48th General Service Conference
“Our Twelfth Step Work”

In the beginning there were two—there were two when Ebby brought the message to Bill at the kitchen table on Clinton St., Brooklyn, there where two when Bill shared his story with a hungover Dr. Bob at the gatehouse in Akron, Ohio, May 12, 1935. And when Dr. Bob put down the drink for the final time 29 days later, June 10, there were two sober alcoholics and a Fellowship that would eventually circle the globe and be known as Alcoholics Anonymous.

When the 48th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous U.S./Canada met at the Crowne Plaza Manhattan, April 11-15, there were over two million sober alcoholics with A.A. activity in approximately 150 countries. In 1998 the message is carried through local intergroup, district and area committees, through radio and television public service announcements, through literature translated into many languages, and, of course, via Internet.

But since identification is still one of the strongest forces in an alcoholic’s getting sober it still boils down, in 1998, to two—one drunk talking to another.

Thus the 48th General Service Conference addressed the theme “Our Twelfth Step Work.” Presentations throughout Conference week explored the many and diverse ways we “carry the message to alcoholics”—Reaching the Newcomer; Sponsorship; Literature; The Home Group; The Service Structure and A.A. Around the World.

This year’s Conference was chaired by Gary Glynn, Class A (nonalcoholic) chairman of the General Service Board. Assisting with the chairing duties: George D., G.S.O.’s general manager; Bob K., this year’s delegate chairperson (California, Northern Coastal); and John Chappel, M.D., Class A trustee. G.S.O. staff member Joanie M. was Conference coordinator.

Sunday evening, prior to the Monday morning opening session, was the Opening Dinner/Reception followed by a five-speaker open A.A. meeting. It was an upbeat, noisy, joyful time, with first-year delegates (Panel 48) getting acquainted with the second-year delegates (Panel 47), trustees, G.S.O. and Grapevine directors and staff members—all who make up the 131 voting members of the Conference.

Monday morning the Conference was officially opened with a welcome from chairman of the board Gary Glynn, followed by the calling of the roll, and greetings by delegate chair Bob K. The keynote address was given by Bill B., Eastern Canada regional trustee.

Throughout the week, usually from 9 am to 9 pm, there were What’s on Your Mind? sharing sessions, a workshop on the Conference theme, area service highlights by Panel 48 delegates, and committee meetings and reports. Every morning at 7:30 the General Service Conference Serenity Group met for an open A.A. meeting. Tuesday afternoon delegates visited the General Service Office, where the A.A. Archives and the “new look” of G.S.O.’s A.A. Web Site drew the most attention.

This “Man On the Bed” painting, depicting two alcoholics Twelfth Stepping a third, hangs in many A.A. meeting rooms. Originally titled “Came to Believe,” it first appeared in the December 1955 issue of the Grapevine. The artist, Bob M., an A.A. member who was a volunteer illustrator for the Grapevine, presented the original to Bill W. in 1956. Reproductions are available from the Grapevine.
Wednesday afternoon Marne H. of Thunder Bay, Ontario, was elected to serve as the new Eastern Canada regional trustee, replacing rotating Bill B.; Jim C. of Newport Beach, California, will be the new Pacific regional trustee, following Julian R.

At the Delegates Only Dinner, Tuesday evening, Vic B. of Western Ontario was elected delegate chair for the 1999 Conference; Bjarne (B.J.) K. of Wyoming will be the alternate chair.

Martha A., chairperson of the General Service Board in the Netherlands and a World Service Meeting Delegate, attended the Conference as an observer.

Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon, much of the time was devoted to hearing the reports from the Conference Committees, the result of their informed and thoughtful deliberation on various agenda items. The committees’ recommendations and suggestions were put before the entire Conference body for discussion and a vote. Many of these items became Conference Advisory Actions, highlights of which appear on page 3.

This year the Literature Committee heard a progress report on the proposed Fourth Edition of the Big Book and discussed a video (later viewed by the entire Conference) on G.S.O., the Grapevine and the Service Structure; P.I. and Conference members reviewed four proposed television Public Service Announcements; Finance discussed self-support; and the Correctional Facilities Committee reviewed the final version of a video to encourage A.A. members to participate in corrections service (also shown to the entire Conference).

The 48th Conference closed Friday afternoon with the Serenity Prayer in English, French and Spanish. At the Saturday morning Closing Brunch all came together for the final time to hear talks by the two rotating regional trustees and John N. Chappel, M.D., Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, who has served on the board since 1990.

G.S.O.’s general manager, George D., who will retire at the end of the year, also gave a farewell talk. This was George’s thirteenth Conference, having served as delegate, A.A.W.S. director, trustee and, since 1992, general manager.

Sadly missing from this final gathering, but remembered with love and gratitude, was Raul M., Southwest regional trustee, who died in March.

Throughout the presentations, workshop, sharing sessions (both formal and informal) many ideas were put forth on the ways and means of A.A.’s Twelfth Step: being available to and welcoming the newcomer; being available to listen; making coffee; supporting and serving our home group, district and area; just staying sober.

But, when all is said and done, with all the sophisticated technology—computers, videos, PSAs, printed word—it still goes back to two—just like that Sunday morning in Akron, Ohio, nearly 63 years ago—one drunk talking to another.

**Resumés for Trustees**

**Election due Jan. 1, 1999**

Three new Class B (alcoholic) trustees—the trustee-at-large Canada and one each from the Northeast and Southwest (U.S.) Regions—will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 1999. Resumés must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 1999, and must be submitted by delegates only.

