

42nd General Service Conference— “The A.A. Message in a Changing World”

In the keynote address to members of the 42nd United States/Canada General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, general service trustee Desmond T. emphasized the Conference theme, “The A.A. Message in a Changing World,” with a quote from co-founder Bill W., “. . . we found that the kinship of having suffered severe alcoholism was often not enough in itself. To cross all barriers, our channels of communication had to be broadened and deepened.”

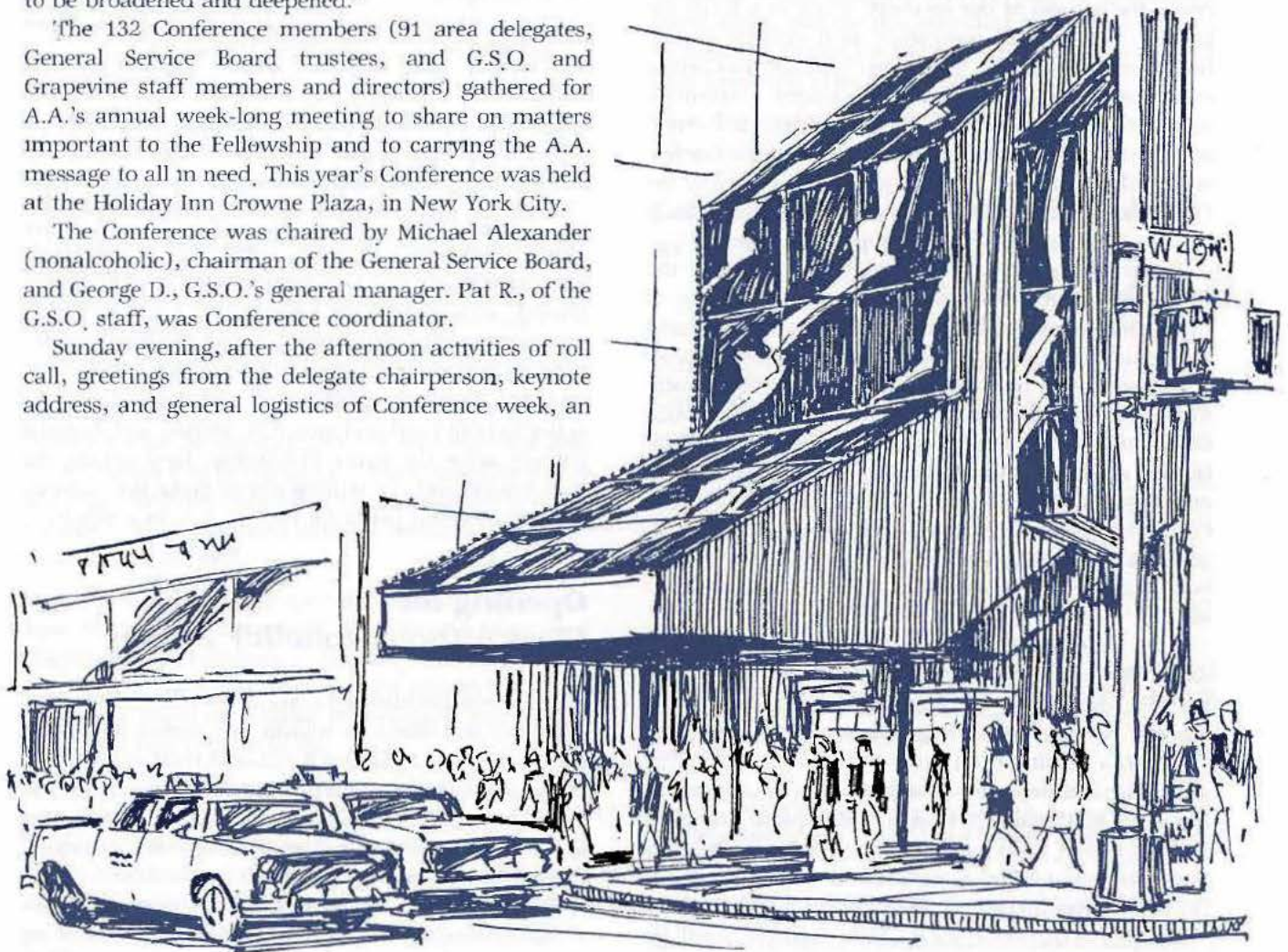
The 132 Conference members (91 area delegates, General Service Board trustees, and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members and directors) gathered for A.A.’s annual week-long meeting to share on matters important to the Fellowship and to carrying the A.A. message to all in need. This year’s Conference was held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, in New York City.

The Conference was chaired by Michael Alexander (nonalcoholic), chairman of the General Service Board, and George D., G.S.O.’s general manager. Pat R., of the G.S.O. staff, was Conference coordinator.

Sunday evening, after the afternoon activities of roll call, greetings from the delegate chairperson, keynote address, and general logistics of Conference week, an

opening dinner was held in the hotel ballroom. Following dinner there was an open A.A. meeting, chaired by Jude T., delegate from Northeast Texas. Southeast New York delegate Jimmy D. led the five-speaker meeting. Speakers were Hugh F., A.A.W.S. director; Maxine M., Western Pennsylvania; Don H., Utah; Jackie M., Southeast U.S. trustee; and Richard B., G.S.O. staff member.

Monday morning the real work of the Conference



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began, with reports from the General Service Board, and the two corporate boards, A.A. World Services, Inc. and the Grapevine Board, Inc., as well as reports by the trustee chairpersons of the eleven standing committees. The week's many activities included presentations and reports, question and discussion periods; service highlights; and "What's On Your Mind?" sharing sessions.

Most important were the Conference committee meetings. Since day one of sobriety, every A.A. member has heard the suggestion that we must trust the process—the process of our recovery, a day at a time; the process of the group conscience as it emerges in our home groups. Likewise, the process works at the Conference level, through the committee system. Committee members discuss items on their agendas, deliberate, and report their recommendations to the entire Conference body for a vote. Thus the group conscience of the Fellowship emerges in the form of Conference Advisory Actions. Highlights of Actions appear on page 3.

Presentations and agenda items often reflect the Conference theme. For although the basic program of Alcoholics Anonymous remains constant, the social and economic changes around us make it necessary to make adjustments—to reach out in different directions and to find additional ways of carrying the A.A. message. Conference members viewed a video of the Big Book (minus stories) in American Sign Language (ASL), as an additional tool for reaching deaf alcoholics. The P.I. Committee presented a video for the younger inner-city alcoholic. Another agenda item was the A.A. History book manuscript, reviewed by the Literature Committee.

Each morning at 7:30 A.A.s gathered to begin the day at the General Service Conference Serenity Meeting. Bert H., delegate from Northeast Ohio, chaired the meeting, with various delegates leading each morning, based on a reading from *Daily Reflections*.

Trustee elections were held Wednesday afternoon. Les L., of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, will replace Don B. as the new trustee from the West Central Region. The position now held by Phil C. will be filled by Gerry F., of Humboldt, Saskatchewan, as Western Canada trustee.

Delegate chairperson for the 1993 Conference will be Elaine S., of Alberta/Northwest Territories; alternate

chairperson, Michel G., of Northwest Quebec.

Friday afternoon, the Conference was formally closed with the Serenity Prayer in French, Spanish and English.

Saturday morning Conference members gathered for the final time at the closing brunch and heard the farewell talks by rotating trustees. Joan Jackson, Ph.D., rotating after a nine-year term as a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, was first, followed by Desmond T., general service trustee; Don B., West Central U.S.; and Phil C., Western Canada.

Thus ended the 42nd General Service Conference. As delegate chairperson Rod B. (Iowa) had promised in his opening remarks Sunday morning: "An open mind and hard work in our various committees will produce many spiritual experience; the friendships made and many memories will be everlasting."

Résumés for Trustees Election due Jan. 1, 1993

Two new Class B (alcoholic) regional trustees—from Southeast and East Central U.S.—as well as trustee-at-large/U.S., will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 1993. Résumés must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 1993, and must be submitted by delegates only.

The new Southeast trustee will succeed Jacqueline M., of Louisville, Kentucky; the new East Central trustee will fill the position presently held by Jan W., of Greenville, Michigan. The trustee-at-large/U.S. will replace John Q., of Jackson, New Jersey.

A sound A.A. background is a basic qualification for Class B trustees. Ten years of continuous sobriety are desirable but not mandatory. Candidates should be active in both local and area A.A. affairs; and, because trustees serve the entire Fellowship, they require the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of broad policy that affect A.A. as a whole.

Opening for Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee

The trustees' Nominating Committee asks that trustees, delegates and directors submit any names they deem appropriate as candidates for Class A trustee, to replace the General Service Board's treasurer, Robert P. Morse when he rotates off the board in 1993. Candidates should have corporate and business experience; a sound financial background is extremely important.

Please submit your candidate's business or professional résumé to the Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, General Service Office, by mid-June 1992.

