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Willingness

"Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help others achieve sobriety."

"Nuestro objetivo principal es mantenernos sobrios y ayudar a otros a lograr la sobriedad."



Slippery When Wet

Treasure Valley Intergroup Newsletter

From the Editor's Desk

Dear friends,

This will be my last month as newsletter editor, and I have to say that while I'll enjoy the found time, I'll miss putting together this monthly mis-sive. I have enjoyed working with the Intergroup board and with the staff at the Treasure Valley Central Office. I know that the new editor will do a great job!

This is a short newsletter because Intergroup didn't meet this month, but I hope you enjoy looking through all of the fun happenings. Oh, and don't miss Bob S.'s essay regarding the middle steps on page six!

Until we meet again

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ellie D.', written in a cursive style.

Ellie D.
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Notes from the Office

First a great big shout of thanks to all the volunteers -too numerous to count- that helped transport the Central Office to The Idaho Area Spring Assembly/ Convention 2023 in Nampa, Idaho. A pure delight to work with so many willing and courteous people in service to A.A.

Congrats to the winner of the office basket. We would announce the name, but we forgot to write it down. We can report that he was very excited to win.

Our GSO price on goods that was announced to go into effect in April has finally been accomplished. Nine years ago, when GSO increased the prices, we did not follow the math formula set out in the by-laws to keep the prices low. Now, I am pleased to say, we are by-law compliant. Thank you so much for your understanding and support.

Onward into the lovely late spring.

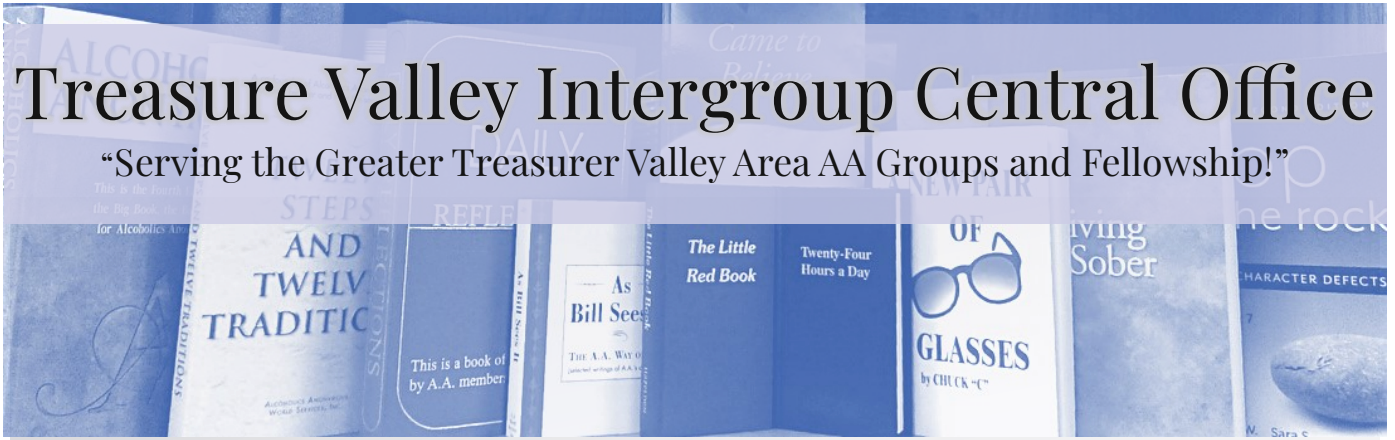
Sincerely,
Your TVICO Sales Associates: Janet, Patty, Marti.

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Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

“Serving the Greater Treasure Valley Area AA Groups and Fellowship!”



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Regular Office Hours

Monday-Friday 10am to 5pm
Saturday 10am to 3pm

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treasurevalleyhotline@gmail.com (hotline chair)

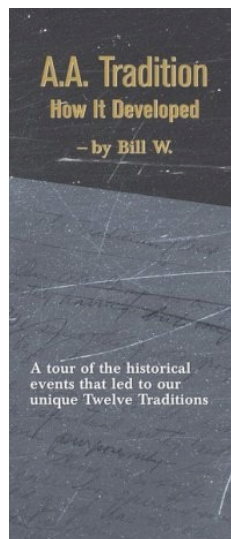
If your group has a meeting change, please complete this form so that Central Office can update the schedules.

