

# **A.A. Grapevine Chair's Report**

## **72nd General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Josh Eggleston, AAGV Board Chair**

“The Trustees are the Conscience of A.A.,  
the Central Office is the Heart of A.A., and  
the Grapevine is the Voice of A.A.”

**Bill Wilson - 1946**



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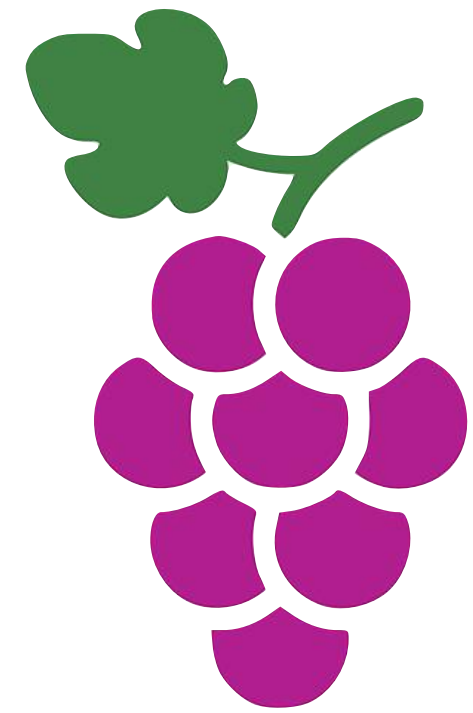
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*First*  
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

on the occasion of its  
Fifteenth Anniversary



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DECEMBER 1950

# Your Third Legacy

BY: DR. BOB AND BILL W.

*(NOTE: This is a proposal to form "The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous"--a small body of State and Provincial AA Delegates meeting yearly, who could assume direct responsibility for the guidance of the AA General Service Headquarters at New York City--not to be confused with the 1950 Cleveland International Conference.)*

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A.A. General Office







March 12, 1946

Mr. Royal Shepard  
Naylon, Foster and Shepard  
61 Broadway  
New York 6, N.Y.

Dear Royal:

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TWO YALE SAVANTS  
STRESS ALCOHOLISM  
AS TRUE DISEASE

At the launching of *The Observer*, we wish to express our kindest congratulations and best wishes for the success of this new publication. The invitation to contribute a note on the Yale Plan Clinics is the first issue of your Journal, confirms our belief in the close relation between the interests of Alcoholics Anonymous and the broad studies we have undertaken on all aspects of alcoholism.

The two Yale Plan Clinics, which are at New Haven and Hartford, were established by the Laboratory of Applied Physiology of Yale University in cooperation with the Connecticut Prosmu Association. This great recent venture does not stand by itself but is closely integrated with the researches and educational activities of the Laboratory. These three activities represent a broad scheme in which rehabilitation of the alcoholic and the prevention of intemperance are equal goals.

of the Church, the latter will limit their activity solely to the guiding of individuals to their families, which according to discipline seem to be the most promising in the individual cases. Such prohibition being placed at present at the Clinic, in bringing suitable cases into contact with the local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous, it goes without saying, that one of our objectives is to further interest and confidence in Alcoholics Anonymous among those who have not heard of it who are inadequately informed. The contacts of the Clinic with the courts, with various departments of State government and with civic centers will contribute greatly to bring about adequate understanding of the nature of alcoholism, of the nature of the epidemic and the development of needed facilities.

The Clinic, in giving physical examinations to all individuals who come for advice, brings to their attention physical ailments which otherwise frequently are neglected. The treatment of such ailments does not by itself insure the action of the Church, but the Clinic frequently contacts with hospitals or private practitioners.

The Clinics have been in operation only two months and thus a report on "results" is not justified. It is, however, worth repeating that out of 200 Skyballs, 100 up to date have been received. Of the 100, 25 have

belonging clinics or other cities. The indications are that there is a wide interest in the rehabilitation of alcoholics and that only direction is needed to give it full display. The problem of the alcoholic is too great to be solved by any one person or even by any one organization. The cooperation of all individuals and all organizations, based on mutual respect and understanding of each other's aims, is needed to bring success to the efforts of all those who are interested in bringing back the alcoholic into the life of the community.

