

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

LET'S BE
FRIENDLY WITH OUR FRIENDS

Your Local A.A. Community

A.A. IN YOUR COMMUNITY

(LOCAL A.A. INFORMATION)

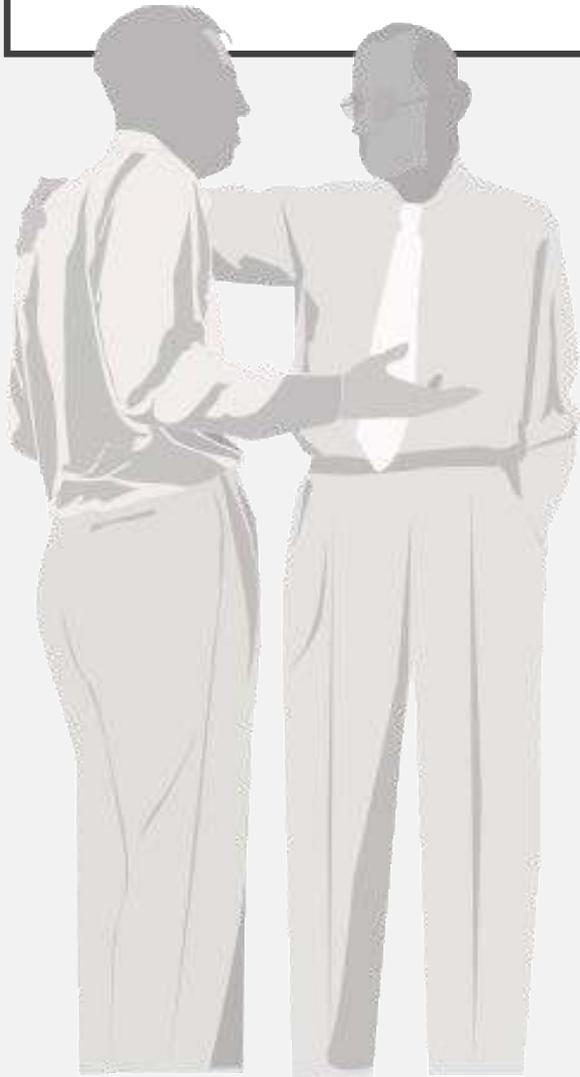
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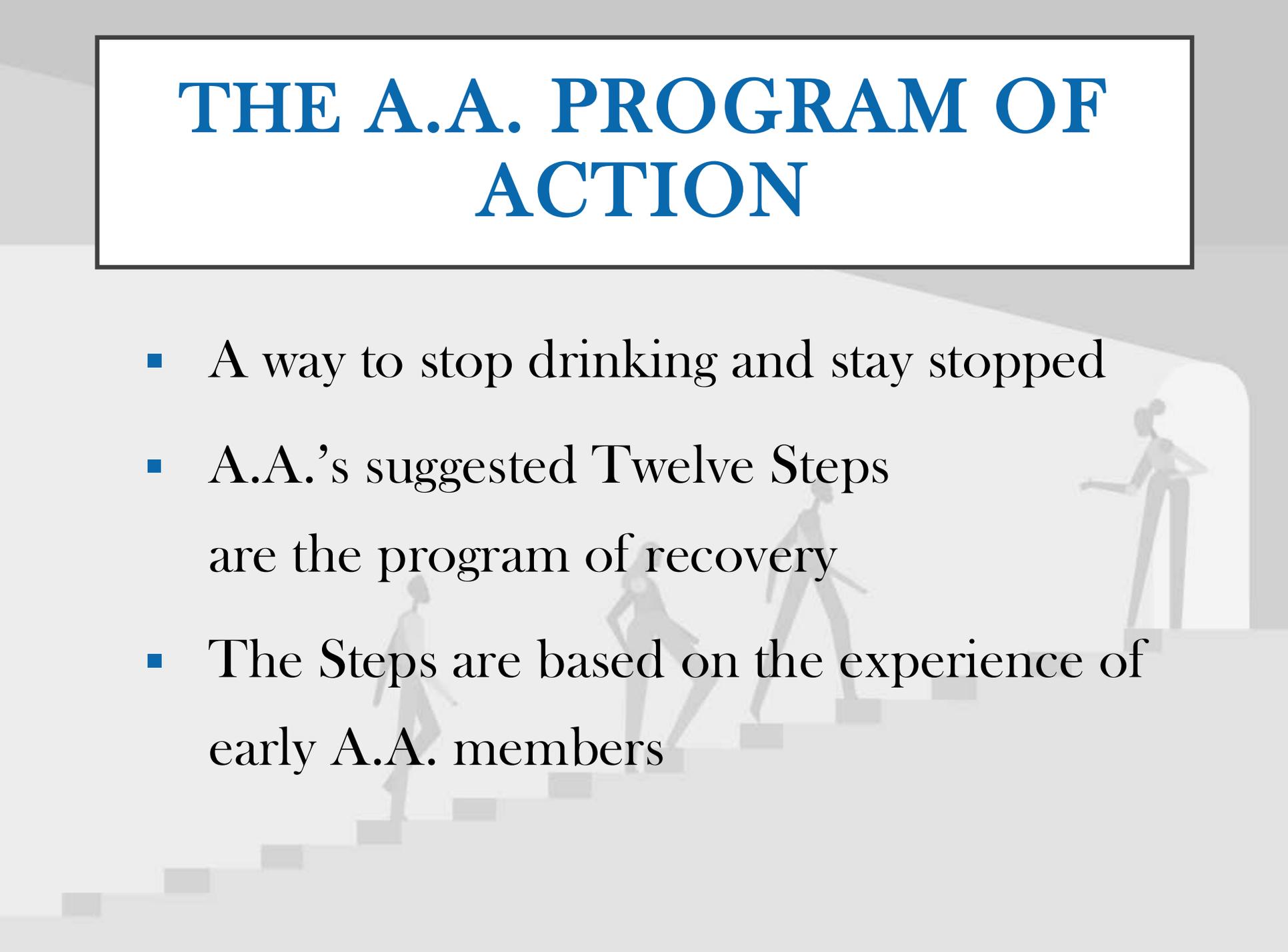
SOME FACTS ABOUT A.A.



