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28th Conference Approves A.A. Film Project



After viewing trial film footage, the 28th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous (U.S. and Canada) authorized A.A. World Services Inc. (A.A.W.S.), to go ahead with a 25-minute film about A.A. to show general audiences what A.A. is like. No one voted against it.

The finished film will be released only if it is approved by the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole voiced at the 1979 Conference session.

For the 1978 meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, April 16-22, 91 elected area delegates from all states and provinces met with General Service Board trustees, directors of A.A.W.S., Inc., the General Ser-

vice Office staff, and Grapevine corporate directors and staff. The week's agenda is summarized on p. 8.

Decision on the film came after discussion of the Conference Literature Committee report. The committee had recommended proceeding with the movie, after seeing ten minutes of test film prepared under direction of the Audiovisual Subcommittee of the trustees' Literature Committee.

In order to respect the anonymity Traditions, real A.A.'s were photographed in various ways — from the back, at a distance, with careful lighting and focusing techniques, or with innovative camera angles —
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New Board Chairperson, A.A. Trustees Named

Milton A. Maxwell, Ph.D. (above), Olympia, Wash., became chairperson (nonalcoholic) of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous (U.S. and Canada) Saturday, Apr. 22, upon the closing of the 1978 General Service Conference. He fills the spot vacated by the retirement of John L. ("Dr. Jack") Norris, M.D., New London, N.H., a trustee (nonalcoholic) since 1951 and chairperson since 1963.

Fernand I., Montreal, Que., was elected Eastern Canada regional trustee, succeeding Pete W., Oakville, Ont. For the Pacific Region of the U.S., George D., Tiburon, Calif., was elected trustee to fill the vacancy left by Stan W., Fairfax, Calif.

Milton joined the board in 1971 after several years as a director of The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. He is now retired from directorship of the Summer School of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers University, New Brunswick,
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How and Why A.A. Grows

Some reasons for A.A.'s accelerating growth, and some challenges A.A.'s new size now brings, were pointed out at the Conference by Bob P., general manager of G.S.O. Excerpts follow.

It's tremendously exciting to see that in 1977, 2,595 new groups in the U.S. and Canada were listed at G.S.O., a net increase of 1,258.

Also, many existing groups are bursting at the seams with new members. One group has four members with flashlight batons directing the parking of cars in a huge parking lot, and inside the meeting place, coffee is served at six stations around the hall.

A.A. is evolving. Our program of recovery remains unchanged, but the number and variety of groups and meetings, compared with a few years ago, are astonishing. All that is needed for a new group is a resentment and a coffeepot.

A healthy group may grow so large it becomes unwieldy, participation of members becomes difficult, or it outgrows its quarters. Then, by agreement among members, it may divide into two groups. A new group may also be started to meet a need for a new *time* for a meeting — at luncheon or after work. A new group may start to meet the need for a new *place* — at Grand Central Station, Kennedy Airport, or the South Pole.

A new group may start because a new *kind* of meeting is wanted — Step, beginners, Big Book study, workshop, Eleventh Step. Alcoholics may band together because of some other commonality: in men's groups, women's, young people's, gay, "slippers," doctors', lawyers', priests', sailors'.

If we study *where* new groups are forming, we observe that where A.A. is strongest and most populous, it tends to grow stronger, faster. Conversely, where there are fewer
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Groups and Members Spring 1978

	Groups	Members
United States	18,382	352,807
Canada	2,950	50,783
Overseas ¹	7,597	134,537
Treatment Facilities	1,400	33,544
Correctional Facilities	1,258	40,205
Lone Members		393
Internationalists		607
Totals	31,587	612,876 ²

1. Figures as of Jan. 1, 1977; reports on later statistics incomplete at present.

2. Including nonreported members, it is estimated that there are now more than 1,000,000 members, in 92 countries.

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General Service Board

In final report, Dr. Jack tells of progress

Trustees' report: Sales of literature to the Fellowship reached an all-time high. We distributed over 200,000 copies of the Big Book alone! Contributions in 1977 topped 1976 by 6% (but were under the amount budgeted).

Among other important developments of

Archives

Memories of early A.A. shared

Trustees' committee: Emphasis continues on collecting oral histories of early members and others instrumental in the growth of the Fellowship. We now have 140. A cassette tape has been prepared for archives visitors. It features Bill W. reading the fifth chapter of the Big Book, and a portion of Dr. Bob's farewell talk. Since much archives material is one-of-a-kind, steps are being taken to repair and protect all clippings and correspondence.

Milton Maxwell (nonalcoholic), chairperson

Staff report: Visitors enjoy browsing among the books and historical artifacts, looking at pictures, and reading correspondence pertaining to their own groups. Many come with specific questions about their groups or special A.A. events.

In the past year, we (1) completed three microfilming projects — records and correspondence of Bill and Dr. Bob, the earliest groups, and the Alcoholic Foundation/G.S.O.; (2) processed group and area history records from many states and two provinces; (3) retaped 88 cassettes onto our standard format of 7" one-to-one reel, resulting in about 165 7" tapes; (4) received inquiries from areas starting to build local archival units and made historical photos available for them; (5) acquired two copies of the first printing of the Big Book — one, the first ever sold; (6) answered many requests for information on A.A. and assisted in a biography

of the co-founders and an analysis of A.A. by a Harvard researcher.

Nell Wing (nonalcoholic), archivist

Conference

All suggested agenda items reviewed and scheduled

Trustees' committee: We recommended that the West Virginia request for review of the third edition of the Big Book be referred to the Conference Literature Committee, and that listing of gay groups in A.A. directories be referred to the Agenda Committee.

We also recommended certain scheduling changes and agenda items for the 1978 Conference, and reviewed workshop questions.

John W., chairperson

Staff report: The purpose of the Conference is to assume the responsibility of leadership once held by the founders of A.A., and to carry the message. It is also a policy-making body that expresses the group conscience of the Fellowship.

The Conference secretary corresponds with all Conference members, past delegates, and area committees. We now have on our mailing list: 681 past delegates; 1,859 district committee members; 75 area committee chairpersons; 69 area committee secretaries; and 71 area committee treasurers — a total of 2,755. Others in service are also on the list.

We receive minutes of most area assemblies and committee meetings and circulate

Reports From G.S.O., the

the past 12 months were the following:

- Exploration by a trustees' subcommittee of the possible use of audiovisual media — including a film "to convey to the public the inspiration, the excitement, the magic, and the spirit of our Fellowship, and to share our joy in being sober."

- Completion of the study on the feasibility of moving G.S.O. and recommendation that it would not be in the best interests of A.A. at this time.

- The flyer "A.A. at a Glance" and the film-strip "Circles of Love and Service."

- Following the recommendation of the 27th Conference, all moneys in the accounts of the two operating entities (A.A.W.S. and The A.A. Grapevine) above the amount necessary for working capital were transferred to the Reserve Fund under the direct administration of the board (the Conference having determined that a prudent balance in the reserve is one year's operating expenses). The policy was also affirmed that as group contributions increase to the point that they

pay for group services, then, proportionately, the price of A.A. literature can be further decreased.

- A new survey of A.A. membership (the fourth since 1968) was made in 1977 with the cooperation of delegates in every area of the U.S. and Canada. Data on the characteristics of A.A. membership have also been obtained in Great Britain, New Zealand, Finland, West Germany, Brazil, and Mexico, and we shall release the comparative results later this year.

John L. Norris, M.D. (nonalcoholic), chairperson

A.A. World Services, Inc.

Over 5,000,000 messages sent out by G.S.O.

Directors' report: In 1977, distribution of all books, pamphlets, and miscellaneous items

among the G.S.O. and Grapevine staffs. This helps us keep up with local A.A.

Any member may send in suggestions for the Conference agenda. Suggestions are presented to the trustees' Conference Committee and the Conference Agenda Committee, then shared with everyone in the *Quarterly Report*, Box 4-5-9, and the preliminary agenda mailed in January.

Phyllis M.

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Joint committee sessions held inadvisable

Trustees' committee: The 1977 Conference C.P.C. Committee recommended that the board consider holding a joint meeting of the trustees' Committees on P.I., C.P.C., and institutions, to discuss overlapping of responsibilities and eliminate competition.

