

Area 64 Grapevine Committee Workshop Presentation

January 2005 1st Quarter Assembly Knoxville, TN



Grapevine Jeopardy

PROPS: 3 Easels
3 Hand Bells
1 Table with 3 Chairs
1 Podium
4 Poster Boards (1 of the 3 categories is written in large letter on 3 of the boards. On the 4th poster APPLAUSE is written in large letters. **NOTE:** Lettering should be large enough so Audience can read Poster Boards)

SCRIPTS: Game script includes parts for all participants

2 Commercials (Separate from Game script at end of document)

3 Grapevine/LaVina categories with 5 - 6 Questions & Answers (Q&A) for each category. (Separate from Game script at end of document)

NOTE: Two copies of each category Q&A's will be needed for presentation. One copy of one category will go to one of the contestants. The Host will need a copy of all three category Q&A's

Category Examples:

- ❖ Grapevine/Lavina History
- ❖ Ways to Use Grapevine/Lavina
- ❖ About the magazine itself (sayings, preamble)
- ❖ Grapevine/Lavina Products
- ❖ Writing Grapevine/Lavina Articles

PARTICIPANTS: 1 Host [*e.g. Alex Trabeck*]

1 Hostess [*e.g. Vana White*]

3 Contestants

1 person for commercials who also doubles as "stage hand"

NOTE: Total Number of PARTICPANTS in Presentation = 6

STAGE: Centrally position 3 contestants seated at a table facing the audience.

Each Contestant has a hand bell and the Q&A's for one category on the table in front of them.

Set up Easels with a poster board that displays each category to one side of the contestants.

The Host is positioned to the opposite side of the contestants with podium.

The Person presenting Commercials is standing on the same side of stage as Host in the background with APPLAUSE poster.

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GAME OPENING

Stagehand: Hold up APPLAUSE poster anytime during the presentation to get the audience involved!!

Host: Welcome everyone to “Grapevine Jeopardy!” sponsored by your Area 64 Grapevine Committee.

Host: I’m [introduce self] and I’ll be your host this evening.
This is my beautiful assistant [introduce assistant]

Assistant: Hello [greet audience with a big ‘ole “Hollywood” smile & wave]

Host: Welcome and Thank you to our studio guests. Feel free to “play at home”
Now to introduce today’s contestants on “Grapevine Jeopardy”
Please welcome contestant #1
Tell us a little bit about yourself... where are you from?

Contestant #1: My name is [introduce self & briefly give some true or false general info]

Host: Thank you! Now please welcome contestant #2
Tell us a little bit about yourself... where are you from?

Contestant #2: My name is [introduce self & briefly give some true or false general info]

Host: Thank you! Now please welcome contestant #2
Tell us a little bit about yourself... where are you from?

Contestant #2: My name is [introduce self & briefly give some true or false general info]

Host: Thank you! Now please welcome contestant #3
Tell us a little bit about yourself... where are you from?

Contestant #3: My name is [introduce self & briefly give some true or false general info]

Host: Now for today’s categories: #1 Submitting or Writing a Grapevine or Lavina Article
#2 Grapevine History
#3 Grapevine Literature & Products
Let’s begin with a category selection by 1st contestant

Contestant #1: Selects Category

Assistant: Walks to each category poster when it is selected and uses hand movements to point them out to the audience.

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GAME IN PLAY

Host reads an answer for the category selected by contestant and the game proceeds from there similar to TV game show "Jeopardy".

Contestants use the hand bells to signal that they have the answer for the category questions as they are read by the host.

Contestants' personalities and acting out planned characters during the game time making this very humorous! Contestants dance around and get really excited when they get the right answer and they begin to compete to ring the bell first even when they don't know the right answer. In our presentation one contestant played the "2 week wonder". Another began the game very timidly but by the end was almost dancing on the table! The other contestant forgot "Rule #62" and was pretending to take the competition it very seriously.

Host interacts with contestants during game time with comments such as "Your right"; "That's not quite the answer we were looking for"; "We'll have to ask our judges"; "Your answer needs to be in the form of a question"

Host determines a half way point. Commercial presentation given by *stagehand*

HALF WAY POINT

Host: And now we will take a pause here for a word from our sponsors: AA & Area 64 TN State Assembly.

Stagehand: Give 1 of the Commercial Presentations.

NOTE: Commercial presentation scripts can be found at the end of this document.

Host: Welcome back to our studio guest and friends at home. Let's get back to this exciting game of "Grapevine Jeopardy"!! Contestant #??? is in the lead at this point. So let's choose a category to resume this game of "Grapevine Jeopardy"!!