The new Northeast regional trustee will succeed Mary Jane R. of Rhode Island; the new Southwest regional will fill the position formerly held by the late Raul M. of San Antonio. The next trustee-at-large/Canada will replace rotating Michel G., Quebec.

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 résumé to the Secretary, trustees’ Nominating Committee, General Service Office.
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 appear below in condensed form. A complete list will be published in the Final Conference Report.

Floor Action—that, in order to further clarify the topic of medication and other drugs in the booklet Living Sober, the following sections from the pamphlet “The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs” be added as an appendix at its next printing: The lead-in and 9 points on pages 5 & 6 in the section entitled “A report from a group physicians in A.A.”, and page 13 entitled “However, some alcoholics require medication....”


Cooperation With the Professional Community—that the draft revision of the pamphlet to replace “A.A. and Employee Assistance Programs” be approved, with the title “Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?”

Correctional Facilities—that the video “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls,” developed to encourage more A.A. members to participate in carrying the message into correctional facilities, be approved; that an addition relative to Carrying the Message into Youth Detention Centers and Short-Term Facilities be added to the Correctional Facilities Workbook.

Finance—no recommendations.

Grapevine—no recommendations.

International Conventions/A.A. Regional Forums—that, as at previous International Conventions, non-A.A. speakers be invited to participate in the 2000 International Convention, with the number not to exceed twenty-one.

Literature—that the video, “Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure,” be approved for distribution; that a draft Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, continue to be developed and a progress report be brought to the 1999 Conference Literature Committee.

Policy/Admissions—that a Conference Archives Committee, composed of nine delegates, meet at the 49th Conference as a secondary committee assignment and that the committee meet jointly with the trustees’ Archives Committee; that the timetable for the election of delegates from the West Central Region be revised to allow for a more even distribution of new delegates on each panel.

Public Information—that the four proposed television Public Service Announcements developed by the trustees’ P.I. Committee, emphasizing membership of young people, minorities and generic A.A. Information, be approved; that the 1998 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis, as was done in the 1996 A.A. Membership Survey.

Report and Charter—no recommendations.

Treatment Facilities—no recommendations.

Trustees—that the slate of trustees, officers and directors of the General Service Board, A.A. World Services and Grapevine Corporate Boards be elected.

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 1998

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1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups registered 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 43 countries that have autonomous general service offices. Annually we attempt to contact G.S.O.s outside of US/Canada and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking we use previous year’s figures.
Reports From G.S.O., the General Service Board, and Trustees' Committees

General Service Board

Trustees' report: Raul M., our Southwest regional trustee, died on March 5, 1998. Raul was a hardworking trustee who served his region, the Grapevine, the board, and all of A.A. We are especially grateful for his service in improving the board's efforts to help carry the A.A. message to Spanish-speaking alcoholics everywhere.

Since the last Conference, the board has hosted four Regional Forums. We also hosted Special Forums in various regions, and the board met nine times since the last Conference to hear G.S.O. management and staff reports; review group services activity and progress on compliance with Conference and board recommendations; review budgets, expenditures, and salary policy; establish prices for literature and other materials; discuss publishing operations and matters of G.S.O. administration; consider requests from A.A.s 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 addresses the needs of all service assignments; Finance, which concerns salary and budget; audit review, and retirement; Publishing, which addresses reprints, foreign literature and publications concerns; and Nominating. Long-range planning is done within each committee and by the board as a whole. The following significant items are noted:

Services: During 1997, 2,482 new groups were registered, compared with 2,499 in 1996. We completed the service piece "Memo to an A.A. Group Treasurer." The board approved financial assistance to Norway for printing the Norwegian A.A. Comes of Age, at a cost of $3,140. This amount will be reimbursed to A.A.W.S. in semi-annual installments. G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site was visited 214,603 times in 1997, representing "hits" in English, French and Spanish. The response vehicle (e-mail) for the Letter to Professionals on the A.A. Web Site was implemented. In order to provide general information to the Fellowship regarding setting up web sites, we reviewed a new service piece, "Ten Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. Web Sites," accepted suggestions to add "A Newcomer Asks," "A Message to Teenagers" and the annual Anonymity Letter to Media to G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site. G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site address will be added to recovery pamphlets as they are reprinted.

Regional Forums: A.A.W.S. directors and G.S.O. staff participated in the four Regional Forums and two Special Forums since the last Conference.

Intergroup Seminar: The 12th Annual Intergroup/Center Office Seminar was held in Columbus, Ohio, October 24-26, with 160 participants.

International: Preparations continue for the 15th World Service Meeting, to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, October 4-8, 1998. G.S.O. staff member Richard B. met with A.A.s in France, Poland, and the Netherlands and attended the European Service Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, and visited the German G.S.O. in Munich. He and John J. met with the board of A.A. in Argentina, Danny M., of G.S.O.'s Spanish Services desk, attended Brazil's 21st General Service Conference of A.A. in Sao Paulo, and the 14th Convention (50 years) in Rio de Janeiro, and the Fifth General Service Conference in Asuncion. Dean R., Michel G. and Danny M. visited G.S.O. in Mexico City and attended the Meeting of the Americas in Guadalajara. George D. and Danny M. attended a Spanish General Service Board meeting in Aviles, Spain.

