

A.A. Receives Volunteer Action Award

A signal honor was accorded Alcoholics Anonymous on April 13 of this year. In recognition of A.A.'s 48-year history of providing the suffering alcoholic with a way back to society and family, President Reagan presented A.A. with a Volunteer Action Award in a ceremony at the White House.

The President's Volunteer Action Awards serve to bring deserved attention to those who symbolize the outstanding accomplishments of the public and private sectors in meeting critical human needs. Awards are made in ten categories: arts and humanities, education, the environment, health, human services, international volunteering, jobs, material resources, public safety, and the workplace.



Accepting the award for Alcoholics Anonymous was William E. Flynn, M.D., a nonalcoholic trustee on A.A.'s General Service Board and current chairperson of the trustees' Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community.

The award itself, in the form of a sterling silver medallion especially created by Tiffany and Co., is an

honor we all share in A.A. This public recognition of the work started in 1935 by our co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, is but another echo of the many thanks for the sobriety more than one million members have today. It is an award gratefully received.

Your Group's Literature Display: Raggedy or Resourceful?

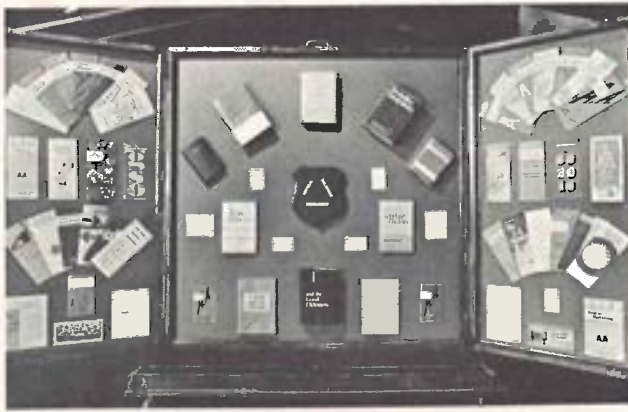
When was the last time you took a good look at your group's literature display? Chances are you pass by without even a glance most of the time. Well, Fred F., A.A. member in Wilmington, Del., doesn't—and suggests all of us clean up our literature displays as soon as possible.

Fred mentions that in visits to A.A. groups in his area, and even at his home group, he has noticed that most displays are out-of-date and often out of literature.

What's there is often dog-eared, and the lack of primary pamphlets is hardly what should greet the newcomer looking for information. This was brought home to Fred one night when six first-timers at his meeting asked questions that are answered clearly in our A.A. literature. "I was chagrined," says Fred. "I looked at our A.A. literature rack and none of the new and exciting A.A. messages were there. The rack was a shambles."

Since A.A. literature is so important to everyone, new and old, and since it is written by drunks for drunks, its value and availability should be closely watched. Its special message to the alcoholic is able to win his ear and his confidence. It says, "We've been there."

In examining your literature supply and the way it's displayed, one of the first considerations is the nature of your group and its membership. Pamphlets such as "Young People and A.A." and "Too Young?" obviously appeal to the young newcomer, while "It Happened to Alice" would interest women. "44 Questions" and the



This convention and meeting display, designed by the Central Delaware Intergroup, contains the latest A.A. literature. It folds up into a handy carrying case that also rolls out to your car.

excerpt "How It Works" are for everyone!

Your literature chairperson (and every group should have one) should take stock of the literature and, after some experience, be able to order those pamphlets and booklets that will "fly off the shelves"—or rather racks.

Discount packages of selected A.A. literature can be obtained from G.S.O., along with a catalog of Conference-approved literature and other service materials.

Finally, a beautiful display rack, with the sign "Let literature carry the message, too," can also be obtained from G.S.O., so just contact us. As Fred F. puts it: "It sure will bring your A.A. literature to life."

As a point of interest, did you know the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" still leads the way, with 462,100 copies distributed in 1982? Among A.A.'s booklets, "Living Sober" is the leader (129,300); and "Is A.A. for You?" is the most popular pamphlet ordered—to the tune of 495,900 a year!

Good News for Spanish-Speaking Loners and Seamen

Since A.A.'s early days, the General Service Office in New York has served those who cannot attend regular meetings, making it possible for them to correspond with other A.A.'s. As the name implies, Loners are A.A.'s who live in remote locations. Seafaring members are known as Internationalists, and A.A.'s who are housebound also participate as LIMs (acronym for *Loners-Internationalists Meeting*). A large number of Loner Sponsors share experience, strength, and hope via letters

and tapes with those who cannot attend meetings regularly.

