

32nd Conference to See Rotation at the General Service Board Helm

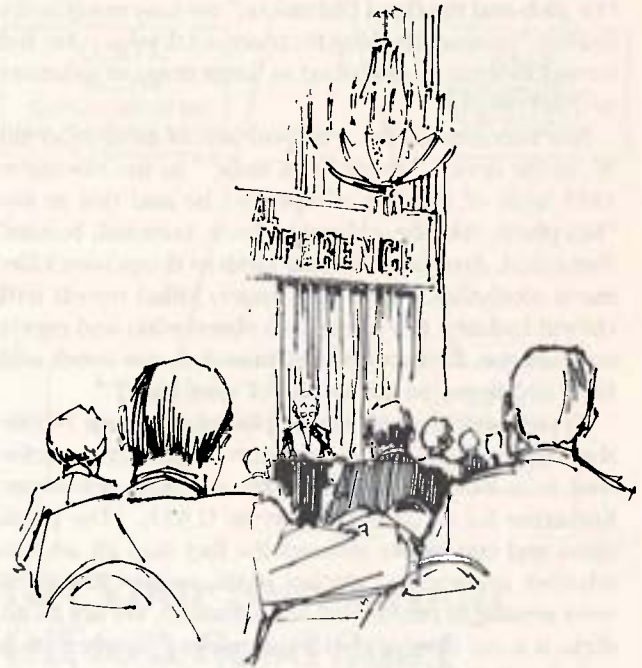
"The Traditions — Our Way of Unity" is the theme of the 32nd General Service Conference, to convene April 18-24, 1982, at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City. Corridors and meeting rooms will resound with the talk, laughter, and sometimes heated discussion of 129 Conference members working toward "substantial unanimity" on matters vital to A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

How are anonymity breaks handled, and can we do a better job? In our sprawling area structures, are there innovative approaches to districting that will improve communication and service? Should the Conference move out of New York because of rising costs? Are we truly implementing the service Concept of "equal authority — equal responsibility"? What is, and should be, our relationship with treatment centers? Are we doing enough to serve members in — and coming out of — institutions? Those questions and many more will come to the Conference floor in presentation/discussions.

It will also be a week of welcomes and farewells. Dr. Milton Maxwell, chairperson of the General Service Board since 1978 and a nonalcoholic (Class A) trustee since 1971, retires effective with the end of this Conference. (He will continue to serve, as chairperson emeritus.) Along with thanking Dr. Maxwell, Conference members will have a chance to welcome the trustee nominated to succeed him. The new chairperson will be elected by the General Service Board at its April meeting.

The Conference will nominate three new regional trustees, to be elected by the board at its April meeting. Two, from the Pacific U.S. and Eastern Canada Regions, will serve full four-year terms, succeeding George D. and Fernand I. In addition, a new West Central U.S. trustee will be selected to fill the unexpired two-year term of Bud G., who died suddenly in December.

The rest of the jam-packed week will be filled with committee meetings, workshops, Ask-It Basket sessions, a "What's on Your Mind?" sharing session, and most im-



portant, floor discussion of the recommendations of the 11 Conference committees. These discussions are the heart of any Conference, for they produce Conference Advisory Actions, which reflect the collective experience of A.A.'s throughout the U.S. and Canada and provide suggestions to guide each group and individual member.

A.A. Groups' Dilemma: Those Other Addictions

The influx of nonalcoholic drug addicts into A.A. meeting halls is a matter of growing concern to A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada. Groups are also concerned over the

effect that alcoholics with dual or multiple addictions may exert on the substance of A.A. meetings.

Emma G., of Springfield, Mo., wrote of "the infiltration of narcotic addicts, who have the dual problem of narcotics and alcohol but lean more to the narcotic addiction. In meetings, they identify themselves as 'chemical dependents' and 'drug addicts.' We see the original alcoholic, whose total problem was alcohol, becoming less and less [visible]."

"The original alcoholic"? Yes, there does seem to be a widespread impression among the membership that the problem of dual addiction is new in A.A. But on p. 32 of "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers," we may read the following: "Instead of taking the morning drink, . . . Dr. Bob turned to what he described as 'large doses of sedatives' to quiet the jitters . . ."