Finance: A brief summary of the financial results for 1997 follows: Sales for the year of $9,221,300 were approximately $111,000 less than budgeted and $186,000 more than in 1996. Gross profit (sales less cost of manufacturing, royalties, shipping & warehousing) was $4,244,400, approximately $45,000 greater than budgeted and $1,043,000 greater than in 1996. Contribution support for the year of $3,654,800 was approximately $175,000 (4.3%) under budget and $98,000 (1.5%) less than 1996. Total revenue (gross profit from literature and contributions) was $6,105,000, approximately $130,500 under budget. For 1997, the statements reflect a loss of $244,900 compared with a budgeted loss of $219,900. Through its Finance Committee, the board prepared, reviewed and recommended the 1998 G.S.O. budget to the trustees' Finance Committee, calling for sales of $9,574,600, contributions of $3,932,000, operating expenses of $8,477,400, and a net income of $237,910.

Publishing: Since the 1997 Conference we published the following items: "The A.A. Grapevine, Our Meeting in Print" (pamphlet); Treatment Facilities Handbook. We published three translations: Twelve Steps and Living Sober in Slovak; "44 Questions" in Amharic (Ethiopian). Eight translations were still in progress at mid-March 1998. During 1997, the board granted permission to add object to 221 requests to reprint from A.A. literature; 11 requests were denied.

Publications Francaises: During the past year, A.A.W.S. has dealt with a situation concerning Publications Francaises, an autonomous A.A. service board in Quebec that has been licensed to fulfill A.A.W.S.' responsibility to provide French-language literature to French-
speaking groups in Canada. Issues concerning the Publications Francaises Board were brought to the attention of the A.A.W.S. Board as a result of two letters—one signed by three Quebec delegates and the Eastern Canada trustee and a second letter signed by members of the Management Committee—making conflicting requests concerning revocation of Publications Francaises' license. The A.A.W.S. chairperson, the General Service Board treasurer and G.S.O. manager met with their board in an attempt to reach an agreement. However, by October 30, 1997, no progress was reported in resolving the issue between the Management Committee and the delegates and Eastern Canada trustee. Another letter had been received signed by three delegates and the Eastern Canada trustee, which again requested termination of the license.

Following discussion, the board adopted a resolution to issue a notice of termination of the licensing agreement between A.A.W.S. and Les Publications Francaises A.A. du Quebec (1979) Inc., effective April 1, 1998 (later extended by A.A.W.S. to May 1, 1998). The Board of Publications Francaises subsequently, unanimously, requested that A.A.W.S. take over the operations, assets and liabilities of that organization.

A.A.W.S. immediately undertook a process of "due diligence" with respect to Publications Francaises which, by late 1998, was near completion.

**New Formats:** We approved three new formats, Big Book "Pioneer Stories" and "Living Sober" on audio cassette, and Twelve and Twelve on diskette for use on a P.C.

**Nominating:** The A.A.W.S. Nominating Committee made the following recommendations to fill 1998 vacancies, which were approved by the board: Ronald G. and Jan F. were selected to serve as nontrustee directors starting in May 1998; A.A.W.S. nontrustee director Jackie J. was elected to serve as a general service trustee, following the 1998 Conference. Lois F. was elected as a director on staff rotation in October. These recommendations were forwarded to the trustees' Nominating Committee. Other Board Actions: On May 15, 1997, the board, acting as a "committee of the whole," elected a slate of officers to terms expiring at the end of the April 1998 Conference. In May, Garry Mca. replaced rotating regional trustee director Julian R.; the board requested that the trustees' Nominating Committee approve Jack O. to replace Marylaine R. as a regional trustee director following the 1998 Conference.

**G.S.O./Staff operations:** We welcomed new G.S.O. staff member Warren S., on Correctional Facilities, replacing Pat R. Judit Santon (nonalcoholic) was appointed G.S.O. archivist, replacing Frank M. Office space on the 10th and 11th floors at 475 Riverside Drive was reviewed and it appears possible that G.S.O. could consolidate all operations on the 11th floor, resulting in a savings of $40,000-50,000 per year, or $400,000-500,000 over the course of a ten-year lease. In 1997, G.S.O. welcomed 1,264 visitors.

**Archives**

**Trustees' committee:** The committee approved the final format of the Archives Guidelines, which were sent to all delegates, area archivists, and chairs. Planning for the reproduction of the filmstrip "Markings on the Journey" continued in 1997. We will be able to use most of the documents from the current version, with only a few new additional shots to reflect the changes since the original production. We supported the acceptance of Dr. Silkworth's desk, which was offered to the G.S.O. Archives, since it was such a singular contribution, even though it is not within our general scope.

The committee cautioned against setting any trend of accepting articles of this type in the future.

Robert Miller, D.D.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

**Archivist's report:** We scanning operation proceeds at a steady pace. We manage to scan 400-500 pages a day, and we have processed approximately 70,000 documents (last year was 35,500). We have started the preliminary planning of a bibliographic database application for the Archives' holdings, which will allow us to locate all relevant documents more effectively.

The nature and the purpose of this new application will be distinct from that of the scanner. We received an outstanding amount of requests for group histories in 1997, and an increasing number of areas have provided updates for our permanent file.

Judit Santon, (noralcoholic) archivist

**Conference**

**Trustees' committee:** We reviewed the 1997 Advisory Actions including the theme for the 48th General Service Conference, "Our Twelfth Step Work." We reviewed the Conference Evaluation Questionnaires, and agreed to stay with the theme frame used in 1997 and to begin the Conference on Monday. The committee also approved the suggestions that spouses or partners of rotating trustees be invited to attend the Closing Brunch; chairpersons of each board to give summaries only of reports; that presenters submit their talks in the suggested length; and a suggestion for one "casual-dress day." We reviewed proposed topics for the 1998 Conference, and forwarded subjects to the appropriate trustees or Conference committee. We also discussed future growth of the Conference, and referred the subject to the General Service Board. We also considered Conference agenda topics submitted since the last meeting, and forwarded each to a trustees' or Conference committee, if appropriate.