Committee chairpersons studied the need for such a meeting, and felt it would not be feasible. They call attention to the section in the C.P.C. Guidelines entitled "Relationship of A.A. Committees: P.I., C.P.C., Institutions": "Who or what committee carries the A.A. message is not important so long as our message is carried to the still-suffering alcoholic."

We participated in the five sessions of the 1977 Annual Forum of the National Council on Alcoholism and two sections of the 1977 meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Problems Association of North America.

General Service Board, and Trustees' Committees

reached 5,429,200 units. Free literature sent to groups, and to inform the general public about A.A., amounted to 501,000 individual pieces (inventory value, \$29,800). Literature sales for 1977 totaled \$2,389,400, an increase of \$145,200 over 1976. To help defray costs of other services contributions could not meet, A.A.W.S. transferred \$231,500 to the General Fund.

We authorized Bob P. to meet with G.S.O. Australia and the New South Wales Central Service Office to assess their publishing problems, in the hope of bringing about a solution.

We drew up a position paper re requests to reprint A.A. literature in study guides, or interpretive or explanatory texts. This is available on request.

We agreed that an equitable handling fee be added to charge orders from all large non-A.A. purchasers, as well as from A.A. groups, central offices, etc.

John Bealer, M.D. (nonalcoholic), chairperson

The committee suggested that a third additional Professional Exhibit and a professional table-top display be purchased, to serve until the new membership survey information is available for exhibit use.

Gordon Patrick (nonalcoholic), chairperson



Staff report: To carry A.A.'s message to professional groups and individuals who have contact with alcoholics, staff or members of the trustees' C.P.C. Committee participated in nine meetings of such groups.

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, ten professionals from Europe, Latin America, and Africa visited G.S.O. in February. We discussed the history of A.A., described how A.A. cooperates with the professional community, and told a little of our own stories, followed by questions and answers.

During the past year, our Professional Exhibit was shown at 18 national meetings.
Sarah P.

Correctional Facilities

New pamphlet in the works for those 'inside'

Trustees' committee: In July, we held our first meeting as a full committee. We have reviewed the manuscript of the new illustrated pamphlet aimed at the alcoholic inmate. We believe the question whether to title the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Hell Out of Sitting in a Cell" or "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" should go to the Conference Committee on Correctional Facilities.

"Carrying the Message Inside the Walls" (suggestions for speaking at correctional facilities) has been prepared, in question-and-answer form, to encourage A.A.'s toward such activity. We recommend this flyer be made available in quantity to institutions committees and "outside" sponsors.

In meetings with prison administrators, the chairperson has been updating information on where A.A. works best.

W. J. Estelle Jr. (nonalcoholic), chairperson

Staff report: As of January 1, 1978, there were 1,210 A.A. groups in correctional facilities and 151 institutions committees serving them.

To carry our message to the confined alcoholic, G.S.O. offers correspondence with the correctional facilities staff member, and with other A.A.'s through our Institutions Correspondence Service.

We list correctional facilities groups in G.S.O. records and send each a Group Handbook, the Big Book, and other complimentary literature. They also get our directory of *A.A. Groups in Correctional Facilities, Box 4-5-9*, and the *Institutions Bulletin*.

Discount packages of A.A. literature (English and Spanish) are available to inside groups and institutions committees. The Grapevine gives us back issues, which we pass along.

Our mail from local institutions committees and inside groups indicates a need for more literature, more A.A. sponsors, more outside speakers, and more outside A.A.'s to participate in the Institutions Correspondence Service.

Vincina McC.

Finance

G.S.O. figures come close to estimates in 1977 budget

Trustees' committee: In 1977, total G.S.O. income — publishing gross profit, contributions, and interest generated by cash flow —

was over 1976 by \$76,300 and just about on budget. Excluding E.D.P. equipment, site preparation and system development costs, normal expenses were \$136,700 over 1976. Total G.S.O. expenses increased by \$290,000 and were within budget by less than 1%. The General Fund operating deficit, caused by contribution shortfall plus other expenses of the board, was met by net income of the publishing operation, \$546,600. This resulted in a net G.S.O. income of \$308,800, compared to \$526,900 for 1976. After satisfying operating requirements, the balance of the net income was transferred to the board Reserve Fund per prior Conference action.

Arthur Miles (nonalcoholic), chairperson

General Service Sharing Session

Former Policy Committee hears guest speakers

Trustees' report: The Policy Committee of the board came into being in 1955, to deal with the problems of external policy of the board and matters affecting A.A. as a whole. In recent years, that committee had fewer items of general policy to deal with, as the board now has more standing committees that make recommendations, and these, when accepted, constitute policies.

In October, the name of the committee was changed to the General Service Sharing Session. The meetings are usually attended by 50 to 60 — all trustees, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors, G.S.O. and GV staffs, and all nontrustee members of trustees' standing committees.

At the July session, presentations on clubs were given, but no action was taken. Guest speakers heard this last year were Dr. Gregory B. Collins, medical director of the Alcohol Rehabilitation Center of Cleveland Metropolitan Hospital; Capt. Stuart Brownell, U.S.N., director of the Navy Alcoholism Prevention Program; and Robert K. Greenleaf, businessman and author.

We discussed A.A.'s present policy of granting permission to others to publish the Twelve Steps. As the Steps are a distillation of ideas borrowed from other sources, it was felt we should continue to make them available to outsiders after careful consideration.
Stan W., chairperson

Group services coordinator

Handbooks, Guidelines, and film material go to groups

Staff report: The coordinator supervises production of all service materials, update of Guidelines (we now have 13) and listings,

and distribution of films, literature displays, Group Handbooks, and other A.A. material.

Two 16mm color films are available: "Bill's Own Story" and "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions." Two filmstrips available are "P.O. Box 459," about G.S.O., and "Circles of Love and Service."

As editor of *Box 4-5-9*, the coordinator gathers material for each issue and is responsible for sending it out in English, French, and Spanish to almost 50,000 A.A.'s worldwide.

Susan D.



Assistant group services coordinator

Bulletins and pamphlets carry the message

Staff report: We sent out approximately 350,700 bulletins and reports in 1977. About 42,000 copies of the English *Box 4-5-9* are mailed every other month. Mailing lists for bulletins are now computerized for better service.

Pamphlets now in progress, with completion anticipated in 1978, are "The Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous (biographical sketches and their last major talks)," "Circles of Love and Service" (to accompany the filmstrip), and "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" (tentative title).

We send a letter semiannually to all central offices, intergroup committees, and literature distribution centers to keep them informed of new A.A. literature, periodicals, and audiovisual materials.

Lois F.

International Convention/ A.A. Regional Forums

1980 plans under way; forums in all regions

Trustees' committee:

International Convention — We recommended a Host Committee chairperson for the 45th Anniversary International Convention, in New Orleans in July 1980, and adopted a policy for dealing with travel agents. We also recommended that each state

and province select speakers for one alkathon in New Orleans.

A.A. Regional Forums — It was suggested at one forum that activities be planned for non-A.A. spouses. But the forums are working sessions for service-minded A.A.'s, so no change will be made at this time. Spouses of A.A.'s are welcome to attend without participating.

We agreed to consider having more than one forum in a region if the regional trustee, after prior consultation with delegates, submits such a request.

A request was made for simultaneous translation (English-French, French-English) at the Eastern Canada Regional Forum. The committee accepted this proposal and recommended financial assistance from the board.

Evaluating previous forums, we decided the size of each has been about right. Over 500 participants would present problems. We feel the format is fine as is, and recommended we keep the arrangement of workshops the same (no rotation).

To the free material at each forum, we suggest adding the latest *Conference Report* and "A.A. at a Glance," and also suggest adding the table-top and "Inside A.A." displays to forum exhibits.

The following forums are scheduled: Southeast Region, May 1978; Pacific Region, September 1978.

Peter W., chairperson

Staff reports:

International Convention — The G.S.O. Planning Committee visited New Orleans to inspect its convention facilities. At our Convention, the July 4 weekend, all major meetings will be held in the Superdome, which seats 70,000 (in the configuration we plan to use, 35,000). Closed-circuit TV hung from the ceiling will give a close-up view of the stage.