Nor was alcohol the total problem of co-founder Bill W. In the article "Those 'Goof Balls'" in the November 1945 issue of the A.A. Grapevine, he had this to say: "Morphine, codeine, chloral hydrate, Luminal, Seconal, Nembutal, Amytal, these and kindred drugs have killed many alcoholics. And I once nearly killed myself with chloral hydrate. Nor is my own observation and experience unique, for many an old-time A.A. can speak with force and fervor on the subject of 'goof balls.'"

Apparently, changes taking place *outside* our Fellowship make the problem seem more urgent today. Referring to a local treatment center, an A.A. newcomer, Katherine L., of California, wrote G.S.O., "The physicians and counselors stressed the fact that all addicts, whether addicted to alcohol or to another chemical, were similar in personality and situation. We are all addicts; it is our drug of choice that varies." She went on to state her belief that the reason alcohol was emphasized early in the history of our Society was that it was the most commonly used drug at the time—other drugs were not so readily available.

In recent years, countless letters have arrived at G.S.O. about treatment centers where staffs view both the dually addicted alcoholic and the nonalcoholic drug addict as "chemically dependent." The centers may advise both to attend A.A. meetings.

Some groups, through their institutions representatives, have attempted to explain to such centers that it is not the intent of A.A., as a fellowship, to be exclusive; rather, in order to be effective with alcoholics who seek help, A.A. must avoid multipurpose activity. They make it clear that dually addicted alcoholics are eligible for A.A. membership and may receive help with the *alcoholic* problem at A.A. meetings. They also point out that other fellowships exist to help with the drug problem — for example, Narcotics Anonymous and Pills Anonymous.

An often-heard cry from A.A. groups is that dually addicted alcoholics tend to dominate A.A. meetings, laying the emphasis on their drug problem. Some A.A. mem-

bers who are not dually addicted become resentful, because they cannot identify; also, they feel that the meetings are being disrupted and divided. A.A. members are turned off, as well, by nonalcoholic drug addicts, who also tend to dominate meetings. Both concerns are reflected by the following excerpts from mail received at G.S.O.:

From Minneapolis, Minn., G. J. L. refers to "infiltration" by nonalcoholic drug addicts: "Many of our good members are leaving in disgust, because it is getting more difficult by the day to find a good A.A. group where the philosophy is not diluted to the point where our 'common problem' has become a phrase of the past. We are desperate!"

Brian S., of Sydney, Australia: "Can people who are addicted to drugs other than alcohol speak at an open A.A. meeting?"

From Lindsay, Ont., Ted H.: "Can persons who let it be known that they are using drugs other than alcohol carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic?"

Letters pour in requesting G.S.O. to make rulings on such questions, as on many other problems. The office has received at least one letter addressed to the "Governing Body"! Of course, Tradition Two applies just as surely to the "trusted servants" at your G.S.O. as it does to those in your home group. Staff members asked for "rulings" often just point out where helpful guidance can be found in our Conference-approved A.A. literature, which is based on long and wide-ranging Fellowship experience.

The book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" is frequently cited, and the pamphlet "A.A. Tradition—How It Developed" provides an insightful introduction. "The A.A. Group" is another valuable source. For instance, it makes a distinction between a "meeting" and a "group" (p. 33) and even notes that special "meetings" can fill the extra needs of dually addicted members.

In the pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol," Bill W. expresses his conviction that a drug addict with "a genuine alcoholic history" is eligible for A.A. membership, but also concludes that "*there is no possible way to make nonalcoholics into A.A. members.* We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone."

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"Problems Other Than Alcohol" is a reprint of an article first published in the A.A. Grapevine of February 1958. The principles Bill calls upon stand unchanged, but the scope of the problem has certainly increased, as our membership surveys show. Between 1977 and 1980, the percentage of A.A.'s reporting dual addiction on survey questionnaires rose from 18% to 24%. Among those who had come to the Fellowship during that three-year time lapse, 27% identified themselves as dual addicts.

Again—neither G.S.O. nor the General Service Board nor the General Service Conference is going to issue any "rulings." G.S.O. is grateful for all the letters raising questions vital to the Fellowship. But the answers must come from the same source—the experience of the autonomous groups.

Has *your* home group found effective ways of coping with this complex problem?

Speaking at an Institution?