William B., chairperson

**Staff report:** The Conference secretary is the G.S.O. contact for Conference members and area and district committee members of the 32 areas throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Conference secretary 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.

Joanie M.

**Cooperation With the Professional Community**

**Trustees' committee:** The committee forwarded to the Conference C.P.C. Committee a draft of a revised pamphlet to replace "A.A. and Employee Assistance Programs" and a draft to replace the existing pamphlet "If You Are a Professional." We also discussed C.P.C. input in the development of future Membership Surveys and forwarded this topic to the Conference Committee. Exhibits for 25 professional meetings were coordinated in 1997. We reviewed the requests from professionals for information via the e-mail response form in the letter to the professional on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site and continue to look for additional ways the Web Site may be utilized in C.P.C. work.

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

**Staff report:** The purpose of C.P.C. is to provide information about A.A. and establish good communication with those outside A.A. who may have direct contact with the still-suffering alcoholic through their professional work. The staff member maintains communication with C.P.C. committee chairs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Currently there are over 350 area, district and central office/intergroup C.P.C. committees. The publication about A.A. is also the responsibility of this assignment.

Adrienne B.

**Correctional Facilities**

**Trustees' committee:** Since the 1997 Conference the committee completed a final version of the video on carrying the message behind the walls, and forwarded it to the Conference committee for consideration. Proposal additions to the C.F. Workbook on youth detention centers and short-term facilities were forwarded to the Conference committee for approval. A subcommittee was formed to review the current corrections literature and to distribute a questionnaire to C.F. chairs. Two examples of informational letters from G.S.O. to wardens and correctional professionals were also forwarded to the Conference committee for consideration.

Carl B., chairperson
Staff report: This assignment is responsible for carrying the message to alcoholics confined in correctional institutions. Over 600 letters a month arrive from inmates, most asking for free literature, many for names of outside 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.P. committees. The Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS), coordinated by this desk, continues as one of our most valuable efforts. Development of the video and the continuing effort by G.S.O. staff to capture the interest of A.A.s in order to increase their participation in CCS represents a small part of the correctional facilities assignment's continuing effort to facilitate Twelfth Step efforts regarding the alcoholic inmate.

Warren S

Finance

Trustees' committee: Last year your controller reviewed the proposed budget for 1997 and reported that G.S.O. expected a loss from operations of $237,900. This followed substantial, but planned, losses in both 1995 and 1996 that helped to lower the Reserve Fund balance. Today we can report that actual results for 1997 were very close to budget and that we have accomplished the objective of lowering the Reserve Fund balance, which now stands at just nine months.

During 1997, $3,854,600 in contributions were received from 24,400 groups. That represents 44.5% of the 56,300 groups registered with G.S.O., and is lower than the 44.9% that contributed in 1996. Net sales of literature were $8,898,300. Some literature prices were adjusted upward in May 1997. The number of book units sold declined about 4% below 1996. Total G.S.O. revenue was $14,733,900. Total operating expenses for G.S.O. during 1997 were $13,877,100.

At G.S.O. 1996, the Reserve Fund amounts to $131 per listed A.A. group. Since 1990, our unit sales of books have declined at an average rate of 4.5% per year. We simply had to raise prices if we are to continue to provide the Fellowship with the current level of services. The 1998 G.S.O. budget assumes a further 4.0% unit decline, a 2.0% increase in contributions, and a slight, $130,600 (1.5%), increase in operating expenses. Based on these primary assumptions the projection for 1998 is for a modest excess of revenue over expense of $257,200.

In 1997, we spent $5,844,000 on services, even with the $5,285,000 spent in 1996. Contributions provided 65% of this; 31% came from net literature sales support and the balance 4% came from the Reserve Fund. Services spending amounted to $106 per listed A.A. group, exactly even with 1996, while contributions were $89 per group. The 1997 service dollar was spent on the following activities: Group Services (which includes the Group Services assignment; Box 4-5-3; A.A. Directors; records and files; contributions processing; and French services), 40.4%; C.P.C., 4.5%; P.I. 4.1%.

Treatment Facilities, 1.5%; Correctional Facilities, 4.5%; Loners, Internationalists and Overseas Services, 8.5%; the Conference, 12.9%; Regional Forums, 2.6%; Archives, 6.4% trustees' and directors' activities, 8.3%; Spanish Services, 4%; and 1% to cover the preliminary expenses of the World Service Meeting.

