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News and Notes From the General Service Office of A.A.

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## Detailed Picture of A.A. Today Emerges From Survey Results

If you've noticed that more and more women and young people have been joining your group over the past few years, it's not surprising. According to the 1980 survey of A.A. members, an increase in the number of women and people under 30 coming into the program is a continuing trend.

Questionnaires went out in July 1980 to all Conference delegates, for distribution in their areas, and were completed by 24,950 A.A.'s — the largest number of respondents since the triennial surveys were started, in 1968. Indeed, it was a remarkably broad "sample" for any survey; feeding the data into a computer and analyzing the readouts became a long and exacting job.

The results show that 34% of those who have joined A.A. since 1977 (the last survey) are women, and the percentage of young people has risen from 11.3% in 1977 to 14.7%. One of every four newcomers in the past three years is 30 or under; one in 25 is 20 or younger. Respondents' ages ranged from 13 years to 85 (a man who has been sober since his first A.A. meeting, in 1957).

Questions on the survey covered personal statistics (age, sex, nature of job, dates of first meeting and last drink), A.A. activity (frequency of meeting attendance, group membership, sponsorship), factors such as how the person came to A.A., and "outside" considerations (addiction to other drugs, experience with counseling or treatment in addition to A.A., relationship to the medical profession).

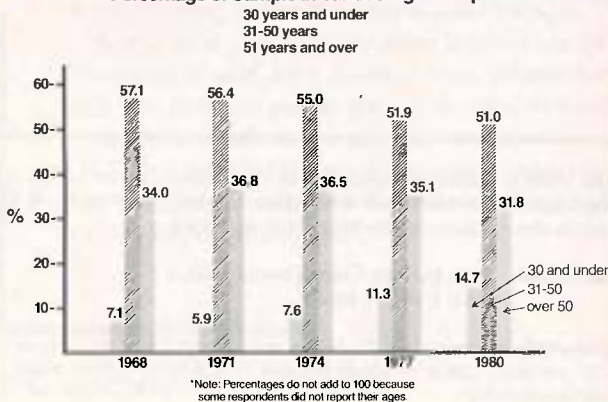
As in previous surveys, it was clear that the longer we stick around, the better chance we have of staying sober. Of all those who start, only about half stick with A.A. more than three months. But members who have remained for one to five years have an 86% chance of stay-

	Reported Membership of U.S. and Canadian Groups	Size of Sample
1968	170,000	11,355
1971	210,000	7,194
1974	331,000	13,467
1977	404,000	15,163
1980	476,000	24,950

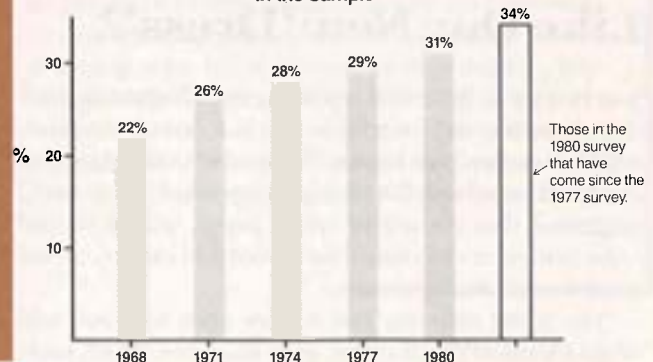
Percentage of A.A. members sober another year and still active in A.A., after the passage of a year

This Year	Next Year		
	Inferred from 1974 survey	Inferred from 1977 survey	Inferred from 1980 survey
Sober less than 1 year	35%	43%	41%
Sober 1-5 years	79%	81%	86%
Sober more than 5 years	91%	90%	92%

Percentage of Sample in Various Age Groups



Percentage of Women In the Sample



ing sober and active in A.A. another year, and those with more than five years of sobriety have a 92% chance of another successful year.

How are newcomers currently being directed to A.A.? The survey makes it clear that the one-to-one approach is most effective: Since 1977, 38% have been encouraged to join by another A.A. But a significant number of those coming in during that period (33% — far more than in 1977) joined as a result of guidance from counselors and rehabilitation centers.