From the *Southern Minnesota Assembly Newsletter* comes a set of guidelines for use by A.A. speakers at institutions meetings, as suggested by Chuck R., the area institutions chairperson. Among them are:

1. Acquaint yourself with such A.A. Conference-approved pamphlets as "A.A. in Treatment Centers," "A.A. in Prisons," and "How A.A. Members Cooperate."
2. Personal appearance is vital. Look awake, alive, neat—give a positive first impression.
3. Refrain from using foul language in any group situation.
4. Cooperate with the facility. Inside an institution, we are not just one drunk talking to another. We represent the entire Fellowship of A.A. We already know the program works; we assume our new friends don't; and what we want them to see, hear, and talk with is a winner!

Further valuable advice was heard at the West Central Regional Forum in Sioux Falls, S.Dak., when nonalcoholic trustee Jim Estelle spoke on "A.A. in Correctional Facilities."

As the director of the Texas Department of Corrections, Estelle said that in Texas alone, there are over 30,000 alcoholics in the state prison system.

If you are speaking at a prison or a county jail, Jim suggested, "Tell like it is. Be direct and simple, open and honest. They [inmates] can spot a phony walking through the door!"

He emphasized the importance of "bridging the gap"—that is, of outside sponsors' meeting ex-offenders

upon release and taking them immediately to their first A.A. meeting on the outside. The key word is "immediately."



Get Your New Group Off to a Good Start

There's a saying that all you need to start a new A.A. group is a resentment and a coffeepot — but what happens after the coffee's on the boil? The *Boomerang*, newsletter of the Maine Area, gave A.A.'s up north a run-down of some of the steps to take, and we're passing a slightly adapted version on to *Box 4-5-9* readers.

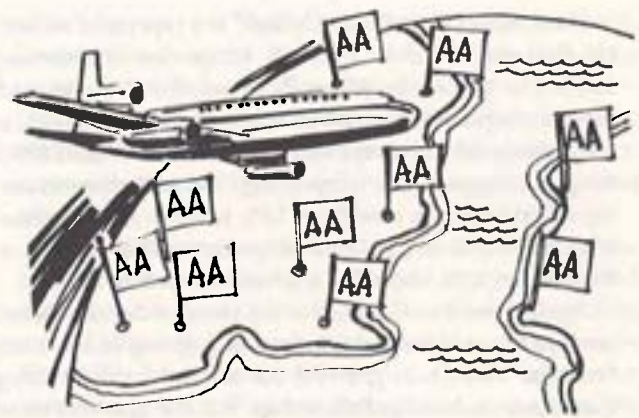
It's important to communicate, not only with G.S.O., but with your intergroup or central office and with your area service structure. Sending information to one does *not* mean you've sent it to all. Therefore:

- Notify G.S.O. You'll be sent a form to fill out, and you'll be entitled to a New Group Handbook (containing A.A. literature) and a G.S.R. Kit, free of charge.
- Notify your area secretary, and find out who your district committee member (D.C.M.) is. Have your G.S.R. attend district and area meetings.
- Notify your central office or intergroup. Often, this is the entity that puts out the local meeting list, and it's the referral center for newcomers looking for a meeting.
- Ask questions! Customs vary from area to area and from community to community. There's some overlap of

responsibilities. All of the service entities listed welcome questions — the only foolish questions are the ones you don't ask.

• Read the literature. Study the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" and "The A.A. Service Manual," along with other materials in your Group Handbook. Read area and local newsletters and the Grapevine.

In other words, the more you know, the more effective your group can be in achieving its primary purpose — to carry the message to alcoholics.



the head count, we are pleased to share the news that A.A. seems to be everywhere and growing.

As usual, the next *Box 4-5-9* (the General Service Conference issue) will include a summary of the latest statistics available on A.A. groups and members worldwide, including the U.S. and Canada. Meantime, we think you'll be interested in a more detailed look at the places that make up the "overseas" total.

