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## A. A. WEEK

A. A. week will be over by the time that most of you are reading this Bulletin, but you will remember receiving a letter from Allan B., Chairman of our Public Information Committee, announcing that the week of June 27-July 3, was designated as A. A. week by the Advertising Council, a non-profit public service organization. The response from many groups and individual A. A. s to this letter has been heartwarming.

Radio and TV stations who have received material for their use in marking A. A. week, have written to let us know of their interest and their understanding of our Fellowship. Please do keep us informed on any A. A. week activities in your area. We would so like to share this experience with you and we also want to let the Advertising Council know about it.

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

By this time you all should be in Long Beach! . . . for our July 1-3 celebration of A. A. 's Silver Anniversary. All meetings will start with a moment of silence -- gratitude for recoveries in the past 25 years and hope for those yet to come. If you are not going to be with us in person, join us in spirit.

## TAPES

Tapes are now available here at GSO, on a loan basis, of the Catholic Hour programs that were broadcast on March 20th and 27th, 1960. The first broadcast featured Marty M. of the National Council on Alcoholism and a staff member at GSO. Written transcripts of this first broadcast are also available at no cost from GSO.

## MEMBER SHARES TAPE LIBRARY

Charles V. of the Highland Park Group, Highland Park, New Jersey, has a tape library and will be happy to loan tapes to any interested members. Just write to Box 141, Highland Park, New Jersey.

## FLORIDA AND QUEBEC A. A. TO NOMINATE A. A. -AREA TRUSTEES

The terms of two A. A. -Area Trustees of the General Service Board expire in April, 1961. The vacancies will be filled by one member from Florida and one member from Quebec.

Delegates and Committeemen in State and Province have been asked to take steps leading to the nomination of A. A. members to fill the two positions that will become vacant next April when John B. of Pennsylvania and Charlie B. of British Columbia complete their four years term of service.

The plan of rotating A. A. -Area Trustees to assure over-all A. A. representation was designed to give the larger A. A. populations in States and Provinces the first opportunity to select nominees. It was approved by the General Service Conference and adopted by the General Service Board in 1955. Since then, A. A. in Texas, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and British Columbia have nominated Trustees for election to the Board.

The General Service Board was the first movement-wide service unit in A. A. and it is responsible for safeguarding A. A. Tradition and A. A.'s service funds. It oversees operation of the General Service Office, A. A. World Services, Inc. and The A. A. Grapevine, Inc. It also acts for the movement in public relations matters and other matters affecting A. A. as a whole.

Delegates and Committeemen in Florida and Quebec have several options. They may themselves nominate a Trustee, or take the matter to the GSRs, or they may hold a State Assembly and designate where it is to be held. But whether selection is by the Committees or by the GSRs, it is suggested that the electoral methods suggested in the Third Legacy Manual be used.

Following customary procedures, all groups in Florida and Quebec have been advised of the request for a nominee from their state and province.

While the privilege of nominating Trustees is rotated from Area to Area, Board members are not considered to be "geographical" representatives. Instead, in their joint deliberations and in other work outside of meetings, they are considered to represent the broad interests of the A. A. Fellowship as a whole.

#### SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS

Many many reports on 25th Anniversary Group and Area meetings have reached us through our clipping service. We are grateful to all of you who helped to make these meetings a success.

#### NO CASH PLEASE!

Recently mail that has been sent to GSO with cash enclosed seems to have gone astray. We don't want you to lose your good money, so in the future it would be safer all around to send checks or money orders only.



#### FOR GROUP SECRETARIES AND GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Because A. A. has grown so big and there are now so many groups, we are revising our system of obtaining Mailing and Group information. In October of this year you will be receiving Group Information Cards. In January of 1961, you will be receiving Directory Information Cards. Doing it this way will help to make the Directory more accurate, as the information we receive in October will make it possible for the January Directory cards to go to a current address.