Service for Spanish-speaking Lone Members has been a concern because *Loners-Internationalists Meeting*, a bimonthly newsletter, is printed only in English. Of the more than 2,000 participants, only a small handful are Spanish-speaking (34 at a recent count), so it simply has not been practical to publish *L.I.M.* in Spanish. The best we could offer was to put our A.A. friends in touch with each other and send Spanish literature, *Box 4-5-9* (Spanish edition), and *L.I.M.*, with the hope that an A.A. friend could translate it. Plans are now being made for our *amigos* at the General Service Office in Mexico City to serve Spanish-speaking Loners, LIMs and Internationalists, with the transfer of service taking place late this summer. Any Spanish-speaking A.A. interested in participating in the Loners-Internationalists Group may write directly to Oficina de Servicios Generales, Apartado Postal 2970, Mexico 1, D.F., Mexico.

Deaf Carry Message To 'Listening Ears'

When deaf A.A. member Robin Y., of Corpus Christi, Tex., was asked to chair an A.A. meeting without an interpreter on hand, she said no. Then she changed her mind. "I figured, 'Why not?'" she says. "Aren't we all deaf, dumb, and blind when we hit the doors of the Fellowship for the first time?"

With the help of a typist and her trusty TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf), Robin became the first deaf member to chair "a normal hearing meeting in Corpus Christi." Her topic, appropriately enough, was Step Three: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him.*"

"It turned out beautiful," Robin reports, "and I felt so good inside. Many people came up to me afterward and said it was great. I got lots of hugs and warm fuzzies, too."

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More and more, A.A.'s around the world are finding that the common bond of recovery in the Fellowship can transcend the barriers of physical handicap. But, as deaf A.A. Madeline M., Quebec, Canada, notes, "It is important for the hearing members of A.A. to help the deaf alcoholic." She is "amazed at the number of program people who have told me, 'I never realized deaf people were alcoholics'."

However, she says, the tide is turning. Several of her hearing friends in A.A. have taken a course in sign language. Also, relatives of the hearing-impaired "have called to tell me how they have prayed for a meeting for the deaf." And some members of Sign of Life, an A.A. group for the deaf that Madeline helped found in May 1982, "have been reunited with their families since being sober. Isn't that beautiful?"

Madeline, who has just translated the pamphlet "A Brief Guide to A.A." into French, especially for the deaf, writes that she is pleased "to see in *Box 4-5-9* that news about and for the deaf is being shared all over the world."

From another hearing-impaired member comes a heartwarming Twelfth Step experience. Asked by an unknown A.A. caller to meet a deaf friend at the airport and help him change planes, she corralled a fellow member and off they went together. The man they met was all of "12 hours sober and very shaky." He was bound for a detox and halfway house.

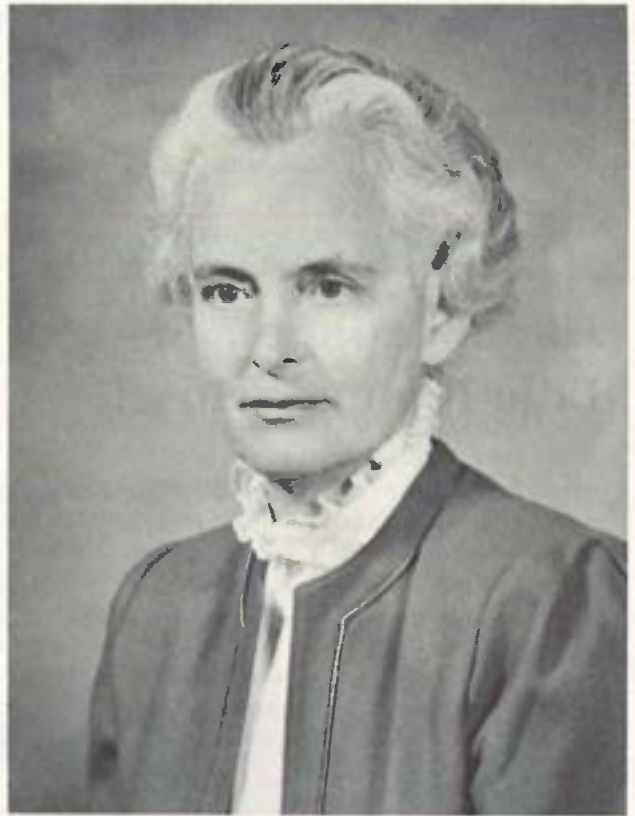
The instant A.A. friends held "a mini-meeting on the shuttle bus, and since we were using sign language, we felt safe to openly discuss our drinking and sobriety experiences. I sincerely doubt that the man could have made the connection to his second flight without the hand of someone. I'm just glad it was 'the hand of A.A.'!"