Groups		Members	Groups		Members
American Samoa	1	5	New Zealand	243	3,105
Antarctica	1	— ³	Nicaragua	286	5,469
Antigua	1	20	Norway	77	600
Argentina	561	8,000	Oman	4	48
Australia	775	7,750	Panama	21	315
Bahrain	2	23	Peru	40	— ³
Belgium ¹	145	2,900	Philippines	1	7
Belgium ²	235	4,800	Poland	2	22
Belize	4	75	Portugal	3	25
Botswana	1	20	St. Maarten	1	3
Brazil	1,400	21,000	Saudi Arabia	4	48
Chile	5	35	Sierra Leone		1
Colombia	310	11,000	Singapore	1	26
Costa Rica	515	18,000	Somalia		1
Dominican Republic	38	380	South Africa	180	3,500
Eire	450	5,000	South Korea	6	60
El Salvador	450	10,200	Spain	114	2,500
Fiji	1	8	Sri Lanka	15	300
Finland	393	7,000	Swaziland	1	10
France	151	3,000	Sweden	37	400
Great Britain	1,390	24,000	Switzerland	34	284
Guatemala	725	30,000	Thailand	2	25
Haiti	1	5	Trinidad	103	3,500
Honduras	600	12,000	Uganda	2	50
Hong Kong	7	60	United Arab Emirates	1	12
Iceland	80	2,500	Uruguay	35	900
Israel	4	30	Vanuatu	1	3
Italy	2	25	Venezuela	10	151
Jamaica	6	70	W. Germany	1,100	17,000
Kenya	13	687	Zimbabwe	4	85
Lesotho	3	20		13,730	284,685
Malta	1	15			
Mexico	3,000	75,000			
Montserrat		1	¹ French-speaking		
Nepal	1	6	² Flemish-speaking		
Netherlands	130	2,600	³ Information not available		

A.A. Flourishes in Far-Flung Places

Since we know from our mailing lists that there's some A.A. activity in 110 countries, we wrote last year asking a representative from each to advise us on the estimated number of groups and members there. More than 60 responded. And while we make no claims for precision in

A.A. and I.R.S. — What's the Story?

Every April, as the 15th rolls around, the General Service Office receives several letters from inflation-weary members asking whether contributions to A.A. are tax-deductible. Dennis Manders, nonalcoholic controller, comes up with the following advice:

Contributions to an A.A. group, central office, or intergroup are tax-deductible only if the entity is exempt from paying Federal income taxes under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions made directly to the General Service Board of A.A. are deductible under that section of the code.

The Internal Revenue Code has no provision under which the board could apply for tax-exempt status for all groups and other A.A. entities, since each entity is autonomous in financial matters, as in all other ways. Donations at A.A. groups are not deductible unless the group has filed the proper application with the local I.R.S. office and has been individually evaluated by that office. Some tax examiners may make exceptions if proof of contribution is presented, but this is strictly up to the individual tax examiner.

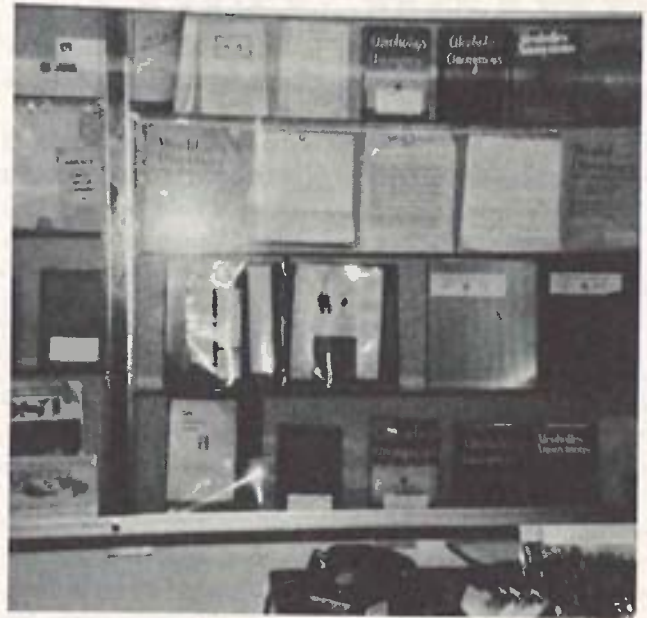
Travel expenses to conventions, and registration fees, are never deductible, because the government does not consider them to be donations.



The zest and ingenuity going into local A.A. archives efforts are illustrated by the work in Western Missouri. Bob R., archives chairperson for that area, writes: "I went to the 1980 International Convention in New Orleans, and at a workshop, someone mentioned a traveling archives. From there, the idea grew."

The experiment began with a modest display of old pictures and outdated pamphlets at an assembly. "Interest picked up," Bob says, "and we began to collect more and more. We had to find a way to set up displays to protect the memorabilia and yet not take up too much room."