Notable results appear in illustrated form in the new versions of the leaflet "The A.A. Member" (10¢) and the tabletop display of the same title (\$10), both now available. Anyone interested in complete data (including graphics such as those on p. 1), may obtain this service material by writing to Public Information, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

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## Time to Seek Out New Regional Trustees

Trustees from the Pacific U.S. and Eastern Canada Regions will be nominated at the 1982 General Service Conference in April. Résumés should be received at G.S.O. by January 1, 1982—if they arrive later, there's no time to circulate them for full consideration before the Conference.

The new Pacific U.S. trustee will replace George D.; the Eastern Canada nominee will succeed Fernand I.

Area assemblies each year make initial choices for regional trustees, and through Conference procedures (see "The A.A. Service Manual," pp. 98-100), the lists are narrowed down to one per region.

If there is no vote of disapproval by the Conference as a whole, the candidates are elected by the General Service Board at its meeting immediately after the Conference. Regional trustees serve a four-year term.

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## Like Our New 'Dress'?

You can see it, but we'll say it anyway: Beginning with this issue, *Box 4-5-9* comes to you in a new, more modern format. Designer Nelson Gruppo (who also designed our handsome book "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers") suggested that the use of white paper, with a second color (different each issue) for accent and variety, would improve readability.

The wider columns give a more open look and add scope for use of illustrations. Most important of all, each

article reads straight through, without any annoying "continued on p. 6" in the middle of it.

What do you think? We'd like to know!



*At 120 E. Washington St., Room 327, in Syracuse, N.Y., a welcome is waiting (article at right).*

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## At Your Service!

Enclosed with this issue are the list of new staff assignments (biennial rotation takes place in September) and a copy of the new A.A.W.S. Literature Order Form. The order form has been redesigned and greatly simplified by the addition of a write-in order sheet in place of the more complicated fill-in form.

A request from the hardworking non-A.A.'s who fill (and have to decipher) your orders: Either type, or print clearly! One more request: Be sure to use your group service number, to help us serve you.

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## Happy First Impression

From Dollie C., secretary of the A.A. Service Center in Syracuse, N.Y., comes a cheerful greeting:

"Hi! We'd like to tell you about our move from a cramped and dingy back office to a bright and spacious new office in one of the oldest and most beautiful buildings in Syracuse." (It's pictured on the opposite page.)

"Our office (of the Syracuse Area Intergroup, Districts 3 and 4) was established around 1950, and many moves have taken place since. And in March 1980, we moved to our present location. With its white walls and paneling, with carpeting and two large sunny windows, it is a delightful change.

"Most of our Twelfth Step calls are done by phone, but many just drop in at the office, and what a nice image to present to a newcomer. More often than not, there's a member here to share with them.

"The secretary is paid every week (on time!), and expenses are promptly taken care of through the contributions of most of our 82 groups."

## Three More A.A. Trustees

You met three new regional trustees in the last issue; now, it's time to get acquainted with newly elected trustee-at-large/U.S. David A. and with general service trustees Jacquelyn S. and John B.

Dave comes to the board after more than 13 sober, active years in the Northwest Texas Area, where he served the area and Dallas Intergroup in various capacities. As a Panel 27 delegate, he was chairperson of the Conference Finance Committee. A dentist by profession, Dave is known for his thorough grasp of the Traditions and Concepts.

Both Jackie and John are New Yorkers, Jackie a City resident and John hailing from Schenectady. Both can point to earlier service in area and intergroup jobs, and most recently as directors of A.A.W.S. They also bring solid business expertise to their four years on the board. Jackie is sober 13-plus years; John, more than 14.

## Two-Language Assembly

The Southern California Assembly is making a special effort to bring Spanish-speaking A.A.'s into the overall service structure, and at a recent assembly at Oxnard, all joined enthusiastically in a bilingual session.

