



## 34th Conference Will Hear the Many Voices of Gratitude

When the 34th U.S./Canada General Service Conference meets at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, April 15-21, the great majority of those participating will be sharply aware of a miraculous contrast between past and present. Except for our seven nonalcoholic trustees, all Conference members were once drunks. There they were, lost in the darkness of the drinking years that are safely vivid in their memories—and here they will be, on an April day, ready to serve the Fellowship that led them into the light. For them, there will be immediate personal meaning in the Conference theme, “Gratitude — The Language of the Heart.”

Delegates from the 91 areas of the United States and Canada, together with trustees of the General Service Board, staffs of the General Service Office and the

Grapevine, and directors of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine, will join in the “true democracy” of the Conference process. Gordon Patrick, nonalcoholic (Class A) chairperson of the board of trustees, will welcome the assemblage as Conference chairperson, along with Mike C. (Southern Florida), area delegate chairperson.

It has been said that sobriety is a journey from the head to the heart. The Conference week, filled with presentations, discussions, workshops, and committee meetings, plus luncheons, dinners, and a visit to G.S.O. and the GV office, promises to be just that — challenging, often tiring, yet exciting, as attendees together seek to clarify and improve ways in which A.A. as a whole carries the sensitive message of sobriety.

In addition to the workshops and presentation/discussion sessions noted in the last issue of this bulletin, there will be reports on the accelerating plans for the International Convention to be held in Montreal in July 1985 (see page 4). Also, Conference members will see the new G.S.O. filmstrip (replacing “P.O. Box 459”) now being made of the people and the work they do here. Through pictures and sound, G.S.O. can, in effect, visit

A.A.'s around the world who can't come to this office in person.

There will be reports from the General Service Board, its committees, and the A.A. World Services and Grapevine Boards, a "What's on Your Mind?" sharing session, and voting on new regional trustees for West Central United States and Western Canada.

On the last two days of the meeting, the entire Conference will consider recommendations of the Conference committees. From these discussions will emerge the Conference Advisory Actions, which reflect the collective conscience of A.A. in the United States and Canada, and may serve as helpful guidelines for A.A. groups and individual members.

As a decision-making body, the General Service Conference is nonpolitical. Agreement is reached through "substantial unanimity" rather than arbitrary voting procedures. More often than not, the many if quiet voices of gratitude are a strong underlying factor.



*White umbrellas bloom mysteriously as G.S.O. becomes a "set" for the new filmstrip to be previewed at the Conference. No, it never rains in the Shipping Department; the "umbrellas" are reflectors.*



*Madeline Whitlock (nonalcoholic) is executive secretary to Bob P., G.S.O.'s general manager. Since the filmstrip will be used only inside A.A., it will show A.A. staff members' faces, but hold names and statistics to a minimum, as suggested at the 1983 Conference.*

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## Maryland A.A.'s Tackle Thorny Problems Of Court Referrals

A small but dedicated group of Maryland A.A.'s has successfully innovated a program of special informational meetings to bridge the gap between court referrals and A.A. — to give alcoholic offenders a chance at our way of life by steering them into the Fellowship.

It all started some years back when Maryland courts began sending their alcoholic offenders to A.A. — and unwittingly opened a Pandora's box of misunderstanding and disunity that created problems both inside the Fellowship and out, even spilling over into the media. This occurred, reports past delegate Ed E., largely because the referrals did not understand what A.A. was all about and viewed it wholly as a punitive arm of the court system.

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Consequently, their attendance at A.A. meetings, mandated by the courts and related departments, was too often marked by such mistrust and outright hostility that some A.A.'s were clamoring for their removal from meetings.

"Because of this situation," says Ed, "I started an informational meeting in March 1983. The Maryland courts and their agencies were told that this meeting was to everyone's advantage. We ask that the court-referred people come to this meeting *first*, before entering the mainstream of A.A. This is being done and is most rewarding for me and the other A.A.'s involved."