The person relating this story wishes to have even her initials and locale withheld because "deaf A.A. is very small." Just saying a city can give away a person's identity. Even within A.A., there are problems with anonymity and deaf members. "Deaf alcoholics have stayed away from meetings," she says, "they don't trust the other deaf members to keep quiet."

"Further, the deaf world still attaches more of a stigma to alcoholism than does the hearing world, because getting information if you're deaf is much harder than easily overhearing conversations or listening to radio and television."

Improved ways to carry the message to deaf members at an A.A. convention in Louisville, Ky., last February are reported by Norma L. Here are some, which can readily be adapted to local needs:

"Because the deaf world is a visual one, there were large posters strategically located at the registration tables and the auditorium entrance, so that the hearing-impaired would know that an interpreter would be available and also know the location of their special seating.



Joan K. Jackson, Ph.D., new Class A trustee.
(See story page 6.)

"Another reason for visual cues: There were hard-of-hearing persons who might not hear the announcements and would benefit by sitting in the section for the hearing-impaired. Not all people with hearing problems sign; some read lips. Those who had become partially deaf in later life found fewer distracting sounds in the section for the hearing-impaired and so gained far more from the sessions.

"Special seating areas in the front rows were well marked. It was considered best to keep the section in the first few rows either in the right-hand or left-hand section—as opposed to spreading them all the way across the auditorium.

"The interpreter was placed right next to the speaker; thus, the two became a common focal point for the deaf, eliminating the need to look from one to the other. Even though they cannot hear, the deaf wish to see the facial expressions and body language of the speaker while following the interpreter."

In concluding her report, Norma commends A.A. literature published in simplified language for the deaf,

such as "A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous" and "A Newcomer Asks," which she has found helpful in her work as a certified professional interpreter for the deaf in Louisville. G.S.O. also has guidelines on working with the deaf alcoholic.

Habla Español? Sí— Et le Français Aussi!

As you can imagine, we get all kinds of correspondence stuffing our mailbox here in the General Service Office. Most of the requests, comments, etc. are of course in English; however, there is a great deal of material written in just about every foreign language one could think of.



Teresita Giraldo, bilingual secretary, at her desk at the General Service Office.

And that brings us to the question posed above: Spanish and French represent the bulk of the foreign language letters arriving daily, and they must be answered and dealt with in the same manner as standard English correspondence. To that end, we are fortunate in having Teresita Giraldo, who is G.S.O.'s non-alcoholic bilingual secretary, responsible for translating and typing all Spanish copy to and from groups in the U.S. and Canada and G.S.O.'s worldwide. Just this past year, Teresita translated 2,458 letters and other types of material.

Additionally, she handles tours of Spanish-speaking people in our offices and Spanish P.I. calls, and also assists in the translation of the Spanish *Box 4-5-9*. Last October, Teresita's talents were most valuable in prep-

arations for the Seventh World Service Meeting, held in Mexico.

An incoming letter in Spanish is translated by Teresita and given to the staff member concerned with the topic involved. Then she translates the staff member's answer into Spanish for mailing. Finally, Teresita's skills are available to all G.S.O. departments when needed.

Not only do we have many A.A. books, pamphlets, booklets, and service items available in Spanish and French, but letters, requests, phone calls and the like are efficiently completed whatever the language.

Remembering our primary purpose of helping the suffering alcoholic, we could hardly allow a language barrier to stop us. Our hats are off—with gratitude—to Teresita.

Muchas gracias and merci bien!

Many pieces of service material, as well as printed literature, are available in French and Spanish as well as English. Write to G.S.O. for a list.

Mailbag: More on Seat-Savers

A.A.'s who stake out seats for their friends at meetings ("Save a Seat—Lose a Newcomer?," February-March *Box 4-5-9*)—with everything from keys to coats to candy bars—earn less than kudos from Spanish-speaking member Francisco A.: "I never thought that someone in an A.A. group had the privilege to save a seat. How can you save a seat for an alcoholic if you do not know that he or she is coming back? I myself can only know if I am going to be sober today, and I would never dare save a seat for someone else. I feel happy when I see a friend who is sober, who comes to a meeting to join me today, and sits wherever he or she wishes."

