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News and Notes From the General Service Office of A.A.

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Anniversary Joy Sets Tone of A.A.'s 35th Annual General Service Conference

"Golden Moments of Reflection" is the theme of the 35th General Service Conference, to convene April 14-20 at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City.

Says Shep R., an A.A. World Service director, "I expect this to be a very upbeat occasion because it occurs so close to the Fellowship's 50th anniversary celebration in Montreal. Everyone I've spoken to who is attending the Conference appears to be in a positive mood."

"Everyone" — including the approximately 134 delegates, trustees, A.A. World Service and Grapevine directors, as well as the General Service Office and Grapevine staffs — will go about the annual business of working toward consensus on matters vital to A.A.

Since delegates representing the 91 areas of the United States and Canada comprise more than two-thirds of Conference attendees — and since it takes a two-thirds majority vote to make a recommendation for A.A. as a whole — the collective conscience of A.A.'s sprawling group membership traditionally has the final say respecting matters of general policy and finance. More often than not, however, the Conference has insisted on a continuing discussion in cases where a two-thirds majority has barely been obtained. To strengthen the actual spirit of democracy, the minority has the right to be heard in view of the ultimate goal: substantial unanimity in keeping with the Legacies and our Tradition of Unity.

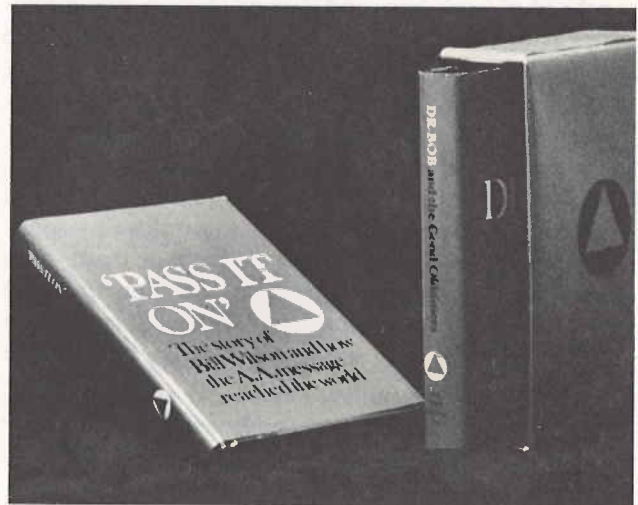
Gordon Patrick, nonalcoholic (Class A) chairperson of the board of trustees and Conference chairperson, will welcome the assemblage, along with Dale S., Southwest Ohio/Northern Kentucky Area delegate chairperson. Michael Alexander, rotating Class A trustee, will give the keynote address.

Presentation/discussion topics will include: "Fifty Years of Caring and Sharing — Carrying the Message to Treatment Facilities, Correctional Institutions, and Young People"; "Beyond the Seventh Tradition — Group Responsibility"; and "The G.S.R. — the Key Role." Other highlights:

Dennis Manders, nonalcoholic controller who has attended every General Service Conference held, will share his recollections of the growth of A.A. over the past 35 years.

Grapevine editor Ann W., secretary of the magazine's Conference Committee, will talk about "How the Grapevine Carries the Message." She will also introduce, for the first time, the newest of the popular Grapevine tape cassettes that feature readings by A.A. members. Entitled "Not for Newcomers Only," the new Tape #3 offers readings of four articles, in their entirety, from some 1968 issues of the Grapevine. Covered are subjects close to the hearts of newcomers and oldtimers alike: the "pink cloud," sponsorship, resentments, too-early emotional involvements, turning down drinks, family adjustments, and more. Like the Grapevine classics (Tapes #1 and #2), Tape #3 will be available to A.A.'s everywhere.

To wrap up the meeting an A.A. longtimer will offer a presentation on "A Vision of Tomorrow."



"Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers" and "Pass It On," the new biography of Bill W., are now available together in a specially designed slipcase. A handsome gift set suitable for A.A. anniversaries and other special occasions. Slipcase is not available separately. Order form enclosed with this issue.

Some Pre-Conference Reflections

What are the delegates and trustees to the General Service Conference thinking and feeling as they prepare for the week filled with presentations, discussions, workshops, and committee meetings, as well as luncheons, dinners, and a trip to G.S.O. and the Grapevine offices? Some random samplings:

Delegate Fred Y. (Panel 35), Nevada: "I'm honored, scared, bewildered and reading up a storm. I'm counting the days to the Conference — and to representing Area 42 at the International Convention next July. On June 10, the Fellowship's 50th anniversary, our area A.A.'s will celebrate together at a very big picnic."

Delegate Elke F. (Panel 34), Delaware: "At my first Conference, I was overwhelmed by fear of the unknown. Now I'm comfortable; I know that I don't have to be the 'perfect' delegate, that the G.S.O. staff will take care of my every need. That's what I wrote my assigned buddies, delegates coming for the first time. I also told them to take a half-empty valise to tote all the Conference papers home in. At my first Conference, I thought in terms of what's good for my own area; now I also think about what's good for all of A.A."

Delegate Ann G. (Panel 35), Southern California: "Will I ever get out from under all this reading? Even though I'm familiar with the 'A.A. Service Manual' and Conference material, there's a lot of studying to do. I'm looking forward to the Conference — to being with delegates from all over and working with them for A.A.'s greater good."

Delegate Willard M. (Panel 34), Northwest Texas: "Before the Conference, around mid-March, delegates from the Southwest Region meet for a service-oriented weekend of workshops and sharing sessions. Some delegates have never been to New York, so we talk about how to get to the hotel and what to do once we get there. Right now, I'm boning up on my reading as chairperson of the Treatment Facilities Committee."

Delegate Kathleen T. (Panel 34), Alberta, N.W.T., Canada: "Even as I get ready for the Conference, I'm spreading the Public Information Committee's suggestion that groups light a candle — or 50 or them — in honor of A.A.'s golden anniversary on June 10th. My group will light 50 candles, so will others; there will be lights burning all over the world. For me, its a double

celebration — I'll be observing our area's 40 years of A.A. as well."

Trustee Ralph R. (Class B): "I attend lots of business conferences in my work; when things go wrong, it's a disaster. But in A.A., when things go wrong, somehow they turn out all right. I feel good even if I don't agree, because I know group conscience is at work. Similarly, when I meet people at business functions, I rarely care if I'll ever see them again. In A.A., I care very much. It's the power of our common bond."

Trustee-at-Large Helen H. (Class B), Canada: As a trustee, I'm not involved in the actual happenings of the Conference as I was while a Panel 28 delegate. As A.A. 'watchdogs,' we trustees listen closely to the delegates because we get from them the direction of A.A. as a whole."

A.A. Symbol Spans Three Decades

We are gathered here for the final hours of A.A.'s 20th anniversary celebration. Above us floats a banner on which is inscribed the new symbol for A.A., a circle enclosing a triangle. The circle stands for the whole world of A.A. and the triangle stands for A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service. Within our wonderful new world, we have found freedom from our fatal obsession....

