

# AA EXCHANGE BULLETIN

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## WE ARE GRATEFUL . . .

for so many things. For the opportunity of sharing at every level -- from carrying the message to a new guy or gal who has written to ask for help, to providing information about AA to a Broadcasting Station in the West Indies, to passing on our accumulated group experience as embodied in our Twelve Traditions to groups and members in every part of the world.

And we're especially mindful of our responsibilities and the trust that has been placed in GSO when we receive a letter like this one.

It was headed "My 10th Birthday - October 23, 1959" and said, in part . . . "Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$10.00, in appreciation and gratitude for ten years of continual sobriety, but for the Grace of God and those before me in AA . . . May I always remember that in giving I receive. God bless the decision of AA to enter into World Wide Service to carry a message of hope and life to those who suffer from the disease of alcoholism . . . My love to all who made it possible for me to live again. Thank you with all my heart".

## TRADITIONS MONTH

As you'll see from the front cover of the Grapevine, this month, our AA time for a special observance of the Traditions has rolled around again. Many groups will be holding special Traditions meetings as a reminder to ourselves that the continuity of AA is vitally dependent on our Traditions which were forged so painfully from experience and which now stand as tested principles to insure that our AA way of life may continue, to help other alcoholics yet to come.

## AN INVITATION . . .

to all of you who may be in New York on November 16th, the day when New York AA, through its Intergroup, celebrates Bill's anniversary . . . It will be the 25th this year. As you know, Bill has had to confine his speaking dates to the New York dinner and to Founder's Day in Akron. So it's especially nice to have the opportunity of hearing him on his AA Birthday. For you out-of-towners, there is a reception in the Coral Room at the Astor Hotel from 3:00 to 5:00 before the dinner itself which is at 7:00. Bill and Lois will be on hand to greet you.

## TO GROUP SECRETARIES OR GSRs . . .

If you are reading this it is apparent that your group is receiving the mail and our address for you is correct!! Maybe some of you know of groups in your area who are not receiving the Bulletin. If so, it probably is because we do not have the correct mailing address for the group, or perhaps, no mailing address.

We are trying RIGHT NOW to correct our present mailing list, for in a few weeks the annual mailing of Directory Information cards will go to all groups, and we wouldn't want any group to miss out on the opportunity of being included in the 1960 World Directory. So, if you do know of a group that you think may not be registered with us, or who has not up-dated us on recent address changes, would you be kind enough to ask that we be notified right away, so that the Directory mailing will reach its destination?

DIRECTORY CARD MAILING TIME . .

You can look for your Directory cards in December (Overseas groups will receive theirs a little earlier). This year we're sending out two (2) cards for each group and we're going to ask that you fill out both of them; yes we're going to make you work a little harder! Seriously, it will help us tremendously, if you will take the extra few minutes to fill out the additional card.

Last year, you all cooperated wonderfully. We had a better response than we have ever had before. We hope that this year will be even better, so that the Directory may be as accurate as it is possible for it to be. An inaccurate address or telephone number can mean the difference between a slip and sobriety to many, many people, so we're looking for your help.

MEETING DAYS TO BE INCLUDED IN DIRECTORY

At the request of AA's General Service Conference, we are to include meeting days in the 1960 Directory. You will see that the information is asked for on the cards that you will receive. This will make the Directory more valuable to all AAs and especially to those traveling members who want to plan their trips to coincide with an AA meeting.

BOX SCORE . . since the September Bulletin			
NEW GROUPS	128	LONERS	29
CLUBS	4	INTERNATIONALISTS	26
INTERGROUPS	4	PRISON GROUPS	9
HOSPITAL GROUPS	19	INACTIVE GROUPS	57

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS . .

deserve special gratitude and that the following have from us in abundance:

California, Los Angeles - Picnic Committee Southwest Area		8/24	\$22.50
California, Los Angeles	Hi Desert Round Up	8/31	12.00
Alabama	State Convention	9/25	110.00
Florida	Greater Miami Area Groups	8/19	9.00

Maine	District One	10/5	20.00
Oregon, Portland	Portland West Side Groups	8/18	21.25
South Carolina	State Coordinating Committee	10/8	150.00
Virginia	State Assembly	10/15	35.00

\*\*\*OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER GRAPEVINES . .

The Grapevine wishes to thank one and all for the overwhelming response to the October International Issue -- 3,000 extra copies have been sold and the Grapevine is still filling October orders. If you have missed it - write soon. November is Traditions and THANKSGIVING month and this issue features a wonderful article by Bill. The Grapevine would also like to remind you that GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS make a fine twelve times a year CHRISTMAS GIFT for a friend, relative, new or old AA members, favorite clergyman, doctor, prison or hospital group, or even to yourself! The staff will send a handwritten Gift Card to your recipient.

SERENITY PRAYER IN MAORI

From the Eden Group in H.M. Prison, New Zealand, comes a translation of the Serenity Prayer in Maori. It gave us a thrill just to look at it, and we thought you'd feel the same way:

E TE ATUA TUKUA MAI  
 KIA A HAU TE HINENGAAROA  
 KI TE TANGE I NGA TIKA  
 TE KAHA KI TE WHAKATAHA I NGAMEA HE,  
 ME TE MATAURANGA HOKI KI TE REREKE TANGA.

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 \* Until December our warmest best wishes go out to you all; we'll \*  
 \* be sharing with you the indescribably deep feelings of gratitude \*  
 \* that we AAs have for all that has been given to us through AA. \*  
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SEE BACK PAGE FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Let us have your name for Jan. 1st mailing*