Mr. Hiram Gamble

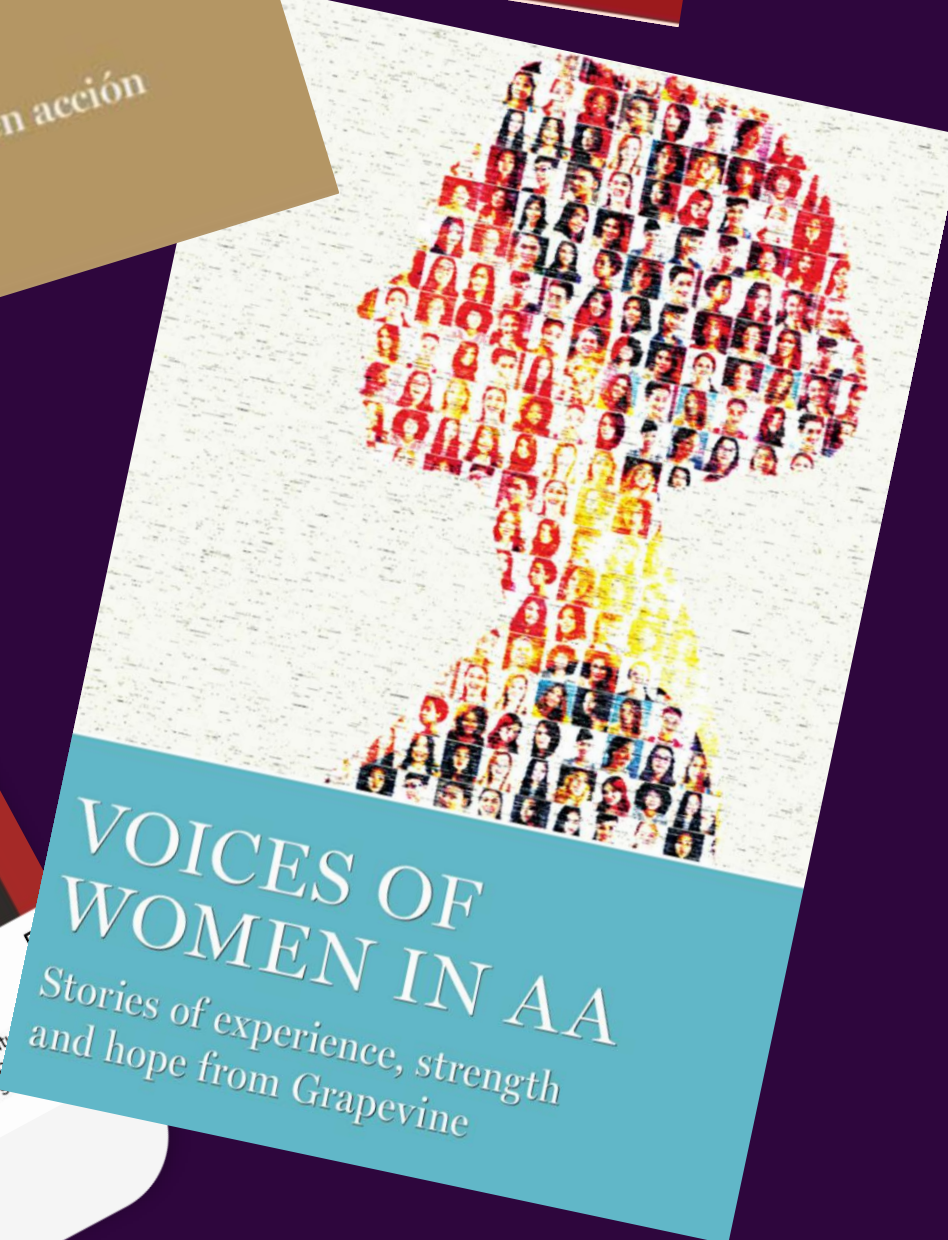
Honored M. Haggard  
c/o Jeffords

---GRAPEVINE--- IN ROW

In a big, smoke-filled room six ink-stained  
wrenches argued at times like so: "What ques-  
tion after question at them."  
'All right!' I said. "The stick didn't bring  
this paper. Nobody found it in a new brick.  
It didn't just grow like Topsy. Coming clean,  
now, how'd it all begin?" "Well," the one  