G.S.R.'s from Spanish-speaking groups were designated a separate district and sat together at a special table, with an interpreter. All G.S.R.'s were rotated among workshops, and each workshop had a Spanish interpreter. Everyone present was equally prepared for the discussions, since every piece of printed material was pretranslated.

Participation was the keynote of the day, as Spanish-speakers eagerly took their turns at the mike, each word translated on the spot. Everyone left wanting more after a day characterized by what one attender described as "humor, grace, and cheerfulness."

## Lively Conference Reports

What does an area delegate do between Conferences? There's a simple answer: work hard! As the link between an area and worldwide A.A., the delegate begins by spending long hours in preparation for the after-Conference report, then completes the link by seeing that the essential information is spread throughout the area.

Most delegates try to convey, not only the formal Conference actions, but also their own feelings about the total experience. (As Gerry P., W. Mass., said: "I'll feel it in my bones every April.") They hit the highlights, accenting the Advisory Actions that they see as the most significant to the Fellowship and to area concerns. Reports are printed in newsletters and given at area and district assemblies — even at local groups. In one California area, there's a special one-day after-Conference gathering each year.

However it's done, the word gets around. And the increasing number of thoroughly informed delegates each year testifies to how well it's being done.

## Memorial Gifts Welcome — From A.A.'s

Groups and members often choose to make memorial contributions to the General Service Office in lieu of flowers to honor A.A. friends who have died. In fact, it happens frequently enough that G.S.O. has a special acknowledgment card to send to the family of the deceased.

At a recent Regional Forum, this suggestion was made: Inform A.A.'s that memorial contributions are welcome — but add the reminder that they can be accepted from A.A. members *only*, in line with the self-support Tradition. Thus, for example, it's not a good idea to suggest donations to A.A. in a newspaper death notice, since the office must decline gifts from non-A.A. friends. Saying no—however tactfully—can hurt people who are grieving and have generous intentions.

An unusually large donation that came along a month or so ago provides a striking example of the stature A.A. gains in the eyes of nonmembers when we adhere to Tradition Seven. The trust officer of a bank in West Virginia wrote to let us know the Fellowship was beneficiary in a will. One of the staff members replied, as always, that we can accept bequests only from A.A. members, and then only to a maximum of \$500. The trust officer's reply was heartwarming:

"We were amazed that the gift was declined, although we understand the reasons. In our profession, it is unheard-of for an organization to decline a gift and to affirm it is self-supporting. Frankly, we admire and applaud your philosophy.

"It is our responsibility, however, to inform you that the remainder interest to A.A. amounts to at least \$110,000. We would appreciate your written confirmation that your organization has been informed of the amount payable."

When confirmation was sent, the trust officer was so moved that he called the office, and explained that the brother of the deceased had been an A.A. member.

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## Reaching Troubled Alcoholics Overseas

From Brazil comes a new idea for carrying the message through cooperation with professionals. John B., an English-speaking A.A. member who lives in Rio de Janeiro, writes:

"It is my understanding that American consulate services throughout the world provide lists of physicians available to anyone requesting them, and Americans

generally use the indicated medical services.

"For this reason, we think our experience could be reproduced in any area where there are a lot of expatriate Americans.

"Attached are copies of materials we are circulating to the physicians who generally treat the English-speaking population in Rio de Janeiro. These were mailed only two weeks ago, and we are already getting some response."

The letter, circulated to 24 Rio de Janeiro doctors, reads:

"Dear Dr. —: Because you are listed among the physicians indicated by the American consulate, you might occasionally contact English-speaking patients who are experiencing a problem with alcohol.

"To assist such persons, there are organized groups of recuperating English-speaking alcoholics in Rio de Janeiro, who meet twice a week (schedule attached) to treat their alcohol problem through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.).

"To more directly assist you, the members of A.A. signing this letter are at your disposal to discuss with you how A.A. can possibly help your patients who have a problem with alcohol. Please feel free to call on us."

