

39th General Service Conference— “Anonymity—Living Our Traditions”

The Omni Park Central Hotel was the meeting place for the 91 area delegates, trustees, directors and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members who make up the 39th U.S./Canada General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. Conference week – April 23 to 29 – is the time each year when the group conscience of A.A. is expressed – very much like a local group’s business meeting but on a much larger scale.

Chairperson of the Conference was General Service Board chairperson Michael Alexander.

Wayne P., as of April 1 G.S.O.’s general manager, co-chaired the Conference. A former Class B (alcoholic) trustee from the Southwest U.S. region, Wayne is G.S.O.’s fifth general manager.

In a 1961 letter to an A.A. member, Bill W. wrote, “. . . The A.A. Traditions fall into two classes – those in which 100% compliance is expected; for instance, anonymity at the top public level.” With this all-important Tradition always in mind, the trusted servants who were members of the 38th Conference chose the theme for the 39th: “Anonymity – Living Our Traditions.”

Monday morning, in his keynote address, William Flynn, M.D., rotating Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, remembered trustee emeritus John L. Norris, M.D., who passed away in January, citing that “in the life of Dr. Jack, and his service to the Fellowship . . . we have the

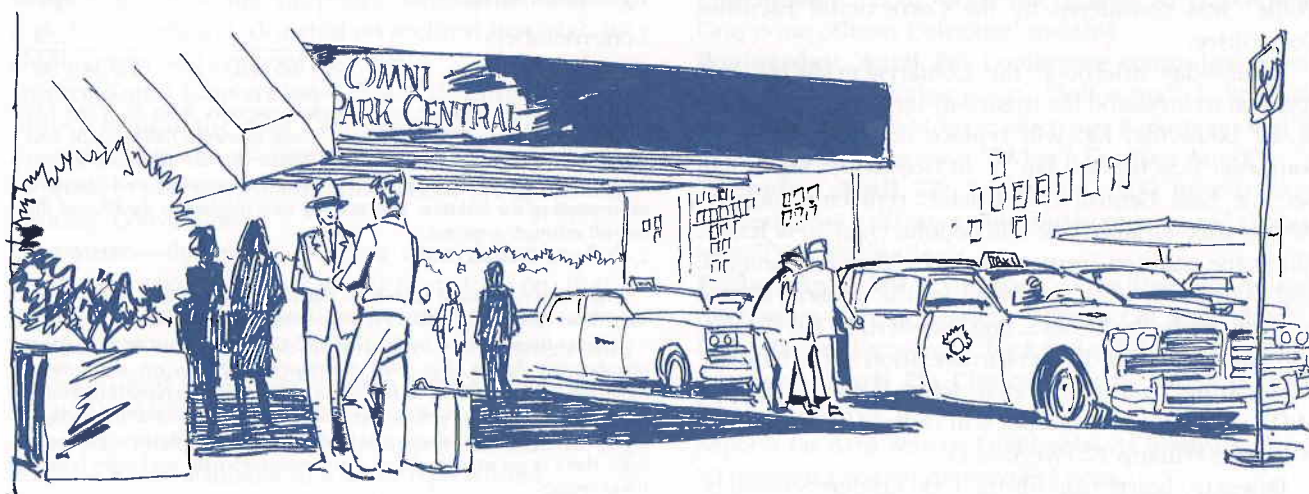
model for our theme. . . .” He also quoted from the late trustee emeritus Milton Maxwell’s book, *The A.A. Experience*, where the Tradition of anonymity is discussed in terms of the practice of genuine humility.

Since the last Conference, the trustees’ Public Information Committee formed a subcommittee on anonymity, which has been hard at work throughout the year searching out ways to elevate the consciousness of the Fellowship on the anonymity Traditions. Monday, following three presentations on anonymity, a paper on the history of anonymity, prepared by a member of the subcommittee, was available to Conference members.

The busy week began on Sunday afternoon with orientation, and welcomes from delegate chairperson Herb W. and from Michael Alexander, newly appointed chairperson of the board. Mike is no stranger to A.A., having served as Class A trustee from 1976 to 1985.

Sunday ended with a dinner in the hotel ballroom, followed by an A.A. meeting. The absence of co-founder Bill W.’s beloved Lois was strongly felt that evening. Since Bill’s death Lois had attended and spoken at every Conference dinner until her death last October.

During the very full week, Conference members spent much time in committee meetings where they discussed and weighed matters important to the Fellowship they represent, and made decisions that eventually resulted



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in Conference Advisory Actions (Highlights of Advisory Actions appear on p. 3). During general sessions area service highlights were given, as well as reports from the General Service, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards. Presentation/discussion topics covered Self-support, Finance, the Grapevine and Back to Basics. The Conference also heard special reports on a trip to the U.S.S.R. and about the newcomer on the horizon, the Moscow Beginners Group. There was an update on plans for the celebration of A.A.'s 55th year at the 1990 International Convention, and a short presentation recognizing the 50th anniversary of the publication of the Big Book, followed by the traditional birthday cake. Delegates and other Conference members also had an opportunity to express their concerns and share their areas' experience at "What's On Your Mind?" sharing sessions, and at a workshop based on the Conference theme. For those who wished to begin their day with an A.A. meeting, the G.S.C. Serenity Group met each morning at 7:30.

Among the items on the Conference committees' agendas: P.I. looked at new radio public service announcements; the Literature Committee considered the draft of a pamphlet for the gay and lesbian alcoholic; and the Treatment Facilities Committee saw three-minute sample footage of a film (also shown to the entire Conference) on A.A. basics, which is being prepared as a tool for carrying the A.A. message into treatment facilities. Cooperation With the Professional Community Committee members examined the C.P.C. literature with an eye toward making it more current; also discussed were ways of better reaching minority alcoholics. A revision to the flyer "Carrying the Message Inside the Walls" was considered by the Correctional Facilities Committee.

Wednesday afternoon the Conference elected two regional trustees and the trustee-at-large/U.S. Jacqueline M. of Louisville, Ky. will replace outgoing Joe P. as Southeast U.S. trustee; Jan W. of Greenville, Mich. will become East Central U.S. trustee, replacing Jack W. New trustee-at-large/U.S. will be John Q. of New Jersey, filling the position formerly held by Don P. Stanley S. and Harold G. were approved as the general service trustees, replacing James S. and Shepherd R. The Conference also approved the recommendation of the trustees' Nominating Committee that John Nelson Chappel, M.D., of Las Vegas, Nevada, will replace rotating Class A trustee William E. Flynn, M.D.

Delegate chairperson for the 1990 Conference will be

Reba W., Eastern Pennsylvania; alternate chairperson, Carolyn B., British Columbia/Yukon.

Friday afternoon, when the final Committee reports had been discussed, closing talks were given by two rotating trusted servants: John B., who stepped down as general manager of G.S.O. on April 1, and G.S.O. staff member Betty L., who will retire in September after 15 years of service. At the Saturday morning brunch there were farewell talks from the six rotating trustees and closing remarks from Michael Alexander.

In our home groups and one-on-one we A.A.s hear and talk a lot about the subject of change: "change or we will drink again. . .," "the more things change the more they stay the same. . .," "nothing is so constant as change," etc. There was a sense of change and transition throughout the 39th Conference. Three important pioneers in A.A.'s history have gone in the past year: Lois, Milton and Dr. Jack — yet their service and enormous contributions to the Fellowship remain constant and will continue to strengthen us, collectively and individually. John B. rotates out of the office of the general manager as Wayne P. moves in. Mike Alexander rotates back to chair the board on which he formerly served. The constant, the glue that holds the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous together, the principles above the personalities that come and go, remain constant — our Traditions. And, once again, we are reminded of Bill's final message: "If I were asked which one of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital to our continuity, I would say, the 'Concept of Anonymity.' "

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 1989

	Groups	Members
United States	40,693	835,489
Canada	4,749	81,293
Overseas	38,060 ¹	762,046 ¹
Correctional facilities	1,768 ²	54,808
Internationalists		559
Lone members		539
	<u>85,270</u>	<u>1,734,734</u>

1. At the end of 1988, we had reported members from 72 of the 134 overseas countries with A.A. groups. These totaled 30,359 groups and 634,390 members. To establish an estimate for the 62 countries not yet responding, we excluded the ten largest responding and obtained an average of the balance. This average was applied to the 62 and the overall estimate emerged.