### A. A. TODAY

There will be a Grapevine Workshop at the Long Beach Convention and volunteers will be on hand to sell Grapevine subscriptions and copies of A. A. Today, the special publication commemorating A. A. 's 25th Anniversary.

More than 14,000 copies of A. A. Today have been sold in advance of publication, says the Grapevine. The staff wishes to thank everyone who helped to make this project so successful. Watch for an article by Bill W. featured on the July cover entitled "Let's Keep It Simple . . . But How?".

### A CALL FOR PRISON GROUP PUBLICATIONS

The H. O. W. Group in Australia would like to be on the mailing list for all prison group magazines or newsletters. Their regulations do not permit them to write to all prison groups to make this request. Their address: A. A. secretary, H. O. W. Group, No. 2 Division, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

### WORLD DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS, 1960

We're sorry that corrections have to be made, but they do! . . . and here they are:

Stamford, Connecticut - The Stamford Group contributed \$150.00, wrongly credited to the Stratford Group.

Montreal, Quebec, Canada - The Cote Des Neiges (French) group contributed \$142.93. This was omitted entirely.

Alberta, Canada - The Medicine Hat Intergroup's correct Box Number is 165.

Galve, Sweden - This group was incorrectly listed under Switzerland.

### ATTENTION-EUROPEAN TOURISTS

The Weisbaden, Germany Group is holding its annual A. A. Round-up over the Labor Day weekend, September 3, 4 and 5. A. A. members from all over Europe attend. They say, "We would like all A. A. travellers who plan to be in the area to drop in and pay us a visit during this time. We can only promise one thing - lots of good talk." For further details, write to us here at GSO and we will give you a name to contact.

### NEW ARMED FORCES GROUPS LISTING

A new listing of our Armed Forces groups is now available at GSO. Material designed to be helpful to these groups is also available.

### A REQUEST FROM NEW ZEALAND

A note from the secretary of the Point Chevalier Group in Auckland says: "The group and myself wish to extend our best wishes to all members over there. We would also like to hear from any member who cares to drop a line. I can assure them they will get plenty of replies." Address: Secretary, Point Chevalier A. A. Group, Montrose Road Catholic School, Point Chevalier, Auckland, New Zealand.

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
IRELAND STRESSES SELF-SUPPORT

A letter directed to Hank G. , Chairman of A. A. World Services Inc. states: "In the final report of the Ninth General Service Conference of A. A. , under the heading of Public Information Committee, it was recommended that a sum not to exceed \$500.00 be made available in the event that the General Service Board of Great Britain and Ireland Ltd. wishes assistance in the creation of a display for the World Health Conference to be held in Scotland in 1960.

The kind thoughts and generous offer are much appreciated by the General Service Board, who, after due consideration are of the opinion that the time has arrived when we in this country should "stand on our own feet" in such matters, and I have been asked to advise you accordingly. "

NEW GROUPS IN APRIL AND MAY

	<u>US &amp; CANADA</u>	<u>OVERSEAS</u>
New Groups .....	106	8
New Clubs.....	1	
New Intergroups .....	1	
New Lone Members .....	8	8
Inactivated Groups .....	76	3
New Preson Groups .....	10	
New Hospital Groups .....	7	
New Internationalists.....	4	

Overseas new groups and contacts are located in:

Victoria, Australia	India
France	Cuba
Malta	El Salvador
Colombia, S. A.	Fiji Islands
New South Wales, Australia	Morocco
Costa Rica, Central America	Southern Rhodesia
	Korea

We're going to have some wonderful memories to look back on this July as we pass another milestone on A. A. 's journey. We'll be thinking of you all and wishing that each and every one of you could be with us to mark a quarter of a century of A. A. growth. Until August, warmest greetings from us all.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Florida, Greater Miami Area Groups	4/18/60	\$ 21.45
Rhode Island - State Assembly	5/6/60	30.00
Puerto Rico - Puerto Rico Area	5/13/60	75.00
Arkansas - State Assembly	5/16/30	100.00
North Carolina - Annual State Convention-Raleigh	6/13/60	396.66