Names and telephone numbers of four members are given, along with the P.O. box number of the Botafogo Group, in Rio. Enclosed are a schedule of English-speaking meetings and these pamphlets: "A.A. and the Medical Profession," "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.," "If You Are a Professional," "The A.A. Member and Drug Abuse," "A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous," "44 Questions," "This Is A.A.," and "Is A.A. for You?"

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## Are Detoxes Being Used Too Readily?

An article with a provocative slant on one aspect of twelfth-stepping has appeared in several newsletters recently. Entitled "Detox Dumping" and written by Dean K., the article reads as follows:

"As recently as ten years ago, A.A. members were sitting with the suffering alcoholic, sometimes through the night, in an attempt to help him (her) stay sober. A few were still taking the drunk into their homes in an effort to generate sobriety. These were activities above and beyond the Twelfth Step of 'carrying the message,' but often proved successful and certainly helped both the suffering and the sober alcoholic.

"Today, the scene has changed. Word of the availability of detoxification centers has filtered down into the community of practicing drunks, and many times the first thing the sufferer asks is to be taken to detox. A.A.



members, too, for the most part, have succumbed to the 'easier, softer way' of taking the practicing alcoholic to a detox center immediately, and without determining the circumstances. Now, this is not necessarily wrong, but it raises a question of whether we are shirking our responsibility to try to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

"Of course, we are not doctors, and we are not qualified to determine whether or not an individual needs medical attention — nor should we attempt to do so. But more and more instances are occurring where the drunk merely needed an assist to get through the night, perhaps sleep it off, then return to work without losing any more time off — but instead, he is dumped into a detox center and forgotten. Perhaps all of us need to re-read Chapter 7, 'Working With Others,' in the Big Book, and once more begin to follow instructions.

"Twelfth Step calls are never convenient, and seldom easy. But in order to keep what we have, we must give it away. This means a giving of our time, ourselves, and sometimes our money. Where would A.A. be today if Bill had simply dumped Dr. Bob into another hospital and let the contact go at that?

"When, in the opinion of an A.A. member, referral to a detox center is absolutely necessary, this should not be the end of the Twelfth Step call. The sufferer should be contacted upon release from detox, and an attempt made to bring him (her) to an A.A. meeting. In such cases, follow-up is almost as important as the first contact.

"And remember, the successful Twelfth Step call is the one where you walk away sober!"

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## Introduce Newcomers To the Traditions

Are A.A.'s Twelve Traditions sometimes heavy going for the newcomer? Perhaps so. And yet most of us would agree that an understanding of the Traditions is crucial to the present unity and the future survival of our Fellowship.

A New York City member has shared with us one approach: He shows a simple, brief condensation of the Traditions to new members who have been sober long enough to ask "why it works." This condensation was part of a presentation on our Traditions made by Mike Alexander, a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee on our General Service Board. It was published in the April 1981 issue of the A.A. Grapevine.

Mike said that, upon considering the experience gathered in ten turbulent years (1935-1945), A.A.'s determined to:

- Put our common welfare first;
- Rely on the group conscience;
- Open the Fellowship to any alcoholic who wished to join;
- Proclaim that the groups were autonomous;
- Carry the A.A. message as the primary group purpose;
- Endorse no other causes;
- Decline outside contributions;
- Remain nonprofessional;
- Stay unorganized;
- Avoid public controversy;
- Attract rather than promote; and
- Observe anonymity.

Our Manhattan member says, "If that doesn't explain in a nutshell why we have survived and why we will continue to thrive, nothing does." He says it should be repeated as often as the Preamble.

Of course, nothing can replace the Traditions themselves, nor their original "long form" (found on pp. 565-568 of the Big Book and also in the "Twelve and Twelve," "The A.A. Group," and "The A.A. Service Manual"). But Mike's summary does carry a punch that might attract the newcomer's attention and encourage further study.

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## Special Rate for Grapevine Items

Groups and central offices can now take advantage of cost savings on a discount package of Grapevine items.