begins. "It was just something that was in the  
air. Everybody, at some time or other, has  
had the bright idea; let's have an A.B. paper!"  
Thence (and thence) had come, so why not  
us here in the Metropolitan area? The typical  
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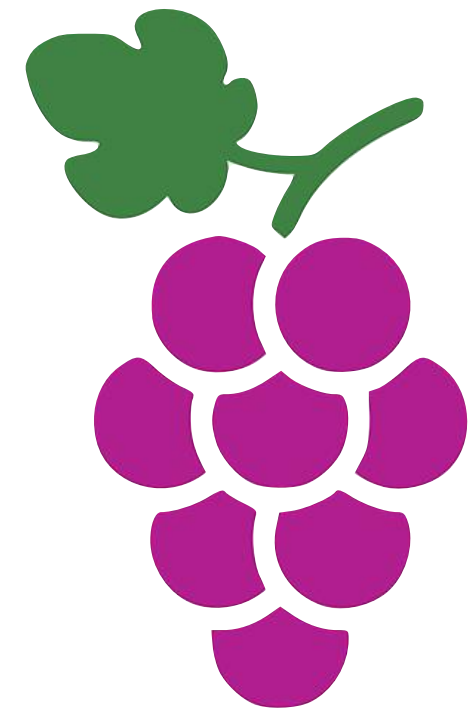
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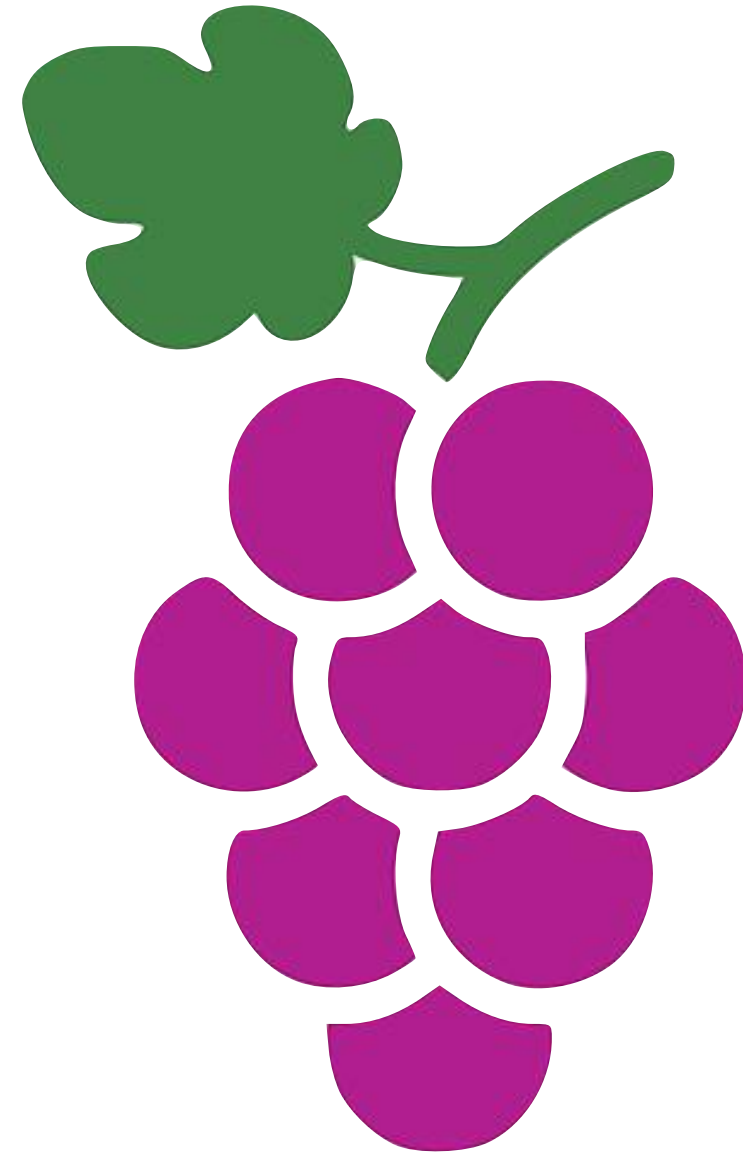


