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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE OF A.A.

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## 1979 Conference to Review the Three Legacies

A three-part discussion of the Conference theme will climax the 1979 meeting of A.A.'s General Service Conference (U.S.-Canada) when it meets at New York's Hotel Roosevelt April 22-28.

The theme is: "The Legacies: *Our Heritage and My Responsibility.*"

Recovery, the First Legacy from A.A.'s founders to the rest of us,

will be discussed under "Let Gratitude Be Our Attitude." Unity, the Second Legacy, will be looked at from the point of view of "The Vote and the Voice—Who Is in Control?" The Third Legacy, Service, will offer for thought "Are We Building a Class Distinction in Service?"

Each state and province has at least one elected delegate to the

Conference. For more details about it, see: the Feb.-Mar. '79 *Box 4-5-9*; the filmstrip and leaflet "Circles of Love and Service"; "The A.A. Service Manual"; and, of course, the book "A.A. Comes of Age."

Most of us are familiar with the symbol of the triangle within the circle. With different lettering, it appears on all A.A. Conference-approved literature.

### First Legacy

It was our late co-founder Bill W. who first pointed out that the Twelve Steps "suggested as a program of recovery" are a gift passed on to us by the original members who recorded their experience for the book "Alcoholics Anonymous." They agreed upon the Steps after long discussion, and the base line of the triangle stands for that First Legacy, Recovery, on which all the rest of A.A. is founded.

### A.A. CONVENTIONS RAISE SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS

"We consumed 257 gallons of coffee and 74 gallons of iced tea (about a 'fifth' per head). Cost: \$2,813.50—about 40¢ per cup," writes Dave B., Colorado Springs, Colo., delegate who chaired the 1978 State A.A. Convention.

Dave has shared with us some tips that could be useful to other A.A. convention planners.

1. Good hotels or motels that cater to nondrinking conventions are hard to find, he noted. To cover the costs of meeting rooms, refreshments, and guest speakers' and other expenses, some registration fee is an absolute must.

2. Inevitably, however, some members raise two good questions. Why should any A.A. have to pay to go to any A.A. gathering? What about new members who simply cannot afford to pay?

In Colorado, A.A.'s found an answer. Individuals and groups who *could* afford to paid the fees for  
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### SEVEN GROUPS FOR DEAF NOW LISTED AT G.S.O.

We now know much more about the need for, and availability of, A.A. groups for deaf alcoholics, thanks to all who responded to our survey last autumn (see "Central Office Corner," p. 3).

We know of seven such groups, plus one International Deaf Group by Mail. In addition to a special meeting planned for deaf A.A.'s at the 1980 International Convention in New Orleans, La., a sign-language interpreter will translate the big meetings in a roped-off section of the Superdome.

We can also share with you a number of specific suggestions, based on actual experience, for helping deaf alcoholics.

Our committees on public information and on cooperation with the professional community are being asked to check with local agencies and schools that work with the deaf, to see whether they have clients interested in A.A.

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### Second Legacy

By 1946, it was clear to farseeing A.A.'s that other principles in ad-  
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## WHY THE CONFERENCE MEETS IN NEW YORK

Since the A.A. General Service Board, its subsidiary service corporations (A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine), and G.S.O. are located in New York, and it is to help establish policies for them that the Conference meets, it seems eminently sensible for the annual Conference sessions to be held here.

Article 9 of the Conference Charter states, "The Conference will meet yearly in the City of New York, unless otherwise agreed upon" (p. 24 in "The A.A. Service Manual").

Only once so far has it met elsewhere. In 1955, the fifth meeting was held in St. Louis, Mo., in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary International Convention. The entire Convention watched as A.A.'s co-founders, represented by Bill W., passed on to the rest of us the Third Legacy—Service. None of us who stood together that day in the Kiel Auditorium can ever forget it. (The resolution Bill offered and we unanimously adopted then can also be found in the service manual.)

If "a grave emergency" for the Fellowship should arise, Article 9 notes that a special Conference meeting may be called. Or, if necessary, "The Conference may also render advisory opinions at any time by mail or telephone poll in aid of the General Service Board or its related services."

No such emergency has ever hit us. But we can face with confidence whatever the years may bring, because of the patience, skill, and

humane understanding used by A.A.'s first men and women in preparing the skeletal mechanism for our Fellowship's now far-flung growth and activities.

Our pioneer members must have tapped a source of wisdom greater than ourselves, don't you think?

