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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE OF A.A.

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Holiday 1979

Books Cross Seas to Bring A.A. Tidings of Hope

Service to alcoholics who want A.A. help has been the chief business of G.S.O. ever since the Big Book was first published in 1939. It still is.

But one recent week's business at G.S.O. shows how much more service we can deliver now than we could 40 years ago.

Then, mailing out the books ordered in the U.S. and Canada was G.S.O.'s primary way of carrying the message. In addition, co-founder Bill W. could share with struggling new groups what little group experience had been accumulated, in letters he dictated to the one (nonalcoholic and often nonpaid) G.S.O. secretary, Ruth Hock. Those two — in a tiny office in Newark, N.J. — handled the entire G.S.O. operation, such as it was, in 1939.

Jump to 1979.

The biggest single A.A. literature order ever assembled for overseas was shipped not many weeks ago, to Australia.

That same week, the A.A. World Services (A.A.W.S.), Inc., directors made possible the publication of the Big Book in Japanese. Work on this translation started in 1976 and was finished in 1979. Six personal stories by Japanese A.A.'s with over two years' sobriety have been included in place of the stories in the English edition. As is customary, the translated manuscript was reviewed by a Japanese A.A. member to make sure that it reflected the true A.A. spirit.

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A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature, in May 1979. The Japanese edition was printed and made available in the fall of 1979. For further information, write: A.A. Japan Service Office, 1-38-2 Higashi-Nippori, Arawa-Ku, Tokyo 116, Japan. The price of the Big Book in Japanese is \$12.50 (2,900 yen).

Such widespread sharing keeps the promise in our Responsibility Declaration, adopted at the 30th Anniversary International Convention, in Toronto in 1965: "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there."

Wholesale carrying of the message by G.S.O. is possible, of

course, only because A.A. groups and members contribute to the support of our world services.



The Japanese Big Book is read from back to front — but its A.A. message is unchanged.

SNOWSHOES AND DOGSLEDS CARRY THE A.A. MESSAGE

At the second Western Canada Regional Forum, in Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 17-19, heroic tales were casually told of carrying the message via snowshoes and dogsleds, and of flying isolated A.A.'s to meetings.

Nearly 400 members came together from the region (which comprises nearly a quarter of the North American continent) to talk about A.A. in the Far North. Forum-goers heard presentations by the four area delegates plus visiting trustees and staff members from G.S.O. and the Grapevine. Everyone took part in long discussions, workshops, and Ask-It
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GOOD WORD FROM CAMPUS GROUPS

Several college A.A.'s have responded to a request in the Aug.-Sept. *Box 4-5-9* for information on campus groups.

P.I. goes to college

Tom A. writes from Fredonia State University, Fredonia, N.Y., to tell us that the Half-and-Half Group meets every Thursday night and serves both town and campus. "The village of Fredonia and surrounding A.A.'s support us, and this gives us some stability. The group has met since February 1979.

"Can we announce our meeting on the campus radio?" Tom con-
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3. Because A.A.'s co-founders wanted our recovery program shared as widely as possible, A.A.W.S. is as generous and un-discriminatory as possible.
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RALLY COMING UP? PLAN AHEAD!

Ordering a special package of A.A. literature for some big A.A. get-together? if so, *be sure* we get your order at G.S.O. *at least three weeks* before you want it delivered.

Telephone, send smoke signals, telegraph, semaphore, or beat a drum — but place that order as far in advance as you can!

CORA LOUISE RETIRES

Delegates stood and cheered, many of them weeping, after the closing talk of the 1979 General Service Conference. They were not only expressing enthusiasm for what the speaker said, but also saluting her — one of the best-known staff members at G.S.O., Cora Louise B.

She retired Sept. 1, but no one who knows her doubts that her many services to our Fellowship will survive as long as A.A. does.

She and her nonalcoholic husband, Lee, still live in a beautiful Greenwich Village house built in 1848, but will move to Mississippi, home state of their childhood, in April 1980.