<https://tvico.net/aameetingnews>

We'd love to hear from you!

I'd really love to hear from you, and so would your AA fellowship. Your suggestions, letters, visual or written works are welcome. Find a wonderful AA event or resource? Want to suggest a topic? You know where to find me!

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important!



Umbrella image courtesy of the AAGrapevine: aagrapevine.org

INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT—MAY 2023

BALANCE FORWARD 04/01/2022		\$506.99
INCOME		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
None		
EXPENSE		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
04/07/2023	Stan Norland—Zoom account for TVICO and Intergroup	(149.90)
Ending balance 04/30/2023		\$357.09

Area Committee Business Meetings

- **TAC** (Treatment—Accessibility and Corrections) West Monthly Business Meeting (for district and group reps) – 3rd Saturday of the month – 10:00 am – Zoom Meeting ID 836-4495-5858
- **CPC/PI** West Monthly Business Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the month – 6:30 pm – Zoom Meeting ID 913-045-768
- **IFYPAA** Business Meeting – 2nd Sunday of the month – 2:00 pm – 344 Park Ave. (The Villa), Idaho Falls, ID
- **EMMYPAA** Business Meeting – Sundays – 8:00 pm – Gem County Community Recovery Center, 199 S. McKinley Ave. Emmett, ID
- **BACYPAA** – 1st, 3rd and 5th (when applicable)- Sunday of each month – 5:30 pm – SNL, 5383 W. Franklin Street, Boise, ID
- **SCTI TAC** Business Meeting – 4th Sunday of every month – 2:00 pm Shoshone Senior Center, 218 North Rail, Shoshone, Idaho

District Business Meetings

- **District 1** – 2nd Sunday of the month – 1:00 pm – Friendship Club of Pocatello, 1st & Lovejoy, Pocatello, ID
- **District 2** – 1st Sunday of the month – 10:00 am – Hybrid, Alternating Locations, Zoom ID: 634 518 5576 Passcode: 135791; Magic Valley Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls & Sun Club South In Hailey), ID
- **District 3** – 1st Tuesday of the month – 7:00 pm – Collister United Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise, ID
- **District 4** – 2nd Saturday of the month – 4:00 pm – First Christian Church, 619 12th Av. S., Nampa, ID
- **District 5** – 1st Sunday of the month – 3:00 pm – 324 S Meridian Rd, Room 25 Meridian, ID
- **District 6** – 1st Tuesday of each month – 7:00 pm – Serenity Hall (downstairs), 600 S. Blvd., Idaho Falls, ID
- **District 7** – (6 times a year) January, February, March, May, August and October – 3rd Sunday of the month if there is not an Area meeting. If it lands on the same day it would be the following weekend which the 4th Sunday of the month, Rexburg, ID
- **District 8** – 4th Thursday of the month – 7:00 pm – First Presbyterian Church, 950 West State Street, Boise, ID Currently meeting online: Zoom ID: 828 3715 2976 Passcode: 887820
- **District 9** – 3rd Saturday of the month (Quarterly Feb, May, Aug, Nov.) – 1:00 pm – Rotating location
- **District 10** – 1st Sunday of the month – 1:00 pm (Potluck at Noon)- Jerome Library, Jerome, ID
- **District 12** – Rotating meeting times and locations. For more information please email district12@idahoarea18aa.org

Treasure Valley Intergroup Business Meetings

- **Intergroup** – 2nd Thursday of the month 6PM. 1111 S. Orchard Street, Suite 180, Boise ID (Central Office) Zoom ID: 833 3194 0106 Passcode: 164
- **TVICO** Steering Committee Tuesday prior to Intergroup meeting at 6pm. 1111 S. Orchard St, Suite 180, Boise, ID (Central Office)

MIDDLE STEPS IN A TIMELY MANNER

Pondering Step Five left me with a great deal of apprehension, but my sponsor didn't allow time to back out. The Big Book tells us to start Step Four "*at once*" (p. 64) after the Third Step Prayer and to get into Step Five at "first opportunity" (p. 74).