In this first year alone, approximately 1,200 referrals have attended the special informational meetings that smooth transition into A.A. (three are held every Monday night in various parts of the state). It is estimated that referring agencies will send as many as 30,000 Maryland people to A.A. in 1984, says Ed, "and we had better be ready for them."

Because the specialized meetings are not A.A. meetings, says Ed, "the state and counties are furnishing the space, at no cost, in health centers, libraries, and courtrooms. We've had no trouble at all, and it's a pleasure to see the tension drain out of these kids, mostly aged 18 to 25. The reward is seeing them get into mainstream A.A. and go on to become G.S.R.'s, intergroup representatives, etc."

Through minimal trial and error, the Maryland A.A.'s have worked out the format for the instructional meetings as follows:

1. Welcome referrals and put them at ease (most come with a chip on the shoulder).
2. Explain the "cooperation but not affiliation" relationship that exists between A.A. and the sentencing agencies.
3. Explain what A.A. is by reading the Preamble, the Twelve Steps, and the Twelve Traditions.
4. Read what A.A. is *not* from the meeting directory.
5. Explain the A.A. self-support Tradition.
6. Explain the Tradition of anonymity.
7. Describe the difference between open and closed meetings, types of meetings.
8. Talk generally about deportment at meetings: problems caused by disruption of meetings and speaking in the back of the room during meetings; the importance of being on time.
9. Ask three physicians, A.A. members who rotate attendance at these special meetings, to present the physical and mental aspects of alcoholism.
10. Present a talk on the "20 questions," copies of which are distributed along with directories and A.A. literature.

To further smooth the offenders' way into A.A., Baltimore County issues guidelines for conduct at meetings to court referrals who participate in the alternate sentencing program. Some of these — such as "Sleeping

during meetings is not acceptable conduct," and "If you choose to smoke cigarettes or drink coffee, . . . please be considerate and clean up your area after the meeting" — might well be heeded by A.A.'s everywhere.

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## From the Mailbag

- In the Holiday 1983 issue of *Box 4-5-9*, this department included the outline of an inspiring A.A. story, sketched in our excerpt from a letter written by a U.S. marine in Lebanon. A new group had started to hold meetings at battalion headquarters — the very building later destroyed by a bomb, on October 23. As that *Box 4-5-9* went to press, the story had no ending. But the current (April) issue of the A.A. Grapevine now gives you the complete account, told in eight letters to G.S.O. that indeed make up a profoundly touching A.A. story. An ending? The Grapevine article is titled "Beginnings in Beirut."
- Dutch O. of Fort Lupton, Colo., wrote to ask for an explanation of the term "double winners." Generally, people say they are double winners if they are doing well in Al-Anon and staying sober in A.A. There are also those who use this sobriquet to denote that they are keeping "clean and dry" — which, of course, would apply only to dually addicted members of A.A.

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## Where Informed Group Conscience Really Begins

"I remember when I was new and judgmental and told an oldtimer that the group was crazy. He told me to go over in the corner and count myself. I didn't realize it until long after, but that's when I started learning that the place to start achieving an informed group conscience is with myself."

So began delegate David L. (New Mexico, Panel 32) in a candid discussion of "The Importance of an Informed Group Conscience," a presentation topic at the Southwest Regional Forum in Denver, Colo., last December.

Noting that "inform" means to "train" or "guide" or "enlighten," David pointed out that the opposite is to "conceal." "As for me," he said, "while I never deliber-

ately conceal things from the newcomer, I achieve the same results by letting the newcomer drift — by putting off discussion about the need to have a home group or to attend a group-conscience meeting. Then, I get angry when the same newcomer — without consulting the group conscience — goes and paints the meeting room purple. The really silly part is that if he paints the place white or blue or some other color I like, I may not mention the matter of group conscience at all! So the process of an informed group conscience begins with *me* being as informed as possible and then extending this privilege to the newcomer. It is my experience that A.A. seldom experiences problems that don't come right back to the *uninformed* group conscience — for instance: not supporting the district, area, or G.S.O.; having group bosses instead of group servants."