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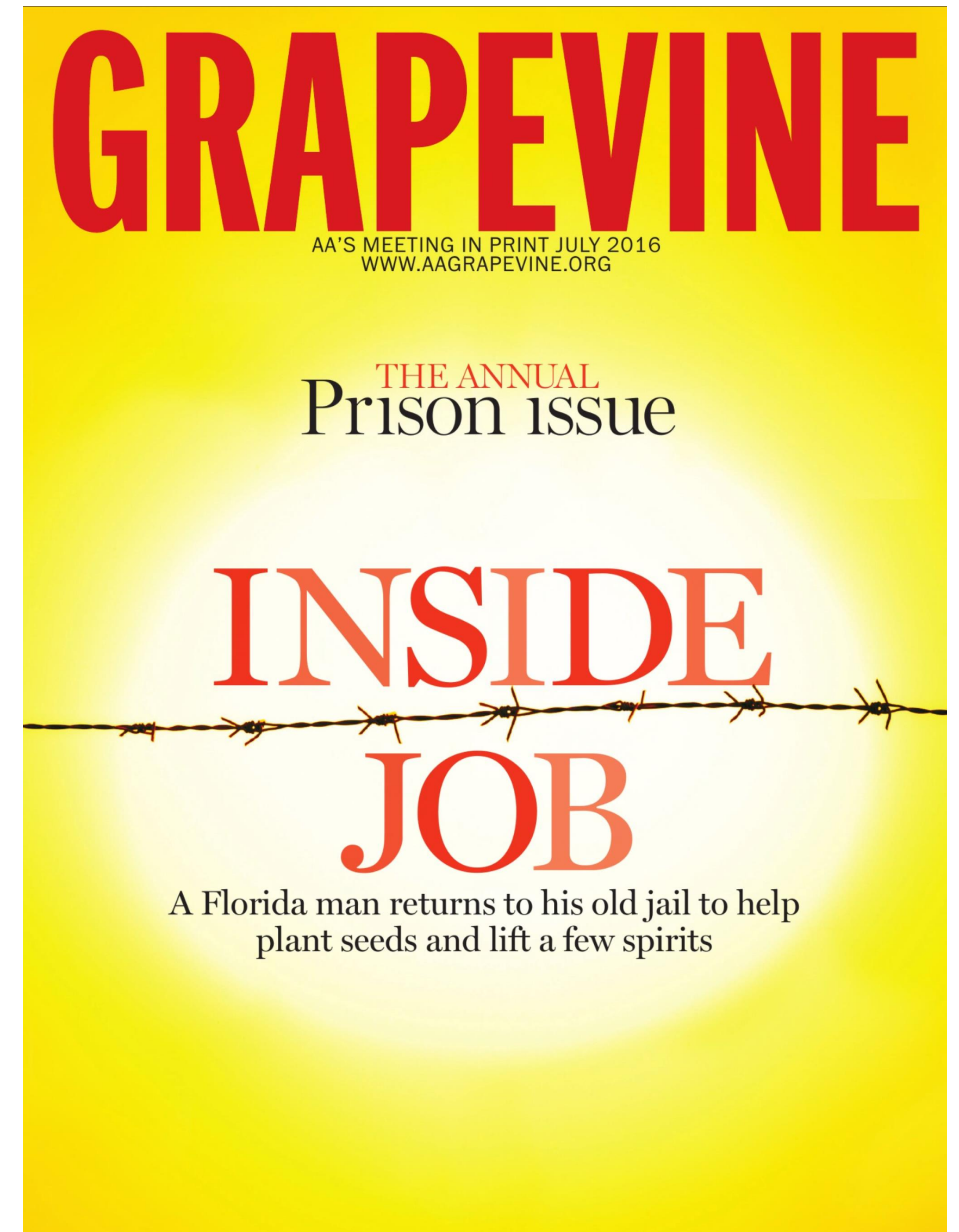
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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

2019



# 2020 International Convention Alcoholics Anonymous (Cancelled)

July 2, 2020 @ 8:00 am - July 5, 2020 @ 5:00 pm



This event has been cancelled.



The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2–5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme “*Love and Tolerance is our Code.*” A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.’s 85<sup>th</sup> year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.

