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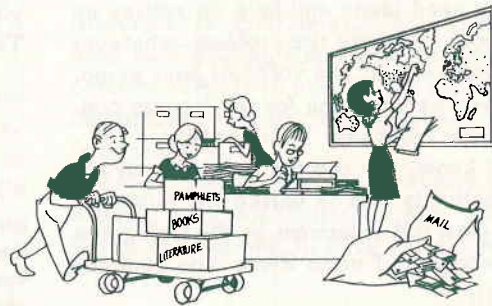
Local Arteries of A.A. Life

In matters affecting other groups, an A.A. group is not autonomous, our Fourth Tradition reminds us.

For example: when group A, the only one in the community, furnishes the service of a telephone number which alcoholics can call for information, that affects only group A itself. But when group B gets started—the second in the community—the local telephone service then affects *both* groups.

Groups share responsibility for other local services, too—as pointed out in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group." Such services include exchanging speakers for group meetings, publishing up-to-date local meeting lists, contact with hospitals, doctors, clergymen, correctional officials, alcoholism agencies, newspapers, radio and TV, setting up joint public and special open meetings or social affairs; and many other service opportunities.

Just as each member shares with other A.A.'s to strengthen his own sobriety, so



Courtesy A.A. Grapevine

are groups strengthened by *sharing* responsibility for local services. A.A.'s survival depends on A.A. unity—at all levels.

How does it work? Usually a couple of A.A.'s see the need for a specific local service and contact the various groups, explaining and discussing it. If groups approve, each elects an interested member to participate and represent them in cooperative intergroup activities.

These representatives meet and choose whatever officers they need to get the jobs done. Surveying the local needs, they try to establish services to fulfill those needs. (to p. 2)

BOARD RESOLUTION EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO RETIRING MANAGER OF G.S.O.

At its quarterly meeting on January 29, 1968, the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous passed a resolution expressing its gratitude to Herb for his years of outstanding service to the Fellowship. The resolution concluded with these words:

"Yes, we shall miss his remarkable talents; we shall miss his counsel; we shall miss him as a friend, but his outstanding contribution to the vigor and health of Alcoholics Anonymous and with it to the recovery of countless thousands of alcoholics throughout the world will be long remembered. Now, on his retirement, we all collectively and individually wish him and Liz all the best in the life that lies ahead for both of them."



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR GROUP MEETINGS

(Items of Special interest to be read by G.S.R.
or Secretary at your group's next meeting.)

Here are a few items from "Box 4-5-9" just received from G.S.O. — our General Service Office in New York...

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THE LEAD ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE talks about local services, what the needs are and what the responsibilities are as well. Maybe this would be a good article for discussion at our next business meeting; the suggestions might be helpful to our group.

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OUR DELEGATE (G.S.R., please use name) WILL BE IN N.Y. for the 18th meeting of the General Service Conference, April 22-27. We'll hear the news on his return.

NEW IVORY-TINTED BOOK PLATE now available to make any A.A. book a handsome, treasured gift.

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NEW SPECIAL INSTITUTIONAL TAPE LIBRARY now available on loan from G.S.O.

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BLIND ALCOHOLICS seeking A.A. help seem to be on increase. To obtain Braille and taped material, see p. 5.

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1968 WORLD DIRECTORY mailed to each group April 1 (earliest ever) now shows overseas meeting places (see p. 3).

YOU Are There



In April when the Conference convenes in New York, YOU will be there although you may be 3,000 miles away. Anyone who has ever chaired a Conference session will tell you that your presence is felt whenever your Delegate gets up to talk about a problem "back home." Whether you are a G.S.R. or a Committee Member, he knows he is speaking for you. In fact, he makes no bones about it.

The problem may have arisen in *your* group. The problem may be that one or two people are dominating it. Or perhaps some over-zealous A.A. is breaking anonymity in the public press. Or you may need ideas and help on setting up institutional activities. If you have given your Delegate the problem—whatever it is—he becomes YOUR voice at the Conference—and the voice of your group. If the problem is a serious one, he may even be speaking for the "group conscience." Is it any wonder that the Conference feels that YOU are there?

