



WHO IS A MEMBER  
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS?

CLUBS IN A.A.  
ARE THEY WITH US TO  
MONEY

ANONYMITY

DANGERS IN LINKING A.A.  
TO OTHER PROJECTS

WHY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
IS ANONYMOUS

## Traditions Steer A.A.'s Course Since 1946

Thousands upon thousands have written G.S.O. about Group problems—and in 95 per cent of the cases of A.A.'s 12 Traditions. Since the Traditions were first proposed by Bill W. 20 years ago, and accepted formally by the move-

ment (as the Second Legacy—Unity)—in Cleveland in 1950, they have been woven into the rich fabric of A.A. life so well that nowadays they are as useful as the 12 Steps (the First Legacy—Recovery), many members agree, and it would take a major A.A. revolution to change any of them.

### Could A. A. Die?

If wholesale violation of any of them ever occurred, according to one A.A. historian, A.A. would perish forever—just as the Washingtonian and Catch-A-Pal movements did before A.A.'s time.

A quick survey of the most common questions we are asked shows these are among the least understood of the Traditions:

*No. 7 (each Group self-supporting).* We are frequently asked about a Group's soliciting or accepting funds from industry, or the public.

*No. 5 (primary purpose is to carry the message), and No. 6 (no endorsement, financing, or lending of A.A. name to outside enterprises).* Many book publishers want our "endorsement," and many institutions would like to claim they are "endorsed by A.A." There are no such things as "A.A. hospitals, farms, clubhouses, or retreats"—although of course many A.A. members cooperate in such worthy enterprises.

*No. 10 (staying out of public controversy and legal disputes).* Many lawmakers want A.A. on their side in political debates. Some professional alcoholism

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## Who Are 'Trustees'?

An A.A. newcomer heard some other member talking about the G. S. Trustees and asked, "Who are the Trustees, anyway, and what do we trust 'em with?"

As "trustees" they are trusted to see that A.A.'s world center of communication, G.S.O., really serves the Groups and other alcoholics. They are custodians of funds received, of the Twelve Steps and Traditions, and are the "legal guardians" of the name *Alcoholics Anonymous*. They have no power over any A.A. member or Group. They endeavor to keep the A.A. name from being drawn into public controversy, and to protect the anonymity of A.A. members everywhere. Our dedicated non-A.A. Trustees now consist of: Dr. Travis Dancey, Montreal, Que.; Dr. Vincent Dole, New York City; John M. Murtagh, New York City; Austin MacCormick, New York City; Robert W.P. Morse, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. John L. Norris, Rochester, N. Y.; Archibald Roosevelt, New York City; Bernard B. Smith, New York City; Professor Harrison Trice, Ithaca, N.Y.

A.A. members fill two kinds of 4-year trusteeships on the G.S. Board:

(1) "Regional" trusteeships, filled by six U.S.A. and two Canadian regions set up geographically.

Current "Regional" Trustees are Tom B., Winnipeg, Man.; R. Fay B., Bismarck, N.D.; D. Bruce M., Akron, O.; Jim M.,

Carmichael, Calif.; and Frank R., Lowell, Mass.

(2) "General Service" trusteeships, occupied by active A.A.'s with specific business or professional skills (such as finance, publishing, law, etc.), most of whom live within the New York City commuting area so they can spend the necessary long hours doing their volunteer chores for the Fellowship.

### Bob H. Newly Elected

Newly elected in this capacity is Bob H., of Rockville Centre, N.Y. Sober over 20 years, Bob is in the advertising business. He has served G.S.O. on its Nominating Committee, and is now on its Public Information and Literature Committees. He has been a Director of A.A.W.S., Inc., since July, 1964.

He is a former chairman of the New

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### G.S.O. CORDIALLY

*invites all out-of-town\* A.A.'s who are attending Bill's 32nd Anniversary Dinner to a RECEPTION -- 3 to 5 p.m. on October 29th -- at the Americana Hotel in New York City.*

*\*Limited space; sorry New York A.A.'s!*





## CORNER

# IT'S YOUR TURN!

G.S.O. is always sending bulletins and letters to you, trying to help you keep abreast of what goes on in A.A.

This time will you tell us what is going on in your G.S.R. world?

1. What is your chief G.S.R. activity?
2. Have you, or your Delegate, told your members about the happenings of the 1966 G.S. Conference?
3. Do you recommend the *Final Conference Report* to members?
4. What would you like to see most in your work?
5. Has your Group seen the G.S.O.

filmstrips? The movie of 'Bill's Own Story'?

6. The newest A.A. literature?
7. Has your Group any suggestions for subjects the 1967 Conference should consider for the good of all of us in the whole Fellowship?

