

■ 57th General Service Conference

“Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven’t been given the truth may die.”

(The A.A. Service Manual, p. S1)

These opening lines from A.A.’s Legacy of Service were written by Bill W. in 1951 — and were just as timely 56 years later when A.A.’s 57th General Service Conference met with the theme “A.A.’s 12th Step—Are We Going to Any Length?”

Throughout the Conference, which met at the Crowne Plaza Times Square, New York, April 22-28, presentations and sharing sessions re-examined the Twelfth Step call — in relation to the past, where we are now and the outlook for the future. Presentation/discussion topics addressed such subjects as inclusiveness in A.A., our primary purpose, working with wet drunks, and whether we are resting on our laurels.

The 134 members who make up the General Service Conference consist of delegates from the 93 service areas of the U.S. and Canada, Class A (nonalcoholic) and Class B (alcoholic) trustees, and directors and staff of the two corporate boards — A.A. World Services, Inc. and The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Conference officially began Sunday afternoon with the roll call,



followed by Greetings from Darryl M., delegate chairperson. Allen Ault, Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee gave the Keynote address.

The 57th Conference was chaired by Leonard Blumenthal (nonalcoholic), chairman of the board, Greg M., G.S.O.’s general manager, and Darryl M. (Kentucky), the delegate chairperson.

Rick W., G.S.O. staff, was the Conference coordinator. Working behind the scenes, staff and support personnel from the General Service and Grapevine offices made the week run seamlessly.

The Fellowship lost a big piece of history this past February when Nell Wing (nonalcoholic), Bill’s secretary

and A.A.’s first Archivist, died; she was 89 years old.

At the opening dinner Sunday evening, Nell was remembered by Sarah P., former G.S.O. staff member, and Michael Alexander, trustee emeritus of the General Service Board.

The open A.A. meeting which followed the tribute to Nell was chaired by Eric K. (Oregon) and led by Bobbi P. (Western Massachusetts). Speakers were: Irene K. (G.S.O. staff), Tito T. (Puerto Rico), Marianne H. (California/Northern Interior), Ray M. (general service trustee), and Jane T. (A.A.W.S. director).

Each morning at 7:30 the G.S.C.

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Serenity Group met for an open A.A. meeting, with topics taken from A.A. literature. Bruce A. (Western New York) chaired the meeting. George M. (Delaware) served as secretary/treasurer. A ticket was given to each attendee every day, and on Friday a drawing was held for two A.A. books, signed by members of the group.

Tuesday afternoon Conference members and their guests rode the subway uptown to visit the G.S.O. and Grapevine offices. A big attraction in the Archives was a demo of a Timeline covering the first 10 years of the Fellowship. Eventually, the Timeline will be on G.S.O.'s Web site — a decade at a time — in three languages. "It is important that A.A.'s Web site has the official history," said Amy Filiatreau (nonalcoholic), archivist.

Wednesday afternoon Conference members elected two new regional trustees and the trustee-at-large/Canada. Conley B., of Redfield, Arkansas, will succeed Gary K. as Southwest trustee, and John K. of Collinswood, New Jersey, will follow Mike P. as Northeast trustee. Jo-Anne L., of Winnipeg, MB, will succeed Murray McL. as trustee-at-large/Canada.

The new general service trustees will be John S., who will serve as director on the A.A.W.S. Board, and Dorothy H., who will serve on the Grapevine Board.

France J. of NE Quebec will be the delegate chairperson for the 2008 Conference; Ron H. of Western Missouri will be alternate chair.

Beginning Wednesday evening, after the 13 standing Conference committees had met, reviewed source material, and deliberated on their agenda items, the committee reports were presented to the entire Conference body. Recommendations were then discussed, questioned and debated, and the group conscience of the Fellowship emerged — resulting in Advisory Actions, highlights of which appear on page 3.

The Conference officially closed Friday afternoon with the Serenity Prayer, led by Dave McC. in English, Lynda B. in French, and Hernán M. in Spanish.

At the closing brunch Saturday morning, farewell talks were given by rotating trustees: Allen Ault, Gary K., Murray McL., Mike P. and Arnold R.

Then delegates of the 57th General Service Conference returned to their areas across the United States and Canada, where the process would begin again for the 58th Conference.

■ 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, Vincent E. Keefe, when he rotates in 2008. Candidates should have corporate and business experience; a sound financial background is extremely important

Please submit your candidate's business or professional résumés to the Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, General Service Office by July 31, 2007.

■ Résumés for Trustees

Election due Jan. 1, 2008

Two new Class B (alcoholic) trustees — from the West Central U.S. and Western Canada regions — will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 2008. Résumés must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 2008, and must be submitted by delegates only.

The new West Central regional trustee will succeed Chuck B., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the next trustee from Western Canada will follow Tom K. of Vibank, Saskatchewan.

A sound A.A. background is a basic qualification for Class B trustees. Ten years of continuous sobriety is 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.

It is also important that trustee candidates understand the commitment of time required. Trustees are expected to attend three quarterly board weekends, with meetings often scheduled from Thursday afternoon through Monday morning, and the General Service Conference, which lasts for one week. Often trustees are asked to attend a Regional Forum weekend. In addition, regional trustees are usually asked to serve two years on either the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Corporate Boards, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board.

Please submit your candidate's résumé to the Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, General Service Office.

■ 2007 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Considerations

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. Some Advisory Actions and a few additional committee considerations appear below in condensed form. A complete list will be published in the *Final Conference Report*.

Advisory Actions

Agenda—that the theme for the 2008 General Service Conference be: “Communication and Participation — The Key to Unity and Self-Support.”

Archives— that any future proposed project involving widespread distribution of archival recordings be submitted to the Conference Archives Committee so that the Conference might provide guidance prior to production.

Corrections—that the draft informational media presentation featuring someone highly credible in the corrections field introducing A.A. to training academies and in-service training programs for correctional personnel be approved with a suggested change to be reviewed and approved by the trustees’ Committee on Corrections.

Finance— that the annual limit contributed to the General Service Board from individual A.A. members be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and that bequests from A.A. members should be subject to the same limit and continue to be on a one-time basis and not in perpetuity.

Grapevine— that the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer.

Literature—that the title of the pamphlet “Can A.A. Help Me Too?” subtitled “Black/African Americans Share Their Stories” be changed to “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic”; that the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*, be produced.

Policy/Admissions— that the 60th General Service Conference be held April 18-24, 2010.

Public Information—that the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2004 A.A. Membership Survey; that the public service announcement “A Force of Nature,” developed by the trustees’ Public Information Committee, be approved.

Report and Charter—that the Publications Department insert into *The A.A. Service Manual*, where appropriate, the inverted triangle graphic that currently appears annually in the General Service Conference manual.

Treatment Facilities— recommended that the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* be revised, retaining only the script, and that sample footage or a progress report be brought to the 2008 Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities.

Trustees—that, in accordance with the Bylaws of the General Service Board, Inc., the board consider all eligible Class A (nonalcoholic) and Class B (alcoholic) trustees when selecting the chairperson of the General Service Board.

Additional Considerations

Cooperation With the Professional Community— recognized the value of utilizing professionals who are friends of A.A. at local A.A. events with the goal of stimulating interest in C.P.C. service.

International Conventions/A.A. Regional Forums—discussed the site-selection procedures for the 2020 International Convention, noting that selecting an International Convention site twelve years out prevents us from having to compete for sites and yet allows us to have enough information about the site city to make a good decision; discussed the concept and details of Local Forums and noted that the new Local Forums format specifies that some expense, such as site rental, will be the responsibility of the Local Forums organizing committee.

■ Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2007¹

	Groups	Members
United States	53,665	1,213,269
Canada	<u>4,874</u>	<u>95,443</u>
Sub-Total	58,539	1,308,712
Correctional facilities ²	2,432	63,357
Internationalists		65
Lone members		<u>227</u>
Total	60,971	1,372,361
Outside U.S. & Canada ³	<u>53,590</u>	<u>616,899</u>
Grand Total	114,561	1,989,260

1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O., and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

2. U.S. and Canada only.

3. We are aware of A.A. activity in more than 180 countries, including 57 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually we attempt to contact those G.S.O.s and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking we use an earlier year’s figures.

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

■ General Service Board

Trustees' report: As we gather at our annual Conference, our 57th, we should take the time to thank the God of our understanding for the wonderful gift of A.A. Our theme for this conference—Our 12th Step Responsibility—Are We Going To Any Length?—is a particularly poignant question for all of us to consider.

Following the 56th Conference, we welcomed three new Class B (alcoholic) trustees: Madeleine P., Pacific region trustee; general service trustee, Jane S.; and Denis V., Eastern Canada region trustee. Sadly this past year and a great loss to the Fellowship, Jane and Denis passed away. They are remembered for their sterling dedication and service to A.A.

After a review of the Bylaws of the General Service Board and the options for the selection or election of a regional trustee due to Denis V.'s sudden passing, the delegates of the Eastern Canada region caucused and recommended that the position remain vacant for the balance of the four-year term that expires in 2010, and that the chair of the General Service Board appoint a trustee to fill the position. I appointed Murray M. to serve as acting regional trustee concurrent with his duties as trustee-at-large, Canada, until he rotates at the close of this Conference. I will then reappoint a trustee to serve as acting Eastern Canada regional trustee. The Board's recommendation that John S. serve as general service trustee, replacing Jane S., was forwarded to the 2007 Conference Committee on Trustees.

We reviewed the Final Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Structure Inventory, and approved and forwarded recommendations, which pertain to amendments in the Bylaws of the General Service Board and *The A.A. Service Manual* to the Conference Committees on Trustees and Report & Charter. The board continued its review of the Bylaws and forwarded an amendment to the Bylaws to the Conference Committee on Trustees. Changes to General Service Board Bylaws must be approved by the General Service Conference.

In March 2006, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to review the three Board inventories (AA Grapevine, A.A. World Services and General Service Board) taken in 2005 through 2006. The scope of the committee included a review of inventory reports to sort out trends, issues and indicators reflected in the discussions that point to the future. In March 2007, the Board met to review priority lists of suggestions of the three board inventories.

Since the 56th Conference, the board has hosted three Regional Forums and three Special Forums. One of the most memorable was the Special "Native North American Indian" Forum held on a reservation of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians where over 120 Native North Americans attended.

The 19th World Service Meeting was held in Malahide, Ireland in October.

This week we will hear and see many reports and presentations regarding our theme and what has been done to enhance our Twelfth Step responsibility. I am sure that if Bill W. were here with us he would be very proud but would then prod us to move further and faster. He, no doubt, would exhort us to embrace the future more aggressively in carrying out our Twelfth Step efforts.

*Leonard M. Blumenthal, LL.D.,
(nonalcoholic) chairman*

■ Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Directors' report: Directors serving on Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) report annually to the General Service Conference on A.A. publications, group services provided by the General Service Office (G.S.O.), and other activities linked directly to A.A.'s primary purpose. Our purpose, expressed through requested services and publications of A.A. literature, is to enable members and groups to share A.A.'s solution with each suffering alcoholic. The A.A.W.S. Board met seven times since the 56th Conference to receive reports from G.S.O. management and staff; review updates on group services activity and track progress on implementation of Conference and board recommendations; review financial reports; price new and revised publications; consider publishing operations and G.S.O. administration matters; discuss requests from A.A. members and non-A.A.s seeking permission to reprint A.A.-copyrighted literature; and address other pertinent matters.

The board approved the 2006 Annual Web Site Activity Reports and forwarded it to the trustees' Committee on Public Information. The board also approved electronic distribution of *Markings* and *About A.A.*

Trustees and G.S.O. staff traveled to Turkey, Croatia, Greece, France, Cameroon, Mexico, South Korea, Mongolia, Siberia and other countries.

For financial information please see details in Report of the Trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee.

Publications—In 2006, G.S.O. distributed 1,951,938 book units, 7% less than 2,102,014 distributed in 2005. In 2006, A.A. purchases totaled 1,607,760 units; and non-A.A. purchases accounted for 344,178. In 2006, we distributed 1,067,191 *Big Books* (all formats). We suspended publication of 2006-2007 A.A. Directories due to extensive delays in the production. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* audio-book on CD was priced at \$18; the audio CD of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Edition, was repriced at \$55.

Translations and Licensing Projects: *Translations completed:* Armenian Living Sober; Ojibwe Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions audiotapes and *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Pocket Edition) audiotapes; Croatian *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Edition; "Information on A.A."; A.A. Guidelines on Central/Intergroup Offices; A.A. Guidelines on Conferences, Conventions, and Roundups; "Twelve Traditions Illustrated"; "Concepts Checklist" and "Traditions Checklist-A.A./Grapevine"; Turkish "Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated," "Information on A.A."; "If You Are a Professional" and Public Information Workbook; Sinhala *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Edition; Bosnian "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions;" "A Newcomer Asks"; "Is A.A. for You?"; "Information on A.A." and "A Brief Guide to A.A."; Kazakh "Information on A.A.," "44 Questions," "Is A.A. for You?"; "This is A.A.," "A Brief Guide to A.A." and "This is A.A."; Greek Public Information Workbook; Indonesian *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Edition; Thai "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" and "What Happened to Joe?"

Licenses were granted to boards or committees serving A.A. in their countries to translate and/or print and distribute versions of A.A. literature.

We learned that copyright protection on the original 1962 version of the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* expired on December 31, 1990 because the copyright was not renewed prior to that date. A simple fact sheet on the loss of the Concepts copyright was distributed to all Conference members, who were encouraged to share the facts with members in their area and region.

The A.A.W.S. Publishing Committee discussed customer qualifications for online ordering accounts and recommended they include any recognized central intergroup office; any district or area or any committee thereof, and any other entity that has spent \$25,000 or more on A.A. literature in any one of the past three years. Customers must be from the U.S. or Canada.

At year-end 2006, G.S.O. had 80 full-time employees, plus four part-time/students. The development and deployment of Fellowship New Vision (FNV) is on schedule and within budget.

Paul C., chairperson

■ Archives

Trustees' report: The committee reviewed the continuing project to digitize and catalog the audio and film recordings in the Archives. More than 4,000 recordings have now been digitized, preserving them for the future. The Archives now has a policy for the distribution of its audio and film recordings.

We also approved the installation of a new digital listening station, so that visitors can listen to excerpts of the audio recordings from the Archives' collections. The committee adopted a new "Collection Policy," specifying in detail the kinds of material the Archives collects for its permanent archives, what it does not collect, and why.

Herb Goodman, (nonalcoholic) chairperson

Archivist's report: In 2006 we responded to more than 1,500 individual requests, from all over the world, for research and information. Depending on the complexity of the question, a request may take 15 minutes or more than 20 hours to research. We corresponded with many archivists in the Fellowship and offered assistance and support whenever possible. The new service piece, the "Oral Histories Kit," is intended to offer guidance for members wishing to record interviews with their significant and long-time members.