2. U.S. and Canada only.

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.

1989 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 Action—that the 1989 General Service Conference appoint an ad hoc committee, consisting of Panel 39 delegates and G.S.O. employees involved with the computer system, to study the problems of group registration and the A.A. Directories, and bring its recommendations back to the 1990 Conference.

Agenda—that because of the need to preserve the strength and healing of the home group in A.A., the theme of the 1990 General Service Conference be one of the following: Home Group – Where Love and Service Begin; Home Group – Our Link to the Fellowship; Home Group – Our Responsibility and Link to A.A.'s Future.

Cooperation With the Professional Community—that the updated text of the pamphlet “Alcoholics Anonymous and Occupational Programs” be accepted, and that the title be changed to “A.A. and Employee Assistance Programs”; that a draft of an updated version of “The Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous” be prepared for the 1990 Conference C.P.C. Committee.

Correctional Facilities—that the flyer “Carrying the Message Inside the Walls” be replaced with the revised text and titled “Carrying the Message Into Correctional Facilities”; that the name of the “Institutions Correspondence Service” be changed to “Correctional Correspondence Service.”

Finance—that area contributions for delegate expenses for the Conference be increased to \$600 (U.S.) and that areas continue to be encouraged to make contributions over this amount; that the support of A.A. services (central/intergroup offices, area committees, G.S.O., and districts) be a *commitment* by individual members through their home groups.

Grapevine—that the Grapevine develop an ongoing A.A. history section, drawing on archival material, including area and regional histories.

International Convention—that a TV camera be permitted to film the Flag Ceremony from afar at the Kingdome Stadium, if appropriate precautions are taken to protect the anonymity of attendees at the 1990 International Convention.

Literature—that work continue on a definitive A.A. history, focusing on major events from 1955 on; that a manuscript of daily reflections be prepared for review by the 1990 Conference Literature Committee; that work continue on an easy-to-read illustrated pamphlet on the Twelve Steps; that the manuscript for a pamphlet for gay and lesbian alcoholics be approved; that the Big Book be made available in a large-type edition.

Policy/Admissions—that all Conference-approved literature shall be developed within the Conference structure, but that the identification of need may be established by use of questionnaires developed in cooperation with the appropriate standing Conference committees.

Public Information—that eleven radio public service announcements in English, and two in Spanish, be approved for distribution; that the 1989 Membership Survey be conducted on a random basis, by area, using the questionnaire used in the 1986 Survey.

Report and Charter—that the *Final Conference Report* be translated into French and Spanish; that the description “What Is An A.A. Group,” contained in “The A.A. Group” pamphlet, be revised to include “Archives representative” in the circle graph, and be added to the *A.A. Service Manual*.

Treatment Facilities—that a fifteen-minute film for use by A.A. members carrying the message into treatment facilities be completed for review by the 1990 Conference Treatment Facilities Committee; that the Treatment Facilities Newsletter be continued.

Trustees—that the trustees’ Nominating Committee and the General Service Board review the roles of trustee-at-large and general service trustee and report to Conference members after the July board meeting.

Digest of Agenda

Sunday, April 23: Welcome; Roll call; Area delegate chairperson; Opening dinner and A.A. meeting

Monday, April 24: Keynote; General Service Board report; Reports of Grapevine and A.A.W.S.; Trustees’ committees’ highlights; Presentation: 50th Anniversary of Big Book; Presentation/discussion: “Anonymity”; Joint trustees’ and Conference committee meetings; Presentation/discussion: “Finance”; Sharing session: “What’s On Your Mind?”

Tuesday, April 25: Conference committee meetings; Presentation: “A.A. Grapevine”; Visit to G.S.O. and Grapevine offices; Delegates’ meeting

Wednesday, April 26: Conference committee meetings; Presentation/discussion: “Self-support”; Regional trustees & trustee-at-large elections; Reports on trip to U.S.S.R.; Sharing session: “What’s On Your Mind?”

Thursday, April 27: Reports on 1990 International Convention; Conference committee reports and discussion; TV/Radio spots

Friday, April 28: Conference committee reports and discussion; Sharing session: “What’s On Your Mind?”; Presentation/discussion: “Back to Basics”; Closing talks

Saturday, April 29: Closing brunch; Farewell talks; Closing remarks

Reports on Area Service Highlights: At intervals, Panel 39 delegates shared area experiences.

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

General Service Board

Trustees' report: Since the meeting of the 1988 General Service Conference the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous has:

- Appointed a new general manager of the General Service Office to succeed the retiring general manager.
- Participated in arrangements for the 1990 International Convention in Seattle.
- Selected San Diego as the site for the 1995 International Convention.
- Welcomed a delegation from the Soviet Union concerned with alcoholism, and sent a delegation to Russia in return.
- Hosted the Tenth World Service Meeting.
- Followed the development of the computer system for the General Service Office.
- Noted, with gratitude, that the Grapevine is making money.
- Directed A.A.W.S. and the A.A. Grapevine Boards to consider ways to save money through the integration of their administrative functions in a manner consistent with continued independence for each organization.
- Participated in four Regional Forums and one Intergroup Seminar.
- Maintained an awareness of changing conditions affecting A.A.
- Reviewed countless reports, recommendations and requests.
- Produced a lesser number of its own reports, recommendations and requests.
- Taken its inventory periodically.
- Searched for ways to do the best job possible for the good of A.A.

In this recitation, I have identified some of the topics that will be reviewed in detail in reports and presentations by others in the course of this week. I will touch briefly on several of these topics from the point of view of the General Service Board.

But first, may I say a few words in tribute and remembrance of Dr. Milton Maxwell, Dr. John L. Norris and Lois Wilson, all of whom died since last year's Conference. They were distinguished, dedicated and devoted servants of Alcoholics Anonymous. Without their noble efforts, A.A. would not be where it is today.

Wayne P. is the new general manager of the General Service Office; he is no stranger to the Conference, having served as trustee for a four-year period that ended at the close of the 1987 Conference. Wayne succeeds John B., whose term as general manager ends this July. John brought to the job vast executive and administrative skills; we are the fortunate beneficiaries of those talents.

The exchange of visits with the Soviets was a significant development in the past

year. The hand of A.A., which is extended to all alcoholics at all times and in all places, is nearing the grasp of the Soviet alcoholic.

The World Service Meeting, with 39 delegates from 24 countries in attendance, it was the largest meeting so far. Some of the delegates were from regions that are a generation behind North America in their A.A. development. There was an element of *deja vu* in hearing them speak of problems that we encountered many years ago.

The board worked long and hard this year, as it has in prior years. But our work is becoming more demanding and more complex with each passing year, just as it is for the Conference, the service corporations and the General Service Office. To meet its responsibilities, the board must be ever more efficient and, where appropriate, more businesslike. For example, the integration of administrative functions of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine makes good business sense if it can be accomplished without jeopardizing the independence and integrity of either organization. Also, we are trying to find at board sessions more time for discussion and deliberation on significant or spiritual matters affecting the Fellowship.

Speaking for all of the trustees on the General Service Board, may I say that it has been our pleasure to be of service to you in the past 12 months.

Michael Alexander
(*nonalcoholic*) *chairperson*

A.A. World Services, Inc.

Directors' report: The board met 12 times during 1988. The following significant items are highlighted:

- The 1988 expense budget was approved in January 1988. The income budget was also examined and approved with a modification that reduced net income by \$815,000 by further lowering the price of books and booklets to A.A. purchasers by approximately 12½% together with a reduction in non-A.A. prices to the revised A.A. price, this resulting in single pricing to all purchasers.
- This adjustment was effective March 1, 1988, and resulted in a reduction in book and booklet net income of \$652,000. This was due to a reduction in book and booklet sales of \$1,030,000 (annualized) and a concomitant reduction in royalty expenses of \$247,000. Prices of other items were also modified to produce the overall impact on net income of \$815,000.
- Authorized transfer of \$971,574 to the General Service Board to cover operating deficits for the year ended December 31,

1987. Surplus cash in excess of basic operating requirements amounting to \$450,000 was transferred to the General Service Board Reserve Fund in March 1988.