This all may be peculiarly A.A., we don't know. But the fact is that your being there sets up an atmosphere of responsibility that is unlike any business conference that we know of. Your problem gets full treatment by 89 Delegates who come from fifty states and nine provinces and Puerto Rico. You couldn't get more attention if you were there yourself.

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18th Conference – April 22-27, 1968

TAPE EXCHANGERS MEET

The world of A.A. tapes has produced another great story, this one from Natal, South Africa. Peter C. writes that Wardie H. and he started exchanging tapes nearly 9 years ago, and in December Wardie traveled 11,000 miles so they could at last meet face to face.

Sharing A.A. experience through tapes is increasingly popular, and if you want to join the long list of A.A. Tape Worms, just write G.S.O.



TWO THANKS

"What pleases me most about the progress A.A. has made in my time," writes Doreen of Canberra, Australia, "is the number of young to middle-age people who come now to meetings instead of the older citizens who seemed the only ones to make the grade when I first came in, 13 years ago—and the international element we get here."

"Words fail me to express my debt to A.A.," writes Marion, telling about a daughter's wedding. "As a Loner it is hard to pay back something of what I owe. I miss group life. It was so much easier to talk over problems, do 12th Step work, be group secretary, or put out the chairs, empty the ash trays and do the washing up. I wonder if those with a group to attend really realize how lucky they are? We Loners owe you at G.S.O. a great debt."

ARTERIES (from p. 1)

Often, the biggest need is for one central A.A. phone listing, supported by all groups.

Usually the cost of an answering service and other Intergroup expenses are shared by all the groups who benefit from the service.

As groups increase in number, the demands for service grow, too. When there are as many as 15 or 20 groups, for example, there often seems to be a need for a Central Office for fulfilling A.A.'s primary purpose.

Such an office really brings A.A. into the community, and wherever the need arises, such a vital link of service should be established.

Sometimes the rotating Intergroup Committee has to look a long time to find convenient, centralized, clean, economical office quarters which the groups can afford.

Then it has to hire a secretary to handle the daily work load—who is responsible to the Intergroup Committee or Steering Committee.

Often, volunteers take over answering phone calls for help in the Central Office and enjoy the benefits of this kind of 12th Step service.

As the show window of A.A. in the community, the place where both alcoholics and nonalcoholics come for help, the Central Office is truly a vital artery of A.A. life in the community.

In the new *Central Office Bulletin*, mailed regularly by G.S.O. to Intergroup

Committees and offices, such centers share their experience, strength, and hope with each other. You can see in their letters that when they are well supported by local groups—both spiritually and financially—every group flourishes, although each remains completely autonomous in its internal affairs. In addition, the groups participate in the overall A.A. impact on the community through the Intergroup or Central Office Committee in a wonderful big new way—whether its two groups working together, or 400.

MORE SERVICES FOR INSTITUTIONS

First issue of the new A.A. *Institutional Bulletin*, recently started by G.S.O., was so successful that its frequency has been stepped up. It will be published every four months instead of semi-annually. A copy is sent to each A.A. group in any hospital or rehab center, penal or correctional institution, and to each institutions committee.

In addition, a new Institutional Tape Circulating Library has been set up. Containing 10 special tapes, it is "loaned" to Institutional Groups. First come, first served.

Institutions problems and solutions will get lots of attention at the 18th



General Service Conference sessions in April. Latest edition of the *Institutional Bulletin* asks for suggestions of topics the Conference should consider—such as how to keep groups that meet behind walls supplied with good A.A. reading matter, and share the activities of all other Institutional Committees.

Grapevines Ahead!

March Grapevine tells us of interesting new A.A. meeting formats; also, "Clue to A.A.'s Success" by Rev. Howard Clinebell; story by Sackville M., Dublin (Big Book Updated series); "My Name is Irma" (Montreal); an oldtimer's problems; "Search" (Nova Scotia); a Vt. newsman's blackout story; "Night Owl Gets Diploma" (Mich.); Grapevines in the N.Y. post office fire; and many, many more.