We continue to look at ways to increase security and preservation in the Archives, both through facilities improvements and added security measures. A disaster plan was developed and adopted, providing instructions for responding to a water leak, fire, mold outbreak, or other emergency in the Archives. We created a new traveling exhibit as well. We wish to express our appreciation to those who have donated material to the Archives this year.

Amy Filiatreau, (nonalcoholic) archivist

■ Audit Committee

Trustees' report: The trustees' Audit Committee, formed in 2003 by the General Service Board, consists of four trustees and the board treasurer. The committee reviews such items as audit process, audit results, internal controls, best accounting practices, and management integrity.

Vince Keefe, (nonalcoholic) treasurer

■ Compensation Committee

Trustees' report: This committee, formed in 2006 by the General Service Board, consists of five trustees. It was created to assist the board in fulfilling its fiduciary obligation of Prudent Corporate Governance. The committee reports to the General Service Board and reviews and advises A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine on such items as compensation policies, annual salary increase process, best compensation practices, and executive compensation.

Herb Goodman, (nonalcoholic) chairperson

■ Conference

Trustees' report: We reviewed the Advisory Actions, including the theme for the 57th General Service Conference, and the Evaluation Questionnaires. The committee approved the updated 2007 Conference week schedule that includes presentation topics

approved by the 2006 Conference. We also reviewed a revised version of a service piece directed to Conference members on "Trust" and agreed that it be added to Conference Communication Kit and Conference Manual.

Tom K., chairperson

Staff report: The Conference coordinator is the G.S.O. contact for General Service Conference members. The Conference process continues throughout the year and the coordinator corresponds regularly with delegates and alternate delegates. The coordinator is also the contact for area and district committee members, as well as past delegates, in the 93 areas in the U. S. and Canada. The coordinator also serves as secretary to the Conference Agenda Committee and the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference; assembling suggestions for the Conference theme, presentation/discussion and workshop topics; working with the G.S.O. staff and general manager on planning and coordinating each phase of the Conference; scheduling and assembling reports and other information for the Conference Manual; and, with the guidance of the Publications Department, the Early Bird edition of *Box 4-5-9* and the *Conference Final Report*.

Rick W.

■ Cooperation With the Professional Community/ Treatment Facilities

Trustees' report:

C.P.C.—A primary committee focus is assisting local C.P.C. committees to provide A.A. information to professionals who, through their work, may come in contact with the still-suffering alcoholic. The committee agreed to forward to the 2007 Conference C.P.C. Committee the agenda item "Discuss the need for three short video segments that could be streamed on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site and directed to professionals in the employment/human relations, legal/criminal justice, and medical fields, with a total cost not to exceed \$60,000." We also began discussion on how A.A. may be able to reach professionals in newly emerging professional settings, such as at Drug, Mental Health, Family, Re-entry and Other Specialty Courts. The committee reviewed the 2006 list of 62 exhibits at national professional conferences, as well as the exhibit evaluations.

Staff shared experience that the current C.P.C. display used at exhibits did not clearly indicate that the information available was geared toward helping professionals in their work with alcoholics, and recommended to the G.S.O. that new tabletop exhibit artwork be purchased to remedy this.

Treatment Facilities—In response to a request from the 2006 Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities, we gathered sharing from the Fellowship regarding use of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* by those A.A. members carrying the message into treatment facilities and other noncorrectional facilities,

and a report of the experience was forwarded to the 2007 Conference Committee. We also reviewed a request for additional consideration to develop a pilot electronic bulletin board on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site for those bringing the A.A. message to treatment facilities and other noncorrectional environments.

Allen Ault, (nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff reports:

C.P.C. — The staff member on the C.P.C. assignment, along with a capable assistant, provides information about A.A. and facilitates communication with those outside A.A. who may have direct contact with the still-suffering alcoholic through their professional work. In 2006, 622 professional requests for information on A.A. were associated with visits to G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. Other requests arrived by letter, e-mail, fax and phone. This assignment is also responsible for the newsletter for professionals, *About A.A.* We arranged for displays at 62 conferences of professionals in 2006. In addition, 52 local exhibits were referred to area C.P.C. committees. The C.P.C. staff member greets students from Cornell University Medical Center who visit G.S.O. throughout the year.

Irene K.

Treatment Facilities — The purpose of the Treatment Facilities assignment is to share experience and information with committees that carry the A.A. message into a variety of treatment settings. G.S.O. lists 87 Area Treatment Facilities (T.F.) committee chairpersons, plus 396 district and other T.F. chairpersons, as well as 26 Area Bridging the Gap (BTG) and 19 Area Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) committee chairpersons; 137 BTG and H&I district and other chairpersons are also listed. The total list comprises 665 T.F.-related trusted servants. Each is involved in one or more facets of providing A.A. meetings and/or information in treatment settings. Periodically, we share highlights from the trustees' meetings and activities from the T.F. staff assignment with area, district and other T.F. chairs.

Mary Clare L.

■ Corrections

Trustees' report: The committee forwarded to the Conference an informational media presentation introducing A.A. to corrections training academies and to corrections personnel. We also reviewed revisions to the two service pieces "The A.A. Prerelease Contact Program" (one for inmates and one for outsiders) and suggested they replace old ones.

Chuck B., chairperson

Staff report: The Corrections assignment is responsible for helping A.A. members and local committees carry the A.A. message to alcoholics confined in a variety of correctional settings. Nearly 600 letters a month arrive from inmates, most requesting free literature, many asking to participate in our

Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.), or for help in making contact with A.A. upon their release. We try to facilitate these requests, primarily through our network of area, district and local Corrections committees. The newsletter, *Sharing From Behind the Walls*, containing excerpts of sharing from inmate letters sent to G.S.O., is also a responsibility of this assignment.

Mary D.

■ Finance and Budgetary

Trustees' report: At last year's Conference we reviewed the proposed budget for 2006 and reported that the G.S.O. expected a profit from operations of approximately \$656,000, which after Conference actions resulting in midyear budget adjustments, was reduced to \$475,000. Results for 2006 were close to the original budget, in fact a net profit of \$657,900. While expenses for the year were within \$11,000 (one-tenth of 1%) of budget, total revenue was approximately \$194,000 better than expected, due to contributions. At the end of 2006, the Reserve Fund balance represented approximately 8.5 months of operating expenses.

Our revenue essentially comes from two sources: profit from literature sales and contributions. Contributions in 2006 were again higher than the previous year, in this case by about \$650,000 (12%). This represents the ninth year in a row that contributions have increased over the previous year.

Contributions of \$5,922,000 received from groups and members were \$517,000, or 10%, greater than budgeted, and \$640,000 (12%) more than in 2005. The \$5,922,000 in contributions came from 26,622 groups, individuals, and service entities. That, for comparison, represents 45.5% of the 58,539 groups registered with G.S.O., an increase of 2.3 percentage points from the 43.2% last year.

Beginning in 2002, we were obliged to record funds received on behalf of the World Service Meeting International Literature Fund as Contributions to G.S.O. Total contributions of \$6,068,000, reflected in our 2006 financial statements, include approximately \$145,000 received from those participating countries. The comparable comparisons for prior years were: 2005, \$135,000; 2004, \$128,357; 2003, \$102,900; and 2002, \$108,000.

While total contribution dollars were higher again this year, and the number of groups listed at G.S.O. was also slightly higher, the good news was that the percent of groups contributing has increased slightly. It is important to remember that the statistics we discuss concerning number of groups, membership and averages are only a reflection of the information we capture on "our systems." We report to you what you report to us.