A.A.'s throughout the U.S. and Canada have enjoyed and been helped by Cora Louise's eloquently told A.A. story. Grapevine readers, too, have been inspired by her thoughtful writings.

Highlights of her adieu at the 1979 Conference (pp. 7-9 in the *Final Conference Report*) included:

"I believe we should strive for excellence — not the good, but the best. We should strive for understanding and compassion — not just for the newcomer, but for one another — trusted servants all. Our entire program is to be embraced with love, joy, and freedom, not imposed with inhibition and rigidity.

"This Fellowship has been for me like the sun — lighting up every corner of my life. Personal joys it has brought to me and my family are without number, and the great adventures that I have enjoyed through these 14 years and 14 Conferences of sharing and learning and enjoying sobriety through love and service with all of you are treasures without price. I will soon return to the joys I first knew — of being just a member of my own group, and what more could I ask?"

She will be embarrassed to read this: The word "retirement"

seems ludicrous for anyone as vital, energetic, and attractive as Cora Louise (and Lee, too).

Au revoir, dear heart! Come see us often. We'll need that.

ANOTHER DOOR OPENS FOR G.S.O.'S LYLA B.

For Lyla B., joining the staff of the General Service Office (in May) is the most recent of many opportunities to say yes to A.A. service. Emerging reluctantly from a thick folder of letters from A.A.'s all over the world, Lyla smiled and said of her assignment (Loners-Internationalists and treatment facilities), "I love the challenge. It's wonderful to have the opportunity to play some small part in carrying the message to A.A.'s throughout the world."

Lyla said yes to the program for the first time in February 1971 in Anchorage, Alaska, where she got sober (after a three-day blackout) and joined the Friendship Group. From the beginning, she has been deeply involved in activities: first as group secretary and general service representative, later as area committee P.I. chairperson, secretary, and chairperson. She helped form the first Anchorage Intergroup Office, chaired her state conference in 1977, was editor of the area newsletter, and spoke at the Pacific regional alkathon at Denver in 1975.

"Those are the kinds of doors that have been opened for me through service," she says. "And" (pulling out a liberally underlined, well-worn blue booklet) "I've had to learn a lot about the Twelve Concepts in the process."

Born in Seattle, Lyla grew up in Snohomish, Wash., and went to college at Western Washington State. She taught school in Washington and California for 15 years, and moved to Anchorage (via Kodiak) "on a geographical cure." The cure — plus the program — worked, and a sober Lyla became active on behalf of the aging, as

director of an advocacy agency and editor of a state advocacy newspaper for the aging.

In New York, she is already involved in neighborhood activity for senior citizens. She likes living in Brooklyn Heights, not far from where the very first New York A.A. meetings were held.

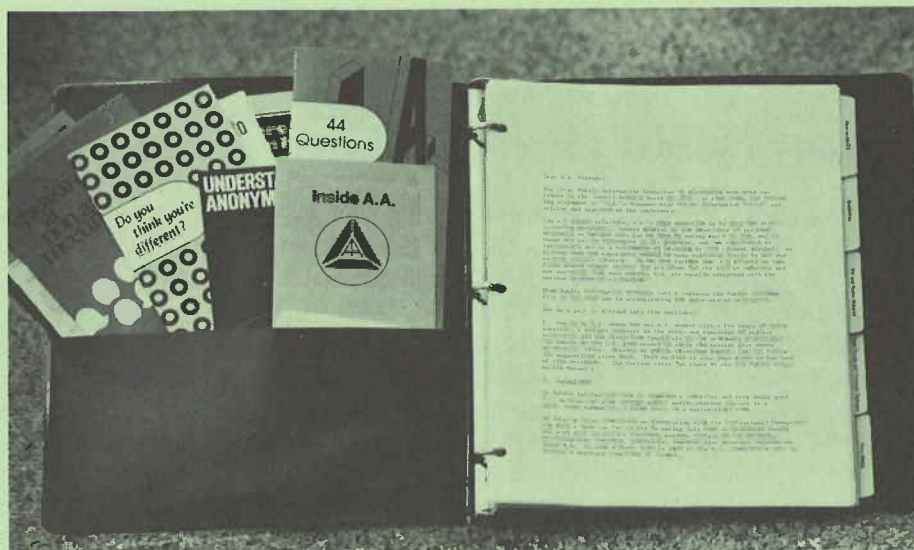
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TRAVELING ABROAD?

