



## 51st General Service Conference “Love and Service”

“Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words ‘love’ and ‘service.’” So said co-founder Dr. Bob in his final talk, July 3, 1950. Fifty-one years later, at the opening dinner of the 51st A.A. General Service Conference, Dr. Bob’s last message was read by his son, Bob S. Jr.

Under the theme “Love and Service,” the 133 Conference members (delegates from the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada, trustees of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members) met at the Crowne Plaza Manhattan, April 22-28. This year’s Conference was chaired by Gary Glynn (nonalcoholic), chairman of the board; Greg M., G.S.O.’s general manager; Elaine McDowell, Ph.D., Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee; and Al P., delegate chairperson, California, Mid-Southern. Susan U., G.S.O. staff, was Conference coordinator.

What is it like, this yearly closed meeting, often referred to as A.A.’s “annual business meeting”? Early in April a letter arrived at the General Service Office — “An open letter to members of the 51st General Service Conference from the Ghosts of Conferences Past.” The letter, signed “One of the Ghosts,” read in part: “We salute you as you enter the second half-century of serving the Fellowship. It is fitting that the Conference theme is ‘Love and Service,’ Dr. Bob’s simple description of our actions in the program. It is a solid but delicate responsibility you are handed as you ride the escalator in the Crowne Plaza into the excitement of this great Conference assembly. It is now given to you as to how your Conference will be remembered—either of Love and Service or Anger and Control. . . .

Good luck and God bless your discussions and actions.”

The Conference officially opened Sunday afternoon with a welcome from Gary Glynn; roll call by Greg M., G.S.O.’s general manager; greetings from the delegate chairperson, Al P.; and the keynote address, given by Elaine McDowell, Ph.D.

At the open A.A. meeting, following the Sunday evening dinner, Darwin H. (South Carolina) chaired. The meeting was led by Jim H. (Kansas); speakers were: Jean D. (Saskatchewan), Stella J. (Southern New Jersey), Bill A. (G.S.O. staff), David E. (Grapevine director), and Jim C. (Pacific regional trustee).

The week’s many activities included presentations and reports, question and discussion periods; a workshop; area service highlights; and “What’s On Your Mind?” sharing sessions. The G.S.C. Serenity Group met each morning at 7:30, and the Night Lite Group began at 9:30, or whenever.

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

Presentations often reflect the Conference theme, and the simplicity of Love and Service echoed throughout many of the presentations. Paul J., South Dakota, when speaking on Sponsorship and the Home Group, related the story of his sponsor presenting him with a Second Edition Big Book when he became a Panel 50 delegate. Reaching across a span of 50 years, the book had belonged to Clyde G., of Utah, a Panel 1 delegate.

Another example of the continuity we often find in A.A. was expressed by Mark K., California, San Diego/Imperial, when speaking of the role of the G.S.R. “Throughout this week we have discussed at length items that could affect the future of Alcoholics Anonymous here and around the world.



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I want the G.S.R.s to know they are with us here, in our hearts and in our voices. We cannot forget our link to the group, which starts with the G.S.R. You are our eyes, ears and voice which completes the circle of Love and Service.”

Also speaking on the simplicity of A.A., Jack O., East Central regional trustee, remembered that Dr. Bob had “also advised us to watch our erring tongues. I have used and distributed his last talk in problem areas such as treatment centers, service functions, i.e. workshops, district meetings, area meetings and A.A. groups. His talk seems to stem alcoholic anger and ego. Believe me, it works.”

Vincent C., Southwest Quebec, asked Conference members to reflect on whether we serve with love. “What about the language of the heart? Is that the language we speak? . . . do we listen to it? Perhaps some day people will say about us — “They are anonymous, but by their words and by their deeds you will recognize them: they speak the language of the heart, they listen and they serve with love.”

Friday the Conference adjourned with the Serenity Prayer in English, French and Spanish.

Saturday morning Conference members came together for the final time at the closing brunch. Farewell talks were given by the rotating trustees: Gary Glynn, Tom M., Jack O., Dean R., Richard R. and Betty S.

When reporting on the 16th World Service Meeting Wednesday morning, trustee-at-large/Canada Alex P. closed by saying: “Like so many A.A. events no amount of words on paper could ever capture the feelings, the emotions, or the Spiritual Power that permeates an event such as this — one simply must experience it. It was a fabulous meeting and an even more fabulous experience. It was truly an example of Love and Service in action. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of it.”

He could just as well be speaking of the 51st General Service Conference.

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## New Trustees

Wednesday afternoon the Conference elected two new regional trustees and a trustee-at-large/U.S. Dick G. of Altamonte Springs, Florida will succeed Betty S. as Southeast regional trustee; Dorothy M., of Indianapolis, will follow Jack O. as East Central trustee. Charles B., of New Orleans, will become trustee-at-large/U.S., replacing Dean R.

Tom G., North Florida, will be the delegate chairperson for the 2002 Conference; Christine C., Southern Minnesota, will be the alternate chair.

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## 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, Arthur L. Knight, Jr., when he rotates in 2002. Candidates should have corporate and business experience; a sound financial background is extremely important.

Please submit your candidate's business or professional resumé to the Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, General Service Office, by June 30, 2001.

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## Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2001<sup>1</sup>

	Groups	Members
United States	51,735	1,162,112
Canada	5,104	98,816
Sub-Total	56,839	1,260,928
Correctional facilities <sup>2</sup>	2,504	65,672
Internationalists		106
Lone members		313
Total	59,343	1,327,019
Outside U.S. & Canada <sup>3</sup>	41,423	832,994
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100,766</b>	<b>2,160,013</b>

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 approximately 150 countries, including 46 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 the previous year's figures.

## 2001 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 2002 General Service Conference be: “Sharing the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.”

**Finance**— that if the Reserve Fund exceeds the 12 month upper limit, we allow a one-year period to review the Reserve Fund level, followed by a second year to formulate actions to adjust Reserve Fund below 12 months operating expenses.

**Grapevine**— that La Viña continue to be published by the A.A. Grapevine and supported by the General Service Board as a service to the Fellowship.

**International Conventions/A.A. Regional Forums**— that three cities — Detroit, Indianapolis and San Antonio — be given equal consideration as a site for the International Convention in the year 2010.

**Literature**—that the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be approved, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action, “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion,’ ‘Doctor Bob’s Nightmare’ and the Appendices remain as is”; that the pamphlet “Can A.A. Help Me Too? — Black/African Americans Share Their Stories” be approved; that a pamphlet “A.A. For the Older Alcoholic — Never Too Late” to replace the pamphlet “Time to Start Living” be approved for publication.

**Policy/Admissions**—that Günther H., general manager of the G.S.O. Germany, be admitted to the Conference as an observer; and that Maxi K., staff member in the German G.S.O., also be admitted.

**Public Information**—that the 2001 Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 1998 Survey.

**Report and Charter**—that “telephone A.A. meetings” that request to be listed in A.A. directories be added to the section “International Correspondence Meetings” under a section “Telephone Meetings.”

**Trustees**—that the slate of trustees and officers be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April 2001.

### Additional Considerations

**Archives**—considered a request to produce a pamphlet about how archives carry the message of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

**Cooperation With the Professional Community**—reviewed the C.P.C. Workbook and suggested a few changes in wording.

**Correctional Facilities**—reviewed the service piece to accompany the video “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls” and suggested this information be added to the C.F. Kit.

**Treatment Facilities**—discussed Bridging the Gap efforts in their areas, and stressed its importance for the transition from a treatment facility to sobriety in A.A.

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## Resumés for Trustees Election due Jan. 1, 2002

Two new Class B (alcoholic) trustees—from the Pacific (U.S.) and Eastern Canada regions—will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 2002. Resumés must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 2002, and must be submitted by delegates only.

The new Pacific regional trustee will succeed Jim C., of Costa Mesa, California; the new regional trustee from Eastern Canada will fill the position now held by Marne H., of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

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. 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 resumé to the Secretary, trustees’ Nominating Committee, General Service Office.