A.A. began in 1935 – with one alcoholic, Bill W., talking to another alcoholic, Dr. Bob S.

The spirit at that meeting is the same spirit that still holds A.A. meetings together in approximately 180 countries.

THE A.A. PROGRAM OF ACTION

- A way to stop drinking and stay stopped
 - A.A.'s suggested Twelve Steps are the program of recovery
 - The Steps are based on the experience of early A.A. members
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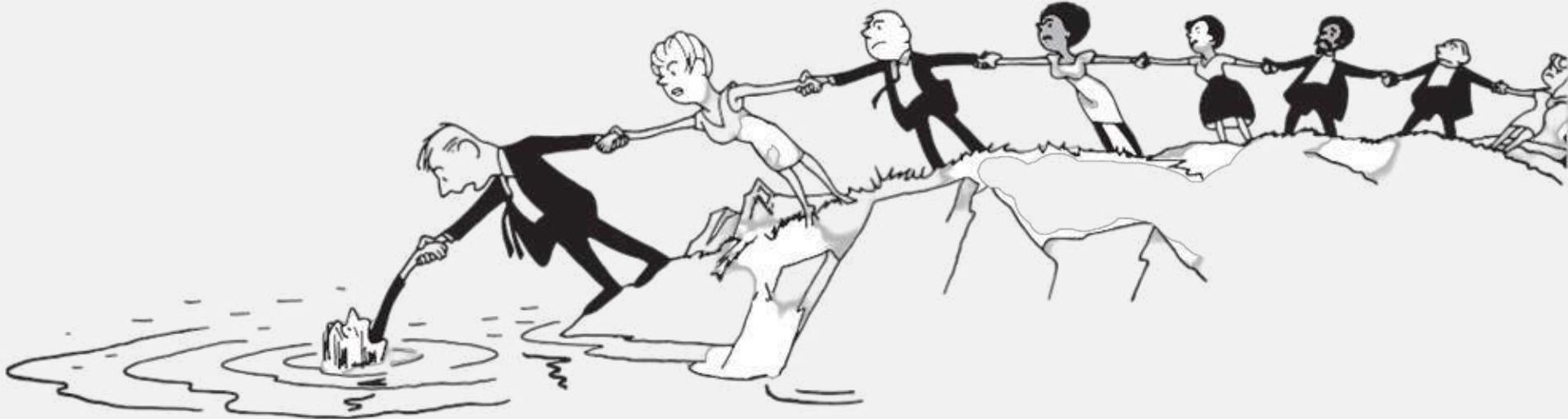
A.A.'S SPIRIT OF SERVICE