For a group conscience to be truly informed, David L. offered the following guidelines:

1. *As individuals, we will ensure that we are knowledgeable about our A.A. way of life; we will read our literature and be willing to share with newcomers.* "We need to be especially knowledgeable about our Twelve Traditions — the future of our Fellowship depends upon it. Just look at what happened to the Washingtonians [a promising self-help movement among alcoholics in the 1840's]. Might their society not still be alive and well today if they'd had our Twelve Traditions?"

2. *We will understand and participate in our service structure.* "I've been raised in A.A. to believe that service is 'giving it away to keep it' — that old A.A. paradox that extends from cleaning the ashtrays to going on Twelfth Step calls to helping ensure that the A.A. message is carried into hospitals and prisons. I don't know how to separate service from recovery."

3. *We will ensure that we have group-conscience meetings.* "I don't mean a group-conscience meeting that consists of two or three oldtimers on a steering committee, making all decisions for the group. I mean a separate meeting designed to get the group conscience on matters affecting the group or A.A. as a whole. If a couple of oldtimers do everything, how can we tell newcomers that we don't have a seniority system in A.A.?"

4. *We will be aware that there are, indeed, A.A. leaders — trusted servants who do not govern — as discussed in our Twelve Traditions and at greater length in our "A.A. Service Manual."* "I have learned that I can be bad for my group; I can pursue my own egotistical needs. Or I can give myself over to the group with a willingness to serve. But a group can be bad for me. A sponsor once told me, 'Dave, if your group allows you to be a big shot, it's the wrong group for you.' He was exactly right."

In conclusion, David L. noted his belief that "dealing with the group conscience has always involved reliance on the Serenity Prayer. The elements of serenity, courage, and wisdom have been essential. It is of tremendous comfort to me to know that our Higher Power or God,

as I choose to call Him, does express Himself in our group conscience. I want A.A. to survive for myself, for my son, and for the yet unborn members to come; and that requires that I become responsible. God will take care of us, but only if we do our part."

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## Bilingual Montreal to Host International Convention Next Year

Cosmopolitan Montreal, Que., is a Canadian city that combines the traditions of the old with the dynamism of the new — just as A.A. does while nearing its 50-year mark. So this site is appropriate for the Fellowship's eighth International Convention, in July 1985.

The theme of the Convention, "Fifty Years With Gratitude," will celebrate half a century of A.A. growth since its inception on June 10, 1935, and will recharge the spirit of co-founder Bill W.'s contention that "the paradox of A.A. regeneration [is] strength arising out of complete defeat and weakness, the loss of one's old life as a condition for finding a new one. But we of A.A. do not have to understand this paradox; we have only to be grateful for it."

The 1985 International Convention will be held July 4-7 at Montreal's Olympic Park, site of the 21st Olympiad, and at the new Convention Center. The program, still in planning stages, shapes up as follows:

- Thursday, July 4 — evening kickoff dance in huge Convention Center
- Friday, July 5 — panels, workshops, alkathons at Convention Center; Big Meeting, with flag ceremony, at night, at Olympic Park Stadium
- Saturday, July 6 — panels, workshops, alkathons; variety show at night
- Sunday, July 7 — Spiritual Big Meeting

Registration forms, listing available hotel accommodations and requesting first, second, and third choices, will be sent to A.A. groups worldwide in September 1984. Registrants will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is wise to mail your completed forms early. For further information, write to Sarah P. at G.S.O.: Convention Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

A.A. conventioners will feel at home in Montreal, a French/English-speaking city with a decidedly European flavor and a wealth of tourist attractions. Public transportation is easy and accessible; Montreal's subway system, the Metro, is clean and safe and boasts some



*Montreal's Convention Center/Palais des Congrès has that high tech look—also, inviting spots for new A.A. friends to get acquainted.*



of the world's most attractive stations, some featuring decorated walls and even colored windows.