— "Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age"

Turn the clock forward 30 years to July 1985, when the same A.A. symbol will grace the Fellowship's 50th anniversary celebration. Today, that earliest symbol, or logo, (fig. 1) is familiar to most of us. But many are unaware that other versions exist. One is a replica of the original logo, with the letters "A.A." added inside the triangle (fig. 2). Another adds the words "Unity," "Service," and "Recovery" just inside the circle but outside the triangle (fig. 3). Any group or district of the Fellowship is free to use these three symbols on its newsletters, meeting schedules, or other A.A. materials.

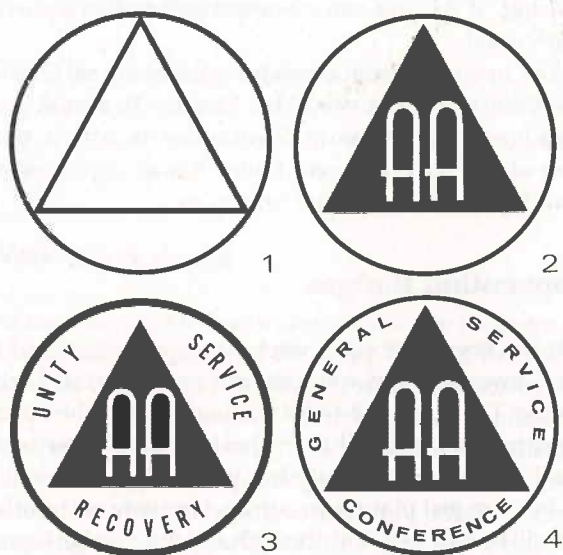
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There is yet a fourth symbol — this one containing the “AA” letters inside the triangle and the words “General Service Conference” outside (fig. 4). Use of this logo is confined to Conference-approved literature.

Please Give Credit Where Credit's Due!

A.A. World Services, Inc., has a problem. Many of the Fellowship's books, pamphlets, meeting lists, and newsletters list the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and the A.A. Preamble without proper credit.

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The Many Faces and Phases of Sponsorship

Sponsorship in A.A. has been described variously as a one-on-one meeting, a Fifth-Step partnership, Twelfth Stepping, and a godsend. It is as old as co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob keeping each other sober 50 years ago in Akron. It is as new as the lifeline being forged this minute as some oldtimer, or group as a whole, welcomes a sick, bewildered newcomer.

How do we make the newcomer want to keep coming back? The question is especially critical today when groups are apt to be larger; with more new people arriving the beginner often goes unnoticed—particularly if he or she is fresh out of a treatment facility, sober, and looking good. As a result of experience shared at general sharing sessions, Regional Forums, workshops, and by individual A.A.'s, some ways to more effectively carry the message have emerged. A few of them are:

- At large meetings, ask those present who have attended less than three meetings (or those in their first week or month of sobriety) to identify themselves — “not to embarrass you, but so we can get to know you.”
- Break up a large meeting into smaller groups, at least for part of the meeting.
- Station greeters at the meeting room door.
- Suggest temporary sponsorship to the newcomer as a way of not getting lost in the crowd.

As most A.A.'s come to realize, we have to give our sobriety away, through the shared experience, in order to keep it. Following are the personal experiences of some longtime members. They show that while the concept of sponsorship is universal in the Fellowship, its expression is highly individual.

Bob N., Columbus, Ohio, 19 years sober: “Sponsorship? It's a good idea! As a sponsor, I can help so long as I'm not pushing the person but, rather, bringing questions about recovery out of him with warmth, empathy, humor, and detachment. In 1950, just before he died, Dr. Bob spoke briefly at an A.A. conference. I remember his injunction: ‘Let us remember those who came before us, took us to a few meetings, told us what we needed to know, and did numerous kind things for us that we couldn't forget.’ I remember those sober alcoholics who were there behind me, and I try to do the same for those ahead.”

Norraine S., Pompano Beach, Florida, 11 years: “Sponsorship is an awesome responsibility, a real commitment. Early on, my sponsor gave me ‘tough love.’ I learned that if I put my sobriety in A.A. first, the other problems would take care of themselves. Today, I tell my sponsees how it is. I'm available with unconditional love, but I don't let myself get emotionally involved. If I do, the big ‘I’ takes over and I lose perspective.”

Jim G., Tiburon, California, 18 years: "When I came to A.A., I didn't want to live. But I stayed close to members with a zest for living, and they brought me up from depression. Some meetings today are so large, it's hard to spot a newcomer; I try to be on the lookout for them. Even if they look fine, I know they're scared inside just as I was."

Suzanne W., Albany, New York, 9 years: "When newly sober, I joined a group of almost all men, a number of them oldtimers. One, named Whitey, was 41 years sober when he died recently. Sometimes gruff on the outside, he was a marshmallow inside. I gave him my head on a platter and he screwed it back on. He taught me how to pray, literally, and so much else that kept me sober. Today, whenever I speak, I talk about sponsorship. And group membership. Both have been vital to my recovery."

Lynn H., San Francisco, California, 14½ years: "I didn't like being sponsored in the beginning, but it proved essential to my sobriety. My sponsor didn't drive, so I wound up taking her to a meeting every day. I used to wonder what she had done before me, or was it the other way around? Now I try to be available to those I sponsor, as she has been to me."

Convention News

A.A.'s response to the International Convention makes it the biggest event ever. Registration for the Fellowship's 50th Anniversary celebration in Montreal in July has been "overwhelming," the G.S.O. Planning Committee reports. Over 26,000 have registered; that's 3,500 more than attended the 1980 International Convention in New Orleans. And requests are still coming in.

Sobriety will sing out in many ways as A.A.'s from around the world celebrate "Fifty Years With Gratitude."

Convenient G.S.O. Convention Housing is Gone

The Greater Montreal Convention and Tourism Bureau has told us that all housing facilities in downtown Montreal and close proximity are sold out. They are placing registrants in regions varying from 45 to 60 miles or more from Montreal, and notifying them that they must plan their own transportation to the city.

Since there is no public transportation in much of the outlying regions, people will have to drive or carpool into town. There are plenty of parking facilities. When the bureau notifies you of your accommodations, a map will be enclosed so you will know what to expect. Under the circumstances you may wish to arrange your own

housing. If so, you can always register on-site for the Convention.

For on-site registration come to the Montreal Convention Centre. The hours will be: Monday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Convention Badges

If it has been over eight weeks since you registered for the Convention and you have not received your badge, contact G.S.O. at 212-686-1100 and ask for the "Badge Department." We will then check to see if your badge has been returned to us due to an incorrect mailing address, or just plain gone astray. One way or the other, we will be able to follow through and get a badge to you.

Hotel Confirmation?