A.A. members help other alcoholics in order to help themselves.

A.A. UNITY

A.A.'s Twelve Traditions ensure unity and act as a guide for members, groups, and the Fellowship as a whole.



A.A.'S TWELVE TRADITIONS

A.A. is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.



WHAT DOES A.A. DO?

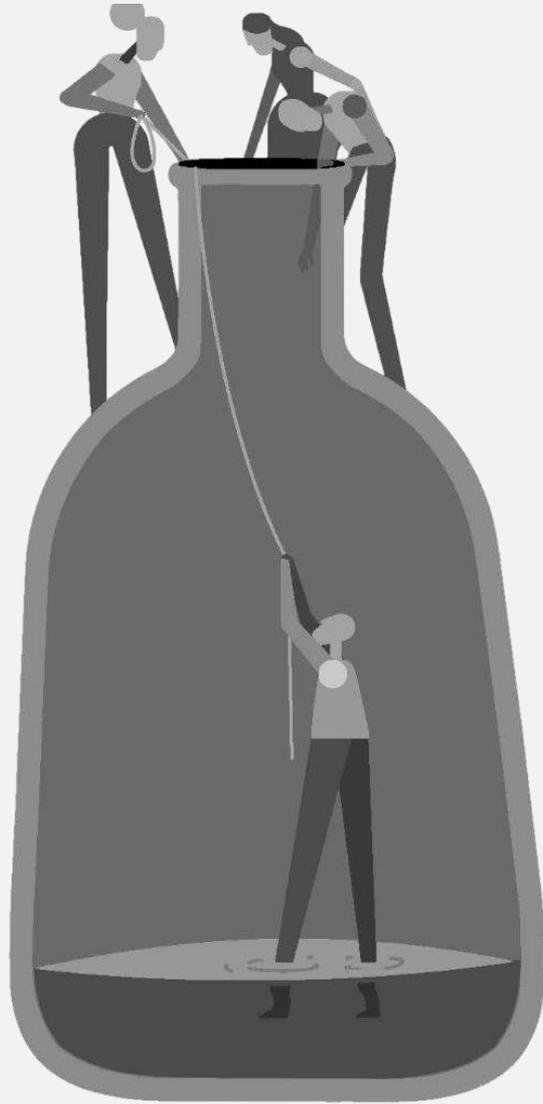
- A.A. offers a Twelve Step program of recovery.
- Groups put on A.A. meetings.
- A.A. members share their experience.
- Local committees carry the A.A. message.



WHAT DOES A.A. *NOT* DO?

- Solicit members.
- Make medical diagnoses.
- Provide hospitalization or drugs.
- Keep attendance records/case histories.
- Offer religious services.
- Address prevention, treatment, advocacy or legislation.

SINGLENES OF PURPOSE



- A.A.'s focus is on recovery from alcoholism.
- Anyone may observe open meetings.
- Closed meetings are for those with a drinking problem.
- Anyone with a desire to stop drinking may become an A.A. member.
- A.A. members bring meetings into correctional and treatment facilities.

INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONALS



PROOF OF ATTENDANCE AT A.A. MEETINGS

Sometimes a referral source asks for proof of attendance at A.A. meetings.

- Groups cooperate in different ways. There is no set procedure. The nature and extent of any group's involvement in this process is entirely up to the individual group.
- Some groups with the consent of the prospective member, have an A.A. member acknowledge attendance on a slip that has been furnished by the referral source. The referred person is responsible for returning the proof of attendance.