Handicapped A.A.'s will find easy access to Olympic Park Stadium, what with its ample elevators, ramps, and, of course, special wheelchair space at major meetings, where arrangements are also being made to accommodate the hearing-impaired.

The International Convention, held every five years, first convened in 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio. Those assembled unanimously accepted the Twelve Traditions and heard co-founder Dr. Bob S., in his final message, speak confidently of his faith in A.A.'s future. Since then, International Conventions have been held in St. Louis, Mo. (1955), Long Beach, Calif. (1960), Toronto, Ont. (1965), Miami Beach, Fla. (1970), Denver, Colo. (1975), and New Orleans, La. (1980).

Some 28,000 A.A.'s from 40 or more countries are expected to converge on Montreal in July 1985. Their presence at the International Convention will itself be an expression of gratitude for the fact that today the sun never sets on the Fellowship — which around the

world transcends barriers of race, creed, and nationality to carry the life-giving message of sobriety.

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## Guidelines for Working With Hearing-Impaired

Guidelines on Carrying the A.A. Message to the Hearing-Impaired Alcoholic have been compiled and printed and are available from G.S.O. (as you may have noticed in the new literature catalog enclosed with the last *Box* 4-5-9). Ten copies may be ordered free of charge; each additional copy costs 10¢.

Material for the new Guidelines was drawn mainly from responses to a survey/questionnaire, "Carrying the Message to Deaf Alcoholics," that was mailed to delegates, central offices/intergroups, answering services, and deaf groups and contacts in the U.S. and Canada. The results were summarized and made available as a service piece about four years ago. Updated, they have now been printed in our standard Guidelines format. Suggestions offered are based on the practical experience of A.A.'s who have been reaching out to the hard-of-hearing in many localities.

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## G.S.R. 'Schools' Are Flourishing in Northern New Jersey

As the "G.S.R." pamphlet says, the general service representative may hold "the most important job in A.A." — if there is such a thing. Yet how many of us know what a G.S.R. really does? In Northern New Jersey, increasing numbers of A.A.'s do know, thanks to the area G.S.R. "schools" or "seminars" that have attracted some 300 G.S.R.'s, D.C.M.'s (district committee members), and other interested A.A.'s since their inception over a year ago.

Past delegate Stan B. tells how the schools came about: "The area was broken up into four clusters consisting of five to eight districts; a location for the school was found by the districts in each of the designated clusters. We had schools in the southern end of the area, the utmost northern area, and the northeast and central areas. A fifth was held in the central area

for those who had missed the school session in their section and were willing to come to the central area school. The plan, which worked well in 1983, is being repeated this year.”

The districts involved arrange for the location (mainly churches or schools); they further provide coffee and doughnuts for participants, who average 40-50 at a given session. The area pays for the location and the refreshments and also pays the traveling expenses of A.A.’s presenting the seminar. To date, lunch has been paid for by the participants themselves.

The schools convene on Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Discussions of “The A.A. Service Manual,” Box 4-5-9, and other A.A. literature are an important part of the program. They are led by A.A.’s with broad service experience, and the questions and comments of the new G.S.R.’s frequently prove enlightening.

Earlier experiments by Canadian service people turned out to be helpful. Work with a G.S.R. school in Montreal produced suggested guidelines, which were sent to G.S.O. In its traditional role as a conduit for sharing among A.A.’s in different areas, G.S.O. relayed these to Stan B. two years ago, and they were instrumental in getting the Northern New Jersey schools off the ground, he says. “What we did was reorganize the material and put it into loose-leaf book form.” (Areas that want to form their own G.S.R. schools are welcome to the material and may contact G.S.O. if interested.)

In “class,” Stan reports, “most questions have focused on finances in our area and at G.S.O. There has also been a great need to give the people knowledge and understanding of the service manual.”

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## A ‘Gratitude Globe’ Can Symbolize Broad A.A. Sharing

The idea was deceptively simple: If members and groups do not have the time or initiative to send their contributions to G.S.O., then perhaps a visual presentation — a “gratitude globe” in which to drop contributions — would spur them to give. The idea meant a lot of dedicated effort, and it worked beyond anybody’s biggest dream.