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

## General Service Board Report

**Trustees' report:** A highlight for all of us last year was the International Convention in Minneapolis. We celebrated A.A.'s 65th anniversary along with 47,000 A.A. and Al-Anon members, and other friends of A.A. Thanks to careful planning by the G.S.O. staff and the enthusiasm of those attending, this Convention was a great success. We were especially pleased that 3,000 A.A.s from other countries came. One of the benefits of holding these Conventions every five years is that it demonstrates vividly that A.A. works, wherever it is carried.

We were hosts for the 16th World Service Meeting last October in New York. Thirty-nine delegates from 29 countries spent a week sharing their service experience with each other. Dean R. and Alex P., our trustees-at-large, were our delegates.

We approved several new translations of A.A. literature. This year, we helped finance translations of the Big Book in Mongolian, Romanian, and Slovak. We also evaluated, approved, and obtained copyrights on translations in Punjabi and Bengali undertaken by the G.S.O. in Bombay. India is also working on translations in Gujarathi, Konkani, Orija, Telegu, and Urdu.

The World Service Meeting reaffirmed its belief that it is essential for A.A. to preserve its copyrights on A.A. literature; that we must protect the integrity of the A.A. message as it is presented in our literature. The board's Legal Affairs Committee has oversight of A.A.W.S.'s legal actions to protect copyrights and other legal matters affecting G.S.O. In 1997, the trustees voted unanimously to preserve and protect the copyrights we hold in trust for all of A.A. around the world, including taking legal action, if necessary. An individual in Germany published copyrighted A.A. literature in German and other languages. Both we and the German G.S.O. were unsuccessful in dissuading him. We later took legal action to preserve our copyrights. The German courts have ruled that our copyrights were valid and that they had been infringed. The infringing party appealed that ruling, and the matter remains in the German courts.

We are firm in our resolve to take whatever action is necessary both to preserve the integrity of A.A. literature and the ability of foreign G.S.O.s to do their work. We do not and would not take legal action in a dispute about A.A. Tradition or principle. Our legal action in Germany is not based on someone's breach of A.A. Tradition. Legal action is something we undertake only as a last resort to preserve our copyrights. There are no "copyright police"; if we fail to protect our copyrights, we will eventually lose them. Bill W. wrote in *Alcoholics*

*Anonymous Comes of Age* that the Big Book was "put in trust for our Fellowship for all time." We are honoring that trust.

Michael Alexander (nonalcoholic) has retired from the practice of law and has chosen to end his role as general counsel for the General Service Board; he will continue to serve A.A. as an active trustee emeritus.

I want to thank the Big Book Fourth Edition subcommittee for their hard work this year. Over the past four years, because of rotation, a total of 11 trustees and directors, as well as staff, have served on this committee.

I will rotate at the end of this Conference after four years as chairman, eight years as trustee, and sixteen years of service to this board. I am so grateful that you have let me be a part of this spiritual and practical society, that does so much good for so many people. Thank you for letting me serve.

*Gary Glynn (nonalcoholic), chairman*

## Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

**Directors' report:** Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) is a New York not-for-profit corporation. The trustees of the General Service Board are the members of A.A.W.S. and elect the A.A.W.S. directors, who are responsible for oversight of the General Service Office (G.S.O.), which provides group services, including printing and distribution of Conference-approved and service literature. The A.A.W.S. Board met seven times since the last Conference to receive G.S.O. management and staff reports, review group services activity and progress on implementation of Conference and board recommendations, review financial reports, price new or revised publications, review publishing operations and matters of G.S.O. administration, consider requests from A.A. members and non-A.A.s for permission to reprint A.A.-copyrighted literature, and address other matters as they arose.

The committees of the A.A.W.S. Board are: Services, which considers the needs of all service assignments; Publishing, which reviews reprints, foreign literature and publications concerns; Finance, which oversees salary and budget, audit review, and retirement; and Nominating. Long-range planning is done within each committee and by the board as a whole.

**New Groups:** During 2000, a net total of 1,081 new groups were registered with G.S.O.

**Regional and Special Forums:** A.A.W.S. directors and G.S.O. staff participated in four Regional and one Special Forum.

**Special Needs Service Piece:** The board approved a Special Needs service piece.

**G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site:** Our Web site was visited 1,200,000 times during 2000, an increase of approximately 62% over 1999. The Web site was completely redesigned in June of 2000, expanding beyond its initial Public Information scope. More recovery-orientated pamphlets and a complete new section entitled "Fellowship Services" were added. In February we initiated e-mail access to G.S.O. staff through the Web site.

**Intergroup Seminar:** The 15th Annual Intergroup/Central Office/A.A.W.S. Seminar was held in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 6-8, 2000, with representatives from over 100 offices.

**Visitors to G.S.O.:** G.S.O. welcomed 1,075 visitors during the year 2000.

**International:** Over 47,000 A.A. and Al-Anon members, family and friends gathered in Minneapolis, June 29-July 2, 2000, to celebrate A.A.'s 65th Anniversary.

**World Service Meeting:** The 16th World Service Meeting was held in New York, October 20-26, 2000, with 39 delegates from 29 countries; and an invitation was also extended to the delegates to attend the October 28-30 General Service Board weekend.

G.S.O. staff and trustees enjoyed visits with trusted servants and A.A. members in service structures from other countries: Eva S. participated in the 10th Anniversary celebration of A.A. in Belarus, and visited the Intergroup in the Czech Republic and the G.S.O. in Hungary and in France. Dean R. attended the Service Conference in Romania. Greg M. visited the French G.S.O. in Paris and met with the General Service Board.

Dean R. attended the XV Convention of Brazil. Alex P. visited the G.S.O. in Panama City and, along with Danny M., attended the First National Convention in Panama. Eva S. visited the G.S.O. of Cuba in Havana, attended the 8th Anniversary of A.A. in Camagney, and also met with professionals.

**International Visitors to G.S.O. in New York:** Auykut K. visited from the Intergroup Service Office in Ankara, Turkey. Nonalcoholic "friends of A.A.," Dr. Elena Filipieva from Ukraine and Dr. Bohdan Woronowicz from Poland, visited the office. A guest of the U.S. State Department, from Manipur State, India, visited and expressed interest in Alcoholics Anonymous.

**Finance:** Through its Finance Committee, the board prepared, reviewed and recommended G.S.O.'s 2001 budget to the trustees' Finance Committee. We approved the transfer of \$1,500,000 to the General Service Board's Reserve Fund.

**Publishing:** During 2000, 1,755,000 books were distributed, including 897,000 copies of the Big Book — 28,000 more than in 1999. Non-A.A. sales were down 8%, a continuing trend. The transition from the Kansas warehouse to the

facility in Tennessee worked out well. The service is very good; most literature orders are shipped within one business day of receipt from A.A.W.S., with an error margin of less than 1%. Fifteen translations were completed: three books and twelve pamphlets or service pieces. We approved \$22,000 to cover the cost of revising a Swahili translation of the Twelve and Twelve done in Kenya, to be produced in audiotape format; our translations policy including publication and licensing considerations—has been reviewed and updated. There are ongoing discussions regarding the possibility of placing all or partial text of the Big Book on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. A seminar led by intellectual property attorneys was presented to the A.A.W.S. Board, G.S.O. staff and Publications Department personnel in December. The committee's overall efforts are to utilize G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site to be of maximum benefit to the Fellowship and the still-suffering alcoholic.

**Other Board Actions:** We welcomed new trustee director Beth R., who replaced rotating trustee director Jack O. in May 2000. We selected John K. to serve as a general service trustee, replacing Richard R., who will rotate following the 2001 Conference. Jane S. was selected to replace John K. as a nontrustee director. All of these recommendations were forwarded to the trustees' Nominating Committee.