The *A.A. International Directory* is indispensable to traveling members. But to improve it, we need the help of all who use it.

Try to write or call us at G.S.O. when your trip is first planned, so we can tell you the very latest listings and changes. And please, when you get back, tell us of any changes we should make.

The newly activated International Committee of our General

Service Board has suggested inserting some tear-out forms so directory users can more easily and quickly send us corrections or new listings. Could we count on *you*?

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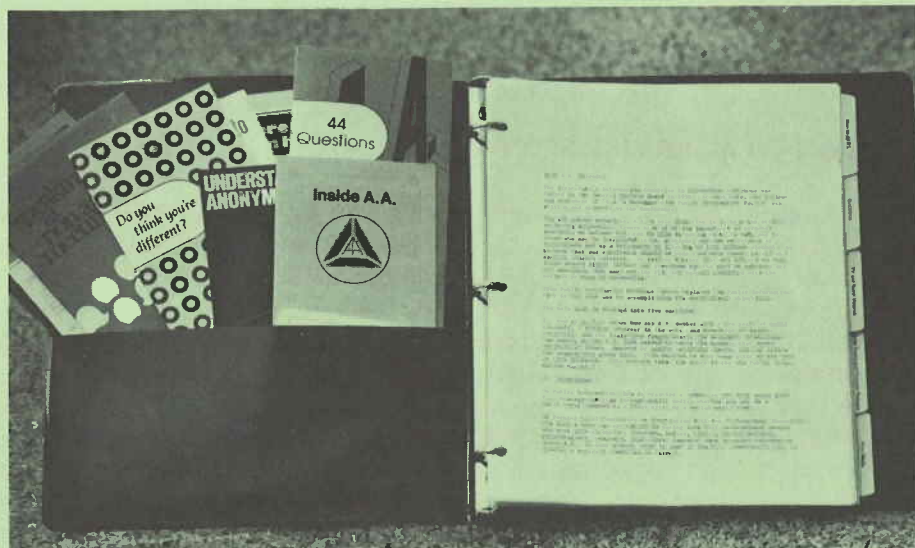
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G.S.R. Corner

LATCH ON TO A SERVICE SPONSOR

"Join a group — get a sponsor!" writes Joe F., Tucson, Ariz. "Find someone who has worked all the Twelve Steps; if he or she is also familiar with the Traditions and aware of the Concepts, latch on! And if your sponsor is active in general service, you will learn the benefits of A.A. activity."

There are many service functions, says Joe. "Somebody gets to the meeting place early to open the door, put the coffee on, put out literature. There are a group secretary, general service representative, intergroup representative, Grapevine representative. Read the pamphlet 'The A.A. Group.'"

And for sponsors: "If your sponsee asks a question, don't sluff it off with a cliché or slogan. If you don't know an answer, try saying, 'We will find out.' None of us has all the answers. A good sponsor will be eager to know where the answers are. And if you're having difficulty finding them, try your next service assembly or consult *your* service sponsor."

SERVICE — AS TWO SEE IT

Dave B. (Colorado) and Dan B. (Iowa) have put on paper some thoughts about their Third Legacy activity, which Dan calls "a never-ending education."

At his first Conference, Dan felt like a rookie going into his first big ball game, he said. "But after meeting other delegates, trustees, Grapevine personnel, and A.A.W.S. directors, I decided each was just a human being like me, all on the same level and there for the same purpose — to help another alcoholic. To see how close G.S.O. is to the individual group," Dan wrote, "was a treat for me."