RESUME GAME IN PLAY AS BEFORE

When all questions for one category have been answered the end of the game bell is rung.

Host: As our judges determine the winner we will once again hear from our sponsors: AA & Area 64 TN State Assembly.

Stagehand: Give the other Commercial Presentations.

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Host: Now that [*contestant's name*] is our champion for today – [*call on the assistant by name*] Please tell our winner what he/she has won.

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Assistant: [*Winning contestant's name*] your winnings for today include one of our exquisite custom handmade Grapevine necklaces and a Happy, Joyous, and Free journey with us as we trudge the road to Happy Destiny.

NOTE: Assistant presents champion with token gift. We had donated "Grapevine" necklaces that we used.

Host: we also have parting gifts for our other contestants. Once again thank you very much for watching and playing today. Play our home version often and get YOUR OWN SUBSCRIPTION today!

If additional time is remaining ask the audience if they have any questions for the GV committee.

THE END

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTS

COMMERCIAL #1

Are you sick & tired of being sick & tired?

Are you Irritable, Restless & Discontent?

Well, I'm [*introduce by first name only*] and I was really amazed when I tried this simple program mirrored in The AA Grapevine. My life changed because I began trying to follow a few simple rules disguised as suggestions. This meeting in print is highly recommended by recovering people everywhere. Side affects; may include; Serenity, joy, peace of mind, loss of the fear of financial insecurity and faith in a higher power who takes care of all my needs... when I let go.

And a stabilized liver!!

COMMERCIAL #2

Do you wake up in a strange place with a stranger person?

Doing the same things over and over; expecting different results?

Want to get away?

Fly the Grapevine Airways!

We will fly you to places where things might not get better real fast BUT they will be different!

You will read articles written by people just like you, experience products designed just for you.

The ONLY requirement is a desire to stop drinking!

Subscribe to the Grapevine Airways and Fly to places where things are different!

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Category: Writing a GV Article

1. *Answer:* Poems, Prayers, song lyrics, tributes to individuals, plays, previously published material, anything unrelated to AA or that violates the principles of AA.
Question: What the GV does not publish?
2. *Answer:* Articles are reviewed and selected by the Editorial Staff in a process which can take several months.
Question: What is consensus?
3. *Answer:* Shared experience of individual AA members working the AA program and applying the spiritual principles of the 12 steps.
Question: What is the heart of the GV?
4. *Answer:* Property of AA GV that is invited without payment or return.
Question: What is submitted articles?
5. *Answer:* Snappy one liners and one paragraph antedotes to 5 or 6 pages typewritten or 2000 – 3000 words hand written.
Question: What is reasonable length and format?
6. *Answer:* GV Editorial Department. 475 Riverside Drive Suite 1040 NY NY 10115
Question: Where to submit articles?

Category: GV History

1. *Answer:* June 1944
Question: What are the month and the year of the 1st GV?
2. *Answer:* The columnist who wrote for The Saturday Evening Post whose article in 1941 helped boost the membership of AA.
Question: Who was Jack Alexander?
3. *Answer:* The federal organization where former members called Bill W. and threatened to sue if the Grapevine did not change it's name due to it having the same name as it's present newsletter.
Question: What is the F.B.I.?
4. *Answer:* The individual who put together the questionnaire which appeared in the April 1945 issue of Grapevine which later resulted in the famous "Phases of Alcohol Addiction" chart.
Question: Who was Dr. E. M. Jellinek?
5. *Answer:* The year that the AA Preamble was written
Question: What was 1947?
6. *Answer:* The event in April 1951 that was the result of Bill and Bob calling for successors to take over the movement inside services jobs and for the groups to assume responsibility for management and continuity of the Fellowship.
Question: What was the First General Service Conference?

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Category: GV Literature Products

1. *Answer:* Pathways to spirituality not for Newcomers Only, What we were like practice these principles, Youth Enjoying Sobriety.
Question: What are CDs and cassette tapes you can order from the AA Grapevine?
2. *Answer:* The language of the heart, AA around the world, Best of Grapevine, Home Group: Heartbeat of AA, Best of Bill.
Question: What are books and other publications you can order from the AA Grapevine?
3. *Answer:* AA Preamble, Man on the Bed, Five Slogans, Serenity Prayer, and Traditions checklist.
Question: What are AA related materials you can order from the AA Grapevine?
4. *Answer:* Annual editions of Wall Calendars and Pocket Planners, and Grapevine Binders.
Question: What are AA related products you can order from the AA Grapevine?
5. *Answer:* El Lenjuaje de Corazón, Preámbulo de AA, Lemas, LaVina, La Oración de la Serenidad
Question: What Spanish items and publications can you order from the AA Grapevine?