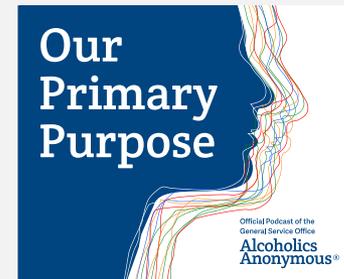
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Meeting Guide is an app that helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them.

Available for iOS and Android smartphones.

Our Primary Purpose is the official podcast from the General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous for the U.S. and Canada. Episode 7 - Beyond the Rooms discusses how A.A. works with professionals to help problem drinkers.

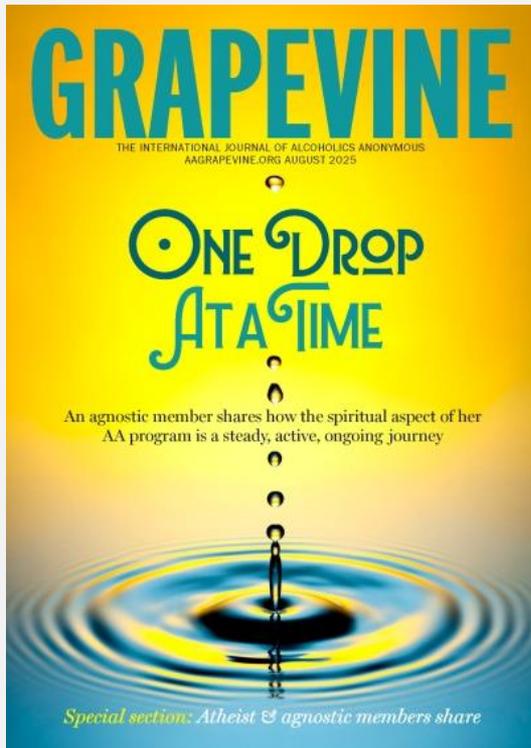


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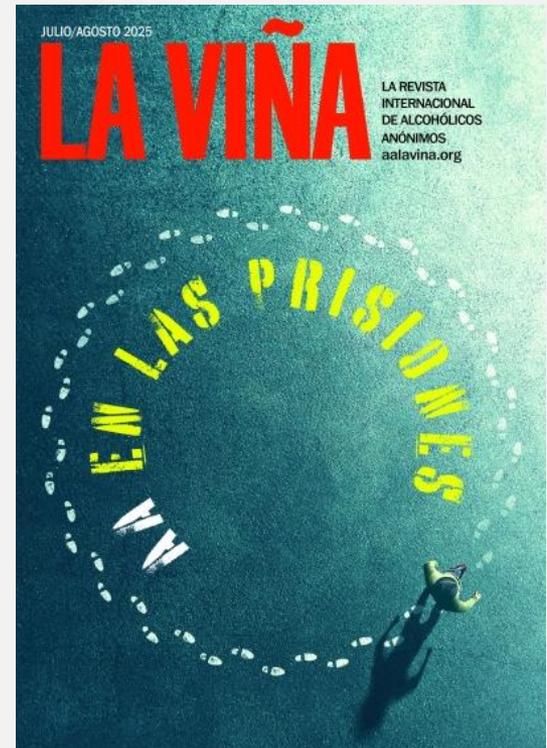
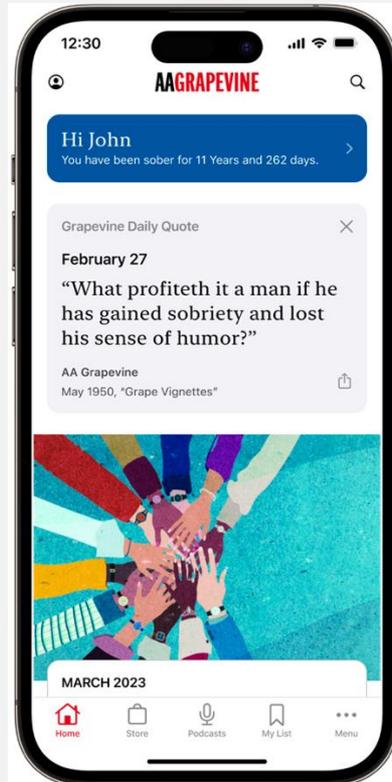
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The CPC desk utilizes **LinkedIn** to connect with professionals and make A.A. available.