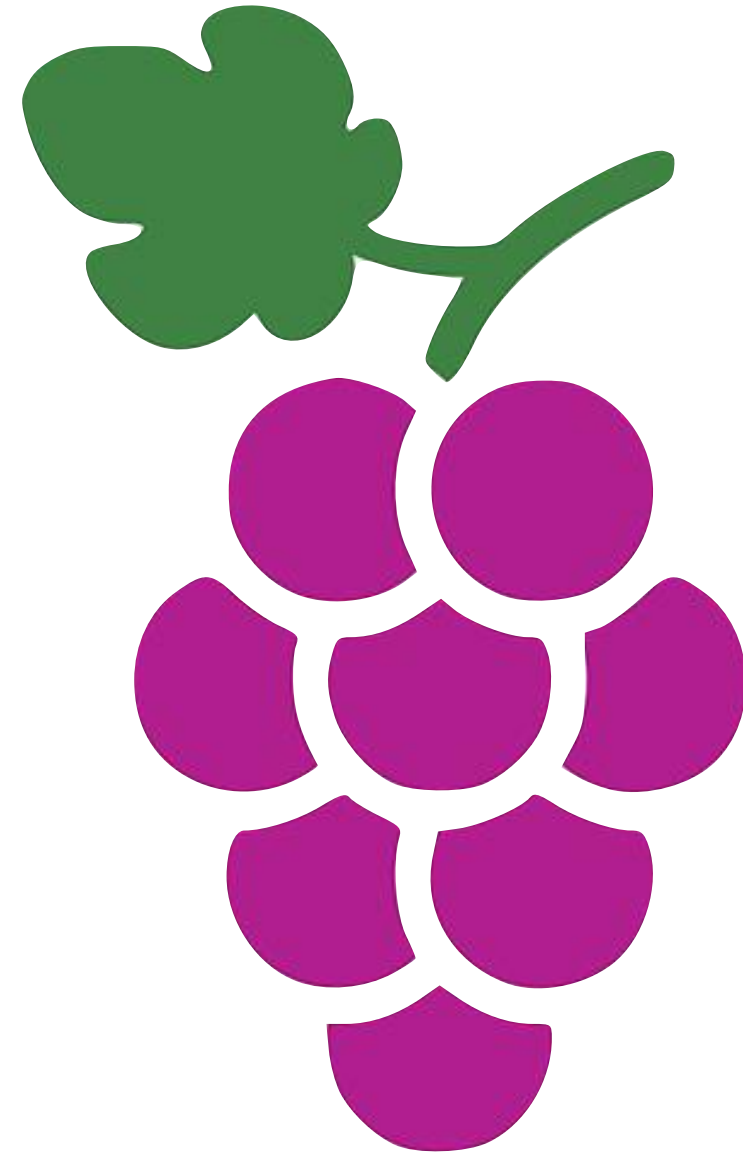
Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all G.S.R.s, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s. [Online registration](#) will be available September 9, 2019, on [aa.org](#). Advanced registration for the Convention (between September 9, 2019, and April 14, 2020) will be \$115 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020, will be \$140.00 (USD) per attendee. Check [aa.org](#) for further information and updates.

[Online Registration](#)

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# A.A. Grapevine and La Viña

Grapevine and La Viña are the international journals of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital and audio. Written, edited, and illustrated by A.A. members and friends of A.A., Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

Grapevine does not receive group contributions, but is supported entirely through subscription sales and income from the sale of related items.



## A Mirror of A.A.

Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience. Throughout its history the magazine has been a forum for the varied and often divergent opinions of A.A.s around the world.

[Share Your Story](#)







# AA Grapevine and La Viña Online

Grapevine and La Viña both offer digital access to their content. Grapevine items, ranging from books of collected articles to an annual trilingual wall calendar featuring member-submitted photographs, are available from their website.

[Grapevine](#)[La Viña](#)

## Get Involved in Grapevine Service

Grapevine representatives (GVRs) and La Viña representatives (RLVs) make the magazine available to groups and encourage A.A.s to read them, contribute to them, subscribe to them and use them in Twelfth Step work. A.A. members become Grapevine or La Viña reps by volunteering or being elected to the position by their groups.