**G.S.O./Staff Operations:** At year-end 2000, G.S.O. had 77 full-time positions plus six part-time positions. In November the conversion to the new desktop computer system was completed. G.S.O.'s Archives celebrated its 25th Anniversary in November. A new Personnel Policies Handbook was distributed and discussed at an all-employee meeting. An ask-it-basket session was held to address employee concerns.

**Services Mondiaux des Alcooliques Anonymes Inc.:** The directors of Services Mondiaux des Alcooliques Anonymes (S.M.A.A.), an affiliate corporation of A.A.W.S., Inc., have held meetings on a quarterly basis since the last Conference. At the January 26, 2001 meeting, the directors received reports on the operations and finances of the corporation during 2000. For the 12-month period ended December 31, 2000, S.M.A.A. realized a loss of approximately US\$33,000 from operations. After interest earned on the S.M.A.A. Reserve Fund and currency exchange, a loss of US\$30,000 was recorded. The directors reviewed and accepted the S.M.A.A. budget for 2001, which was forwarded to the trustees' Finance Committee. All financial results are combined with A.A.W.S. totals.

*Jacqueline J., chairperson*

## Archives

**Trustees' committee:** The Archives Workshops at the International Convention were well attended and provided a cross-section of archival activities and services in the U.S. and Canada. Since the traveling exhibit was to be introduced at the Convention, it was agreed to

reproduce the centerpiece as a wallet card to commemorate the event. The committee expressed special appreciation to the G.S.O. Archives staff for their work at the Convention. We approved the reproduction of a second set of ten photos to be reproduced and distributed within A.A. only for the purposes of local displays. We forwarded for publication the manuscript of the Archives Workbook, which will be available for the Conference Archives Committee's review on an annual basis. Further discussions were conducted over fine-tuning on the proposed revision of the video *Markings on the Journey*.

*Greg T., chairperson*

**Archivist's report:** The Archives area at the Convention was a great success. Our traveling exhibit has since been scheduled for a number of area events and Regional Forums. Our overall exhibit focused on local history collecting and writing projects in various formats: loose leaflets, binders, published booklets, pamphlets, even some bound volumes. We extend thanks to our 50 volunteers whose assistance greatly contributed to the smooth operation of the area. Our permanent Archives exhibit at G.S.O. has been refreshed, with new picture frames and new captions. We continue to receive outstanding donations, including early printings of A.A. books, other A.A. related documents, and the collected papers of the late David A. (former trustee) and G.S.O.'s first archivist, Nell Wing.

*Judit Santon, (nonalcoholic) archivist*

## Conference

**Trustees' committee:** We reviewed the Advisory Actions, including the theme for the 51st Conference, "Love and Service." We also reviewed the summary of Evaluations Questionnaires. We reviewed Agenda topics and forwarded subjects to the appropriate trustees or Conference committee. The committee recommended that Bob Smith, Dr. Bob's son, be invited to the Conference opening dinner and be asked to read Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk and make a few brief remarks before the A.A. meeting begins.

*Beth R., chairperson*

**Staff report:** The Conference coordinator is the G.S.O. contact for Conference members. The Conference process continues throughout the year and the coordinator corresponds regularly with delegates and alternate delegates, who cooperate to make the annual Conference responsive to the needs of the Fellowship. The coordinator is also the contact for area and district committee members, as well as past delegates, in the 93 areas throughout the U.S. and Canada. The coordinator is responsible for: serving 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, the Early Bird edition of Box 4-5-9 and the *Conference Final Report*.  
*Susan U.*

## Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities

**Trustees' committee:** Since 1998 the trustees' C.P.C. and Treatment Facilities Committees have been meeting jointly.

**C.P.C. —** We agreed that a service piece, "Working With Students Attending Professional Schools," be inserted into the C.P.C. Kit and that a modified version of same be added to the C.P.C. Workbook. We also accepted a preliminary national exhibit list for 2001 and made suggestions regarding future events to be added to the list.

**Treatment Facilities —** We reviewed the annual information letter to treatment facilities professionals which was sent to over 18,000 doctors, therapists and counselors in the U.S. and Canada. Local Treatment Facilities committees are now carrying meetings into other non-correctional institutional environments, e.g., shelters, nursing homes, hospices, and half-way houses, and not limiting their scope to "treatment facilities."

*Tony T., chairperson*

### Staff reports:

**C.P.C.—**The C.P.C. assignment is responsible for providing information about A.A. and establishing good communication with those outside A.A. who may have direct contact with the still-suffering alcoholic through their professional work. In 2000 the C.P.C. staff member responded to over 2,000 inquiries from professionals; 1,569 were requests for information which followed visits to our A.A. Web site. Meetings with medical students continue to be set up throughout the year at G.S.O. The publication *About A.A.* is also the responsibility of this assignment.  
*Warren S.*

**Treatment Facilities—**The purpose of this assignment is to provide information and service material to assist the work of A.A. committees who wish to carry the message to alcoholics in treatment. We now are in contact with 91 area T.F. chairpersons, 251 district chairpersons, and 25 "other" local chairpersons. We maintain an up-to-date list of these committee chairs and provide them with information and literature. Area T.F. chairs are sent the Treatment Facilities Kit, a guide to carrying the message in Treatment Facilities. Valuable treatment facilities

sharing is provided to G.S.O. through minutes and reports sent in by treatment facilities committees. This information often serves as the basis for a Bar 4-5-9 article.

*Rick W.*

## Correctional Facilities

**Trustees' committee:** The revision of the pamphlet to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell," was forwarded to Publications for distribution; a list of literature for young people was added to the C. F. Workbook; the Correctional Facilities Kit and Workbook have been designated service material rather than "A.A. Conference-approved literature." The committee decided to focus on the importance of carrying the A.A. message into Youth Detention Centers and short-term facilities and requested that information be included in Bar 4-5-9, and mailings to Correctional Facilities, hospitals and institutions and Bridging the Gap chairpeople, and to develop a list of Youth Detention Centers and short-term facilities in the U.S. and Canada that may be useful in future communications with administrators of these facilities.

*Linda Chezern (nonalcoholic), chairperson*

**Staff report:** This assignment is responsible for carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics confined in a variety of correctional settings. Over 500 letters a month arrive from inmates, most asking for free literature, many asking for names of outside A.A. members with whom to correspond, or for help in making contact with A.A. upon release. We try to facilitate these requests, primarily through our network of area, district and local C.F. committees. The newsletter, *Sharing From Behind The Walls*, containing sharing from inmate letters sent to G.S.O., is also a responsibility of this assignment. The Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS), coordinated by this desk, is one of our most valuable efforts. One of the questions asked by A.A. members involved in corrections service is how to get fellow members on the "outside" to commit to speaking at or sponsoring a meeting in a correctional facility. "Carrying the Message Behind These Walls," a video created to encourage A.A. members to participate in correctional service, addresses many of the concerns.

*Adrienne B.*

## Finance and Budgetary

**Trustees' committee:** Last year we reviewed the proposed budget for 2000 and reported that the G.S.O. expected income from operations was \$148,000, approximately even with the \$174,000 budgeted for 1999. Today we can report that actual results for 2000 were considerably better than the proposed budget. Today the Reserve Fund balance stands at just about 11.6 months.

Contributions of \$4,511,200 were \$269,000, or 6.3% higher than 1999 and \$179,000, or slightly more than 4.0% higher than our budget

as well. Net sales of literature were \$9,461,400. This was \$472,100, or 5.2% greater than budgeted, and \$316,000, or 3.5% greater than the previous year. Fortunately, the number of actual books and booklets sold increased about 3%, or 40,700 units above the 1999 level, which was itself about 1% over 1998 levels. That means that book sales, as measured in units, finally stabilized after declining over the last ten years. In total, printing and other manufacturing costs, shipping expenses and royalty payments were somewhat ahead of budget, as were sales. Gross profit of \$5,220,200 was \$228,600 more than budgeted and \$88,000 more than realized in 1999.