When was that? Well, my sponsor considered that to mean starting the Fifth Step just a few minutes after we went through the many actions suggested on Step Four (pp. 64-71).

There was no wiggle time for my alco-logical mind to "*consider*" yea or nay. Action—not thinking—was the key! Steps Six and Seven (P. 76) followed abruptly and before you can say Jack Robison (*An old fashion phrase*) I was starting to list amends. My Ninth Step amends continued as I began living in the spirit of Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve.

This rapid process did not alleviate my mental obsession for alcohol by "*next Thursday,*" so to speak, however, throughout the next year it began to diminish as I continued daily AA meetings and spending most of my spare time with sober friends at different Los Angeles recovery clubs. After a year or so I realized those tempting "drinking thoughts" had all but disappeared and have not returned with any frequency. Consequently, I have not had anything alcoholic to drink since my first meeting. I believe doing the middle steps with my sponsor in a *timely manner* was very helpful.

Timeliness continues as I live in the spirit of maintenance steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve. I find it important to rectify my daily mistakes at once, quickly, and immediately (Step Ten). I pray morning day and night (Step Eleven) and make myself available throughout the day for AA work with other alcoholics (Step Twelve).

I thank God that my sponsor taught me the importance of acting in the now—tomorrow may be too late!

Bob S

TV TAC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Summer Picnic and Cookoff Contest

Saturday June 3rd 11:00-1:00pm

Veterans Park Under the Pavilion: 930 Veterans Memorial Pkwy Boise



GROUP EVENT- COOKOFF

Do you make the best hamburger on the planet?

Is your secret potato recipe something delicious?

Are your desserts divine?

Then get together with your group and join the Cookoff Contest!

One 1st prize winner for each category AND a People's Choice Award!

**\$5 = general admission for hamburger/hotdogs and potluck
Cookoff Sampler \$2 = 4 tickets (first come, first served- sold at event)**

- Potluck also- bring your favorite dish or beverage
- Under Pavilion- no rain on this party!
- 50/50 Raffle drawing and Basket Auction
- Kids games this year and playground for young fun
- Corn Hole for adults plus great social time
- Largest fundraiser for books and other supplies for Treatment, Accessibility & Corrections

*See reverse side for Group Cookoff and Auction Basket Information
Contact Michelle 208-391-3512 michelle@michelle-bain.com with questions*

GROUP INFORMATION FOR COOKOFF

This is a new fun idea for 2023 and we really hope a lot of groups participate! It gives group members a chance to bond while showing off cooking/grilling skills!

HOW IT WORKS:

- Each group signs up with Michelle or Andrew and states what category participating in.
- Group meets ahead of time to prep their submission and comes ready with final food.
- Group member participants can be 1+ people but the more who share in the fun, the better!
- Decorated tables and/or costumes get bonus points
- Picnic attendees drop a ticket into group can and then get a sampler. \$2= 4 sampler tickets
- One food judge for all three categories
- Tickets will be counted at the end also for "People's Choice" Award so make sure group members and friends come to the picnic to support you!
- Plates, forks, spoons, napkins, small "sampler" dishes trash bags will be provided by TAC
- When your submission food is gone, people will just have to move on! First come, first served

CATEGORIES:

- 1ST place for **BEST BURGER**: tasty ingredients in the burger? Vegan? Special sauce or toppings?
 - Hamburgers are cut into 4 quarters and 1 ticket= 1 quarter
 - Plan about 15 hamburgers as of now 60 pcs- will update as general admission tickets sell
- 1st place for **BEST POTATO**: French fries with dip? Potato salad? Baked? Au Gratin?
 - There will be small sampler serving 1 ticket = 1 sampling
 - Plan for about 60 small sample servings- will update as general admission tickets sell
- 1st place for **BEST DESSERT**: pudding? Cake? Cookies? Bakes?
 - There will be small sampler serving 1 ticket = 1 sampling
 - Plan for about 60 small sample servings- will update as general admission tickets sell
- Peoples Choice Award- highest number of tickets in their can wins at the end!