The other major component of our income, net sales of literature, were \$11,681,000, which was \$622,000 (5%) less than budgeted, and just about \$80,000 higher than 2005. During 2006, with the exception of

the Big Book, units of books sold generally declined from 2005. (During 2006, the total number of Big Books sold was approximately 92,000 (3.7%) more than in 2005.) We believe that this reflects the combined effect of buying and leveling off resulting from the midyear price adjustments of different titles two years in a row.

In total, printing and other manufacturing costs, shipping expenses and royalty payments were less than budgeted by a considerable margin. This is a result of lower than expected sales as well as a residual effect of efforts to reduce print costs. Gross profit of \$6,875,200 was \$360,000 less than budgeted.

The combination of contributions and net literature sales resulted in total G.S.O. revenue of \$12,952,200, some \$194,000 greater than originally budgeted.

Total operating expenses for G.S.O. during 2006 were \$12,294,300, approximately \$11,000 more than budget. Compared to budget, the increased revenues offset by the slight increase in expenses resulted in a 2006 operating profit of \$657,900. The profit was about even with the original budget and \$183,000 more than the adjusted budget.

In 1994, G.S.O. lowered prices and increased discounts on literature. These changes were undertaken to lower the Reserve Fund, which was at that time approaching the upper limit established by the General Service Conference of 12 months of combined operating expenses. The adjusted balance used for the calculation, \$10,007,000, amounts to about \$171 per listed A.A. group. Dividing total Contributions received (\$6,068,172) by the 58,539 groups registered gives us an average of about \$104, while expenses to support services to those groups amounted to approximately \$141. The adjusted balance used for the Reserve Fund calculation has increased approximately \$750,000 from last year.

Turning to 2007, the G.S.O. budget, anticipates a return to more "normal levels" of unit sales following the price adjustments of the past few years. In 2005, your responsible trusted servants recommended an increase in prices of books and booklets (except the Big Book), as well as an imposition of a small shipping charge effective July 1, 2005. This followed by one year the restoration of the price of the Big Book on July 1, 2004. The price of the Fourth Edition was set at \$5.00 (a \$1.00 per book reduction from \$6.00), specifically reducing the expected Gross Profit with a goal of reducing the Reserve Fund. Projections at that time anticipated that, depending on contributions, the price would be restored in a few years.

Prudence dictated that even though Contribution revenue has seen favorable upward movement during the last several years, restoration of the overall revenue stream was appropriate.

This year's budget anticipates about a 2% increase in contributions. The budget envisions approximately a 2% increase in costs when compared with 2006 actual results, and

a 2% increase when compared with the 2006 budget. Based on these primary assumptions – approximately even dollar sales; a 2% increase in contributions; and a slight increase in total operating expenses – the projection for 2007 is for an excess of revenue over expenses of \$237,450, somewhat less than the 2006 budgeted profit.

In 2006, we spent \$8,272,000 on services to the Fellowship, approximately \$830,000 more than spent in 2005. This compares with \$7,443,300 in 2005, \$7,622,288 in 2004, \$7,088,055 in 2003, \$7,182,000 in 2002, \$6,685,600 spent in 2001, \$6,143,300 spent in 2000, \$5,876,500 in 1999, \$5,867,700 in 1998, and \$5,944,000 in 1997. Contributions provided 73%, and 27% came from the profit from literature sales. (This compares with 73%, and 27% in 2005; 68% and 32% in 2004; 72% and 28% in 2004; 71% and 29% in 2002; 70% and 30% in 2001; and 73% and 27% for 2000.)

Services spending amounted to \$141 per listed A.A. group, up about \$13 from the previous year, while total contributions were about \$104 per group, up \$13. The 2006 service dollar was spent on the following activities:

Group Services 31.8% (which includes the Group Services assignment; *Box 4-5-9*; A.A. Directories; records and files; contributions processing; and French services); the General Service Conference, 12.1%; Loners, Internationalists, and Overseas Services, 11.6%; trustees' and directors' activities, 6.7%; Regional Forums, 6.9%; Archives, 9.7%; C.P.C., 5.5%; Public Information, 5%; Correctional Facilities, 5.2%; and Treatment Facilities, 1.6%; World Service Meeting, 1.6%; Special Needs, 1%; Nominating 1%; other various 0.3%.

At the Grapevine, income was approximately even with the prior year and average circulation was approximately even as well. Average circulation during 2006 was 103,878. This compared with 104,356 for 2005, 108,203 for 2004, 112,614 for 2003, 115,753 for 2002, 115,000 in 2001, 115,700 in 2000, 115,900 for 1999, 117,300 for 1998, 120,704 for 1997, and 128,486 during 1996. Gross profit on the magazine was \$1,151,000, which was \$12,000 less than last year and \$52,000 less than budgeted. The Grapevine (excluding La Viña) reported a loss from operations of \$48,875, compared with the \$44,190 profit last year. See the Grapevine directors' report for details.

La Viña had a 2006 average circulation of 10,223. This compared with a 2005 average of 9,380, a 2004 average of 9,316, a 2003 average circulation of 9,222, and 2002 circulation of 9,000, 8,680 in 2001, 8,500 in 2000, 8,000 in 1999, and 8,400 in 1997. To date, the project has incurred losses each of the past ten and one-half years. The overall loss on La Viña for 2006 was \$72,001, compared with a loss for 2005 of \$107,740.

During the year, a concise message about self-support was produced by a subcommittee. The A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine Corporate Boards, as well as the trustees

finance and Budgetary Committee, continue to receive information and recommendations from the Retirement plan's Actuaries concerning requirements placed on A.A. as a result of recent pension legislation enacted by the U.S. Congress. This legislation calls for accelerated funding of pensions, which is a departure from the previously accepted method of long-term funding of pensions over the employees working life. Basically the long-term funding requirements are the same.

In addition, while funding requirements may change annually based on fund earnings and retiree payments, the financial impact on the A.A.W.S. 2007 budget is an increase of approximately \$300,000 from the 2006 contribution of \$678,000. While nowhere near this dollar amount, the Grapevine also is required to increase its funding substantially. It is anticipated that this increased funding level will continue for several years. The outlook for this year appears to be favorable, and we continue to have the financial wherewithal to carry our message.

Vincent Keefe, (nonalcoholic) treasurer

■ General Sharing Session

Trustees' report: The topic of the July 2006 session was "Are We Growing—Let's Talk About It." The October topic was "Leadership: Our Collective Vision—Our Future Depends On It." In January 2007, the session focused on "Right of Participation—Concept IV."

Jeanne Woodford, (nonalcoholic) chairperson

Group Services

Staff report: To assist groups, G.S.O. provides service material to the Fellowship, based on an indicated need, to provide information and share experience. Examples of service material include: Group Handbooks; G.S.R. and D.C.M. Kits; A.A. Guidelines; List of Fellowships similar to A.A.; a catalog of A.A. Literature and Audiovisual Material for Special Needs. Ongoing projects: supervising service material and coordinating A.A.W.S.'s part in annual Intergroup Seminars. The Group Services coordinator works closely with G.S.O.'s Intra-Office Web site committee to update and improve G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.

Warren S.

■ International/ World Service Meeting

Trustees' report: This committee is responsible for suggesting policies and actions to assure that the A.A. message is available around the world, especially in areas where there is no established service structure. We provide shared experience, support translations of A.A. literature in other languages, and encourage the expansion of regional or zonal meetings. The committee is the primary link between the international A.A. community and the U.S./Canada General Service Board of Trustees. The 19th World Service Meeting was held October 15-19 in Dublin, Ireland, with

the theme "Anonymous, But Not Invisible." We were 54 delegates representing over 34 countries or zones.

