m. AA Speaker-Sherry B. - Austin, TX.

Hotel convention room rate \$99 per night/Hotel cut-off date December 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Contact hotel be sure to mention the convention Phone 281-875-2222

Hotel: Houston Hilton North 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX. 77064

Note: Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. In AA, a conference/convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fee to attend these conferences. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are in hotels/convention centers, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference for speakers, printing of flyers, programs and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money. Attendance at a convention/conference is voluntary, furthermore attending as part of a group is optional, but as responsible AA members we must "pay our own way!"

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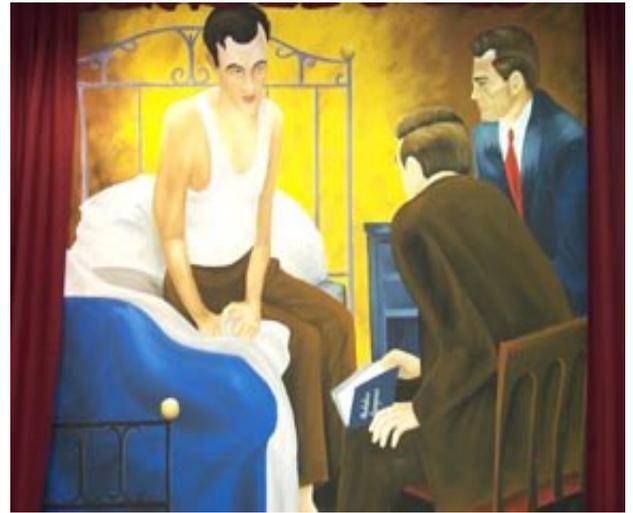
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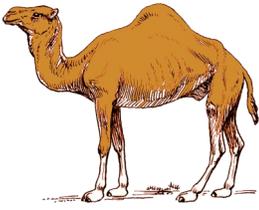
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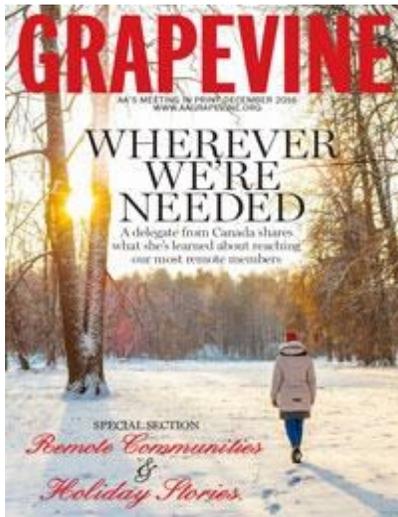
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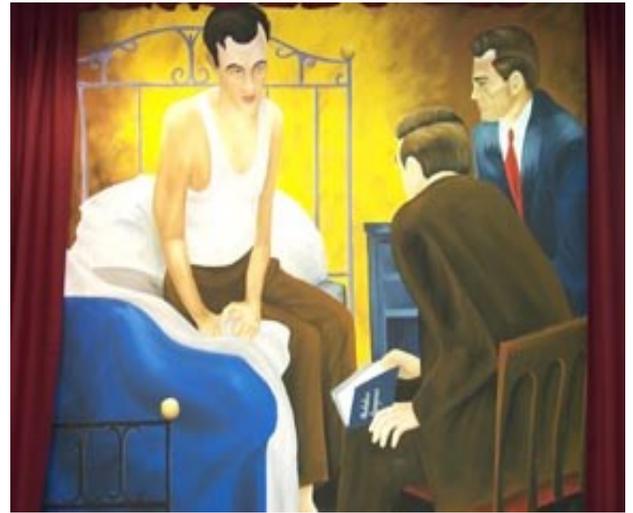
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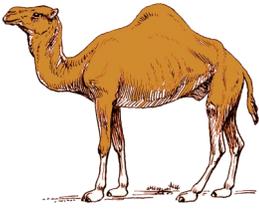
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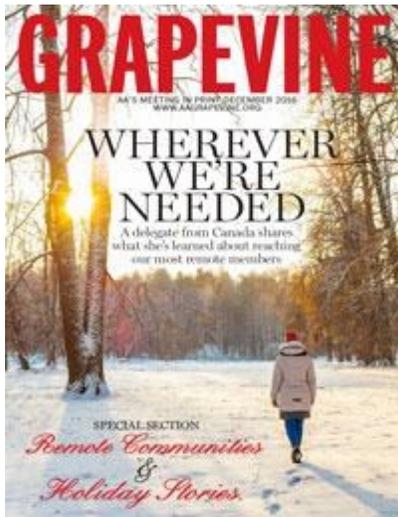
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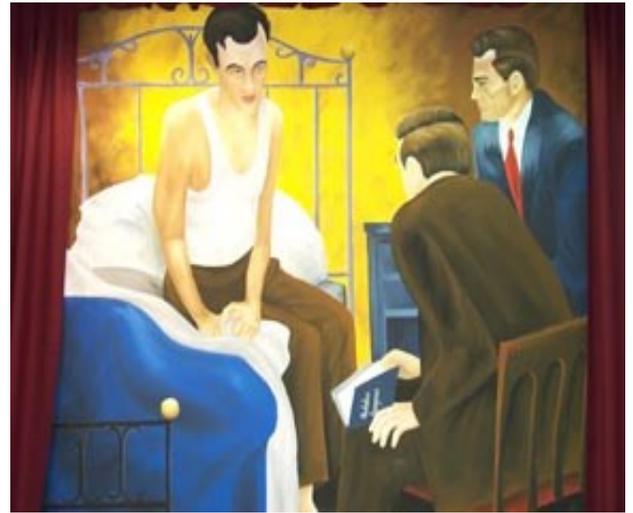
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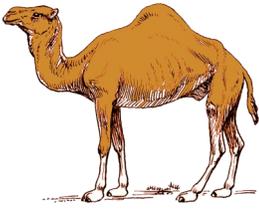
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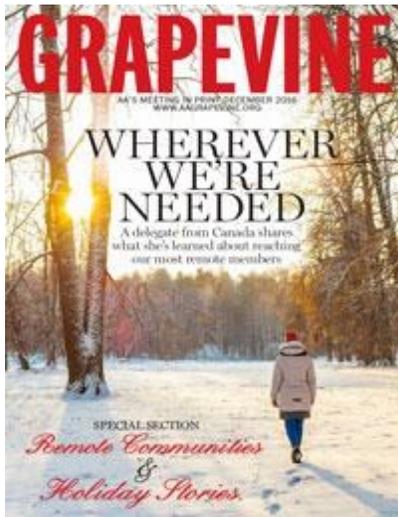
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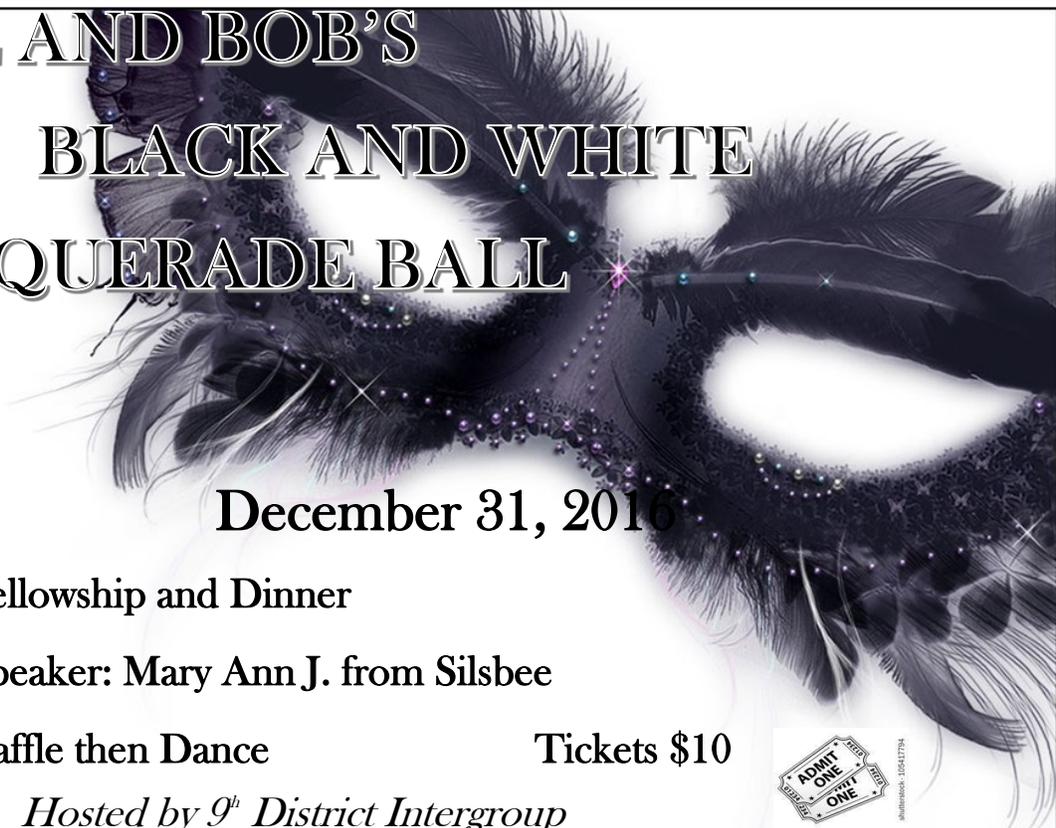
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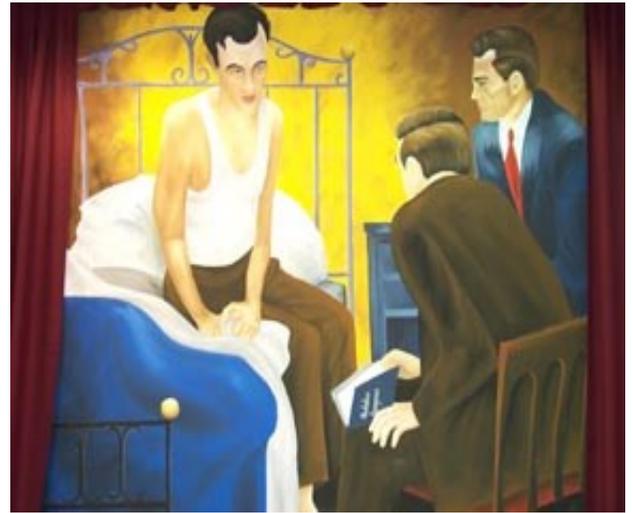
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## Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