1992 Conference Advisory Actions

Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations made by the standing committees and approved by the Conference body as a whole; or recommendations discussed and voted upon by all Conference members during general sessions. The most significant Advisory Actions appear below in condensed form. A complete list will be published in the *Final Conference Report*.

Floor Actions—that a feasibility study be undertaken by the General Service Board of all possible methods by which sobriety chips/medallions may be made available to the Fellowship, and that a report be made to an ad hoc committee of 1993 Conference delegates who would make a recommendation to the 1993 Conference; that G.S.O.'s general manager and the A.A.W.S. Board devise an equitable system of pay for the G.S.O. staff that embraces the spiritual principles of Concept XI and complies with all applicable laws.

Agenda—that the theme for the 1993 General Service Conference be: A.A. Takes Its Inventory—The General Service Conference Structure; that the proposal of the General Service Board to directly manage A.A.W.S./G.S.O. on an experimental basis for nine months not be implemented.

Cooperation With the Professional Community—that the revised pamphlet "A.A. as a Resource for the Healthcare Professional" be approved replacing "A.A. as a Resource for the Medical Profession."

Correctional Facilities—that the Correctional Facilities Workbook be published in a soft-cover format and be enclosed in a folder which would include the appropriate pamphlets and guidelines; that the Correctional Facilities Directory be discontinued.

Finance—that the computer monitored Birthday Contribution Plan be discontinued and that any data base be destroyed; that the financial statements presented to the Fellowship not show allocation of expenses between various funds and entities until the basis of such allocations can be justified.

Grapevine—that the Grapevine continue to include at least one article in Spanish in each issue and, as a possible future replacement, the Grapevine Board investigate the feasibility of developing a quarterly Spanish newsletter based on original material and translations of current Grapevine articles.

Literature—that the story of "John," a young person who entered A.A. while in prison, be added to "Young People in A.A."; that in lieu of a moratorium on new literature, the ongoing literature subcommittee continue to review current and proposed Conference-approved material and service pieces; that the A.A. History Book manuscript be returned to the 1992 Conference

Literature Committee for further review and then forwarded to the 1993 Conference Literature Committee.

Policy and Admissions—that a revised form, "Application for Additional Delegate Area," be approved.

Public Information—that Question #14—"In addition to your alcoholism, were you addicted to drugs?"—be removed from the 1992 A.A. Membership Survey Questionnaire; that the video directed to young alcoholics be approved for distribution with two editing changes; that the six-segment public service announcement directed to teens and seniors be approved.

Report and Charter—that the Procedures for Election of Class A trustees, previously approved by the General Service Board, be added to the *A.A. Service Manual*.

Treatment Facilities—that a paragraph, stating local committees will provide informational presentations on A.A., be added to pamphlets directed to treatment facilities professionals.

Trustees—that delegate chairpersons of Conference committees, and the delegate chairperson, continue to be invited to attend the General Service Board weekend/board meeting prior to the Conference.

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 1992

	Groups	Members
United States	48,747	1,079,719
Canada	5,173	90,735
Correctional facilities	1,783	54,782 ¹
Internationalists		248
Lone members		386
Total	55,703	1,225,870
Outside U.S. & Canada	40,755	894,260 ²
Total	96,458	2,120,130

1. U.S. and Canada only.

2. We are still in the process of updating statistics for groups and members outside U.S. and Canada. These numbers are the same as reported for 1990. As of this date, only eight G.S.O.s have responded to our survey. Therefore, these figures will be updated for 1991 at a later date.

The estimated group counts in the U.S. and Canada include only those that ask to be listed at G.S.O.; thousands do not.

Among listed groups in the U.S. and Canada, many do not report membership figures. For each nonreporting group, an estimate of membership is arrived at by taking an average among reporting groups within the Conference area concerned. Even among reporting groups, membership figures include only those now active and attending meetings; there is no way to count sober members who no longer have a home group.

Reports From G.S.O., the General Service Board, and Trustees' Committees

General Service Board

Trustees' report: In March, the General Service Office and the Grapevine moved into new quarters at 475 Riverside Drive in New York City. It is a welcome move that gives us the best office accommodations we have ever had at perhaps the lowest rent we have ever had, adjusted for inflation. The low rent is possible because our new offices are in a building that houses only tax exempt organizations.

Much credit for the smooth transition of the move goes to G.S.O.'s management personnel who, with the assistance and oversight of the A.A.W.S. directors, supervised the construction of the new space and organized the move. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the G.S.O. and Grapevine employees, whose hard work contributed to this move becoming a reality.

While the computer system is completely operational, it is not, as yet, being fully utilized. Soon, we will be able to get essential information quickly, consistently and in greater detail than ever before—in short, we will be able to provide more efficient service to A.A. The management and auditors are winding-up the process of defining what kind of financial reports will best meet everyone's needs.

Both A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine operated profitably in the past year, which is welcome news. However, sales of both organizations decreased during the year, as did contributions from the Fellowship. The decreases may be the result of a depressed economy, but the board is keeping close watch over the situation. Corrective measures will be taken, if necessary.

The chairpersons of Conference committees attended the quarterly meeting of the board in February, an arrangement that has been enthusiastically endorsed by all participating in it. The policy recognizes that the Conference is a year-long activity and that frequent communications among Conference members helps in carrying out the work of A.A.

During 1991 we published the Big Book in four new translations: Arabic, Lithuanian, Turkish and Vietnamese. We are indebted to the Houston Intergroup, which, at its own expense, provided us with the Vietnamese translation. More and more, A.A. is reaching out to alcoholics all over the world in languages that they understand.

In the past year, we tried to identify, through an informal study, measures that are effective in extending the hand of A.A. to hard-to-reach alcoholics. What is clear from the report is what we have known all along, namely: the best way to deliver the

A.A. message is by one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic, in words and ways they both understand. We hope the report will remind A.A. groups and individual members of our solemn obligation to carry the A.A. message to all alcoholics who need it.

Once again, we are at the threshold of a new Conference year. Our predecessors have done well to bring A.A. to the point at which it now stands. It is for us, their successors, to move forward resolutely so that the hand of A.A. will always be there when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. With the grace of God, we too will advance the cause of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Michael Alexander
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

A.A. World Services, Inc.

Directors' report: A.A. World Services, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the General Service Board with the delegated responsibility to maintain oversight of the group services, including publication of Conference-approved literature, effected by G.S.O. The board meets monthly to: hear G.S.O. staff reports; consider requests for permission to reprint A.A. copyrighted literature; review budgets; and discuss matters of G.S.O. administration. The following items of significance are noted:

Big Book in ASL: Production of the Big Book in American Sign Language (ASL) was approved.

New pamphlets: Packages of "The Twelve Steps Illustrated" and "Bridging the Gap," were made available to P.I., C.P.C., corrections and treatment facilities committees at a discount.

Regional Forums: A.A.W.S. directors and G.S.O. staff members coordinated and attended four Regional Forums in 1991: Northeast, West Central, East Central, and Southwest.

Intergroup Seminar: The Sixth A.A.W.S./Intergroup Seminar, coordinated by G.S.O., was held in Memphis, Tennessee. Ad hoc committee meetings resulted in approval of a Site Committee, a Policy Committee and guidelines for future Seminars. Full responsibility for the seminars has now been assumed by the central offices and intergroups, and will no longer be coordinated by A.A.W.S., although A.A.W.S. will continue to participate. The 1992 Seminar will be held in Mesa, Arizona.

Group Registration: Group registration guidelines were developed as service material and will be mailed to area committees.

Reprint/Publishing/Translations Subcommittee: We accepted three proposals: 1. that the board continue to set prices for

new items, within existing guidelines, but never at less than cost; 2. that the category "Special Literature Packages" include multiple copies of individual pamphlets, for which there is a large demand by certain committees, at low costs; 3. that there be an annual review of pricing, gross margins, discount policies, and shipping and handling costs. We also approved the expenditure of \$10,000 for a four-color printing of the literature catalog, with illustrations.

G.S.O. Personnel: In the absence of a general manager, the services director served as acting manager from August 1991 until the position of general manager was filled by George D. in March 1992.

After years of service as the G.S.O. staff member handling the Spanish Services assignment, Vicente M. retired. Danny M. joined the staff as Vicente's replacement.

Reprint Permission: The board granted permission/did not object to 141 requests to reprint from A.A. literature; 14 such requests were denied.

Literature Pricing: Eighteen items were priced, including foreign literature.

Data Processing: The separate modules of the computer program are operating and the General Ledger has been implemented.

Long-Range Planning Subcommittee: This subcommittee considered a number of matters ranging from the composition of the board and the participation of its directors to missions and goals of the general manager.