In April, article on coffee from *Journal of the American Medical Assn.*; Mrs. Reinhold Niebuhr on origin of Serenity Prayer; reviews of Plaut's ALCOHOL PROBLEMS and Glasser's REALITY THERAPY; special piece for G.S.R.'s and Conference story; "First Steps Out of Agnosticism" (Tex.); "Carrying Message on the Job" (Kans.); "Where the Splendor Is" (Calif.); and much more.

Bill and Lois

On Jan. 24 Bill W., A.A.'s co-founder, and his wife, Lois, first lady of Al-Anon Family Groups, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, with a small, quiet family party at Stepping Stones, their home in Bedford Hills. G.S.O. & GV Staffs surprised them with gold pen and pencil gift sets.

SPECIAL GIFTS TO G.S.O.

ALABAMA	
Huntsville: Ala. State Conv.	\$ 297.94
ALASKA	
Anchorage: Fifth-A-Month Club	200.00
ARIZONA	
Phoenix: State of Arizona . .	558.62
FLORIDA	
Pompano Beach: Broward Co. #7 Gratitude Dinner	675.00
LOUISIANA	
Shreveport: 22nd Annual Tri-State Conv.	200.00
MAINE	
Portland: District #1	35.00
MICHIGAN	
Lowe Pl.: 15th Mich. State Conf.	822.10
NEBRASKA	
Laurel: State Assembly	65.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Wolfboro: State Assembly . .	100.00

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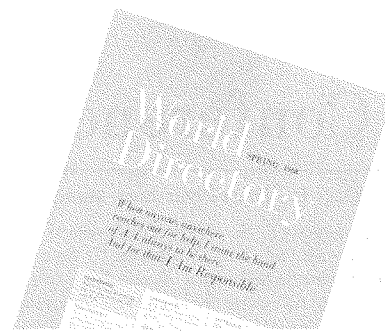
1968 Directory Is Ready

Mailed to each group April 1 — earliest ever. It reflects a fellowship of 14,154 groups at the close of 1967.

Confidential

As its new blue cover notes, the *Directory* is confidential—not to be used as a mailing list for any purpose outside A.A. It is not for use for any commercial venture, either by A.A.'s or non-A.A.'s.

Those who do use the *Directory* in sending mail for legitimate A.A. purposes are warned to have careful re-



gard for other members' anonymity. The terms *Alcoholics Anonymous* or A.A. should never appear on an envelope, card, or wrapper which carries a member's name.

Listings are based on group information cards submitted to G.S.O. before Dec. 1, 1967. If your group got its card in late, however, don't worry; address records in the office have been corrected, but it was too late to change *Directory* addresses.

SPECIAL DELIVERIES

HOW TO TRAVEL IN (A.A.) STYLE

Charles McC., Dallas, travels "south of the border" on business. One trip went like this, he tells us:

First, he attended the Dade County (Fla.) Intergroup dinner. Then in San Juan, P.R., he called Abe F., who brought a meeting to Charles's hotel room.

In Curacao, he called Erwin—and before midnight 12 members had called Charlie. Next day, Ed picked Charlie up and they went to call on Mario (whose doctor told him four years ago he didn't have six months to live!).

The only scheduled meeting was on Fri.—but for Charles the A.A.'s arranged a special Mon. meeting.

"It certainly was a wonderful feeling to be at home some 8,000 miles away from home," writes Charles.

"JOE'S" BUSY IN AUSTRALIA

"On joining A.A. I left behind a very good mate who could not read. As he headed for the inevitable rocks I wished for something to give him that would help.

"Then I received a tattered copy of 'What Happened to Joe,' gave it to him, and in two weeks he was at a meeting. He has taken the bit in his teeth and I can hardly hold him. I'm reading him the Big Book and playing him records, but all this was made

possible by 'Joe.'

"I believe that this comic style pamphlet method has the most potential of all as far as initial motivation goes.