*(This is the ninth in a series of articles about the charter.)*

## DELEGATE LAUDS D.C.M.'S AND PRAISES ALTERNATES

District committee members (D.C.M.'s) and the alternates for all "trusted servants" got special recognition from Northern Minnesota delegate Garfield ("Duffy") S. at an area workshop not long ago.

Since the labors of D.C.M.'s and alternate delegates (also other alternates) can easily be taken for

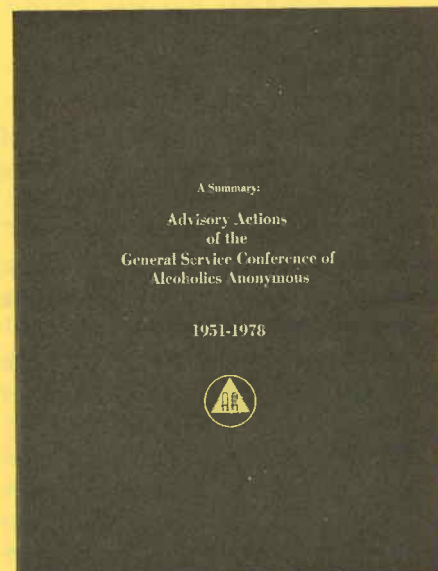
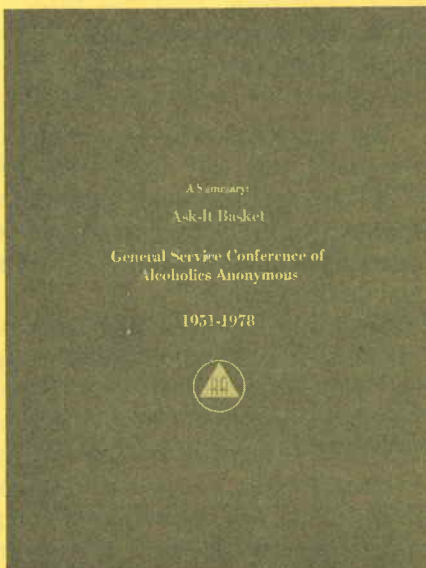
granted and left unsung, we are sharing with you a part of Duffy's presentation.

"Service is both a privilege and a responsibility in A.A.," he said.

Our "A.A. Service Manual," Duffy pointed out, states that the D.C.M. is an essential link between the group G.S.R. (general service representative) and the area delegate to the Conference, with the alternate a backup who can step in if the D.C.M. is unable to serve.

He suggested that D.C.M.'s, therefore, should keep their alternates fully informed and involved in D.C.M. activities as much as possible. This is especially helpful if the district is large, Duffy noted.

"I have had the privilege of serving as an alternate on many service levels," he said, "and found it quite helpful and perhaps just as rewarding as other service."



## TWO NEW CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Just published, two new booklets of material about past General Service Conferences are now ready for distribution to any A.A.'s who want them.

"Ask-It Basket" is a 54-page summary of the most significant questions and answers from the 1951-1978 Conferences.

"Advisory Actions" summarizes in 44 pages the recommendations of all the Conferences, also beginning with the first (1951) and including the most recent (1978).

In format, both are like a *Final Conference Report*, and their cost is \$2.50 each. Look for them on the next Literature Order Form.

## Delegate Corner

### IS THERE 'AN EASIER, SOFTER WAY'?

For keeping our lists of A.A. groups, G.S.R.'s, etc., up-to-date, isn't there an "easier, softer way"?

That question occurred to us upon reading a letter from Lucetta D., San Gabriel, Calif., reporting that she got the directory printouts for her area, Southern California. The experience was, in her words, "horrible!" But with the aid of her assembly's Registration Committee, she believes at least 20 of their 35 districts will be pretty well checked next time.

In fact, the present method is quite an improvement over the old system, thanks to the hard work of Conference delegates. Now that delegates and area committees do their best to dig out correct information on local groups, our lists and directories are many times more accurate than they used to be.

Wish we had a magic wand to help, but we haven't. We are just grateful for the faithful work of delegates such as Lucetta.

We have followed another delegate's suggestion, and next time printouts are mailed, you will find enclosed a stamped return envelope. We hope this will be of some small help.

### A.A. TRUSTEES ARE A BUSY LOT

During 1978, our A.A. trustees (members of the General Service Board) were lucky if they managed to spend even one weekend at home per month. Some did not.