Some of the hotels in Montreal have been slow in notifying registrants of their housing. If you have not heard from your hotel, please call the Greater Montreal Convention and Tourism Bureau at 1-514-871-1129. Ask for the Housing Desk. The bureau members will be glad to tell you where you will be staying. If you know where you are staying, but have not heard from your hotel or motel, contact them directly. Please do not call G.S.O. about housing information. We are not involved with housing people nor do we have a list providing our registrants accommodations. This is a service entirely performed by the Montreal Convention Bureau.

Volunteers — Where Are You?

Volunteers are urgently needed at the International Convention to help with two important functions:

Taping: If you are an experienced taper, especially one who has worked at other A.A. conventions, please call G.S.O. You will be helping to keep A.A. history alive for those who come after us. Tapers are needed to work with the firm that will record the Convention sessions—approximately 125 of them. Volunteers should be familiar with cassette recording equipment and have some experience. They will be asked to attend an instruction/briefing session in Montreal on Thursday afternoon, July 4th. By Conference action, no other taping will be done at the meetings.

Signing for the Hearing Impaired: Volunteers skilled in signing for the deaf and hearing impaired are eagerly sought by the G.S.O. Planning Committee. If you have such skills, please call G.S.O. and offer them in service, to assure that the "language of the heart" reaches every A.A. at Convention proceedings.

Hospitality Suites

If you are planning to have a hospitality suite at the International, please let us know the name of the hosts and the location of the suite so we may include the information in the Convention Kits.

New Workshops

As the Convention draws ever nearer, the program now being finalized provides for wider sharing than at any previous Convention. Among the wide selection of workshops: "Dual Addiction," "Reaching the Handicapped Alcoholic," and "How A.A. Cooperates with Other Self-Help Groups," with participating members from Al-Anon, Narcotics Anonymous, and A.A. who have experience in cooperating with another self-help group.

Fun Run

One lighthearted, less than sure-footed event, is our Golden Fun Run. The "happening" is set for Sunday, July 7, at 6:30 a.m. You needn't be a jogger to join in the fun as A.A.'s run, walk, skip, or just plain amble the five kilometer (or three-mile, depending on where you're from) course laid out by A.A. member Gaetan L., of Montreal. The run will begin at the Hyatt Regency, take you on a scenic route as far as the Montreal Harbor, and back again. Don't miss it!

Outsiders Celebrate A.A.'s Birthday Too

The 50th Anniversary of A.A. in 1985 presents opportunities for all kinds of celebrations within our Fellowship—from a special birthday cake at a local group to the 50th Anniversary International Convention in Montreal in July.

But it is also an opportunity for those *outside* the Fellowship to "honor" A.A. on its 50th Birthday — occasionally to further their own ends, but more often with the highest and most generous motives. In either case, it is evident from many contacts made with your General Service Office that A.A. is in for a great deal of publicity and attention during its anniversary year; almost none of it sought and most of it in the nature of "outside enterprises" which we neither endorse nor oppose.

Some of this highly visible activity may seem perilously close to violating our Traditions of nonaffiliation and nonendorsement. Where G.S.O. has been consulted—or even informed—we have tried to provide guidance and point out pitfalls to avoid. But G.S.O. is not necessarily consulted! So we may find ourselves the victims of our most well-meaning friends, as the press, television, and the rest of the outside world turns the spotlight on A.A.

Here are some examples of activities by outsiders which have come to our attention—and G.S.O.'s response:

Activity: The year started off with a nationally televised 38-second "American Portrait" spot on CBS paying tribute to Bill W. and A.A.

G.S.O. Response: A good example of "Letting our friends publicize us" ("Twelve and Twelve," p. 185).

Activity: Many magazines, newspapers, and news services (e.g., Associated Press) plan articles or special sections on A.A.'s 50th Anniversary.

G.S.O. Response: We are glad to cooperate in supplying historical information.

Activity: Several TV/film producers have indicated they plan documentary programs on A.A.'s founding, etc.

G.S.O. Response: When G.S.O. is contacted (which is not always the case), we are glad to cooperate to make the program as accurate as possible. But we have no real control over what is produced.

Activity: The American Public Health Association (which presented A.A. with the famous Lasker Award in 1951—see Big Book, p. 573, and "A.A. Comes of Age," p. 88) plans to honor A.A. with another award at their national convention in November 1985. Would we be willing to have someone there to accept the award?

G.S.O. Response: A nonalcoholic trustee would probably be able to be present to accept the award.

Activity: A state alcoholism agency proposes to organize special trains to the International Convention in Montreal and to Founders Day in Akron—perhaps with

Golden Anniversary Idea

The trustees' Public Information Committee suggests sharing the press feature story on our 50th Anniversary (contained in your Press Kit) with local newspapers and broadcasters. You might also want to share the Victor E. card, with Reflections on Anonymity on the reverse side, with your groups.



sponsorship by industrial companies. They would also like to sell T-shirts with A.A. slogans on them.

G.S.O. Response: We warned them in strong terms of the dangers of implying any endorsement by A.A., or any connection with A.A., in any commercially-sponsored train trips. However, the International Convention is "open" and we cannot tell anyone not to organize a train trip to attend it, providing we do not "lend the A.A. name" to the enterprise. The slogans are in the public domain and there will no doubt be many hucksters manufacturing and selling T-shirts and a variety of other mementos and trinkets in connection with our 50th Anniversary. We can "neither endorse nor oppose...."

Activity: A large philanthropic foundation wishes to recognize our 50th Anniversary by offering A.A. a grant to help with the International Convention or other activity.

G.S.O. Response: Thanks for the thought, but A.A. cannot accept outside contributions for any purpose (Seventh Tradition).

Activity: The national magazine, *Alcoholism*, plans to feature A.A.'s 50th Anniversary prominently in all six issues in 1985, including a special Convention issue to be sold on newsstands in Canada. Any objections?

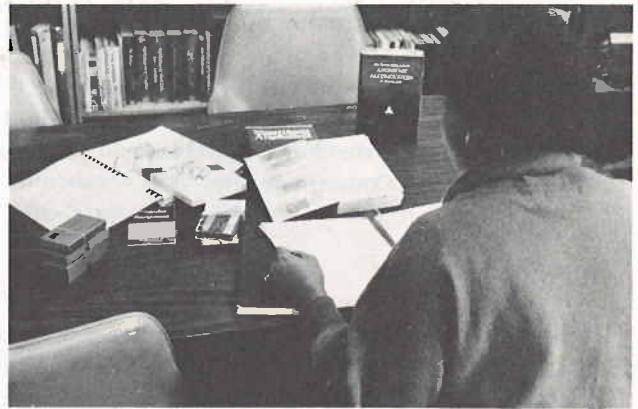
G.S.O. Response: No objections *provided* precautions are taken to make it prominently clear that the issues are not A.A. endorsed, approved, or affiliated with A.A. in any way. We are glad to cooperate with historical material, etc.