***Lord, make a channel of Thy peace. That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring harmony. That where there is error, I may bring truth. That where there is doubt, I may bring faith. That where there is despair, I may bring hope. That where there are shadows, I may bring light. That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted. To understand, than to be understood. To love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. AMEN***

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions p. 99*

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## 12th Step Principle Service

### 12th Promise

**We suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.**



## Step 12

**“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”**

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Our Twelfth Step also says that as a result of practicing all the Steps, we have each found something called a spiritual awakening. To new A.A.'s, this often seems like a very dubious and improbable state of affairs.

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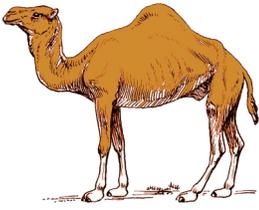
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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions—Pg. 184*



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*The AA Service Manual/ 12 Concepts for World Services—pg. 60*

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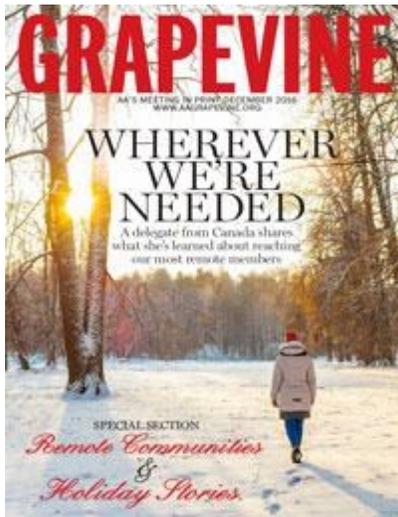
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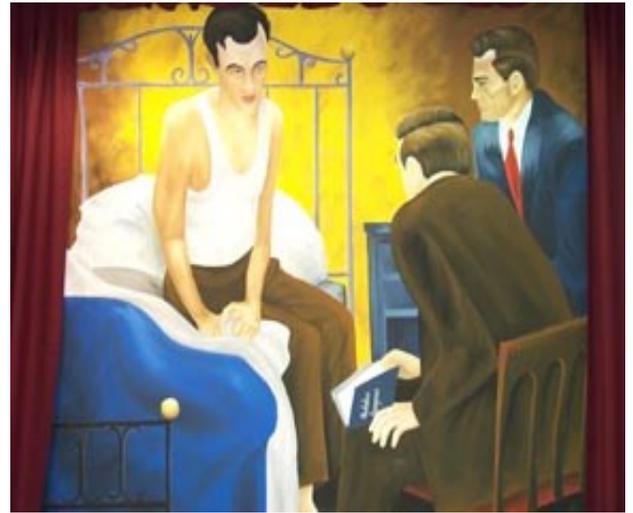
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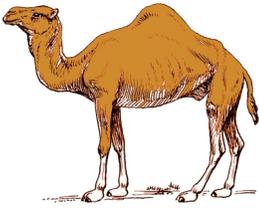
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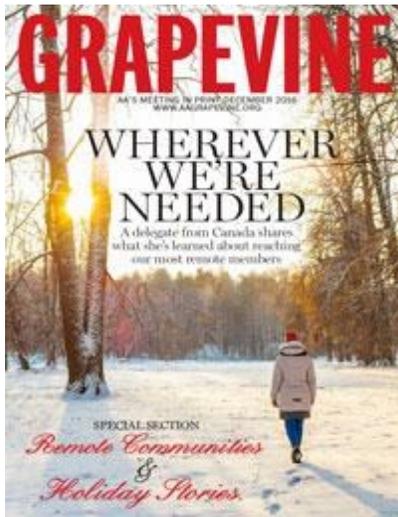
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## Opportunities For Service

### SHARE THE MESSAGE IN THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES

We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly CSR meeting and talk with the correction com-

### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to go into both the men and the women's facilities. Come to the next

## Announcements

### Next District 90 GSR Meeting

January 8, 2017 At 2:00 PM

West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting

January 15, 2017 At 2:00 PM

Westgate Memorial Baptist Church

6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meeting is held in the rear of the building.