Grapevine magazine income rose $760,000 over last year because of the price increase that took effect on new subscriptions beginning April 1, 1996. Average circulation during 1997 was 120,679 compared with 128,360 during 1996. Gross profit on the magazine was $980,200, which was $126,000 higher than last year and $49,000 higher than budget. Gross profit on Other Publishing Income was $30,000 lower than last year and $22,000 under budget. Total income, including interest income, was $1,334,500, $134,500 greater than last year and $30,000 more than budgeted. Costs and expenses for editorial, circulation and business, and administration were $1,417,100. The Grapevine reported a loss of $22,560, $22,000 greater than budgeted, but $106,000 less than in 1996. The 1998 budget, excluding La Viña, calls for a $69,000 increase in magazine income to $1,758,000, compared with 1997, and an increase of $97,000 in magazine gross profit. Gross profit on Other Publishing Income is anticipated to increase $42,000; interest income should remain approximately the same and costs and expenses are projected to increase by $67,000. The net effect is a budgeted decline in net loss, from $82,560 in 1997 to $101,170 in 1998. The Grapevine hopes to break even for 1998. La Viña, our Spanish-language magazine, was approved by the 1995 General Conference. During 1997, subscription income was $36,000 and direct costs of publishing were $65,000, resulting in a $3,000 loss. Operating expenses directly associated with the publication were $89,000. These include the editorial, circulation and administrative costs attributable to La Viña. Therefore, the overall loss on the project was $102,000 for the year. For 1998, the loss on the La Viña project is budgeted to decline to $78,400 and circulation is projected to show a modest increase to 9,500.

Arthur L. Knight, Jr.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

General Sharing Session:

Trustees' report: The topic for the first sharing session in August was "A.A. Unity — Today and Tomorrow." In January the topic was "The Still-Suffering African-American Alcoholic: The Remote Community Just Around the Corner," originally scheduled for the November board weekend. For the August session on Unity the chairperson noted that although a number of Conferences have addressed the topic of A.A. unity, it is a subject that merits constant revisiting. The chairman posed the following questions: Are we telling the A.A. unity story to the groups? Are there additional methods that need to be employed in order to better relate what A.A. unity means to our Fellowship in the fullest practical and spiritual sense? Two presenters shared on the concept of unity as viewed from an historical perspective and spoke of ways A.A.s might be more effective in fostering unity through communication, sponsorship, prayer and the home group.

Tom McG., chairperson

International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums

Trustees' committee: International Convention—The committee reviewed procedures for selecting at International Conventions and recommended that A.A.s invite to speak be presented with an option to be taped or not. We discussed a request for Financial Inducement Guidelines for International Convention Bid Presentations and tabulated consideration of this topic for discussion closer to site selection for the 2010 International Convention. We considered 16 final theme suggestions (out of 253) for the 2000 International and recommended: "Pass It On — Into the 21st Century."

Regional Forums—Four regions have held Forums since the last Conference: East Central, Northeast, West Central and Southwest. All were lively and well-attended with substantive sharing on important A.A. topics. A Special Forum was held in Alaska at four sites: Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks; another was in Val d'Or, Quebec.

Garry McA., chairperson

Staff reports:

International Convention—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 already underway for the Convention in 2000 to be held June 29—July 2 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Valerie O'N.

Regional Forums—The staff member handling Regional Forums is responsible for coordinating and following through on all arrangements necessary for holding Regional 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., Inc., the Grapevine Board and staff and the G.S.O. staff. Regional Forums are held at the invitation of a particular region every two years; there are four annually. The staff member also serves as secretary of the trustees' Nominating Committee and the Conference Committee on Trustees and is co-secretary of the trustees' and Conference International Conventions/Regional Forums Committees. Following Forums, a report is sent to all who attended.

Susan U.
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 a primary link between the international A.A. community and the General Service Board. The 15th World Service Meeting will be held October 4-8, 1986, in Auckland, New Zealand. The theme will be "Servic-e - Basic to Personal Recovery and A.A. Unity." In 1986 A.A. World Services will translate and publish a variety of service material. This service is partially underwritten by contributions of U.S./Canada groups, as well as support from the International Literature Fund of contributions from A.A. groups around the world. We continue to be encouraged and inspired by the international A.A. community and General Service Boards in other countries, who carry our message to countless thousands in new regions and across difficult linguistic; cultural and economic barriers.

Michel G., chairperson

Staff report: The International desk receives letters and requests from around the world. Each request is answered with a letter, often accompanied by A.A. literature. Other responsibilities on the assignment are: Serving as coordinator for the biennial World Service Meeting (WSM) and maintaining contact with delegates and their offices throughout the year; maintaining close communications with our Publications Department on requests for new translations of literature and the beginnings of new central offices that may be able to distribute literature to local members and groups.

Richard B.

Literature

Trustees' committees: A summary of literature projects since the 1987 Conference.

Project Completed: A section from Warranty Six, in the Twelfth Concept, was added to the "The A.A. Group" pamphlet.

Projects forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee: The video, "Your A.A. General Service Office, The Grapevine, and the General Service Structure," along with the accompanying service piece; suggested changes in Living Sober, for consideration.

Ongoing Projects: A progress report on a possible Fourth Edition of the Big Book, was forwarded to the Conference committee.

Julian R., chairperson

Staff report: The Literature coordinator serves as secretary to the trustees' and Conference Literature Committees and works closely with the editor, writers and illustrators on preparing all new recovery pamphlets, books, displays and audiovisuals, in accordance with recommendations from the General Service conference. The Literature desk receives and responds to correspondence from A.A. members and groups about literature and maintains contact with areas, districts, intergroups and A.A. group literature chairpersons. Each newly elected literature chair receives a welcoming letter and guidelines to assist in this vital responsibility. Under the present structure, the staff member on the literature desk serves as editor of Box 4-5-9.

Doug R.

Lone.rs/Internationahists

Trustees' report: Loners are A.A.s who are unable to attend meetings because there are no groups nearby. There are about 327 Loners in 65 countries. Seagoing A.A.s, known as Internationalists, number about 110 with an additional 44 Port Contacts. Eight Internationalist Groups meet aboard ships. There are 150 Homers, A.A.s who are housebound due to illness or physical disability. Loners, Homers, and Internationalists stay sober by sharing experience, strength and hope with other A.A.s around the world through letters and tapes. Each new Loner, Homer or Internationalist receives a directory of members, a subscription to Box 4-5-9 and 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 652 Loners Sponsors, sharing group activities and personal experience.

