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305 E. 45 STREET, NEW YORK CITY, just a stone's throw from the United Nations building, is the new home of AA's General Service Office and The AA Grapevine. We occupy the entire 18th floor. AA members, their families and friends, are cordially invited to come see us any day, Monday through Friday.

A description of GSO services is available for anyone who would like to have it. Let us know and we'll gladly send you a copy.

OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, March 18th, GSO will be open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., so that GSR's and others interested in AA world services can visit the office and meet the AA Staff. At 1 p.m., the Southeastern New York Area Committee is serving a buffet luncheon, to be followed by an AA meeting, at 74 Trinity Place, New York City. Visitors to GSO are invited to attend the luncheon and meeting.

NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION MATERIAL -- Now available are two new kits: BACKGROUND EDITORIAL MATERIAL, and BACKGROUND RADIO-TV MATERIAL. These are for AA groups and committees to be used in their contacts with newspaper editors and/or TV and radio station managers when these people have asked the groups to cooperate in public service programs featuring AA.

FOR ALCOHOLICS IN PRISON

GSO is pleased to announce the new pamphlet, A MEMO TO AN INMATE WHO MAY BE AN ALCOHOLIC. The pamphlet is based on the personal stories of AAs in prisons and is designed to help Institutional Committees and groups in prisons carry the AA message to other inmates.

The need for such a pamphlet became known several years ago when GSO made a survey of AA groups in prisons. It was discussed at the General Service Conference by the Literature Committees of both the Conference and the General Service Board. Ex-inmates and members of AA groups in prisons contributed material from their own experience. We are grateful for comments from Clinton Duffy, the first warden to welcome AA into prison and now head of the California Adult Authority, from Warden Alfred F. Dowd, Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, and from Kenyon J. Scudder, Field Service Director of the Osborne Association, Balboa Island, California.

THE NEW INMATE PAMPHLET AND PUBLIC INFORMATION KITS ARE LISTED ON THE ORDER FORM MAILED WITH THIS BULLETIN.

1961 DIRECTORIES

Two directories, listing AA groups in Prisons and in Hospitals, are now available. The annual World Directory is being prepared and will be ready for distribution by the end of April.

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE CONFERENCE

The second All-Australian AA Convention will meet in Sydney this Easter .

The first convention was held at Melbourne in January 1959, when resolutions were passed that brought the Australian Service Conference into being. All States have now endorsed the establishment of A. S. C. and have appointed representatives.

A. S. C. will hold a nation-wide convention every other year. Its objectives: to pool Australian resources for AA literature; to foster public relations activities at the national level; to help new Australian members; to take up other matters that may be submitted by the States.

Despite the difficulties attending establishment of any new body, the Conference has made real progress and the Easter Convention will be a big step forward. (From THE REVIVER, published monthly by the AA Central Service Office in Sydney.)

FAST BUCK

A grateful member of the Rye-Harrison Group has asked GSO where he could mail his check to "that new native group in the Transvaal." He had just read in the February Exchange Bulletin about the birth pains of this little group -- the first one for native miners in the area. Our R-H friend could do nothing about this group's problems with language barriers or illiteracy, but dropping a bill in the basket to help with "the financial problem" was something else again.

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE NEWS -- Thirty-seven Delegates have been selected to serve during 1961 - 1962. Those elected since the last Bulletin:

Lloyd S. -- Northern-Coastal California
Hugh C. -- Washington, D. C.
Frank R. -- Eastern Massachusetts
John K. -- Connecticut

Because of illness, Ethel B. and Art G., two of last year's Delegates will not be able to return to the Conference this year and they will be replaced by alternates:

Robert K. -- N. W. Texas
L. D. "Jack" J. -- Arizona

FROM THE GRAPEVINE -- To carry out its new editorial policy, "in all our affairs", the Grapevine has a number of new writers who reflect a fresh point of view. In the April issue look for the articles, "Atheist to Agnostic" and "The Twice Born" and, of course, for "God as We Understand Him", by Bill.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO GSO 12-27-60 - 2-15-61

Colorado	-- Colorado 3rd Legacy Committee	\$150.00
Maine	-- State of Maine AA	14.50
New York	-- General Service Council of Western New York (In Memory of Hank G.)	50.00
Oklahoma	-- Tulsa Central Office	116.90
Pennsylvania	-- Eastern Pennsylvania Area #12	4.00

AMENDS

We only recently learned that a typographical error in the 1960 World Directory shortchanged the Gladewater Group, in Texas. Their contribution should have been listed as \$40.00, not \$16.00.