"A lot of alcoholics like my mate who either do not or can not read, are I'm sure, standing on the brink, just waiting to catch this simple glimpse of their problem in a manner so suited to their state of mind."

Paul, Queensland, Austr.

TURKEY SHARING

Dudley B. from San Antonio, found himself in Ankara, Turkey—far away from the home group, so he wrote G.S.O.

We put him in touch with Bryan P., also in Ankara, and they made themselves known to chaplains at the American military hospital.

As a result, Hazel S. has been sober nearly 14 weeks. "I was desperate about my drinking but simply couldn't stop; will power and psychiatry were not enough," Hazel writes us. "A.A. is the answer for me. I feel as if I had been reborn. Dudley and Bryan give me their old Grapevines and I read them avidly."

"We have wonderful meetings here," Hazel continues. "Until this week there were only three of us, but now a fourth has joined. I am so happy to be a part of it."

We know just how you feel, Hazel.

Conference Delegates, 1968

What Do Panel Numbers Mean?

Delegates to each Conference are made up of two "panels." One is even-numbered and includes those elected to start serving in an even year. The other is odd-numbered and includes those elected to start serving in an odd year. This 18th Conference is made up of Panel 17—the old Delegates—and Panel 18—the new Delegates.

Ala. & N.W. Fla.: Ted C. (17), Birmingham, Ala. *Alaska:* Angus J. (18), Anchorage. *Arizona:* Charles D. (18), Phoenix. *Arkansas:* Max H. (17), Little Rock. *Calif.:* Jack O. (17), Beverly Hills; Pat S. (17), Watsonville; Howard T. (18), Fresno; Bill B. (18), Oceanside; Warren S. (18), Laguna Beach. *Colorado:* Ray G. (17), Colo. Springs. *Connecticut:* Ed S. (17), Hartford. *Delaware:* Margie N. (18), Dover.

D.C.: Ernest R. (17), Potomac, Md. *Fla.:* Harry G. (17), Jacksonville; Bud R. (17), Clearwater. *Georgia:* Joe C. (18), Vidalia. *Hawaii:* Wayne W. (17), Honolulu. *Idaho:* Gordon L. (18), Boise. *Illinois:* Harry V. (17), Chicago; Joe F. (18), Dixon; Roy S. (17), E. St. Louis. *Indiana:* Robert E. (17), Fort Wayne; Toy E. (18), Orleans. *Iowa:* John G. (17), Des Moines. *Kansas:* William L. (18), Manhattan. *Kentucky:* Frank R. (18), Glendale.

Louisiana: William W. (17), Lake Charles. *Maine:* James K. (18), Presque Isle. *Maryland:* Ben V. (18), Baltimore. *Mass.:* May C. (17), Watertown; Wilfred McM. (18), Southwick. *Michigan:* Robert B. (17), Owosso; Andy P. (17), Detroit; Don W. (18), South Haven. *Minnesota:* Dave H. (18), Duluth; Jim F. (17), Mound. *Mississippi:* Malvin P. (18), Laurel. *Missouri:* Al G. (17), Ilmo, Verne S. (17), Kansas City. *Montana:* Joseph B. (18), Ashland.

Nebraska: James G. (18), North Platte. *Nevada:* Les E. (17), Las Vegas. *New Hampshire:* Neil G. (18), Portsmouth. *New Jersey:* Jamie D. (17), Little Silver; Aaron K. (18), Trenton. *New Mexico:* Bob H. (18), Albuquerque. *New York:* Steve P. (17), Binghamton; Chuck D. (18), Hudson Falls; Tom M. (17), Massapequa; Bud S. (18), Tonawanda. *North Carolina:* Dave C. (17), Raleigh. *North Dakota:* Harold V. (18), Grand Forks. *Ohio:* Fulton S. (17), Zanesville; Tony W. (17), Elyria; George M. (18), Toledo; Bob F. (18), Cincinnati.