Space in four quadrants in the Superdome holds 7,500 to 8,000 and can be broken into rooms of various sizes, for workshops and panels. Hotel ballroom space will be used during the day and at midnight. Our goal is to provide many more daytime meetings, with more speakers, than in Denver. The G.S.O. staff will select speakers for workshops, panels, and special-event meetings. No A.A. member who is not registered may be selected as a speaker.

We have 10,000 committed hotel rooms, and dormitory space at Tulane University to house 1,200. Additional space will be picked up in outlying districts. Registration forms will be available in the fall of 1979. Headquarters hotel will be the Hyatt Regency, connected by a walking bridge to the Superdome.

Some members of the G.S.O. Planning Committee visited New Orleans in December and returned with renewed confidence that the 1980 Convention will be the biggest and best ever held.

Betty L.

A.A. Regional Forums — Forums are held on

invitation of the regions, and plans are made with the regional trustee, delegates in the region, and G.S.O. staff.

Dr. John L. Norris, nonalcoholic, chairperson of our board, has attended all the forums.

We owe a lot to Dr. Jack, since regional forums were his idea from the start. They are working, and they are improving communication within our Fellowship.

Susan D.

Internationalists, Loners, LIMs

607 seagoing, 393 Lone Members do stay sober

Staff report: We have 607 Internationalists on the G.S.O. mailing list. They have started A.A. groups all over the world, even 13 groups aboard ships. Seagoing A.A.'s keep in touch with the A.A. program through correspondence with one another and with the staff member.

Each new Internationalist receives a package of literature, lists of Internationalists and Loners, copies of *Loners-Internationalists Meeting*, directories, and a Grapevine order form. All Internationalists receive *L.I.M.* bi-monthly and *Box 4-5-9* on alternate months.

We have 393 Loners on our list (including some who speak Spanish, French, or German). Until they can start a group, they stay sober through A.A. literature and correspondence.

Loner Sponsors now number 849. They also receive *L.I.M.* They do attend A.A. meetings but like to sponsor Loners through correspondence.

Nineteen LIMs — members who are housebound or disabled and cannot attend meetings — receive *L.I.M.* and the Loners list, so they may share.

Beth K.

Literature

'Too Young?' pamphlet issued

Trustees' committee: The teenage cartoon pamphlet "Too Young?" was completed in



July, and 110,000 copies have been sold. The long form of the Traditions has been

added to "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions." A pamphlet combining "The Co-Founders of A.A." and "The Last Talks of A.A.'s Co-Founders" is being completed.

For the combined biography of Bill and Dr. Bob, a first draft (over 300 pages) of the portion on Dr. Bob has been submitted. A draft of both biographies will be circulated for approval by the end of 1978. Our literature survey indicated there is no need to develop any other new pieces.

The Audiovisual Subcommittee selected Crommie and Crommie, Inc., to produce test footage to explore techniques of filming members without violating the Tradition of anonymity. The committee was authorized to prepare a test film for the 1978 Conference.

An audiovisual-materials questionnaire was sent to all delegates, alternate delegates, and trustees, with 24.5% responding. Of those, 72% indicated a need for materials for public information; 68%, for filmstrip kits.

We continue rewording in nonsexist language as pamphlets are reprinted.

We considered adding paragraphs to "Do You Think You're Different?" in different languages, stressing that language problems are not a barrier in A.A. We have asked the Conference Literature Committee for clarification on the material desired.

A subcommittee has been formed to work on a pamphlet for elderly alcoholics. A draft is being edited for consideration.

Don N., chairperson

Nominating

New board head nominated

Trustees' committee: The committee reviewed the duties and qualifications of the chairperson of the General Service Board. We unanimously recommended that Dr. Milton Maxwell become chairperson and that Dr. Jack be elected chairperson emeritus. Résumés of Class A trustee candidates to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Jack's resignation were reviewed, and a selection will be made later.

A subcommittee was appointed to suggest new language for "The A.A. Service Manual" to spell out the difference in role and function between regional trustees and general service trustees — U.S./Canada. After reviewing correspondence from past and present trustees, the subcommittee suggested a presentation/discussion at this Conference. We reviewed the résumé forms for Class B trustees, with special consideration given to the question of employment in the alcoholism field. It was recommended that no change be made.

The committee recommended slates of trustees and officers for election at the April board meeting. We also recommended slates of directors for A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine.

Charles H., chairperson

Overseas

More literature in German and Finnish available

Staff report: The staff member on this assignment corresponds with all groups, individuals, and general service offices in foreign countries (except Spanish-speaking — a separate assignment).

For English-speaking groups in countries where there are no literature distribution centers, we provide complimentary literature. We also work closely with newly emerging and established centers, and with members in countries where there are no service boards or literature centers.

To protect our copyright, we are careful in granting reprint permission inside and outside A.A. Translations are checked by bilingual A.A. members in the U.S. and Canada.

The G.S. Board in West Germany has published a German edition of "As Bill Sees It," and plans to translate and publish "Living Sober," "A Brief Guide to A.A.," and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."

The Finnish board has translated and published "A.A. Comes of Age" and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship." It will host the Fifth World Service Meeting this year.

We are checking a recent translation of the Big Book into Japanese.
June R.

Public Information

New materials ready for schools and media

Trustees' committee: "A.A. at a Glance," a one-sheet flyer for distribution by local P.I. committees at school, civic, and community groups, is sent in quantity, on request. "A.A. Information Sheet for Media" is also free.

Our fourth membership survey was undertaken by delegates in June.

Mailings included: a news release on W. J. Estelle Jr., new Class A trustee; a human-interest story on A.A.'s self-support; a news release about our new pamphlet "Too Young?"; the annual anonymity letter, to the media and to treatment facilities that use A.A.

Effective TV spots made by the Northern Florida P.I. Committee are now available to other P.I. committees on videotape. At our request, the same committee has been working on a pilot project to give information about A.A. to doctors.

Four radio spots, 30 seconds each, are now available on cassette tape.

As a result of a survey, we have begun work on a piece to stimulate interest in P.I. work among members.

Jerry D., chairperson

Staff report: During 1977, we provided information to various parts of the public sector by responding to 8,605 inquiries; processed 4,836 press clippings; distributed 137 TV spots and 93 radio announcement tapes; and noted 157 anonymity breaks.

Sixty-five "A.A. — a Community Resource" displays were sent with P.I. labels and pamphlets for use at health fairs and local and state meetings. Since "A.A. at a Glance" was produced in October, we have shipped more than 75,000 copies.



There are 261 P.I. committees and 369 contacts listed at G.S.O. New P.I. chairpersons receive P.I. material free of charge. The *P.I.-C.P.C. Bulletin*, sent to them three times yearly, shares P.I. activities reported by local committees.

Betty L.

Spanish correspondence

Bilingual committees started

Staff report: There are 262 Spanish-speaking groups in Canada and the U.S. (including Puerto Rico). G.S.O. services them with group literature and *Box 4-5-9* in Spanish.

As more bilingual people come into A.A., communication between the Spanish- and English-speaking groups is improving, and the former are beginning to be represented by G.S.R.'s at area assemblies. In Southwestern Texas, there is a bilingual committee; in other areas, there are bilingual D.C.M.'s. Five cities have Spanish intergroup offices; one has a Spanish Service Committee.

This September, the Spanish National Congress will be held in California. The theme will be better communication and cooperation between Spanish- and English-speaking A.A.'s in this country.

In Hispanic countries overseas, there are nine general service offices (including one in Spain), servicing their groups and answering all correspondence. Many print and distribute literature. Most countries have a service structure similar to ours; "The A.A. Service Manual" has been translated and adapted to geographical needs in each.

Mary Ellen W.

Staff coordinator

Groups and committees served

Staff report: Ten A.A.'s are G.S.O. staff members. Each has a specific service assignment. Some assignments are combined; some involve responsibility for the preparation of bulletins. Staff members also serve as secretaries of board and Conference committees. During 1977, over 22,868 letters were received, and each was answered individually by a staff member. The staff coordinator makes sure the mail is answered promptly without interruption during times of vacation, sickness, or absence, or a staff member's involvement with a special project that requires full-time attention. Otherwise, each staff member handles the mail for her specific assignment regardless of geographical area, and answers A.A. group mail from one region.