It all started in 1982 when the G.S.R. Committee in Calgary, Alta., Canada, elected a committee to initiate an annual “no frills” roundup that everyone could afford to attend. Once the idea for the gratitude globe was conceived, the committee searched across Canada for

a manufacturer who could produce it. When one was found and the globe was ordered, an A.A. member set about building a stand to accommodate it.

Finished, the thick, Plexiglas sphere measured three feet in diameter; the slot opening was one inch wide and four inches long. The globe was suspended inside a stand six feet high and four feet long. The total cost of the globe, plus delivery charges and materials used to build the stand, came to about \$700, paid for entirely from roundup funds.



The Roundup Committee was determined that every cent contributed to the globe would be forwarded to G.S.O., says member Cliff S., “and this is exactly what has happened. In two years of operation, we have been able to send G.S.O. contributions close to \$5,000 (Canadian).”

The acceptance by members and groups was overwhelming, the committee reports. “With a roundup attendance of 1,400 in 1982 and 1,600 in 1983, this worked out to a per-member contribution of approximately \$1.55 in 1982 and \$1.62 in 1983. And by A.A.’s 50th birthday in 1985, we hope to have contributions in excess of \$2 per member!”

The Calgary Roundup Committee “would be most happy to share our experience with any group,” says Cliff. To obtain information, write to the Calgary Annual Gratitude Roundup, Box 954, Station M, Calgary, Alta., T2P 2K4.

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

APRIL-MAY 1984

## Calendar of Events

### April

- Mar. 30-Apr. 1 — *St. Paul, Minnesota*. 29th Annual Area Intergroup Weekend. Write: Cent. Off., 951 E. 5th St., St. Paul, MN 55106
- Mar. 30-Apr. 1 — *Marshall, Minnesota*. 11th Annual S.W. Minn. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 451, Marshall, MN 56258
- Mar. 30-Apr. 1 — *Salt Lake City, Utah*. First Annual Conf. of Young People in A.A. Write: Secy., U.Y.P.A.A., Box 17899, Salt Lake City, UT 84117
- Mar. 31-Apr. 2 — *Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada*. Prov. Assv. and Dist. Conf. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 453, Dauphin, Man. R7N 2V3
- Mar. 31-Apr. 1 — *Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada*. Sixth Annual M.S.A. Rally. Write: Ch., 33926 Marshall Rd., Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 1L7
- 5-8 — *Columbia, South Carolina*. 37th State Conv. Write: Conv., Box 12012, Columbia, SC 29211
- 5-8 — *Longview, Texas*. 15th Annual E. Tex. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2082, Longview, TX 75601
- 6-8 — *Denver, Colorado*. First Annual Interstate Young Peoples Conf. Write: Conf. Comm., Box 15, Englewood, CO 80110
- 6-8 — *Lake Livingston, Texas*. Semi-Annual Young Minds Conf. Write: Conf. Treas., 2975 FM 830, Willis, TX 77378
- 7-8 — *St. Joseph, Missouri*. 41st Anniversary. Write: Secy., Box 901, St. Joseph, MO 64502
- 12-15 — *Houston, Texas*. I.D.A.A. Spring Mtg. Write: Ch., Box 35518, Houston, TX 77235
- 13-14 — *Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 95, Rosetown, Sask. S0L 2V0
- 13-15 — *San Diego, California*. IX Conv. (Spanish speaking). Write: Ch., 3842 Chanutte St., San Diego, CA 92154
- 13-15 — *Flamingo, Florida*. 41st Agape Weekend Conf. Write: Coord., 439 NE 7th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
- 13-15 — *Harvey, Illinois*. N. State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 2395, Joliet, IL 60434
- 13-15 — *Kaiserslautern, West Germany*. Area I Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., GEB. 65, B-2, 6751 Sembach, West Germany
- 13-15 — *Montréal-Nord, Québec, Canada*. Cinquième Congrès du Dist. 01 (French-

speaking). Ecrire: Bur. de Serv. du Dist. 01, C.P. 487, Montréal Nord, Qué. H1H 5L5