In Colorado, Dave was replying to a member who said something about "the people in New York who run A.A." The newcomer may have had this misconception because she had not had time to learn the truth about A.A., Dave pointed out. In his state's A.A. newsletter, he explained that the trustees, staff, and employees do not govern A.A. in any way, but simply furnish service to A.A.'s and others who want information about A.A. They do it within limits of policy set by the entire Fellowship. Each group names a G.S.R., and G.S.R.'s elect the delegates who form the majority at the annual Conference meeting, "where the conscience of our entire Society is the ultimate human authority."

Delegate Corner

Trustee Corner

AN ADDITION TO OUR GRATITUDE LIST

Why should a successful Wall Street banking executive, a nonalcoholic with no known alcoholism in his family history, become the unpaid treasurer of our General Service Board? The job claims at least four weekends and one full week of his time each year — plus dozens of informal consultations.

That question was put to Frank Smeal, Rumson, N.J., elected to the board in April 1979 to succeed Arthur Miles (nonalcoholic). Curiously, Frank said, it came about because of his professional interest in A.A. Before moving to his present investment banking firm, Frank was an officer in another bank. His employer set up an employee assistance program, primarily to help alcoholic employees, and gave Frank some of the responsibility.

When he saw the bank program's remarkable results, saving valuable employees who had been considered hopeless drunks, he became fascinated. So Frank studied the alcoholism unit and learned of A.A. He even went to a few open A.A. meetings.

Then the alcoholism program head asked Frank to
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DIFFERENT SERVICES — ONE AIM

Confused about the different functions of central office/intergroup and general service committee? A glance at some Regional Forum reports shows a growing interest in defining these functions and increasing cooperation among different kinds of service entities. Every Regional Forum has included a central office workshop, and many enthusiastic central office staffs and volunteers attend Forums.

One workshop report is typical: "Participation was lively. Interest focused on more cooperation between the central offices and the area general service committee." Participants wanted to establish more liaison, especially in such areas as public information and institutions work. Sharing on common challenges (for example, problems when people are referred to groups from treatment facilities or by the courts) opened up new options for both branches of A.A. service.

Where are the answers to your own questions? Try "The A.A. Service Manual" (pp. 83-84), the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" (pp. 34-36), and Guidelines on Central or Intergroup Offices.

Central Office Corner

TRUSTEE CORNER

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do some volunteer work for A.A. "I jumped at the chance," he said recently. "I had respect for A.A., but also reservations about it. I suppose you could say I came with an open mind. Now, however, I am heavily biased in A.A.'s favor," our new treasurer said. "I find it exhilarating that, although nonalcoholic, I get to participate in A.A. simply by contributing some professional skill and a little time."

LITERATURE TASK FORCE

The Task Force on A.A. Conference-approved literature, authorized at the 1979 Conference, met in September.

A detailed report has been prepared and will be submitted to the 1980 General Service Conference for review and recommendations. More on this later.

REGISTER EARLY FOR NEW ORLEANS 1980

Believe it or not, summer is a-comin' in, and preparations are well under way for the 45th Anniversary Convention in air-conditioned New Orleans, July 3-6, 1980. Registration and housing forms have gone out to all listed groups. Within the first month after that mailing, G.S.O. received about 6,000 advance registrations. If your group has not received registration forms, or needs more, they are available in quantity from G.S.O. Early registration is suggested, since rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

More about the program will appear in future issues of *Box* 4-5-9. Speakers for all main events are selected from persons who have already registered, and the final selection will represent a cross section of the Fellowship — geographically, by age, by special

interest, and by other factors. Al-Anon and Alateen will have their own programs.

By recommendation of the trustees' Convention Committee and by Conference action, no one who spoke at the 1975 Convention in Denver is eligible to speak in New Orleans.