Invitations to A.A. conventions, assembly meetings, and state and provincial get-togethers permit staff members to become acquainted with A.A.'s all over the country and to inform them about G.S.O. services. The trips also produce information on local problems and activities, and this can be shared with other groups.

In 1977, more than 1,100 visitors from all over the world visited G.S.O.
Cora Louise B.

Treatment Facilities

New —'Where Do I Go . . .?'

Trustees' committee: We approved a new outline for "A.A. in Treatment Facilities" (formerly "A.A. in Hospitals"). We suggested that a slide presentation, similar to "Circles of Love and Service," be prepared to motivate people to participate in all institutional work, and to revive sponsorship.

We discussed discount literature pack-

ages for short-term patients in treatment facilities and felt it would be best for local areas to make up their own.

We recommended that Literature's Audio-visual Subcommittee discuss carrying the A.A. message to patients who cannot cope with the printed word while in early treatment. We also suggested making cassettes or tapes in Spanish.

Ed S., chairperson

Staff report: As of March 1, 1978, we had 1,348 groups in treatment facilities, a growth of about 65 since 1977. Because more alcoholics are being referred to A.A. from treatment facilities, guidelines have been prepared sharing how areas cope with this.

Correspondence with groups in treatment facilities shows that institutions com-



mittees are active. They offer follow-up sponsorship, but there is always need for more A.A.'s interested in this.

The new directory of *A.A. Groups in Treatment Facilities* is expected to be ready in 1978. A one-page sheet, "Where Do I Go From Here?" has been prepared for the patient leaving a facility.

To carry the message to those in treatment facilities, we offer correspondence with the staff member on this assignment and also with outside A.A.'s. Each new treatment facility group gets a Group Hand-

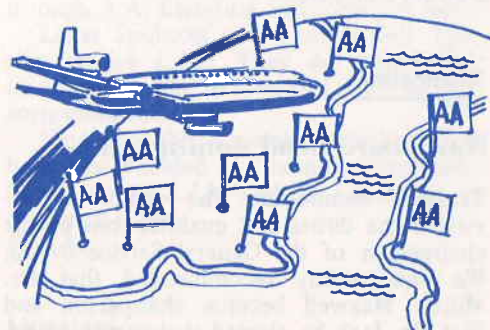
book and complimentary literature, the directory of *A.A. Groups in Treatment Facilities*, Box 4-5-9, and, three times yearly, the *Institutions Bulletin*. A discount package of A.A. literature is available to these groups.
Beth K.

World Service Meeting

A.A.'s from 18 parts of world to meet in Finland

Staff report: The Fifth World Service Meeting will be held in Helsinki, Finland, October 5-7, 1978. The theme is "Recovery, Unity, and Service Worldwide." We expect 32 delegates from 18 countries and zones: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Central America (Northern and Southern Zones), Colombia, Finland, France, West Germany, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, and Canada. Delegates from the U.S. and Canada are Virginia H. and Mac C.

There will be workshops on sponsorship and the Traditions, and full floor discussion on "Money in A.A. (the spiritual value of giving)" and public information work. Four G.S.O. staff members will attend the Helsinki meeting, along with our general manager.
June R.



Reports From the A.A. Grapevine

Circulation hits 100,000 with the help of group GvRs

Directors' report: This has been a banner year for the Grapevine — the March issue achieved a circulation of 100,000 subscriptions. It has also been a year of changes. Kitty K., circulation manager for almost ten years, retired at the end of December. Jack M. retires May 1, after 16 years at the GV, eight as editor. Jack's best-known contribution may be Victor E., but far more important are his love, dedication, and professional skills.

We have increased the number of

Grapevine Corporate Board members from nine to 11 by adding two regional trustees, one from the U.S., one from Canada.

In compliance with a 1977 Conference action, we turned over to the General Service Board Reserve Fund \$492,230 (of which \$388,835 was deferred liability for unfulfilled subscriptions, and \$103,835 was a contribution to the fund). This left the Grapevine with a \$90,765 net worth at year's end.

Charles H., chairperson

Staff report: Circulation increase gained momentum in the last quarter of 1977 largely because a 1977 Conference action recommended that delegates be responsible for

establishing area GV committees, using area and district structures to sign up a Grapevine representative in every group. There are now 68 area GV committees and 2,000 group GvRs.

Our mail has increased greatly, practically all of it enthusiastic, and we are receiving more and better manuscripts. Outstanding among many excellent articles published in the last year was the Bill W. - Yale correspondence of 1954, when Bill was offered an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. We also publish occasional articles by non-A.A.'s with something significant to say, such as "What A.A. Meetings Taught a Non-A.A. Counselor."

Jack M., Retha G., Ann W.

1978 G.S.O. Budget

A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC. – PUBLISHING

Income: Sales income has been budgeted at \$2,680,700. Allowing for a continuing trend established in the latter part of 1977, and taking the growth of the Fellowship into consideration, the net increase in sales over 1977 is expected to be 12.2%. During 1978, it is anticipated that A.A.W.S., Inc., will distribute 237,000 copies of "Alcoholics Anonymous," 121,500 "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" – regular edition, 31,600 "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" – pocket edition, 17,500 "A.A. Comes of Age," 31,100 "As Bill Sees It," 105,000 booklets, and 6,200,000 pamphlets and miscellaneous items. After deducting \$1,152,700 – the cost of producing the literature and the royalties paid on book sales – the gross profit from sales is estimated to be \$1,528,000. Adding interest earned on daily cash flow, the total income from the publishing activity is expected to be \$1,538,000.

Expenses: Expenses charged against the publishing operation are budgeted at \$946,000. Including employee retirement costs, no longer funded by discounts donated, total expenses are budgeted to be 7.2% higher than 1977. Net publishing income, after operating expenses, is expected to be \$592,000.

GENERAL FUND – GROUP SERVICES

Income: Against the cost of servicing groups, contributions have been budgeted at \$1,087,600. Because 1977 contributions fell below budget, the increase has been set at a conservative 8.2% over the previous year.

Expenses: Total expenses, representing the cost of group services that are charged against group contributions, are expected to be \$1,168,000. Included in this portion of the General Service Office budget is the cost of the General Service Conference, totaling \$83,900. Total service expenses are budgeted to be \$80,400 greater than contribution income. This deficit will be funded from net income of the publishing operation.

GENERAL FUND – OTHER EXPENSES

Other expenses of the General Service Board are budgeted at \$237,300, less the interest earned on a day-of-deposit-to-day-of-withdrawal account. These expenses represent the cost of the quarterly trustee meetings, the expenses of the Public Information Committee and the Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community, the cost of regional forums, legal and auditing expenses, the World Service Meeting, plus other special projects such as a proposed film, estimated to cost \$75,000, and archival expenses. This net expense, totaling \$222,300, will also be funded out of the income from the publishing operation.

After budgeted deficits in the amount of \$302,700, the total net income for the General Service Office is anticipated to be \$289,300. After satisfying operating requirements, the balance of this net will be transferred to the General Service Board Reserve Fund.

1978 Grapevine Budget

Total income: Estimated income, from magazine and other sales, is budgeted at \$585,000. This represents an increase of \$43,000, or 8%, over 1977.

Total expenses: Editorial and printing costs are budgeted \$41,400 higher than 1977; circulation and business expense, \$9,400 higher; and general and administration expenses, \$11,800 lower than 1977. All expenses totaled are expected to be \$553,800, an increase of 8.6%.

Income from operations is budgeted at \$31,200. After satisfying operating needs, the balance of the net income will be transferred to the General Service Board Reserve Fund.

1978 G.S.O. Budget

The budget for 1978 operations of G.S.O. activities is as follows:

BUDGET

A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC. – PUBLISHING

INCOME

Sales	\$2,680,700*
Less: Cost of products and royalties	1,152,700
Gross profit from sales	\$1,528,000
Interest income	10,000
Total income	1,538,000

TOTAL EXPENSES

Excess of income (expense)	592,000
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*Based on the sale of:

237,000 books – "Alcoholics Anonymous"
121,500 books – "Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions" (reg.)
31,600 books – "Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions" (pocket)
17,500 books – "A.A. Comes of Age"
31,100 books – "As Bill Sees It"
and
Pamphlets, booklets, and miscellaneous items

GENERAL FUND – GROUP SERVICES

INCOME

Contributions	\$1,087,600
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TOTAL EXPENSES

Excess of income (expense)	1,168,000**
	(80,400)

**Includes cost of General Service Conference – \$83,900

GENERAL FUND – OTHER EXPENSES

INCOME

Interest	\$ 15,000
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TOTAL EXPENSE

Excess of income (expense)	237,300***
	(222,300)

***Board meetings, P.I.C. expense, C.P.C. expense, legal and auditing fees, regional forums, World Service Meeting, etc.

The publishing activity will contribute \$302,700 to offset the budgeted deficits.