Murray McL., chairperson

Staff report: The International desk receives correspondence from groups, individual A.A.s and professionals interested in obtaining information about A.A. in countries outside of the U.S. and Canada. The staff member corresponds with 59 international general service offices and literature distribution centers. Other responsibilities on the assignment are: coordinating the biennial World Service Meeting (WSM) and maintaining contact with delegates and their offices throughout the year; maintaining close communications with our Publications Department on requests for new translations of literature and the beginnings of new General Service or Information offices that may be able to distribute literature locally.

Doug R.

■ International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums

Trustees' report:

International Conventions—The committee reviewed suggested themes for the 2010 International Convention and selected "A Vision for You." We also reviewed the site-selection procedure for the 2020 Convention.

Regional Forums—Since the 2006 General Service Conference, Regional Forums have been held in the Pacific, Eastern Canada and Southeast Regions. Special Forums were held in Banning, California; Philadelphia; and Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Ray M., chairperson

Staff reports:

International Convention—The International Convention assignment entails coordinating the myriad details involved in producing the A.A. International Convention, held every five years. Working with four committees—Trustees, Conference, G.S.O. Planning and Host—the International Convention coordinator is responsible for bringing the Convention to life and ensuring that thousands of A.A.s can share and celebrate A.A.'s Anniversary. Plans are now under way for the next International Convention in San Antonio, Texas, July 1-4, 2010.

Regional Forums—The staff member handling Regional Forums is responsible for coordinating all arrangements necessary for holding Regional and Special Forums in the U.S. and Canada. These weekends help foster wider communication and understanding among A.A. service workers, the General Service Board, A.A.W.S., and the staffs of the GV and G.S.O. Forums are held at the invitation of a particular region every two years; currently there are four Forums annually. The staff member serves as co-secretary of the trustees' and Conference International Conventions/Regional Forums Committees.

Valerie O'N.

■ Literature

Trustees' report: Project completed: "Too Young." Projects forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee for consideration: A progress report on the development of the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*; Progress report on the revision of pamphlet, "A.A. for the Native North American."

Bill Clark., (nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The Literature coordinator works closely with the editor, writers and illustrators on reviewing all new recovery pamphlets, books and audiovisuals, in accordance with recommendations from the Conference. The literature desk receives and responds to correspondence from A.A. members and groups about literature. There are currently 75 area literature chairpersons, 368 district literature chairpersons and 298 literature persons serving intergroups and individual A.A. groups. This assignment is also responsible for *Box 4-5-9*.

Adrienne B.

■ Loners, Internationalists, Homers

Staff report: Loners are A.A.s who are unable to attend meetings because there are no groups nearby. There are about 227 Loners in 58 countries. Seagoing A.A.s, known as internationalists, number about 65, as well as 52 Port Contacts. We now have 209 Homers, A.A.s who are housebound due to illness or physical disability. Homers, Loners and Internationalists stay sober by sharing with each other through letters, tapes and e-mails. Each new Loner, Homer and Internationalist receives a directory of members, a subscription to *Box 4-5-9* and the *Loners/Internationalists Meeting-By-Mail (LIM)*, a confidential bimonthly bulletin which shares excerpts of letters received at G.S.O. from LIM members. There are also over 500 Loner Sponsors, who share A.A. activities and personal experience.

Mary Clare L.

■ Nominating

Trustees' committee: The committee interviewed candidates for position of Class A trustee, and selected one. Following the death of trustee Denis V., we reviewed Bylaws for selection/election of a replacement. We also considered the option of a Class B trustee serving as chairman of the board, and forwarded background to the Conference Committee on trustees. The committee also forwarded to the Conference the proposed slates of General Service Board members, officers of the board, and A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine directors, for disapproval, if any.

Gary K., chairperson

Staff report: This assignment is responsible to the trustees' Nominating Committee, as well as to the Conference Committee on Trustees, serving as secretary to both committees. This assignment also serves as a resource point for Special Needs/Accessibilities Committees, sending welcome letters and material to district and area committee chairs, as well as serving as a Special Needs correspondent. Additionally, this assignment provides a central point for sharing on Remote Communities work.

Gayle S. R.

■ Public Information

Trustees' report: Over the past year the committee recommended that the concept "A Force of Nature," be developed as the 2007 TV P.S.A. and a rough cut was forwarded to the 2007 Conference. We reviewed the text and format of the Annual Anonymity Letter to the Media and suggested that this year's letter be sent by e-mail *only*. We also reviewed several suggestions for modifications to the A.A. 2007 Membership Survey Questionnaire, and forwarded it to the 2006 Conference P.I. Committee.

Ward Ewing, (nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The goal of the P.I. assignment is to provide accurate and consistent information about A.A. to the general public through the media, health fairs, schools and G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. A crucial part of P.I. work at G.S.O. is to act as a resource and central repository of the sharing from P.I. committees in the U.S. and Canada. During the year the staff member and an assistant respond to hundreds of written and telephone inquiries from the public and Fellowship. The staff member also handles questions from the media. The staff member communicates with over 700 P.I. Committee chair people at the area, district, intergroup/central office and group level. Coordinating the triennial A.A. Membership Survey is part of this assignment

Julio E.

■ Staff Coordinator

Staff report: Services to A.A. groups and members are provided through 11 staff assignments; in addition, staff members correspond with groups and members in a specific region. Staff members rotate assignments every two years; assignments are assisted by the staff coordinator. In 2005 staff received a total of 31,982 pieces of mail (including faxes and e-mail). As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling meetings, distributing advance material, preparing the minutes of the board meetings and also serves as editor of the *Quarterly Report*. In the past year, G.S.O. welcomed 1,762 visitors.

Eva S.

■ Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

Directors' report: One of the operating arms of the General Service Board, the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., publishes the A.A. Grapevine magazine, our monthly meeting in print. Beginning in July 2006, the magazine also became available as an audio download from our Web site, www.aagrapevine.org. Collections of Grapevine articles also appear in books, audio CDs, and online in the Digital Archive. In addition, A.A. Grapevine, Inc., publishes *La Viña*, the Spanish-language journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, and CDs and anthologies of *La Viña* stories, all of which are financed by the General Service Board as a service to the Fellowship.

The directors of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., have convened four times as a board this year: three times during quarterly General Service Board weekends, and once to take formal action during a Planning Committee meeting in June. Two more board meetings were held the week of the Conference. The Grapevine directors also met four times as a Planning Committee. The directors review the corporation's finances and operations and take formal actions during quarterly board meetings.

The Grapevine realized a loss of \$48,873 in 2006, versus a budgeted profit of \$19,879. Total Grapevine income, including cash flow and interest from the Reserve Fund, was \$1,587,176, or \$106,039 lower than budget and \$20,386 higher than last year. Total Grapevine expenses were \$1,636,049, or \$37,287 lower than budget. These expenses included: editorial costs, which were lower than budget by \$23,224; circulation and business expenses, which were \$43,329 lower than budget; and general and administrative expenses, which were \$29,267 higher than budget.

Average monthly magazine circulation was 103,878 for the year. This was 1,622 lower than budget and 478 lower than 2005. Gross profit on the magazine was \$1,151,365. Gross profit on related items, which are books, CDs, and other items, was \$367,639. This was \$64,405 lower than budget and \$24,129 ahead of last year.