Dean K., central office secretary of Greater Seattle Intergroup, comments on the article "Central Offices Have a Choice: Confusion or Cooperation?" (April-May issue): "The Seattle Intergroup Office provides liaison with the Washington Area Committee through its quarterly D.C.M. meetings and the annual assembly. The vice-chairperson of the intergroup board is assigned this responsibility: he or she reports to the committee on Seattle Intergroup activities, and, in turn, to intergroup on matters affecting A.A. throughout the state and worldwide."

Dean encloses with his letter a group handbook developed locally for use by intergroup representatives, zone representatives, and group secretaries. It contains, among other things, an A.A. structure chart that clearly shows the relationship of the A.A. group and its representatives to the workings of the Fellowship at large. Dean notes: "There are seven general service districts within the intergroup area. Some liaison is maintained at this district level but we have not been able to work out a systematic method of doing this to date. Occasionally, members of the intergroup board will speak at district meetings, and sometimes district reps. will visit the intergroup meetings, but there is no regularity in these contacts."

Reading of the struggle of ten A.A. groups in Bahia State, Brazil, to carry the message despite drought, famine, and floods (Central Office Corner, February-March issue), Cesaam, of the Central Office of A.A. in the State of Amazonas, Brazil, writes: "Bahia does not suffer alone in this country; our Amazonas has difficulties few people know.

"Located in northern Brazil, our state is about one-third of the U.S. in size. We have limited transportation, mainly by boat; only three highways give us access by land, making it difficult to get to the small communities. We make do, guided by the responsibility of the Twelve Steps, even though it takes us about four days to get to our nearest alcoholics needing help.

"Meanwhile, we have 13 groups in the state capital and 14 in the interior regions. Surmounting this and that difficulty, we will continue to grow slowly but decisively."

G.S.O.'s June R. Had a 'Gift for Friendship'

A warm and loving presence and, yes, an echo of laughter still linger at the General Service Office, though June R. died on May 4. At a memorial service on May 19, an A.A. member recalled June's "extraordinary gift for friendship." She began gathering A.A. friends, in the early years of her sobriety, at the St. Nicholas Group. Soon, the circle widened to include A.A.'s all over New York City. And after June became a G.S.O. staff member, early in 1973, the power of her gift extended, through letters and personal contact, to A.A.'s all over the world.

The A.A. who spoke at the service also remarked on June's wry wit and talent for mimicry, a rare humor that was never unkind. This was less an occasion for mourning than a celebration of her life. How fortunate we are that she shared her life so generously with us.

Happy Retirement To Beth K.

As the coming Labor Day weekend begins, Beth K. will leave her desk at G.S.O. for a really long holiday. Our oldtimer has been rotating through the staff assignments since April 1959, and she has been gratefully sober in A.A. since 1951. No, she's not all *that* old; she entered the Fellowship as one of its then-rare youthful members. Before joining the G.S.O. staff, Beth worked at the busy New York Intergroup office.

When asked what she considered the most important factor in service work, Beth replied: "Keep your sense of humor and don't take yourself too seriously."

She has her retirement island all picked out, she tells us. It's called Manhattan; she plans to stay in the apartment she shares with Jean Pierre, a toy poodle known to one and all as J. P. There will be occasional trips, of course; in fact, Beth has already been invited to speak at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Convention, in the Poconos in November. And her apartment isn't too far from G.S.O.—we'll be seeing you, Beth.

Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

For more detailed suggestions see the pages noted.

August (p. 17): different ways to work the program; uniqueness; 13th-stepping; carrying the message.

September (p. 34): Step Three; anonymity, working the Steps; responsibility.

Take an A.A. Directory On Your Vacation

The 1983 A.A. directories are now available and will help you find A.A. meetings and Fellowship friends no matter where your vacation takes you. All directories are confidential and are available to A.A. members only. At 75¢ each they are: *Western U.S. A.A. Directory*, *Eastern U.S. A.A. Directory*, *Canadian A.A. Directory*, *International A.A. Directory*. Please order through your group. Should you order directly from G.S.O. please identify yourself as an A.A. member.

New Class A Trustee

The 1983 General Service Conference looked favorably upon the trustees' Nominating Committee recommendation of Joan K. Jackson, Ph.D., as a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee.

Dr. Jackson, a sociologist, a teacher, and the author of numerous articles in the field of alcoholism, presently resides in Connecticut, where she is engaged in research with her husband, Stanley W. Jackson, M.D.

"When I began my research on alcoholism, A.A. members taught me about the illness and about the people I was to study," she said.