The last weekends in January, July, and October, the board and its committees meet in New York. In April, all attend the General Service Conference, which for them covers two weekends. Furthermore, some trustees have to get to New York for monthly meetings of the A.A.W.S. board or the trustees' Public Information Committee, or for Grapevine Corporate Board meetings, held quarterly. For just one weekend, agendas, necessary background readings, and minutes stack up to almost a ream of paper—homework, to be read by the trustees on their own time.

A few of the regional trustees' reports to the board one weekend, chosen at random, show typical itineraries and activities. The Pacific trustee had spent time in Alaska, Utah, Washington, California. East Central trustee: World Service Meeting in Finland; sessions

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## Trustee Corner

## Central Office Corner

### THANKS TO YOU, BETTER SERVICE!

Dear C.O.'s, intergroup offices, answering services, delegates, and other A.A.'s working with deaf alcoholics:

We take some space here to thank all of you who responded to our survey about carrying the message to deaf alcoholics.

Many areas wrote that they had had no phone calls, no inquiries on deaf groups, so they could not respond. However, 75 questionnaires (from approximately 350 mailed out) were filled in and returned. The results were very helpful in making a beginning on this service project. For that, we are grateful.

Please keep us posted if your area has deaf alcoholics seeking help, sign-language classes, deaf groups being formed, etc., and we will keep *you* posted.

Yours in fellowship—*Susan D.*

P.S.: In some central offices, notices indicating where people can go to learn the sign language of the deaf are posted on the bulletin boards or inserted in A.A. newsletters. Maybe some of your members would appreciate such information.

### CONSCIENTIOUS EFFICIENCY HELPS

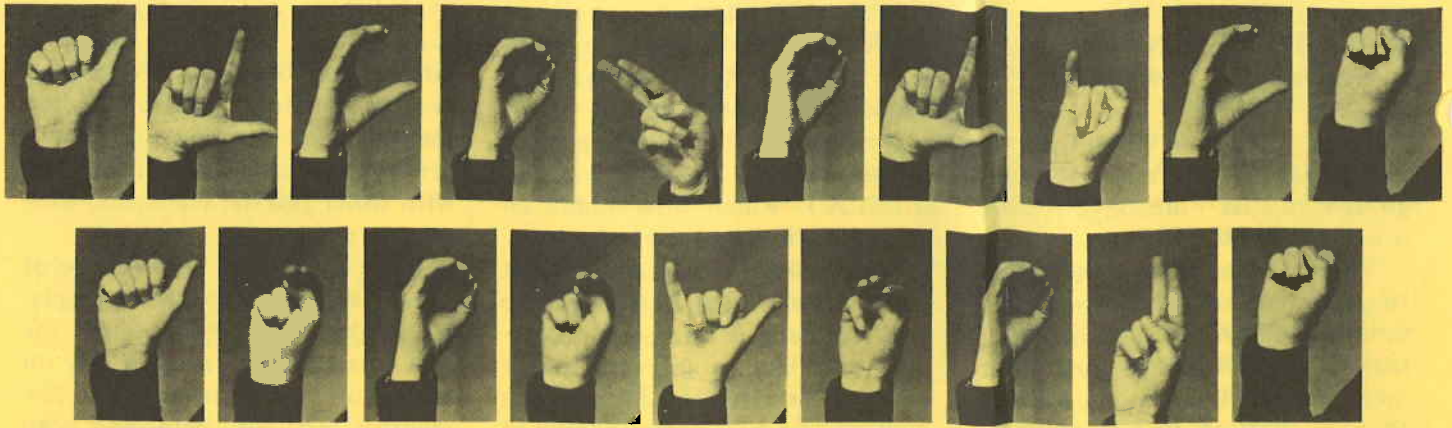
Time was, not too many years ago, when "funny old A.A." was an image many of us liked. We enjoyed the idea that, despite lack of organization and efficiency, our Fellowship somehow managed to muddle through and get somewhere near its goal. But none of us liked it when we heard that, as a result of inefficiency, no one had called on a sick alcoholic who had asked for help—or our group's address or meeting times had been printed wrong—or A.A. literature we had ordered had gone astray.

We think of this because of a letter lately received from John G., Uptown Group, Ottawa, Ont. After "Dear Fellow Alcoholics," his letter is a model of businesslike, precise communication. He is the group's new G.S.R. as of a certain date, he says, giving his complete mail address. Briskly, he also notes name and address of the previous G.S.R., and another name and address no longer to be carried for his group.