At *La Viña*, bimonthly circulation averaged 10,223 last year. Magazine income was \$89,080, which was ahead of budget by \$7,782. Direct costs were \$68,620, which was \$2,857 over budget. Gross profit on the magazine was \$20,460. This is \$2,552 ahead of budget and \$16,549 ahead of the same period in 2005. Other publishing income of \$27,739 was \$9,739 ahead of budget. Gross profit on LV items was \$20,787. This is \$6,635 ahead of budget. Total gross profit from the magazine and other items was \$41,247. Editorial, circulation and business, and general and administrative expenses were \$113,251. This was \$492 over budget. The net loss for *La Viña* for 2006 was \$72,004. This was lower than the budgeted loss of \$80,699 by \$8,695.

Management has taken steps to get the Grapevine back in the black by 2008. It has reduced office space by more than 20% and is exploring the feasibility of publishing the magazine in new media, beginning with the AudioGrapevine. Increasing expenses include a \$56,000 increase last year in pension-related expenses and a \$25,000 increase in the cost of mailing the magazine. In 2007, to help cover rising costs, in July the Grapevine's subscription price will go up \$2 (an increase of 17 cents an issue). The last Grapevine price increase was five years ago. This price increase, plus an increase in circulation of 100 subscriptions per area, would allow the Grapevine to cover all its costs and break even. *La Viña* circulation climbed 11% and the momentum seems to be building. The increase in subscriptions helped lower the net loss by over 10% in 2006, and the 2007 price increase is expected to cover increased expenses totaling more than \$15,000.

Sample findings of a GV subscriber survey show that: 88% said they were very satisfied with their subscription; 74% said that the availability of the DA and AudioGV would not affect their decision to renew; 73% are over 50 years old; 44% have been sober for 18 years or more; and 95% are white. Sample findings of a web visitor survey show that: 83% read the print magazine and 49% subscribe; 3% are under age 29; and 49% are over age 50. So this year, the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., is making reaching young people in A.A. and newcomers a priority with the help of the Fellowship.

Arnold R., chairperson

Staff report: The Grapevine had a challenging and productive year in 2006. The Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) met five times last year to help develop the audio edition of the international journal of alcoholics, the AudioGrapevine, which was launched in July 2006.

During the year we released two books: *Emotional Sobriety* and *El Grupo Base: Corazón the A.A.* (the Spanish edition of *The Home Group: Heartbeat of A.A.*); *Historias de La Viña III; Pasos 7 a 12* (a CD on Steps 7-12); and four updated and remastered Grapevine tapes on CD: *The Story of A.A., What It Was Like, The Twelve Traditions* and *It Works If We Work It*. The Grapevine also reprinted the facsimiles of the memorial issues marking the passing of our co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob. All told the Grapevine distributed 113,000 book, CDs, and other items this year, compared to 107,000 in 2005. Visitors to the Web site have grown 22.5% this year, to 38,000.

Our international magazine in Spanish, *La Viña*, had a stellar year, with an increase in circulation of 9%, to 10,223. *La Viña's* three CDs in Spanish have also been widely distributed.

Robin B., executive editor

The Budget Highlights

2007 G.S.O. Budget

This budget describes the "OPERATIONS" of the General Service Office. It includes expenses of A.A. World Services (the Publishing operation) and the General Fund (Service activities). It excludes any activities reported separately in the Reserve Fund, Convention Fund, or the Capital Projects Fund. The Grapevine operations are described below in a separate report.

Income: The 2007 budget projects net sales of \$12,000,000, approximately flat when compared with the 2006 actual results of \$12,007,000 and which were below the \$12,655,000 estimated for the 2006 budget. The 2007 budget includes an expected return to "normal" levels of sales, after the two recent sets of price adjustments (7/1/04 & 7/1/05).

Manufacturing costs are budgeted higher than 2006 as we have begun to see higher paper and manufacturing component costs in the latter half of 2006. Royalties are budgeted at \$170,000.

Shipping and warehousing costs are budgeted approximately 6% higher than the 2006 results. While our warehousing group had shifted warehouse facilities over a year ago, and anticipated more cost effective operations, we have seen increased fuel cost passalongs from the shipping industry.

After subtracting manufacturing costs, royalties and shipping expense, gross profit is budgeted at \$6,560,000 or 56.3%. This is about \$300,000 less than 2006. The Gross profit compares with \$6,875,000 (58.8%) for 2006. It should also be remembered that as we continue to strive to have literature available — for our Service Conference in the Spanish and French languages as well as English — lower print runs in those languages could result in higher production costs. Because we strive to have similar selling prices regardless of our manufacturing cost, lower gross profits for individual items may occur that will affect the overall gross profit. Thus price increases may become necessary as things progress.

Prudence dictates that even though contribution revenue has seen favorable upward movement over the last several years, other actions have been necessary to control costs and reinforce the revenue stream so as to provide sufficient funds to continue providing services. Trusted Servants continue to explore methods to reduce the costs of operations, as well as assess the services supplied.

Contributions for 2007 have been budgeted at \$6,200,000 in total. Contributions received for the year 2006 were \$650,000 (12%) greater than 2005.

During 2006, contributions from groups and individuals of \$5,922,000 were \$517,000 (10%) greater than budget and \$640,000 (12%) greater than 2005. Contributions received from World Service Meeting countries toward the World Service Meeting International literature fund amounted to \$145,000, approximately \$20,000 more than 2005. In total, contributions received for 2006 were just over \$6,068,000. In addition to the work trusted servants are doing to carry the message of the necessity for voluntary contributions, historical evidence suggests that usually in the year following an International Convention, we enjoy a healthy increase in contributions.

Total Operating Revenue for the 2007 is anticipated at \$12,763,000, approximately even with the 2006 budget and 1.5% less than the 2006 actual results.

Total Operating Expenses for 2007 have been budgeted at \$12,525,550, approximately \$231,000 or 2% more than 2006, and \$242,000 or 2% more than the 2006 budget as well. The 2007 budget includes a decrease for the G.S.O. USA net expense for the World Service Meeting, but an increase in funding cost for the pension plan following recent Congressional action requiring changes in funding policy for pension plans.

For 2007, the G.S.O. budget anticipates an excess of revenue over expense of \$237,450. This compares with an actual income for 2006 of \$657,884 and the \$474,975 net income budgeted for 2006 (including mid-year adjustments).

The expected 2007 operating income, the 2006 actual income, as well as other transfers, assist in maintaining the Reserve Fund balance.

2007 Grapevine Budget

The 2007 Grapevine Budget calls for an average circulation of 103,000, approximately 2,500 copies less than the 2006 budget, and approximately 900 copies less than the 2006 paid circulation of 103,878. Circulation for the last several years was as follows: 2005, 104,356, 2004, 108,203, 2003, 112,614, 2002, 115,753, 2001, 115,034, 2000, 115,734, 1999, 116,000, and 1998, 117,300.

Income: Magazine income of \$1,964,200 is expected, about \$69,000 greater than 2006. Other Publishing Income from books, cassette tapes, and miscellaneous items is budgeted at \$724,700, approximately \$107,700 higher than 2006. The increase in the "other items" category anticipates sales of new products.

Total Gross Profit: Combining the magazine and other publishing items, a gross profit of \$1,639,059 is budgeted for 2007, compared with \$1,519,000 achieved for 2006 and the 2006 budget of \$1,635,715.

Total Operating Expenses: Total Operating Expenses for 2007 are budgeted at \$1,787,500, approximately \$151,500 more than the 2006 expenses of \$1,636,050.

Net Income: For 2007 the Grapevine anticipates a loss of \$81,300. This compares with a 2006 budgeted profit of \$19,883 and an actual loss from operations of \$48,875.