As an A.A. World Service Board member observed at the last meeting, "If we can live through this year without losing our humility or scarring our Traditions, we'll be very fortunate." At the same time, it was observed that A.A. should not seem to be obstructionist or ungracious in its attitudes.

Archives Has History, Will Travel

At the February meeting of the General Service Board, the trustees' Archives Committee considered a proposal to expand its efforts to take the G.S.O. Archives to the Fellowship this 50th anniversary year.

The idea, says archivist Frank M., is to develop a folding travel exhibit that could be set up and dismantled with ease at state and national conventions. It would feature such A.A. memorabilia as historical photos, the Lasker Award, co-founder Bill W.'s correspondence with Carl Jung, the original manuscript of the Big Book, and



Gail Williams, nonalcoholic, logs in recent acquisitions to the archives — among them a first edition, fourth printing of the Big Book, signed by Bill W.; a first printing of the Big Book in Braille; and Northern California's A.A. history. Among Gail's other duties as assistant to the archivist are researching information for areas wishing to compile local histories; selecting material to be used in issues of Markings; and cataloging all correspondence, tapes, and oral histories.

newspaper clippings that trace the early growth of the Fellowship.

"We might ask ourselves," says Frank, "why have an archives for an anonymous program? Carl Sandburg said it: 'Whenever a society or a civilization perishes, there is always one factor present: they forgot where they came from.' It happens to good people for 'good' reasons, and it could happen to us. We could get to be 50 years old but not 60."

Nell Wing, archivist from 1973 until her retirement in 1982 and a prime mover in organizing the archives, says that 30 years ago, in 1955, Bill W. was aware of the importance of preserving original A.A. papers and artifacts. "I was his secretary then," she recalls, "and he kept after me to start organizing the mushrooming group files, letters, and memorabilia."

In 1957, Bill wrote: "We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historianIt is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion. We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full-length history to come...."

But it was not until after Bill died, in 1971, that the archival effort took off. "The knowledge, understanding, and enthusiasm of the oldtimers gave us the momentum," notes Nell Wing. "With Bill and Bob both gone, it was an idea whose time had come."

In 1973, the newly-formed trustees' Archives Committee held its first meeting and defined its purpose: "(1) to give the Fellowship a sense of its own past and the opportunity to study it; (2) to keep the record straight so that myth does not predominate over fact." The archives opened officially in 1975.

A key problem was how to preserve the Anonymity

Tradition even while giving historians, sociologists, the media, and others access to the Fellowship's past. By consensus, the original committee agreed to handle each request on an individual basis; out of that beginning, they were confident, a policy would evolve, as indeed it has. Just last year, the committee voted "no" to the use of video-cassette recordings to record oral histories.

By 1978, says Nell Wing, "there were archival efforts in just about every state, from California to Florida, and the provinces of Canada. We were overseas in England, Ireland, and South Africa; other countries would soon follow. A.A. groups were encouraged to write their histories, oldtimers were asked to share their memories of A.A.'s early days, and methods for preserving aging documents were explored."

To encourage the development of local archives, the Archives Committee put together a set of "how to" guidelines and started a newsletter, *Markings: Your Archives Interchange*. Letters began arriving from struggling area archivists, many asking the same questions: How do we get started? Where can we house our expanding archives? How can we cooperate with our local intergroup or central office? How do we preserve

the material once we get it? How do we raise money to pay our expenses?

Although, the techniques for preserving and storing documents, photos, and memorabilia are highly sophisticated, the methods of paying for them are not. Area archives hold picnics, dinners, dances — and there's always the tin can or jar for contributions at group meetings.

"Today," comments Nell Wing, who still serves as a consultant to the Archives Committee, "no other fellowship is as well documented as A.A. We continually accrue a wealth of artifacts, including taped oral histories, not only from the oldtimers but from the newcomers who are tomorrow's oldtimers."

Even the smallest historical item is significant to the archives. One such, reported by archivist Harry B., of the Fort Walton Beach, Florida, area, sums up A.A.'s primary purpose succinctly. In the late 1960's, Harry says, this advertisement appeared in the "Personals" column of a local newspaper, the *Playground Daily News*: "If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, it's ours. Phone XXX-XXXX." An example of living history, the ad is running to this day.

P.I.-C.P.C.

P.I., C.P.C., Institutions— Defining Their Functions

There are times when A.A.'s (and others) confuse the responsibilities of P.I., C.P.C., and institutions committees. This is understandable, for there are many instances of overlapping responsibilities. These A.A. committees do not compete, however. Local circumstances determine who does what. Here, for general clarification, are descriptions of each committee, as noted in the A.A. Guidelines:

P.I.—The purpose of P.I. is to carry the A.A. message to the general public through the media (newspapers, magazines, radio, television, etc.); also to alcoholics through those who are in a position to help them, e.g., wife, husband, doctor, etc. Members of P.I. committees frequently visit schools and talk to students about A.A.

C.P.C.—Committee members provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes physicians, nurses, the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union

leaders and industrial managers, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where A.A. is, what it is, what it can do and what it cannot do. An attempt is made to establish good cooperation between A.A.'s and the professional community.

Institutions—Committees coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying the A.A. message of recovery to alcoholics in hospitals, alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation centers, and correctional facilities.

Perhaps the greatest confusion arises over the difference between P.I. and C.P.C. In public information work, we are primarily concerned with attraction rather than promotion. In cooperating with the professional community, we look for creative and productive ways of effecting cooperation without affiliation.

The experience of many A.A.'s active on C.P.C. committees indicates that cooperation takes many forms: the individual A.A. members informing their own physicians about the Fellowship; making initial contacts with members of the professional community; distributing literature; taking professionals to open A.A. meetings.

Whatever the form, whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties or professionals, what it comes down to is "one alcoholic carrying the message to another."

P.I.-C.P.C.'s 'Meet Alcoholics Where They Are'

From Maine to California, local committees have stepped up efforts to carry the message to alcoholics in hospitals and correctional facilities, and through contact with schools and the professional community:

South Lake Tahoe, California — At the general service meeting of District 22, a history was given on how districts had gotten started in service work, eventually moving into P.I.-C.P.C. It was noticed that the groups had very few newcomers: Where were they? The professional community was uninformed and this became the framework for C.P.C.-P.I. in the district.

Many people come to A.A. through recovery homes, courts, etc., and we need to meet the alcoholics where they are. Personal contact with the professional community was needed. A small core of G.S.R.'s formed a committee; they held a workshop on the Traditions and talked about their primary purpose. The committee reports to the general service district; the G.S.R.'s report to the groups. Thus, all are informed.

Experience has shown that one-day workshops are very effective in carrying the message to non-A.A.'s in professional fields.