# BILL AND BOB'S BLACK AND WHITE MASQUERADE BALL

December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

8:00 Speaker: Mary Ann J. from Silsbee

9:00 Raffle then Dance

Tickets \$10

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For More Info Call 409-242-8849 Groups Bring Dessert



# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention

January 20-22, 2017

*The Spiritual Life is not A Theory...*

## Registration

Registration fees:  
 AA/Al-Anon Early \$15  
                   On-site \$20  
 Alateen/Child Free  
 Coffee Tag \$5  
 Sat. Dance Only \$12  
 Dance included in registration fee  
**Early Registration:**  
 Open through Dec.31, 2016  
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 Opens 2pm on Friday

## Friday

8:00 p.m. AA Speaker- Josh A. Beaumont, TX.  
 9:30 p.m. Ventriloquist/Comedian-Jack F. New York, NY

## Saturday

9:00 a.m. AA Speaker- David B. - Austin, TX.  
 10:30 GSO Speaker- TBD  
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 3:00 p.m. CFC Speaker-TBD  
 4:30 p.m. Spanish Speaker-TBD  
 7:30 p.m. AA Speaker- Shene' St S.  
 9:30 p.m. Dance

## Sunday

11:00 a.m. AA Speaker-Sherry B. - Austin, TX.

Hotel convention room rate \$99 per night/Hotel cut-off date December 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Contact hotel be sure to mention the convention Phone 281-875-2222

Hotel: Houston Hilton North 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX. 77064

Note: Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. In AA, a conference/convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fee to attend these conferences. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are in hotels/convention centers, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference for speakers, printing of flyers, programs and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money. Attendance at a convention/conference is voluntary, furthermore attending as part of a group is optional, but as responsible AA members we must "pay our own way!"

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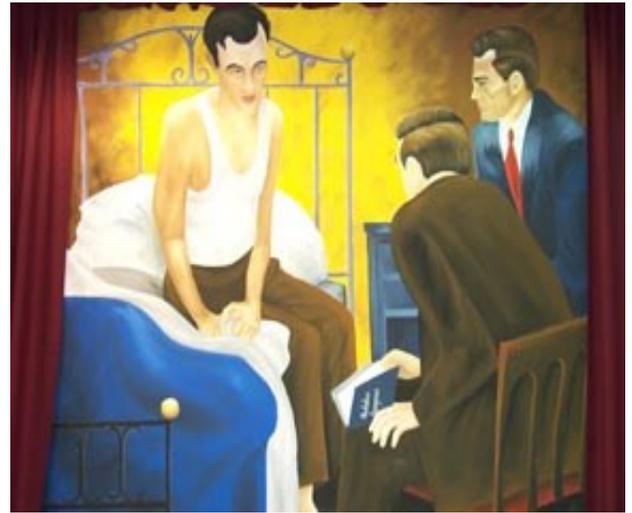
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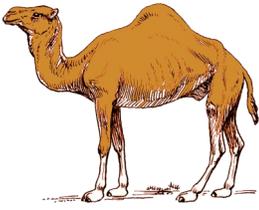
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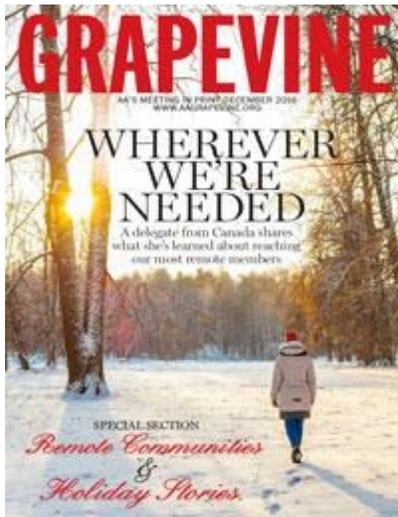
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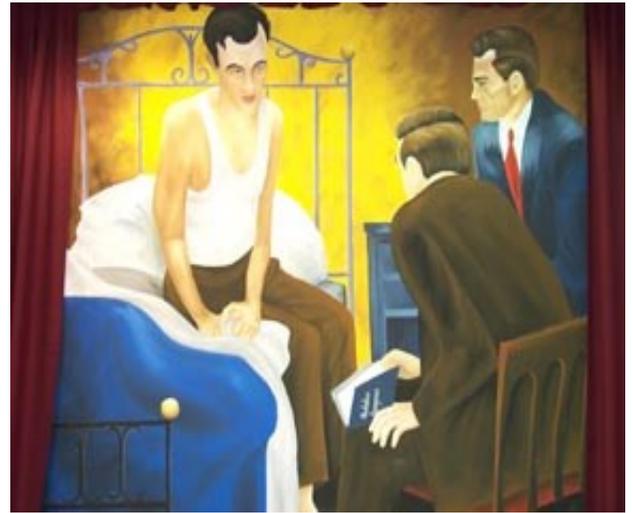
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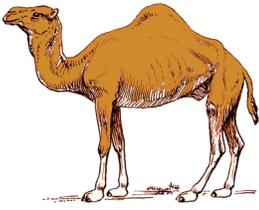
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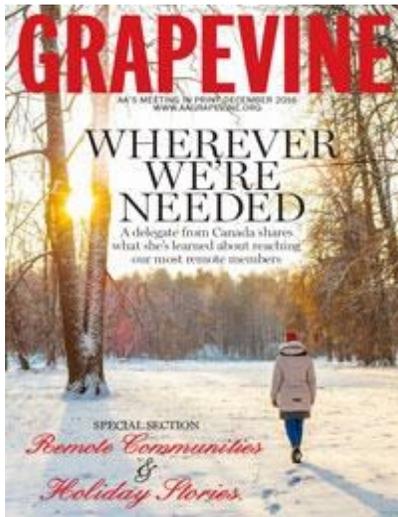
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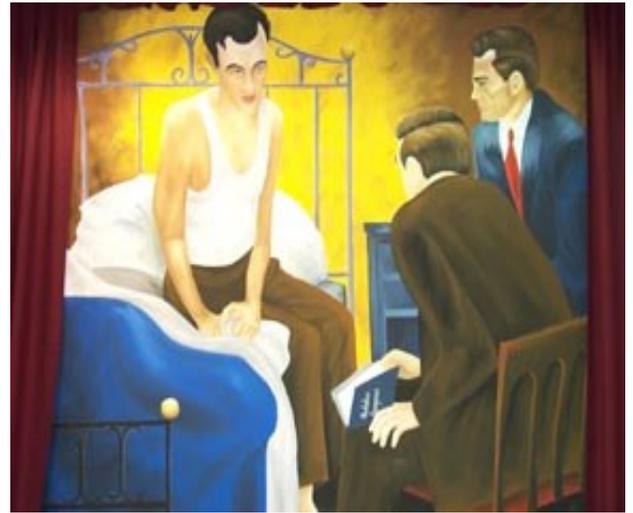
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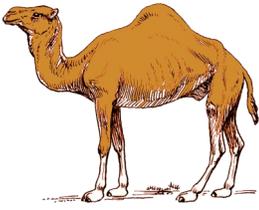
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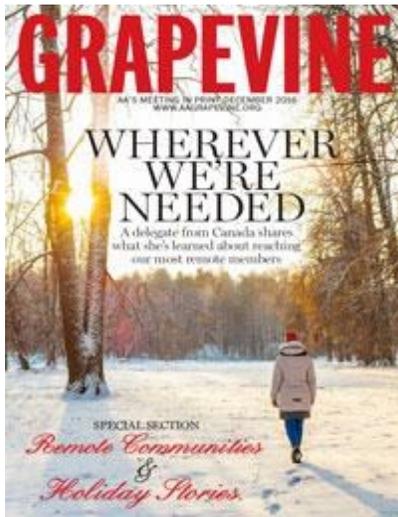
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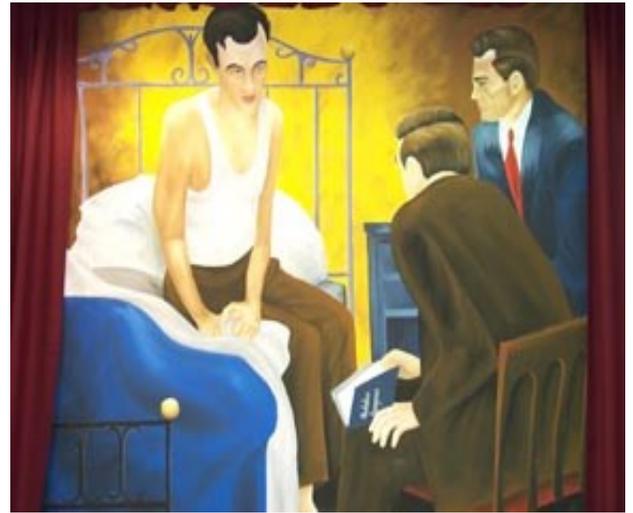
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## 12th Step Principle Service