Salary and Budget: The 1991 budget, including price increases effective April 1, was recommended to the trustees' Finance Committee. A.A.W.S. adjusted the contributions budget, reducing it by 8.5%. For 1991 we sustained a loss of \$436,200, represented by \$710,100 net operating income and \$1,146,300 nonrecurring duplicate rent and construction expenses. The 1992 budget, as recommended to the Finance Committee, projects net sales of approximately \$9,800,000; and contributions of approximately \$4,180,000. Total operating expenses are projected at slightly over \$8,870,000. Net operating income is projected at \$790,000. After construction expenses of approximately \$1,738,000 and duplicate rent payments of \$240,000, a 1992 net expense is projected at \$1,191,150.

Self-Support: We approved the recommendation of the A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee that the Individual Birthday Plan be implemented. We also recommended that the Conference Finance Committee consider an ad hoc Self-Support Committee consisting of delegates, who would communicate with the trustees' Self-Support Committee throughout the year.

Directors: Greg M. replaced Phil C. as trustee-director. Subject to Conference ap-

proval, Peter B. has been recommended to replace Hugh F. as director effective May 1, 1992.

n W., chairperson

Archives

Trustees' committee: We continue to evaluate the Archives as it is now and will be in the next century. We focused on The Gathering of Experience Proposal, a beginning of implementing plans to classify archival materials in a way that better serves the Fellowship. We are planning to send questionnaires to the 135 delegates and trustees from the first ten Conferences to try and increase information.

We will soon be able to make available the date of a group's founding or registering with G.S.O. This will allow groups and areas to be aware of their places in the overall tapestry of the Fellowship. The Archives was established as a repository of our shared experience. Early members lived the history, grasped the pattern in it, protected us from distorting the records and helped us to find our way. Now and in the future, the Archives must concentrate on capturing our past and continuing experience for the use of the future.

Joan Jackson, Ph.D.

(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Archivist's report: By all measurements—visitors; correspondence; gifts; phone calls; and now, faxes—1991 was a stellar year. Archives is very much a Matter of the Heart. As our individual histories are vital to an understanding and appreciation of our own recoveries, some understanding of our collective history seems necessary to celebrate the magnitude of our gifts within this Fellowship. The oral histories of many earlytimers swelled our collection in recent months. With the aid of the area archivists, we are refining information, adding the many groups that we hitherto had no knowledge of, to complete the picture of the growth of A.A. across the U.S. and Canada.

Frank M.

Conference

Trustees' committee: The committee reviewed suggestions received through the Conference Evaluation Questionnaire, the G.S.O. Post-Conference Sharing Session, and other suggestions, and recommended:

- That the Conference be extended to start on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

- That the Conference Workshop be held on Sunday afternoon, in order to enhance communication through participation and sharing early in the week.

- That more time be allocated for Sharing

Sessions.

- That there be a presentation/discussion on Medallions, Trademarks and Logos; New Delegate Areas; and a report from the Board on Advisory Action #32—Merit Pay.

- That a Topic Sharing Lunch be held.

- Reviewed all items submitted for the 1992 Conference consideration.

- Reviewed and finalized the Agenda.

Greg M., chairperson

Staff report: The Conference coordinator is the contact for all Conference members and all area committees of the 91 areas throughout the U.S. and Canada, and coordinates all arrangements for the Conference. All A.A. members are encouraged to submit items for the Conference to address, mostly through their area assemblies. These are brought to the trustees' Committee on the Conference for consideration and referral to the appropriate committee. The Conference coordinator serves as secretary of the Conference Agenda Committee and the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference, corresponds with delegates and other area committee members throughout the year; works with the general manager and G.S.O. staff in planning and coordinating each phase of the Conference; schedules and assembles all material for the Conference Manual, Early Bird Edition of *Box 4-5-9* and the *Conference Final Report*.
Pat R.

Cooperation With the Professional Community

Trustees' committee: We forwarded to the Conference C.P.C. committee a revised draft of the pamphlet "A.A. as a Resource for the Medical Profession," for their consideration, and suggested the title be "A.A. as a Resource for the Healthcare Professional." We asked the Conference committee to consider deleting the six-point definition of an A.A. group from the pamphlet "How A.A. Members Cooperate With Other Community Efforts to Help Alcoholics" and replacing it with the language now used in "The A.A. Group." We continue to discuss the wide range of professionals with which C.P.C. committees continue to cooperate in our aim to support C.P.C. Twelfth Step work.

John Hartley Smith, M.D.

(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The C.P.C. staff person responds to all mail and telephone inquiries from professionals outside the Fellowship. In 1991 the majority of mail came from healthcare professionals, treatment facility administrators, clergy, middle and elementary school teachers and guidance counselors. Communication with area, district and central office C.P.C. committees is an

on-going part of this assignment. There are approximately 87 area C.P.C. chairpersons and the staff member communicates with them on a regular basis. In 1990, information about 100 different professional conferences, at which A.A. was invited to exhibit, was forwarded to area C.P.C. chairpersons and area delegates. A computer sweep has reduced the *About A.A.* (our newsletter to professionals) mailing list from 28,000 to approximately 11,000. The staff member also attends meetings of national organizations dealing with alcoholism.

Valerie O'N.

Correctional Facilities

Trustees' committee: The committee completed the following projects: Reviewed examples of area Correctional Facilities committees work and selected one for inclusion in the C.F. Workbook; forwarded to the trustees' Literature Committee two stories from young people in correctional facilities for their consideration to include one in "Young People and A.A."; selected stories for audio tape of "A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate." Regarding the magnitude of free literature sent by G.S.O. to correctional facilities and inmates, the committee recommended that the staff members contact local committees for those who indicate a literature need. In addition, the committee agreed that a letter clarifying our Traditions on primary purpose, anonymity and nonaffiliation be developed for correctional facility personnel, with the inclusion of a paragraph on self-support.

Anos E. Reed

(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: There are 1,900 correctional facilities groups and 1,000 correctional facilities committee chairpeople and contacts.

In addition to serving as secretary to the trustees' and Conference Correctional Facilities Committees, the staff member on this assignment writes over 6,000 letters a year; coordinates the Corrections Correspondence Service in which an "outside" A.A. member shares the message of recovery during the inmate's term of confinement; and maintains a list of correctional facilities committee chairpeople and local contacts to refer inmates' requests for pre-release support to local committees.

Helen T.

Finance

Trustees' committee: The 1991 results of G.S.O. and the Grapevine reflect positives as well as negatives. The bottom line for

G.S.O. was an operating income of \$710,100 versus an operating income of \$1,049,600 in 1990. After adjusting for extraordinary income and expense items such as International Convention income (\$181,000 in 1990), computer implementation project (\$311,400 in 1990), and relocation/construction (\$1,146,300 in 1991), the net loss for 1991 was \$436,200. This compares with a net income of \$919,200 in 1990.

Contributions, originally projected at \$4,567,500, were revised downward at mid-year to \$4,179,500, came in at \$4,153,700, approximately \$25,000 below the revised budget, \$412,000 below the original A.A.W.S. budget and, of special note, \$260,000 less than 1990. Net sales were originally budgeted at \$12,200,000, but actually finished at \$10,384,100. In 1991 total unit volume decreased by 5.6% compared to 1990. We distributed almost 80,000 fewer Big Books, or almost 7% less than the prior year. The 1991 budget included literature price increases aimed toward obtaining adequate gross margins. In 1991 we had approximately a 56.4% gross margin (after discounts), compared with 53.8% in 1990.

Total operating expenses were \$9,349,300; approximately \$216,200 (2.3%) less than budgeted and approximately \$500,000 or 5.6% over the prior year. Publishing income covered the shortfall of Office Expenses over contributions. This deficit (shortfall) was approximately \$269,200 compared with approximately \$11,000 for 1990 and a budgeted shortfall of \$510,000 due to strict office expense controls. Publishing income offset other expenses of the board and part of the relocation/construction costs. The balance for relocation/construction funded in 1991 came from the Reserve Fund.

The 1992 budget was prepared with a watchful eye toward lower sales volume; contribution revenue was projected as flat. Total income is budgeted at \$9,664,000. Total operating expenses are budgeted at \$8,874,000, approximately \$475,000 (5%) less than 1991. There is a \$790,000 operating income projected for 1992 which will be used to offset part of the construction/relocation expenses. The balance comes from the Reserve Fund with net expense for the year estimated at \$1,200,000. Based on preliminary construction plans, \$1,686,000 was intended to be expensed on the project in 1991 and \$1,440,800 in 1992. However, only \$1,146,000 was expensed in 1991 and \$540,000 deferred to 1992. During 1991 the Reserve Fund earned approximately \$550,000. The Reserve Fund received transfers from the Grapevine of \$119,650 and \$650,000 from A.A. World Services. \$1,100,000 was transferred back to A.A.W.S. to fund the construction.

While 1991 results and the 1992 budget reflect expenses for construction/relocation, it is anticipated that over 10 years there will be considerable savings as

square-foot rental costs drop from \$24.00 per sq. ft. to \$12.00 per sq. ft.