13-15 — *Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*. 12th Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Spring R/U, Cent. Off., 1103 Markum St., 10235 — 124 St., Edmonton, Alta. T5N 1P9

13-15 — *Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada*. S. Alta. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 212, Lethbridge, Alta. T1J 3Y5

13-15 — *Caraquet, New Brunswick, Canada*. N.B. & P.E.I. Assy. Spring Social Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 5, Suite 10A, 186, rue Lanteigan, Caraquet, N.B. E0B 1K0

13-15 — *Clarksburg, West Virginia*. Jackson's Mill Roundup. Write: Roundup, Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301

13-15 — *Tucson, Arizona*. Second Annual Youth Enjoying Sobriety Conf. Write: Y.E.S., Box 30146, Tucson, AZ 85751

13-15 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. Fifth Annual Celebrate Sobriety (Gay) Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 718, Sta. A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2N5

13-15 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. 11th Annual Banff Roundup. Write: Roundup Com., Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2E6

13-15 — *Wichita, Kansas*. Ninth Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 18093, Wichita, KS 67218

13-16 — *Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Ninth Annual Roundup. Write: Co-Ch., #F-4532 49th St., Lloyd, Sask. S9V 0L5

14 — *Shawinigan, Quebec, Canada*. 15-ième Mini-Congrès (French-speaking). Write: Pres., Dist. 302, C.P. 755, Shawinigan, Qué. G9N 6V9

## Planning a June, July, or August Event?

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.

## Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

For more detailed suggestions, see the pages noted.

*April* (page 23): spiritual experience; making decisions; going to any length; Step One.

*May* (page 34): choice; spiritual resources; A.A.'s singleness of purpose; if meetings are boring . . .

14 — *Grand Rapids, Michigan*. 36th Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Kent County Central Com., Box 2454, Grand Rapids, MI 49501

19-20 — *Reykjavik, Iceland*. 30th Anniversary in Iceland. Write: Anniversary Com., Box 1149, 121 Reykjavik, Iceland.

19-22 — *Memphis, Tennessee*. Fourth National Agape Weekend. Write: Secy., Box 9345, Southern Sta., Hattisburg, MS 39406

19-23 — *Perth, Western Australia*. 24th National Conv. Write: Secy., Box W2102, Perth, Western Australia 6001

20-21 — *Petawawa, Ontario, Canada*. C.F.B. Petawawa Roundup. Write: Ch., C-110 Pt. Court Apts., Petawawa, Ont. K8H 2S6

20-22 — *Narragansett, Rhode Island*. Eighth State Conv. Write: Conv. Com., Box 9342, Providence, RI 02940

20-22 — *Cape Town, South Africa*. National Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2047, Cape Town, South Africa 8000

20-22 — *San Diego, California*. Seventh Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Box A2529, San Diego, CA 92112

20-22 — *Penticton, British Columbia, Canada*. 38th Annual Spring Rally. Write: Ch., Box 92, Penticton, B.C. V2A 6J9

21-22 — *Ft. Wayne, Indiana*. Fourth Annual N.E. Ind. Conv. & 41st Annual Banquet. Write: Conv. Ch., Box 11545, Ft. Wayne, IN 46859

27-29 — *Cork, Ireland*. Second World Hello European Conv. Write: Ch., 95 Beech Pk., Ballin Collig, Cork, Ireland

27-29 — *International Falls, Minnesota*. Seventh Annual Borderland Roundup. Write: Secy., Box 412, International Falls, MN 56649