"Thanks for your unending service," John finishes.

Thank *you*, John. You confirm our belief that taking A.A. service seriously is worthwhile, as long as we don't take ourselves seriously.

## G.S.R. Corner



**GROUPS FOR DEAF**  
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Not all deaf people can read lips, as we pointed out in the Feb.-Mar. '76 Box 4-5-9, so it is often necessary to ask for the aid of non-A.A.'s fluent in sign language as interpreters. And one widely used sign language is highly simplified. It does not literally spell out every word. (For example, we received two versions of the Steps adapted for this type of signing. Whether they

work or not, we do not know yet.)

Use of non-A.A. interpreters gives rise to the confidentiality question, but experience has shown that with goodwill it can usually be worked out.

Very often, everything must be written out for those with impaired hearing, and not all deaf people are fluent readers or writers.

*Sign language carries the message, spelling  
A-L-C-O-H-O-L-I-C-S A-N-O-N-Y-M-O-U-S*

Please, please let us know if alcoholics who cannot hear ask for A.A. help in your community. We need a sharing of all the experience we can get on this.

Meanwhile, let us hope that a smile, a handshake, and a cup of coffee help carry A.A.'s "language of the heart" even to those minus the sense of hearing.

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in Ohio, Arkansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana. Eastern Canada: Regional Forum in Pennsylvania; conventions in Ontario and Montreal; helping G.S.O. on French literature problems; working on the money-exchange situation. West Central: Minnesota, Texas, California, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri.

This does not cover their heavy A.A. correspondence or long-distance A.A. calls. Nor do they brag about going to their own home-group meetings, twelfth-stepping, and the other things all A.A.'s do on their own to stay sober.

How our 14 A.A. trustees manage it, we do not know. We just know they do, and they deserve all the admiration, trust, gratitude, and loving support we can give them.

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those who could not. No one needed to be left out because of lack of funds.

As a result, 1,023 happy Coloradans had a fine A.A. weekend together. "Great fellowship and love were present every minute," Dave reports. "This type of love, shown in the friendship of all hospitality people, is catching," he says.

Dave's committee learned some other specific, practical lessons, too. We can send a copy of his report to any convention workers who ask for it.

**SPECIALIZED  
TWELFTH-STEPPING?**

Most of us who went to beginners meetings early in our A.A. lives

agree that these small sessions help the newcomer identify and begin to feel comfortable at larger, regular A.A. gatherings.

Since the 1940's, there have also been men's groups and meetings for women only. As long as these were used just as starters, they seemed to help many people get going in A.A.

That is true also of International Doctors (including dentists) in A.A. (I.D.A.A.), which began in 1947. Every summer, this group has a weekend session, and it has grown steadily over the years.

Its senior and still-faithful members, however, are very positive about one thing: Going to just this one "special interest" meeting is not enough. Getting to know other physicians in A.A. may be very helpful to some newcomer doctors; but if they want the best possible

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## SPECIALIZED TWELFTH-STEPPING?

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recovery, they need to get into the mainstream as soon as possible and go to "regular" meetings just as other A.A.'s do.

Various local groups restricted to priests or nuns have found the same lessons true. Such meetings make good sense for beginners, but members are quickly encouraged to go to all types of A.A. sessions.

Also in the 1940's, several local groups for young people (under 35, or "young at heart") sprang up; and

in the late 1950's, the International Conference of Young People in A.A. (I.C.Y.P.A.A.) became an annual event. It still is.

Newest of these developments is International Lawyers in A.A. (I.L.A.A.), which now holds an annual get-together.

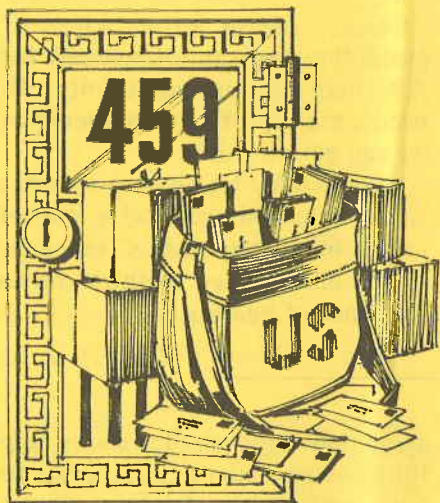
Such yearly conventions are just big gatherings of A.A. friends who have specialized interests in common and like to share particular experiences. Usually, only a certain number can be accommodated at these affairs.