1978 Grapevine Budget

Estimated income from subscription and other sales	\$ 585,000
Total costs and expenses	553,800
Net income from operations	31,200



Scene from proposed film guards anonymity.

1978 CONFERENCE (continued from p. 1)

that would keep them from being recognizable to any general non-A.A. audience. Only members who cooperated were shown, of course.

A number of filmmakers were interviewed before the subcommittee selected as producers David and Karen Crommie (nonalcoholics), Burlingame, Calif., well-known for their sensitive, prizewinning documentaries.

Highlights of other Advisory Actions by the 1978 Conference include:

Agenda — recommended 1979 Conference theme be built around idea of "The Legacies: Our Heritage and My Responsibility."

Cooperation with the Professional Community — suggested that A.A. groups meeting in treatment facilities function better if A.A. members employed by the facilities do not run the A.A. meetings, and that such groups try to abide by the self-support Tradition.

Correctional Facilities — approved publication of new pamphlet for inmates, with the title "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

Finance — raised area contribution for Conference expense from \$200 to \$300; recommended that new pamphlet on finance be prepared, to be titled "Self-Supporting? The 60-30-10 Plan."

Grapevine — recommended delegates continue efforts to make sure each A.A. group has a Grapevine representative.

Literature — recommended that in next printing of "Alcoholics Anonymous," foreword to second edition be included as it was originally published in second edition.

Policy/Admissions — suggested that Conference and trustees' Literature Committees consider publication for all members of early Conference talks made by co-founder Bill W. and Bern Smith (nonalcoholic), former chairperson of board and architect of much of our Third Legacy structure. Next Conference dates are Apr. 22-28, 1979.

Public Information — recommended that existing G.S.O. TV spots and those made available from Northern Florida remain in use, but new spots be considered in 1979.

Report and Charter — recommended adding responsibility for suggesting improvements in A.A. directories to this Conference committee's duties.

Treatment Facilities — approved outline for new pamphlet to replace old "A.A. in Hospitals."

Trustees — board is to consider restudying regional structure and report back in 1979. Term "trustee-at-large" is to replace term "general service trustee — U.S./Canada."

1960 Convention Movie — should remain in archives, Conference decided, and not be shown at A.A. functions, because so many members' faces are seen.

G.S.O. Relocation — Conference voted to take no action to change decision of 1977 Conference that relocation would not be in best interest of A.A. at this time.

At the Conference, it was announced that preliminary plans for the 1980 International Convention are under way, and registration forms will be mailed late in 1979.

NEW BOARD CHAIRPERSON (continued from p. 1)

N.J. He first got interested in A.A. in the 1940's in Illinois when a friend of his recovered in A.A. His doctoral dissertation at the University of Texas in 1949 was one of the first ever written about our Fellowship. Milton continued to do research and writing on A.A., trying especially to increase understanding of A.A. within the professional community.

HOW AND WHY A.A. GROWS (continued from p. 1)

groups, growth is slower and harder. California, with 2,454 groups in 1976, added 366 new groups last year. Quebec, with 834, added 142. A state that had only 72 groups added only eight. Two states with 73 and 60 were able to add only 14 groups between them.

Other factors have also encouraged A.A. growth in the past few years. Perhaps most significant has been the proliferation of rehabilitation and treatment centers.

With growth have come growing pains: busloads of patients; young people bringing with them other addictions, not to mention explicit language and free discussion of sex; court-referred drunk-driving offenders wanting attendance slips signed. These have strained the serenity of many an oldtimer.

The continuing miracle is that Alcoholics Anonymous weathers every storm and flourishes. One reason it flourishes is that it is girded about by the Twelve Traditions. Another is that our service structure — loose, anarchistic, based on responsibility rather than authority — seems to resist change at the core but to be amazingly resilient to temporary tempests that might tear apart other organizations.

But the main reason A.A. flourishes, I believe, is simply that it works. Today, there are a lot more meetings; but when the newcomer gets there, he finds exactly the same love and caring I and every other drunk have found in A.A. for 43 years.

Digest of Agenda

Sunday, April 16

Opening dinner and A.A. meeting

Monday, April 17

Welcome and highlights of past Conferences

Roll call of all Conference members

Conference committee chairpersons

Keynote

Area delegate chairperson

G.S.O. and Grapevine staffs

General Service Board report

Members of General Service Board (trustees)

Reports of A.A.W.S., trustees' committees, and Grapevine

Presentation/discussion: "Let's Carry the A.A. Message" (P.I., C.P.C., institutions)

Joint trustees' and Conference committee meetings

Workshop: "What We Can Do for the Alcoholic"

Tuesday, April 18

Presentation/discussion: "The Twelve Traditions — 'Why It Works'"

Conference committee meetings

Joint meeting of Conference Grapevine Committee and Grapevine Corporate Board

Workshop report-back: "What We Can Do"

Presentation: relocation of G.S.O.

Report: "How and Why A.A. Grows"

Presentation/Discussion: "Who Establishes Policy in A.A.? You, That's Who"

Presentation/discussion: "The Role of the General Service Trustee — U.S./Canada"

Showing of 1960 International Convention film
Delegates' meeting

Wednesday, April 19

Conference committee meetings

Trustee elections

Report: 1980 International Convention

Presentation/discussion: A.A. regional forums

Ask-It Basket

Tour of G.S.O. and Grapevine offices

Distribution of Conference committee reports

Thursday, April 20

Report: World Service Meeting

Presentation/Discussion: "How Our General Service Office Serves Us"

Conference committee reports and discussion

Presentation/discussion: finance

Ask-It Basket

Presentation/discussion: "Are We Letting Others Do Our Work?"

Workshop: "Working With Others — Inside and Outside A.A."

Friday, April 21

Conference committee reports and discussion

Ask-It Basket

Workshop report-back: "Working With Others"

Presentation/discussion: "Participation of the G.S.R. — the Vital Link Between the A.A. Group and the General Service Conference"

Presentation/discussion: anonymity

Workshop: anonymity

Saturday, April 22

Closing brunch and A.A. meeting

Closing talks

Trip to Bedford Hills

Reports on Area Service Highlights: At intervals, Panel 28 delegates shared area experiences.