2007 La Viña Budget

Following the 1995 General Service Conference Advisory Action #7, the publication of the Grapevine magazine in Spanish was approved by the Grapevine Board of Directors and the trustees' Finance Committee of the General Service Board. Recognizing this publication as a new venture, both boards were to review the financial impact on the Fellowship and the progress of circulation and continue to monitor the viability of this venture. In 2001, the General Service Board recommended and the 2001 Conference approved that the La Viña magazine continue to be published by the Grapevine but Funded by the General Service Boards General Fund instead of continuing to draw funds from the Reserve Fund.

For 2007 La Viña expects a gross profit on the magazine of \$25,258, compared with \$20,460 achieved in 2006. Circulation for 2007 is estimated at 10,100, slightly lower than the 10,223 average for the year 2006. Other Publishing income is estimated at \$37,940 which after deducting cost of product of \$9,353 expects to contribute \$28,587 to revenue. Total costs and expenses are estimated at \$126,178 for 2007, approximately \$13,000 (11%) higher than 2006. The 2007 budget projects a net loss of \$72,333, approximately even with the 2006 loss of \$72,000.

To date the La Viña magazine has incurred start-up costs/operating losses of approximately \$1,071,000 as follows: \$29,500 in 1995, \$138,290 in 1996, \$102,140 in 1997, \$66,182 in 1998, \$59,224 in 1999, \$49,570 in 2000, \$119,385 in 2001, \$103,815 in 2002, \$111,638 in 2003, \$111,592 in 2004, \$107,739 in 2005, and \$72,000 in 2006.

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

- 1-3—*Breckenridge, Colorado*. CO Conv. for Young People 2007. Write: Ch., Box 1385, Frisco, CO 80443; www.cypaa.org
- 1-3—*Albuquerque, New Mexico*. 50th Area 46 Conv. Write: Ch., Box 6671, Albuquerque, NM 87197-6671; 2007-convention@newmexicoaa.org
- 1-3—*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*. Northeast Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org
- 1-3—*Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Prince Albert Gateway Round-up. Write: Ch., R.R. #5, Site 32, Comp. 2, Prince Albert, SK, Canada S6V 5R3; www.princealbertroundup.ca
- 8-9—*Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada*. Tri-Cities Spring Rally. Write: Ch., 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5L5; tricitiesrally@shaw.ca
- 8-10—*Mobile, Alabama*. 26th Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., 2566 Windmill Ct., Mobile, AL 36693
- 8-10—*San Jose, California*. 60th NCCAA Summer Conf. Write: Ch., 2416 Inglewood Dr., Lodi, CA 95242
- 8-10—*Dubuque, Iowa*. Area 24 2007 Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 1622, Dubuque, IA 52004-1622
- 8-10—*Metairie, Louisiana*. Big Deep South Conv. Write: Ch., 638 Papworth Ave., Ste 101, Metairie, LA 70005
- 8-10—*Springfield, Missouri*. 17th Heart of the Ozarks Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 1607, Springfield, MO 65801
- 8-10—*Owego, New York*. CNY Area 47 Conv. Write: Ch., Box 528, Owego, NY 13827
- 8-10—*Olympia, Washington*. 16th Capitol Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 7205, Olympia, WA 98507; www.capitoljamboree.org
- 8-10—*Vernon, British Columbia, Canada*. 35th Vernon Round-up. Write: Ch., 4017 Wellington Dr., Vernon, BC V1T 9H7
- 8-10—*Murgon, Queensland, Australia*. Murgon Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 16, Hivesville, Qld 4612, Australia; www.aa.org.au
- 9-10—*Oslo, Norway*. 1st English Language Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 3012 Elisenberg, 0207 Oslo, Norway; www.aa-europe.net
- 14-17—*Indian Wells, California*. A.A. Desert Pow Wow. Write: Ch., Box 10128, Palm Desert, CA 92255; www.desertpowwow.com
- 14-17—*Hagerstown, Maryland*. 37th Area 29 Maryland State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1653, Sykesville, MD 21784; stateconvention@marylandaa.org
- 14-17—*Sadhora Baldiyan, Shimla, India*. IV Conv. In The Clouds. Info: www.aaconventioninclouds.com

- 15-17—*Marietta, Georgia*. 2007 GCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 7502, Marietta, GA 30065-1502; www.gcpaa.org
- 15-17—*Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, Canada*. 47th Parksville/Qualicum Rally. Write: Ch., 111-1391 Price Rd., Parksville, BC V9P 2W1
- 15-17—*Blenheim, Ontario, Canada*. 29th Midseason Campout. Write: Ch., 4700 Ray Rd., Maidstone, ON N0R 1K0; themidseasoncampout@hotmail.com
- 15-17—*Winchester, England, United Kingdom*. Winchester Conv. Info: www.winchesterconventions.com
- 22-24—*Moodus, Connecticut*. Soberfest 2007. Write: Ch., 917 Merwins Ln., Fairfield, CT 06824; www.ct-aa.org
- 22-24—*Houston, Texas*. 20th HCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 541488, Houston, TX 77254-1488; www.hcypaa.org
- 29-1—*McLeod, Montana*. Beartooth Mtn Conf. Write: Ch., Box 23406, Billings, MT 59104; www.beartoothmountainconference.com
- 29-1—*Eugene, Oregon*. 30th Summerfest. Write: Ch., Box 11824, Eugene, OR 97401; www.aa-summerfest.org
- 29-1—*Wenatchee, Washington*. Pacific NW Conf. Write: Ch., Box 9582, Spokane, WA 99205; www.pnc1948.org
- 29-1—*Keetmanshoop, Namibia, South Africa*. Keetmanshoop Winter Rally. Info: www.aanonymouse.org.za

July

- 6-8—*Rivière Du Loup, Québec, Canada*. 32^{ième} Congrès District 88-05. Écrire: Prés., 470 St. Pierre, Rivière Du Loup, QC, Canada G5R 3V3
- 13-14—*Yellowknife, NW Territories, Canada*. Special Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org
- 13-15—*Tehachapi, California*. Tehachapi Mtn Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 1164, Tehachapi, CA 93581; www.tehachapiroundup.com
- 13-15—*Houma, Louisiana*. 49th LA State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 744, Houma, LA 70361; www.aa-louisiana.org

- 13-15—*Kalamazoo, Michigan*. 55th MI State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 76, Manistee, MI 49060
- 13-15—*Livingston, Montana*. 3rd Park County Intergroup Campout. Write: Ch., Box 813, Livingston, Montana 59047; intergrouppliv@yahoo.com
- 13-15—*Las Cruces, New Mexico*. IV Conv. Hispana del E estatal New Mexico. Inf: Com. Org., 110 S. Water St. Las Cruces, NM 88001
- 13-15—*York, Pennsylvania*. PennsCYPAA 19. Write: Ch., Box 2201, York, PA 17405; www.pennscypaa19.org
- 13-15—*Martinsburg, West Virginia*. 55th WV State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 100, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; www.aawv.org
- 13-15—*Washington Island, Wisconsin*. Keep It Simple Weekend. Write: Ch., Box 125, Forestville, WI 54213-0125
- 19-22—*Atlanta, Georgia*. 32nd Atlanta Round. Write: Ch., 850 Dogwood Rd., Suite A400-485, Atlanta, GA 30044
- 19-22—*Charlotte, North Carolina*. 60th NC State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 71144, Durham, NC 27722; nconference@nc.rr.com
- 20-22—*Carrabassett Valley, Maine*. 30th Maine Area Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 1532, Saco, ME 04072
- 20-22—*Glen Falls, New York*. 39th NY State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1095, New Paltz, NY 12561
- 20-22—*Cincinnati, Ohio*. 51st OH State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 441, Lebanon, OH 45036; www.aaarea56.org
- 20-22—*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*. 60th Anniv in Lancaster County. Write: Ch., Box 225, Columbia, PA 17512-0225; 60anniv@lancasteraa.org
- 20-22—*Monteagle, Tennessee*. Area 64 3rd Qtr Assembly. Write: Ch., 108 Cardinal Hill Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.
- 20-22—*Lubbock, Texas*. Lubbock Caprock Conv. Write: Ch., Box 6511, Lubbock, TX 79493
- 20-22—*Rimouski, Québec, Canada*. 28^e Congrès du Bas-Saint-Laurent à Rimouski. Écrire: Prés., 62, rue Ste Marie, App 6, Rimouski, QC G5L 4E2

Planning a Future Event?