Oklahoma: Woody W. (17), Okla. City. *Oregon:* Ralph L. (18), Grants Pass. *Pennsylvania:* Louis R. (17), Phila.; Rose B. (17), Johnstown. *Rhode Island:* Ruth L. (18), Rehobeth, Mass. *South Carolina:* J.L.M. (18), Sumter. *South Dakota:* John B. (18), Aberdeen. *Tennessee:* Tom M. (18), Pulaski. *Texas:* Elizabeth

M. (17), Fort Worth; George G. (18), Lubbock; Ralph M. (17), Texas City; Carl H. (18), San Antonio. *Utah:* Pete S. (17), American Fork. *Vermont:* Orlando C. (18), Arlington. *Virginia:* Ernest F. (17), Arlington. *Washington:* Ralph B. (17), Seattle. *West Virginia:* Sam M. (17), Wheeling. *Wisconsin:* Paul W. (18), Eau Claire; Robert W. (17), Milwaukee. *Wyoming:* Merrill S. (18), Evanston. *Puerto Rico:* Manuel R. (18), Bayamon.

CANADA

Alberta: Ken K. (18), Edmonton. *B.C./Yukon:* Al H. (17), Prince George. *Manitoba:* Tom G. (18), Winnipeg. *N.B./P.E.I.:* Bill G. (18), Miscouche. *N.S./Nfld./Labrador:* Bill U. (17), Sydney, N.S. *Ontario:* Pete W. (17), Oakville; Robert McC. (17), North Bay; Vern C. (17), Port Arthur; Wyn D. (18), Hamilton. *Quebec:* Tony G. (18), Montreal; Fernand I. (18), Montreal. *Saskatchewan:* Jack C. (18), Prince Albert.

MINI-PIC

When your group is small, in a little rural town, miles away from another group, is there any need for a Public Information Committee (P.I.C.)?

In Iron Mountain, Mich., members decided there is, and a small committee was set up (also involving the Iron River, Spalding, and Escanaba Groups) and promptly dubbed MINI-PIC.

"I'm still a little home-group guy," Al says. But with others from surrounding groups this MINI-PIC has already held three well-planned and publicized public meetings (with nonalcoholic clergymen and doctors as guest speakers, plus A.A.'s) with terrific results.

For sick and shaky newcomers, MINI-PIC has a Rover Group ("if you don't like the canine connotation, call it 'Roving'") which takes a meeting into homes. This provides the newcomer with a meeting on any given night instead of his having to

wait for the regular, scattered, once-a-week meeting.

"It's another effort at carrying the message, and suddenly everyone is alive with enthusiasm over the idea." It is also, of course, another bond bringing A.A. groups together for our common purpose.

Thanks for sharing this experience with G.S.O. We're sure many other members will use the idea, too.

SPEAKING AT NON-A.A. MEETINGS

Hundreds of A.A.'s get invitations to speak about alcoholism and A.A. before church groups, men's clubs, and youth organizations.

Mistakes made by some members in A.A.'s earlier days have taught us a lot about this method of carrying the message. Now you can get valuable help—the result of all that past experience—in the pamphlet, "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings," free from G.S.O. It tells you:

—5 precautions to take when telling your story at non-A.A. meetings;

—20 questions most frequently asked at non-A.A. meetings (and sources of the answers that have worked);

—4 important topics to consider in preparation: Should such talks be made? Who is qualified to make them? What to talk about? How to keep our amateur standing;

—7 facts to find out about your audience;

—8 suggestions for nonalcoholics who want to help an alcoholic . . .

Plus a good outline for such a talk, which we hope may be helpful.

Signs of Service

"Welcome to Saskatoon" (or any other city) is not a surprising highway sign. Nor is it unusual for touring motorists to find city limits marked by signs telling of Kiwanis, Lions, Elks, Optimist, Rotary and other service club meetings.

Why not A.A.?

Why not indeed, asked A.A. members in the Saskatchewan city, and they did something about it, as the picture shows. Maybe A.A.'s in other places will follow the Canadians' lead in this new way of carrying the message and welcoming A.A. travelers.