Northern Illinois — At the last assembly, the need for forming new C.P.C. and answering service committees, and how to handle their budgetary problems was discussed. John G., as ad hoc chairperson of the answering service committee, has sent letters to districts and has heard from two people who are interested in chairing this committee. He will present his information to the assembly for consideration. Cork H., who has compiled information concerning the C.P.C. committee, also will present it to the assembly, along with the name of an individual who has expressed interest in chairing.

Maine — In District 8, some people are confused about A.A. being allied with institutions, especially the local hospital. A motion was made and carried to have the three D.C.M.'s, and Bill M., meet with the hospital staff in an attempt to establish more contact with the patients.

Michigan — At the Michigan State Bar meeting, there was a booth on alcoholism in the legal profession. Meanwhile, the special group of lawyers and judges in A.A. celebrated its second anniversary. Although it's a special interest group, nobody is ever turned away; it is used as an introduction to A.A., not as a home group. Referrals to the group are made from the Grievance and Disciplinary Boards of the State Bar. Other recent activities: a workshop for judges and probation officers, in Lansing, explaining what A.A. is and is not; a booth at an event of the Girl Scouts of America.

Kingston, New York — A local minister seeking information about our Fellowship recently attended a

Kingston A.A. meeting. He was taking a course on alcoholism, he said, and the instructor suggested that the students attend. He was "sponsored" by an A.A. member who answered his questions and provided him with literature.

C.P.C.

C.P.C. Defines Goals In Rural Nevada

Six years ago, C.P.C. in rural areas of Nevada was conceived to deal with a serious problem. "Despite all our P.I. programs," says Greg MacN., "we apparently were not reaching the professionals who deal with alcohol/drug abuse daily."

Doctors were seeing repeaters detoxed daily, and were looking for answers, he points out. "The image of A.A., cast by many of the repeaters, has not been the greatest. Doctors, judges, and law officers still tend to refer to professionals in related fields instead of A.A."

Over the years, C.P.C. has shown that repeated efforts, properly and effectively presented, can bring about improved understanding. "In rural areas, we reach only a limited number of people because of the distances between towns," Greg points out. "This year, however, Northern Nevada Intergroup has asked me to put a program together for the urban areas of Reno and Sparks. It's the beginning of an important direction in unity."

The key to the success of the Nevada programs, Greg says, can be summed up in two words: personal contacts. Following are some suggested ways, based on the Nevada experience, to relate to professionals:

Courts (judicial) — Learn their experiences of actual cases, both successes and failures, and their personal opinions about repeaters. How do judges look at A.A.?

Medical community (M.D.'s and psychiatrists) — Find out what their opinion is in relation to the A.A. program; what they think A.A. should avoid, how they think we can help.

Education counselors — Heed their ability to detect early stages of alcoholism in students — before they are confronted by law enforcement agencies.

Treatment facilities counselors — Counselors are on the front line of action. If A.A.'s program of recovery is used by treatment facilities as a follow-up, and if A.A. members encourage use of the Twelve Steps — then both A.A. and the professionals are cooperating.

In essence, says Greg, C.P.C. programs carrying the

A.A. message through a third party gives us an opportunity to communicate hope, love, and recovery most effectively. "If we do our homework, keep our own house in order, and follow the proven guidelines, our dual purpose of staying sober and helping others to achieve sobriety will continue to be the final solution for a life of freedom and inner peace."

C.P.C. Alive and Well in Canada

C.P.C. in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is moving energetically ahead in its efforts to strengthen ties with the professional community.

Writes C.P.C. chairperson Gerald T.: "We look forward to some special way of marking A.A.'s 50th Anniversary. More and more the non-A.A. public is looking at the success stories abounding in self-help groups and recognizing their importance. Our role is to explain what A.A. does and does not do, and where it can be found. Our aim must be to cooperate but not to affiliate with other organizations or bodies."

One big project has been the preparation of a P.I.-C.P.C. television series. It starts with the film, "A.A. — An Inside View," with a one-and-a-half-minute introduction by an A.A. member. Included are interviews with professionals talking about their cooperation with A.A. and a segment on Alanon/Alateen. The series closes with footage of Edmonton's Central Office, an expression of gratitude for the professional community's cooperation with A.A. throughout the Fellowship's history, and reference to our 50th Anniversary.

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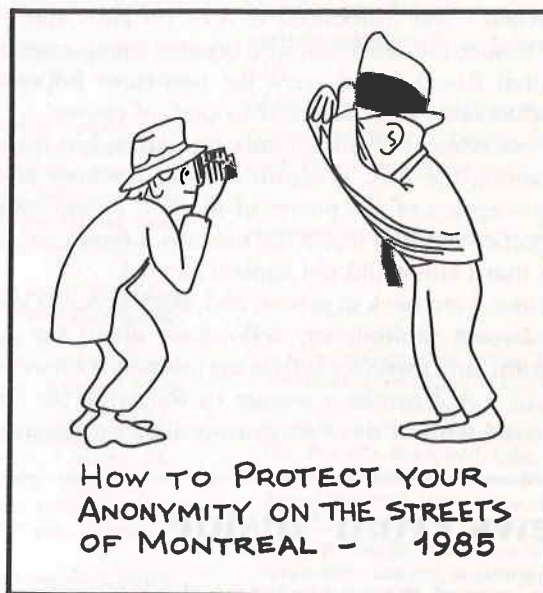
New Press Kits Mark Golden Anniversary

New press kits commemorating A.A.'s 50th Anniversary have been sent to all P.I. committee chairpersons, central and intergroup offices, and delegates. The updated kits include several new materials as follows:

- A press feature story discusses A.A.'s beginnings and where the Fellowship is now. "A.A. today is making a profound impact on the professional community," it reads in part. "Says one therapist of his experience with alcoholic clients: 'A.A. is a powerful social environment, not only for helping an alcoholic grow emotionally. I

once thought of A.A. as an adjunct to my professional efforts; but I found that alcoholic clients who got involved in A.A. made so much progress that I began to think of A.A. as the primary change agent and to think of my own role as being, for the most part, a supportive one."

- A "Memorandum to Editors, News Directors, Writers and Commentators" announces the 50th Anniversary of the founding of A.A. and includes information about the International Convention in Montreal.



- A new Victor E. "Anonymity Cartoon," has 10 "Reflections on Anonymity from the 'Twelve and Twelve'" printed on the reverse side.

- A story board and order form for the new "Preamble" TV public service announcement.

- The Preamble, in large print.

These and other P.I. materials will be available in the new envelope imprinted "Fifty Years of Gratitude" and carrying the circled A.A. triangle in a repeated pattern.

Correctional Facilities

Service Activity Highlights

From the *Attica Beacon Group News*, G.S.R., Jim K. writes as follows: "Strength, will-power, and positiveness eluded me at the sight, taste, or smell of any sub-

stance or beverage with an alcoholic content. My life was void of any and all positive thinking once I got into the juice. Many told me that I should stop drinking, but why should I? Liquor, when consumed, made me a 'superman.' I was the best of everything, and of anybody. When consumed, the booze took full control of me, simply because I could not control the alcohol.