1977 Group Contributions

by Delegate Area

Area #	General Service Conference Area	Total # of Gps.	# Gps. contrib.	% of Gps. contrib.	Total Group contrib.	No. of Members	Contrib. per capita	Area #	General Service Conference Area	Total # of Gps.	#Gps. contrib.	% of Gps. contrib.	Total Group contrib.	No. of Members	Contrib. per capita
1.	Alabama/N.W. Florida	163	92	56.4%	\$ 5,585.12	2,099	\$2.66	51.	North Carolina	314	220	70.0%	14,414.85	4,760	\$3.02
2.	Alaska	68	32	47.0	1,745.41	743	2.34	52.	North Dakota	104	73	70.1	4,167.92	1,397	2.98
3.	Arizona	285	129	45.2	8,332.79	3,827	2.17	53.	Ohio						
4.	Arkansas	134	67	50.0	3,397.87	1,897	1.79	53.	Cent. & S.E.	185	96	51.8	4,649.95	2,563	1.81
5.	California							54.	Northeastern	411	138	33.5	7,122.35	10,858	.65
5.	Southern	694	302	43.5	23,276.33	33,588	.69	55.	N.W. Ohio/S.E. Mich.	128	79	61.7	4,766.39	1,650	2.88
6.	Northern Coastal	720	422	58.6	28,620.03	16,475	1.73	56.	S.W. Ohio/N. Kentucky	141	93	65.9	4,456.42	1,881	2.36
7.	Northern Interior	276	138	50.0	7,131.21	5,447	1.30	57.	Oklahoma	192	156	81.2	10,483.61	2,304	4.55
8.	San Diego	234	146	62.3	8,147.25	5,418	1.50	58.	Oregon	204	113	55.3	6,167.25	2,399	2.57
9.	Mid-Southern	622	321	51.6	26,491.81	15,477	1.71	58.	Pennsylvania						
10.	Colorado	304	179	58.8	13,310.11	4,286	3.10	59.	Eastern	419	253	60.3	22,358.67	7,943	2.81
11.	Connecticut	497	262	52.7	14,722.83	9,224	1.59	60.	Western	251	162	64.5	10,949.70	3,946	2.77
12.	Delaware	69	51	73.9	3,936.47	966	4.07	61.	Rhode Island	89	51	57.3	3,562.45	1,176	3.02
13.	Dist. of Columbia	158	114	72.1	12,099.23	4,593	2.63	62.	South Carolina	122	82	67.2	4,974.24	1,806	2.75
14.	Florida							63.	South Dakota	100	55	55.0	3,711.81	1,513	2.45
14.	Northern	217	117	53.9	6,579.67	3,009	2.18	64.	Tennessee	188	103	54.7	4,779.22	2,492	1.91
15.	Southern	482	291	60.3	24,780.16	7,827	3.16		Texas						
16.	Georgia	286	215	75.1	13,163.84	4,384	3.00	65.	Northeastern	175	92	52.5	9,021.01	4,941	1.82
17.	Hawaii	98	44	44.8	2,911.56	1,685	1.72	66.	Northwestern	141	79	56.0	4,856.77	2,788	1.74
18.	Idaho	69	35	50.7	1,618.44	734	2.20	67.	Southeastern	147	76	51.7	7,877.10	3,844	2.04
19.	Illinois							68.	Southwestern	199	124	62.3	7,909.52	3,593	2.20
19.	Chicago	752	555	73.8	12,253.73	15,302	.80	69.	Utah	105	61	58.0	3,432.80	1,186	2.89
20.	Northern	441	247	56.0	14,913.17	7,498	1.98	70.	Vermont	59	36	61.0	2,949.45	723	4.07
21.	Southern	179	82	45.8	4,419.77	1,900	2.32	71.	Virginia	336	249	74.1	18,242.76	5,386	3.38
22.	Indiana							72.	Washington	432	255	59.0	19,822.46	6,017	3.29
22.	Northern	238	147	61.7	8,477.72	3,374	2.51	73.	West Virginia	94	65	69.1	3,050.87	1,112	2.74
23.	Southern	151	87	57.6	7,329.11	2,464	2.97		Wisconsin						
24.	Iowa	233	127	54.5	11,605.56	4,564	2.54	74.	N. Wis./Upper Peninsula Mich.	267	161	60.2	10,514.99	3,628	2.90
25.	Kansas	189	126	66.6	8,906.35	4,025	2.21	75.	Southern	286	160	55.9	8,240.12	3,747	2.19
26.	Kentucky	215	124	57.6	11,428.12	2,785	4.10	76.	Wyoming	56	30	53.5	1,355.45	539	2.51
27.	Louisiana	195	114	58.4	6,462.81	2,575	2.50	77.	Puerto Rico	79	49	62.0	2,304.63	1,290	1.78
28.	Maine	120	74	61.6	3,331.30	1,609	2.07	78.	Alberta/N.W.T.	248	143	57.6	9,674.39	2,866	3.37
29.	Maryland	366	202	55.1	11,838.83	4,483	2.64	79.	British Columbia/Yukon	379	203	53.5	16,638.81	5,218	3.18
30.	Massachusetts							80.	Manitoba	128	64	50.0	6,045.28	2,535	2.38
31.	Eastern	546	276	50.5	18,702.31	13,068	1.43	81.	New Brunswick/P.E.I.	127	82	64.5	4,414.19	1,616	2.73
31.	Western	87	42	48.2	3,433.60	1,693	2.02	82.	Nova Scotia/Nfld./Lab.	144	81	56.2	5,006.64	1,605	3.11
32.	Michigan								Ontario						
32.	Central	193	114	59.0	11,170.98	4,665	2.39	83.	Eastern	340	173	50.8	20,066.02	6,317	3.18
33.	Southeastern	242	133	54.9	14,219.97	5,491	2.58	84.	Northeastern	120	59	49.1	4,638.60	1,286	3.61
34.	Western	162	82	50.6	6,101.49	2,573	2.37	85.	Northwestern	50	25	50.0	2,598.74	927	2.80
35.	Minnesota							86.	Western	317	195	61.5	26,630.47	4,488	5.93
35.	Northern	239	144	60.2	6,878.15	5,516	1.24		Quebec						
36.	Southern	410	234	57.0	18,848.11	13,863	1.35	87.	Southwestern	317	221	69.7	25,519.40	8,410	3.03
37.	Mississippi	94	59	62.7	2,712.00	1,203	2.25	88.	Southeastern	145	25	17.2	1,333.01	3,268	.41
38.	Missouri							89.	Northeastern	200	37	18.5	4,806.58	4,312	1.11
38.	Eastern	235	145	61.7	7,318.06	2,541	2.87	90.	Northwestern	180	45	25.0	2,008.19	4,316	.47
39.	Western	107	67	62.6	4,831.17	2,134	2.26	91.	Saskatchewan	218	130	59.6	7,614.48	2,901	2.62
40.	Montana	121	63	52.0	3,735.28	1,306	2.86		Total U.S. & Canada	21,332	12,038	56.4%	\$839,434.03	403,590	\$2.07
41.	Nebraska	212	129	60.8	9,475.90	3,271	2.89								
42.	Nevada	93	53	56.9	2,325.22	1,255	1.85								
43.	New Hampshire	112	59	52.6	2,949.09	1,815	1.62								
44.	New Jersey														
44.	Northern	439	241	54.8	16,781.83	8,012	2.09								
45.	Southern	123	87	70.7	7,758.14	1,496	5.18								
46.	New Mexico	97	68	70.1	3,488.68	1,183	2.94								
47.	New York														
47.	Central	213	97	45.5	5,965.49	2,945	2.02								
48.	Hudson/Mohawk/Berkshire	178	84	47.1	4,320.85	2,260	1.91								
49.	Southeastern	725	368	50.7	35,532.21	17,908	1.98								
50.	Western	112	57	50.8	2,931.34	1,587	1.84								

Contributions reported on this schedule represent only those received directly from individual groups and do not include contributions received as specials, individual, in-memoriam, and anniversary.

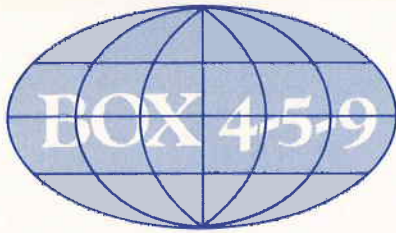
Therefore, you will note, the Total Group Contributions on this report will not agree with the total appearing on the Contributions – by state and province – report.

