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As the new year approaches, we look back with gratitude on the magazine's accomplishments and think about how we can grow in the years to come. Here are a few of our favorite highlights from 2017:

- We published 22 stories, including our first issue dedicated exclusively to the work of [emerging writers](#). We proudly offer competitive payment to all writers whose stories we publish.
- Through "[ASF Goes Back to School](#)," we donated hundreds of back issues to creative writing classrooms across the country.
- We launched [The Insider Prize](#), an annual fiction and memoir contest for incarcerated writers in Texas. This year the contest was judged by Lydia Davis.
- We celebrated our 26th birthday at our annual gala, [The Stars at Night](#), where we honored Dan Chaon, Joe W. Bratcher III, and Anushka Jasraj and danced outside under the bright Texas stars.
- We hosted exciting free literary programs across the country, from issue releases, Lit Crawl events, and readings in Austin to backyard soirees in Baltimore.
- Our stories were anthologized in prize-winning collections including [Best American Short Stories](#), [Best American Nonrequired Reading](#), and the [O. Henry Prize Stories](#). In addition, Bret Anthony Johnston's "Half of What Atlee Rouse Knows About Horses" (ASF 63) won the [2017 Sunday Times Short Story Award](#) in London.

We know you share our belief in the essential power of stories. Reading is an empathetic act,

and fiction is a big tent as well as a clear window through which readers have access to experiences far different from their own. As a 501(c)3 arts nonprofit, we need your support now more than ever. From now until supplies last, we'll send everyone who donates \$75 or more a free *ASF* tote bag. They are large, sturdy, and terrific. Just ask this dog!

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We wish you and your family all the happiness in the year to come.

With gratitude,

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