The Grapevine had a reasonably good year. Net income for 1991 was approximately \$104,000, some \$38,000 higher than budget; however, approximately \$90,000 lower than 1990. Revenue amounted to \$2,038,000 while expense totaled \$2,032,000, thus resulting in a net income from operations of approximately \$6,000. This compares with a net income from operations of \$86,600 in 1990. While the gross profit from the magazine was higher than the prior year by approximately \$56,000, excess of income over expenses for the other items decreased by approximately \$128,000, as a result of lower unit sales, thus resulting in the decreased income from operations.

The 1992 Grapevine budget forecasts an operating loss of approximately \$35,400, offset by interest income of \$103,000, resulting in a net income of \$67,600. This is comprised of revenue estimated at \$2,031,000 and expenses estimated at \$2,066,000. Expenses are estimated to increase approximately 1.7% over 1991 actuals.

The board Reserve Fund had a fund balance of \$7,315,140 yielding approximately 7.2% on book value and representing approximately 8.5 months of coverage of combined operating expenses (G.S.O. and Grapevine). This is approximately \$220,000 greater than the balance at December 31, 1990.

Robert P. Morse
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

General Sharing Session

Trustees' report: The first sharing sessions centered on a proposal regarding the Archives gathering experience of past trusted servants, to provide an understanding of current concerns to the Fellowship. Presentations on "Twelve Concepts for World Service" focused on how we can better implement the Twelve Concepts in today's service structure. The topic "Future Challenges for the World Service Meeting" raised questions of the logistics of administering a foreign literature assistance fund equitably. The trustees' International Committee will continue to discuss, both in committee and with the World Service delegates, matters concerning worldwide literature.

Don B., chairperson

Group Services

Staff report: The group services coordinator provides communication services to the Fellowship, and oversees the production of service material, A.A. Guidelines, the Group Handbook, self-support material

and G.S.R. kits. Current projects include: Production of the video of the Big Book in American Sign Language; communication with central office/intergroup management and involvement with the newly established Policy Committee of the Central Office Seminar; implementation of individual A.A. Birthday program; coordination and production of the five A.A. directories; supervision of G.S.O. service material and files. The staff member serves as secretary for the trustees' Nominating Committee and the Conference Committee on Trustees.

Susan U.

International/ World Service Meeting

Trustees' committee: This committee serves as a focal point for information about A.A. around the world and is a link between the World Service Meeting and the General Service Board. The committee approved a budget for foreign literature assistance and recommended that the monies allocated for foreign literature assistance flow through the International Literature Fund established by the Eleventh World Service Meeting.

"Service: Everyone's Privilege" will be the theme of the Twelfth World Service Meeting which will take place in New York City, October 25-29, 1992. Approximately 40 delegates from 25 countries are expected to participate.

In April 1991 the trustee-at-large/U.S. attended the First General Service Conference in Czechoslovakia on behalf of the board—an historic event considering that A.A. did not exist in that country a few years ago.

John Q., chairperson

Staff report: The staff member on this assignment serves as the intermediary for translations of A.A. literature. Since the last Conference, *Alcoholics Anonymous* has been published in Polish and Vietnamese. Planning and coordinating the biennial World Service Meeting is a major responsibility of this assignment. Every four years the meeting is held in New York with alternate World Service Meetings held in a country selected by a site committee. The staff member also attends the European and Ibero-American Service Meetings, also held biennially. All correspondence from groups or members outside the United States and Canada (with the exception of Spanish groups), is handled by the staff member on this assignment in addition to correspondence with 37 general service offices and literature distribution centers in other countries.

Lois F.

International Convention / A.A. Regional Forums

Trustees' committee:

International Convention—We reviewed 1991 Advisory Action regarding equal consideration of Atlanta, Minneapolis and Toronto as a site for the International Convention in 2000, and following inspection tours by the site committee, Minneapolis/St. Paul was selected in November.

A.A. Regional Forums—It was a record-breaking year for Forums. A subcommittee is considering special Regional Forums and ways to improve Forum Reports. In 1992 an additional Forum will be held in British Columbia/Yukon Area.

Phil C., chairperson

Staff report: This assignment involves the coordination and follow through for all arrangements necessary for the Regional Forums in the U.S. and Canada. Regional Forums are held at the region's invitation every two years. Working with the regional trustee, area delegates and host committee, the Forums coordinator prepares the agenda, works with the hotel, and sends invitations to area service people. Following the Forum, a report is sent to all who registered for the Forum.

Richard B.

Literature

Trustees committee: The following items have become available: "The 12 Steps Illustrated" pamphlet, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* in large-print.

Project in Progress: Literature Review Subcommittee; interim report forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee.

Projects completed and manuscripts or reports forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee: Draft of manuscript of *A.A. History* book; story of a young person who found A.A. in a correctional facility, for inclusion in the next printing of the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."; report from subcommittee to study the best possible ways to carry the A.A. message to minorities; copy for a disclaimer on sexist language to be added as a footnote to the Preface in the Big Book; anonymity display card.

Jean S., chairperson

Staff report: The literature coordinator serves as secretary to the trustees' and Conference Literature Committees and works closely with the Publications Department on preparing new recovery literature. The literature desk receives and responds to correspondence from A.A. members and groups about literature, and maintains contact with current area, district, intergroup and A.A. group literature chairper-

sons. Each newly elected literature chairperson receives a welcoming letter and material to assist them in this vital responsibility. Additionally, the literature coordinator is the liaison with the French Literature Service in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

John G.

Loners, Internationalists, Homers

Staff report: Loners are A.A.s who are unable to attend meetings because there are no groups nearby. There are now about 386 Loners in 110 countries, including the U.S. and Canada. Seagoing A.A.s are known as Internationalists. There are now about 248 Internationalists and 36 Port Contacts. Sixty Internationalist Groups meet aboard ships or in ports. There are 150 Homers, A.A.s who are housebound due to long-term illness or disability. Loners, Homers and Internationalists stay sober reading A.A. literature and sharing A.A. experience, strength and hope with other A.A.s around the world through letters and tapes. Each new Loner, Homer or Internationalist receives a directory of members, a subscription to *Box 4-5-9* and *Loners-Internationalists Meeting (LIM)*, a bimonthly meeting-in-print, sharing excerpts of letters received at G.S.O. from LIM members. About 900 A.A.s serve as Loner Sponsors, sharing group activities and personal experience.

Sarah P.

Nominating

Trustees' committee: The committee took the following actions:

- Interviewed applicants for general manager.
- Interviewed applicants for Class A trustee and recommended Elaine M. Johnson, Ph.D.
- Reviewed and approved as eligible for election all candidates for regional trustees from West Central and Western Canada Regions.
- Reviewed and recommends the slate of trustees for election at the annual meeting of the General Service Board in May, following presentation at the 1992 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.

John King

(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Public Information

Trustees' committee: In the past year, the committee forwarded to the Conference Public Information Committee:

- A recommendation to retain Question 14

on the Membership Survey Questionnaire.

- An outline of a proposal for Traditions Communications Program focusing on Anonymity.

- The video production directed to young inner-city alcoholics based on the pilot approved in 1991.

- A six-segment television public service announcement produced by three California Area Assemblies.

Stanley S., chairperson

Staff report: The purpose of the P.I. assignment is to help carry the A.A. message of recovery through the media. The staff person and assistant annually respond to thousands of written and telephone inquiries from the general public. Many of these requests are passed on to local P.I. committees. The P.I. assignment responds to about 250 requests for A.A. cooperation from health fairs and other events. Recently, we are experiencing an increase in calls from local TV stations for A.A. information. We receive about 300 clippings from the print media each month, and those with anonymity problems are relayed to the area delegate for follow-through. This year, our Anonymity Letter was sent to about 1,500 daily newspapers, 740 TV stations and more than 4,000 radio stations. Following the Conference we will begin to organize the A.A. Membership Survey questionnaire.

Jeanie M.

Spanish Services

Staff report: There are more than 30,000 Spanish-speaking A.A. members meeting in 1,000 Hispanic groups in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. The Spanish Services coordinator, who does not rotate, coordinates and revises Spanish translations of material and assists other staff members in providing services to the Hispanic community. Many Spanish-speaking districts have been added recently to the areas in our service structure. Service material is translated into Spanish and kept up-to-date; more and more Conference-approved literature is published in Spanish. Spanish services helps answer the correspondence received in Spanish by other assignments, especially the International assignment. The staff member on this assignment represents G.S.O. at the Ibero-American Commission for Translation and Adaptation of A.A. Literature; attends conventions, Hispanic intergroup meetings, Regional Forums, the World Service Meeting and the International Convention. The Spanish services coordinator greets Spanish-speaking visitors to the General Service Office.

Danny M.

Staff Coordinator

Staff report: As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling committee meetings, distributing advance material, and preparing and distributing the minutes of the board meeting, and serves as editor of the *Quarterly Report*. The coordinator serves as secretary of the General Sharing Session, is secretary of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions, and is a director and vice-president of A.A.W.S. Another responsibility is chairing the weekly staff meeting and coordinating all staff activities. During 1991, the staff handled 20,000 pieces of mail, Training new staff members is another segment of this assignment. During the past year, approximately 1,500 visitors from all over the world visited G.S.O. Additionally, the current staff coordinator is serving as coordinator of the 1995 International Convention.