### 12th Promise

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**“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”**

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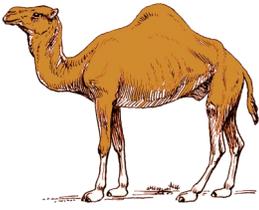
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**“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”**

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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions—Pg. 184*



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*The AA Service Manual/ 12 Concepts for World Services—pg. 60*

***The Concept here considered consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. There are good reasons for placing it in this context.***

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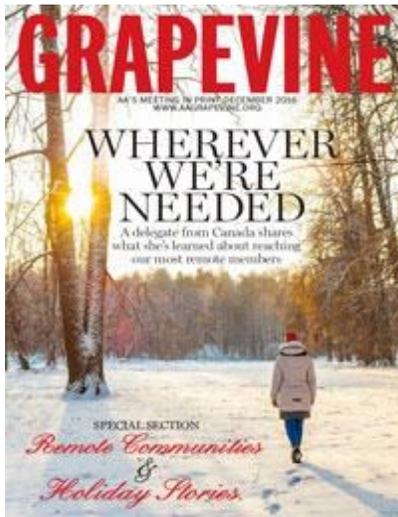
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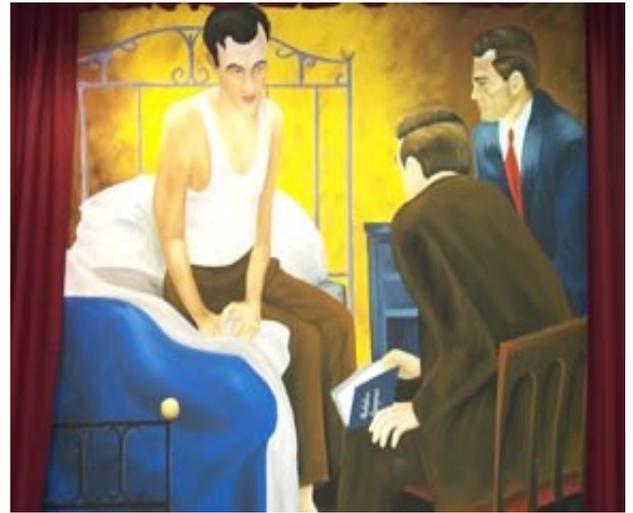
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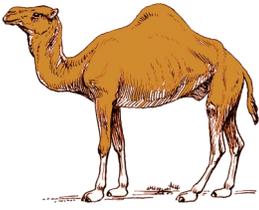
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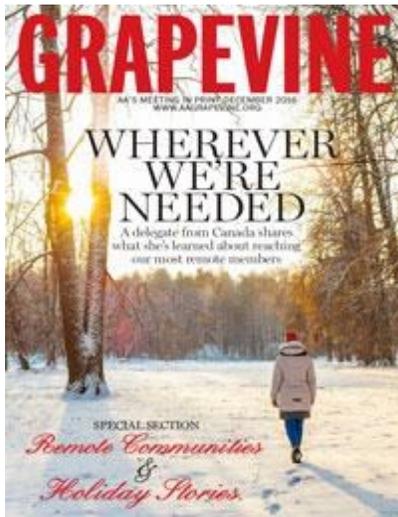
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We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly CSR meeting and talk with the correction com-

### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to go into both the men and the women's facilities. Come to the next

## Announcements

### Next District 90 GSR Meeting

January 8, 2017 At 2:00 PM

West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting

January 15, 2017 At 2:00 PM

Westgate Memorial Baptist Church

6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meeting is held in the rear of the building.

# BILL AND BOB'S BLACK AND WHITE MASQUERADE BALL

December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

8:00 Speaker: Mary Ann J. from Silsbee

9:00 Raffle then Dance

Tickets \$10

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For More Info Call 409-242-8849 Groups Bring Dessert



# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention

January 20-22, 2017

*The Spiritual Life is not A Theory...*

## Registration

Registration fees:  
 AA/Al-Anon Early \$15  
                   On-site \$20  
 Alateen/Child Free  
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 Sat. Dance Only \$12  
 Dance included in registration fee  
**Early Registration:**  
 Open through Dec.31, 2016  
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 Opens 2pm on Friday

## Friday

8:00 p.m. AA Speaker- Josh A. Beaumont, TX.  
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## Saturday

9:00 a.m. AA Speaker- David B. - Austin, TX.  
 10:30 GSO Speaker- TBD  
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 3:00 p.m. CFC Speaker-TBD  
 4:30 p.m. Spanish Speaker-TBD  
 7:30 p.m. AA Speaker- Shene' St S.  
 9:30 p.m. Dance

## Sunday

11:00 a.m. AA Speaker-Sherry B. - Austin, TX.

Hotel convention room rate \$99 per night/Hotel cut-off date December 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Contact hotel be sure to mention the convention Phone 281-875-2222

Hotel: Houston Hilton North 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX. 77064

Note: Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. In AA, a conference/convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fee to attend these conferences. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are in hotels/convention centers, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference for speakers, printing of flyers, programs and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money. Attendance at a convention/conference is voluntary, furthermore attending as part of a group is optional, but as responsible AA members we must "pay our own way!"