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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 _____, 20 _____

Name of event: _____

Place (city, state or prov.): _____

For information, write: (exact mailing address) _____

Contact phone # (for office use only): _____

- 27-29—*Show Low, Arizona*. Lewis Canyon Campout. Write: Ch., Box 3284, Show Low, AZ 85902
- 27-29—*Hot Springs, Arkansas*. 67th “Old Granddad” AR State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 293, Glenwood, AR 71943
- 27-29—*Eau Claire, Wisconsin*. Chippewa Valley Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 1033, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1033; www.chippewavalleyroundup.com
- 27-29—*Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada*. District 6 32nd Mid-Summer Round-up. Write: Ch., 85 Queen St., #5, Truro, NS B2N 2B2
- 27-29—*Baie-Comeau, Quebec, Canada*. Congrès 89-09 Baie-Comeau. Ecrire: Pres., C.P. 333 Marquette, Baie-Comeau, QC G4Z 2H1, Canada

August

- 2-5—*Riga, Latvija*. Family Summer Camp. Info: aa@aa.org.lv
- 3-5—*Lincolnshire, Illinois*. 34th Illinois State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 542, Wadsworth, IL 60083-0542; www.district10nia.org
- 3-5—*Altoona, Pennsylvania*. 14th PA State Conv. Write: Ch., 211 Phillips Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241-1319
- 3-5—*College Station, Texas*. 21st AAggieland Conv. Write: Ch., 107 Mile Drive, College Station, TX 77845; www.aaggieland.com
- 3-5—*Hua Hin, Thailand*. 1st Hua Hin Round-up. Write: Ch., 1444/4 Petchkasem Rd., Cha-am, Petchaburi, 76120 Thailand; huahinroundup@yahoo.com
- 3-6—*Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia*. Darwin Round-up. Write: Ch., Darwin Central Svc. Ofc., Nightcliff Community Ctr., Bauhinia St., NT, Nightcliff, Australia 0810
- 8-12—*Orlando, Florida*. 51st Florida State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 411081, Melbourne, FL 32941-1081; www.flstateconvention.com
- 10-12—*Scottsdale, Arizona*. 18th Salt River Intergroup Round-up. Write: Ch., 4602 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85014; www.aaphoenix.org
- 10-12—*Albuquerque, New Mexico*. NMCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 8237, Albuquerque, NM 87198; www.nmcpaa.org
- 10-12—*Hillsboro, Ohio*. 8th Friends of Bill W. Campout. Write: Ch., 7510 Tri-County Hwy, Sardinia, OH 45171
- 10-12—*Guelph, Ontario, Canada*. 37th Central West Ontario Conv. Write: Ch., 33 Marlborough Rd., #212, Guelph, ON N1E 3X5; cwocinfo@bmts.com
- 10-12—*Rimouski, Quebec, Canada*. Special Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org
- 10-12—*Katherine, Northern Territory, Australia*. Katherine Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 237, Katherine, NT, Australia, 0851
- 10-12—*Leusden, The Netherlands*. 21st International Conv of Netherlands. Info: www.aa-netherlands.org
- 11-12—*Columbus, Montana*. Fireman’s Point Campout. Write: Ch., Box 787, Absarokee, MT 59001; www.aa-montana.org

- 16-19—*Biloxi, Mississippi*. 63rd Southeastern Conf. Write: Ch., 1021, Gulfport, MS 39502; www.aa-mississippi.org
- 17-19—*East Liverpool, Ohio*. 17th Beaver Creek Weekend. Write: Ch., Box 5174, East Liverpool, OH 43920
- 17-19—*York, Pennsylvania*. Sunlight of the Spirit Conf. Write: Ch., Box 3538, York, PA 17402; www.sosyorkpa.org
- 17-19—*Green Lake, Wisconsin*. Green Lake Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 684, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
- 17-19—*Green Lake, British Columbia, Canada*. 34th Green Lake Campout. Write: Ch., Box 988, 100 Mile House, BC V0K 2E0
- 17-19—*Mt-Laurier, Quebec, Canada*. 17^e Congrès 90-20 de Mt. Laurier. Ecrire: Pres., 370 Blvd, Paquette, app2, Mt-Laurier, J9L 1J9, Canada
- 23-27—*Moscow, Russia*. 20th August Conv. Info: www.augustmeeting.ru
- 24-26—*Beaumont, Texas*. 26th District 90 Conf. Write: Ch., 1519 Gary Ave., Nederland, TX 77627; www.aadistrict90.org
- 24-26—*Red Deer, Alberta, Canada*. Red Deer Round-up. Write: Ch., 27 Ellis St., Red Deer, AB T4R 2C8 Canada
- 24-26—*Writing on Stone Provincial Park, Alberta, Canada*. Corn Roast. Write: Ch., 719 Birch Avenue, Shelby, MT 59474
- 31-2—*Orlando, Florida*. Big Book Workshop Weekend. Write: Ch., 3822 Oyster Ct., Orlando, FL 32812
- 31-2—*Portland, Oregon*. XXXV Conv. Hispana de EE.UU. y Canadá. Inf. Com. Org., 18645 SW Farmington Rd, PMB #302, Aloha, OR 97007; www.xxxvnaconvaa.org

September

- 7-9—*Anchorage, Alaska*. 60 Yrs in Alaska Conf. Write: Ch., Box 140295, Anchorage, AK 99514; www.60yearsinalaska.org
- 7-9—*Cromwell, Connecticut*. Area 11 Conv. Write: Ch., Box 312, Bethel, CT 06801; area11convention@ct-aa.org
- 7-9—*Omaha, Nebraska*. West Central Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org
- 7-9—*Park Rapids, Minnesota*. 17th Heartland Round-up. Write: Ch., 22623 Bass Lake Road, Osage, MN 56570
- 14-15—*Lévis, Québec, Canada*. 17^e Congrès de la Rive-sud de Québec, District 89-05 Lévis. Ecrire: Prés., 2403 du Viaduc, Charny, QC G6X 2V1; www.aa-quebec.org/region89
- 14-16—*Cocoa Beach, Florida*. Serenity Weekend Women’s Fall Conf. Write: Ch., 8025 Gillette Ct., Orlando, FL 32836
- 14-16—*Newbury, Ohio*. 80th Punderson Park Conf. Write: Ch., Box 570, Newbury, OH 44065
- 21-23—*Duluth, Minnesota*. 62nd Duluth Round-up. Write: Ch., Box 16771, Duluth, MN 55816-0771
- 28-30—*Somerset, New Jersey*. 51st NNJGS Area 44 Conv. Write: Ch., Box 5784, Somerset, NJ 08873; www.nnjaa.org