Joan Jackson, who will join the six other Class A trustees serving in an advisory capacity to the Fellowship, is a welcome addition to A.A.'s list of nonalcoholic friends. (Photograph page 3)

'Gratifying and Joyful'

G.S.O. received a beautiful letter from Donald R., chairperson of the Public Information Committee, Crystal Beach, Ont., Canada, about what they are doing to bring the A.A. message to the public at large.

The P.I. Committee has devised and mailed out more than 200 letters to schools and factories in Crystal Beach offering to speak before groups and disseminate A.A. literature as requested. As Don puts it: "To the 15 people on our committee, carrying the message to the alcoholic in this way is the most gratifying and joyful experience we have ever had."

Don reports that in a visit to his local high school, he had the opportunity to answer the concerned questions of the students—and indeed bring comfort and hope to a young girl who broke down in class and asked for help. Although much confusion still exists about P.I. committees' work both within and without A.A., the positive results obtained by Don's group in Crystal Beach are proof that P.I. is vital and necessary.

A Special Thanksgiving

Hardly ever can we remember attending an A.A. meeting without hearing words of gratitude from at least one member. Indeed, all of us realize that without this life-giving program, the hand of alcoholism would grip us still.

In the Pittsburgh area, that realization is expressed in a very concrete way: through contributions during Gratitude Week. Each year, during Thanksgiving week, Pittsburgh area A.A. groups ask members to contribute a sum based on years of sobriety as an expression of thanks. The amount is up to the individual and is used to support the area's answering service, thus "allowing the hand of A.A. to be there for every sick and suffering alcoholic who reaches out for help."

The funds collected are distributed according to the suggested 60-30-10 formula. We are grateful for the sharing, which we hope will be useful to other central offices around the country.

Service and Step Work

It isn't always easy to see the connection, but service in A.A. is definitely a form of Twelfth Step work, and the benefits to be reaped are accordingly satisfying and valuable to A.A. as a whole.

Bill B., West Virginia past delegate, Panel 31, recalls that because his sponsor was actively engaged in service, he was thus encouraged to do the same. He attended meetings and learned the relationship among the various service functions and became involved. "Sometimes," says Bill, "it's hard to perceive, but if we don't get prospective service workers involved, billions of alcoholics will be denied our message of hope."

The most important factors in interesting members in service, according to Bill, are: the idea that "it begins with me"; sponsoring someone into service; the concept of service as Twelfth Step work; and making service sound like fun! Thanks for your ideas, Bill.

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

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1983

Calendar of Events

August

4-7 — *Hot Springs, Arkansas*. 43rd Annual State Conv. Write: Treas., 10901 Yosemite Valley Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212

4-7 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. Int. Doctors in A.A. Annual Mtg. Write: Information Secy., IDAA, 1950 Volney Rd., Youngstown, OH 44511

5-7 — *Squamish, British Columbia, Canada*. 10th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1400, Squamish, B.C. V0N 3G0

5-7 — *Sparks, Nevada*. Sixth Annual Sierra Nevada Roundup. Write: Reg. Ch., P.O. Box 3529, Sparks, NV 89431

5-7 — *Casa Grande, Arizona*. 20th Sahuaro Agape Weekend. Write: Secy., P.O. Box 40214, Tucson, AZ 85717

5-7 — *San Jose, California*. Santa Clara Valley Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 7786, San Jose, CA 95150

5-7 — *DeKalb, Illinois*. State Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 541, DeKalb, IL 60115

5-8 — *Indio, California*. Ninth Annual Ninth Dist. Conv. Write: Ch., 73-435 Cataline Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260

12-14 — *Washington, District of Columbia*. Fourth Annual Capital Roundup (sponsored by gay groups). Write: Roundup Com., P.O. Box 1697, Washington, DC 20013

12-14 — *Arlington, South Dakota*. 12th Annual Camp-out. Write: Ch., Box 156, Tyn-dall, SD 57066

12-14 — *Granby, Quebec, Canada*. Second Bilingual Conv. of Dists. 20, 21. Write: Ch., 1068, Denison St. W., R.R. 1, Granby, Que. J2G 8C6

12-14 — *Northfield, Minnesota*. 35th Anniv. S. Minn. Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 147, New London, MN 56273

12-14 — *Tulameen, British Columbia, Canada*. Camp-out. Write: Ch., Box 1396, Princeton, B.C. V0X 1G0

12-14 — *Dallas, Texas*. Lone Star Roundup. Write: Reg. Ch., P.O. Box 5112, Richardson, TX 75080

12-14 — *Guelph, Ontario, Canada*. 14th Annual C.W. Ont. Conv. Write: Ch., 112-A Dolph St. N., Cambridge (P), Ont. N3H 2A4