Dormitory rooms at reduced rates

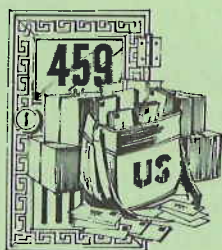
Tulane University is opening dormitory rooms to Convention-goers at lower-than-hotel rates. Although these are not listed on the registration forms, anyone who wants to take advantage of these lower prices can simply write in a request on the form (again, it's first come, first served).

At Tulane, where 1,200 rooms will be set aside, double rooms are \$8 per person per night; singles, \$9 per person per night. (The majority are doubles.) All rooms are air-conditioned. Bus service between the university and the Superdome will be provided.

Note on hospitality suites

If your area or group is planning to have a hospitality suite, be sure to get in touch with the Convention secretary at G.S.O. This year, a list of hospitality suites and their locations will be published as a service to those who want to look up old friends — or make more new ones.

See you in New Orleans!



**GOOD WORD
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continues. "If so, what can we say? What can we write for the campus paper?"

Good questions, and the answer lies in the Fifth Tradition: "Each group has but one primary pur-

pose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." A group is never anonymous. As long as names of members are not given, many groups use radio or newspaper announcements to let the community know about meetings, and have been doing so since 1937. Most give the time and place of the meeting and a box or telephone number as a contact.

In addition to information about specific meetings, some groups include a brief description of A.A. Some devise their own; some use the Preamble (with permission from the Grapevine, of course). A good source of ideas and guidelines is the pamphlet "The A.A. Group," pp. 20-22.

Brown-bagging it to meetings

A member from Connecticut writes: "At the University of Connecticut, in Storrs, there are three meetings right on campus," two at noon on weekdays and one on Sunday night.

"The noon meetings are brown-bag and end at 1:00 p.m. so students can make classes. Yes, they are transient, but we average ten to 15 at each meeting. The group conscience decided to open weekday meetings to both A.A. and Al-Anon, and the experience has been very rewarding.

"An interesting sidelight: We had held the noon meetings at the college infirmary, in the mental health area, and attendance was sparse. When we moved to a church, the students would come. That old stigma is still there!"

CHARTER MIRRORS A.A. PRINCIPLES

Look between the lines when you read Article 12 of the Conference Charter — General Warranties (p. 26, "The A.A. Service Manual"). You'll see how clearly it reflects many ideas from our Steps and Traditions.

For example, it says the Con-
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ference should take "great care" that it "never becomes the seat of perilous . . . power." Hear the echos of "admitted we were powerless," "do not govern," and group autonomy?

It says the Conference shall take "great care that sufficient operating funds . . ." We hear plainly, "self-supporting."

The Conference is not only enjoined to "observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition." Specifics are spelled out, such as: that no Conference member shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any other; "that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."

Ever since unanimous adoption of the charter in St. Louis in 1955, the Conference has scrupulously acted in accord with these Six Warranties. As a result, the basic principles of our Steps and Traditions, which guide any A.A. member or group, also guide your General Service Conference and G.S.O.

(This is the last in a series of articles on the charter.)

A.A. GROUPS TO SHOW 'INSIDE VIEW' FILM

"Alcoholics Anonymous — An Inside View," the new Conference-approved film, can now be shown by U.S. and Canadian A.A. groups.

To make it more easily available to all A.A.'s, the film is being leased to A.A. service entities — area committees, central offices,

and intergroups — on a long-term basis. Thus, many groups can obtain it in their own areas. Of course, it is also available on a short-term basis from G.S.O. (at a handling and shipping charge of \$35 weekly).

As a notice on the package of each print indicates, the film should be returned, after its use, to Bonded Film Service—not to G.S.O.

As yet, a limited number of copies are ready for distribution, so it's first come, first served.

The film has already been shown to members at Regional Forums, and responses have been enthusiastic. Said one member, "I don't see myself in it; I see the program."