*(We'd love to hear directly from you. But we're sure your local area G.S. Committee member and Delegate would also like to know your thoughts on these things.)*

*(Why not write right now while it's on your mind? Your investment of a few minutes this 24 hours might help many of your fellow alcoholics in the years to come.)*

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

### MARYLAND:

Bowie: Belair-Bowie Gr. . . . . \$ 15.00

### NEW YORK:

Troy: Saturday Nite Gr. . . . . -0-  
Troy Group . . . . . 40.00

### OHIO:

London: Open Group . . . . . 5.00  
Loudonville: Loudonville Group 36.00

### PUERTO RICO

Ponce: Grupa Ponce . . . . . 47.00

### CANADA:

Edmonton, Alberta:  
South Side Group . . . . . 310.00  
Southside H5 Group . . . . . -0-  
Portage La Prairie, Man.:  
Portage La Prairie Gr. . . . . 30.00  
Portage Family Group . . . . . 59.50

## TRADITIONS (from page 1)

scientists want A.A. approval of their theories and therapies. Even when many think these are all good things, A.A. has found it pays not to get on one side or the other in such matters, but just stick to carrying A.A.'s message.

No. 2 (*Group conscience is our only authority*), and No. 12 (*"principles before personalities"*). Most Group disputes and arguments yield to the wisdom of these Traditions. A.A. harmony (No. 1) seems to be too important for us to let it die.

The biggest miracle of all, is that BY FAR MOST A.A. MEMBERS ALWAYS OBSERVE THE TRADITIONS SCRUPULOUSLY, EVEN WITHOUT KNOWING IT! Look at each one, and decide for yourself—during November, Traditions Month—where A.A.—and you—would be if there were no Traditions.

## A.A. AT HARVARD

When members of the '41 class of Harvard University held their 25th reunion, a special Coffee Reception was held for A.A.'s. It was announced in all advance publicity, and three A.A.'s and their wives showed up and became fast friends. One said he would not have dared the old college reunion without assurance A.A. would be there. Another found that a classmate he had been 12th-stepping finally became willing to try A.A.

"I am grateful to God that I could be

## A.A. ON TV

The new one-minute filmed public service announcement about A.A. has proven so popular with local TV stations in the U.S.A. and Canada that the Public Information Committee here at G.S.O. which produced the film now charges a reduced rate for prints ordered by local Central Offices, P.I.C.'s, or Groups.

One print costs \$20; the second, \$15, and additional copies only \$10. A recording of the sound portion only—for radio—is \$5.

Incidentally, television and radio stations are very glad to give local Groups time for the announcement, free. They get credit for it (from the Federal Communications Commission) as a public service. So don't hesitate to approach them and ask if they would like a print.

The black-and-white film shows four A.A. members (faces hidden), each saying, "My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am an alcoholic." Then Dr. John L. Norris, nonalcoholic chairman of the G.S. Board, invites anyone interested in help with a drinking problem to contact A.A. locally, but says A.A. will not go out and try to make folks stop drinking.

gay and happy and free of any desire to drink," writes A.L., who made the A.A. arrangements. He says it will now be continued at each reunion. And oh yes. . . he had another new prospect, as a result!

## From the G.S.O. Mailbag

### THE 'GYP' GROUP

*From the R.C.A.F. Station, Gypsumville, Manitoba: "The 'Gyp' Group was originated by two very new members, one a new arrival and one just fresh from a hospital in Winnipeg. We're 10 months old and have had four members. We're trying advertising through the local civilian and and base newspapers. . . ."—Jim B.*

### TRUSTEES (from page 1)

York Intergroup Association.

Other current A.A. trustees are: Eugene S.K., Hempstead, N.Y.; Charles Ed L., Scarsdale, N.Y.; and Murray W., Norwalk, Conn.

A Canadian and a U.S. "General Service" Trustee will eventually be added to the Board, bringing its total to 14 alcoholics and 7 nonalcoholics in accordance with the new Board alignment recommended by the 1966 Conference and accepted by the Board.

### A.A. IN VIETNAM

*Frank writes: "For years I prayed for sobriety, but now I pray the Serenity Prayer and give thanks for what A.A. and all you lovely people have given me, another life. So you see, Charlie Vietcong might have taken my life, but he could never have taken the 4½ years of sobriety from me. God bless you."*

*P.S. Frank is back. Was at South Eastern Conference.*

### INDUSTRY GROUP

"The Brass Group was formed at this company in 1964. . . now have four meetings a week in the plant. A.A. members persuaded the union and management to start the meetings. Thank you for the pamphlet, 'The Alcoholic Employee.'"—Harold J., Buffalo, N.Y.



## FROM THE GRAPEVINE

Beautifully hand-lettered in 3 colors on quality paper suitable for framing are five A.A. slogans (\$1.00 per set) and the Serenity Prayer (10¢ each)...which make beautiful, appropriate decorations on any meeting room.