Eileen G.

Treatment Facilities

Trustees' committee: In response to committee concerns that the price of the "Bridging the Gap" pamphlet was prohibitive for treatment facilities committees, A.A.W.S. offered greater quantity discounts to these committees. The committee asked the Grapevine Editorial Board to consider inviting articles from the Fellowship about the problems and successes of A.A. cooperation with treatment facilities. We recommended that the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities consider deleting the six points defining an A.A. group in the pamphlet "A.A. in Treatment Facilities," and replace it with the definition in "The A.A. Group."

John N. Chappel, M.D.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The goal of the Treatment Facilities assignment is to help A.A. members carry the A.A. message to the suffering alcoholic in treatment. The staff member serves as secretary to the trustees' and Conference Treatment Facilities Committees and provides information and serves as a resource for the 300 active treatment facilities committees. The staff member also answers correspondence from people in treatment interested in receiving information about A.A., with administrators of treatment facilities, and counselors. Obtaining material for the *Treatment Facilities Newsletter*, in addition to the Treatment Facilities section of *Box 4-5.9*, continues to be a challenge.

Sarah P.

Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

Directors' report: In the past year three concerns have engaged the board's attention: magazine circulation, finances, and special items.

Circulation: Circulation for 1991 began at close to 134,000, and went to a low of 126,500 by the end of the year, averaging out to 129,600. There is historically a circulation downturn after a price increase, and the year has followed the usual pattern, with the added complication of poor economic conditions. At budget time in October, we estimated the circulation for 1992 at an average of 127,000. Special efforts have been undertaken to give circulation a boost—notably a lot of hard work by delegates. In July, a mailing of one copy of the magazine along with informational material and an order form went out to all registered groups, and resulted in orders for about 1,400 copies. In December, everyone whose subscription had expired within the past 18 months received a "loving invitation" to rejoin the Grapevine family, and about 2,000 past subscribers responded.

Finances: Year-end results for 1991 were good, with a net income of \$103,680—higher than the budgeted \$65,000. We were able to forward \$128,000 to the Reserve Fund as a contribution over and above the liability for unfulfilled subscriptions. In spite of the circulation decrease, magazine income remained healthy due to the April 1990 price increase. Sales of special items were down considerably. The bottom line for the year can be attributed to magazine income, along with rigorous monitoring of expenses and cost-cutting measures.

Editorial: 1991 was a very good year, with two special issues: in September 1991, an issue on all aspects of service, and in February 1992, an issue by and about A.A. oldtimers. Section emphases have ranged from sponsorship in May and June 1991 to A.A. in Prison (July) and the annual classic issue of reprints in November. Newcomers were highlighted in January, oldtimers in February, and young people in March; April's theme was on spiritual experience, and the May issue is built around the words of our Preamble and Tradition Five. The constant focus has been on the "basics," with a series on the Steps and on the Traditions. A joy for many readers was the "return of Victor E." drawn by a new artist, beginning with the July issue. The 1991 Advisory Action, adding an article in Spanish to every issue has received mixed reviews; the subject will be examined and discussed by the Conference Committee.

Grapevine Index, 1944-1990: The Grapevine Index is available; the 200-page volume covers the years from June 1944 through the end of 1990, and annual supplements will be prepared.

Special Items: The board has talked

about the place of special items—both editorially and financially. The Conference Committee will also be taking a careful look at the subject.

As Grapevine chairperson, I have had the great joy and privilege of communicating with all the delegates over the past year, and their enthusiasm for the Grapevine has been an enormous and valuable support to the work of the Grapevine Board.

Jacqueline M., chairperson

Staff report: This report might be subtitled "The Grapevine—How It Works," for its purpose is to describe what goes on in the office. The office staff consists of 20 people: three A.A. members, who are responsible for content and appearance of the magazine, and 17 nonalcoholics who make sure the financial state of the Grapevine is in order, that subscriptions are entered, and that special item orders go out on time. Team management through the joint efforts of the executive editor, managing editor, and controller ensures a healthy operation and good communication. The two editors evaluate all material, select the content of each issue, and stay in touch with everyone who writes for the magazine. They stay in touch with the Fellowship through Regional Forums and other events. Our part-time art director designs the magazine, and the editorial-art staff prepares camera-ready copy in-house (printing, binding, and mailing are done outside). These three A.A.s are assisted by a nonalcoholic editorial secretary. The controller manages all business aspects of the corporation and heads up the bookkeeping, accounting department, assisted by a bookkeeper who supervises four accounting clerks and the shipping operation.

Our office manager and corporate secretary's multifaceted job includes ensuring the general efficiency of the office as a whole, and all copyrights and permissions requests. A circulation supervisor oversees four data entry clerks.

What's New Since April '91?: Given the state of the economy, a high priority for all concerned has been monitoring costs, while maintaining and improving service. To that end, the shipping of most special items was moved out of the office in May 1991, making it possible to reduce staff by two people, leaving a one-person mail and shipping room. We have held down the cost of producing the magazine and special items, achieved some postage savings, and generally watched every expenditure. Happily installed in new quarters, the Grapevine looks forward to the coming year with optimism and with eagerness to keep producing a high-quality magazine and better serve the A.A. Fellowship.

Ann W., executive editor

1992 G.S.O. Budget

A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC. — PUBLISHING

Income: The sales income budget of \$10,220,000 is approximately \$560,000 less than that actual gross sales for 1991. This reflects lower anticipated sales volume. Gross profit from literature is projected at \$5,464,000, approximately \$400,000 lower than 1991 actual.

Expenses: Expenses charged against the publishing operation are budgeted at approximately \$3,908,000, approximately \$395,000 less than 1991 actual.

Net: Net publishing income is expected to be approximately \$1,566,000, about the same as 1991 (\$1,582,000).

GENERAL FUND — GROUP SERVICES

Income: Contributions have been anticipated at \$4,179,500, this amount, while slightly higher than the actual for 1991—\$26,000, is approximately one-half of one percent higher than 1991, for all intents is a flat budget. Contributions received from groups and members were actually \$262,000 (5.9%) less than those received in 1990. In 1990 contributions were actually \$361,000 (8.9%) higher than those received in 1989.

Expenses: Total group expenses (including the General Service Conference) to be directly charged against contributions are budgeted at \$4,426,000. This results in an anticipated shortfall of these expenses charged of \$237,000. This compares with actual results for 1991 of \$249,500.

GENERAL FUND — OTHER EXPENSES

Other expenses of the General Service Board are budgeted at \$2,520,300. This includes extraordinary expenses of \$1,980,900 budgeted for Relocation/Renovation expenses anticipated in 1992. Exclusive of this item, other expenses are budgeted lower than those in 1991 by approximately \$83,000. The actual amount budgeted for other expenses excluding the Relocation/Renovation project of \$539,400.

RECAP

The shortfall for 1992 "Group Services" (as defined by the 1986 General Service Conference) supported by group contributions, is budgeted to be \$786,220. It is anticipated that the net publishing income will offset the shortfall and approximately half of the extraordinary expenses. A drawdown from the Reserve Fund is expected for 1992, approximately one million dollars.

1992 Grapevine Budget

Total revenue: Magazine income of \$1,556,400 is based on an average circulation of 127,000. Direct costs of \$581,100 are consistent with 1991 actual direct costs.

Other publishing income of \$474,400 is derived from the sale of magazine-related special items. Direct costs of \$192,500 reflect a modest increase (1.0%) over 1991 actual costs.

The \$1,257,200 Gross Profit is also consistent with the 1991 actual Total Gross Profit.

Total expenses: Editorial costs are budgeted at \$341,100, \$17,300 (4.8%) below 1991 actual. Medical insurance shows a 30% increase over 1991 actual while Occupancy is budgeted at 38% below 1991 actual.

Circulation and Business expenses are budgeted at \$880,200, \$76,000 (9.4%) over 1991 actual. In addition to the medical insurance and occupancy changes as stated above, selling expenses were budgeted 25% higher.

These changes result in Total Costs and Expenses budgeted at \$1,292,600 or \$49,200 (4%) over 1991 actual.

Net: After including interest income of \$103,000 the budget shows a modest net income of \$67,600.

COMPARISON OF SHORTFALL OF 'GROUP SERVICES' SUPPORTED BY GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

April 1986 Conference Advisory Action 16.a:

16. The area delegates strongly consider implementation of the following suggestions to improve contributions to G.S.O., area assemblies, districts, and central or inter-group offices:
 - a. G.S.O. make available to all delegates an itemized list of group service expenses and other expenses of the board, combined into one total, representing group services supported by group contributions.