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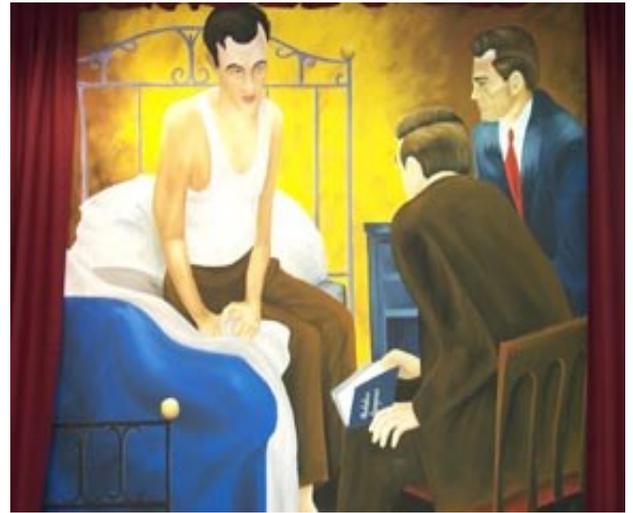
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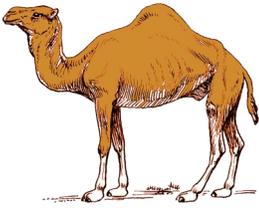
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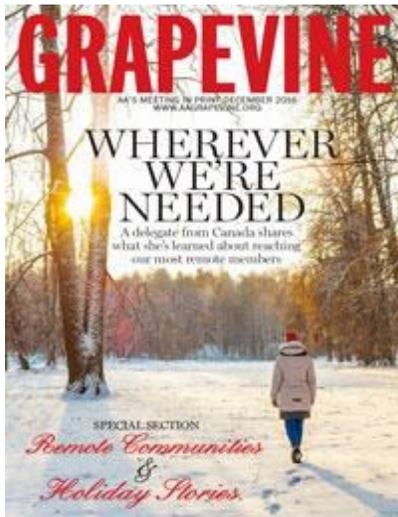
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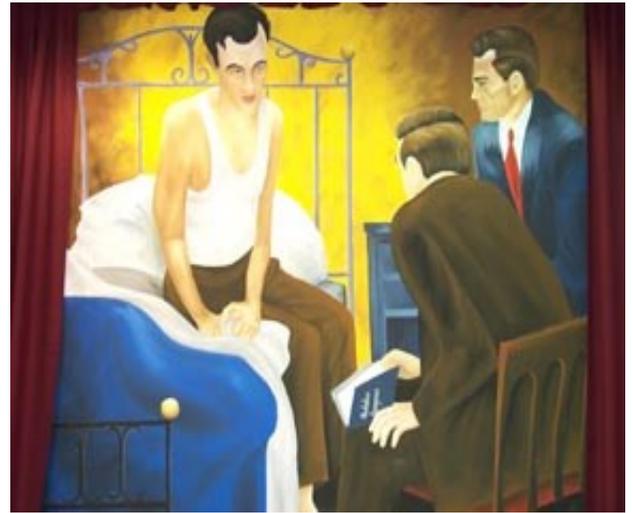
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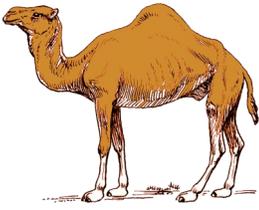
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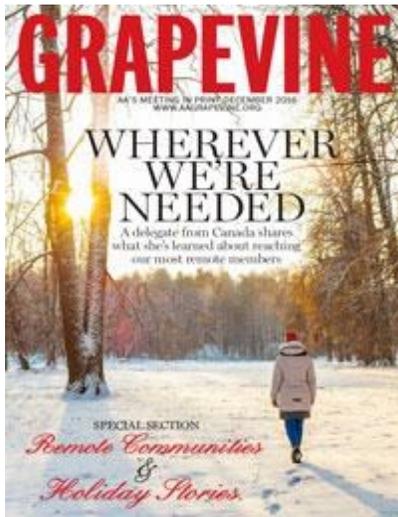
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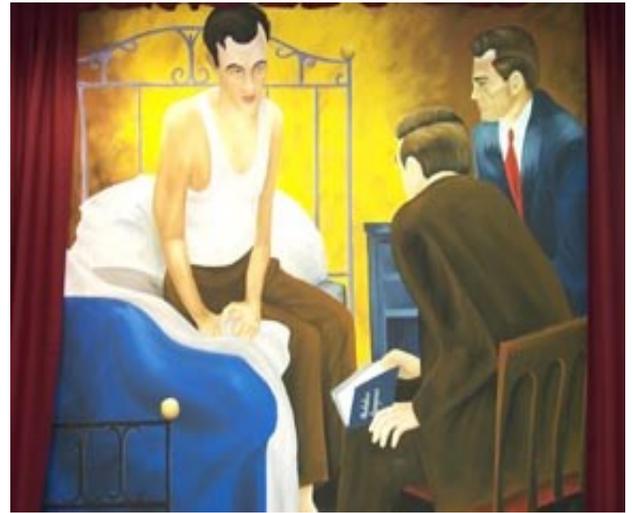
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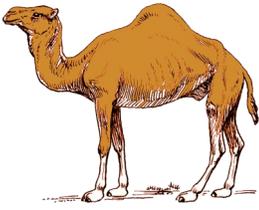
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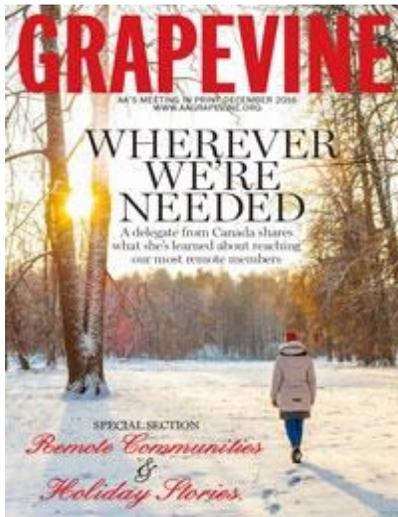
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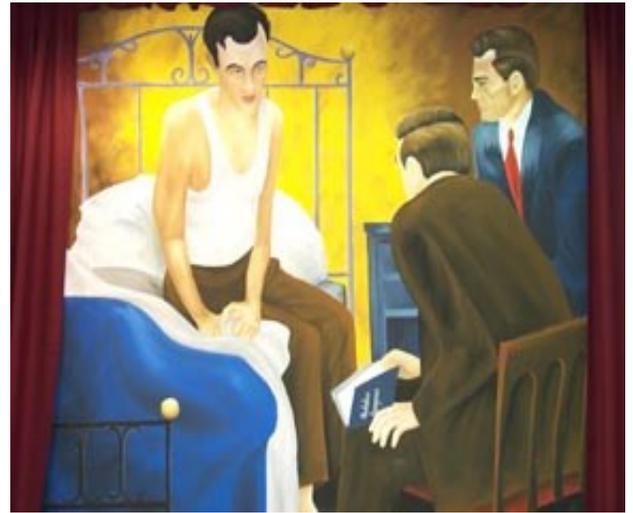
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## Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

***Lord, make a channel of Thy peace. That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring harmony. That where there is error, I may bring truth. That where there is doubt, I may bring faith. That where there is despair, I may bring hope. That where there are shadows, I may bring light. That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted. To understand, than to be understood. To love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. AMEN***

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions p. 99*

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## 12th Step Principle Service

### 12th Promise

**We suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.**



## Step 12

**“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”**

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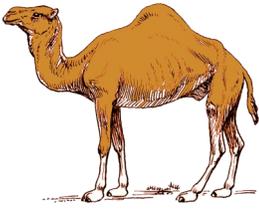
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**“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”**

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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions—Pg. 184*



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*The AA Service Manual/ 12 Concepts for World Services—pg. 60*

*The Concept here considered consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. There are good reasons for placing it in this context.*