- Requested approval from the board to move \$300,000 down from the Reserve Fund between January and the end of the year due to an anticipated temporary cash flow shortage, of which \$200,000 was to be moved immediately. The intention was that these monies would be moved back to the Reserve Fund when we achieve a more comfortable cash position, i.e., at a level in excess of \$500,000.
 - A review of the Self-Support Committee showed that 12-month contributions were about 6.8% over 1987; or approximately 7.3% under budget. The first six months' contributions were strong; those of the second six months somewhat weaker.
 - The combined managements of the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards presented their recommendations for a computer system based on the newly announced IBM AS/400 together with software provided by CSCI. This recommendation was reviewed and approved by the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards and forwarded to the trustees' Finance Committee for their approval.
 - We forwarded to the General Service Board our recommendation to continue copyright renewal activities on the Big Book.
 - Granted or had no objection to 113 requests to reprint and five requests to tape-record/videotape from A.A. literature; 12 requests were denied.
 - Approved prices for 11 items, including video cassettes and foreign literature.
 - Developed a statement of policy for the office regarding the use of A.A.'s logo.
- Bill C., chairperson*

Archives

Trustees' committee: The committee attempted to improve access policies by preparing several new documents to strengthen our primary goal of assuring confidentiality of our material and the anonymity of our members who use it. The purchase of a new archival junior display was discussed because of the increasing demand from conferences and forums; we extended the policy of photocopying to our directories and other confidential items; it was suggested that we systematically collect intergroup and central office pictures and histories. The committee also recommended that "Markings on the Journey" be separated from "Box 4-5-9" and "Circles of Love & Service" on the video cassettes.

Thomas H., chairperson

Archivist's report: To respond more fully to increasing calls for historically relevant material, the Archives Committee has urged the computerization of our retrieval systems. Our collecting continues to make important acquisitions. We have acquired a large assemblage of Ruth Hock's (Bill W.'s first secretary) personal correspondence, photographs and even some home-movie footage. Other members provided personal letters to and from Dr. Bob and some between Ebby and an oldtimer from Ohio. The trustees and staff member who visited the Soviet Union returned with memorabilia for the Archives. Finally, from Dr. Bob's family, came a First Edition of the Big Book, with dedications from Bill to Lois and from Lois to Dr. Bob's family.
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 the following:

- That there be one workshop, of longer duration, on the Conference theme.
- That the agenda items that have routinely taken place on Monday morning be moved to Sunday afternoon.
- That three presentations on the Grapevine, the 1990 International Convention and the trustees' trip to the U.S.S.R. be included.
- That time be scheduled for an acknowledgment of the 50th anniversary of the Big Book.
- Reviewed and finalized the Conference Agenda.
- Reaffirmed that we refrain from addressing the same committee agenda topics at two consecutive Conferences.

Ruth J., chairperson

Staff report: The responsibilities of this assignment involve coordinating and following through on all arrangements necessary for the Conference. The Conference coordinator is a contact for all Conference members and all those serving on the general service committees in the 91 areas throughout the U.S. and Canada. All A.A. members are encouraged to submit suggestions for the agenda. This is usually accomplished through the delegates. The suggestions are then presented to the trustees' Conference Committee for discussion and referral to the appropriate Conference Committee. The Conference coordinator corresponds with all delegates throughout the year; works with the general manager, office manager, and G.S.O. staff in planning and coordinating the Conference; schedules material for the Conference Man-

ual, Early Bird Edition of *Box 4-5-9* and the *Final Conference Report*.

Helen T.

Cooperation With the Professional Community

Trustees' committee: A subcommittee to study possible revisions in C.P.C. literature recommended changes in the text and title of the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous and Occupational Alcoholism Programs," and forwarded the recommendations to the Conference C.P.C. Committee.

A joint meeting was held with the trustees' P.I. Committee to discuss the issue of carrying the A.A. message to minorities and a proposal was forwarded to the trustees' C.P.C. Committee to publish an article in *Box 4-5-9* asking for shared experience. The committee also reviewed the Professional Exhibit schedule and made deletions and additions.

William E. Flynn, M.D.

(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The purpose of the C.P.C. assignment is to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic by sharing information about our Fellowship with professional groups and individuals who come into contact with alcoholics. The C.P.C. staff person responds to all mail and telephone inquiries from organizations outside the Fellowship; attends meetings of some national organizations dealing with alcoholism, seminars and meetings with special interest in minorities, in an effort to gather information for the minorities initiative. The staff member also maintains communication with A.A. members involved in C.P.C. service work.

Richard B.

Correctional Facilities

Trustees' committee: The literacy project has prompted discussion on whether A.A. is effectively communicating the letter and spirit of A.A. to alcoholics in correctional facilities. The committee has explored how best to utilize audiotapes of A.A. talks as a tool and will bring this topic to the Conference C.F. Committee. We appointed a subcommittee to develop suggestions for revising the leaflet "Carrying the Message Inside the Walls." It was decided to develop a small pamphlet. This material will be reviewed by the Conference Committee. The pamphlets recommended by the 1988 Conference Committee on Correctional Facilities are available now. They include an easy-to-read pamphlet for inmates, and outside A.A.s interested in starting A.A. groups, "A.A. in Correctional Facilities";

"A Message to Correctional Facilities Administrators" is a brief pamphlet to provide information about A.A. to administrators.

Amos E. Reed

(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: There are approximately 1,600 correctional facilities groups, served by approximately 600 correctional and institutions committees. The staff member in this assignment answers correspondence from inmates and correctional facilities committees and writes approximately 6,000 letters a year. A.A. inmates frequently contact the C.F. staff member for help bringing "outside" A.A.s to share in prison meetings. Local contacts are found to answer these requests. The staff member coordinates the Institutions Correspondence Service, which provides a vital link between outside A.A. members who correspond with A.A.s "behind the walls."

Pat R.

Finance

Trustees' committee: A review of 1988's operations was highlighted by several key items. Contributions, although greater than 1987, were significantly less than budgeted for 1988; publishing income was higher than 1987 and greater than budgeted for 1988 due to higher than projected unit sales. In addition, there was an operating deficit in 1988 compared to a budgeted operating income in 1988 and an actual 1987 operating income.

Net sales of \$7,803,000 were \$384,000 less than those of 1987, primarily due to 1988 price decreases but were \$270,600 greater than budgeted due to greater unit sales than anticipated. Contributions were \$248,000 greater than those of 1987, but \$308,000 (7.3%) less than budgeted. This created a 1988 shortfall of contributions against G.S.O. service expenses of \$513,000 (exclusive of computer costs of \$541,000). By comparison, in 1987 there was a \$177,000 shortfall. Operating expenses exceeded budget in 1988 primarily due to shipping and mailing costs related to greater than budgeted sales and higher than anticipated legal fees. The operating net for 1988 was a loss of \$164,000 compared to a net operating income of \$1,339,000 in 1987 and a budgeted net income of \$274,000 in 1988.

The 1989 G.S.O. budget was approved. Contributions are budgeted at an 8% increase over 1988, which had a 6.8% increase over 1987; gross sales are budgeted to be 9.5% greater than those of 1988. Operating expenses are projected to be about 9.1% higher than those of 1988. Net income from operations, exclusive of non-recurring costs, is budgeted to be \$27,300. In view of this "nearly breakeven" budget,

the trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee will meet during Conference week to review a list of "discretionary" items in the 1989 budget. A report on the Self-Support Project is also scheduled.

Grapevine's total revenue of \$1,900,700 was \$267,000 higher than 1988, mainly due to sales of *The Language of the Heart*. Circulation of the magazine was 3% higher than in 1987. Total expenses were \$57,300 over budget, but \$52,900 of this was attributable to the unbudgeted new book sales. Net income for the year, including interest, was \$212,000, which was \$211,200 over the 1988 budget. The 1989 Grapevine budget was approved. Income is projected at \$1,995,000. After expenses, which include an indexing project, net income after interest is budgeted at \$450.

The Reserve Fund had a fund balance of \$7,203,300 yielding approximately 8% on book value, and represented 9.7 months of combined operating expenses (A.A.W.S. and Grapevine). A request for a \$500,000 transfer from the Reserve Fund to A.A.W.S. to restore working capital to an adequate level was approved.