The combination of contributions and gross profit from literature resulted in total G.S.O. revenue of \$9,772,500, some \$445,000, or 4.8%, greater than originally budgeted, and \$390,000, or 4%, greater than 1999. Total operating expenses for G.S.O. during 2000 were \$8,789,000. This is \$389,000 less than budget, but \$273,000, or 3.2% higher than the previous year. Therefore, compared to the budget, the increase in revenues was augmented by the reduced expenses, resulting in an operating profit of \$983,200 for the year, a substantial improvement from the budget and approximately \$117,000 greater than the previous year as well, thus enabling the transfer of \$1,500,000 to the Reserve Fund.

At December 2000 the Reserve Fund was just about 9.9 months, about where it should be in normal times. At \$8,504,400 (the adjusted balance used for the calculation), the Reserve Fund amounts to \$151 per listed A.A. group. To give perspective to this number, contributions per group averaged about \$80 for the 56,389 registered, while expenses to support services to those groups averaged \$109.

Also to give perspective, and lest we get too euphoric with our leveling unit book sales this past year, since 1990, our unit sales of books have declined so that we are now selling almost one-third fewer books than we were selling in 1990. While we cannot ignore the reality of the prior trend of continuing decline, in unit literature sales, the 1999 and 2000 results give us pause to consider a slower decline; or leveling off. Therefore, the 2001 G.S.O. budget assumes relatively flat unit sales of books and booklets. In keeping with our Seventh Tradition of self-support, this year's budget includes a 2% increase in contributions. The budget envisions a larger than usual increase in operating expenses.

At the Grapevine, magazine income was approximately even with last year, as was circulation. Average circulation during 2000 was 115,700, compared with 115,900 for 1999, 117,300 for 1998, 120,679 for 1997, and 128,360 during 1996. Gross profit on the magazine was \$1,107,400, which was \$43,500 more than last year and \$45,000 more than budget as well. Revenue of Other Items was \$32,000, less than budgeted, but \$5,300 more than last year. Gross profit on Other Items was approximately

\$13,000 higher than 1999; sales of \$55,300 were attributed to a new product A.A. *Around the World*. Therefore, total income, including interest income, was \$1,392,400, approximately \$56,000 greater than last year and \$35,000 more than budgeted.

Costs and expenses for editorial, circulation and business, and administration were \$1,503,800. This is \$55,000 more than last year but \$12,000 less than budget. As a result, the Grapevine (excluding La Viña) reported a loss of \$16,100, some \$51,000 less than budgeted, and \$6,000 less than 1999.

The Grapevine's 2001 budget, excluding La Viña, calls for a \$4,000 increase in magazine subscription income to \$1,768,100, compared with 2000, with a decrease in magazine gross profit of \$22,000, resulting in a gross profit of \$1,085,400. Gross profit on Other Publishing Income is anticipated to decrease \$13,500, while interest income should remain approximately the same. Excluding one-time expenses of \$338,000 associated with reorganization and outsourcing, costs and expenses are projected to decrease by \$53,000 and a break-even is anticipated from operations.

La Viña, the Spanish-language magazine project approved by the 1995 General Service Conference, has grown from an idea to a full-fledged publication with a 2000 average circulation of close to 8,500. To date, the project has incurred losses each of the past five and one-half years. The overall loss on the project for the year was \$49,600.

The Grapevine Board and management have worked hard to put out a quality product that is responsive to the needs of the Spanish-speaking members of the Fellowship on a cost-effective basis. For 2001, the loss on the La Viña project is budgeted to increase to \$63,100 and circulation is projected to remain around 8,500 copies. The Grapevine Board and the trustees' Finance Committee will continue to monitor progress against the original business plan and inform the Conference. Since the inception of the project, \$445,000 has been invested in La Viña, and the General Service Board has recommended that La Viña continue to be published at the General Service Board's expense.

In summary, the Fellowship's finances remain in good condition, the outlook for this year appears to be favorable, and we continue to have the financial wherewithal to carry the message.

*Arthur L. Knight, Jr. (nonalcoholic), chairperson*

## General Sharing Session

**Trustees' report:** The topic for the July 2000 session was "Our Friends: The Early Years, Now — the Future." For the October sharing session, the discussion focused on "How Do We React to Criticism, and How Do We Treat Our Critics?" And last January, the topic was "Archives: Preserving Our History, Carrying the Message."

*Jack O., chairperson*

## International/ World Service Meeting

**Trustees' committee:** 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 service meetings. The committee is the primary link between the international A.A. community and the U.S./ Canada General Service Board of Trustees. The 16th World Service Meeting was held October 22-26 in New York City, with the theme "A.A. — Our Future is Our Responsibility." The biennial meeting for delegates from countries with organized service structures brought together 39 delegates representing approximately 29 countries. In 2001 A.A.W.S. will translate and publish a variety of foreign language books, pamphlets and reprints. A portion of this expense will be drawn from the International Literature Fund representing contributions from A.A. groups around the world.  
*Dean R., 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 46 international G.S.O.s 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 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 to local members and groups.  
*Eva S.*

## International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums

**Trustees' committee:**  
**International Conventions** — The 2000 International Convention in Minneapolis, last summer, was a wonderful experience for the approximately 47,000 participants. Suggestions from an evaluation will be incorporated into the planning for the 2005 Convention in Toronto. G.S.O. management again selected Talley Management Group, Inc. to be the convention management firm for the 2005 Convention. Seven cities met the basic requirements established for bidding on the 2010 Convention. During Conference week, three potential sites will be recommended to the Conference from these possible site cities.

**Regional Forums** — Since the last Conference, Pacific, Eastern Canada and the

Southeast hosted well attended Forums. A Special Forum was held in January 2001 in Spokane and Yakima, Washington. Many members were attending their first Forum at this two-city event.

*Alex P., chairperson*

### Staff reports:

**International Conventions** — This assignment involves coordinating every aspect of the many processes and plans that go to make up A.A. International Conventions, held every five years. Preliminary plans are underway for the Convention in 2005, to be held in Toronto.

**Regional Forums**—The staff member handling Regional Forums is responsible for coordinating and following through on all arrangements necessary for holding Forums in the U.S. and Canada. These sharing weekends help foster wider communication and understanding among A.A. service workers, the General Service Board, A.A.W.S., the Grapevine and GV and G.S.O. staffs. Regional Forums are held at the invitation of a particular region every two years. A region may also request a Special Forum. The staff member also serves as secretary of the trustees' Nominating Committee, Conference Committee on Trustees and co-secretary of the trustees' and Conference International Conventions/Regional Forums Committees.  
*Doug R.*

## Literature

**Trustees' committee:** *Projects Forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee for Discussion:* Draft stories for the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*; draft manuscript of proposed Black/African American pamphlet; draft manuscript of pamphlet to replace "Time to Start Living"; request from trustees' Literature Committee to consider further development of the proposed "Spiritual Variety" pamphlet.  
*Jim C., chairperson*

**Staff report:** The Literature coordinator works closely with the editor, writers and illustrators on preparing 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, and maintains contact with 50 area, 203 district, 193 intergroup/central offices and A.A. group literature chairpersons, and also serves as editor of *Box 4-5-9*.  
*Valerie O'N.*

## Loners, Internationalist, Homers

**Staff report:** Loners are A.A.s who are unable to attend meetings because there are no groups

nearby. There are about 305 Loners in 89 countries. Seagoing A.A.s, known as Internationalists, number about 108 with an additional 47 Port Contacts; eight Internationalist Groups meet aboard ships. We now have 195 Homers, A.A.s who are housebound due to illness or physical disability.