"When drinking, did my life become unmanageable? You can wager your last grain of corn it did. I was a blackout drinker, but that situation did not encourage me to give up the bottle.

"When I was introduced to A.A. (in jail), and at a later time to an individual who became my sponsor and personal friend, those were the two most important introductions of my life, next to God, of course.

I was released from jail once on parole, but instead of making the A.A. program a habit, because of my misconception of the power of alcohol, I soon sought the bottle, and that was a big mistake. I found out very soon that I still could not control alcohol.

"Now, I am back in prison, and, back in A.A. I know that I must multiply my seriousness about the A.A. program, and therefore inflate my integrity. I know now that in A.A. I can be a winner by following the Steps and Traditions of this very extra-ordinary program."

News From 'Inside'

From around the country come these heartwarming affirmations of the power of A.A. sustenance and love:

From a rehab center in Ogdensburg, New York, Thomas R. writes: "I know that I have a long, long road ahead. But I know I'll be able to make it because my attitude has changed for the better and every minute I am in this program it gets stronger. I've learned here that you have to want help in order to handle your problems. For the first time in my life, I know how to love and help myself instead of running away."

Fred P., of the Golden Steps Group at a Maryland facility, shares the thought that "instead of trying to figure out how many drinks we can handle, we just don't pick up the first one. It's a habit of thinking that has helped hundreds of thousands of us stay sober."

Outside sponsor Don S., of Ionia, New York, talks about the "age factor" in A.A.: "Often, on the outside, I hear at meetings that because of age differences, people can't relate. I am 59, and the oldest inmate I work with is 35, with most of them much younger. If anyone is looking for answers, he can relate."

Don makes another point: "I hear people say, 'I can't go into an institution, I don't speak their language.' Well, I have never spent a day in jail. All I have to do is tell my own story and how the A.A. program has changed my life. God knows, if I didn't spend time in jail, it's not because I wasn't guilty."

From a facility in East Elmhurst, New York, Gary F. writes: "I am doing a year's sentence because of my alcohol abuse. In the past, I was an active A.A. member, attending meetings three times a week. By my leaving A.A., I lost my wife, family and job because I started drinking again. Now I am happy being sober and have a good future in front of me. I believe I can stay sober with the help of A.A."

"I am out of prison now," writes Jim S. of Trenton, Ohio. "My oldest son has read a letter my daughter wrote while I was in prison and it's made me very sad. She wrote: 'One night, Dad and another man went out drinking. They had a wreck. A man died. It caused a lot of pain in both families. Dad doesn't drink at all now because he saw what it can cause. He has lost his license, job, a man's life. Whatever you do, anybody who drinks, please don't drive, see what it can cause. I should know, because of my father. And look what he is missing—us growing up.' " Says Jim, "I know what I've been missing now. As long as I don't drink, I'll be on top of the world, especially with children like mine."

Jim M., from Burnaby, British Columbia, is on the Institutions Correspondence Service. He recalls that, in 1948, when he contacted A.A., ". . . alcoholism was still looked on by the general public more as moral degeneracy than as a disease. Today, largely due to the public information work of A.A., that impression has been corrected. As for me, personally, A.A.'s philosophy has become the answer to all life's problems."

'Outside' Sponsor Loves His Work

"For eight years, I've been going to prisons in New York and New Jersey to help the inmates stay sober, and I love what I'm doing," says Sonny J., New York City.

"At Bedford Hills Women's Prison, for instance, I meet the girls as they come out and take them to their first meeting on the outside," he explains. "And they don't forget. I settled one girl who came out of a halfway house—got her a gray suit and a pretty blouse and took her to a meeting. That was in 1979. She phoned me last November to say hello. She works in a sobering-up station and is doing just fine."

Sonny talks about another inmate, a fellow in New Jersey who had a spiritual experience in prison. It convinced him that A.A. was for real, not a sham. He's been sober now eight years, four inside prison and four on the outside."

Sonny, who has been sober nine years, says his brother, who is not an alcoholic, often drives him on Twelfth Step calls. "He heard me speak at my first anniversary," Sonny remembers, "and he felt all the love and honesty in that room."

BOX 4|5|9 BULLETIN BOARD

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

APRIL-MAY 1985

Calendar of Events

April

- 4-7 — *Memphis, Tennessee*. Fifth National Agape Weekend. Write: NAW, Box 40214, Tucson, AZ 85717
- 5-7 — *San Diego, California*. Eighth Annual Spring Round. Write: Ch., Box A2529, San Diego, CA 92112
- 5-7 — *Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada*. Third Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 4773, Williams Lake, B.C., V2G 2V8
- 5-7 — *Lake Livingston, Texas*. Spirit of the Pines Conf. Write: Ch., 1819 Broadway, #C, Galveston, TX 77550
- 5-7 — *Pretoria, South Africa*. Nat. Conv. Write: Conv. Com., Box 31019, Totiusdal, 0134 Pretoria, Republic of South Africa
- 5-7 — *Phoenix, Arizona*. Second Annual Int. Gay Fellowship Conf. Write: Ch., Box 36366, Phoenix, AZ 85067
- 11-13 — *Erie, Pennsylvania*. Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 148, Erie, PA 16512
- 11-14 — *Longview, Texas*. 16th Annual E. Tex. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2082, Longview, TX 75606
- 11-14 — *Morristown, New Jersey*. Spring Mtg. for Doctors & Other Professionals (sponsored by N.J. Medical Gp. in A.A.). Write: Secy., 86 Miller Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960
- 12-14 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. Sixth Annual Celebrate Sobriety Roundup (gay). Write: Com., Box 718, Sta. A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2N5
- 12-14 — *Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada*. Seventh Annual Rally. Write: Ch., 33926 Marshall Road, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 1L7
- 12-14 — *Santa Rosa, California*. Annual H & I Conf. Write: Ch., Box 4998, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
- 12-14 — *Santa Clara, California*. Tenth Hispanic Conv. Write: Conv. Com., 1151 "C" St., Hollister, CA 95023
- 12-14 — *Tarrytown, New York*. 23rd Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1688, Madison Square Sta., New York, NY 10159
- 12-14 — *Seaside, Oregon*. Third Annual N. Coast Roundup. Write: Reg., Box 923, Seaside, OR 97138
- 12-14 — *Grand Forks, North Dakota*. Second Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1262, Grand Forks, ND 58201
- 12-14 — *Marquette, Michigan*. 44th Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Treas., 161 E. Main St., Marquette, MI 49885
- 12-14 — *Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada*. East-side Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 176 Dominion Blvd., Flin Flon, Man. R8A 0N7
- 12-14 — *Wichita, Kansas*. Tenth Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 18093, Wichita, KS 67218