For the mounted pages above, Bob explains, the samples were removed from a hard-surface flooring display. Pictures and articles were substituted, outlined in black felt and sandwiched between sheets of Plexiglas. The



stand (used) cost \$50; the felt, \$30; and the rest of the \$300 total cost went mostly for Plexiglas.

"We have two glass display cases," Bob continues. "One [above] is borrowed, and the other [below left] was made at a cost of about \$150, for materials. Labor was free—the case was made by one of our members."

"At special events, we try to display all we can haul. It seems to help get people interested and out looking for memorabilia. We show the filmstrip 'Markings on the Journey' to any A.A. group that will ask. We have tried to organize like a regular service committee, with each group having a representative. So far, we're not having much luck at that, but interest is growing. The oldtimers have been most helpful. My sponsor has 32 years of sobriety in the program, and two members in the area have over 40."

Enthusiasm for Local Archives on the Rise

Thomas Carlyle once said, "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." Nothing could better sum up the 46 years of A.A. history: millions of individual recovery stories coming together into a continuing miracle.

The need to keep the facts of A.A.'s history straight has prompted, not only the setting up of archives at the General Service Office, but also the development of archives committees in many service areas. To date, history-gathering is under way in almost every state, Puerto Rico, six Canadian provinces, and six overseas countries.

To encourage and aid this movement, nonalcoholic archivist Nell Wing and the trustees' Archives Committee have put together a set of guidelines, available to all

those in the Fellowship interested in setting up area or local A.A. archives. In addition, the budding newsletter *Markings: Your Archives Interchange* shares material among A.A. "historians."

Key to any archival effort is the obtaining of taped oral histories, especially from oldtimers (who won't be with us forever). In many areas, archives have begun when members got together and collected such memorabilia as different printings of the Big Book and other literature, newsletters, and early Grapevines. Some areas have already published histories of A.A. or have selected sites for archival centers (even a member's home will do for a beginning, though the guidelines recommend finding a permanent center as soon as possible).

A.A.'s involved in archives service are enthusiastic. From Tennessee: "We have had many volunteers. Fortunately for me, my wife is a former English teacher with a good background in library science, and she is as rabid about the project as I am." From Illinois: "The area Committee on Archives is active and enthusiastic again. We have had about three meetings now and are getting things sorted out." And from Northern Coastal California: "It was the consensus of the Archives Committee to try to locate a member with library experience, encourage areas and districts to include archives workshops in their sharing sessions and mini-conferences, go to district meetings and talk about the archives at the group level, and encourage G.S.R.'s to talk about this as part of meetings." And from Nevada: "My small attempt to start an area history has received many favorable comments — it's a real plus to enjoy doing something and have others enjoy it also."

Applause, Worries, And Memories

The mailbag recently has brought us compliments for the "new dress" of *Box 4-5-9*, along with a potpourri of reactions to other articles and publications.

C. V. from Evansville, Ind., was enthusiastic: "I like the new format. It's easier to read and handle, and also looks more attractive. Good job!"

And Dolores C., Chicago, Ill., mentioned both enthusiasm and a small reservation: "On the whole, it is very attractive, plus much easier to read. But the exception I have is the Holiday issue. Somehow, I have gotten used to the special green Holiday issue with G.S.O. staff signatures jumping up from the front sheet wishing me a happy, sober holiday."

Along with other positive responses to the new format (and with proper humility, we'll stop with the two

quoted), came this reaction from Mary L., Niantic, Conn., to the article "Are Detoxes Being Used Too Readily?" in the October-November issue:

"It is very important to me to know that taking the practicing alcoholic to a detox center is not the 'easier, softer way.' The practicing alcoholic belongs there, because he is sick and can receive better medical attention than I can render. I try to take an alcoholic to a clinic or hospital. I am saying, 'You have a disease. You need professional medical help. You do not need to shake apart in my house.'

"It is shocking to me that anyone would encourage a sick alcoholic to sleep off a drunk and perhaps return to work the next day. Would we allow this for a diabetic fluctuating into a coma? Allowing an alcoholic to sleep it off is denying the disease concept. What is to prevent that person from dying in my own home? What am I doing to help him be treated for the disease?"

"It is 1982. Every alcoholic deserves medical care."