BLIND ALCOHOLICS

Lately we've received an increasing number of requests for services to blind alcoholics. We're happy that both the Big Book ("Alcoholics Anonymous") and 12 x 12 ("Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions") are available in Braille.

On eight sound tapes (available for loan) you can get the entire Big Book. Three cover the text and Dr. Bob's story.

In addition, we have our regular list of A.A. tapes and can put anyone in touch with other A.A.'s who exchange tapes regularly.

A LIGHT IN THE VILLAGE



His tour guide, Lorenzo, was driving Joe around Guatemala City, when they saw some drunks sleeping in the street.

"I was like that," Lorenzo said, "until I joined A.A. five years ago."

Astonished and delighted, Joe—from Roslyn Heights, N.Y.—told Lorenzo of his nine sober A.A. years.

Next stop: Chichicastenango—where the A.A. group had been founded by—you guessed it, Lorenzo!

Down a cobblestone street on a steep mountainside, a turn on to a dirt road and there lit by one bare electric bulb was the sign: MAYA GRUPO—A.A.

Although some native houses have only candle light, another light bulb hung from the ceiling of the A.A. meeting room. It showed a dirt floor, the Serenity Prayer in Spanish, and eleven Mayan A.A.'s—several barefoot.

Lorenzo translated for the guest. "Their stories are just like yours and mine," Joe writes.

The Guatemalans wanted just one thing for celebration of their first anniversary: a message from the A.A. home office.

We're delighted to say here, "Happy Anniversary and good wishes, new friends. We're sure 350,000 other A.A.'s join us."



Q. Should an A.A. business meeting be closed (only for Delegate, Committee Members, etc.) or open? Should any interested member be permitted to attend?

A. Many of us learn much from simply observing business meetings of various types in A.A. Probably however, it is impolite of us to try to participate or take up time unless we have been elected to do a job and take the responsibility seriously.

Q. Can several meetings (closed, open, stag, newcomers') operate on different days as one group—with one steering committee, treasury, secretary, etc.?

A. Easily. As our pamphlet, "The A.A. Group," shows, one group can have several different kinds of meetings. To avoid overworking one secretary, and to spread the service opportunities around, the group may need two or three secretaries, coffeemakers, etc., and it can use all officers as the steering committee. If it pools all collections, joint expenses can be paid out of the one treasury.

MISTAKE PAYS OFF

"Our group wound up with two Discount Packages #1.

"As the group was giving me a bad time on this I just got a hat and passed around twice. I ended up with \$10!

"Everything worked out good. Richard was in touch with a priest and a nun in Northern Sask. working with Indians who wanted some literature. So our group sent them one package and a couple of Big Books. Seems it was a great help."

—Chuck M., Coultis, Alberta.

Groups Questions

Q. Can a stag meeting be considered an A.A. group—or a meeting just for cops, just for priests, etc.? Or must a group have both men and women members?

A. Both men and women, of course, can be members of the A.A. Fellowship—and most of us like it that way! But an A.A. group (provided it has no other affiliation) can be any two or more members, men or women.

Often groups find it helpful to have special meetings for men, for women, for newcomers, etc. In addition, special groups for doctors, priests, policemen, young people, etc., have proved to be very useful as starter groups—provided members do not limit themselves to such exclusive meetings and also attend meetings of regular, ordinary members.

Q. What does G.S.O. think of nonalcoholics (usually professional men or women) speaking from the platform at a regular open A.A. meeting?

A. It's up to the group, of course. Occasionally in the past such a guest speaker once in a while turned into a great friend of A.A. Openminded A.A.'s have frequently learned much from such good nonalcoholic friends as Dr. Tiebout, Dr. Silkworth, Dr. Jack, Dr. Dancey, Sister Ignatia, Father Dowling, Sam Shoemaker, Dr. Fox, Dr. Dole, Dr. Bacon, Dr. Maxwell, Mr. McCormick, Judge Murtagh and other experts.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Six years ago, writes Lybrand P.S., with the U. S. Army in Okinawa, he was glad to get just one Christmas card, from one of his sisters.