- 12-14 — *Kaiserslautern, W. Germany*. Area I Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., GEB. 64, B-2, 6751 Sembach, FRG
- 19-20 — *Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Ninth Annual Roundup. Write: Secy., Box 1493, Rosetown, Sask. S0L 2V0
- 19-21 — *Clarksburg, West Virginia*. Jackson's Mill Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301
- 19-21 — *Lake Charles, Louisiana*. 32nd Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 686, Lake Charles, LA 70602
- 19-21 — *Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*. 13th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 52056 Range Rd. 214, Sherwood Park, Alta. T8E 1A3
- 20-21 — *Eureka Springs, Arkansas*. Ninth Annual Springtime in the Ozarks Conv. Write: Conv. Treas., Box 1512, Rogers, AR 72757
- 20-21 — *Penticton, British Columbia, Canada*. 39th Anniv. Write: Ch., Box 92, Penticton, B.C. V2A 6J9
- 19-21 — *Phoenix, Arizona*. Third Annual Young People Enjoying Sobriety Conf. Write: Ch., Box 16999, Phoenix, AZ 85011
- 19-21 — *Omaha, Nebraska*. District 20 Seminar, "Pursuing Principles." Write: Ch., 2709 Franklin St., Bellevue, NE 68005
- 19-21 — *Lincoln, Montana*. 14th Wilderness Agape Weekend. Write: Coord., 23 Konley, Kalispell, MT 59901
- 19-21 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. 12th Annual Banff Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2E6
- 19-21 — *Shreveport, Louisiana*. First Annual State Conf. of Young People. Write: LAS-CYPAA, Box 44184, Shreveport, LA 71134
- 26-28 — *Stillwater, New Jersey*. Third Annual Conf. Write: Conf., Box 2084, Westfield, NJ 07071
- 26-28 — *St. Charles, Illinois*. Spring Area Conf. Write: Conf., Box 729, Aurora, IL 60507

Planning a June, July or August, Event?

Please be sure to send your information on July, August or September 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 21): our spiritual program; thinking/acting; humility; self-pity.

May (page 18): our primary purpose; growth in sobriety; Steps Four and Five; our self-esteem.

- 26-28 — *Fond du Lac, Wisconsin*. 34th Annual Spring Area Conf. Write: Treas., 2056 Fond du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935
- 26-28 — *North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada*. 24th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 479, Battleford, Sask. S0M 0E0
- 26-28 — *Casa Grande, Arizona*. 26th Sahuaro Agape Weekend. Write: Secy., Box 40214, Tucson, AZ 85717
- 26-28 — *St. George, Utah*. Area Spring Rally. Write: Secy., Box 305, St. George, UT 84770
- 27-28 — *Scottsbluff, Nebraska*. Panhandle Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 256, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
- 26-28 — *Cork, Ireland*. World Hello Corr. Third Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 95 Beech Park, Ballincollig, Cork, Ireland
- 26-28 — *Rosewell, New Mexico*. First Annual Roadrunner Roundup. Write: Conf. Ch., Box 1618, Rosewell, NM 88201
- 26-28 — *Brockville, Ontario, Canada*. Annual Conf. Write: Conf. Com., 21 Halliday St., Brockville, Ont. K6V 3N8
- 26-28 — *Fort Wayne, Indiana*. N.E. Indiana Conv. Write: Ch., 7916 Wayward Court, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815
- 27-28 — *St. Joseph, Missouri*. 45nd Annual Anniversary Celebration. Write: Printing, 404 So. Belt, St. Joseph, MO 64506
- 27-28 — *Los Olivos, California*. Fifth Annual Zaca Lake Camporee. Write: Ch., Box 187, Los Olivos, CA 93441

May

- 3-4 — *Jerusalem, Israel*. Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 34, Ben Yehuda St., Jerusalem 94583, Israel
- 3-5 — *Lloydminster, Alberta, Canada*. 11th Ann. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1026, Lloydminster, Alta., S9V 1E9
- 3-5 — *Richland, Washington*. Fifth Annual Inland Empire Roundup, Box 6598, Kennewick, VA 99336