(Write G.S.O. for information on how to contact I.D.A.A.,

I.C.Y.P.A.A., or I.L.A.A.)

Of course, it is true that two doctors can often do a better job twelfth-stepping a drunken medico than two lay people could. Many priests may identify more readily with other priests; teenagers, with other teens, etc.

Once embarked on a course of sober living, most of these people, as we have noted, do enter the A.A. mainstream, learn to rely on the whole wonderful range of the membership for help—and can then carry the message effectively to other alcoholics of their own calling or age group.



### IN OUR MAILBAG: HELP FROM G.S.R.'S

Many answered our question in the Holiday 1978 *Box 4-5-9*: What material does a G.S.R. (general service representative) really need? Here are just a few excerpts from the replies.

#### From Ontario

"The A.A. Service Manual" is the most important tool of all, in my experience," writes Murray D., Scarborough, Ont. "And don't let your group elect you G.S.R. if you do not have the time.

"I hope I never forget the night at the Maple Leaf Gardens in 1965 when, with Bill and Lois, we all

said, 'I am responsible. . . . I hope I never forget to be grateful.'"

#### From Rhode Island

"Just prior to being selected as a G.S.R., I was given a copy of the 1977 *Final Conference Report*," writes Joan W., Providence, R.I. "This was so helpful. It was a learning tool and gave me better insight as to how our Third Legacy works.

"This year, our district ordered copies of the 1978 report for all G.S.R.'s," she adds. "All feedback has been positive."

(Responding to Joan, we had to say the *Final Conference Report* is a bit too expensive for mailing free to thousands of G.S.R.'s. But if districts or assemblies or groups or G.S.R.'s themselves can pay for reports—\$2 per copy—we know members could gain much better knowledge of our Third Legacy, as Joan found.)

#### From North Carolina

"Perhaps we G.S.R.'s should get a note telling us to read the literature we do get!" writes Martha C., Raleigh, N.C.

Not until Martha had to attend a delegate election had she read Chapter V of "The A.A. Service Manual," she says. But there she found her very own feelings described! And when she read further, she found answers.

"So now I am reading all the general service literature available. It's not all that time-consuming, and is so very comforting and enlightening," according to Martha.

#### From Berlin, Germany

G.S.R.'s need more than "just 'The A.A. Service Manual,' 'G.S.R. May Be the Most Important Job in A.A.,' 'Your A.A. General Service Office,' and 'Circles of Love and Service' (none of them available in German, but I have read and know them)," writes Peter T. from Germany.

"Chapters 5 and 6 of the Big Book and Steps Four and Ten are just as important as our Traditions, or the 'how' to do any A.A. job."

(We could not agree more, Peter. Without recovery, where would any of us be?)

#### From New York

"The first thing that came to my mind," writes Richard T., Massena, N.Y., "was 'Twelve Concepts for World Service,' by Bill W. I highly recommend this to anyone in service work, and I think it would be worthwhile reading for any A.A. member."

(Any A.A. member who wants one can order it from G.S.O., of course, at 85¢ per copy.)

*Results? See next page. . . .*

## NEW KIT FOR G.S.R.'S REFLECTS YOUR IDEAS

Thank you, thank you G.S.R.'s (general service representatives). Because of the wonderful suggestions you made (see p. 5), we have now assembled a kit (right) for all new G.S.R.'s, containing what a G.S.R. needs to get started on this rewarding A.A. commitment.

Contents include a helpful memo and a sheet for changing group information, plus major service pieces such as "The A.A. Service Manual" and a regional map.

Also enclosed are order forms for the Grapevine and for all Conference-approved literature, and seven key pamphlets for Third Legacy workers.

From now on, each newly elected G.S.R. will automatically receive the new kit, and we hope you find it both useful and inspiring.