12-14 — *Moorhead, Minnesota*. 10th Annual Red River Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 558, Moorhead, MN 56560

13 — *Gillette, Wyoming*. Second Annual Sum-

mer Roundup Dist. 3. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2632, Gillette, WY 82716

18-21 — *Omaha, Nebraska*. Cornhusker Roundup VI. Write: Ch., Box 425, Bellevue, NE 68005

19-21 — *Austin, Texas*. Second Chisholm Trail Roundup. Write: Ch., 1105 Castile Rd., Austin, TX 78746

19-21 — *Meeker, Colorado*. Annual White River Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2170, Meeker, CO 81641

19-21 — *Omak, Washington*. Third Annual Easy Does It Camp-out. Write: Ch., 900 1st Ave. S., Okanogan, WA 98840

19-21 — *Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 222 16th Ave. S., Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 2Z6

19-21 — *Cape Croker, Ontario, Canada*. Fifth Annual Conf. Write: Ch., R.R. #5, Wiarton, Ont. N0H 2T0

19-21 — *Lambert, Montana*. First Annual Lower Yellowstone Young People's Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 243, Sidney, MT 59270

24-27 — *Orlando, Florida*. 39th Annual S.E. Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 19837, Orlando, FL 32814

25-28 — *Atlanta, Georgia*. Southern Regional Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 13888, Atlanta, GA 30324

26-28 — *Chautauque, New York*. 30th Tri-State Canadian Assembly. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 21, Fredonia, PA 16124

26-28 — *Maui, Hawaii*. Second Annual Maui Hoolaulea's Roundup. Write: Treas., 495 Wainee St., Lahaina, HI 96761

26-28 — *Sioux City, Iowa*. Third Annual Tri-State Camp-out. Write: Cent. Off., P.O. Box 3445, Sioux City, IA 51102

26-28 — *Norfolk, Virginia*. 34th State Conv. Write: State Conv., P.O. Box 8249, Norfolk, VA 23503

26-28 — *Salinas, California*. First Annual Coastal Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 5043, Salinas, CA 93915

26-28 — *Columbus, Indiana*. S.E. Ind. Inter-group Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 441, Columbus, IN 47201

26-28 — *Cleveland, Ohio*. First Annual Roundup. Write: Ohio Roundup, P.O. Box 91251, Cleveland, OH 44101

27-28 — *Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*. Fourth Annual Edmonton Young People's Roundup. Write: Ch., #107 10745 83 Ave., Edmonton, Alta. T6E 2E5

27 — *Milton, Ontario, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 434 Mountain View Dr., Milton, Ont. L9T 1W2

27-29 — *Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada*. Young People's Rally. Write: Ch., 2875 Bank Rd., Kamloops, B.C. V2B 6Y5

September

2-4 — *Juneau, Alaska*. First Annual Frontier Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1661, Juneau, AK 99802

2-4 — *Dryden, Ontario, Canada*. Sixth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 257 First St., Dryden, Ont. P8N 2T5

2-4 — *Abilene, Texas*. Third Annual Big Country Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3011, Abilene, TX 79604

2-4 — *Warwick, New York*. Eighth Annual Young People's Conf. of Orange Cty. Write: Secy., P.O. Box 536, Vernon, NJ 07462

2-4 — *Houma, Louisiana*. Third Annual Bayouland Jamboree. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1902, Houma, LA 70361

2-4 — *Eugene, Oregon*. Area Conference. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1528, Eugene, OR 97440

2-4 — *Penticton, British Columbia, Canada*. 18th Annual S. Okanagan Labor Day Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 524, Penticton, B.C. V2A 6K9

2-4 — *Green Bay, Wisconsin*. Fall Area Conf. Write: Ch., Box #314, De Pere, WI 54115

2-4 — *Palm Beach, Florida*. Third Annual Area Roundup. Write: Ch., 1728 Latham Rd., W. Palm Beach, FL 33409

2-4 — *Washington, District of Columbia*. 12th

Planning an October, November or December Event?