The following is a recap of these lists [detailed reports appear in delegates' Manual and *Final Conference Report*]:

1990

Contributions — A.A. Groups & Members			\$4,415,395
General Fund — Office Expenses (incl. G.S.C.)			\$4,426,366
General Fund — Other Expenses of the Board		\$824,145	
Less: Extraordinary Expenses:			
Computer Acquisition	(311,422)	512,723	4,939,089
<u>Shortfall of "group services" supported by group contributions</u>			<u>(523,694)</u>

1991

Contributions — A.A. Groups & Members			\$4,153,572
General Fund — Office Expenses (incl. G.S.C.)			\$4,423,158
General Fund — Other Expenses of the Board		\$1,769,132	
Less: Extraordinary Expenses:			
Relocation/Restoration	(1,146,287)	622,845	5,046,003
<u>Shortfall of "group services" supported by group contributions</u>			<u>(892,431)</u>

1992 BUDGET

Contributions — A.A. Groups & Members			\$4,179,500
General Fund — Office Expenses			\$4,426,320
General Fund — Other Expenses of the Board		\$2,520,300	
Less: Extraordinary Expenses:			
Relocation/Renovation	(1,980,900)	539,400	4,965,720
<u>Shortfall of "group services" supported by group contributions</u>			<u>(786,220)</u>

1991 Contributions From Groups — by Delegate Area

(in U.S. dollars)

AREA #	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA	#GPS. RE-PORTED	#GPS. CONTRIB.	% OF GPS. CONTRIB.	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIB.	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIB. PER CAPITA	AREA #	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA	#GPS. RE-PORTED	#GPS. CONTRIB.	% OF GPS. CONTRIB.	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIB.	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIB. PER CAPITA
1.	Ala./N.W. Fla.	410	226	55.1%	\$ 28,380.66	6,851	\$4.14	60.	West	722	391	54.1	38,421.08	10,815	3.55
2.	Alaska	227	92	40.5	10,188.62	3,225	3.16	61.	Rhode Island	233	110	47.2	12,119.32	4,708	2.57
3.	Arizona	786	363	46.1	45,146.99	14,368	3.14	62.	South Carolina	281	177	62.9	22,242.59	5,218	4.26
4.	Arkansas	262	127	48.4	15,279.15	3,950	3.87	63.	South Dakota	171	69	40.3	5,332.40	3,609	1.48
	California							64.	Tennessee	439	243	55.3	32,078.84	8,270	3.88
5.	Southern	1,917	849	44.2	112,840.25	65,005	1.74		Texas						
6.	N. Coastal	2,024	1,244	61.4	189,662.19	57,258	3.31	65.	Northeast	430	233	54.1	47,528.39	15,333	3.10
7.	N. Interior	670	357	53.2	40,817.60	17,212	2.37	66.	Northwest	258	112	43.4	14,880.50	6,251	2.38
8.	San Diego/Imp.	770	403	52.3	57,088.44	23,708	2.41	67.	Southeast	547	262	47.8	34,582.66	16,191	2.14
9.	Mid-South	1,638	776	47.3	89,392.44	50,990	1.75	68.	Southwest	463	218	47.0	34,047.62	10,111	3.37
10.	Colorado	657	374	56.9	46,293.23	16,260	2.85	69.	Utah	280	185	66.0	19,300.17	5,216	3.70
11.	Connecticut	1,275	638	50.0	79,161.75	29,184	2.71	70.	Vermont	230	93	40.4	13,122.88	4,110	3.19
12.	Delaware	163	107	65.6	21,838.69	2,717	8.04	71.	Virginia	1,052	616	58.5	80,042.48	20,903	3.83
13.	D.C.	434	237	54.6	51,913.59	14,881	3.49	72.	Washington	1,296	654	50.4	101,016.93	24,999	4.04
	Florida							73.	West Virginia	278	154	55.3	12,860.68	3,227	3.99
14.	North	628	352	56.0	55,189.39	12,321	4.48		Wisconsin						
15.	South/							74.	N. Wis./Upper						
	Bahamas/V.I.	1,544	809	52.3	105,293.23	27,637	3.81		Pen. Mich.	609	287	47.1	24,379.88	9,555	2.55
16.	Georgia	664	485	73.0	72,345.00	15,338	4.72	75.	South	879	482	54.8	47,275.99	16,402	2.88
17.	Hawaii	250	157	62.8	37,548.11	5,215	7.20	76.	Wyoming	127	76	59.8	8,811.16	2,211	3.99
18.	Idaho	199	105	52.7	8,800.24	3,040	2.89	77.	Puerto Rico	118	70	59.3	4,754.83	1,530	3.11
	Illinois							78.	Alberta/N.W.T.	591	281	47.5	38,208.08	7,635	5.00
19.	Chicago	1,079	422	39.1	57,519.16	25,097	2.29	79.	B.C./Yukon	703	391	55.6	57,579.25	11,557	4.98
20.	North	930	449	48.2	42,201.70	18,330	2.30	80.	Manitoba	157	66	42.0	9,626.25	3,874	2.48
21.	South	426	210	49.2	25,518.25	7,510	3.40	81.	N.B./P.E.I.	221	99	44.7	9,358.77	3,315	2.82
	Indiana							82.	N.S./Nfld./Lab.	281	141	50.1	14,393.54	3,298	4.36
22.	North	626	288	46.0	29,950.78	10,059	2.98		Ontario						
23.	South	452	264	58.4	25,981.96	9,546	2.73	83.	East	600	326	54.3	62,720.34	13,878	4.52
24.	Iowa	645	352	54.5	41,527.48	12,751	3.26	84.	Northeast	185	86	46.4	14,444.92	2,473	5.84
25.	Kansas	396	237	59.8	25,644.09	9,765	2.63	85.	Northwest	90	31	34.4	5,323.79	1,425	3.74
26.	Kentucky	566	323	57.0	50,549.90	9,474	5.34	86.	West	488	215	44.0	48,017.18	8,940	5.37
27.	Louisiana	534	250	46.8	27,324.56	9,830	2.78		Quebec						
28.	Maine	473	190	40.1	17,168.10	8,537	2.01	87.	Southwest	571	356	62.2	38,242.28	14,971	2.55
29.	Maryland	815	443	54.3	53,042.69	11,458	4.63	88.	Southeast	243	205	86.1	15,060.07	3,445	4.37
	Massachusetts							89.	Northeast	363	290	80.0	38,373.41	6,795	5.64
30.	East	1,445	615	42.5	77,031.20	51,008	1.51	90.	Northwest	379	349	92.0	62,108.02	6,556	9.47
31.	West	212	115	54.2	15,393.03	4,931	3.12	91.	Saskatchewan	345	189	54.7	18,320.65	4,640	3.95
	Michigan								Total U.S./						
32.	Central	555	253	45.5	41,522.93	12,043	3.45		Canada	53,920	27,798	51.5	\$3,670,001.45 ^①	1,170,454	3.13
33.	Southeast	590	282	47.7	55,588.60	14,283	3.89		Individual, in-memoriam, & special meetings				211,006.06		
34.	West	423	217	51.3	30,843.46	8,544	3.61		Specials				235,835.72		
	Minnesota								Total for U.S. & Canada				\$4,116,843.23		
35.	North	521	290	55.7	20,886.34	7,908	2.64		FOREIGN AND OTHER						
36.	South	995	490	49.2	47,865.64	25,472	1.88		Birds of a Feather				530.00		
37.	Mississippi	240	122	50.8	9,545.79	3,256	2.93		Correctional facility groups				545.02		
	Missouri								Foreign				29,945.03		
38.	East	574	314	54.7	36,874.45	8,919	4.13		International Doctors in A.A.				3,000.00		
39.	West	229	139	60.6	17,389.65	5,944	2.93		International Lawyers in A.A.				1,000.00		
40.	Montana	341	138	40.4	11,645.36	4,712	2.47		Internationalists				30.00		
41.	Nebraska	717	366	51.0	50,422.03	14,655	3.44		Loners				789.00		
42.	Nevada	332	164	49.3	16,455.98	6,557	2.51		Treatment facility meetings				853.72		
43.	New Hampshire	518	209	40.3	19,960.15	7,754	2.57		World Hello				36.00		
	New Jersey								Grand Total				\$4,153,572.00		
44.	North	1,237	589	47.6	83,202.86	28,945	2.87								
45.	South	386	224	58.0	36,155.19	7,052	5.13								
46.	New Mexico	295	136	46.1	15,608.81	4,764	3.28								
	New York														
47.	Central	673	311	46.2	44,272.20	10,835	4.09								
48.	H./M./B.	715	307	42.9	28,240.10	10,017	2.82								
49.	Southeast	1,706	832	48.7	175,274.65	50,258	3.49								
50.	West	286	141	49.3	14,500.07	4,172	3.48								
51.	N. Carolina	765	462	60.3	73,259.95	12,461	5.88								
52.	North Dakota	178	89	50.0	6,304.07	3,091	2.04								
	Ohio														
53.	Cent. & S.E.	579	250	43.1	22,481.23	7,654	2.94								
54.	Northeast	1,113	390	35.0	45,339.90	25,765	1.76								
55.	N.W. Ohio/														
	S.E. Mich.	263	150	57.0	16,659.84	3,516	4.74								
56.	S.W. Ohio	487	258	52.9	30,882.90	9,788	3.16								
57.	Oklahoma	391	263	67.2	31,270.62	6,150	5.08								
58.	Oregon	739	383	51.8	46,794.57	12,917	3.62								
	Pennsylvania														
59.	East	1,325	713	53.8	100,146.19	34,105	2.94								

① Reflects not only those groups that contributed directly to G.S.O., but also those groups that contributed to G.S.O. through their Conference areas (per lists of percentages submitted by areas).