Valerie O'D.

Nominating

Trustees' committee: We discussed the additional duties required of the Eastern Canada regional trustee and it was noted that the trustee is asked to serve on the French Publications Board and the board of La Vigne, in addition to their regular responsibilities. Resumes were reviewed to fill the vacancy for a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee to be approved following the 1986 General Service Conference. The proposed slate of General Service Board members, officers of the board, A.A. World Services and A.A. Grapevine directors were forwarded to the 1986 Conference Committee on Trustees for disapproval, if any.

Elaine M. Johnson, Ph.D. (nonalcoholic) chairperson

Public Information

Trustees' committee: The 1986 A.A. Membership Survey pamphlet and one-way display were updated. The following items were referred to the Conference Committee: approval of the 1986 Membership Survey questionnaire; report on updating, where necessary, all television and radio P.S.A.s; four proposed television Public Service Announcements reviewed for approval; request to eliminate question #4 on race from the 1986 A.A. Membership Survey Questionnaire.

Jack O., vice-chairperson

Staff report: The goal of the P.I. assignment is to help carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic, potential alcoholic and general public through the media, health fairs, schools and G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site. Part of P.I. work at G.S.O. is to be a resource for the "collected experience and sharing" of P.I. committees throughout the U.S. and Canada. The P.I. staff person sends information to committees four or five times a year to approximately 500 P.I. committee chairs at the area, district, intergroup/regional office and group level, and is responsible for handling interviews with the media. The staff member responds to hundreds of written and telephone inquiries and provides accurate information to the media, researchers, students and the general public about A.A. The 1996 Membership Survey is coordinated by the P.I. desk.

Eva S.

Service Material

Staff report: To assist groups, the General Service Office 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; referral list of Fellowships similar to A.A.; and S'cential Needs items. Ongoing projects: Coordination of three A.A. Directories; supervision of service files; supervision/production of A.A. Guidelines, Group Handbooks, and G.S.O. Kites. The staff member also serves as liaison with intergroup/regional offices and as the liaison with special needs committees.

Susan U.

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 General Service Board's 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 10 staff assignments; in addition staff members correspond with groups and members in a specific region. Staff members rotate assignments every two years; assignments are monitored by the staff coordinator. In 1997 staff received approximately 18,000 pieces of mail. The staff coordinator coordinates staff activities and chairs the weekly staff meetings. As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling committee meetings, distributing advance materials, preparing the minutes of the board meetings, and also serves as editor of the Quarterly Report. In the past year approximately 1,300 visitors from around the world visited G.S.O.

Lois F.

Treatment Facilities

Trustees’ committee: An information packet consisting of the trustees’ T.F. subcommittee report on “The Changing Landscape of Treatment Facilities,” summary results of the 1996 Questionnaire and the June 1997 Grapevine was mailed to Treatment Facilities, H64 and Bridging the Gap chairpersons. A questionnaire regarding experience with carrying the message into psychiatric/mental health facilities or state hospitals was sent to 350 T.F./A64 and Bridge the Gap committee chairs. Local T.F. committees are now carrying meetings into other noncorrectional institutional environments, e.g., shelters, nursing homes, homes, halfway houses, and not just limiting their scope to “treatment facilities.” The trustees’ Committee continues to provide support for this special Twelfth Step service.

Peter Roach
(two alcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The purpose of the Treatment Facilities assignment is to provide service material to assist local A.A. members who wish to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics in treatment. We now have about 82 area T.F. chairpersons, 193 district T.F. chairs, and 73 “other” T.F. chairpersons. We try to keep an up-to-date list of the chairs of these committees and to provide them with information and literature. Inquiries come to the T.F. desk via letter, telephone, fax and e-mail, from newly sober alcoholics in treatment; local A.A.s who have become or are interested in becoming active on treatment facilities committees; treatment administrators or personnel requesting information about A.A. and assistance in setting up meetings and area T.F. committees’ meeting minutes and reports.

Valerie O’N.

Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

Directors’ report: Since the 47th Conference, one new nontrustee director came aboard, our Spanish magazine La Viña passed its first birthday, a new Conference-approved pamphlet about the Grapevine was published by A.A.W.S., we hired a new circulation director, and our controller/business administrator took an early retirement. The new Grapevine Website http://www.agrapevine.org, which is linked to G.S.O.’s A.A. Website, provides basic information about the Grapevine magazine and operation.

Revised La Viña Business Plan and Three-Year Projections: The board and the trustees’ Finance Committee have been evaluating the progress of La Viña and an updated business plan, assessing its current position, was forwarded to the trustees’ Finance Committee. The board reviewed a series of three-year financial projections and both the board and the trustees’ Finance Committee recognized that the projected three-year losses were significant. La Viña has been well-received throughout the U.S. and Canada and around the world, yet we need to continue getting the word out and emphasizing the need for support by the Spanish-speaking A.A. community.

Update on 1997 Conference Actions: In response to the 1997 Advisory Action that “The Grapevine use mailing lists to provide introductory information about the Grapevine and La Viña to correctional facilities and treatment facilities,” a series of special mailings were put together, and 6,250 correctional facilities were contacted with a letter and a return card if they wanted a sample copy of either magazine. Nearly 6% requested a sample copy of either magazine. Of the 9,500 treatment facilities contacted, we had a 10% response rate.