Thanks to the wisdom of those who came before us, the trustees' Finance Committee had the Reserve Fund as a backup while fairly dramatic shifts in revenue sourcing and increased dependence on group contributions were instituted in the interest of the Seventh Tradition. We are ever mindful of the importance of the Traditions to the A.A. way and the consequences when they are ignored. We are responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help — we want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

Robert P. Morse
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

General Sharing Session

Trustees' committee: In-depth reports were presented by the following board committees: Archives, Conference, Finance, International Convention/Regional Forums, Treatment Facilities and the GV Corporate Board. Other sessions included presentations/discussions on: "Whatever Happened to Anonymity?"; "The Committee System — Do We Trust It?"; and a report on the trustees' trip to the U.S.S.R.

John Hartley Smith, M.D.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Group Services

Staff report: The group services coordinator provides communication services to the Fellowship as a whole, overseeing the production of service material, including 15 A.A. Guidelines, new Group Hand-

books (English, Spanish and French), self-support materials, and G.S.R. kits. The service material items are available to A.A.s upon request. This material differs from Conference-approved literature, in that it has not come about through Conference Advisory Action; service material reflects A.A. group experience and specific and timely information that is subject to change. The group services coordinator also has responsibility for the five A.A. directories; serves on the A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee; and organizes the Central Office/Intergroup Seminars.

Eileen G.

International / Overseas / World Service Meeting

Trustees' committee: This committee is the focal point for information about A.A. around the world, especially in countries where A.A. is just getting started. This year two committee members and our staff secretary traveled with eight members of the professional community from the Soviet Union as they visited alcoholism facilities in the United States. In November, as a continuation of the exchange, three committee members and its staff secretary, visited the U.S.S.R. A committee member and the G.S.O. staff member also attended the Third General Service Conference in Poland, which now has about 230 groups.

Don P., chairperson

Staff report:

Overseas — Correspondence from groups and individual A.A.s in countries without a service center or office is answered by the staff member on this assignment. Additionally, the staff member corresponds with 36 G.S.O.s and literature distribution centers outside the U.S. and Canada.

To protect A.A.'s message, careful consideration is given to granting overseas boards, centers, and literature committees, permission to print A.A. Conference-approved literature in the language of the country. A request to reprint should come from the board or representative A.A. committee and before any printing begins G.S.O. first explores how material will be financed and distributed. The request for permission to print or reprint is then presented to the A.A.W.S. Board.

World Service Meeting — A highlight of this assignment is planning and coordinating the World Service Meeting which meets biennially in the United States and overseas. The Tenth World Service Meeting was held October 23-27, 1988, in New York City. It was the largest meeting to date, with 24 countries represented by 39 delegates. Poland participated for the first time.

Sarah P.

International Convention / A.A. Regional Forums

Trustees' committee:

International Convention — The committee discussed additions/changes in the list of topics for workshops, panels, and special interest meetings for the 1990 Convention Program. It was recommended that a hologram be incorporated into the Convention Program as a souvenir. After reviewing the preliminary budget, the committee approved the recommendation that the registration fee be \$55.00 (U.S.). The committee heard a report from the ad hoc Site-selection Committee for the 1995 International and accepted the recommendation that San Diego be the site of the 1995 International Convention.

Regional Forums — Four regions hosted Forums last year. Responses from Forumgoers indicate they have benefitted greatly from these weekends of improved communication and service sharing. Attendance at the past year's Forums ranged from 292 to 596. Box 4-5-9 keeps the Fellowship informed regarding upcoming Regional Forums.

Joe P., chairperson

Staff report:

International Convention — Registration forms for A.A.'s 55th Anniversary International Convention will be mailed to all groups around the world in September 1989, and will contain a list of hotels and motels, prices and a map of locations. Rooms will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to celebrating A.A.'s ninth International with A.A.s from more than 40 countries, and will keep you up-to-date via Box 4-5-9.

Curtis M.

Regional Forums — The responsibilities of this assignment involve coordinating Regional Forums, which are held at the invitation of a particular region every two years. Working with the regional trustee, area delegates, and host city liaison person, the Forum coordinator is in contact with a region's delegates, produces and mails invitations to G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s, and other area service workers. The staff member prepares the agenda for the weekend, oversees hotel requirements, and provides literature displays at each Forum. Following a Forum, highlights of the weekend are produced and sent to all registrants.

Eileen G.

Literature

Trustees' committee: The following items have become available: "The A.A. Group" revised; "A.A. for the Native North Amer-

ican"; "Your D.C.M." flyer; structure of an A.A. group, prepared as service material. The following will be available when current inventory is depleted: "A.A. and the Armed Services" revised; "Young People and A.A." revised.

Projects in Progress: The A.A. *History Book* project is now on two tracks. The area histories are being separated and the Archives Committee will receive the material. Four writers were asked to submit an outline and sample chapters of how they would treat an A.A. history. Because of an insufficient number of manuscripts suitable for publication, the deadline for receiving manuscripts for the *Daily Reflections Book* was extended to April 1. A draft for a Twelve Steps pamphlet, an illustrated, easy-to-read literature piece for people with limited reading skills, is being developed.

Projects forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee: "Is A.A. for Me?" an easy to read, illustrated version of "Is A.A. For You?"; a proposal for a revision of the pamphlet "The A.A. Group"; manuscript for a pamphlet for gay/lesbian alcoholics; consider developing a pamphlet for the "nonbeliever" in response to requests from atheists and agnostics. The committee will also consider the feasibility of making the message of the Big Book more available through formats such as large-print editions, an easy-to-read version, pocket-size edition, etc.

John E. King
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The literature coordinator works closely with the Publications Division on updating, revising and preparing new recovery pamphlets, books, displays and audiovisuals in accordance with recommendations from the Conference. Correspondence from A.A. groups and individuals requesting specific information about literature comes to the literature desk. A letter is sent semi-annually to all central offices, intergroups, literature chairpersons, and literature distribution centers to inform them of new developments in A.A. literature and other service material. In addition, the literature coordinator serves as editor of *Box 4-5-9*, our bimonthly newsletter, which is also available in Spanish and French.

Lois F.

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 550 Loners in 90 countries, including the U.S. and Canada. There are now about 550 Internationalists (seagoing A.A.s) and 60 Port Contacts; 60 Internationalists Groups

meet aboard ships or in ports. Homers are A.A.s who are housebound due to long-term illness or physical disability. We now have 150 Homers in the group. Loners, Homers, and Internationalists stay sober reading A.A. literature and sharing with other A.A.s around the world through letters and tapes. A literature package is sent to each new Loner, Homer, or Internationalist. They also receive directories, *Box 4-5-9*, and *Loners-Internationalists Meeting (LIM)*, a bimonthly meeting-in-print which shares excerpts of letters received at the G.S.O. from LIM members. A growing number of A.A.s serve as Loner Sponsors, sharing group activities and personal experience with the Loners, Homers and Internationalists.

Curtis M.

Nominating

Trustees' committee: The committee took the following actions:

- Reviewed and approved the letter, procedures, and resumé forms for election of candidates for regional trustees and for trustee-at-large/U.S.
 - Recommended that the board consider Wayne P. as a replacement for John B., when he retires as general manager of the General Service Office.
 - Recommended to the board that John N. Chappel, M.D. serve as Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, replacing William E. Flynn, M.D.
 - Recommended that the Conference Committee on Trustees review the report on the role of the trustee-at-large.
 - Reviewed and recommended the slate of trustees, board officers, and A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors for election at the annual meeting of the General Service Board in April, following presentation at the 1989 Conference for their disapproval, if any.
- Shepherd R., chairperson*

Public Information

Trustees' committee: In the past year, the committee:

- Completed new radio public service announcements for approval by the Conference.
- Appointed a subcommittee to elevate the Fellowship's consciousness of anonymity.
- Approved production of A.A.'s television PSAs on one-inch videotape.
- Developed material for convention P.I. chairpeople.
- Heard reports of P.I. activities in the areas through staff reports and the input of regional trustees.

Jack W., chairperson

Staff report: The goal of the public information assignment is to help to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic and potential alcoholic through the media. The staff member responds to an average of 12,500 written and telephoned inquiries annually from the general public and the Fellowship, and is responsible for handling interviews with the media. During the past year, literature has been provided for approximately 300 health and community fairs. We also read and processed 15,000 newspaper, magazine and television feature stories; wrote approximately six letters of gratitude each month to publications printing accurate articles about our Fellowship; followed up on a monthly average of three to five anonymity breaks; and sent a letter of thanks to all 2,000 local P.I. contacts.