1977 Contributions

U.S.	# Gps. re- ported	# Gps. contrib.	% of Gps. contrib.	Amount of contrib.	Member- ship	Contrib. per capita	CANADA	# Gps. re- ported	# Gps. contrib.	% of Gps. contrib.	Amount of contrib.	Member- ship	Contrib. per capita
Alabama	135	77	57.0%	\$ 4,772.51	1,885	\$2.53	Alberta	248	143	57.7%	\$ 10,651.99	2,866	\$3.71
Alaska	68	32	47.0	1,938.41	743	2.60	Atlantic Provinces						
Arizona	285	129	45.3	8,579.04	3,827	2.24	New Brunswick	90	56	62.2	3,083.49	1,006	3.06
Arkansas	134	67	50.0	4,260.87	1,897	2.24	Nfld. & Lab.	41	17	41.5	753.46	446	1.68
California	2,546	1,339	52.6	105,116.10	76,405	1.37	Nova Scotia	103	64	62.1	4,426.02	1,159	3.81
Colorado	304	179	58.9	15,092.69	4,286	3.52	Prince Edward Island	37	26	70.3	1,722.46	610	2.82
Connecticut	497	262	52.7	19,970.99	9,224	2.16	British Columbia	403	217	53.8	24,024.49	5,440	4.41
Delaware	69	51	73.9	4,268.12	966	4.41	Manitoba	128	64	50.0	7,040.53	2,535	2.77
District of Columbia	81	51	63.0	6,308.23	2,567	2.45	N.W. Territories	11	7	63.6	225.68	112	2.01
Florida	727	425	58.4	42,863.01	11,050	3.87	Ontario	806	449	55.7	62,905.90	12,912	4.87
Georgia	286	215	75.2	13,774.74	4,384	3.14	Quebec	861	353	41.0	59,943.07	20,707	2.89
Hawaii	98	44	44.9	3,294.79	1,685	1.95	Saskatchewan	218	130	59.6	8,608.16	2,901	2.96
Idaho	92	44	47.8	2,488.99	999	2.49	Yukon Territory	4	3	75.0	268.40	89	3.01
Illinois	1,372	894	65.1	34,774.39	25,387	1.36	TOTAL for						
Indiana	389	239	61.4	17,403.29	5,838	2.98	CANADA	2,950	1,529	51.8%	\$183,654.44	50,783	\$3.61
Iowa	233	127	54.5	13,332.66	4,564	2.92	TOTAL for U.S.						
Kansas	189	126	66.7	10,177.05	4,025	2.52	and CANADA	21,332	12,038	56.4%	\$991,796.29	403,590	\$2.46
Kentucky	215	124	57.7	13,286.78	2,674	4.96							
Louisiana	195	114	58.5	6,778.81	2,575	2.63							
Maine	112	68	60.7	3,478.40	1,503	2.31							
Maryland	453	263	58.0	20,839.64	6,722	3.10							
Massachusetts	633	318	50.2	25,998.91	14,761	1.76	FOREIGN AND OTHER						
Michigan	646	374	57.9	36,671.90	13,637	2.68	Foreign				5,604.01		
Minnesota	649	371	57.2	37,636.91	19,379	1.94	International Doctors in A.A.				300.00		
Mississippi	94	59	62.8	2,962.00	1,203	2.46	International Advisory Council of Young People in A.A.				1,565.47		
Missouri	342	202	59.1	12,944.23	4,675	2.76	Hospital Groups				6,263.21		
Montana	121	63	52.1	3,813.58	1,306	2.92	Prison Groups				325.50		
Nebraska	212	129	60.8	11,093.85	3,271	3.39	World Hello				82.90		
Nevada	93	53	57.0	3,005.75	1,255	2.39	Internationalists				328.95		
New Hampshire	112	59	52.7	3,088.59	1,815	1.70	Internationalists Groups				117.15		
New Jersey	562	328	58.4	26,338.47	9,576	2.75	International Lawyers in A.A.				100.00		
New Mexico	97	68	70.1	4,276.26	1,183	3.61	GRAND TOTAL				\$1,006,483.48		
New York	1,228	606	49.3	54,510.05	24,326	2.24							
North Carolina	314	220	70.1	14,598.20	4,760	3.06							
North Dakota	104	73	70.2	4,354.21	1,397	3.11							
Ohio	778	332	42.7	22,103.33	14,797	1.49							
Oklahoma	192	156	81.2	11,661.06	2,304	5.06							
Oregon	204	113	55.4	8,282.91	2,399	3.45							
Pennsylvania	670	415	61.9	38,393.77	11,885	3.23							
Rhode Island	91	50	54.9	3,999.26	1,210	3.30							
South Carolina	122	82	67.2	9,185.89	1,806	5.08							
South Dakota	100	55	55.0	4,406.97	1,513	2.91							
Tennessee	188	103	54.8	5,622.97	2,492	2.25							
Texas	662	371	56.0	36,761.41	15,166	2.42							
Utah	105	61	58.1	3,444.60	1,186	2.90							
Vermont	59	36	61.0	2,980.45	723	4.12							
Virginia	345	255	73.9	19,310.96	5,520	3.49							
Washington	432	255	59.0	22,551.39	6,017	3.74							
West Virginia	94	65	69.1	4,038.16	1,112	3.63							
Wisconsin	507	287	56.6	17,054.86	6,890	2.47							
Wyoming	56	30	53.6	1,500.45	539	2.78							
Commonwealth of P.R.	79	49	62.0	2,450.99	1,290	1.89							
Canal Zone	3	-0-	-0-	-0-	80	-0-							
Bahama Islands	5	-0-	-0-	-0-	78	-0-							
Virgin Islands of U.S.	3	1	33.3	300.00	50	6.00							
TOTAL for U.S.	18,382	10,509	57.2%	\$808,141.85	352,807	\$2.29							

CONTRIBUTION COMPARISON - 1977-1976						
	# Gps. re- ported	# Gps. contrib.	% of Gps. contrib.	Amount of contrib.	Member- ship	Contrib. per capita
U.S. 1977	18,382	10,509	57.2%	\$808,141.85	352,807	\$2.29
U.S. 1976	16,557	9,396	56.7	764,510.47	320,913	2.38
Increase (Decrease)	1,825	1,113	.5%	\$ 43,631.38	31,894	(\$.09)
Canada 1977	2,950	1,529	51.8%	\$183,654.44	50,783	\$3.61
Canada 1976	2,683	1,419	52.9	167,579.25	47,843	3.50
Increase (Decrease)	267	110	(1.1%)	\$ 16,075.19	2,940	\$.11
U.S. and Canada 1977	21,332	12,038	56.4%	\$991,796.29	403,590	\$2.46
U.S. and Canada 1976	19,240	10,815	56.2	932,089.72	368,756	2.53
Increase (Decrease)	2,092	1,223	.2%	\$ 59,706.57	34,834	(\$.07)

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

June-July 1978

IDEAS AND ITEMS ON AREA A.A. GATHERINGS—VIA G.S.O.

CLOSED MEETING TOPICS FROM THE GRAPEVINE

June: Use "It Takes What It Takes" to start a Step Four discussion; read "Tolerance" and "Us Versus Them," and examine attitudes toward other A.A. groups and non-A.A.'s, as well as fellow members; let "Will We Squander Our Inheritance?" lead into group and personal inventories, with emphasis on responsibility; share experiences in coping with "Recurring Depressions."

July: Six articles on "A.A. and Prisons" suggest a close look at group and individual efforts to help A.A.'s inside the walls; "The Power of the Program" can aid in any Step discussion—about daily use of the Steps or about continuing work on all twelve as a basis for growth; "When Anger Comes In" and "But I'm Only Human" explore the habits of drunken thinking and searching for cop-outs that may extend into sobriety.

A.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 25-28 — *Nashville, Tennessee.* 27th State Conv. Write: Conv. Host Com., P.O. Box 2763, Nashville, TN 37219
- 26-28 — *Bakersfield, California.* Fifth Annual Golden Empire Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3489, Bakersfield, CA 93305
- 26-28 — *Rockford, Illinois.* Fourth Big Book Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 4989-38, Davis Junction, IL 61020
- 26-28 — *Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.* 12th Annual N.W. Ont. Regional Roundup. Write: N.W. Ont. Gen. Serv. Com., P.O. Box 73, Sta. F, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7C 4V5
- 26-28 — *Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.* Gateway Roundup. Write: Secy., 12 — 12th St. E., Prince Albert, Sask., S6V 1B2
- 26-28 — *Boston, Massachusetts.* Second Annual Roundup of Gay People in A.A. Write: G.P.A.A. Roundup, 77 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114
- 26-29 — *Stonypoint, New York.* New York City Young People's Conf. Write: Secy., P.O. Box 3759, Grand Central Sta., New York, NY 10017

JUNE

- 1-4 — *Hobbs, New Mexico.* 21st Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 1171, Hobbs, NM 88240