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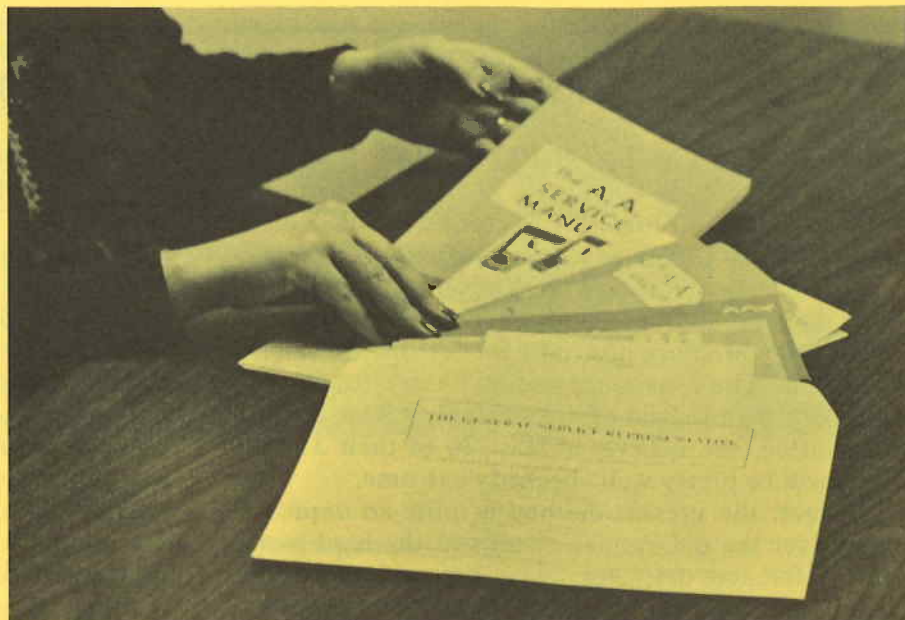
dition to those in the Steps were operating in A.A.—such as anonymity, self-support, autonomy, the group conscience, and others.

Bill wrote out a concise statement of these principles for helping A.A. to stay together and get along with the non-A.A. world—our Twelve Traditions. In 1950, at A.A.'s First International Convention, in Cleveland, Ohio, the Traditions were unanimously accepted as our Second Legacy from the founders—Unity, shown as the left line of the triangle.

### Third Legacy

In 1955, at the Second International Convention, in St. Louis, Mo., the Fellowship accepted from its co-founders responsibility for A.A.'s world services, to be guided by the Conference in behalf of the entire membership. Service became the Third Legacy, symbolized by the third side of the triangle.

So every time an alcoholic comes to A.A. to recover, the twelfth-



stepper who speaks to the newcomer starts passing on, once again, the First Legacy, Recovery.

Each time a group reaches a decision, it uses the Second, Unity.

And everyone who helps serve coffee at a meeting, or serves on any A.A. committee or board, is making use of that third gift, Service.

### 'INSIDE' A.A.'S AND LONERS NEED LETTERS

Many members of A.A. groups in correctional institutions need to correspond with "outside" A.A.'s. And many A.A. Loners also miss the sharing that is the heart of our Fellowship.

Imagine what it is like to be an A.A. shut in, or living in an isolated region where no meeting is available yet. You would have to depend on the rest of us for your A.A. contact.

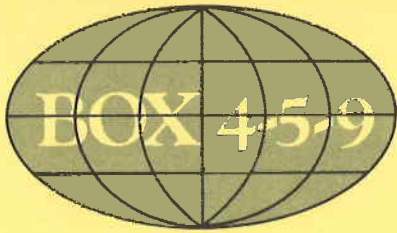
Hundreds of A.A.'s are in exactly that position. Maybe your group would like to "adopt" and sort of "sponsor" one of them by mail. Or perhaps you yourself would like to join in the Institutions Correspondence Service or be added to the list of Loner Sponsors. If so, write G.S.O., and we'll put you in

touch with A.A.'s who are longing for A.A. letters.

### CLOSED MEETING TOPICS FROM THE GRAPEVINE

*April:* Five articles under the heading "Spiritual Awakenings" make a good jumping-off place for discussions of forgiving, letting go, finding joy in everyday living, and having faith; "Why Are We Here?" questions the effect of too much exploration into possible reasons for our drinking; "Honest Sharing" asks us to consider how much of our real selves we are contributing at meetings; "Make It a Happy Day" offers a fresh outlook to start a review of the Twelfth Step.

*May:* "The Poor Me's" suggests a session on this common complaint and the different means we can use to overcome it; "Saturday Night," comparing a drinking day from the past and a sober day now, can lead to some sharing on the value of keeping memories green and remembering to be grateful; "Dependence" can give focus to a meeting on the Fourth Step, pointing out that dependence can be either a liability or an asset—unhealthy or healthy.



# THE BULLETIN BOARD

April-May 1979

ITEMS ON AREA A.A. GATHERINGS—VIA G.S.O.

