

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 16, 2020

To: General Service Conference Members, Accessibilities Committee chairs,
Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee chairs

From: Irene D., secretary, trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/
Treatment and Accessibilities Committee

Re: Call for Stories - Audio "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic"

This note is to announce that we are extending the call for shared experience, strength and hope for updating the pamphlet, "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." Shared experience can be submitted by audio file or written transcript!

In May 2020 the Conference Treatment and Accessibilities Committee reviewed the progress report on updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." The committee suggested a reopened call for stories after noting that the submitted stories did not indicate a broad and diverse representation of A.A. experience based on the following experiences provided by trustees' C.P.C./Treatment and Accessibilities Committees:

- Ethnic, cultural and LGBTQ communities
- Lifestyle diversity
- Got sober later in life
- Veterans from the Vietnam War or later
- Hearing loss or mobility issues
- Online or telephone A.A. meetings
- Dementia or Alzheimer mental health issues
- Spiritual pathways

As noted, personal stories can be sent in audio or written formats:

Audio File:

You can record your shared experience, or help another member to record their story, using any recording device. For example, you can use the recording app installed on your smart phone. Audio files can be attached to an email and sent in to G.S.O.

When recording your story, please share your first name and the first letter of your last name at the beginning of the recording so we can identify your recording. **The suggested length of the recording is seven to eight minutes.**

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Please email your sharing to: access@aa.org and type "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" in the subject line of the message.

If you are attaching multiple audio files of speakers to the email, please provide the name and contact information of each speaker in the body of the email.

Typed manuscripts:

Typed manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information with your submission.

Please email your sharing to: access@aa.org and type "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" in the subject line of the message. Or, you may postal mail your sharing to: Access Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication.

Thank you for your participation and service related to the updating of the pamphlet, "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic."

The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2020.