Praise for the 1981 *Final Conference Report* came from past delegate Tom D. (Chicago Area). He writes: "I especially liked the gray areas [containing anecdotes and humorous incidents that occurred during the Conference]. They brought back some experiences I'll never forget. I was one of the ice cream eaters who walked 'a few blocks' to Peppermint Park. We took a cab back — if we hadn't, one of the new delegates with us would never have come back for the next Conference. Another of the walkers was Gordon Patrick, nonalcoholic trustee, and hearing firsthand in a small group what one of our friends thinks of A.A. was one of the highlights of the Conference. I wonder if the Fellowship appreciates the dedication of our nonalcoholic trustees. Sometimes, I think they understand our program and Traditions better than we do."

BOX 4|5|9 BULLETIN BOARD

Items and Ideas on Area Gatherings for A.A.'s—Via G.S.O.

APRIL-MAY 1982

Calendar of Events

April

- 1-4 — *Longview, Texas*. 13th Annual E. Tex. Roundup. Write: Secy., P.O. Box 2082, Longview, TX 75601
- 2-4 — *Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada*. 12th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 6571, Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 4J1
- 2-4 — *Killarney, Ireland*. 25th Annual Irish Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., 44 Church St., Listowel, Co. Kerry, Ireland
- 2-4 — *Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada*. S. Alta. Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 212, Lethbridge, Alta. T1J 3Y5
- 2-4 — *Rice Lake, Wisconsin*. 41st Annual Spring Area Conf. Write: Ch., Rte. #3, P.O. Box 3361, Spooner, WI 54801
- 2-4 — *G.F.B. Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada*. N.E. Dist. Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1447, Medley, Alta. T0A 2M0
- 2-4 — *Clarksburg, West Virginia*. Jackson's Mill Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301
- 8-10 — *Memphis, Tennessee*. Nat. Agape Weeknd. Write: Ch., 3609-A Las Colinas, Austin, TX 78731
- 8-12 — *Armidale, Australia*. 22nd Nat. Conv. Write: Secy., P.O. Box 31, Taree, N.S.W., Australia, 2430
- 9-11 — *Port Elizabeth, South Africa*. Nat. Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1141, Port Elizabeth 6000, Cape Prov., South Africa
- 9-11 — *San Diego, California*. Fifth Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box A2529, San Diego, CA 92112
- 9-11 — *Narragansett, Rhode Island*. State Conv. Write: Conv. Com., P.O. Box 9342, Providence, RI 02940
- 9-11 — *St. George, Utah*. Area Spring Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 100, St. George, UT 84770
- 9-11 — *Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada*. Poco Ridge Easter Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 113, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 7E9
- 9-11 — *Glenview, Illinois*. Agape Weekend Workshop. Write: Co-Ch., P.O. Box 95293, Schaumburg, IL 60195
- 15-18 — *Eureka Springs, Arkansas*. Sixth Annual Springtime in the Ozarks Roundup. Write: Ch., 309 N. Willow Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72701
- 15-18 — *Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*. 35th State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3061, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
- 16-18 — *Janesville, Wisconsin*. 31st Spring Area Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 996, Janesville, WI 53547
- 16-18 — *Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 3132 Robinson St., Regina, Sask S4S 1V5
- 16-18 — *Montréal-Nord, Québec, Canada*. Troisième Congrès du Dist. 101. Write: Ch., Bureau de Service du District 101, C.P. 487, Montréal-Nord, Qué. H1H 5L5
- 16-18 — *Alfred, Maine*. Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., 13 Shaw St., Sanford, ME 04073
- 16-18 — *Elmhurst, New York*. 21st Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1850, New York, NY 10116
- 16-18 — *Superior, Wisconsin*. 37th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 3801 E. Third St., Superior, WI 54880
- 16-18 — *Ketchikan, Alaska*. S.E. Mini-Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3147, Ketchikan, AK 99901
- 17 — *Grand Rapids, Michigan*. Spring Roundup. Write: Cent. Com., 1020 College Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- 17 — *Seattle, Washington*. E. King Co. Annual Assy. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 308, 3015 N.W. Market, Seattle, WA 98107

Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

April: Six articles on "Spiritual Experience" can open up opportunities to talk about individual awakenings; "How I Was, Not How It Was" is useful for a session on the value of A.A. talks—to listener *and* speaker; "Getting the Red Out" and "We Pay the Piper" can be preludes to a Tradition Seven meeting.

May: Read the two articles on meetings and ask what regular attendance means to you personally, to your group, and to A.A.; use "One More Thing to Be Thankful For" to start a discussion of impatience in early sobriety; and "When Negatives Creep In," for a meeting on the meaning of Step Three in later years.