Loners, Homers, and Internationalists stay sober by sharing with each other through letters, tapes, and e-mail. Each new Loner, Homer or Internationalist receives a directory of members, a subscription to *Box 4-5-9* and the *Loners/Internationalists Meeting-By-Mail, (LIM)*, a bimonthly bulletin which shares excerpts of letters received at G.S.O. from LIM members. There are also over 545 Loners Sponsors, sharing group activities and personal experience.  
*Rick W.*

## Nominating

**Trustees' committee:** The committee recommended to the board that Allen L. Ault be invited to serve as a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, replacing Elaine McDowell, Ph.D. Allen's background is in the correctional field. The board unanimously approved the trustees' Nominating Committee's recommendation that Elaine McDowell, Ph.D., serve as chairperson of the board, replacing Gary A. Glynn upon rotation at the conclusion of the 2001 Conference.  
*Richard R., chairperson*

## Public Information

**Trustees' committee:** Some of our work over the past year: We approved the statement of policy on the posthumous anonymity of our co-founders and agreed to forward the proposal as a discussion item to the 2001 Conference P.I. Committee for wider sharing. The committee examined our television P.S.A.s and concluded that a new P.S.A. should be developed. We examined the current distribution process and investigated the viability of doing a centralized distribution to top market locations and centralized tracking of P.S.A. broadcasts, and forwarded the subject to the Conference P.I. Committee for discussion.  
*Robert Miller (nonalcoholic) chairperson*

**Staff report:** The goal of the P.I. assignment is to help to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic and 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 throughout the U.S. and Canada. Throughout the year the staff member and a staff assistant respond to hundreds of written and telephone inquiries from the general public and the Fellowship. The staff member is also responsible for handling interviews with the media describing what A.A. is and what it can and cannot do. The assignment provides accurate and consistent information to the

media, researchers, students and the general public about A.A. The staff member also communicates with over 500 P.I. Committee chair-people at the area, district, intergroup/central office and group level.

*Bill A.*

## Service Material

**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 not found in Conference-approved literature. Examples of service material include: Regional Forum Reports; A.A. Guidelines; List of Fellowships Similar to A.A.; a catalog of A.A. Literature and Audiovisual Material for Special Needs. Current ongoing projects: Coordinating the A.A. Directories, Eastern U.S., Western U.S. and Canadian; supervision of service files, A.A. Guidelines, Group Handbooks, and G.S.R. Kits. The staff member also serves as liaison with intergroup/central offices.

*Doug R.*

## Spanish Services

**Staff report:** There are more than 40,000 Spanish-speaking A.A. members, meeting in 1,500 groups in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. The Spanish Services staff person, who does not rotate, coordinates Spanish translations of material from the other staff assignments and assists other staff members in providing services to the Spanish-speaking community. All Spanish-speaking groups receive *Box 4-5-9* in Spanish. The *Quarterly Report* is also distributed in Spanish, and a list of preliminary and final Conference Agenda items is distributed in Spanish to all delegates and alternate delegates. The staff member helps answer the correspondence received in Spanish by other assignments, and attends conventions, Hispanic intergroup meetings, Regional Forums, World Service Meetings and the International Convention, as well as greeting Spanish-speaking visitors to G.S.O.

*Danny M.*

## Staff Coordinator

**Staff report:** Services to A.A. groups and members are provided through ten 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 2000 staff received a total of 22,676 pieces of mail. As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling meetings, distributing advance materials, preparing the minutes of the board meetings and also serves as editor of the *Quarterly Report*. In the past year, we welcomed many visitors from around the world.

*Joanie M.*

# Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

**Directors' report:** The Grapevine Corporate Board met eight times since the 50th General Service Conference. The board held four formal meetings to discuss an extensive agenda of policy and financial matters.

The board welcomed two new nontrustee directors, Susan C. and Arnold R., and two new trustee directors, Bob Miller, Class A (nonalcoholic), and Tony T., Northeast regional. On December 15, 2000, the board selected Arnold R. as its nominee for the general service trustee position (to succeed Tom M. upon rotation). Raymond M. and another candidate were elected to fill the nontrustee director openings to occur on the Grapevine Board following the 51st Conference. On January 29, the General Service Board selected David E. as its nominee for general service trustee on the Grapevine Board; so, David will begin service as a trustee and Ray M. as a nontrustee director of the Grapevine following the 51st Conference.

At the September 2000 Planning Committee Meeting, the board drafted the following Mission Statement, which was approved at the October board meeting: "The purpose of the Grapevine Corporate Board, an affiliate service corporation of the General Service Board, is to serve the A.A. Fellowship in the following ways: • To oversee the publishing operations of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc; • To provide sound financial management of the corporation; • To establish corporate policies and set corporate priorities; • To engage in the ongoing process of strategic planning; • To operate in accordance with the principles of A.A., as expressed in the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts."

In July the board authorized management to contract with an off-site fulfillment service to process the magazine's fulfillment and shipping operations. Installation of new computer hardware and modem lines was followed by training of the Grapevine's customer relations staff. The Grapevine will go "live" with subscription processing for the June issue. La Viña subscription processing will follow. (For Canadian customers, however, the current suppliers in Canada will continue to be used both for mailing subscriptions and shipping related items.)

This has been a time of important transition and change for the Grapevine. Ames S., executive editor of the Grapevine, reached a mutual agreement with the Grapevine Corporate Board to pursue outside creative interests, effective January 1, 2001. The board and staff expressed deep appreciation to Ames for his 15 years of service to the Grapevine and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Cynthia K., former senior editor, was asked to return to manage the editorial

department until a new executive editor is hired. New senior editor Robin B., has assumed, in addition to her other duties, the responsibility of interim managing editor of La Viña. During the transition, Grapevine directors have been in the Grapevine office weekly to help the staff with both administrative and editorial matters.

Since the last Conference La Viña, has achieved a bimonthly circulation of about 8,500 copies, an increase of nearly 500 copies. The Grapevine Board looks forward to a year of healthy circulation and a revitalization of the editorial content of La Viña.

The Web site continues to function as an introduction to the magazine and its related material, to generate circulation and sales, and as a gateway to A.A. itself. Online orders continue to grow: from January 2000 to December 2000, monthly orders for subscriptions and related items rose from 158 to 366, for a total of 3,510 in the year 2000.

*Marne H., chairperson*

**Staff report:** It has been a busy year at the A.A. Grapevine and one which has offered many opportunities for growth. *A.A. Around the World* made its debut at the International Convention and has now sold almost twice as many copies as projected (budgeted sales were 6,000; actual 11,624). The magazine introduced two new departments — "The Home Group: The Hearbeat of A.A.," and "Rule 62," a two-page spread of cartoons. A revised and fully moderated version of the bulletin board *i-Say* was launched on the Web site June 1, 2000. There was 15% increase in Web site visitors this year, a 25% increase in orders for related items, and between 120 and 130 subscriptions come in from the Web site each month.

The A.A. Grapevine had a lively presence at the International Convention this July in Minneapolis. Loyal Grapevine Reps helped keep the Grapevine Information Area in the exhibition hall fully staffed day and night. The Grape Bunch also distributed 19,000 Grapevine gift bags plus our entire stock of La Viña and inserted subscription forms in 50,000 programs. The Grapevine also was represented at four different panels. Throughout the year, the Grapevine staff participated in many other A.A. events around the country, including four Regional Forums.

The GvR network has remained active throughout the year, responding to our annual survey, contributing to our interactive newsletter, The Grapenet, and assuming a major role in informing the A.A. community and the public about the magazine. There has been a 3 percent increase in renewals while circulation has remained stable.

*Robin B., senior editor*

# Budget Highlights

## 2001 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 or the Capital Projects Fund. The Grapevine operations are described below in a separate report.

**Income:** The 2001 sales budget of \$9,671,300 is slightly less than (.8%) the 2000 actual results. The budget reflects approximate even unit sales. Net sales after discounts allowed are projected at \$9,409,000, approximately \$52,000 less than 2000.

Manufacturing costs are budgeted just slightly (\$23,500) higher than the year 2000 actual results, primarily a result of slightly higher costs. Royalties, budgeted at \$167,700, are on a par with 2000 and 1999 as well.

Shipping and warehousing costs are budgeted \$41,000 higher than 2000. We anticipate an increase in postage and freight rates, and some higher warehousing costs as well. Thus the line increases approximately 4%.