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May continued

- 3-5 — *Salthill, Galway, Ireland*. 28th All Ireland Conv. Write: Conv. Office, Tourist Board, Eyre Square, Galway, Ireland
- 3-5 — *Renfrew, Scotland*. 29th Annual Scottish Conv. Write: Secy., Scottish Serv. Off., 50 Wellington St., Glasgow G2, Scotland
- 3-5 — *Seal Beach, California*. Fourth Annual Southern California H&I Conf. Write: Ch., Box 682, Seal Beach, CA 90740
- 3-5 — *Rehoboth Beach, Delaware*. 25th Annual Conv. of A.A. Write: Ch., Box 1636, Dover, DE 19901
- 3-5 — *Boise, Idaho*. Area Spring Assy. Write: Ch., Box 1053, Boise, ID 83701
- 3-5 — *Grand Rapids, Minnesota*. 15th Annual Iron Range Get-together. Write: I.R.G.T., Box 469, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- 3-5 — *Wildwood Crest, New Jersey*. 18th Annual Phila. Intgrp. Roundup. Write: Ch., 311 S. Juniper St., Rm. 309, Philadelphia, PA 19107
- 3-5 — *Green Bay, Wisconsin*. Cent. Reg. Forum. Write: Reg. Forum Coord. Box 459, Grand Central Sta., New York, NY 10163
- 4-5 — *Turtleford, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Fifth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 383, Turtleford, Sask. 50M 240
- 10-12 — *Whitney, Texas*. Quarterly Texas Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., Box 4, Fort Worth, TX 76101
- 10-12 — *Elmira, New York*. 34th Annual Area Conv. Write: Conv. Com., Box 775, Elmira, NY 14902
- 10-12 — *Sparks, Nevada*. 14th Annual Reno Spring Festival. Write: Ch. Box 72, Reno, NV 89504
- 10-12 — *Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada*. Northwestern Onatrio's 19th Annual A.A. Roundup. Write: Ch., c/o N.W.O. G.S.C., Box 73, Postal Sta. F, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7C 4V5
- 16-19 — *Chattanooga, Tennessee*. State Conv. Write: Conv. Host, Box 1505 Chattanooga, TN 37401
- 17-19 — *Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*. 44th Anniversary State Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., Box 42586, Oklahoma City, OK 73123
- 17-19 — *Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada*. Tenth Annual Yukon Roundup. Write: Ch., 80 Teslin Rd., Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3M6
- 17-19 — *Guntersville, Alabama*. Mountain Top Roundup VI. Write: Ch., 1902 Crescent Dr., Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
- 17-19 — *Little Current, Ontario, Canada*. 14th Annual Manitoulin Dist. Rainbow Roundup. Write: Pub. Ch., Box 1444, Espanola, Ont. P0P 1C0
- 17-19 — *Mohave Valley, Arizona*. Tri-State Convention. Write: Tri-State Roundup Com., Box 6075, Mohave Valley, AZ 68440
- 17-19 — *Cheyenne, Wyoming*. Wyoming Spring Conference. Write: Spring Conf., Box 6063, Cheyenne, WY 82003
- 17-19 — *Mentor, Ohio*. 36th Punderson Park Conf. Write: Ch., Box 1032, Mentor, OH 44061
- 17-19 — *Zion, Illinois*. Happiness Is, Conf. Write: Ch., Box 31, Lake Bluff, IL 60044
- 17-19 — *Magog, Quebec, Canada*. Fourth Bilingual Cong. Write: Cong. Ch., CP 274, Magog, Que. J1X 3W8
- 17-19 — *Marystown, Newfoundland, Canada*. 27th Annual Roundup. Write: Box 896, Clareville, Nfld., A0E 1J0
- 17-19 — *Germantown, Ohio*. Women's Workshop VII. Write: Ch., 344 Delaware Ave. #6, Dayton, OH 45405
- 17-19 — *Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada*. 38th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 555 Clearview Dr., Kamloops, B.C. U2C 5G1
- 18-19 — *Hersman, Illinois*. Third Annual District 15 Alcolthon. Write: Secy., Box 41, Virginia, IL 62691
- 23-26 — *Fort Worth, Texas*. Annual Roundup of Young People in A.A. Conf. Write: Ch., Box 4, Fort Worth, TX 76101
- 23-26 — *Denver, Colorado*. 28th International Conf. of Young People in A.A. Write: 28th ICYPAA, 3499 S. Broadway, Box 15, Englewood, CO 80110
- 24-26 — *Billings, Montana*. Spring Roundup. Write: South Central Montana Intrgrp., Box 21242, Billings, MT 59104
- 24-26 — *Laval, Quebec, Canada*. Seventh Cong., Dist. 90-02 (French-speaking) Write: CP 123, Succ. Duvernay, Laval, Que. H7E 4P4
- 24-26 — *Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Prince Albert Gateway Roundup. Write: Ch., 1126 Central Ave., Prince Albert, Sask. S6V 4V6
- 24-26 — *Bloomington, Minnesota*. Gopher State Roundup XII. Write: Ch., Box 3295, St. Paul, MN 55165
- 24-26 — *Conroe, Texas*. Fourth Annual Golden Pines Conf. Write: Conf. Treas., 25810 Leafywood, Spring, TX 77386
- 24-26 — *Bowling Green, Kentucky*. Third Annual Sponsorship Rally. Write: Host Com., Box 854, Bowling Green, KY 42101
- 24-26 — *Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada*. Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Secy., Box 92, Chatham, N.B. E1N 3A5
- 24-26 — *Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada*. 12th Annual Intergroup. Write: Ch., Box 3705, Castlegar, B.C. V1N 3H6
- 24-26 — *Bakersfield, California*. Golden Empire Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 3489, Bakersfield, CA 93385
- 24-27 — *Dallas, Texas*. 1985 Big D Roundup. (Gay). Write: Roundup Com., Box 191025, Dallas, TX 75219
- 24-27 — *Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii*. 5th Annual Roundup. Write: Secy., Box 1066, Hanalei, Kauai, HI 96714
- 31-June 2 — *Kearney, Nebraska*. 26th Annual State Reunion. Write: Reunion Treas., Box 554, Sidney, NE 69162
- 31-June 2 — *Albuquerque, New Mexico*. 28th New Mexico Area Conv. Write: Ch., 3000 Aztec Rd. NE, #266, Albuquerque, NM 87107
- 31-June 2 — *Rome, New York*. 19th Annual East-West Conference. Write: Ch., Box 33, Rome, NY 13440
- 31-June 2 — *Ladysmith, Wisconsin*. Second Annual Sobriety Under the Stars Campout. Write: Ladysmith A.A., Box 402, Ladysmith, WI 54848

- 31-June 2 — *Lytton, British Columbia, Canada*. Fourth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 393, Lytton, B.C. V0K 1Z0
- 31-June 2 — *Mobile, Alabama*. Fourth Annual Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 16631, Bel Air Blvd., Mobile, AL 36616

June

- 6-9 — *St. Semous, Georgia*. Golden Isles Family Weekend. Write: Ch., 126 Hardee Dr., Brunswick, GA 31520
- 6-9 — *Hagerstown, Maryland*. 15th Annual Convention. Write: Conv. Com., Box 336 Sparks, MD 21152
- 6-9 — *Austin, Texas*. 40th Annual Texas Convention. Write: TX St. A.A. Conv., Box 4610, Austin, TX 78765
- 7-9 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. Annual Gratitude Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 954, Station M, Calgary, Alta, T2P 2K4
- 7-9 — *Swan River, Manitoba, Canada*. Northern Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1484, Swan River, Man. R0L 1Z0
- 7-9 — *Flagstaff, Arizona*. Flagstaff (formerly Sedona) Roundup. Write: Ch., Flagstaff Intergroup, 3 N. Leroux, Flagstaff, AZ 86001
- 7-9 — *Jackson, Mississippi*. 39th Annual State Convention. Write: Ch., '85 Conv., Box 843, Jackson, MS 39205-0843
- 7-9 — *Stallarton, Nova Scotia, Canada*. 20th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1694, Stallarton, NS B0K 1S0
- 8-9 — *Bombay, India*. 50th Anniversary of A.A. Write: A.A. Office, Next to Parish Hall, Christ Church, Clare Road, Byculla, Bombay 400 008, India
- 14-16 — *Bristol, Rhode Island*. Ninth Annual Ocean State Young People's Conference. Write: Reg. Comm., Box 677, Pawtucket, RI 02862
- 14-16 — *Cache Creek, British Columbia, Canada*. Tenth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 588, Cache Creek, B.C. V0K 1H0
- 21-23 — *Westfield, Massachusetts*. Young People's Conference of 1985. Write: W.M.Y.P.C.C. Box 27, Wilbraham, MA 01095
- 21-23 — *Fürth/Bayern, W. Germany*. Area VII English-speaking Intergroup 3rd Annual Roundup. Write: Treas., Rudolph Breitscheidstr 37, 8510 Fürth/Bayern, W. Germany
- 21-23 — *Peterborough, Ontario, Canada*. 24th Annual Kawartha District Conf. Write: Treas., 672 Armour Rd., Peterborough, Ont. K9H 1Z6
- 21-23 — *Nashville, Tennessee*. Fourth Annual Music City Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 173, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
- 21-23 — *Casper, Wyoming*. 1985 June Jamboree. Write: Ch., 454 Trigood Ave., Casper, WY 82601
- 28-30 — *Grand Forks, British Columbia, Canada*. 14th Annual Picnic and Campout. Write: Ch., Box 1664, Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
- 28-30 — *Qualicum Beach, British Columbia, Canada*. Mid Island A.A. Rally. Write: ABSI Group, Box 1629, Qualicum Beach, BC V0R 2T0