## A.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

- Mar. 30-1 - *New Orleans, Louisiana*. Big Deep South 12th Annual Conv. Write: Spec. Activities Com., A.A. Central Intergroup Office, 535 Gravier Bldg., Rm. 707, New Orleans, LA 70130
- Mar. 30-1 - *Rock Island, Illinois*. N. Ill. Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., Box 777, Rock Island, IL 61201
- Mar. 30-1 - *Colorado Springs, Colorado*. Spring Regional Conf. Write: Conf. Com., 1431 Howard Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80909
- Mar. 30-1 - *Wimberley, Texas*. Tenth Quarterly Agape Weekend. Write: Coord., 204 W. 32nd St., Austin, TX 78705
- Mar. 30-1 - *Wiesbaden, West Germany*. Deutschsprachiges (German-speaking) Landertreffen 1979. Write: AA, Intergroup Mitte, Box 33, D-8752 Mainaschaff, Germany
- 5-8 - *Longview, Texas*. Tenth Annual E. Tex. Roundup. Write: Secy., P.O. Box 2082, Longview, TX 78705
- 6-8 - *Clarksburg, West Virginia*. Jackson's Mill Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301
- 6-8 - *Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada*. S. Alta. Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., P.O. Box 212, Lethbridge, Alta.
- 6-8 - *Newport, Rhode Island*. Third R.I. Conv. Write: Conv. Com., P.O. Box 9342, Providence, RI 02904
- 12-13 - *Reykjavik, Iceland*. 25th Anniversary Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., Iceland Intergroup, P.O. Box 1149, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 12-16 - *Perth, Australia*. 19th Nat. Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., G.P.O. Box R 1243, Perth 6001 (W.A.), Australia
- 13-15 - *Superior, Wisconsin*. 34th Annual Roundup. Write: Tkt. Ch., 1609 John Ave., Superior, WI 54880
- 13-15 - *Banff, Alberta, Canada*. Sixth Annual Roundup. Write: Reg. Com., P.O. Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2E6
- 13-15 - *San Diego, California*. Second Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box A-2529, San Diego, CA 92112
- 13-15 - *Richfield, Utah*. Area Spring Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 766, Richfield, UT 84701
- 18-21 - *Eureka Springs, Arkansas*. Third Annual Springtime in the Ozarks Roundup. Write: Conv. Ch., 5 Kingshighway, Eureka Springs, AR 72632
- 20-22 - *New York, New York*. 16th State Conv. Write: Conv. Com. S.E.N.Y., G.P.O. Box 1850, New York, NY 10001
- 20-22 - *Wichita, Kansas*. Area Easter Roundup. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 18093, Wichita, KS 67218
- 20-22 - *Lake Charles, Louisiana*. Annual Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., P.O. Box 1293, Lake Charles, LA 70601
- 20-22 - *Erie, Pennsylvania*. Fourth Annual Conf. Write: Conf. Com., P.O. Box 148, Erie, PA 16512
- 20-22 - *Camp Tama, Japan*. Spring Far East Roundup. Write: Ch., Science Center, USNAF Box 20, FPO #1, Seattle, WA 98767
- 22 - *Hyannis, Massachusetts*. Cape Cod Fourth Annual Roundup. Write: Cape Cod Roundup, Prince Cove, Marstons Mills, MA 02648
- 26-29 - *Belfast, Northern Ireland*. 22nd Irish Conv. Write: Cent. Serv. Off., 73 Lisburn Rd., Belfast, Northern Ireland BT9 7AE
- 27-29 - *Bassano, Alberta, Canada*. Second Annual Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., P.O. Box 536, Bassano, Alta. T0J 0B0
- 27-29 - *International Falls, Minnesota*. Second Annual Borderland Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1009, International Falls, MN 56649
- 27-29 - *Grants Pass, Oregon*. Fourth Annual Rogue Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., 2790 Foothill Blvd., Grants Pass, OR 97526
- 27-29 - *Surrey, British Columbia, Canada*. Eighth Annual Fraser Valley Rally. Write: A.A. Rally Ch., c/o Surrey Inn Travelodge, 9850 King George Hwy., Surrey, B.C.
- 28-29 - *Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Third Annual Roundup. Write: Rosetown Thurs. Group, P.O. Box 95, Rosetown, Sask. S0L 2V0
- 4-6 - *Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1177, Revelstoke, B.C. V0E 2S0
- 4-6 - *Renfrew, Scotland*. 23rd Annual Scottish Conv. Write: Scottish Serv. Off., 50 Wellington St., Glasgow, Scotland
- 4-6 - *Bournemouth, Dorset, England*. Fourth S.W.I.G. Spring Weekend. Write: Conv. Mgr., Majestic Hotel, Derby Rd., Bournemouth, Dorset, England
- 4-6 - *Lloydminster, Alberta*. Fifth Annual Roundup. Write: Roundup Com., Box 291, Lloydminster, Alta.
- 4-6 - *Fresno, California*. H & I Conf. Write: Conf. Com., P.O. Box 4488, P.O. Box 4488, Santa Clara, CA 95054
- 11-13 - *Clearwater, Florida*. Eighth Annual Suncoast Conv. Write: Conv. Treas., P.O. Box 80601, Madeira Beach, FL 33738
- 11-13 - *Burlington, Vermont*. 12th Annual Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., P.O. Box 542, White River Junction, VT 05001
- 11-13 - *Atlantic City, New Jersey*. Philadelphia's 12th Intergroup Roundup. Write: Roundup Secy., 112 S. 16th St., Rm. 1201, Philadelphia, PA 19102
- 11-13 - *Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada*. 15th Annual Blossom Time Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., Box 294, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6T7
- 11-13 - *Reno, Nevada*. Eighth Annual Spring Festival. Write: Spring Festival, P.O. Box 72, Reno, NV 89504
- 18-20 - *Detroit, Michigan*. E. Cent. Regional Forum. Write: Regional Forum Secy., P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10017
- 18-20 - *Idaho Falls, Idaho*. Area Assy. Write: Assy. Co-Ch., 2297 Croft St., Idaho Falls, ID 83401
- 18-20 - *Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada*. Fourth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 5136, Whitehorse, Yukon Terr.
- 18-20 - *High Level, Alberta, Canada*. Eighth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1241, High Level, Alta. T0H 1Z0
- 18-20 - *Deep Creek, Maryland*. Second Annual Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., 5 Forbes Terrace, Pittsburgh, PA 15217
- 18-20 - *Gander, Newfoundland, Canada*. Assy. Write: Ch., 6 Nungesser Ave., Gander, Nfld. A1V 1L9
- 18-20 - *Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*. 38th Anniv. State Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 20297, Oklahoma City, OK 73156
- 18-20 - *Little Current, Ontario, Canada*. Eighth Annual Manitoulin Island Area Rainbow Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 641, Little Current, Ont. P0P 1K0
- 20 - *Kansas City, Kansas*. A.A. Group #1 37th Anniv. Write: Kansas Group #1, 1925 N. 11th St., Kansas City, KS 66104
- 25-28 - *Boston, Massachusetts*. Third Annual Roundup of Gay People in A.A. Write: G.P.A.A., P.O. Box 686, 102 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114