Following up on a recommendation of the 31st General Service Conference, the Grapevine has put together a



Just a few of the items in the new GV package.

discount package. It comprises: ten copies each of the memorial issues for the two co-founders (packet), the facsimile of the first issue, "Best of Bill," "Best Cartoons From the Grapevine," and "A.A. Today"; one package of 50 miniature Grapevines; five Serenity Prayer placards; and one each of the binder, the Preamble placard, and "The Man on the Bed."

Cost of each discount package is \$95 (a saving of \$24.50 over the total price for these items when ordered individually). Orders should be sent directly to the Grapevine, P.O. Box 1980, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

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## From G.S.O.'s Mailbag

A letter from Helen Willms (a nonalcoholic nurse), in Taiwan, says: "My main reason for writing is to tell you about the group in Maywan, which was started in the fall of 1979. I was there about two weeks ago, and they reported they now have 30 members, both men and women. They have two meetings a week, an A.A. meeting and a meeting at which they pray for other alcoholics and especially for new groups in small villages. They have gone to six such villages, and in one of them, about 12 people indicated interest in the A.A. way of life.



Box 4-5-9 (Apr-May 1980) told how visiting A.A.'s—American and Japanese—carried the message to villagers in the mountains of Taiwan. Among the nonalcoholics who helped them was the nurse whose letter, excerpted here, brings the heartening story up-to-date. The villagers are "doing it their own way but getting results."

"I also visited one of these villages and asked the pastor how the A.A. program was doing. He reported that they are doing it their own way, but getting results. They have divided the whole village into eight groups, each of which meets one night a week. Drinking has decreased markedly, among both men and women. In the past, the problem was mainly with the men, but now more and

more women are getting involved, which affects the family and care of children more than in the past.

"We're planning to get a post office box number here. That way, we can possibly become a contact for people not reached with the A.A. message."

A delightful letter arrived from Cathy D. in Washington, D.C. She says:

"I'm writing to thank you for the article 'One Group's Decision: Down With Regulations!' (February-March). This piece, and the pithy cartoon, helped one group find a way out of a sticky situation.

"Just before an open meeting, a long-timer who comes regularly arrived very upset. He informed us that he intended to open the meeting by reading a typed statement, prepared by some local members who were concerned over the language used by some speakers. The statement suggested that groups require their speakers to avoid profanity and vulgarity — for the good of the Fellowship.

"We told him our steering committee would have to consider it first, but he was very persistent. Another officer and I decided that I should follow him, explaining, as secretary, that he had not spoken for the group. I did, and added my personal view that the only rule we needed was the Third Tradition.

"Considering the potential explosiveness of the situation, it worked well. Our 'guest' seemed surprised that (unlike many groups here) we do have a steering committee. He asked to press his case before it.

"This man is a person well-informed on the Traditions, so I went prepared. I Xeroxed the Box 4-5-9 article and took my 'Twelve Traditions Illustrated' and some other pamphlets.

"A group conscience at work is an awesome sight. Before the meeting, I hadn't known what people thought. Would they agree with our guest? Would they think I had been out of line in referring to Tradition Three? One after another spoke up: Yes, they deplored bad language; no, they would not make rules for speakers; no, I had not spoken out of turn. And one man spoke eloquently on fear and intolerance, on the pitfalls of actions 'for the good of the Fellowship.'

"'Didn't Box 4-5-9 have something on this?' someone asked. 'Yes,' I said, 'and I just happen to have Xeroxes of the article.' I was told (not asked) to read it aloud. Heads nodded. 'I think we have a nonproblem,' our 'elder' said. I asked our guest to lead us in the Serenity Prayer.

"The process was exhilarating. Until this year, we had not had a steering committee, and now, on a major issue of principle, we found that we meshed. I sensed a healing effect, too. Our guest's anger shriveled as the meeting progressed, and so did mine.

"One more good thing came of this: Many in the group who have been opposed to holding Traditions meetings have begun to say it might not be a bad idea after all."