Gross profit from literature is budgeted at \$5,103,000, approximately \$117,000 less than 2000, a result of the decline in sales and increases in warehousing and shipping costs.

**Contributions** for 2001 have been budgeted at \$4,595,000, approximately a 2% increase over 2000. The year 2000 saw the fourth year in a row that contributions received have exceeded the prior year.

**Total Operating Revenue** for the period is anticipated at \$9,701,700, about 1% less than 2000.

**Total Operating Expenses** for 2001 have been budgeted at \$9,564,870, approximately 9% higher than 2000. Included in that larger than usual increase are additional expenditures to help carry the message worldwide as well as at home. For example, we are now mailing new G.S.R. Kits first class in an effort to deliver them in a more timely manner. There is also a significant increase (\$90,000) in the funds allocated to "Other Literature Assistance" efforts to help translate and provide recovery material to other countries (and in other languages) that can't do it alone. In addition, for 2001 we expect to be at full staff.

An excess of revenue over expenses of \$136,872 is budgeted. This compares with a \$983,211 net income for 2000, \$877,700 in 1999, \$139,600 in 1998, a \$245,000 loss for 1997, \$1,264,000 loss for 1996, a \$1,147,000 loss for 1995. The three years of losses, followed by succeeding profits, have resulted in a Reserve Fund balance of 9.9 months at 12/31/2000. After anticipated transfers, (in 2001), the balance will be approximately 11.6 months of combined operating expenses.

## 2001 Grapevine Budget

The 2001 Grapevine Budget calls for an average circulation for 2001 of 117,000, approximately 1,300 copies higher than the 115,734 achieved in 2000.

**Income:** Magazine income of \$1,768,100 is expected, just \$4,000 more than 2000. Other Publishing Income from books, cassette tapes, and miscellaneous items is budgeted at \$518,000, approximately \$9,000 higher than 2000.

**Total Gross Profit:** Combining the magazine and other publishing items, the gross profit of \$1,356,900 is budgeted, compared to \$1,392,400 achieved for 2000.

**Total Operating Expenses:** Total Operating Expenses (excluding one-time outsourcing and reorganization charges of \$338,000) for 2001 are budgeted at \$1,451,151, approximately \$52,600 less than the 2000 actual of \$1,503,791.

**Net Income:** For 2001 the Grapevine just about breaks even (before one-time costs and a small amount for French Canadian items). This compares with a loss of \$16,100 for 2000. After interest and one-time costs, a loss of \$338,056 is anticipated.

## 2001 Spanish Grapevine 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 will review the financial impact on the Fellowship and the progress of circulation and continue to monitor the viability of this venture.

For 2001 La Viña expects a gross profit on the magazine of \$8,530, compared with a \$12,567 gross profit for 2000. Circulation for 2001 is estimated at 8,500, approximately equal with the 2000 average of 8,460. Total costs and expenses are estimated at \$71,646 for 2001, compared with \$62,137 in 2000. The 2001 budget projects a net loss of \$63,116 compared with a \$49,570 loss in 2000.

To date the La Viña project has incurred start-up costs/operating losses of \$29,500 in 1995, \$138,290 in 1996, \$102,140 in 1997, \$66,182 in 1998, \$59,224 in 1999 and \$49,570 in 2000. The General Service Board has recommended that La Viña continue to be published at the General Service Board's expense.

## 2000 Contributions From Groups — by Delegate Area (in U.S. dollars)

AREA #	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA	#GPS. REPORTED	#GPS. CONTRIBUTIONS	% OF GPS. CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTIONS PER CAPITA	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	MEMORIAL	SPECIALS	SPECIAL MEETINGS	TOTAL AREA CONTRIBUTIONS	PER CAPITA
1.	Ala./N.W. Fla.	408	227	55.6%	\$ 31,857.85	8,751	\$3.63	\$ 864.47		\$ 238.05	\$ 30.00	\$ 32,990.37	\$3.77
2.	Alaska	204	87	42.6	9,239.79	3,610	2.56	184.03	\$ 365.00	897.00	150.00	10,835.82	3.00
3.	Arizona	754	381	50.4	84,024.38	17,055	4.93	4,401.10	2,650.00	1,136.90	106.00	92,318.38	5.41
4.	Arkansas	231	124	53.6	14,852.88	4,238	3.49	152.00	2,008.00	946.19		17,959.07	4.24
	California												
5.	Southern	1,131	387	34.1	96,944.87	38,985	2.48	6,332.82	2,170.00	8,677.36	2,060.51	116,185.56	2.98
6.	N. Coastal	1,772	1,059	59.7	224,382.08	51,795	4.33	17,290.55	100.00	10,811.16	2,037.35	254,621.14	4.92
7.	N. Interior	714	345	48.2	58,588.11	20,134	2.91	3,089.78		1,994.87	561.11	64,230.87	3.19
8.	San Diego/Imp.	834	363	43.4	66,556.70	25,078	2.65	5,397.51		1,456.87	312.67	73,723.75	2.94
9.	Mid-South	1,885	714	38.3	117,333.05	60,575	1.94	5,709.59	1,030.00	3,332.91	603.20	128,008.75	2.11
10.	Colorado	628	359	57.2	71,609.65	14,531	4.92	5,743.01	170.00	3,016.44	4,035.66	84,574.76	5.82
11.	Connecticut	1,452	576	39.6	80,073.53	35,007	2.29	4,018.13	880.00	10,631.90	983.00	96,586.58	2.76
12.	Delaware	200	123	61.4	24,668.95	3,166	7.79	470.00		1,500.00		26,638.95	8.41
13.	D.C.	456	203	44.4	45,880.02	14,892	3.08	2,768.15		1,470.32		50,118.49	3.37
	Florida												
14.	North	645	362	56.0	72,080.22	14,454	4.98	9,064.89	1,194.52	16,859.66	25.00	99,224.29	6.86
15.	South/Bahamas/V.I.	1,574	814	51.7	154,577.61	34,407	4.49	9,809.94	1,285.00	30,478.33	435.00	196,583.88	5.71
16.	Georgia	692	436	63.0	73,636.49	15,798	4.66	1,621.52	25.00	509.01		75,792.02	4.80
17.	Hawaii	301	151	50.1	25,493.99	5,634	4.52	1,239.45		719.77	30.00	27,483.21	4.88
18.	Idaho	205	87	42.4	13,360.72	3,480	3.83	248.27		398.63		14,007.62	4.03
	Illinois												
19.	Chicago	1,195	311	26.0	56,967.71	29,050	1.95	3,069.31	270.00	3,894.08	65.00	64,266.10	2.21
20.	North	1,060	374	35.3	42,010.98	22,079	1.89	3,239.11		3,892.50	44.35	49,186.94	2.23
21.	South	438	170	38.7	23,878.18	7,218	3.30	944.80		1,164.11		25,987.09	3.60
	Indiana												
22.	North	652	266	40.8	34,610.52	9,584	3.61	990.00		513.84	150.00	36,264.36	3.78
23.	South	555	250	45.0	34,265.51	10,789	3.18	744.00	25.00	2,278.22	59.40	37,372.13	3.46
24.	Iowa	625	312	49.9	36,416.05	12,768	2.84	585.27		931.53	30.00	37,962.85	2.97
25.	Kansas	378	161	42.6	25,775.14	9,321	2.76	156.50	1,465.00	4,502.17	30.00	31,928.81	3.43
26.	Kentucky	641	297	46.2	61,441.92	10,236	6.00	3,148.93		5,269.46	17.00	69,877.31	6.83
27.	Louisiana	527	187	35.4	29,753.74	10,887	2.72	553.14	10.00	1,634.51	195.00	32,146.39	2.95
28.	Maine	453	141	31.0	16,140.23	7,610	2.11	344.00		955.00	25.00	17,464.23	2.29
29.	Maryland	929	378	40.6	65,699.85	14,989	4.37	2,003.00	10.00	4,824.96		72,537.81	4.84
	Massachusetts												
30.	East	1,487	509	34.1	98,556.00	51,078	1.92	4,953.96	2,020.00	2,277.40	440.00	108,247.36	2.12
31.	West	239	146	61.0	23,783.14	4,999	4.75	1,845.40			210.10	25,838.64	5.17
	Michigan												
32.	Central	549	224	40.7	31,161.66	12,714	2.45	1,497.50	170.00	1,189.61	90.00	34,108.77	2.68
33.	Southeast	715	289	40.3	61,754.07	17,953	3.44	1,838.62	40.00	760.55		64,393.24	3.59
34.	West	476	210	44.0	36,348.76	9,148	3.96	1,119.63	500.00	271.68	60.00	38,300.07	4.19
	Minnesota												
35.	North	547	234	42.8	23,037.45	8,226	2.79	469.00		882.79	152.24	24,541.48	2.98
36.	South	986	367	37.2	56,173.94	22,441	2.50	1,257.97	100.00	1,000.00	43.16	58,575.07	2.61
37.	Mississippi	246	94	38.2	11,439.32	4,533	2.52	1,059.00	135.00	425.54	12.09	13,070.95	2.88
	Missouri												
38.	East	527	262	49.6	46,180.99	8,816	5.24	2,888.73	58.00	2,311.45	82.00	51,521.17	5.84
39.	West	213	113	53.0	15,336.34	6,464	2.37	604.70		85.00	141.84	16,167.88	2.50
40.	Montana	263	119	45.1	16,988.73	4,173	4.07	173.00		326.59	12.50	17,510.82	4.20
41.	Nebraska	661	303	45.7	46,270.66	14,667	3.14	1,130.60		100.00	245.00	47,746.26	3.26
42.	Nevada	455	175	38.5	26,898.86	10,000	2.68	821.41		5,236.17		32,956.44	3.30
43.	New Hampshire	535	195	36.4	23,028.03	8,934	2.58	3,844.80		257.16		27,129.99	3.04
	New Jersey												
44.	North	1,313	491	37.4	71,696.15	33,310	2.14	5,879.09	20.00	990.50	216.00	78,801.74	2.37
45.	South	513	259	50.5	49,861.29	9,541	5.23	1,454.00	25.00	697.33	45.00	52,082.62	5.46
46.	New Mexico	312	168	53.7	24,359.27	5,647	4.30	616.13		1,894.92	170.50	27,040.82	4.79
	New York												
47.	Central	694	238	34.2	31,106.70	11,353	2.73	2,046.00	1,715.00	1,529.00	2,145.00	38,541.70	3.39
48.	H./M./B.	753	258	34.3	25,625.43	12,025	2.13	1,946.00		560.00	38.00	28,169.43	2.34
49.	Southeast	1,783	759	42.5	184,728.04	57,466	3.21	10,076.57	4,650.00	17,027.73	200.00	216,690.34	3.77
50.	West	305	100	32.7	11,169.54	5,819	1.91	203.57				11,373.11	1.95
51.	N. Carolina	919	465	50.5	87,010.11	15,007	5.79	1,970.60	180.00	1,227.15	70.51	90,458.37	6.03
52.	North Dakota	149	67	44.9	8,314.00	2,631	3.15	88.00	20.00	915.74		9,337.74	3.55
	Ohio												
53.	Cent. & S.E.	664	188	28.3	26,241.05	9,641	2.72	180.76		127.00		26,528.81	2.75
54.	Northeast	1,307	275	21.0	34,780.29	22,271	1.55	1,293.25	50.00	7,095.20		43,218.74	1.94
55.	N.W. Ohio/S.E. Mich.	284	101	35.5	11,886.45	4,069	2.91	473.65				12,360.10	3.04
56.	S.W. Ohio	543	216	39.7	36,147.83	11,033	3.27	2,331.26		807.54		39,286.63	3.56
57.	Oklahoma	379	209	55.0	30,767.55	6,469	4.75	1,927.30	50.00	240.00	52.00	33,036.85	5.11
58.	Oregon	806	372	46.2	55,896.18	15,048	3.70	2,404.61	1267.48	2,006.38	495.36	62,090.01	4.13