The film is a panoramic view of sober living in A.A. and shows a cross section of members in many settings — at work, at home, at A.A. get-togethers, and at A.A. meetings.

SNOWSHOES AND DOGSLEDS

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Basket sessions, and many saw the film "Alcoholics Anonymous — An Inside View" for the first time.

Regional Forums, designed primarily for communication within the Fellowship, also present opportunities to carry the message to the general public. Public information (P.I.) activity in Edmonton included a television interview with Milton Maxwell, nonalcoholic chairperson of the General Service Board.

At other Forums, too, P.I. committees have alerted local papers and radio stations to the newsworthy event taking place. Results have been newspaper articles (interviews with local A.A.'s or visiting trustees or staff) as well as radio and TV coverage.

The next Forum, for the Southwest Region (Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas), will be Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Albuquerque, N.M.

A.A. MOURNS TWO GREAT NONALCOHOLIC FRIENDS

The month of October saw the passing of two devoted friends of A.A., both former members of the General Service Board.

Archibald Roosevelt died Oct. 13, at the age of 85. He was a Class A trustee 1953-70, serving as board treasurer for part of that time. Typical of his useful advice was his comment that his father — President Theodore Roosevelt — had vowed never to accept any honorary degrees; co-founder Bill W. remembered this in deciding to refuse the honorary LL.D. offered him by Yale in 1954.

Austin MacCormick died Oct. 24, at 86. Then a trustee emeritus, he had retired from the board after serving 1949-51 and 1961-76. He had also been on the Grapevine Corporate and Editorial Boards.

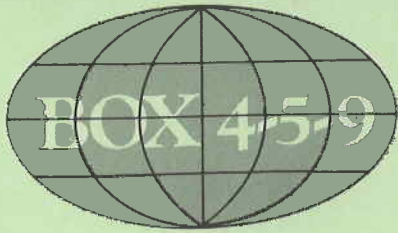
Austin was an authority in the correctional field, backing prison reform through the Osborne Association and putting his beliefs into humane but firm practice as a Federal and city prison official.

Among A.A.'s, Austin is fondly recalled for the loving concern and warm wit he brought to every moment of his long service.

CLOSED MEETING TOPICS FROM THE GRAPEVINE

December: Two articles on Christmas (pp. 5, 12) suggest a discussion of the spiritual meaning of the season; "The Root of Our Troubles" and "The Real Me" can help in exploring our attitudes toward ourselves; "Resentments," describing one way to counter this threat to sobriety, can lead to sharing other ways.

January: For meetings on Steps that mention a Higher Power, read three articles with different viewpoints — "Prayer," "Believing," and "Atheist"; let "Getting Into Action" give heart to a meeting on the value of A.A. service.



THE BULLETIN BOARD

Holiday 1979

ITEMS AND IDEAS ON AREA A.A. GATHERINGS - VIA G.S.O.

Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.'s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober - an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking.

Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.

1. *Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season.* Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.
2. *Be host to A.A. friends, espe-*

cially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.

3. *Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time.* If a drinking urge or panic comes - postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.

4. *Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations* given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.

5. *Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about.* Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as

important as saving your life.

6. *If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.*

7. *Don't think you have to stay late.* Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.

8. *Go to church.* Any church.

9. *Don't sit around brooding.* Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.

10. *Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations.* Remember - "one day at a time."

11. *Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy.* Maybe you cannot give material gifts - but this year, you can give love.

12. *"Having had a . . ."* No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

Cut along dotted line, and post this page on your group's bulletin board.

Dear Friends. . .

Isn't it wonderful to be sober in A.A. and to know that the many benefits of our beautiful program will once again unfold into loving and grateful messages of A.A. sobriety throughout the world? We who once lived in fear and loneliness are gratefully reminded how truly blessed we really are, and we come to believe even more in the miracle of God's love.

The desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God continues to grow in us all as we welcome this holiday season, and it is with much gratitude that we of the General Service Office send our sincerest love and best wishes to each and every one of you.