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## April continued

- 27-29 — *Lake Charles, Louisiana*. 31st Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 713 S. Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA 70601
- 27-29 — *Tarrytown, New York*. 22nd Area Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., Box 1850, New York, NY 10116
- 27-29 — *Erie, Pennsylvania*. Ninth Annual Area Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., Box 148, Erie, PA 16512
- 27-29 — *Casa Grande, Arizona*. 23rd Sahuaro Agape Weekend. Write: Secy., Box 40214, Tucson, AZ 85717
- 27-29 — *Bonnyville, Alberta, Canada*. N.E. Roundup. Write: Box 1066, Bonnyville, Alta. T0A 0L0
- 27-29 — *North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada*. 23rd Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 271 20th St. W., Battleford, Sask. S0M 0Y0
- 27-29 — *Lincoln, Montana*. Tenth Wilderness Agape Weekend. Write: Coord., 23 Konley, Kalispell, MT 59901
- 27-29 — *Blairstown, New Jersey*. Garden State Young People in A.A. Write: Ch., G.S.Y.P., 7 Cray Terrace, Fanwood, NJ 07023
- 28-29 — *Scottsbluff, Nebraska*. 28th Annual Panhandle Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 256, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

## May

- 4-6 — *Kanab, Utah*. State Conf. & Spring Rally. Write: Ch., Box 1123, Kanab, UT 84741
- 4-6 — *Grand Rapids, Minnesota*. 14th Annual Iron Range Get-Together. Write: Iron Range Get-Together, Box 469, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- 4-6 — *Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada*. 20th Annual Blossom Time Conv. Write: Ch., Box 294, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6T7
- 4-6 — *Richland, Washington*. Fourth Annual Inland Empire Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 6598, Kennewick, WA 99336
- 4-6 — *Concord, California*. 12th Annual H & I Conf. Write: Publicity Ch., 1801 Ralston, Richmond, CA 94805
- 4-6 — *Renfrew, Scotland*. 28th Annual Scottish Conv. Write: Secy., Scottish Service Off., 50 Wellington St., Glasgow G2, Scotland
- 4-6 — *Rosslare, Wexford, Ireland*. All Ireland Conv. Telephone: Wexford 053 23111
- 4-6 — *Idaho Falls, Idaho*. Area Spring Assy. Write: Ch., Rt. 8, Box 316, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
- 4-6 — *El Segundo, California*. Third S. Calif. H & I Conf. Write: H & I Com., Box 7004, Mission Hills, CA 91346-7004
- 5 — *Israel*. Ninth Israel Roundup. Info: Call (03) 225-225 in Tel Aviv
- 11-13 — *Kapushasing, Ontario, Canada*. Timishaming-Cochrane Bilingual Conf. Write: Ch., Box 514, Kapushasing, Ont. P5N 1S4
- 11-13 — *Sparks, Nevada*. 13th Annual Reno Spring Festival. Write: Ch., Box 72, Reno, NV 89504
- 11-13 — *Green Lake, Wisconsin*. 33rd Annual S. Wisc. Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Treas., Box 546, Wautoma, WI 54982
- 11-13 — *Binghamton, New York*. 33rd Annual Central N.Y. Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 681, Westview Sta., Binghamton, NY 13905
- 12-13 — *Chicapee, Massachusetts*. W. Mass. Roundup. Write: Reg. Ch., 192 East St., Lee, MA 01238
- 18-20 — *Seattle, Washington*. Pacific Regional Forum. Write: Regional Forum Secy., Box 459, New York, NY 10163
- 18-20 — *Guntersville, Alabama*. Mountaintop Roundup V. Write: Mountaintop Roundup V, Rt. 2, Box 54, Remlap, AL 35133
- 18-20 — *Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada*. Ninth Annual Yukon Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., Box 5136, Whitehorse, Y.T. Y1A 4S3
- 18-20 — *Rehoboth Beach, Delaware*. 24th Annual State Conv. Write: N. Del. Intergroup, Trolley Sq., Suite 18B, Wilmington, DE 19806
- 18-20 — *Frankfurt, West Germany*. 30th Anniversary Frankfurt Conv. Write: Ch., Box 4, 97 Gen. Hosp., APO, New York, NY 09757
- 18-20 — *Jackson, Wyoming*. State Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 20075, Jackson, WY 83001
- 18-20 — *Magog, Quebec, Canada*. Third Bilingual Congress, Dist. 88-11. Write: Ch., 2110 Rue Sherbrooke, Magog, Que. J1X 2T3
- 18-20 — *Brandon, Manitoba, Canada*. Westman Intergroup 36th Annual Conf. Write: Ch., 3410 Van Horne Ave., Brandon, Man. R7B 2H4
- 18-20 — *Tulsa, Oklahoma*. 43rd Anniversary State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 470931, Tulsa, OK 74147-0931
- 18-20 — *South Little Current, Ontario, Canada*. 13th Annual Manitoulin Dist. Rainbow Roundup. Write: Publicity Ch., Box 641, Little Current, Ont. P0P 1K0
- 24-27 — *Kingsport, Tennessee*. 33rd State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1557, Kingsport, TN 37662
- 25-27 — *Dallas, Texas*. Second Annual Big D (Gay) Roundup. Write: Ch., Roundup Com., Box 191025, Dallas, TX 75219