Are You Planning a June, July, or August Event for A.A.'s?

Please be sure to send your information on June, July, or August events in time to reach G.S.O. by *April 15*. This is the calendar deadline for the June-July issue of *Box 4-5-9* (to be mailed May 15).

Naturally, G.S.O. cannot check on all the information submitted. We must rely on local A.A.'s to describe the events accurately.

- 23-25 — *North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada*. 21st Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 1231 98th St., North Battleford, Sask. S9A 0L8
- 23-25 — *Banff, Alberta, Canada*. Ninth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2E6
- 23-25 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. Third Annual Gay Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 718, Sta. A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2N5
- 23-25 — *Scottsbluff, Nebraska*. Annual Panhandle Jamboree. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 256, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
- 23-25 — *International Falls, Minnesota*. Fifth Annual Borderland Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 412, International Falls, MN 56649
- 24-25 — *Shawinigan, Québec, Canada*. Mini-Congrès, Dist. 302. Write: Ch., C.P. 755, Shawinigan, Qué. G9N 6V9
- 24-25 — *Fort Wayne, Indiana*. Second Annual N.E. Ind. Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 11545, Fort Wayne, IN 46896

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April (continued)

- 29-May 2 — *Nashville, Tennessee*. 31st Annual State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 60501, Nashville, TN 37206
- 30-May 2 — *Grants Pass, Oregon*. Seventh Annual Rogue Roundup. Write: Ch., 2790 Foothill Blvd., Grants Pass, OR 97526
- 30-May 2 — *Quebec, Quebec, Canada*. Seventh Bilingual Area Congress. Write: Ch., 790 d'Youville, Quebec, P.Q. E1R 3P3
- 30-May 2 — *Erie, Pennsylvania*. Area Spring Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 148, Erie, PA 16512
- 30-May 2 — *Wichita, Kansas*. Seventh Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 18093, Wichita, KS 67218
- 30-May 2 — *Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada*. 18th Annual Blossom Time Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 294, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6T7
- 30-May 2 — *Okinawa, Japan*. Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Okinawa Intergroup, P.O. Box 137, FPO Seattle, WA 98778

May

- 1-2 — *Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., 1727 McCormick Cres., Estevan, Sask. S4A 1W4
- 1-2 — *Turtleford, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 383, Turtleford, Sask. S0M 2Y0
- 1-2 — *Walcott, Arkansas*. Tenth Annual Spring Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 755, Jonesboro, AR 72401
- 7-9 — *Lloydminster, Alberta/Saskatchewan, Canada*. Eighth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1026, Lloydminster, Alta./Sask. S9V 1E9
- 7-9 — *St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada*. 32nd Annual Blossom Time Conf. Write: Ch., 94 Calhousie Ave., St. Catharines, Ont. L2N 4X2
- 7-9 — *Phoenix, Arizona*. 15th Sahuaro Agape Weekend. Write: Ch., 813 W. San Miguel, Phoenix, AZ 85013
- 7-9 — *Atlantic City, New Jersey*. 15th Annual Philadelphia Intergroup Roundup. Write: Ch., 112 S. 16th St., Rm. 1201, Philadelphia, PA 19102
- 8-10 — *Reno, Nevada*. 11th Annual Spring Fest. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 72, Reno, NV 89504
- 14-16 — *Mitchell, South Dakota*. Spring Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 294, Mitchell, SD 57301
- 14-16 — *Clearwater Beach, Florida*. Sun-coast Conv. Write: Ch., 2021 44th Ave. Rear, St. Petersburg, FL 33714
- 14-16 — *Tulsa, Oklahoma*. 41st State Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 54257, Tulsa, OK 74155
- 14-16 — *Richland, Washington*. Second Annual Inland Empire Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 6598, Kennewick, WA 99336
- 14-16 — *Germantown, Ohio*. Dayton Area Women's Workshop IV. Write: Ch., 4992 Tilbury Rd., Dayton, OH 45424
- 21-23 — *Guntersville, Alabama*. Mountaintop Roundup III. Write: Ch., 1602 Summerlane S.E., Decatur, AL 35601
- 21-23 — *Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada*. Seventh Annual Roundup. Write: Co-Ch., 13 Ketzla Rd., Whitehorse, Yukon Terr. Y1A 3V3
- 21-23 — *Seoul, South Korea*. Third Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 121st Evacuation Hospital (ATF), APO San Francisco, CA 96301
- 21-23 — *Gander, Newfoundland, Canada*. 24th Annual Nfld./Lab. Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 58, Gander, Nfld. A1V 1W5
- 21-23 — *Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Canada*. Northwest Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 545, Prince Rupert, B.C. V1L 4S8
- 21-23 — *Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada*. 35th Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 353, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5K9
- 21-23 — *Little Current, Ontario, Canada*. 11th Annual Rainbow Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 641, Little Current, Ont. P0P 1K0
- 21-23 — *Rochester, New York*. 31st Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 24676, Rochester, NY 14624
- 22 — *Antwerp, Belgium*. Nat. Conv. Write: Ch., Veldonkstraat 73, 3120 Tremelo, Belgium
- 22-23 — *West Lothian, Scotland*. Loners Internationalists Conv. Write: Ch., 246 Bowhouse Rd., Grangemouth, Stirlingshire FK3 OHR, Scotland
- 28-30 — *Dallas, Texas*. Third Annual Roundup of Young People. Write: Ch., 602 Devonshire, Richardson, TX 75080
- 28-30 — *Cashiers, North Carolina*. Spring Colorama. Write: Coord., P.O. Box 298, Commerce, GA 30529
- 28-30 — *Conroe, Texas*. First Annual Golden Pines Conf. Write: Treas., 911 Chateau Woods, Conroe, TX 77302
- 28-30 — *Billings, Montana*. Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., 4413 Ryan Ave., Billings, MT 59101
- 28-30 — *Laval, Quebec, Canada*. Fourth Conv. of Dist. 102. Write: Ch., C.P. 123, Succursale Duvernay, Ville de Laval, Que. H7H 4P4
- 28-30 — *Somerset, New Jersey*. 26th Annual Area Gen. Serv. Conv. Write: Ch., 29 Rose St., South River, NJ 08882
- 28-30 — *Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada*. Ninth Annual Intergroup Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3442, Castlegar, B.C. V1N 3N8
- 28-31 — *Kauai, Hawaii*. Hoolaulea Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 815, Koloa, Kauai, HI 96756