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Pick a lead person for your group so communication can happen with Picnic Committee
- Let Michelle or Andrew know category and main contact
- NOTE- Food tables are limited so if you can bring a table, let Andrew and Michell know also!!!!
- Food for submission is 100% sponsored by the group
- There is only 1 big grill which will be busy with generic hamburger/hotdogs (vs Group Specialty Submissions) and there is no electricity so groups should plan accordingly. Prep ahead, cook ahead, maybe even grill ahead or bring portable.
- Once your group signs up- we will shoot you over a one-sheet with some checklist ideas

Contact Michelle 208-391-3512 michelle@michelle-bain.com
or Andrew 208-807-8011 apojeda88@gmail.com to register or ask questions!

GROUP INFORMATION FOR AUCTION BASKET

We will be auctioning off Group Donated Baskets this year too! Ready baskets can be delivered to TVICO up until **June 1** or can be brought directly to picnic.

TVICO: 111 S Orchard St #180 Boise, ID 83705

AA ON THE ROCKS

DINNER & A SPEAKER

Saturday: June 3rd, 2023

Dinner 5:00 pm, Speaker 6:00 pm

SPEAKER **Moni M**

Home Group: Serenity Seekers

We provide the meal

Sloppy Joes

... you provide the appetite.

(Come and join us - with or without potluck items) held at 4012 S 10th Ave,
Caldwell, Idaho

(Caldwell Church of Christ entrance in back, use 10th St driveway)

MACKS CREEK CAMPOUT

Boise, Idaho

SAVE THE DATE

Hosted by: Midtown Group

JUNE 8th - 11th 2023

This is the 10th annual for Macks Creek Campout.

Midtown has been hosting now for 4 years.

Come be with us.

Bring the family!!!!

More detailed flyer to follow

Contact

Mike B. (208) 713-9370

Rose (208)577-0303

**June
9-11**



**DISTRICT 7 AA HOSTS
The Annual Green
Canyon Campout**

FOUNDERS DAY POTLUCK BBQ

2023

**Sunday, June 18
4pm – 9pm**

Tully Park

**2500 N Linder Rd, Meridian
NEW VENUE**

**Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with
the fixings will be provided.**

**You bring the sides, desserts,
or drinks.**

Donations will be accepted.