May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, and love as you continue your journey in sobriety!

June
Lain
Sarah Curtis
Suzanne
Susan
Lyla
Phyllis
Frank
Bete
Helen
Betty

PLANNING A FEBRUARY OR MARCH EVENT?

Please be sure to send your information on February or March events for A.A.'s in time to reach G.S.O. by *December 15*. This is the calendar deadline for the February-March issue of *Box 4-5-9* (to be mailed January 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - Lake Whitney, Texas. Young Minds in A.A. Intl. Conf. Write: Co-Ch., 4427 McCleester, Spring, TX 77373

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 - Juneau, Alaska. Quarterly Area Com. Mtg. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1732, Juneau, AK 99802

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DECEMBER

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- Nov. 30-Dec. 2 - *Albuquerque, New Mexico*. S.W. Regional Forum. Write: Regional Forum Secy., P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Sta., New York, NY 10017
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2 - *Jacksonville Beach, Florida*. Fourth Annual N. Fla./S. Ga. Gratitude Weekend. Write: Gratitude Weekend Ch., Ramada Inn, 1201 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
- 7-8 - *Potosi, Missouri*. Agape VII. Write: Co-ord., P.O. Box 504, Fenton, MO 63026
- 7-9 - *Del Rio, Texas*. Fifth Annual Border Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 1442, Del Rio, TX 78840
- 22-25 - *Honolulu, Hawaii*. Fourth Annual 72-Hour Christmas Alkathon. Write: Ch., 51 S. Nimitz, Honolulu, HI 96813
- 25-26 - *Minneapolis, Minnesota*. Christmas Alkathon. Write: Alkathon '80, 2800 Harriet Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408
- 29-Jan. 1 - *Honolulu, Hawaii*. Fourth Annual New Year's Alkathon. Write: Ch., 51 S. Nimitz, Honolulu, HI 96813

- 31-Jan 1 - *Deer Park, New York*. 24-Hour Alkathon. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 155, Deer Park, NY 11729
- 31-Jan. 1 - *Minneapolis, Minnesota*. New Year's Alkathon. Write: Alkathon '80, 2800 Harriet Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408
- 31-Jan. 1 - *Detroit, Michigan*. Sixth Alkathon. Write: Ch., 634 Lakewood, Detroit, MI 48215

JANUARY

- 4-5 - *Brownsville, Texas*. Sixth Annual Lower Rio Grande Valley Jamboree. Write: Secy., P.O. Box 3383, Brownsville, TX 78520
- 4-6 - *St. Jerome, Quebec, Canada*. Young People's Closed (A.A.'s only - all ages) Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., 3463 Laval St., Apt. 11, Montreal, Que. H2X 3C7
- 11-13 - *Liberal, Kansas*. S.W. Kans. Conf. Write: Conf. Treas., P.O. Box 702, Ulysses, KS 67780

- 11-13 - *Tucson, Arizona*. Serv. Sharing Session and Area Assy. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 41641, Tucson, AZ 85717
- 11-13 - *Winston-Salem, North Carolina*. 13th Tar Heel Midwinter Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 18412, Raleigh, NC 27619
- 17-20 - *Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*. Winter Conf. Write: Ch., 5 Frost Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3K 0E1
- 18-20 - *Brainerd, Minnesota*. Second Annual Paul Bunyan Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., Rte. 1, P.O. Box 177E, Pillager, MN 56473
- 18-20 - *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. First Annual Young People's Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 1H7
- 25-26 - *Blytheville, Arkansas*. 23rd Annual Tri-State Coon Supper. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 401, Blytheville, AR 72315
- 25-27 - *Victoria, British Columbia, Canada*. 29th Annual Rally. Write: Rally Ch., P.O. Box 1, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2M1
- 25-27 - *Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada*. First-of-the-Year Roundup. Write: Publicity Ch., Box 207, Kindersley, Sask. S0L 1S0