② Group contributions reported on this schedule do not include contributions received as specials, individual, in-memoriam, and special meetings.

CONTRIBUTION COMPARISON — 1991-1990

(in U.S. dollars)

	#GPS. RE-PORTED	#GPS. CONTRIB.	% OF GPS. CONTRIB.	AMOUNT OF CONTRIB.	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIB. PER CAPITA
U.S. & Canada 1991	53,920	27,798 ^①	51.6% ^①	\$3,543,804.47 ^②	1,170,454	\$3.03
U.S. & Canada 1990	51,496	28,053 ^①	54.5% ^①	3,771,496.34 ^②	1,100,155	3.43
Increase (Decrease)	2,424	(255)	(2.9%)	\$ (227,691.87)	70,299	\$(.40)

Calendar of Events

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the General Service Office. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided.

June

- 5-6 — *Nashville, Tennessee*. 22nd Anniv. Write: Ch., 2407 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, TN 37211
- 5-7 — *Mobile, Alabama*. 11th Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 161166, Mobile, AL 36616-2166
- 5-7 — *Fort Tuthill, Arizona*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 22148, Flagstaff, AZ 86002
- 5-7 — *Steamboat Springs, Colorado*. Summer Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 329, Meeker, CO 81641
- 5-7 — *Key West, Florida*. Sunset Roundup '92. Write: Ch., Box 41165, Key West, FL 33041
- 5-7 — *Boise, Idaho*. Area Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 1405, Caldwell, ID 83606-1405
- 5-7 — *Leonardtown, Maryland*. Intergroup 17th Roundup. Write: Ch., SMIA, #5 Oak Street, Ind. Hd., MD 20640
- 5-7 — *St. Louis, Missouri*. Missouri State CYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 523, Fenton, MO 63026-0523
- 5-7 — *Gallup, New Mexico*. State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1563, Gallup, NM 87305
- 5-7 — *Bronx, New York*. Eighth BOTWCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 243, Bronx, NY 10461-0243
- 5-7 — *Winchester, Virginia*. 38th Four State/DC Spring Get-together. Write: Ch., Box 2032, Winchester, VA 22601
- 5-7 — *Olympia, Washington*. First Capitol Jamboree. Write: Ch., 1023 South Adams, Ste. 1179, Olympia, WA 98501
- 5-7 — *Vancouver, Washington*. SW Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 66026, Vancouver, BC 98666
- 5-7 — *Grinshaw, Alberta, Canada*. North Peace Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 5039, Peace River, AB T8S 0B0
- 5-7 — *Athabasca, Alberta, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 3316, Athabasca, AB T0G 0B0
- 5-7 — *Clearbrook, British Columbia, Canada*. Rally. Write: Ch., 32444 Haida Road, Clearbrook, BC V2T 4T6
- 5-7 — *Creston, British Columbia, Canada*. Anniversary Campout. Write: Ch., Box 2004, Creston, BC V0B 1G0
- 5-7 — *St. Thomas-de-Juliette, Canada*. 17e Congrès de Lanaudière. Write: Ch., 1580 Rte. 158, St. Thomas-de-Juliette, PQ J0K 3L0
- 7-9 — *Rome, New York*. East West Conf. Write: Ch., Box 33, Rome, NY 13440
- 10-12 — *Woodstock, Ontario, Canada*. 11th Marathon of Unity. Write: Ch., Box 1349, Woodstock, ON N4S 8R2
- 11-14 — *Tallahassee, Florida*. Florida CYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 14632, Centerville Station, Tallahassee, FL 32317-4632
- 11-14 — *St. Simons Island, Georgia*. 28th Golden Isles Family Weekend. Write: Ch., Box 892, Statesboro, GA 30458
- 11-14 — *Springfield, Missouri*. Heart of the Ozarks Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 1607, Springfield, MO 65801
- 11-14 — *San Antonio, Texas*. 47th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 79-1992, San Antonio, TX 78279
- 12-14 — *Haleyville, Alabama*. Camp Maxwell 10th Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 951, Haleysville, AL 35565
- 12-14 — *Conway, Arkansas*. Fifth District 5 Conv. Write: Tr., 1800 S. Baltimore, Russellville, AR 72801
- 12-14 — *Akron, Ohio*. 57th Founders' Day. Write: Ch., Box 12, Akron, OH 44309
- 12-14 — *Des Moines, Iowa*. Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 1291, Des Moines, IA 50301
- 12-14 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. 11th Calgary Gratitude Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 954, Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2K4
- 12-14 — *Vernon, British Columbia, Canada*. 20th Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1454, Vernon, BC V1T 6N7
- 12-14 — *Kearney, Nebraska*. 33rd State Reunion. Write: Ch., RR2, Box 93, Overton, NE 68863
- 12-14 — *Waterville Valley, New Hampshire*. 27th Annual Area Assembly Conv. Write: Ch., 321 Lincoln Street, Room 204, Manchester, NH 03103
- 12-14 — *Long Island, New York*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 539, Smithtown, NY 11787
- 12-14 — *Syracuse, New York*. New Visions Roundup (presented by gay & lesbian members). Write: Ch., Box 6801, Syracuse, NY 13217
- 17-19 — *Akron, Ohio*. 10th Loners International Conf. Write: Ch., Box 360446, Columbus, OH 43236
- 18-21 — *Indian Wells, California*. Desert Pow Wow. Write: Ch., 12958 Bloomfield Street, Studio City, CA 91604
- 19-21 — *Wasilla, Alaska*. Matsu Blast #11. Write: Ch., Box 2115, Wasilla, AK 99654
- 19-21 — *South Fork, Colorado*. Campout. Write: Ch., Box 1, Monte Vista, CO 81144
- 19-21 — *Topeka, Kansas*. Heartland Conf. Write: Ch., Box 213, Topeka, KS 67402
- 19-21 — *West Monroe, Louisiana*. Fifth NE Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 14832, Monroe, LA 71207
- 19-21 — *Bellevue, Nebraska*. "Pockets of Enthusiasm" Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 55, Bellevue, NE 68005
- 19-21 — *Flyng M. Ranch, Oregon*. Yamhill Co. Intergroup Summer Campout. Write: Ch., Box 1035, McMinnville, OR 97128
- 19-21 — *Bristol, Rhode Island*. 16th Ocean State Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., Box 41091, Providence, RI 02940
- 19-21 — *Casper, Wyoming*. 17th Annual Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 1441, Casper, WY 82602
- 19-21 — *Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 159-19 Ruedel Street, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 3C9
- 19-21 — *Cache Creek, Ashcroft, British Columbia, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 558, Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0
- 19-21 — *Blenheim, Ontario, Canada*. Mid-season Campout. Write: Ch., Box 5, Chatham, ON N7M 5K1
- 19-21 — *Peterborough, Ontario, Canada*. 31st Kawartha District Conf. Write: Ch., 625 Cameron St., Peterborough, ON K9J 3Z9
- 19-21 — *Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada*. First Nations Conf. Write: Ch., Box 992, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 4X8
- 19-21 — *Val D'Or, Quebec, Canada*. 14e Congrès du District la Verendrye. Write: Ch., Box 1633, Val D'Or, PQ J9P 5Y9

Planning a Future Event?

Please send your information on August, September or October events, two days or more, in time to reach G.S.O. by June 10, the calendar deadline for the August-September issue of Box 4-5-9. For your convenience and ours — please type or print the information to be listed on the Bulletin Board page, and mail to us:

Date of event, from _____ to _____, 19____

Name of event: _____
Place (city, state or prov.): _____

For information, write: (exact mailing address) _____

Contact phone # (for office use only): _____

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June (cont.)