The existing radio and television PSAs and our films "Alcoholics Anonymous — An Inside View" and "Young People and A.A." have been widely aired by major networks and local television and radio stations. Requests for help in planning programs that have references to A.A. have also abounded. The 1989 Membership Survey Questionnaire will be sent out to area delegates in July. G.S.O. services are backed up by the tremendous dedication of more than 800 local P.I. committees and about 900 P.I. contacts.

Betty L.

Spanish Services Coordinator

Staff report: In our general service structure there are approximately 20,000 Spanish-speaking A.A. members meeting in 747 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 from the other ten staff assignments and assists other staff members in providing services to the Hispanic community. *Box 4-5-9* in Spanish has a section entitled Spanish Services that gives information on general service activities: Each of those groups receives *Box 4-5-9* in Spanish. Service material is translated into Spanish and kept up-to-date. More and more Conference-approved literature is published in Spanish by our publishing department. The Spanish services coordinator helps answer the correspondence received in Spanish by most other assignments, especially by the Overseas assignment; represents G.S.O. at the Ibero-American Commission for Translation and Adaptation of A.A. Literature; attends conventions, Hispanic intergroup meetings, and Regional Forums; and assists at the World Service Meeting and the International Convention, and greets Spanish-speaking visitors to G.S.O.

Vicente 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. World Services, Inc. Another responsibility is chairing the weekly staff meeting and coordinating all staff activities. During 1988, the G.S.O. staff handled 24,000 pieces of mail. Training new staff members is another segment of this assignment. During the past year, approximately 1,166 visitors from all over the world visited G.S.O.

Susan U.

Treatment Facilities

Trustees' committee: The committee selected filmmakers to produce three minutes of sample film footage for treatment facilities. A subcommittee was appointed to discuss the content of the film, following guidelines set down by the 1988 General Service Conference. The committee also suggested that singleness of purpose be the major thrust of the film. The completed three minutes of sample footage, will be submitted to the 1989 Conference for approval. If approved by the Conference, a fifteen-minute film will be produced and submitted to the 1990 General Service Conference. The committee also produced a Treatment Facilities Newsletter for A.A. members who carry our message into treatment facilities.

Jim S., chairperson

Staff report: The goal of the Treatment Facilities assignment is to facilitate carrying the A.A. message to the suffering alcoholic in treatment facilities. Staff activities include being secretary to both trustees' and Conference committees and responding to mail from these committees as well as from all treatment facilities and treatment facilities chairpersons throughout the U.S. and Canada. There are 271 treatment facilities committees and 296 institutions committees. This assignment continues to gather information for articles in the treatment facilities section of *Box 4-5-9* and for the Treatment Facilities Newsletter. The mail from members of our Fellowship continues to reflect concern about nonalcoholics attending meetings, and overloading of regular A.A. groups by the influx of patients from treatment facilities and court programs.

John G.

Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

Directors' report: Since the 1988 Conference, the Grapevine Corporate Board has been consolidating last year's progress and building on the solid foundation that the Conference and the service structure helped us build. We believe that the magazine has become increasingly responsive to the Fellowship, and the rising circulation would seem to validate that perception. The board and the staff have worked hard to make magazine fulfillment and other mailing services fully efficient, and given the decreasing number of problem letters, we believe that goal, too, is well on the way to full realization.

Circulation has been moving steadily upward, and as of the March 1989 issue, it stands at about 131,500.

Editorial highlights of the year include a section of articles by Native Americans in the June issue. The September issue was organized around the Big Book's divisions of what we were like, what happened, and what we're like now, and the annual November "classic" issue featured articles on all Twelve Traditions. Moving into 1989, the January and February issues contained "Your Move" sections with a wide variety of experiences and opinions on change in A.A. Concurrently, emphasis on program basics was kicked off by the first article in a series on the Twelve Steps in the January issue, and the March issue featured two solid articles on sponsorship. The April issue, built around the 50th anniversary of publication of the Big Book, contained historical and informational background on our basic text. The June issue celebrates the Grapevine's 45th anniversary. June also marks Grapevine Awareness Month, as suggested by the 1988 Conference.

Another editorial highlight was the publication in October of *The Language of the Heart: Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings*; by the end of 1988 sales were about 25,000 copies.

The Grapevine representative network has grown; there are now 5,000 GvRs listed. The *A.A. Grapevine Workbook* has been revised, and the "Traditions Checklist" published as a separate item.

Year-end results for 1988 showed a profit (after interest earned) of \$212,000, about \$170,000 of which can be attributed to sales of *The Language of the Heart*. Without that income, the bottom line would have been around \$40,000 or \$50,000. The budget for 1989, approved at the board's January 1989 meeting, projects a break-even year (\$450 profit), based on sales of about 40,000 *The Language of the Heart* and an average circulation of 127,000-128,000. Anticipating another profitable year, we have put some of the expected income back into the magazine, to give readers more for their subscription dollar, and into preparation of a comprehensive

Index. There will be two expanded issues, in June (Grapevine anniversary) and October (featuring young people in A.A.), and also a few additional four-color covers.

In other significant items and actions, the board: Accepted the recommendations of the Hay Group regarding a salary policy and structure and approved salary adjustments based on that report; Implemented a one-time trial distribution of complimentary Grapevines to nonsubscribing groups, intended to increase awareness of the magazine as a recovery tool; adopted policies in regard to registered trademarks and the granting of permission for reproduction of Grapevine material in other media.

It is our goal to maintain a rising circulation by continuing to improve the magazine and its ability to respond to A.A. as a whole. What are your thoughts about the Grapevine?

Desmond T., chairperson

Staff report: The office has been running smoothly, with only a few minor bumps and scratches to keep us on our toes. We are happy to report that our problems are for the most part those of success.

As the new management structure has shaken down over time, it has become clear that the job of controller/business administrator is overloaded. Thus, with board approval, we are seeking a person to fill the newly created job of accountant/assistant controller.

With the Bill W. book project completed, the editorial staff can concentrate even more energy on magazine planning. The volume of contributed manuscripts has increased significantly, especially with the "Is A.A. Changing?" emphasis, which has clearly touched some nerves throughout the Fellowship. The Grapevine Editorial Board voted to meet nine times a year instead of bimonthly.

Preparation of a comprehensive Grapevine Index from the first issue through the present is now in the beginning stages, and should be completed within the next two years. The editorial staff regularly receives requests - from readers, researchers, and organizers of service workshops - for material from out-of-print issues of the magazine, and many must go unanswered because the existing Index is not adequate.

There is more work for the circulation department as more and more people read and subscribe to the magazine; our data entry people have been busy ensuring that subscription orders are entered in a timely fashion and any problems are solved promptly. We look forward to having expanded computer capability in order to give increasingly high-quality service to A.A.s who read the Grapevine.

Ann W., executive editor

1989 G.S.O. Budget

A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC. — PUBLISHING

Income: The sales income budget of \$9,069,900, is \$962,200 (11.8%) greater than 1988. No literature price reductions are planned in this budget. With the implementation of single pricing in 1988 and lower sales prices, the effect is lower gross profits from the publishing operation.

Expenses: Expenses charged against the publishing operation are budgeted at \$3,593,300, about 9.1% higher than 1988.

Net: Net publishing income is expected to be \$745,000, an increase of \$394,100 over 1988. The additional income is a result of anticipated higher unit sales and is required to offset the anticipated shortfall.

GENERAL FUND — GROUP SERVICES

Income: The budget reflects a projected 8% increase in contributions over 1988 (1988 had a 6.8% increase over 1987. However, a 15% increase had been projected for 1988 based on anticipated continued support to the self-support project).

Expenses: Total group expenses to be directly charged against contributions are budgeted to be \$4,460,200. This results in an anticipated shortfall of these expenses charged against contributions of \$241,200.

GENERAL FUND — OTHER EXPENSES

Other expenses of the General Service Board are budgeted at \$865,200. This includes \$388,700 towards the acquisition of the new computer system project which started in 1988. Exclusive of this item, other expenses are budgeted \$78,500 less than 1988. The total other expenses will be solely offset by the excess net publishing income.