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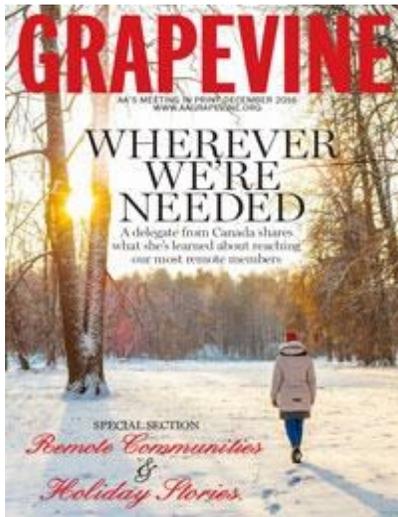
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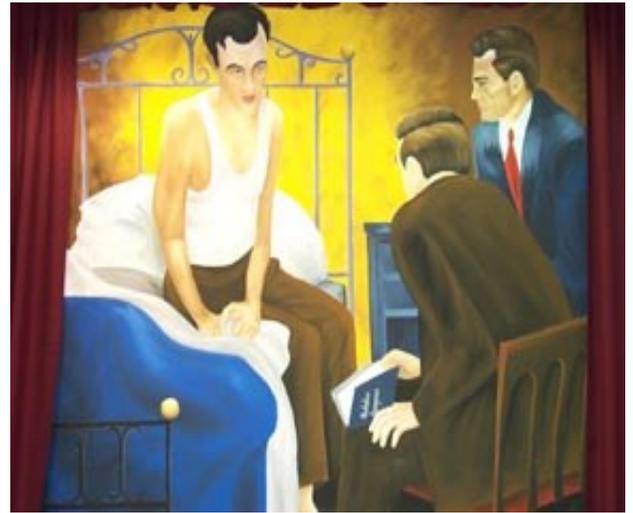
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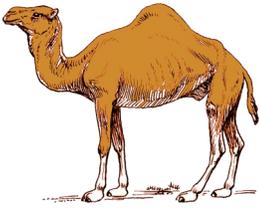
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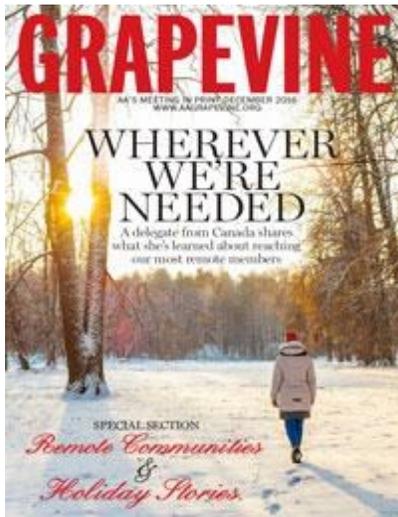
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January 8, 2017 At 2:00 PM

West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

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January 15, 2017 At 2:00 PM

Westgate Memorial Baptist Church

6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

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# BILL AND BOB'S BLACK AND WHITE MASQUERADE BALL

December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

8:00 Speaker: Mary Ann J. from Silsbee

9:00 Raffle then Dance

Tickets \$10

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January 20-22, 2017

*The Spiritual Life is not A Theory...*

### Registration

Registration fees:  
 AA/Al-Anon Early \$15  
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 Dance included in registration fee  
**Early Registration:**  
 Open through Dec.31, 2016  
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### Saturday

9:00 a.m. AA Speaker- David B. - Austin, TX.  
 10:30 GSO Speaker- TBD  
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 3:00 p.m. CFC Speaker-TBD  
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 9:30 p.m. Dance

### Sunday

11:00 a.m. AA Speaker-Sherry B. - Austin, TX.

Hotel convention room rate \$99 per night/Hotel cut-off date December 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Contact hotel be sure to mention the convention Phone 281-875-2222

Hotel: Houston Hilton North 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX. 77064

Note: Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. In AA, a conference/convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fee to attend these conferences. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are in hotels/convention centers, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference for speakers, printing of flyers, programs and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money. Attendance at a convention/conference is voluntary, furthermore attending as part of a group is optional, but as responsible AA members we must "pay our own way!"

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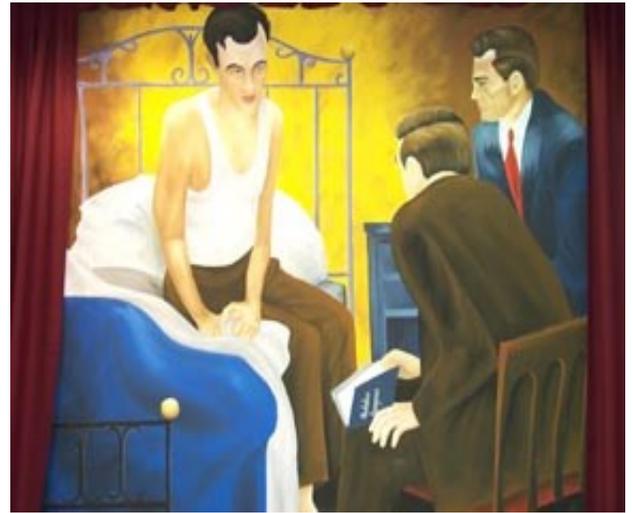
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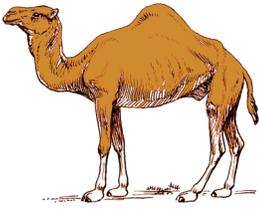
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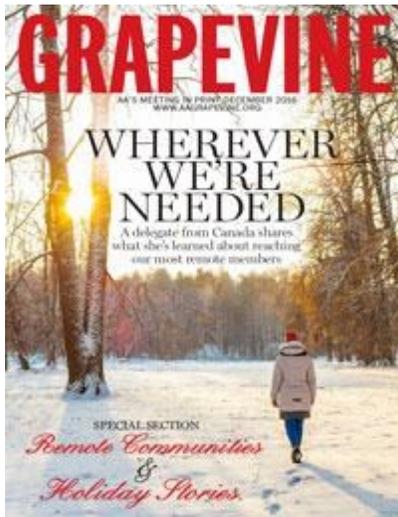
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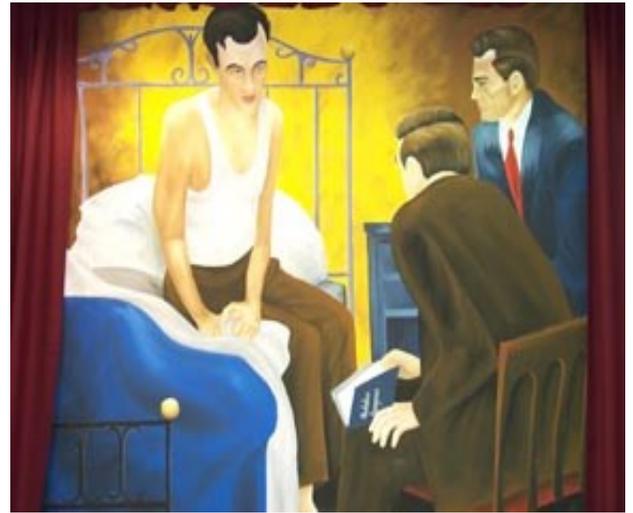
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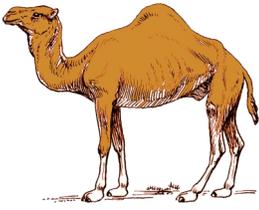
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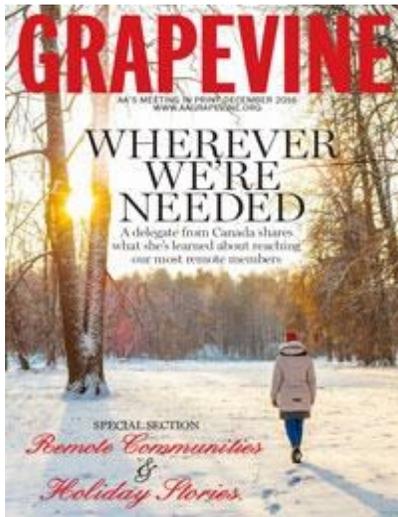
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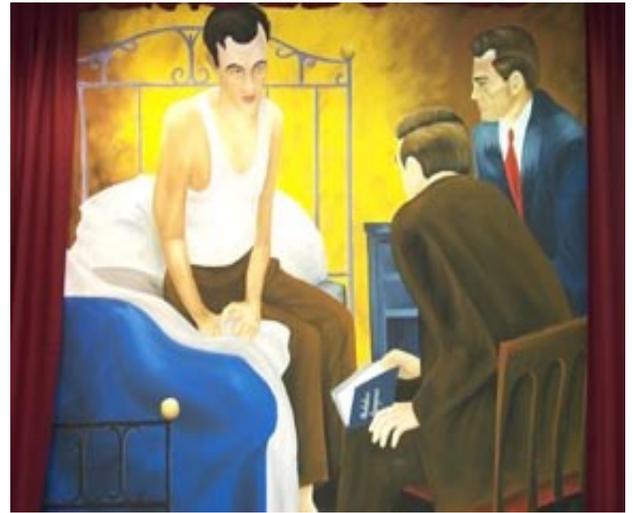
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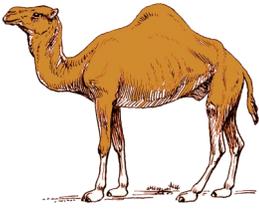
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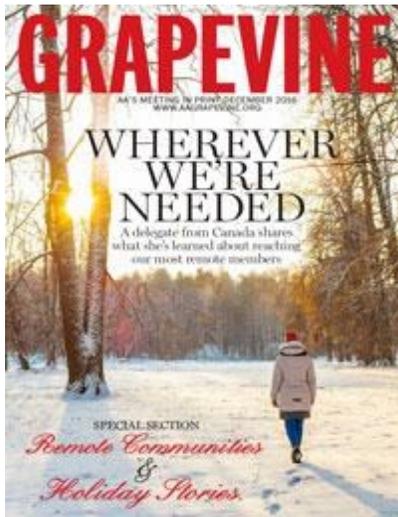
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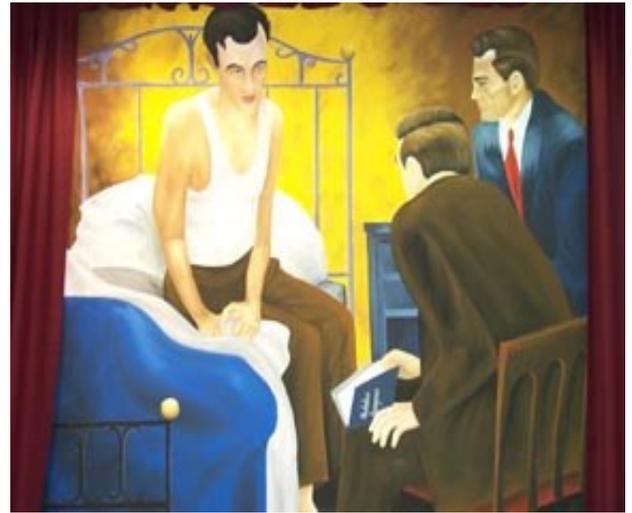
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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions p. 99*