## 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—*Flagstaff, Arizona*. 2001 Flagstaff Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 22148, Flagstaff, AZ 86002
- 1-3—*Pine Bluff, Arkansas*. Eighth Early Times in the Delta Conv. Write: Ch., Box 91 Stuttgart, AR 72160
- 1-3—*Grimshaw, Alberta, Canada*. 14<sup>th</sup> North Peace Roundup. Write: Ch., 8424 99 Avenue, Peace River, AB T8S 1W3
- 1-3—*Creston, British Columbia, Canada*. 41<sup>st</sup> Creston Valley Campout. Write: Ch., Box 894, Creston, BC V0B 1G0
- 1-3—*Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada*. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Round-up. Write: Ch., 1096 Rte. 105, Hi way, Douglas, NB E3A 7J6
- 1-3—*Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Prince Albert Roundup. Write: Ch., 916 28<sup>th</sup> Street E, Prince Albert, SK S6V 1Y1
- 1-3—*Winchester, Virginia*. 47<sup>th</sup> Four State & DC Spring Get-Together. Write: Ch., 457 Kennel Road, Boyce, VA 22620
- 2-3—*Basel, Switzerland*. Big European Roundup. Write: Ch., Deutschsprachiges Laendertreffen, P.O. Box CH 4006, Basel, Switzerland
- 6-15—*Casper, Wyoming*. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual June Jamboree. Write: Ch., 152 N. Kimball, Casper, WY 82601
- 8-10—*Mobile, Alabama*. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 9005, Mobile, AL 36609
- 8-10—*Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gratitude Round-up. Write: Ch., #2, 4015 1 Street SE Calgary, AB T2G 4X7
- 8-10—*Vernon, British Columbia, Canada*. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 248 Country Estate Drive, Vernon, BC V1B 2V3
- 8-10—*Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*. WRAASA. Write: Ch., 208-323 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3B 2C1
- 8-10—*Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada*. Yellowknife Roundup. Write: Ch. 4706 Hamilton Drive, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 1J5
- 8-10—*New Orleans, Louisiana*. 33rd Big Deep South Conv. Write: Ch., 3117 Independence St., Ste. D, Metairie, LA 70006
- 8-10—*Springfield, Missouri*. Heart of The Ozarks. Write: Ch., Box 1607, Springfield, MO 65801
- 8-10—*Grand Island, Nebraska*. Area Reunion 2001. Write: Ch., Box 4502, Lincoln, NE 68504-4502
- 8-10—*Rochester, New York*. Northeast Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 8-10—*Akron, Ohio*. Founder's Day. Write: Ch., 775 N. Main Street, Akron, OH 44310
- 8-10—*Honeyville, Utah*. 18<sup>th</sup> U.C.Y.P.A.A. Write: Ch., Box 246, Providence, UT 84332-0246
- 8-10—*Richmond, Virginia*. Primary Purpose Spring Conf. Write: Ch., 1628 Matthews Street, Ste. A, Richmond, VA 23222
- 8-10—*Torrington, Wyoming*. Dist. 11 & Tri-District Campout. Write: Ch., Box 454, Torrington, WY 82240
- 14-17—*Palm Springs, California*. Desert Pow Wow. Write: Ch., Box 10128, Palm Desert, CA 92255
- 15-17—*Ft. McMurray, Alberta, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 288 Beacon Hill Drive, Ft. McMurray, Alberta T9H 2R0
- 15-17—*Cache Creek, British Columbia, Canada*. Cache Creek/Ashcroft Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 437, Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0
- 15-17—*Parksville/Qualicum, British Columbia, Canada*. 41<sup>st</sup> Living Free Rally. Write: Ch., 655 Blenkin Avenue, Parksville, BC V9P 1G7