RECAP

The shortfall for 1989 of "group services" (as defined by the 1986 General Service Conference) supported by group contributions, is budgeted to be \$722,700. This is exclusive of the computer acquisition which will be funded by the General Service Board Reserve Fund if necessary.

1989 Grapevine Budget

Total revenue: The 1989 budget presented shows revenues of \$1,995,300. This anticipates paid subscriptions in the 127,000-128,000 range, and total circulation including monthly sales of about 130,000.

Total expenses: Printing of the magazine shows a \$44,000 (19%) increase from the 1988 actual, a significant increase from the 1988 budget. There are three basic reasons for this, first higher anticipated circulation, second increase in printing contract, and third higher paper costs due to an increased number of copies being printed, two expanded 64 page issues, and the paper market in general.

Mailing service costs are projected lower than the 1988 budget because of a change in mailing houses.

Magazine mailing postage is somewhat higher based upon a larger circulation. We will see what surprises the Post Office has for us.

Total editorial and printing costs are budgeted at \$1,036,100, an increase of \$70,000 (7%) over 1988 actual.

Total costs and expenses are budgeted at \$2,062,850, an increase of \$307,300 (17.5%). As mentioned above, \$44,000 of this deals with magazine production. Additional expenses are budgeted for an Assistant Controller and clerical employees. Insurance costs show a significant increase (which is being looked at) and a new item, an A.A. Grapevine indexing project has been budgeted at a cost of \$25,000 for 1989.

Net: After including interest income of \$68,000 we show a break even budget of \$450.

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]:

1987

Contributions — A.A. Groups & Members			\$3,652,163
General Fund — Office Expenses	\$3,387,641		
General Fund — Other Expenses of the Board	\$1,449,746		
Less: Extraordinary Expenses:			
Construction	(914,375)		
System review	(93,850)	441,521	3,829,162
<u>Shortfall of "group services" supported by group contributions</u>			<u>(176,999)</u>

1988

Contributions — A.A. Groups & Members			\$3,900,327
General Fund — Office Expenses	\$3,891,369		
General Fund — Other Expenses of the Board	\$1,068,886		
Less: Extraordinary Expenses:			
Computer Acquisition	(513,926)	554,960	4,446,329
<u>Shortfall of "group services" supported by group contributions</u>			<u>(546,002)</u>

1989 BUDGET

Contributions — A.A. Groups & Members			\$4,214,000
General Fund — Office Expenses	\$4,460,200		
General Fund — Other Expenses of the Board	\$ 865,200		
Less: Extraordinary Expenses:			
Computer Acquisition	(388,700)	476,500	4,936,700
<u>Shortfall of "group services" supported by group contributions</u>			<u>(722,700)</u>

1988 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.	359	215	59.9%	\$ 21,634.51	4,876	\$4.44	61.	Rhode Island	192	113	58.9	18,785.00	3,843	4.89
2.	Alaska	199	97	48.7	7,931.29	2,602	3.05	62.	South Carolina	250	164	65.6	22,012.22	4,247	5.18
3.	Arizona	663	344	51.4	39,475.85	11,184	3.53	63.	South Dakota	137	66	48.2	6,630.58	2,683	2.47
4.	Arkansas	226	126	55.8	10,565.34	3,220	3.28	64.	Tennessee	396	227	57.3	25,019.23	6,367	3.93
5.	California								Texas						
5.	Southern	1,524	731	48.0	112,389.80	50,101	2.24	65.	Northeast	392	225	57.4	40,658.82	11,230	3.62
6.	N. Coastal	1,724	1,161	67.3	188,111.59	43,255	4.35	66.	Northwest	214	131	61.2	14,321.25	4,834	2.96
7.	N. Interior	544	301	55.3	39,114.12	12,016	3.26	67.	Southeast	439	230	52.4	29,726.50	11,984	2.48
8.	San Diego/Imp.	616	330	53.6	40,219.00	16,866	2.38	68.	Southwest	439	230	52.4	28,413.76	8,270	3.44
9.	Mid-South.	1,377	731	53.1	80,753.89	42,549	1.90	69.	Utah	219	134	61.2	13,786.97	3,913	3.52
10.	Colorado	541	333	61.6	39,343.69	12,675	3.10	70.	Vermont	185	103	55.7	15,184.41	3,207	4.73
11.	Connecticut	1,047	576	55.0	80,175.12	21,620	3.71	71.	Virginia	919	584	63.5	86,220.82	17,442	4.94
12.	Delaware	132	88	66.7	17,660.97	2,082	8.48	72.	Washington	1,018	576	56.6	81,563.15	18,466	4.42
13.	D.C.	360	229	63.6	44,596.02	11,523	3.87	73.	West Virginia	237	130	54.9	10,160.81	2,687	3.78
14.	Florida								Wisconsin						
14.	North	475	305	64.2	48,371.26	8,260	5.86	74.	N. Wis./Upper						
15.	South	1,185	662	55.9	106,523.37	19,931	5.34		Pen. Mich.	568	283	49.8	25,659.49	8,423	3.05
16.	Georgia	578	420	72.7	57,255.15	12,386	4.62	75.	South	721	384	53.3	34,891.62	13,441	2.60
17.	Hawaii	209	160	76.6	22,744.07	3,626	6.27	76.	Wyoming	129	75	58.1	5,506.83	1,973	2.79
18.	Idaho	174	106	60.9	10,785.72	2,075	5.20	77.	Puerto Rico	115	81	70.4	4,330.30	1,480	2.93
19.	Illinois							78.	Alberta/N.W.T.	531	251	47.3	26,942.57	6,956	3.87
19.	Chicago	908	404	44.5	57,293.73	21,049	2.72	79.	B.C./Yukon	628	353	56.2	39,438.43	9,633	4.09
20.	North	776	399	51.4	39,678.97	13,944	2.85	80.	Manitoba	151	64	42.4	7,546.30	3,405	2.22
21.	South	359	173	48.2	21,552.61	6,024	3.58	81.	N.B./P.E.I.	228	112	49.1	6,861.79	3,210	2.14
22.	Indiana							82.	N.S./Nfld./Lab.	263	130	49.4	9,707.96	3,063	3.17
22.	North	540	261	48.3	27,562.43	8,256	3.34		Ontario						
23.	South	314	211	67.2	23,481.54	6,257	3.75	83.	East	500	268	53.6	38,608.28	11,620	3.32
24.	Iowa	607	329	54.2	30,101.66	11,387	2.64	84.	Northeast	186	64	34.4	11,616.15	2,228	5.21
25.	Kansas	356	219	61.5	25,639.47	8,333	3.08	85.	Northwest	85	34	40.0	5,995.52	1,306	4.59
26.	Kentucky	475	312	65.7	50,166.48	7,619	6.58	86.	West	429	204	47.6	37,065.03	7,327	5.06
27.	Louisiana	478	252	52.7	26,598.25	8,235	3.23		Quebec						
28.	Maine	369	193	52.3	22,075.28	6,416	3.44	87.	Southwest	558	389	69.7	32,372.21	14,435	2.24
29.	Maryland	699	403	57.7	52,460.65	9,813	5.35	88.	Southeast	239	179	74.9	12,230.15	3,446	3.55
30.	Massachusetts							89.	Northeast	333	270	81.0	19,501.91	6,230	3.13
30.	East	1,064	531	49.9	102,729.90	31,866	3.22	90.	Northwest	318	261	82.0	59,700.00	5,717	10.44
31.	West	172	102	59.3	22,360.25	3,856	5.80	91.	Saskatchewan	329	161	48.9	12,135.13	4,323	2.81
32.	Michigan								Total U.S./						
32.	Central	438	232	53.0	34,140.17	9,149	3.73		Canada	45,442	25,203	55.5%	\$3,327,133.89	916,398	\$3.63
33.	Southeast	489	258	52.8	49,212.53	10,806	4.55		Bahamas	8	2	25.0	110.00	119	.92
34.	West	359	209	58.2	26,607.64	6,828	3.90		V.I. of U.S.	10	9	90.0	3,916.35	265	14.78
35.	Minnesota									45,442	25,214	55.5%	\$3,331,160.24	916,782	\$3.63
35.	North	502	279	55.6	20,167.62	7,816	2.58		Individual, in-memoriam, & special meetings				\$ 193,204.90		
36.	South	943	441	46.8	40,359.68	25,762	1.57		Specials				342,387.98		
37.	Mississippi	213	121	56.8	8,251.57	2,526	3.27		Total for U.S. & Canada				\$3,866,753.12		
38.	Missouri								FOREIGN AND OTHER						
38.	East	478	264	55.2	32,264.92	6,696	4.82		Birds of a Feather				\$ 233.00		
39.	West	221	139	62.9	18,008.51	4,718	3.82		Correctional facility groups				140.00		
40.	Montana	321	143	44.5	12,301.58	3,986	3.09		Foreign				26,246.21		
41.	Nebraska	651	381	58.5	47,517.01	11,835	4.01		International Advisory Council of Young People in A.A.				500.00		
42.	Nevada	267	134	50.2	14,275.93	4,029	3.54		International Doctors in A.A.				42.00		
43.	New Hampshire	364	214	58.8	30,397.22	4,808	6.32		International Lawyers in A.A.				3,000.00		
44.	New Jersey								Internationalists				477.35		
44.	North	1,095	521	47.6	80,770.45	23,695	3.41		Loners				839.74		
45.	South	286	181	63.3	29,575.32	4,321	6.84		Treatment facility meetings				1,644.95		
46.	New Mexico	251	143	57.0	14,895.68	3,867	3.85		World Hello				89.64		
47.	New York								Grand Total				\$3,899,966.01		
47.	Central	542	261	48.2	47,356.08	8,379	5.65								
48.	H./M./B.	543	292	53.8	29,733.22	6,765	4.40								
49.	Southeast	1,442	757	52.5	168,572.24	39,235	4.30								
50.	West	244	115	47.1	11,397.75	3,530	3.23								
51.	N. Carolina/Ber.	642	436	67.9	58,529.72	10,291	5.69								
52.	North Dakota	170	106	62.4	7,301.26	2,827	2.58								
53.	Ohio														
53.	Cent. & S.E.	476	235	49.4	30,760.76	5,474	5.62								
54.	Northeast	935	291	31.1	25,719.66	22,466	1.14								
55.	N.W. Ohio/														
55.	S.E. Mich.	224	123	54.9	16,922.15	3,075	5.50								
56.	S.W. Ohio	390	215	55.1	22,788.77	7,277	3.13								
57.	Oklahoma	340	271	79.7	26,546.78	4,868	5.45								
58.	Oregon	609	350	57.5	41,096.05	8,806	4.67								
59.	Pennsylvania														
59.	East	988	577	58.4	89,419.06	22,625	3.95								
60.	West	603	334	55.4	40,290.28	8,647	4.66								