## PLANNING AN A.A. EVENT IN JUNE OR JULY?

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- 4-6 - *Seattle, Washington*. Second Annual Pac. N.W. Gay Spring Roundup. Write: Coord., 6731 Greenwood N., Seattle, WA 98103
- 4-6 - *Sheridan, Wyoming*. Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 712, Sheridan, WY 82801
- 4-6 - *Sioux Falls, South Dakota*. Annual Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., 1015 S. Lake, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

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25-28 - *Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada*. 13th Annual N.W. Ont. Area Roundup. Write: Reg. Ch., P.O. Box 73, Sta. F, Thunder Bay, Ont.

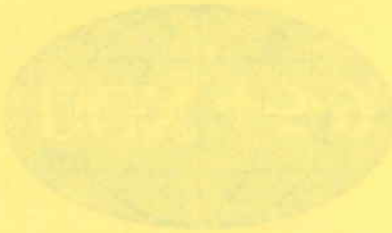
25-28 - *Stony Point, New York*. Third Annual New York City Young People's Conf. Write: N.Y.C.Y.P.C., 538 E. 85th St., Apt. 2B, New York, NY 10028

25-28 - *Wichita, Kansas*. 101 Campout. Write: Campout Ch., 204 W. 18th, Wichita, KS 67203

25-27 - *Bakersfield, California*. Sixth Annual Golden Empire Roundup. Write: Reg. Ch., P.O. Box 3489, Bakersfield, CA 93305

27 - *Cleveland, Ohio*. 33rd Annual Memorial Day Serv. and Breakfast. Write: Breakfast Com., 1320 Washington Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113

31-June 3 - *Columbia, South Carolina*. 32nd Annual State Conv. Write: Conv. Com., P.O. Box 11551, Columbia, SC 29211



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