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## 12th Step Principle Service

### 12th Promise

**We suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.**



## Step 12

**“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”**

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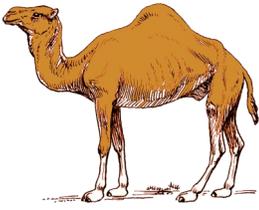
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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions—Pg. 184*



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*The AA Service Manual/ 12 Concepts for World Services—pg. 60*

***The Concept here considered consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. There are good reasons for placing it in this context.***

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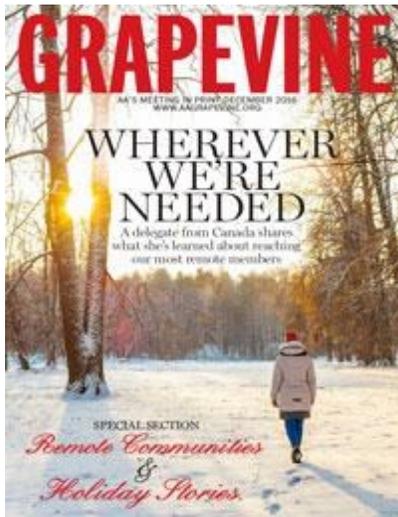
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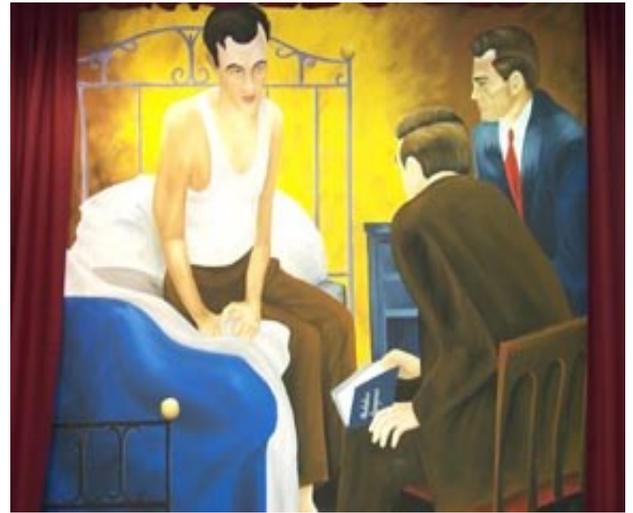
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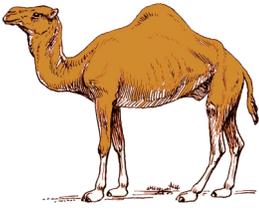
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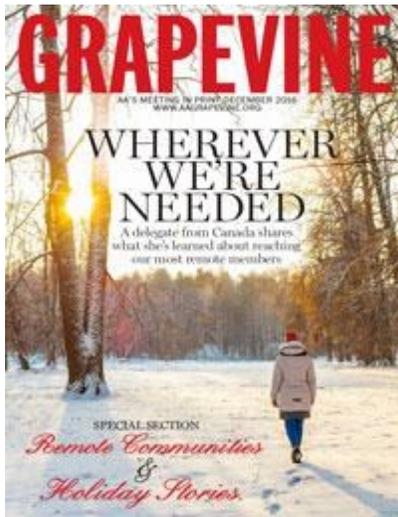
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We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly CSR meeting and talk with the correction com-

### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to go into both the men and the women's facilities. Come to the next

## Announcements

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January 8, 2017 At 2:00 PM

West End Group

1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting

January 15, 2017 At 2:00 PM

Westgate Memorial Baptist Church

6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX

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Meeting is held in the rear of the building.

# BILL AND BOB'S BLACK AND WHITE MASQUERADE BALL

December 31, 2016

6:00 Fellowship and Dinner

8:00 Speaker: Mary Ann J. from Silsbee

9:00 Raffle then Dance

Tickets \$10

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# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention

January 20-22, 2017

*The Spiritual Life is not A Theory...*

### Registration

Registration fees:  
 AA/Al-Anon Early \$15  
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 Alateen/Child Free  
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 Dance included in registration fee  
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 Open through Dec.31, 2016  
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 Opens 2pm on Friday

### Friday

8:00 p.m. AA Speaker- Josh A. Beaumont, TX.  
 9:30 p.m. Ventriloquist/Comedian-Jack F. New York, NY

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. AA Speaker- David B. - Austin, TX.  
 10:30 GSO Speaker- TBD  
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 3:00 p.m. CFC Speaker-TBD  
 4:30 p.m. Spanish Speaker-TBD  
 7:30 p.m. AA Speaker- Shene' St S.  
 9:30 p.m. Dance

### Sunday

11:00 a.m. AA Speaker-Sherry B. - Austin, TX.

Hotel convention room rate \$99 per night/Hotel cut-off date December 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Contact hotel be sure to mention the convention Phone 281-875-2222

Hotel: Houston Hilton North 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX. 77064

Note: Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. In AA, a conference/convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fee to attend these conferences. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are in hotels/convention centers, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference for speakers, printing of flyers, programs and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money. Attendance at a convention/conference is voluntary, furthermore attending as part of a group is optional, but as responsible AA members we must "pay our own way!"