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# E-commerce

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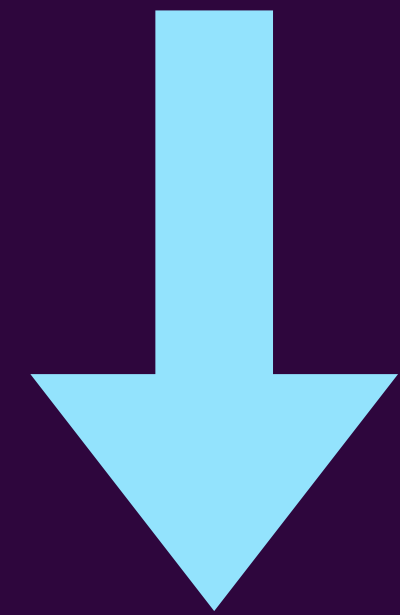
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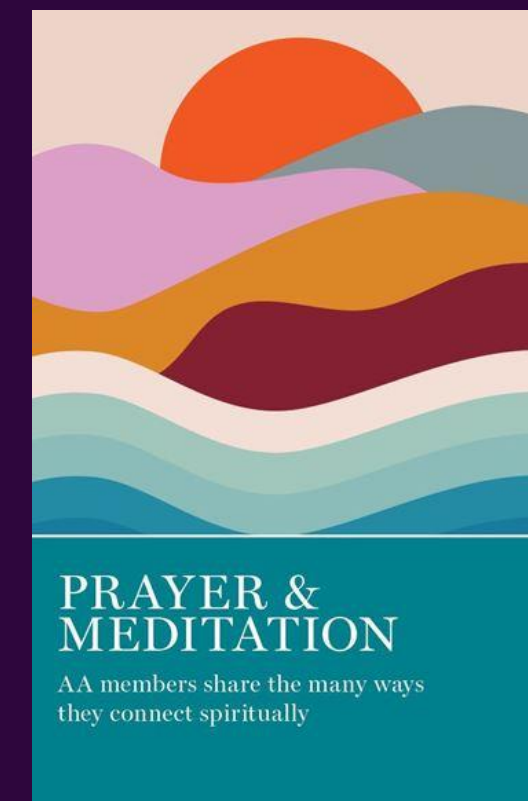
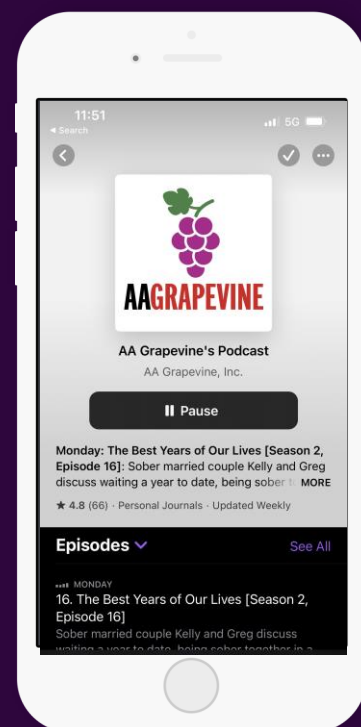
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1954 - That each delegate contact those groups in his area which do not have the Grapevine available at meetings and draw their attention to the importance and advantages of obtaining copies for the group either through monthly or yearly bulk orders;

1960 - The “share” or “quota” plan requested by the N.E. Ohio Grapevine Representative Committee for increasing Grapevine circulation for the coming year, by a minimum of 5,000 new subscribers, be adopted.

1961 - The quota of 5,000 new subscriptions as a continuing goal for 1961 be re-adopted.

1962 - Retiring delegates will become Grapevine Representatives and recruit other G.V.R.s in their areas, with the objective that each A.A. group have a G.V.R.

1963 - All retiring delegates will act as Grapevine representatives be reaffirmed and notice of this be placed in the Grapevine and the General Service Office Bulletin.



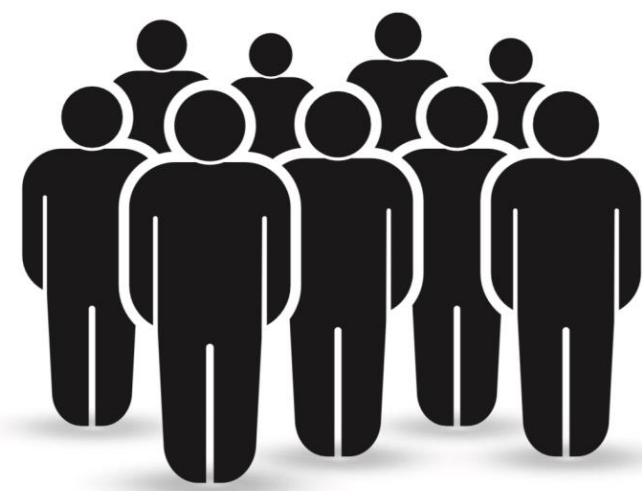
1969 - All delegates consider it a part of their responsibility to make the Fellowship aware of the Grapevine as a tool of sobriety, either through their own efforts or by recruiting others.

1970 - Plans to act as Grapevine representatives in their areas, to request past Grapevines for use in institutions and to carry the Grapevine message as a vital tool when making reports to areas be reaffirmed.