In 1967, there was a pile of cards. Best of all, one from the Leopard Group (Australia) with an individual note from every man in the group!



ZIP CODE

Please include your Zip Number on all letters to G.S.O., orders, etc. Zip Code for G.S.O. is 10017

A.A. CALENDAR

MARCH

- 22-24 - Annual March Conf. No. Calif. Council, Stockton, Calif. Write: Midtown Secretaries Group, Stockton.
- 28-30 - Ontario, Reg. Conf., Toronto, Ont., Can. Write: Intergroup 2 Gerrard St., West., Toronto.
- 29-31 - Indiana State Conv. French Lick, Ind. Write: 3201 N. Meridian St., Apt. 2, Indianapolis.

APRIL

- 5-7 - Spring Far East Roundup, Tokyo, Japan.
- 5-7 - 1st Annual Phila. Intergroup Roundup, Atlantic City, N. J. Write: Intergroup Roundup, 2202 St. James St., Phila.
- 5-7 - So. Alta. Round-up, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, Secy., Box 212 Lethbridge.
- 6 - The Dalles Annual Crab Feed, The Dalles, Oregon. Write: Chm., Box 612, The Dalles, Ore. 97058.
- 6-7 - No. Wisc. - Upper Mich. Spring Conf., Eau Claire, Wisc. Write: Chm., Box 810, Eau Claire.
- 12-15 - 8th Australian Conv., Perth, W. Australia, Write: Secy., Conv. Comm. Box R1243, G.P.O., Perth, W. Australia 6001.
- 19-21 - So. Fla. Get-together, Avon Park, Fla. Write: Chm., 220 N.E. 25th Ct., Pompano Beach.
- 19-21 - 11th All-Ireland Conv., White's Hotel, Wexford, Ireland. Write: Hon. Secretary., White's Hotel, Wexford, Ireland.
- 20 - 10th S.E.N.Y. Conv. & Banquet. Write: Box 124, Ft. Hamilton Sta., Brooklyn.
- 21 - 20th Ann. of A.A. in Finland, Helsinki, Finland. Write: Secy., A.A. Office, P. Hannikaisentie 1 P, Helsinki 40, Finland.
- 26-28 - W. N.Y. Area Annual Conf., Niagara Falls, N.Y. Write: W. N.Y. Area Annual Conf., Room 724, Genesee St., Buffalo, N.Y.
- 26-28 - 18th Annual Central N.Y. Area Conv., Rochester, N. Y. Write: Conv. Chm., 823 Granite Bldg. 130 Main St. E., Rochester.
- 26-28 - New Mexico State Conf., Ruidoso, New Mexico. Write: Conf., Secy., P.O. Box 3461, Albuquerque.
- 27 - New Eng. A.A. Banquet, Boston, Mass. Write: New Eng. A.A. Banquet, c/o Central Serv. Comm., 20 Spruce Street, Boston.

MAY

- 2-5 - 21st S.C. Conv., Charleston, S.C. Write: Conv. Chm., Box 640, Charleston, 29401.
- 3-5 - Punderson Park Conf., Newbury, Ohio. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 58, Newbury.

- 4-5 - So. Dakota Spring Conf., Yankton, S.D. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 499, Yankton.
- 10-12 - Quebec Area (Bilingual) Chemin Ste. Foy, Que. Write: 8 Pére Daniel, Loretteville, P.O., Can.
- 10-12 - 4th Annual Blossom Time Conf. Niagara Falls, Ont. Write: Registration, P.O. Box 144, Niagara Falls, Ont.
- 11 - 17th Annual So. Wisc. Spring Conf., Janesville, Wisc. Write: Conf. Secy., 1515 Magnolia Ave., Janesville.
- 11-12 - Montana Allied A.A. Grps., Spring Conf., Harve, Mont. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 243, Ashland, Montana.
- 17-19 - Temisham & Cochrane District Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 812, Kirkland Lake, Ont., Can.
- 18 - No. Jersey Conv. Write: Box 374, Teaneck, N.J.
- 18-19 - 14th Annual Sedona Roundup, Sedona, Arizona. Write: Secy., Star Route 3, Sedona.
- 18-19 - Annual A.A. Roundup, Kamloops, B.C., Canada. Write: Chm., Vista Trailor Manor, Kamloops.
- 24-26 - 3rd N.H. State Conv., Wentworth-By-The-Sea, Newcastle, N.H. Write: Chm., Box 182, Portsmouth.
- 24-26 - 2nd Annual N.W. Ont. Roundup, Fort William, Ont. Write: Roundup Chm., N.W. Ont. Roundup Comm., Box 73 Fort William, Ont.
- 31-June 2 - Gateway Roundup, Prince Albert, Sask. Write: Chm., 12 12th St. E., Prince Albert.