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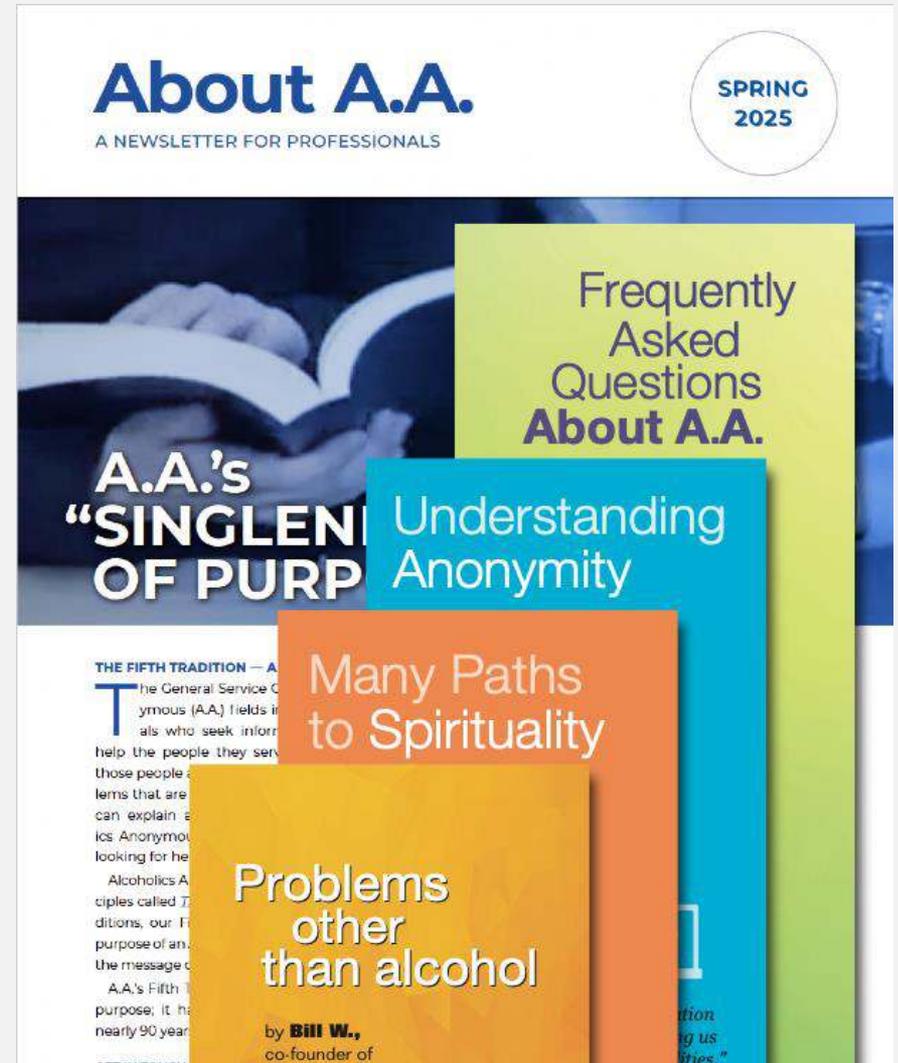
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HOW CAN YOU COOPERATE WITH A.A. TO HELP YOUR PATIENTS/CLIENTS?

- Maintain contact with the local A.A. community.
- Observe open A.A. meetings.
- Read A.A. literature and view pages/videos on www.aa.org directed to professionals.
- Subscribe to the About A.A. newsletter (free) / Grapevine or La Viña magazines (cost).
- Contact the General Service Office to get connected with local A.A.s.





Alcoholics
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Do you know someone with a drinking problem? We're here to help.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, help is available for anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem.

For more information visit [AA.org/aa-for-professionals](https://aa.org/aa-for-professionals)

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