*Your Area*

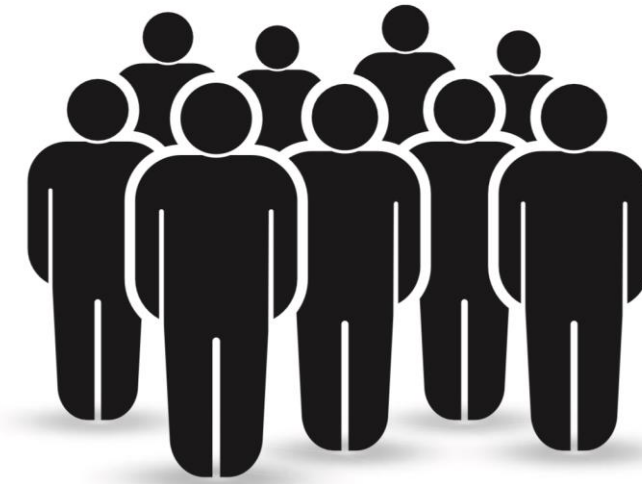




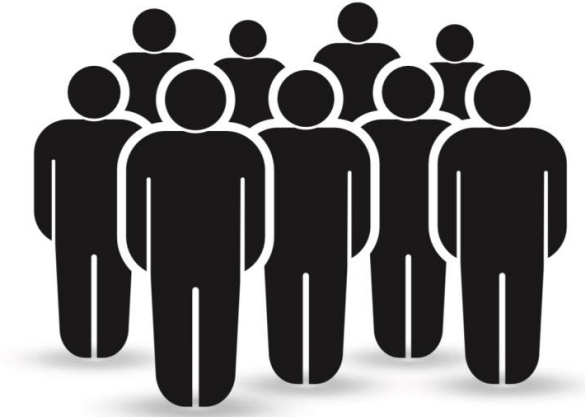
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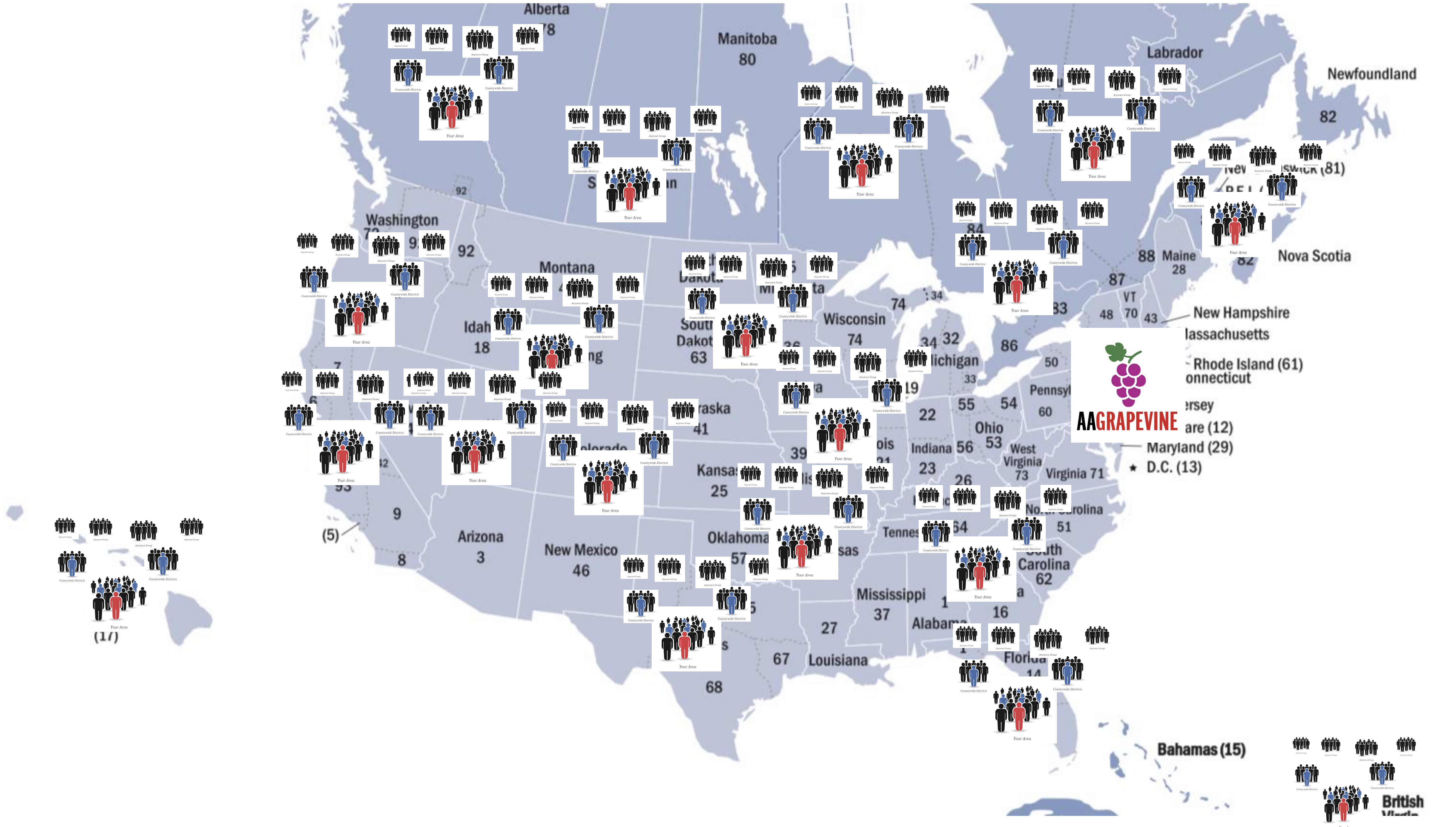