- 26-28 — *Homewood, Alabama*. Young People's Conv. Write: Ch., Box 50371, Birmingham, AL 35253
- 26-28 — *North Little Rock, Arkansas*. Young People's Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 15842, N. Little Rock, AR 72231
- 26-28 — *Alpine, Arizona*. Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 2195, St. Johns, AZ 85936
- 26-28 — *Columbus, Mississippi*. 46th State Conv. Write: Tr., Box BD., Mississippi State, MS 39762
- 26-28 — *Kearny, New Jersey*. Kearny Group 50th Annv. Write: Ch., Box 222, Kearny, NJ 07032
- 26-28 — *Memphis, Tennessee*. Fourth Mid. South Spring Fling. Write: Ch., 3592 North Trezevant, Memphis, TN 38127
- 26-28 — *Middle Amana, Iowa*. Third Annual Melrose Roundup. Write: Ch., 1214 Sandusky, Iowa City, IA 52240
- 26-28 — *Santa Rosa, California*. NCCAA 45th Summer Conf. Write: Tr., 1046 Irving St., San Francisco, CA 94122-2290
- 26-28 — *Wichita Falls, Texas*. Texoma Freedom Rally. Write: Ch., Box 3243, Wichita Falls, TX 76309-3243
- 26-28 — *Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada*. 1992 Provincial Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 567, Kingston, NS B0P 1R0
- 26-28 — *Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada*. Fourth Atlantic Summer Conf. Write: Ch., 119 Wilson Road, Riverview, NBE1B 2W3
- 26-28 — *Camp Moorecroft, Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, Canada*. 32nd Parksville-Qualicum Rally. Write: Ch., Box 2227, Parksville, BC V0R 2S0
- 26-28 — *Manchester, England*. Manchester Conv. 1992. Write: Registrar, 17 Orchard St., West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LP, England

July

- 2-5 — *Nashville, Tennessee*. 11th Annual Music City Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 17312, Nashville, TN 37217
- 3-5 — *Albuquerque, New Mexico*. Land of Enchantment Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 30742, Albuquerque, NM 87190
- 3-5 — *Lawton, Oklahoma*. State Round-Up of YPIAA. Write: Ch., Box 1491, Lawton, OK 73502
- 3-5 — *Portland, Oregon*. Pacific Northwest Conf. Write: Ch., Box 91424, Portland, OR 97291-0424
- 3-5 — *Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., 10567 Ponderay Street, Chilliwack, BC V2P 6L8
- 3-5 — *Grand Forks, British Columbia, Canada*. 22nd Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1664, Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
- 3-5 — *Montreal, Quebec, Canada*. Bilingual Rendez-vous. Write: Ch., CAGCP 164, Succ. de Lorimer, Montreal, PQ H2H 2N6
- 10-12 — *Montgomery, Alabama*. Alabama/Northwest Florida Area Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 544b, Navarre, FL 32566
- 10-12 — *Baton Rouge, Louisiana*. State Conv. Write: Ch., 16841 Buckner Dr., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739-9412
- 10-12 — *Columbia, Missouri*. State Conv. Write: Ch., R#1, Box 1802, Fulton, MO 65251
- 10-12 — *Independence, Ohio*. State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 247, Twinsburg, OH 44087
- 10-12 — *Eugene, Oregon*. Summerfest '92. Write: Ch., Box 1172, Eugene, OR 97440
- 10-12 — *Tonasket/Oroville, Washington*. 10th Lost Lake Campout. Write: Ch., Box 624, Tonasket, WA 98855
- 10-12 — *Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., General Delivery, Christopher Lake, SK S0J 0N0
- 10-12 — *Sparwood, British Columbia, Canada*. Eighth Elk Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., 713 Sparwood, BC V0B 2G0
- 16-19 — *Warwick, Bermuda*. SERCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box HS70, Harrington, Bermuda, HSBX
- 16-19 — *Atlanta, Georgia*. 16th Annual Atlanta Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 80671, Atlanta, GA 30366
- 16-19 — *Charlotte, North Carolina*. 45th State Conv. Write: Ch., 110 N. Elm St., Lowell, NC 28098
- 17-19 — *Sugarloaf, Maine*. Area Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 1463, Portland, ME 04102
- 17-19 — *Dayton, Ohio*. OYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 614, Dayton, OH 45409
- 17-19 — *Madison, Minnesota*. 16th Annual Freedom Fest. Write: Ch., 721 3rd Ave., Madison, MN 56256
- 17-19 — *Albany, New York*. State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 6042, Albany, NY 12206
- 17-19 — *Reading, Pennsylvania*. PSCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 0634, Reading, PA 19601-0634
- 17-19 — *Rawlins, Wyoming*. Summer Business Assembly. Write: Ch., 2005 Edinburgh, Rawlins, WY 82301
- 17-19 — *Auburn-Black Diamond, Washington*. Living Gratitude Conf. Write: Ch., Box 9922, Seattle, WA 98109
- 17-19 — *Edson, Alberta, Canada*. District 5 Roundup. Write: Ch., #206, 5238 5th Ave., Edson, AB T7E 1R6
- 17-19 — *Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada*. Courage Roundup (presented by gay & lesbian members). Write: Ch., Box 63, Halifax, NS B3J 2L4
- 17-19 — *Rimouski, Quebec, Canada*. Congrès. Write: Ch., C.E.G.E.P., 60 Rue Eveche Ouest, Rimouski, PQ G5L 7C5
- 17-19 — *Nuremberg, Germany*. Roundup. Write: Ch., 98th General Hospital Un. 27401, Box 500, APO, AE 09105
- 22-26 — *Palm Beach Gardens, Florida*. 36th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 6381, West Palm Beach, FL 33405-0381
- 23-26 — *Lubbock, Texas*. 18th Caprock Conv. Write: Ch., 1908 Avenue J, Lubbock, TX 79405
- 24-26 — *Santa Clara, California*. Pacific Regional Forum. Write: Regional Forums Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 24-26 — *Tacoma, Washington*. Freedom In Sobriety. Write: Ch., Box 111659, Tacoma, WA 98411-1659
- 24-26 — *Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada*. District #6, Mini Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 112, Great Village, NS B0M 1L0
- 24-26 — *Windsor, Ontario, Canada*. Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1502, Station "A," Windsor, ON N9A 6R5
- 30-August 2 — *Cedaredge, Colorado*. Seventh Annual Intl. Serenity Run. Write: Ch., Box 1143, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

- 31-August 2 — *Piney Point, Maryland*. Recovery Round-Up. Write: Ch., 11216D Heron Place, Waldorf, MD 20603
- 31-August 2 — *Baumholder, West Germany*. Campathon. Write: Ch., RIC CIRA, 52 EMS, PSC 9, Box 3134, APO AE 09123
- 31-August 2 — *Redwood Creek, California*. HDCC Campout. Write: Ch., Box 751, Eureka, CA 95501

August

- 1-2 — *Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada*. 18th Annual Rally. Write: Ch., Box 652, Campbell River, BC V9W 6J3
- 7-9 — *Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky*. Second Annual Rule 62 Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 62, Covington, KY 41011
- 7-9 — *Mankato, Minnesota*. Southern Minnesota Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2205, Mankato, MN 56003
- 7-9 — *Buffalo, New York*. Information Workshop. Write: Ch., 97 Willowlawn Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14206
- 7-9 — *Guelph, Ontario, Canada*. 23rd Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 89 Westwood Rd., Unit 102, Guelph, ON N1H 7J6
- 7-9 — *Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada*. Family Campout. Write: Ch., 581 John St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6C 3K6
- 7-8 — *Granby, Quebec, Canada*. 14e Congrès. Write: Ch., 218 Blvd. Barré, Cowansville, PQ J2K 2H4
- 7-9 — *Hull, Quebec, Canada*. Vallée de l'Outaouais Conf. Write: Ch., C.P. 24, suc. A, Hull, PQ J8Y 6M7
- 13-16 — *Omaha, Nebraska*. Cornhusker Roundup XV. Write: Ch., Box 425, Bellevue, NE 68005
- 14-16 — *Scottsdale, Arizona*. SRI Round-Up. Write: Ch., 4602 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85014
- 14-16 — *Kutztown, Pennsylvania*. One Primary Purpose. Write: Ch., Box 14993, Reading, PA 19612
- 14-16 — *Cap-aux-Meules, Quebec, Canada*. 16eme Congrès Annuel. Write: Ch., C.P.4 Hame-Aubert, Iles de la Madeleine, PQ G0B 1J0
- 14-16 — *Tiel, Holland*. Intergroup 1 Europe, Area The Netherlands Round-Up. Write: Ch., Vexduringsstraat 17, 2215 WK Voorhout, The Netherlands
- 21-23 — *Stirling, Ontario, Canada*. 12 Step Weekend. Write: Ch., 23A Main Street, Foxboro, ON K0K 2B0
- 27-30 — *Cleveland, Ohio*. 35th ICYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 200513, Cleveland, OH 44120
- 28-30 — *Jackson, Mississippi*. Sixth Annual Oldtimer's Round-Up. Write: Ch., 200 Magnolia Trail, Brandon, MS 39042
- 28-30 — *Joplin, Missouri*. District 12 Summer Hummer. Write: Ch., Box 2075, Joplin, MO 64803
- 28-30 — *College Station, Texas*. Ninth Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 9409, College Station, TX 77842
- 28-30 — *Chattanooga, Tennessee*. Fifth Annual Choo Choo Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2554, Chattanooga, TN 37409
- 28-30 — *St. Jerome, Quebec, Canada*. 11 Congrès. Write: Ch., 217 Terrasse Riipej, La Fontaine, PQ J7Y 4H8