FAMILY EVENT

**THERE IS ROOM
TO BRING YOUR
CORNHOLE OR
OTHER GAMES**

**LOCATED NEXT
TO THE
PLAYGROUND
AND EXERCISE
AREA**

**OFF STREET
PARKING**

SKATE PARK

**SPEAKER
MEETING AT
8PM**

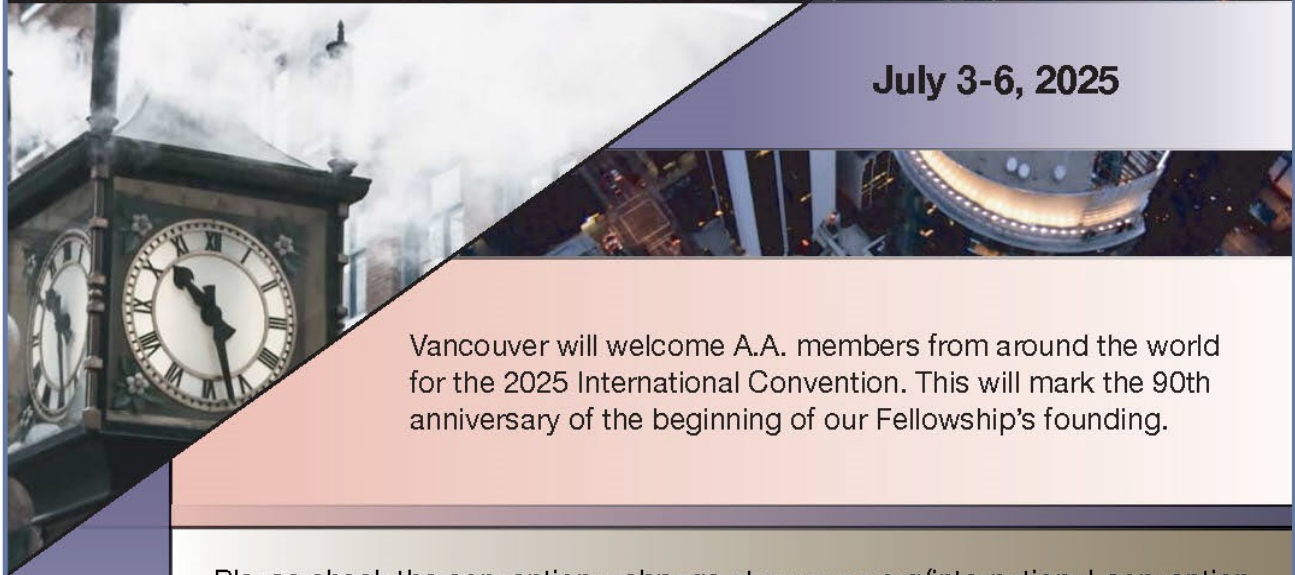
**BRING YOUR
CHAIR**

Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to Attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



July 3-6, 2025



Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding.

Please check the convention webpage at www.aa.org/international-convention for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. At the Convention, members and their families and friends from around the world attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.



**Let's celebrate sobriety together in
Vancouver in 2025!**

39th Annual District 10 A.A. Campout



On the Beautiful Boise River

When: July 27th – 30th, 2023

Where: Elks Flat Group Campground (Loop #2), Boise National Forest, Pine, ID

Friday Night: Campfire Meeting at the Pavilion

Saturday: Enjoy fellowship in the campground, on the river, or in the hot springs.

Saturday Night: Potluck dinner at the Pavilion at 6PM followed by a Campfire A.A. Meeting. Please bring a potluck dish or desert to share with everyone. Coffee, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided by Dist 10.

Sunday Morning: Breakfast at the Pavilion at 8AM. Please bring eggs, bacon, or sausage for group cooking. Coffee and Hotcakes will be provided by District 10.

Sunday after breakfast: Clean up the campground and head home, Checkout time is 1PM

7th Tradition: This AA event is self-supporting and a donation can will be available at meals and meetings.

Directions: Take Hwy 20 West from Timmerman (near Bellevue, ID north of Shoshone) or Hwy 20 East from Mountain Home to Louise Creek Rd. Then proceed north on Louise Creek Rd for 18 miles, past Anderson Reservoir, to the Boise River Bridge at Pine. Then proceed 4.5 miles north on FH61 to the campground.

Note: Space at the group campsite is usually available for early arrivals on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you want to arrive early, you just have to pay the Forest Service for the extra nights.

PS: Let us know if you're planning to attend so we can plan for hamburgers and hot dogs....Thanks!

For more information please call:

Alison C. @ 208-537-8669 or John S. @ 208-320-2388

GEM STATE ROUNDUP "LIMITLESS EXPANSION" SEPTEMBER 1-3 2023 THE GROVE HOTEL BOISE IDAHO

Al Anon Luncheon
Speaker:
Doug K.
May 10, 1994
"Thank God it's Al-Anon"
Tempe, Arizona

Saturday Night Banquet
Speaker:
Dodie M.
February 14, 1986
"Seal Beach Speaker Meeting"
Seal Beach, California

A.A. Spiritual Breakfast
Speaker
Jim C.
November 4, 1984
"Encouragement Alumni Group"
Brooklyn, New York

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SOUND BATH

HISTORICAL TROLLEY TOUR

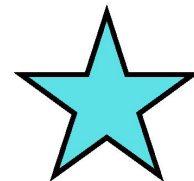
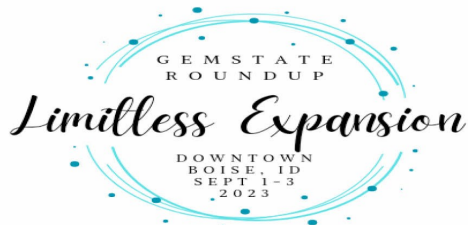
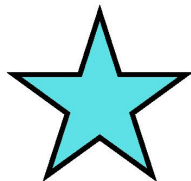
POKER FUN RUN

TALENT SHOW

BOISE RIVER RAFT TRIP

GO TO OUR WEBSITE WWW.GEMSTATEROUNDUP.ORG

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION



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GEM STATE

Roundup 2023

Golf Tournament

September 1st

.....★★★.....

\$80

Includes 18
Holes, Cart &
Lunch

Prizes

**1st & 2nd
Place Teams!**

Longest Drive and Closest
to the Pin Contest!