Order all from Grapevine P.O. Box 1980, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017.

### SPECIAL GIFTS TO G.S.O. June, July & August

ALASKA:	
G.S.R.'s Anchorage.....	\$ 100.00
CALIFORNIA:	
District 5-6-12 Workshop	
Costa Mesa.....	5.50
Desert Round Up	
Palm Springs.....	1,000.00
DELAWARE:	
6th Annual Delaware Assembly	
Rehobath.....	172.55
MAINE:	
District 1, Portland.....	16.00
MINN.:	
Lake Region Area Group	
Fergus Falls.....	96.49
MISSOURI:	
Missouri State Roundup	
Jefferson City.....	66.75
OREGON:	
District 2, Portland.....	20.00
PENNSYLVANIA:	
Cook Forest Conference	
Cook Forest.....	700.00
WASHINGTON:	
In Memoriam - Washington	
State Assembly.....	50.00
CANADA:	
Provincial Committee	
Edmonton, Alberta.....	15.00
Night Light Breakfast	
Regina.....	73.00

## It's Miami in '70

It's still a few 24 hours away, but A.A.'s can begin planning right now to join in the Fellowship's great 35th Anniversary Year International Convention in Miami, Fla., U.S.A. in 1970.

Delegates at the 1966 G.S. Conference unanimously favored the famous resort city, and the Convention Committee has made it official. Details on reservations will come in plenty of time - but we've tracked down this much for you: average high temperature at convention time will be 86°, with average low at 77°.

Nobody who was in Cleveland in '50, St. Louis in '55, Long Beach in '60, or Toronto in '65 needs to be told about the place of International Conventions in A.A. life.

## Will Your Group Be Listed Correctly In The '67 Directory?

GROUP INFORMATION CARD									
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)									
1. CITY OR TOWN	WHERE GROUP SHOULD BE LISTED IN DIRECTORY.	2. STATE OR PROVINCE							
3. NAME OF GROUP		4. INDICATE NIGHT OF MEETINGS							
		GROUP	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

Ever notice the list of A.A. World Directory corrections carried in each Exchange Bulletin? Probably not, unless you were looking for a correction about your Group.

When the World Directory is inaccurate, chances are it's because Groups have not sent in proper information in time. Deadline Dec. 15th.

So, in a few weeks now, when your "Group Information Card" (pictured above) arrives, PLEASE be sure that all information is double checked (Zip Codes are now required by the Post Office, too) and sent to us PROMPTLY. It's a shame when any travelling A.A. can't find a meeting because the Directory data is incorrect.

DELEGATES, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND G.S.R.'s, it has been sug-

gested by the Conference, should take particular responsibility for this communication tool.

These letters illustrate:

*From Norwalk, Conn.:* "Would you encourage Groups that send notices of meetings and special events to consult the World Directory for correct addresses? Our Group has had the same P.O. Box for years, but mail still goes to individuals, or to the church. Yours for faster deliveries."—Bill R.

*From Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico:* "The A.A. Intergroup Association here did not communicate with G.S.O. to give correct information as to Box No. and Tel. No. in time to be included in 1966 Directory. The telephone number published does not exist! Please all travelling A.A.'s the correct number is 782-9312. warm regards Charlie C.

## About 'Stale' Meetings - - -

There's space to share only a glimpse or two:

*Faribault, Minn.:* "For our weekly closed meeting we break up into small Groups of 10-12 so all get to talk. On Saturday night, speakers from outside Groups. Once a month, pin night. After Saturday meeting, a social—cards, home talent, picnic, Christmas tree, etc."—Martin B.

*Cartersville, Ga.:* "Few years ago A.A. was nearly dead here, but 3 or 4 men got together and we started having Area Meetings once a month for all Groups in the area, on Sunday night. It has been a big help here."—Stoney.

*Tacoma, Wash.:* "In 2½ years we have gone from one meeting a week to four. Best meeting is Sunday morning, informal, restricted to alcoholics and their immediate family...two to three hours. People come and go free to talk on any subject, have peaceful background music. Closed meetings discuss Steps and Traditions from "12 & 12."—Dan R.

*Glasgow, Scotland:* "Each week a visiting chairman and speaker tell us how the program works for them. Best part is when the chairman throws open the meeting so anyone can say a few words. I never fail to take away something to digest. Thank you for the best export to come from U.S.A. to Great Britain."—Harvey L.

*From Victoria, B.C.:* "...we also have a 'phoner.' The night of the meeting he calls everyone early to remind them of the meeting. These calls are a great morale booster."—Willard S.

## A.A. IN ENCYCLOPEDIA

The new edition of ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA will contain a new 225-word article on A.A. prepared by Dr. John L. Norris, Rochester, N.Y., chairman of the General Service Board, with the assistance of the Trustees' Public Information Committee.