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

BOX 4|5|9 BULLETIN BOARD

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

JUNE / JULY 1989

Calendar of Events

June

- 2-4 — *Oakland, California*. 42nd Annual Summer Conf. of the N. Calif. Council. Write: Tr., 1046 Irving St., San Francisco, CA 94122-2290
- 2-4 — *Key West, Florida*. Sunset Roundup '89. Write: Ch., Box 4165, Key West, FL 33041-4165
- 2-4 — *Lake Yale, Florida*. 13th Spring Mtgs. Write: Ch., 609 Glenview Ct., Winter Garden, FL 32787
- 2-4 — *Rend Lake, Illinois*. Spring Campout. Write: Ch., 316 Johnson, Centralia, IL 62801
- 2-4 — *Iowa City, Iowa*. State Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 872, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641
- 2-4 — *Portland, Maine*. NE Reg. Forum. Write: Ch., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 2-4 — *Hughesville, Maryland*. S. Maryland Intergroup Assoc. 14th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., c/o SMIA, Box 368, Hughesville, MD 20637
- 2-4 — *Kearney, Nebraska*. 30th Area 41 Reunion. Write: Ch., Box 1293, Grand Island, NE 68802
- 2-4 — *Albuquerque, New Mexico*. 32nd Conv. Write: Ch., Box 11432, Albuquerque, NM 87192
- 2-4 — *Lakewood, New York*. Big Book Seminar. Write: Ch., Box 1002, Jamestown, NY 14702-1002
- 2-4 — *Bronx, New York*. Fifth Annual BOT-WYPCC Conf. Write: Ch., Box 243, Bronx, NY 10461-0243
- 2-4 — *Kanab, Utah*. Spring Rally. Write: Ch., Box 393, Kanab, UT 84741
- 2-4 — *Winchester, Virginia*. 4-State & DC Get-together. Write: Ch., 325 Fox Drive, Winchester, VA 22601
- 2-4 — *Lytton, British Columbia, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 477, Lytton, BC B0K 1Z0
- 2-4 — *Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada*. Native Roundup. Write: Ch., 33 Allen St., Charlottetown, PEI C1A 2V6
- 8-11 — *Hollywood, Florida*. Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., Box 6207, Hollywood, FL 33081
- 8-11 — *Hagerstown, Maryland*. 19th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 11405, Baltimore, MD 21239
- 9-11 — *Mobile, Alabama*. Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 161166, Mobile, AL 36616
- 9-11 — *Conway, Arkansas*. Second Dist. 5 Summertime Sobriety. Write: Ch., Box 700, Conway, AR 72032
- 9-11 — *Akron, Ohio*. Akron's Founders Day. Write: Akron Intergroup Office, 774 Elma

- St., Akron, OH 44310
- 9-11 — *Akron, Ohio*. Spanish A.A. Founders Day Meeting. Write: Ch., 1937 19th St. S.W., Akron, OH 44314-2775
- 9-11 — *Maryville, Tennessee*. 31st Conf. Write: Ch., Box 296, Maryville, TN 37803
- 9-11 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. Gratitude Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 954, Station M, Calgary AB T2P 2K4
- 9-11 — *Vernon, British Columbia, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 604, Lumby, BC V0E 2G0
- 9-11 — *Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada*. 24th Provincial Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 567, Kingston, NS B0P 1R0
- 9-11 — *Montreal, Quebec, Canada*. Second Montreal Bilingual Conf. of Young People. Write: Ch., Box 1039, Station C, Montreal, PQ H2L 4V3
- 9-11 — *Tisdale, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 461, Tisdale, SK S0E 1T0
- 15-18 — *Fort Worth, Texas*. State Conv. Write: Ch., 3801 Wayside Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76110
- 16-18 — *Willow, Alaska*. Annual Mat-Su-Blast. Write: Ch., HC30 Box 5571, Wasilla, AK 99687
- 16-18 — *Boca Raton, Florida*. Sponsorship Week-end. Write: Ch., 3909 Redman Parkway, Lantana, FL 33462
- 16-18 — *Chicago, Illinois*. Roundup. Write: Ch., 606 W. Barry, #196, Chicago, IL 60657
- 16-18 — *Brookville, New York*. Long Island Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 539, Smithtown, NY 11787
- 16-18 — *Akron, Ohio*. Seventh LIM Conf. Write: Ch., Box 360446, Columbus, OH 43236
- 16-18 — *Bristol, Rhode Island*. OSYPC. Write: Ch., Box 23199, Providence, RI 02903
- 16-18 — *Beckley, West Virginia*. 37th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2176, Beckley, WV 25801

Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

For more detailed suggestions, see the pages noted.

June (page 22): Is A.A. changing?; am I changing?; is the Grapevine changing?

July (page 23): A.A. in prison; "It Was a Very Good Year"; forgiveness.

- 16-18 — *Casper, Wyoming*. June Jamboree. Write: Ch., 1515 So. Jackson, Casper, WY 82601
- 16-18 — *Cache Creek, British Columbia, Canada*. Cache Creek-Ashcroft 14th Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 558, Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0
- 16-18 — *Chatham, Ontario, Canada*. Mid-season Campout. Write: Ch., Box 133, Leamington, ON N8H 3W1
- 16-18 — *Peterborough, Ontario, Canada*. 28th Kawartha Dist. Conf. Write: Ch., 625 Cameron St., Peterborough, ON K9J 3Z9
- 23-25 — *Lancaster, California*. 16th Antelope Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 3174, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
- 23-25 — *Brookville, New York*. Fourth Annual Sunday Step Group Campout. Write: Ch., 50 Pleasantview St., Naugatuck, CT 06770
- 23-25 — *Louisville, Kentucky*. First Fall City Conf. Write: Ch., Box 778, Crestwood, KY 40014
- 23-25 — *Westfield, Massachusetts*. WMYPAAC. Write: Ch., Box 1037, Holyoke, MA 01040-1037
- 23-25 — *North Conway, New Hampshire*.