- 15-17—*Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada*. Provincial Roundup. Write: Ch., 11a Aberdeen Street, Truro, NS B2N 4V1
- 15-17—*Blenheim, Ontario, Canada*. Midseason Campout. Write: Ch., 79 East Pike Creek Rd., Lakeshore, ON N8N 3S2
- 15-17—*Medford, New Jersey*. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual SJYPC. Write: Ch., Box 1013, Rio Grande, NJ 08242
- 15-17—*Exeter, Rhode Island*. 25<sup>th</sup> OSYPC. Write: Ch., Box 41091, Providence, RI 02940
- 15-17—*Casper, Wyoming*. 26<sup>th</sup> June Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 2266, Casper, WY 82601
- 16-17—*Campbellton, New Brunswick, Canada*. Second Annual Founders' Day Roundup. Write: Ch., 209 Miller Boulevard, Dalhousie, NB E9C 2A2
- 22-24—*Kamsack, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Celebrating 55 Years of Carrying The Message. Write: Ch., Box 39, Kamsack, SK S0A 1S0
- 22-24—*Moodus, Connecticut*. Soberfest 1901. Write: Ch., 92 Grove Street, Windsor, CT 06095
- 22-24—*Athens, Georgia*. GYPCAA. Write: Ch., 175 Baxter Drive, #M5, Athens, GA 30606
- 22-24—*Wildenburg, Germany*. German-American Weekend. Write: Ch., Postfach 1210, 54622 Bitburg, Germany
- 22-24—*Hattiesburg, Mississippi*. 55<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2051, Laurel, MS 39442
- 22-24—*Aberdeen, South Dakota*. Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 195, Mellette, SD 57461
- 22-24—*Greenlake, Wisconsin*. Greenlake Soberfest. Write: Ch., 240 Placid Ct., Elk Grove, IL 60007
- 29-July 1—*Santa Rosa, California*. NCCAA 54th Annual Summer Conf. Write: Srty, 1723 Anamor St., Redwood, CA 94061-2529
- 29-July 1—*South Fork, Colorado*. Serenity in the San Juans. Write: Ch., Box 574, Alamosa, CO 81101
- 29-July 4—*Nashville, Tennessee*. Recovery on the Ocoee. 313 West End Pl., Nashville, TN 37205

### July

- 6-8—*Columbia, Missouri*. State Conv. Write: Ch., 1509 SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- 6-8—*Oshkosh, Wisconsin*. 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual East Central Regional Conf. And First Area 74 and Area 75 Unity Conf. Write: Ch., 2319 W. Rawson Avenue, Oak Creek, WI 53154-1321
- 10-11—*Moscow, Russia*. National Conv. Write: Ch., Russia Central Office, Box 33, 129128 Moscow, Russia
- 11-15—*Miami, Florida*. 45<sup>th</sup> State Conv. Write: Ch., 19626 West Lake Dr., Miami, FL 33015
- 13-15—*Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada*. 19<sup>th</sup> Round-up. Write: Ch., 6219 Parsons Road, Chilliwack, BC V4Z 1A4
- 13-15—*Lake Charles, Louisiana*. 43<sup>rd</sup> State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 796, Lake Charles, LA 70602-0796
- 13-15—*Binghamton, New York*. 33<sup>rd</sup> State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 147, Owego, NY 13827
- 19-22—*Lubbock, Texas*. 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lubbock Caprock Conv. Write: Ch., Box 6511, Lubbock, TX 79493
- 20-22—*Steamboat Springs, Colorado*. Area 10 Summer Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 772314, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
- 20-22—*Big Island of Hawaii*. 2001 HICYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 4175, Hilo, HI 96720
- 20-22—*Des Moines, Iowa*. Capitol City Conf. Write: Ch., Box 30135, Des Moines, IA 50310
- 22-27—*Irving, Texas*. 18<sup>th</sup> Crested Butte Mountain Conf. Write: Ch., Box 140114, Irving, TX 75014-0114
- 23-30—*Oshkosh, WI*. 12-Step High Group. Write: Ch., 247 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54902-6513
- 27-29—*Windsor, Ontario, Canada*. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Windsor—Essex County Conv. Write: Ch., 9740 Menard Street, Windsor, ON N8P 1G6
- 27-29—*St. Johns, New Foundland, Canada*. Big Book Study. Write: Ch., 340 The East Mall #401, Toronto, ON, Canada M9B 3Z6.
- 27-29—*Birmingham, England*. Heart of England Conv. Write: Ch., Box 119, Birmingham, B1 1AA England

- 27-29—*Baumholder, Germany*. Rheinland-Pfalz Intergroup Campathion. Write: Ch., Postfach 1210, 54622 Bitsburg, Germany
- 27-29—*Eau Claire, Wisconsin*. Chippewa Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1033, Eau Claire, WI 54702

### August

- 2-5—*Mountain View, Arkansas*. State Conv. Write: Tr., 714 O'Dell Rd., Bismarck, AR 71929.
- 3-5—*Eagle Rock, California*. Foothill Roundup. Write: Ch., 1307 Oak Circle Dr., Glendale, CA 91208
- 3-5—*Carlisle, Pennsylvania*. Eighth State Conv. Write: Ch., 6377 Alderson Street, St. Pittsburgh, PA 15217.
- 10-12—*Phoenix, Arizona*. Salt River Intergroup Summer Round-up. Write: Ch., 4602 North 7<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ 85014
- 10-12—*Tiel, Holland, Netherlands*. 15<sup>th</sup> Scanelux Roundup. Write: Ch., Kerkstraat 391d, 1017HX Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 10-12—*Garrison, New York*. 22<sup>nd</sup> State Informational Workshop. Write: Ch., Workshop, GPO Box 1850, New York, NY 10116
- 16-19—*Columbia, South Carolina*. State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 5152, Columbia, SC 29250.
- 17-19—*New Orleans, Louisiana*. Greater New Orleans Roundup. Write: Ch., 326 South Scott St., New Orleans, LA 70119
- 18-19—*Moscow, Russia*. International Conv. Write: Ch., Central Service Office, Box 33, Moscow, Russia 129128
- 24-26—*San Luis Obispo, California*. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual 22<sup>nd</sup> District Conv. Write: Ch., Box 13308, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
- 24-26—*Writing on Stone Park, Alberta, Canada*. Corn Roast. Write: Ch., 719 Birch Ave., Shelby, MT 59474-2430
- 24-26—*Nenagh, Ireland*. Tipperary Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 12, Post Office, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Ireland
- 24-26—*Astoria, Oregon*. Youngs River Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 12, Astoria, OR 97103
- 24-26—*Sioux Falls, South Dakota*. West Central Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 24-26—*Chattanooga, Tennessee*. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Choo Choo Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 9673, Chattanooga, TN 37412
- 31-September 2—*Denver, Colorado*. State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 29523, Thornton, CO 80229-0523
- 31-September 2—*Houma, Louisiana*. 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bayouland Jamboree. Write: Ch., 4501 West Main Street, Gray, LA 70359
- 31-September 2—*St. Louis, Missouri*. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Classic Conf. Write: Ch., Box 190026, St. Louis, MO 63119
- 31-September 2—*Corner Brook, Newfoundland*. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Nova Scotia/ Newfoundland/Labrador Assembly. Write: Ch., 72 Lomond St., Corner Brook, NF, A2H 3A9
- 31-September 3—*Tampa, Florida*. 15<sup>th</sup> Tampa Bay Fall Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 262545, Tampa, FL 33685-2545

### September

- 7-9—*London, England*. The Cockney Conv. Write: The Convener, 90 Parkside Estate, Rutland Road, Hackney, London, England E9 7JZ
- 7-9—*Many, Louisiana*. Western Louisiana Intergroup Conv. Write: Ch., 411 Eissman Road, Apt. 28, Leesville, LA 71446
- 14-16—*South Charleston, West Virginia*. 73 Fall Assembly. Write: Ch., 103 Savilla Ln., Charleston, WV 25312
- 21-23—*Limestone, Maine*. Northern Maine Round Up. Write: Ch., Box 162, Madawaska, ME 04756
- 28-30—*Albuquerque, New Mexico*. Southwest Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163