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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 20, 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: Reopening of call for stories to update the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older

Alcoholic"

The Conference Treatment and Accessibilities committee reviewed the progress report on updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." The committee noted that the submitted stories did not indicate a broad and diverse representation of A.A. experience and suggested a reopened call for stories 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

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

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 mail your sharing to: Access Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2020.