- 1-4 — *Palm Springs, California.* Annual Desert Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1317, Palm Desert, CA 92260
- 2-4 — *Parksville, British Columbia, Canada.* 18th Annual Rally. Write: Publicity Ch., 917' Island Hwy., Campbell River, B.C., V9W 2C2
- 2-4 — *Kitimat, British Columbia, Canada.* Annual N.W. Area Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., P.O. Box 137, Kitimat, B.C. V8C 2G6
- 2-4 — *Lake Yale, Florida.* Spring Mtgs. Write: Ch., Spring Mtgs., Box 263C, Leesburg, FL 23748
- 2-4 — *Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada.* Fifth Annual Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., 1-1602 Columbia Ave., Castlegar, B.C.
- 3-4 — *Winchester, Virginia.* Four-State & D.C. Get-Together. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 651, Winchester, VA 22601
- 8-11 — *Lubbock, Texas.* Hub of the Plains Conv. Write: Conv., P.O. Box 6511, Lubbock, TX 79413
- 8-11 — *St. Simons Island, Georgia.* 14th Golden Isles Family Weekend. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 508, Statesboro, GA 30458
- 9-11 — *St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.* Seventh Annual Suncoast Conv. Write: Conv., c/o Cent. Off., 8050 Seminole Mall, Suite 321, Seminole Office Center, Seminole, FL 33542
- 9-11 — *Leonardtown, Maryland.* Annual S. Md. Roundup. Write: Ch., Tall Timbers, MD 20690
- 9-11 — *Atlanta, Georgia.* 21st Intl. Conf. of Young People in A.A. Write: 21st I.C.Y.P.A.A., P.O. Box 49551, Atlanta, GA 30359
- 9-11 — *Sioux City, Iowa.* Iowa Spring Conf. Write: Intergroup, P.O. Box 3445, Sioux City, IA 51102
- 9-11 — *Jackson, Mississippi.* 32nd State Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., P.O. Box 542, Meridian, MS 39301
- 9-11 — *Sedona, Arizona.* 24th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3070, West Sedona, AZ 86340
- 9-11 — *Grand Rapids, Minnesota.* Eighth Annual Upper Minn. Get-Together. Write: Get-Together, P.O. Box 661, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- 15-17 — *Eckville, Alberta, Canada.* First Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 39, Eckville, Alta.
- 16-18 — *Cache Creek, British Columbia, Canada.* Third Annual Roundup. Write: Reserv., P.O. Box 654, Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0
- 16-18 — *Redding, California.* N. Calif. Council of A.A. Summer Conf. Write: Ch., 166 Geary St., Rm. 804, San Francisco, CA 94108
- 16-18 — *Vernon, British Columbia, Canada.* Annual Roundup. Write: Com. Ch., 3411-24th Ave., Vernon, B.C. V1T 1L7
- 16-18 — *Grand Junction, Colorado.* Summer Regional Conf. Write: Conf. Secy., 1204 E. County Rd. — 30, Fort Collins, CO 80521
- 16-18 — *Charleston, West Virginia.* State Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 1103, Charleston, WV 25324
- 16-18 — *Madison, New Jersey.* 22nd Annual Conv. of North Jersey Gen. Serv. Write: N.J.G.S. Conv., 13 Riverdale Ave., Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750
- 16-18 — *Brandon, Manitoba, Canada.* 30th Annual W. Man. Conf. Write: Co-ch., P.O. Box 382, Brandon, Man. R7A 0P0
- 17 — *North Bay, Ontario, Canada.* 31st Anniv. Write: Anniv. Com., P.O. Box 494, North Bay, Ont. P1B 8J1
- 17 — *Nassau County, New York.* First Share-a-Day. Write: Com. Ch., Box 563, Floral Park, NY 11002
- 17-18 — *Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada.* Annual Roundup. Write: Secy., Box 2215, Humboldt, Sask.
- 23 — *Seekonk, Massachusetts.* Annual Spring Dinner-Dance & Mtg. Write: R.I. Cent. Serv., 357 Westminster Mall, Rm. 307, Providence, RI 02903
- 23-24 — *Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada.* St. John Valley Dist. 4 Roundup. Write: Ch., 87 Guennette St., Edmundston, N.B.
- 23-25 — *Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.* 17th Kawartha Dist. Conf. Write: Ch., 513-839 Talwood Dr., Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7M6
- 23-25 — *Alcoa, Tennessee.* 20th Anniv. Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., P.O. Box 296, Maryville, TN 37801
- 23-25 — *Birch Island, Ontario, Canada.* First Annual Anishinabe Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., #285-4130, Birch Island P.O., Birch Island, Ont. P0P 1A0
- 23-25 — *North Conway, New Hampshire.* 13th Annual Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., P.O. Box 500, Derry, NH 03038
- 23-25 — *Akron, Ohio.* 43rd Annual Founders Day Weekend. Write: Founders Day Com., P.O. Box 12, Akron, OH 44309
- 30-July 2 — *Hartland, Michigan.* Sixth Great Lakes Agape Weekend. Write: Co-ch., P.O. Box 1314A, Detroit, MI 48232
- 30-July 2 — *San Francisco, California.* Third Annual Gay Groups Western Roundup. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 31474, San Francisco, CA 94131
- 30-July 2 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.* Pacific N.W. Conf. Write: Pacific N.W. Conf., P.O. Box 48291, Bental Centre, Vancouver, B.C.

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JULY

- 1-2 - *Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada.* 11th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 329 Reid St., Quesnel, B.C. V21 2M5
- 4 - *Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania.* Summer Festival. Write: Ch., Box 77, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403
- 7-8 - *Stony Mountain, Manitoba, Canada.* 28th Anniv. (A.A. Behind the Walls) Get-Together. Write: A.A. Liaison Officer, Box 101, Stony Mountain, Man. ROC 3A0
- 7-9 - *Paris, France.* Transatlantic Congress. Write: Journey Assocs., 140 N. Center, Mesa, AZ 85201
- 5-9 - *Hollywood, Florida.* 22nd Annual State Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., P.O. Box 4428, Margate, FL 33063
- 14-16 - *Buffalo, New York.* 15th Annual State Conv. Write: Reserv. Chm., P.O. Box 55, Eldred, PA 16731
- 14-16 - *Baton Rouge, Louisiana.* 21st Annual State Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., 9856 Grand Teton Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70814

- 14-16 - *Lancaster, California.* Fifth Annual Antelope Valley Roundup. Write: Co-ch., 43813 N. Sierra, Lancaster, CA 93534
- 14-16 - *Atlanta, Georgia.* Third Roundup. Write: Atlanta Roundup, P.O. Box 88429, Atlanta, GA 30338
- 15-23 - *New York, New York.* 23rd Annual Intergroup Institutions Com. Dinner/Meeting/Dance. Write: A.A. Intergroup Assoc., 175 Fifth Ave., Flatiron Bldg., Rm. 219, New York, NY 10010
- 21-23 - *Edson, Alberta, Canada.* 18th Annual Dist. 5 Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., P.O. Box 1642, Edson, Alta. T0E 0P0
- 21-23 - *Oxley, Ontario, Canada.* First Annual Midwest Gay Roundup. Write: Coordinators, P.O. Box 1314A, Detroit, MI 48232
- 21-23 - *Boston, Massachusetts.* N.E. Regional Roundup of Young People in A.A. Write: N.O.W. Conf., P.O. Box 326, Kenmore Sta., Boston, MA 02215

- 21-23 - *Toledo, Ohio.* 22nd State Gen. Serv. Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., P.O. Box 6115, Heatherdowns Branch, Toledo, OH 43614
- 21-23 - *Columbia, Missouri.* State Conv. Write: Conv. Treas., P.O. Box G. Urich, MO 64788
- 21-23 - *Farmington, Maine.* First Area Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., P.O. Box 41, New Sharon, ME 04955
- 28-30 - *Tampa, Florida.* S. Fla. Conf. Write: Secy., 9006 Grosse Pt. Cir., Tampa, FL 33615
- 28-30 - *Windsor, Ontario, Canada.* Annual Essex Co. Conf. Write: Essex Conf., Box 1502, Sta. A, Windsor, Ont. N9A 6R5

AUGUST

- 3-6 - *Southfield, Michigan.* Intl. Doctors in A.A. Write: Secy., I.D.A.A., 1950 Volney Rd., Youngstown, OH 44511

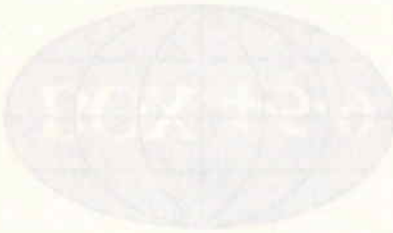
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