In July, A.A.W.S. published the Conference-approved pamphlet “The A.A. Grapevine: Our Meeting in Print.”

New items for 1998: The board approved publication of a third volume of Best of the Grapevine, that will contain over 65 articles selected from the last ten years of magazine publication. The set of audiocassettes on the topic of Young People and Alcoholics, has now been released.

Canada Circulation. In January 1997, recognizing a gradual fall-off of Grapevine circulation in Canada, the board asked Eastern Canada regional trustee Bill B. to serve as a special advisor to the board regarding circulation in Canada. Bill contacted A.A. members throughout Canada, and gave a report which highlighted the problems of magazine pricing for Canadian subscribers, the relatively low involvement level of GVs in Canadian groups, and the need for more articles from Canadian A.A. members. It was his sense that though it might take time to reverse the declining trend, if we continue talking about it and working together it can be done.

The board also reviewed information about the new office insurance plan; approved an amendment to the retirement plan; approved the “General Service Office/Grapevine Sevemance Plan” document; granted permission on an experimental basis to an area in the East Central Region to reproduce on audiocassette tape selections from the Grapevine on a monthly basis for distribution by the special needs committee; cut the price of El Lenguaje del Corazon to $6.00 in order to reduce excessive inventory; and invited members from Plenitud, our Mexican counterpart, to attend the July 1998 board meeting as observers.

Chuck C., chairperson

Staff Report: In June 1997, the A.A. Grapevine celebrated 53 years of continuous publication. The magazine’s primary mission is to publish a magazine that shares experiences, strength, and hope of a wide variety of individual A.A. members in the U.S. and Canada and around the world; and to carry the message into psychiatric/mental health facilities or state hospitals was sent to 350 T.F./A64 and Bridge the Gap committee chairs. Local T.F. committees are now carrying meetings into other noncorrectional institutional environments, e.g., shelters, nursing homes, homes, halfway houses, and not just limiting their scope to “treatment facilities.” The trustees’ Committee continues to provide support for this special Twelfth Step service.

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Valerie O’N.
1998 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 1998 sales budget of $9,575,000 is approximately 3.8% greater than the 1997 actual results. The budget is a result of the full year effect of the May 1997 price increases described last year. Actual unit sales are estimated approximately 4% lower for 1998. Net sales after discounts allowed are projected at $9,334,200, approximately $436,000 greater than 1997.

Manufacturing costs are budgeted approximately at the same level as 1997 ($90,000 less). This represents lower unit volume of items sold. Royalties and budgeted $76,000 less than 1997 as a result of both lower unit volume and the expiration (in October 1998) of the obligation to pay royalties to the Stepping Stones Foundation.

An increase of approximately 8% is expected in the shipping and warehousing costs anticipating increase in postage and freight. It should be noted that the 1998 budget amount of $896,000 is $2,000 less than 1996 actual.

Gross profit from literature, is budgeted at $4,779,500, approximately $535,000 greater than 1997, as result of price increases and royalty decrease.

**Contributions** for 1998 have been estimated at $3,932.00, approximately a 2% increase over 1997.

**Total Operating Revenue** for the period is anticipated at $8,715,300, approximately 7.5% higher than 1997.

**Total Operating Expenses** for 1998 have been budgeted at $8,477,400, approximately 1.5% higher than 1997 actual expenses.

An excess of revenue over expenses (loss) of $237,910 is budgeted. This compares with a $245,000 loss for 1997, $1,264,000 loss for 1996 and a $1,147,000 loss for 1995. These three years of losses have accomplished the goal of reducing the Reserve Fund balance to approximately 9 months.

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1998 Spanish Grapevine Budget

Following the 1995 General Service Conference Advisory Action #7, the publication of the Spanish 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.


To date, the La Víaña project has incurred start-up costs/operating losses of $29,500 in 1995, $138,290 in 1996, $102,140 in 1997 and projects a $76,352 loss for 1998.
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1. Reflects not only those groups that contributed directly to G.S.G. but also those groups that contributed to G.S.G. through their Conference areas (per 100's of percentages submitted by areas).