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- 3-6 — *Palm Springs, California*. Desert Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 42629, Palm Springs, CA 92263
- 4-6 — *Leonardtown, Maryland*. Seventh Annual S. Md. Roundup. Write: Ch., 415 Walton Rd., Huntingtown, MD 20639
- 4-6 — *Lake Yale, Florida*. Sixth Annual Spring Mtgs. Write: Ch., 605 Ivanhoe Way, Casselberry, FL 32707
- 4-6 — *Sedona, Arizona*. 28th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3070, Sedona, AZ 86340
- 5-6 — *Champaign, Illinois*. Spring Area Conf. Write: Host Com., P.O. Box 1626, Champaign, IL 61820
- 5-6 — *Chicopee, Massachusetts*. 12th Annual Area Roundup. Write: Ch., 185 New Ludlow Rd., #413L, Chicopee, MA 01020
- 11-13 — *Las Vegas, Nevada*. Pac. Reg. Forum. Write: Reg. Forum Secy., P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163
- 11-13 — *Kansas City, Missouri*. Spring Area Roundup. Write: Treas., P.O. Box G, Urich, MO 64788
- 12 — *Pekin, Illinois*. Pekin A.A. Founders Day Celebration. Write: Ch., Intergroup Assoc., 2819 N.E. Adams St., Peoria, IL 61603
- 18-20 — *Biloxi, Mississippi*. 36th Annual State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1653, Gulfport, MS 39501
- 18-20 — *Akron, Ohio*. 47th Founders Day Conf. Write: Com., P.O. Box 12, Akron, OH 44309
- 18-20 — *Raleigh, North Carolina*. 35th State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 18412, Raleigh, NC 27619
- 18-20 — *Ames, Iowa*. Annual Spring Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 435, Ames IA 50010
- 19-20 — *Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Eighth Annual Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2317, Humboldt, Sask. S0K 2A0
- 24-27 — *Dallas, Texas*. 37th Annual State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 280739, Dallas, TX 75228
- 25-27 — *North Conway, New Hampshire*. 17th Annual Conv. Write: Com., P.O. Box 4253, Manchester, NH 03108
- 25-27 — *Val d'Or, Quebec, Canada*. Fourth Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 456, Noranda, Que. J9X 5B1