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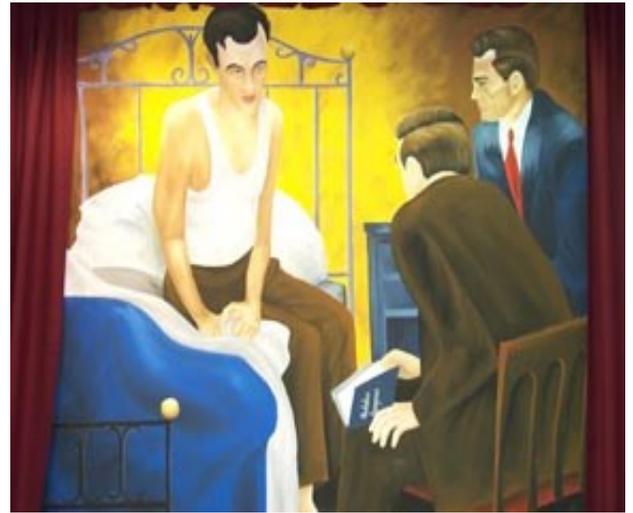
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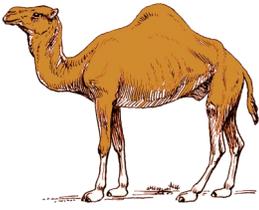
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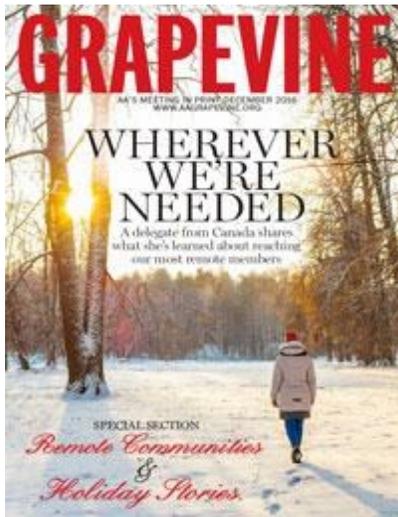
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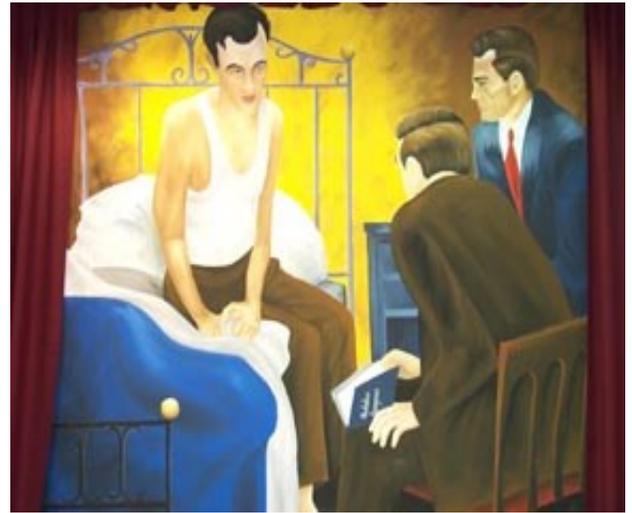
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**“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”**

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Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety.

When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it.

Our Twelfth Step also says that as a result of practicing all the Steps, we have each found something called a spiritual awakening. To new A.A.'s, this often seems like a very dubious and improbable state of affairs.

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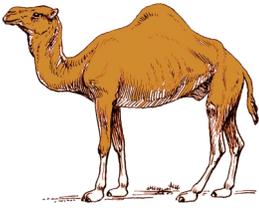
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# Tradition 12

**“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”**

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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions—Pg. 184*



I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

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*The AA Service Manual/ 12 Concepts for World Services—pg. 60*

***The Concept here considered consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. There are good reasons for placing it in this context.***

***Taken as a whole, our Conference Charter is the substance of an informal agreement, which was made between the A.A. groups and their trustees in 1955. It is the agreed basis upon which the General Service Conference operates. In part, the Charter is an elastic document; its first eleven Articles can be readily amended by the Conference itself at any time.***

**But Article 12 of the Charter stands in a class by itself. An amendment or a cancellation of any of its vital Warranties would require the written consent of three quarters of all the directory-listed A.A. groups who would actually vote on any such proposals, and the considerable time of six months is allowed for careful deliberation. (This would include all A.A. groups known to the general service offices around the world.) Although changes in the Warranties of Article 12 thus have been made difficult, they have not been made impossible.**

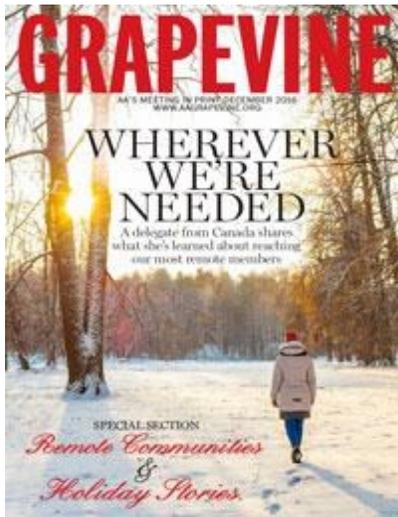
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## Letter from the Editor

Welcome

Meetings, meetings, meetings we always hear. But what if you can't get to one? What if you live in a small town in Kansas or up in the Yukon or you're out at sea? What then? And geography is not necessarily the only barrier; sometimes it can be language or a disability or cultural. This month's special section features stories by members who share about their challenges and stay sober—no matter what. There are also a couple of lovely sober holiday stories as well.

In "Guiding Light," a member discovers that being sober at sea can be a lonely affair, but a boatload of AA tools—such as Loners-Internationalists (LIM)—insures her a smooth, sober ride. In the article "Wherever We're Needed," a delegate from Canada shares what she's learned through service about the challenges many members have in the Yukon area. A man with three years takes a dream job at Glacier National Park but finds it difficult to find meetings in "Big, Beautiful & Wild." And in the sweet story "I Know, I've Been There," a man in the Midwest takes his sponsee on a 12th Step call to a remote farmhouse and is surprised to find that the alcoholic in need is not only far away, but can't speak or hear.

Get involved! Grapevine invites you and your group, group of groups, district and/or area to join in the updated outreach effort Grow Your Grapevine through February 2017. For details, see pages 9 and 10. Our new 2017 editorial calendar is now on our website. Visit [www.aagrapevine.org/share](http://www.aagrapevine.org/share) to see the story themes for next year's issues. We want to hear from you.

Happy sober holiday season everyone!

In Fellowship,

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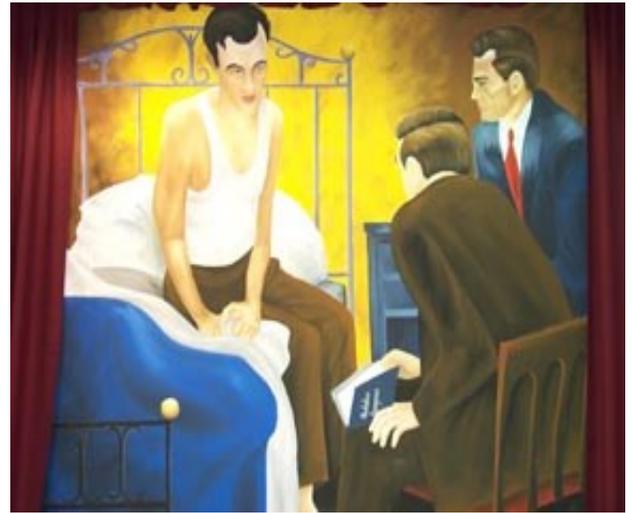
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