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

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- Spanish Conv. of U.S.A., Canada and Puerto Rico. Write: Conv. Com., P.O. Box 3345, Washington, DC 20010
- 2-4 — *Denver, Colorado*. State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 6387, Aurora, CO 80045
- 2-4 — *Chapleau, Ontario, Canada*. 16th Annual Golden Route Group Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 12, Chapleau, Ont. P0M 1K0
- 2-4 — *Beaver, Utah*. Eighth Annual Great Outdoor Beaver Mtg. and Campvention. Write: Ch., Box 563, Beaver, UT 84713
- 2-5 — *Broken Bow, Nebraska*. Pressey Park Camp-out. Write: Ch., 316 S. 11th, Broken Bow, NE 68822
- 2-5 — *Palm Beach, Florida*. 3rd Annual S. Fla. Roundup. Write: Ch., 1728 Latham Rd., W. Palm Beach, FL 33409
- 3-5 — *Powell River, British Columbia, Canada*. 36th Annual Rally. Write: Ch., 5553 Manson Ave., Powell River, B.C. V8A 3R3
- 4 — *Fremont, California*. Annual Unity Picnic. Write: Ch., 1787 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566
- 6-11 — *Ocean City, Maryland*. 26th Annual Session by the-Sea. Write: Com., P.O. Box 23, Denton, MD 21629
- 8-11 — *Jekyll Island, Georgia*. Fifth Annual Jekyll Island Serenity Weekend. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 98, Nahunta, GA 31553
- 9-10 — *New York, New York*. Seventh Annual Int. Lawyers in A.A. Conf. Write: Ch., ILAA, 202 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601
- 9-11 — *Dunnville, Ontario, Canada*. 17th Annual Dunnville Conf. Write: Ch., Box 163, Dunnville, Ont. N1A 2W9
- 9-11 — *Many, Louisiana*. 16th Annual Toro Hills Conv. Write: Ch., 930 E. Main, Many, LA 71449
- 9-11 — *Moodus, Connecticut*. 25th Annual State Conv. Write: Res. Ch., P.O. Box 892, New Milford, CT 06776
- 9-11 — *Phoenix, Arizona*. 33rd Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 11719, Phoenix, AZ 85061
- 9-11 — *Riverton, Wyoming*. Fall Conf. Write: State Fall Conf. Write: Box 144, Lander, WY 82520
- 9-11 — *Santa Maria, California*. 16th Annual 22nd Dist. Conv. Write: Reg. Ch., 384 Buchon St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- 9-11 — *Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Secy./Treas., P.O. Box 348, Revelstoke, B.C. V0E 2S0
- 9-11 — *Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*. 32nd Area Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 4342, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 5B3
- 15-18 — *Mobile, Alabama*. 28th Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 6606, Mobile, AL 36660
- 16-18 — *Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada*. Tenth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 165, Medicine Hat, Alta. T1A 7E8
- 16-18 — *Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada*. 24th Roundup. Write: Ch., 10009-89 Ave., Grand Prairie, Alta. T8V 0E2
- 16-18 — *Anchorage, Alaska*. State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 280, Wasilla, AK 99680
- 16-18 — *Kenora, Ontario, Canada*. 12th Annual Lake of the Woods Groups Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 92, Keewatin, Ont. P0X 1C0
- 16-18 — *Detroit, Michigan*. 31st State Conf. Write: Ch., 21718 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
- 16-18 — *Oxnard, California*. Fifth Annual Ventura County Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 7139, Oxnard, CA 93031
- 16-18 — *Fort Worth, Texas*. 20th Annual Area Fall Assy. and Conf. Write: Ch., 3801 Wayside Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76110
- 23-25 — *Somerset, New Jersey*. 27th Annual State General Service Conv. Write: Conv., 221 W. Franklin St., Bound Brook, NJ 08805
- 23-25 — *Salt Lake City, Utah*. Biennial Sky-line Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1461, Salt Lake City, UT 84110
- 23-25 — *Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1741, Swift Current, Sask. S9H 4G6
- 23-25 — *Repentigny, Quebec, Canada*. First Congress, Dist. 90-08 (French-speaking). Write: Ch., Bureau de Services, C.P. 134, Repentigny, Que. J6A 5H7
- 23-25 — *Monroe, Louisiana*. Ninth Anniv. Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1056, Monroe, LA 71201
- 23-25 — *Big Sky, Montana*. Eighth Annual Serenity Celebration. Write: Ch., Box 200, Big Sky, MT 59716
- 23-25 — *Brampton, Ontario, Canada*. Brampton-Bramalea Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 401, Brampton, Ont. L6V 2L3
- 23-25 — *Bull Shoals, Arkansas*. Third Annual Autumn in the Ozarks Conf. Write: Ch., Route 1, Box 183, Lakeview, AR 72642
- 23-25 — *Ossining, New York*. Fourth Annual Mtg. of Social Workers Helping Social Workers. Write: Ch., SWHSW, 20 Waterside Plaza, 2J, New York, NY 10010