# BOX 4|5|9 BULLETIN BOARD

Items and Ideas on Area Gatherings for A.A.'s—Via G.S.O.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1981

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 1-4 — *Amarillo, Texas*. 34th Annual Top o' Texas Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 412, Amarillo, TX 79105
- 2-4 — *Bellingham, Washington*. Area Ass'y. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2668, Bellingham, WA 98227
- 2-4 — *Clarksburg, West Virginia*. Jacksons Mill Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301
- 2-4 — *Kenora, Ontario, Canada*. 11th Annual Lake of the Woods Roundup. Write: Ch., 63 Peter St. W., Kenora, Ont.
- 2-4 — *Yuma, Arizona*. State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 4446, Yuma, AZ 85364
- 2-4 — *Kerrville, Texas*. 18th Quarterly Agape Weekend. Write: Coord., 3609-A Las Colinas, Austin, TX 78731
- 2-4 — *Dickinson, North Dakota*. State Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 225, Dickinson, ND 58601
- 3-5 — *Spearfish, South Dakota*. Fall Conf. Write: Ch., 1014 Pinedale Dr., Spearfish, SD 57783
- 8-10 — *Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*. 13th Annual Fellowship by the Sea. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 7281, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
- 9-11 — *Montreal, Quebec, Canada*. 23rd Bilingual Convention. Write: P.O. Box 460, Sta. R, Montreal, Que. H2S 3M3
- 9-11 — *Brighton, England*. Annual Southern Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 514, 11 Redcliffe Gardens, London, England SW10 9BQ
- 9-11 — *Kalispell, Montana*. Fall State Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 174, Whitefish, MT 59937
- 9-11 — *Lake Yale, Florida*. 14th Annual Autumn Mtgs. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 996, Merritt Island, FL 32952
- 9-11 — *Somerset, New Jersey*. 11th Annual N.E. Reg. Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 84, West Orange, NJ 07052
- 9-11 — *Fond du Lac, Wisconsin*. S. Wis. Fall Conf. Write: Ch., 2056 Fond du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935
- 9-11 — *Orilla, Ontario, Canada*. 16th Annual Georgian Bay Dist. Conf. Write: Host Com., P.O. Box 969, Southampton, Ont. N0H 2L0
- 9-11 — *Kansas City, Missouri*. W. Mo. Fall Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box G, Urich, MO 64788
- 9-11 — *St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada*. 17th Annual Area Ass'y. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 7285, St. John's, Nfld. A1E 3Y5
- 10-11 — *Brooks, Alberta, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 592, Brooks, Alta. T0J 0J0
- 16-17 — *Grenada, Mississippi*. Sixth N. Miss. Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 786, Grenada, MS 38901
- 16-18 — *London, Ontario, Canada*. 28th Annual W. Ont. Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 725, London, Ont. N6A 4Y8
- 16-18 — *Albany, New York*. 30th Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 6042, Albany, NY 12206
- 16-18 — *Camp Tama, Japan*. Fall Far East Roundup. Write: Ch., S.S.I.C., Box 9, FPO Seattle, WA 98767
- 16-18 — *Bristol, England*. Reunion. Write: Ch., 39 St. John's Rd., Clifton, Bristol 8, England
- 16-18 — *Terrace Bay, Ontario, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 181, Terrace Bay, Ont. P0T 2W0
- 16-18 — *Atlantic Beach, North Carolina*. 21st Semiannual Roundup. Write: Sec'y., P.O. Box 1304, New Bern, NC 28560
- 16-18 — *Brownsville, Texas*. 31st Annual Area Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 4856, Brownsville, TX 78520
- 16-18 — *Cedar Rapids, Iowa*. Fall Area Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 172, Marion, IA 52302

## Planning a December, January, or February Event?

Please be sure to send your information on December, January, or February events for A.A.'s in time to reach G.S.O. by *October 15*. This is the calendar deadline for the Holiday issue of *Box 4-5-9* (to be mailed November 15).

Naturally, G.S.O. cannot check on all the information submitted. We must rely on local A.A.'s to describe the events accurately.

## Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

*October*: "A Time-Tested Program of Recovery" can be used to begin or wind up a Step-meeting series; "The Hurt That Shouldn't Be" (on dual addicts) and "A Motley Crew" (on Tradition Three) can help in exploring how the Traditions apply to your group's affairs.

*November*: Writers of outstanding articles reprinted in the annual "classic" issue speak eloquently on topics still vital today — Bill W. on the freedom to choose in sobriety, two other A.A.'s on the "pink cloud" stage and on "How to Stay Married Though Sober," and Dr. Harry M. Tiebout (early friend of A.A.) on the importance of surrender as a prelude to recovery from active alcoholism.

16-18 — *Merritt, British Columbia, Canada*. Ninth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1779, Merritt, B.C. V0K 2B0

22-25 — *Honolulu, Hawaii*. 20th Annual Conf. Write: Ch., 400 Hobron, La., #609, Honolulu, HI 96815

23-25 — *Thief River Falls, Minnesota*. Sixth Annual N.W. Minn. Harvest Fest. Write: Tkt. Ch., 130 N. Pine, Thief River Falls, MN 56701

29-Nov. 1 — *Memphis, Tennessee*. Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 41274, Memphis, TN 38104

29-Nov. 1 — *Augusta, Georgia*. 28th State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 610, Augusta, GA 30903

30-Nov. 1 — *Downingtown, Pennsylvania*. Young People's Fourth Annual Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1112, Downingtown, PA 19355

30-Nov. 1 — *Grand Rapids, Minnesota*. Sixth Annual Service Workshop. Write: Ch., 519 Eighth Ave. S., Grand Rapids, MN 55714

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## October

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- 31 — *New York, New York*. Intergroup Assoc. Annual Dinner and Dance Mtg. in Honor of Bill W. Write: Dinner Com., 175 Fifth Ave., Rm. 219, New York, NY 10010
- 31-Nov. 1 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 38, Sta. A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2L8

## November

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- 5-8 — *Shreveport, Louisiana*. 36th Annual Tri-State Conv. Write: Ch., 1711 Tulane Ave., Shreveport, LA 71103
- 6-8 — *Everett, Washington*. Fifth Annual Conf. Write: Com., P.O. Box 1758, Everett, WA 98206
- 6-8 — *Minneapolis, Minnesota*. 41st Annual Founders Day Weekend. Write: Ch., 2218 First Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55404

- 6-8 — *Lincoln, Nebraska*. Fall Frolic. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2334, Lincoln, NE 68502
- 6-8 — *Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina*. Eighth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Drawer 68, Sanford, NC 27330
- 6-8 — *Cambridge, Ohio*. Seventh Annual Salt Fork Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 39008, Solon, OH 44139
- 6-8 — *Casa Grande, Arizona*. 13th Sahuaro Agape Weekend. Write: Ch., 813 W. San Miguel, Phoenix, AZ 85013
- 6-8 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. Area Conv. Write: Com., P.O. Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 1H7
- 6-8 — *Las Vegas, Nevada*. 15th Annual Roundup. Write: Com., P.O. Box 269, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- 6-8 — *White Haven, Pennsylvania*. Area Conv. Write: Ch., 34 Berger St., Emmaus, PA 18049
- 6-8 — *Vincennes, Indiana*. 21st Annual Tri-State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 14, Vincennes, IN 47591

- 6-8 — *Greeley, Colorado*. Fall Area Assy. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 15, Greeley, CO 80632
- 15-18 — *Helen, Georgia*. Second Chattahoochee Forest Weekend. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 527, Statesboro, GA 30458
- 20-22 — *Lake Whitney, Texas*. Fourth Annual Brazos Riverside Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 477, Dallas, TX 75221
- 21-22 — *Jonesboro, Arkansas*. 27th Annual Thanksgiving Program. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 544, Jonesboro, AR 72401
- 27-29 — *Alfred, Maine*. Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., 13 Shaw St., Sanford, ME 04073

## December

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- 4-6 — *Kansas City, Missouri*. S.W. Reg. Forum. Write: Reg. Forum Secy., P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Sta., New York, NY 10163
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