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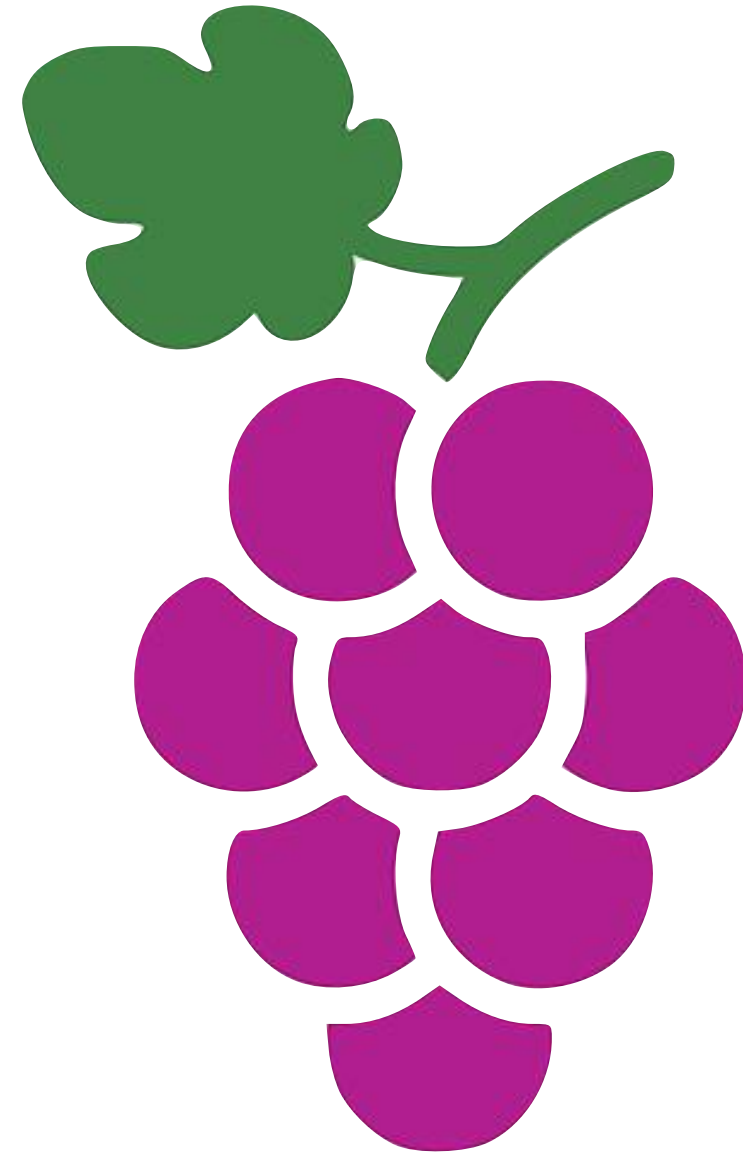


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