- 23-25 — *Jamestown, North Dakota*. Annual State Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1575, Jamestown, ND 58401
- 25 — *Providence, Rhode Island*. Fourth Annual Roundup. Write: Roundup Com., P.O. Box 9342, Providence, RI 02940
- 30-Oct. 2 — *Duluth, Minnesota*. 38th Annual Roundup. Write: Banquet, P.O. Box 6771, Duluth, MN 55806
- 29-Oct. 2 — *Amarillo, Texas*. 36th Annual Top o' Texas Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 412, Amarillo, TX 79105
- 30-Oct. 2 — *Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*. 39th Keystone Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1084, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 2X4
- 30-Oct. 2 — *Indianapolis, Indiana*. East Central Regional Forum. Write: Reg. Forum Secy., P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163
- 30-Oct. 2 — *Salina, Kansas*. State Conf. Write: Com., P.O. Box 805, Salina, KS 67401
- 30-Oct. 2 — *Bellevue, Washington*. Area Assy. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 5043, Bellevue, WA 98009
- nual Conf. (sponsored by lesbians and gays). Write: Ch., 346 Spadina Rd., Toronto, Ont. M5P 2V4
- 7-9 — *Great Falls, Montana*. Fall Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 7260, Great Falls, MT 59460
- 7-9 — *Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada*. 28th Annual N.E. Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 702, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. P6A 5N2
- 7-9 — *Dubuque, Iowa*. State Fall Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 612, Dubuque, IA 52001
- 7-9 — *Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada*. 11th Annual Dist. 7 Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2129, Slave Lake, Alta. T0G 2A0
- 7-9 — *Montreal, Quebec, Canada*. Bilingual Conv. (English-French). Write: Ch., C.P. 460, Sta. "R", Montreal, Que. H2S 3M3
- 7-9 — *Arlington, Virginia*. 13th N.E. Regional Conv. Write: Conv., P.O. Box 5673, Friendship P.O., Washington, DC 20016
- 7-9 — *Geneva Park, Quillia, Ontario, Canada*. 19th Annual Georgian Bay Conf. Write: Host Com., Lefroy P.O., Lefroy, Ont. L01 1W0
- 7-9 — *Lahr/Schwarzwald, West Germany*. Eighth Annual European Intergroup Area 5 Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2549, CFPO 5000, Belleville, Ont. K0K 3R0
- 7-9 — *Clarksburg, West Virginia*. Jackson's Mill Fall Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301
- 7-9 — *Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada*. 19th Annual Atl. Area Assy. Write: Reg. Ch., P.O. Box 2007, Dartmouth Postal Sta. E., Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 3X9
- 7-9 — *Lake Yale, Florida*. 16th Annual Mtgs. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 996, Merritt Island, FL 32952
- 14-16 — *Utica, New York*. 32nd Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 4273, Utica, NY 13504
- 14-16 — *Rapid City, South Dakota*. Fall Conf. Write: P.I. Ch., Apt. B., 919 12th, Rapid City, SD 57701
- 14-16 — *Grenada, Mississippi*. N. Miss. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 56, Calhoun City, MS 38916
- 14-16 — *Racine, Wisconsin*. Fall Conf. Write: Treas., P.O. Box 5212, Racine, WI 53404
- 14-16 — *Claresholm, Alberta, Canada*. Tenth Annual Roundup. Write: Group Secy., P.O. Box 45, Claresholm, Alta. T0L 0T0
- 15-22 — *Los Angeles, California*. Sober Sailors V Cruise. Write: Ch., 5008 Mecca St., Tazana, CA 91356
- 21-23 — *Monterey, California*. Fourth Annual Conf. by the Sea. Write: Ch., 177 Webster, A-217, Monterey, CA 93940
- 21-23 — *London, Ontario, Canada*. 30th Annual Area Conv. Write: Pub. Ch., P.O. Box 725, London, Ont. N6A 4Y8
- 27-30 — *Rotterdam, Holland, the Netherlands*. 35th Anniversary of A.A. Write: Ch., Box 1594, Amsterdam, Holland
- 28-30 — *Hays, Kansas*. N.W. Kans. Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 326, Hays, KS 67601
- 28-30 — *Thief River Falls, Minnesota*. Eighth Annual Fall Festival. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 366, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
- 29 — *New York, New York*. Intergroup Assoc. Annual Dinner and Dance Mtg. in Honor of Bill W. Write: Dinner Com., Rm. 219, 175 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010

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- 7-9 — *Bakersfield, California*. 32nd Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1536, Huntington Beach, CA 92649
- 7-9 — *San Francisco, California*. N. Calif. Fall Conf. Write: Secy., 1046 Irving St., San Francisco, CA 94122
- 7-9 — *Toronto, Ontario, Canada*. Third An-