Raffle Tickets

**sold throughout the
tournament!**

**4-Man
Scramble**

**Location: Lakeview Golf Club
8 AM Shotgun Start**

Come early to get your Mulligans, Hand Grenades & String
REGISTER @gemstateroundup.org

**For questions or additional information contact
Stephanie W 208.573.5816**





IDAHO AREA 18



OCT 6-7-8, 2023

FALL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

Name: Homegroup:

Address:

Phone Number/ Email:

Status: GSR ____ DCM ____ Delegate ____ Past Delegate ____
Area Committee ____ Assembly Committee ____ Alanon ____

Early Registration Deadline Sept 1st 2023
Contact Burley Best Western 208-678-3501
Mention you are with Idaho Area 18 for the special rate of
\$104 + Taxes at Best Western or \$78 + Taxes at the Budget Inn

	EARLY	LATE
REGISTRATION	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00
BANQUET DINNER (SMOKEHOUSE BUFFET)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	
SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST (COUNTRY)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	
COFFEE CUP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7.00	
TOTAL		\$ <input type="text"/>

Registration Info
Contact Cheri 208-329-0552
Register Online at
<https://idahoarea18aa.org>
Mail Registration to:
PO BOX 335
Jerome, Idaho 83338

Speakers

Friday- Rocky R. Jerome
Saturday- Reilly K. Oregon
Sunday- Dennis G. Lewiston



Musical Chairs Ice Cream Social
& BINGO
Saturday at 9 PM



Carry The Message Project

Want to Help Another Alcoholic?
Grapevine and La Vina are Great Twelfth Step Tools!
Look at these 3 Easy Ways!

1. If you know the full name and the mailing address of the recipient: Give a Gift Subscription to a friend, a sponsee, doctor's offices, or for giveaways at anniversaries or events at your homegroup, district, or area level.

Follow these steps:

- ◆ Go to store.aagrapevine.org.
- ◆ Click on the Gift Subscriptions box.
- ◆ Click on the Red Gift Bag icon for the type of gift subscription you want to give.
- ◆ Click on "Go to the products page."
- ◆ Click on the number of Gift subscriptions you want to purchase (1 gift or 2).
- ◆ Enter your information, the recipient's information, and your payment information.
- ◆ Click on the Process Order button. You're done!
- ◆ **Note:** First renewal notices will be sent to you and if there is no response, the last ones will be sent to the recipient.

2. If you do not know the full name and the mailing address of the recipient and want Grapevine to select an alcoholic in need from the requests we have received: Give a Carry the Message Gift Certificate to someone you do not know (such as an alcoholic in prison.)

Follow these steps:

- ◆ Go to store.aagrapevine.org.
- ◆ Click on the Gift Certificate box.
- ◆ Click the Buy button of the appropriate Carry the Message Gift Certificate option and you will be taken to a page showing our quantity discounts (at the bottom).
- ◆ Enter the number of gift certificates that you want and click the Buy button. (For multiple gift certificates, the discount will automatically be applied).
- ◆ Click Checkout and enter your order and payment information.
- ◆ When you click the Confirm button, you will get an order confirmation email and the gift certificate will be sent to you as an individual email. Forward the gift certificate to [Sonia Dominguez](mailto:sdominguez@aagrapevine.org) at sdominguez@aagrapevine.org and we will redeem it for someone who has requested a subscription but can't afford one. (If you have purchased multiple gift certificates, select all of them and use the Forward as Attachment option, so you only have to send us one email).
- ◆ **Note:** Your information will not be connected to the subscription record and all renewal notices will be sent directly to the recipient.

3. If you do not know the full name and the mailing address of the recipient and would like to give them a gift certificate for them to redeem themselves for a subscription (example: A newcomer in your group.): Give a Carry the Message Gift Certificate to a newcomer or someone in your group.

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- ◆ Click Checkout and enter your order and payment information.
- ◆ When you click the Confirm button, you will get an order confirmation email and the gift certificate will be sent to you as an individual email. Print and hand the Gift Certificate or email the Gift Certificate to the individual(s) you wish to donate a subscription to and they will be able to redeem the gift certificate code and enter their information themselves on the store: store.aagrapevine.org/to-redeem-your-gift-certificate.