- 25-27 — *Bakersfield, California*. 11th Annual Golden Empire Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 3489, Bakersfield, CA 93385
- 25-27 — *El Paso, Texas*. Annual Roundup of Young People. Write: Ch., Box 12968, El Paso, TX 79913
- 25-27 — *Kitimat, British Columbia, Canada*. Kitimat Douglas Channel Fourth Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 137, Kitimat, B.C. V8C 2G8
- 25-27 — *Laval, Quebec, Canada*. Sixième Congrès du district 90-02. Write: C.P. 123, Succursale Duvernay, Laval, Que. H7E 4P4
- 25-27 — *Mentor, Ohio*. 34th Punderson Park Conf. Write: Punderson Park Conf., Box 1032, Mentor, OH 44061-1032
- 25-27 — *Seoul, Korea*. Fifth Annual Intergroup Conv. Write: A.A. Intergroup Korea, USA CSC SDW, EUSA J-4, Box 52, APO, San Francisco, CA 96301
- 25-27 — *Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Prince Albert Gateway Roundup. Write: Ch., 12 — 12th St. E., Prince Albert, Sask. S6V 1B2
- 25-27 — *Vernal, Utah*. Little Skyline Conf. Write: Ch., 161 S. Dale Ave., Vernal, UT 84078
- 25-27 — *Bloomington, Minnesota*. Gopher State Roundup XI. Write: Box 3295, St. Paul, MN 55165
- 25-28 — *Snowshoe Mountain, West Virginia*. Snowshoe Spring Roundup. Write: Snowshoe Roundup Com., Box 313, Snowshoe, WV 26209

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- 1-3 — *Winchester, Virginia*. 30th Annual Spring Four State & D.C. Get-Together. Write: Secy., Four State, 315 E. Cork St., Winchester, VA 22601
- 2-3 — *Drumheller, Alberta, Canada*. Drumheller & Area Roundup. Write: Ch., 310 — 16th St., NW, Drumheller, Alta. T0J 0Y0
- 2-3 — *Albany, Georgia*. Second Annual Sowega Roundup. Write: Treas., 1301 Eager Ave., Albany, GA 31707
- 8-10 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. Gratitude Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 954, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2T 2K4
- 8-10 — *Westfield, Massachusetts*. W. Mass. Young Peoples' Conf. Write: W.M.Y.P.C.C., Box 27, Wilbraham, MA 01095
- 8-10 — *Hagerstown, Maryland*. 14th Annual State Conv. Write: Conv. Com., Box 441, Joppatowne, MD 21085
- 8-10 — *Mexico City, Mexico*. Third National Conv. Write: 5 de Mayo #39, Apartado Postal 2970, Mexico 1, D.F.
- 22-24 — *Casper, Wyoming*. Ninth Annual June Jamboree. Write: Ch., 2801 S. Coffman, Casper, WY 82604