# A.A. CALENDAR

October - November

## OCTOBER

- 1-2 - 20th Anniversary & 3rd Roundup, Windsor, Vt. Write: Chm., Box 148, Windsor, Vt.
- 1-2 - Wyoming State Fall Conference, Evanston, Wyo. Write: Conf. Director, Box 483, Evanston, Wyo.
- 7-9 - Alberta Provincial Conf., McDonald Hotel, Edmonton, Alta., Can. Write: Secy., 11243 - 58th St., Edmonton, Alta., Can.
- 7-9 - 6th No. N.W. Regional Conf., Empire Hotel, No. Bay, Ont., Can. Write: Secy., Box 893, No. Bay, Ont., Canada.
- 7-9 - 15th Annual Eastern Ontario Conf., Chateau, Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, Can.
- 7-9 - Montana Falls Conf., Livingston, Mont.
- 8-9 - 17th Saskatchewan Roundup, Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, Sask., Can. Write: Round-up Secy., 301-1610 College Avenue, Regina, Sask., Can.
- 14-16 - Provincial Bilingual Conf., Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Dorchester St., Montreal, Que., Can. Write: Chm., P.O. Box 1777, Station B, Montreal 2, Que., Can.
- 14-16 - 16th Southern Calif., Conv., Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, Calif. Write: So. Calif., Conv., 6131 7/8 Piedmont St., L.A., Calif.
- 14-16 - Top O' Texas Round up, 19th Annual, Amarillo, Tex. Write: Roundup Committee, Box 1963, Amarillo, Tex.
- 14-16 - 16th Area Conf., Mount Anthony Country Club, Bennington, Vt.
- 14-16 - 11th Annual A.A. Conv. of Eng. & Wales, Holiday Camp, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. Write: Conv. Sec., Gen. Serv. Office, 11 Redcliffe Gardens, London, S.W. 10, Eng.
- 15 - 15th So. Wisc. Fall Conf., Bethel Lutheran Church. Write: Chm. Box 2, Merrimac, Wis.
- 15-16 - State A.A. Roundup, Jamestown, N.D. Write: Program Comm., Box 1175, Jamestown, N.D.
- 15-17 - London Conv., London, England. Write: Secy., 11 Redcliffe Gardens, London, S.W. 10, Eng.
- 16 - Banquet So. Jersey Intergroup, Cinnaminson, N. J. Write: Chm., Box 145, Camden, N. J.
- 16 - 20th Annual Banquet, Mosque Terrace Ballroom, 1020 Broad St., Newark, N. J. Write: Banquet Chm., P.O. Box 575, Newark, N. J.
- 21-23 - So. Area Fall Conf., Belleville, Ill.
- 21-23 - 3rd N.E. Texas Fall Conf., Adol-

## OCTOBER CALENDAR (continued)

- phus Hotel, Dallas, Tex. Write: Chm., P.O. Box 20563, Dallas, Tex.
- 22 - 12th Annual Banquet, Chicago & Suburban Intergroups, Grand Ballroom, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Write: Banquet Comm., 4720 W. Montana St., Chicago, Ill.
- 28-30 - 22nd Manitoba Roundup, Winnipeg, Man. Write: Chm., Box 363, Winnipeg, Man., Can.
- 28-30 - 13th W. Ontario Conf., London, Ont., Can. Write: Chm., Box 725, London, Ont., Can.
- 28-30 - Georgia 13th A.A. Conv., Augusta Town House, Augusta, Ga. Write: General Chm., P.O. Box 3454, Augusta, Ga.
- 28-30 - 8th Eastern Penn. A.A. Conf., Pocono Manor Inn, Pocono, Manor, Pa. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 418, Robesonia, Pa.
- 29 - 1st N. H. State Conv., Eastern Slopes Inn, No. Conway, N. H. Write: Conv. Secy., P.O. Box 488, Wolfboro, N.H.
- 29 - Annual A.A. Dinner Meeting and Dance, Hotel Americana, N. Y. Write: Dinner Comm., Intergroup Association, 337 East 33rd St., N.Y., N.Y.
- 30 - Group One 17th Anniversary, 314 Delaware St., Leavenworth Kans. Write: Secy., Box 127, Leavenworth, Kans.

## NOVEMBER

- 11-13 - Tri-State Conv., Gabe's Tower Hotel, Owensboro, Ky. Write: Tri-State Conv., Box 1402, Owensboro, Ky.
- 18-20 - 5th Hawaii State Conv., Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii. Write: A.A. State Conv., Box 2384, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 19 - A.A. 21st Birthday Dinner, Wellington, New Zealand, Write: Secy., P.O. Box 6458, Wellington, N. Z.

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