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.)

- 24th Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 321 Lincoln St. Rm. 204, Manchester, NH 03103
- 23-25 — *Herman, Pennsylvania*. The Manor Serenity Conf. Write: Ch., Box 132, Warendale, PA 15086
- 23-25 — *Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania*. Sixth Area 60 Weekend of Sharing. Write: Ch., 418 Santa Rosa Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
- 23-25 — *Nanose Bay, British Columbia, Canada*. 29th Parksville-Qualicum Rally. Write: Ch., Box 234, Errington, BC V0R 1V0
- 23-25 — *Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada*. First Atlantic Summer Roundup. Write: Ch., Suite 110, 1111 Main St., Moncton, NB E1C 1H3
- 23-25 — *Manchester, England*. Fifth Manchester Conv. Write: Registrar, 34, Broadhill Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire, Sk. 15, 1HQ England
- 29-July 2 — *Knoxville, Tennessee*. 38th Convention. Write: Ch., Box 3174, Knoxville, TN 37917
- 30-July 2 — *Denver, Colorado*. Eighth CYPPA Conv. Write: Ch., Box 300314, Denver, CO 80203
- 30-July 2 — *Song Tan City, Kyong Ki-Do, Korea*. 10th Annual AAG-Korea Conv. Write: Ch., PSC Box 1373, A.P.O. San Francisco, CA 96366-0006
- 30-July 2 — *Kansas City, Missouri*. Third Annual KCACYPA. Write: Ch., Box 3255, Shawnee Mission, KS 66203
- 30-July 2 — *Omaha, Nebraska*. Pockets of Enthusiasm Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 55, Bellevue, NE 68005
- 30-July 2 — *Grand Forks, British Columbia, Canada*. 18th Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1664, Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
- 30-July 2 — *Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 1944 Beach Crescent, Quesnel, BC V2J 4S6

July

- 1-4 — *San Francisco, California*. Western Roundup/Living Sober '89 (hosted by gay men & lesbians). Write: Ch., Box 974, San Francisco, CA 94101
- 6-9 — *Nashville, Tennessee*. Eighth Annual Music City Round Up. Write: Ch., Box 762, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
- 7-9 — *Montgomery, Alabama*. Al/NW Fl Area Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 362, Camden, AL 36726-0362
- 7-9 — *Bellaire (Clearwater), Florida*. Third Quarterly Conf. Write: Ch., 5901 91 Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 34666
- 7-9 — *Boise, Idaho*. Pac. Northwest Conf. Write: Ch., 4747 Albion St., #F., Boise, ID 83705
- 7-9 — *Washington, D.C.* Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 3475, Woodmoor Station, Silver Spring, MD 20901
- 7-9 — *Columbus, Ohio*. 13th East Central Regional & 33rd State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 360446, Columbus, OH 43236
- 7-9 — *Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada*. Seventh Annual Chilliwack Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 134, Chilliwack, BC V2P 6H7
- 8-9 — *Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Lakeshore Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 177, Christopher Lake, SK S0J 0N0
- 14-16 — *Kenai, Alaska*. 16th Wilderness Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 3714, Soldotna, AK 99669
- 14-16 — *Winamac, Indiana*. Sunshine Group 11th Annual Campout. Write: Ch., 9322 S. 54th Avenue, Oaklawn, IL 60453
- 14-16 — *Columbia, Missouri*. State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 5827, Berkeley, MO 63134
- 14-16 — *Buffalo, New York*. 24th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 995, Tonawanda, NY 14151
- 14-16 — *Scranton, Pennsylvania*. Young People's Conv. Write: Ch., Box 784, Scranton, PA 18501-0784
- 14-16 — *Tonasket/Oroville, Washington*. Seventh Lost Lake Campout. Write: Ch., Box 324, Oroville, WA 98844
- 14-16 — *Oshua, Ontario, Canada*. Lakeshore Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2003 Station A, Oshua, ON L1H 7V4
- 14-16 — *Seoul, Korea*. 12th Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 154, 121st Evac. Hosp., A.P.O. San Francisco, CA 96301
- 20-23 — *Lubbock, Texas*. Lubbock Caprock Conv. Write: Ch., 918 16th St., Lubbock, TX 79401
- 21-23 — *Fresno, California*. First Big Book Study. Write: Ch., 4588 N. Meridian, Fresno, CA 93726
- 21-23 — *Easley's Far Loop, Idaho*. Dist. 10 Fourth Annual Campout. Write: Ch., Rt. 1 Box 84A, Gooding, ID 83330
- 21-23 — *Madison, Minnesota*. 13th Annual Dist. 5 Mini Freedom Fest. Write: Ch., R.R. #2 Box 8, Correll, MN 56227
- 21-23 — *Burlington, Vermont*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 4295, Burlington, VT 05401
- 21-23 — *Edson, Alberta, Canada*. 29th Edson/Dist. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 147, Niton Jct., AB T0E 1S0
- 21-23 — *Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Ninth Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1276, Hudson Bay, SK S0E 0Y0
- 26-30 — *Hollywood, Florida*. 33rd Annual State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 8407, Coral Springs, FL 33075-8407
- 28-30 — *Haure, Montana*. Eighth Mini Conf. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2442, Haure, MT 59501
- 28-30 — *Utica, New York*. NYSCYPAA III. Write: Ch., Box 5211, Utica, NY 13505
- 28-30 — *Winston Salem, North Carolina*. 42nd State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 18412, Raleigh, NC 27617
- 28-30 — *Akron, Ohio*. 1989 OYPAA Conf. Write: Ch., Box 5854, Akron, OH 44313
- 28-30 — *Kerrville, Texas*. Hill Country Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 33147, Kerrville, TX 78028
- 29-30 — *Aberdeen, South Dakota*. Second Prairie Roundup. Write: Ch., 304 8th Avenue, SE Aberdeen, SD 57401

August

- 4-6 — *Eureka, California*. Second Annual Redwood Creek Campout. Write: Ch., Box 751, Eureka, CA 95501
- 4-6 — *Billings, Montana*. West Central Regional Forum. Write: Secretary, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 7-11 — *Crested Butte, Colorado*. Crested Butte Mountain Conf. Write: Ch., Box 140528, Dallas, TX 75214
- 10-13 — *Baton Rouge, Louisiana*. 31st State Conv. & 45th Southeastern Regional Conf. Write: Sec., 16841 Buckner Dr., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739
- 11-13 — *Houston, British Columbia, Canada*. Eighth Annual Roundup. Write: Sec., Box 1145, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0
- 11-13 — *Roanoke, Virginia*. 1989 Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 11984, Roanoke, VA 24022
- 11-13 — *Squamish, British Columbia, Canada*. 16th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 5220, Squamish, BC V0N 3G0
- 11-13 — *Tulameen, British Columbia, Canada*. Camp-Out. Write: Ch., Box 1396, Princeton, BC V0X 1W0
- 11-13 — *Ucluelet, British Columbia, Canada*. Fifth Annual West Coast Rally. Write: Sec., Box 218, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0
- 11-13 — *Tiel, The Netherlands*. Intergroup 1 Europe Third Annual Roundup 1989. Write: Ch., Box 87959, 2508 DJ The Hague, The Netherlands
- 17-20 — *Omaha, Nebraska*. Cornhusker Roundup XII. Write: Ch., Box 425, Bellevue, NE 68005
- 18-20 — *Cartersville, Georgia*. 12th Allatoona Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 856, Cartersville, GA 30120
- 18-20 — *Moline, Illinois*. State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 89, Wyoming, IL 61491-0089
- 18-20 — *Wagoner, Oklahoma*. Sixth Mid South Regional Conf. of Young People. Write: Ch., Box 60911, Oklahoma City, OK 73146-0911
- 25-27 — *San Luis Obispo, California*. 22nd Annual Convention, District 22. Write: Ch., Box 13308, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
- 25-27 — *Dearborn, Michigan*. 37th State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 916, Pontiac, MI 48056
- 25-27 — *Jackson, Mississippi*. Third Annual Old Timers Round Up. Write: Ch., Box 20664, Jackson, MS 39209-1664