JUNE

- 1-2 - 2nd W. Central Regional Conf. Omaha, Neb. Write: Activities Chm., 1101 So. 50 St., Omaha.
- 6-9 - Desert Roundup, Palm Springs, Calif. Write: Box 539, Palm Springs.
- 6-9 - 23rd Texas State Conf., Austin, Texas. Write: Chm., 11905 Arabian Trail, Austin.
- 7-9 - Okla. State Conf., Tulsa, Okla.

PLANNING A GET-TOGETHER?

The following items are mailed from G.S.O. for use of committees in the planning of Area A.A. Roundups, Conferences, Conventions, etc.

1. *Guidelines* which share the experience of many Conference Planning Committees.
2. *Inside A.A. Display.*
3. *Conference-Approved Literature Display.*
4. *Literature Order Blanks* for purchasing Literature, Public Information Kit, Public Service Radio and Television Announcements and the colorful "I Am Responsible" Plaques.
5. Also, *G.S.O. filmstrips* and *color film of Bill and Lois* have proven of interest.

- 8-9 - Intergroup Conf., Chicago, Ill. Write: Conf. Chm., 6917 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago 60639.
- 14-16 - 33rd Annual Founder Day, Akron, Ohio. Write: Chm., 41 S. High St., Akron, O.
- 14-16 - Missouri Roundup, Jefferson City, Mo. Write: Secy., 600 E. Capitol Ave., Jefferson City.
- 28-30 - 21st Pacific N.W. Conf., Portland, Ore. Write: Sec., Reservations Chm., 17605 S. E. Roethe Pl. Milwaukee, Ore.

A.A. TRANSLATORS NEEDED

G.S.O. receives letters and literature in languages we can't read here. Some A.A.'s are now assisting in translating this material for us—but we could use more. So if you can help us, or know any members who can, please write us. We need help with Polish, Japanese, Italian, Finnish, Swedish, Portuguese, Spanish and Hungarian.

GIFTS (from p. 3)

NEVADA	
Las Vegas: 1st So. Nev. Roundup	100.00
NEW YORK	
Tonawanda: W. N.Y. Gen. Serv. Assembly	100.00
NORTH CAROLINA	
Raleigh: Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conf.	230.00
OHIO	
Bedford Hts.: N.E. Ohio Gratitude Sunday Meeting	200.00
OKLAHOMA:	
Tulsa: N.E. Okla. Dist. Intergroup	100.00
PENNSYLVANIA	
Robesonia: E. Penn. State Assembly	2,000.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	
Georgetown: Waccamaw Area Group	10.00
TEXAS	
Wichita Falls: N.E. Conf. Area	38.26
WASHINGTON	
Washington Assembly of A.A.	500.00
WEST VIRGINIA	
Parkersburg: W. Va. State Conf.	100.00
CANADA	
ALBERTA:	
Calgary: 17th Alberta Conf.	229.82
B. C.:	
Vancouver: B. C.—Yukon Assembly	125.17
ONTARIO:	
Oshawa: Cen. E. Area G.S.R.'s Comm.	55.20
SASKATCHEWAN:	
Prince Albert: Gratitude Nite for Areas 10 and 11.	178.03
RYUKU ISLANDS:	
Okinawa: Fifth-A-Month Club.	14.00