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

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

June
5-7 — Flagstaff, Arizona. Flagstaff Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 155, Flagstaff, AZ 86002
5-7 — Fresno, California. 23rd Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 508, Fresno, CA 93727
5-7 — San Jose, California. NCA 51st Annual Conf. Write: Ch., Box 5007, San Jose, CA 95128
5-7 — Santa Barbara, California. Ninth Annual Santa Barbara Get Together. Write: Ch., 1615 Castillo #1, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2335
5-7 — Grand Island, Nebraska. 30th State Reunion. Write: Ch., Box 383, Waukeet, NE 69045
5-7 — Albuquerque, New Mexico. Area 46 State Camp. Write: Ch., 5 Sparking Ct., Los Lunas, NM 87031
12-14 — Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Gratitude Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 904, Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2K4
12-14 — Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Western Canada Regional Forum. Write: Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10123
12-14 — Mobile, Alabama. 17th Annual Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 5009, Mobile, AL 36609
12-14 — Dodge, Iowa. Area 24 1998 Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 155, Ft. Dodge, IA 50650
12-14 — Springfield, Missouri. Heart of the Ozarks Roundup. Write: Tr., Box 1607, Springfield, MO 65801
12-14 — North Conway, New Hampshire. NH Area Assembly Conv. Write: Ch., 321 Lincoln St., Em #214, Manchester, NH 03103
12-14 — Medford, New Jersey. South Jersey Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., Box 3724, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
18-21 — Indian Wells, California. Desert Pow Wow. Write: Ch., Box 10126, Palm Desert, CA 92265-0126
18-21 — Hagerstown, Maryland. Area 29 Maryland Celebration of Sobriety. Write: Ch., Box 19155, Baltimore, MD 21218
18-21 — Charleston, South Carolina. SCKY-PA. Write: Ch., Box 31082, Charleston, SC 29417
19-20 — Key West, Florida. Sunset Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 2599, Key West, FL 33040
19-21 — Cache Creek, British Columbia, Canada. Cache Creek/Ashcroft 23rd Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 556, Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0
19-21 — Coombs, British Columbia, Canada. 30th Annual Parksville/Kamloops Beach Rally. Write: Ch., Box 544, Errington, BC V0K 1V0
19-21 — Bloomington, Illinois. BNA 35th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1864, Bloomington, IL 61702
19-21 — Marion, Illinois. Little Egypt Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 44, Thompsonville, IL 62680
19-21 — Jackson, Mississippi. 52nd State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 20664, Jackson, MS 39289
19-21 — Melville, New York. Big Book Study. Write: Ch., Box 7674, Floral Park, NY 11004-0764
19-21 — Arlington, Virginia. State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 885, Annandale, VA 22003-0883
19-24 — Casper, Wyoming. 23rd June Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 50071, Casper, WY 82605-0071
26-27 — Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. Kawartha District 37 Annual Conv. Write: Box 233, RD #0, Peterborough, ON K9J 7T5
26-28 — Moodus, Connecticut. Eighth Annual Soberfest. Write: Ch., 124 Peck St., Stratford, CT 06614
26-28 — Indianapolis, Indiana. 45th State Conv & 20th East Central Regional Conf. Write: Ch., 115 N. 5th Ave., Rehe Grove, IN 46107
26-28 — Spiritwood Lake, North Dakota. District 6 Campout. Write: Ch., 401 9th St. NW, Jamestown, ND 58401
27-28 — Vinita, Lithuania. 10th Annual Congress of Lithuania. Write: Ch., Lithuanian Service Office, Box 2304, Vinita 2509, Lithuania.

July
3-5 — Seattle, Washington. Pacific Northwest Conf. Write: Ch., Box 39313, Tacoma, WA 98409-0313
3-10 — Naples, Florida. 42nd State Conv. Write: Ch., 18533 Bradenton Rd., Ft. Myers, FL 33912
10-12 — Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. 16th Annual Round Up. Write: Ch., 46695 - 5th Avenue, Chilliwack, BC V2P 1M5

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 4:5-8.

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: ______ to ______, 19____
Name of event:
Place (city, state or prov.): ____________
For information write: __________________________
(Canada mailing address)

Contact phone # (for office use only):

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23-26—Winston-Salem, North Carolina. 51st State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1401, Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1401
24-26—Tacoma, Washington. Freedom In Sobriety Conf. Write: Ch., Box 111914, Tacoma, WA 98411-1914
29-Aug. 4—Oshkosh, Wisconsin. 11th Annual Meeting of the 12 Step High Group. Write: Ch., 1819 Kasper Dr., Appleton, WI 54914
31-Aug. 2—Allentown, Pennsylvania. Fifth Annual West/East State Conv. Write: P. I. Chair, 6131 Samuel, Philadelphia, PA 19139

August

7-9—Los Angeles, California. Sixth Annual Foothill Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 184, Montrose, CA 91021
7-9—Moorhead, Minnesota. 23rd Annual Red River Valley Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 650, Moorhead, MN 56560
14-16—Mattawa, Ontario, Canada. Second Annual Campout. Write: Ch., Box 449, Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0
15-16—Helena and Miles City, Montana. (Special) West Central Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
21-23—Paso Robles, California. 31st Annual 22nd Dist. San Luis Obispo County Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1390, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
21-23—Carterville, Georgia. Allatoona Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 20056, Cartersville, GA 30120-2005
21-23—York, Pennsylvania. Sunlight of the Spirit Conf. Write: Ch., Box 3533, York, PA 17402
28-30—Dallas, Texas. 27th Annual Lone Star Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 636221, Richardson, TX 75083-6221

September

4-7—Tampa, Florida. 12th Annual Tampa Bay Fall Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 265545, Tampa, FL 33685-2545
18-20—Angeles City, Philippines. Third Fall Roundup. Write: Ch., c/o 9-28 Marcellus St., Diamond Subdivision, Balibago, Angeles City, 2009 Philippines
18-30—Brampton, Ontario, Canada. 16th Annual Brampton/Bramalea Conv. Write: Ch., Box 345, Brampton, ON L6V 2L3
18-20—Salinas, California. Coastal Rally. Write: Ch., 9 West Gabilan, Ste. 11, Salinas, CA 93901
18-30—Taos, New Mexico. Taos Mountain Fiesta. Write: Ch., HCR 74 Box 22013, El Prado, NM 87529-8200
18-20—Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dakota Prairie Round-Up. Write: Ch., 402 South Kline, Aberdeen, SD 57401
25-27—Lunteren, The Netherlands. 1993 Nederland Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1594, 1000 BN Amsterdam, The Netherlands
25-30—St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. Eastern Canada Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
25-28—Page, Arizona. Lake Powell Campout. Write: Ch., Box 2781, Page, AZ 86040
25-27—Tucson, Arizona. Arizona Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 85684, Tucson, AZ 85754-5684