

BOX 4-5-9

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE OF A.A.

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Beginners Meetings Bring Double Rewards, Groups Say

Ever hear anyone say, "Newcomers arrive, but very few stick around"? Or "So many patients come from treatment centers and courts that we simply cannot help very many"? Or "Many people won't sponsor beginners anymore"?

Here at G.S.O., we often hear about such group problems. We also hear that, over the years, many of them have been solved by starting beginners meetings. These meetings are very easy to set up, and the results are rich—both for the groups and for the newcomers.

G.S.O. would be glad to help by sending you "Suggestions for Leading Beginners Meetings." The eight-page leaflet comes in a special envelope with a selection of ten A.A. pamphlets found helpful in preparing to lead such meetings.



(Price for whole packet: \$1.50.)

The leaflet gives leaders six suggested topics for meetings. It also tells what kind of meeting has been found to work best, and explains how leaders prepare themselves. It answers three important questions about the meetings and discusses the physical or other arrangements necessary.

Since each A.A. group is autonomous, your group may plan the meetings as it chooses. No doubt,

you can come up with some new ideas of your own. If so, please be sure to let us know of anything that works particularly well, so we can share it with other groups.

If you already have such meetings, please tell us about them. How often are they held? What is the format? Is *anyone* welcome?

For example, in one Canadian province, some groups say the meetings are "for alcoholics only"; in one state, only those who *say* they are alcoholics are admitted; but in another state, any people who think they may have a drinking problem may attend and bring a friend, spouse, sponsor, or anyone else.

We know of one group where beginners meetings are mostly lectures, informative about alcoholism and A.A., but also highly en-

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FAR EAST SAGA TELLS HOW ONE LONER LEFT THE LIST

How can a Loner get active in A.A.? We hear an encouraging answer as Harry H. of Taichung, Taiwan, describes the beginning of some A.A. growth among the Taiwanese and his own A.A. life as a member of the "Taichung Group of One Plus."

"Louie, another A.A. member, and I heard about alcoholism in aborigine villages. We were in contact with Fr. W. Knotek, non-A.A., who has a parish covering ten villages in the mountains. In 1978, he wanted us to come up for an

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WRITING A.A. LETTERS HELPS TWO PEOPLE

Both the sender and the receiver benefit from A.A. correspondence. For example, alcoholic residents of correctional institutions get mail from A.A.'s they have never seen, and in turn reply with wonderful A.A. insights.

Bob S. of Houston, Tex., has been corresponding with A.A. inmates since 1971. "Many letters from these inmates say, 'It's great to know someone cares.' I can't begin to express the feeling of gratitude these letters provoke," Bob writes.

As a result of correspondence with an inmate in Jackson, La., Bob received an invitation to speak at the institution. "I was the first speaker from A.A. to visit this facility, so I was quite charged up with the challenge presented. About 50 inmates were present as I spoke about myself, as an alcoholic, and also covered A.A. history and its meaning to me, plus what A.A. would mean to the inmate with a drinking problem on his return to the free world.

"To those who say, 'I can't identify, and I wouldn't know what to say'—forget it!" Bob advises. "The Twelve Steps say we *try*, and the results are not ours to decide. All I can say is thanks to G.S.O. for the Institutions Correspondence Service and a special thanks to my Higher Power for showing me the way."

If you are interested in participating in this joyful kind of sharing, let us know.

WHAT THE CONFERENCE MEANS TO YOUR GROUP

Does the annual General Service Conference seem remote from A.A. life? This year's theme, "Participation: The Key to Recovery," is a clear statement that Conference business is the business of each and every one of us.

"The A.A. Service Manual" says: "While no one can speak for A.A. officially, the Conference comes close to being A.A.'s *voice*. It cannot be an A.A. *authority*, but it can bring into free discussion problems and trends and dangers that seem to affect Fellowship harmony, purpose, and effectiveness."

The 1980 Conference meets April 20-26 at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City. There, the 135 Conference members (91 area delegates, alcoholic and nonalcoholic trustees, members of the A.A. World Services and Grapevine boards, and G.S.O. and GV staffs) will consider issues and problems that have emerged from a year of input from A.A.'s and hard work on the part of all Conference members.

Participation in the Conference begins with group membership; any A.A. may contribute items to the agenda through the group general service representative (G.S.R.) or the area delegate, or by writing directly to the Conference secretary at G.S.O. Every suggestion is considered on its merits. The criterion for inclusion on the final agenda: Does this issue affect A.A. as a whole?

The Conference secretary channels each suggestion to one of the 11 Conference committees for incorporation in its agenda. Then, each delegate is sent copies of the agenda items and workshop questions, in time to take them to pre-Conference area assemblies for an area group conscience.

New Conference members are usually surprised at the amount of work to be accomplished—and equally surprised that it actually gets done. Every day of Confer-

ence week is crowded — morning, afternoon, and some evenings — with committee meetings, presentations/discussions, trustee elections, and workshops, to say nothing of the opening dinner/A.A. meeting and the closing breakfast, where rotating trustees give their farewell talks.

A primary vehicle for getting things done is the committee system. Each committee is made up of about nine delegates, half first-year and half second-year. New delegates are assigned by lot and serve on the same committee for both their terms. After full discussion of all agenda items, each committee brings recommendations to the Conference floor for action (adoption, amendment, or perhaps deletion).

Workshops, where no actions are taken but area experience is discussed, are another vehicle for learning, through the traditional A.A. medium of sharing. In these evening sessions, 1980 delegates will find out what other areas are doing about such potentially sensitive matters as bridging the gap between treatment facilities and A.A., communicating with administrators of outside agencies, deciding on appropriate means of self-support, and estimating a realistic group reserve.

The next *Box 4-5-9*, to be completed and printed during Conference week, will contain a summary of the chief Advisory Actions and a report of key issues and events this year.

VITAL TOPICS ON WORLD SERVICE MEETING AGENDA

Thirty-five delegates from 19 countries and zones will come together at the Sixth World Service Meeting, to be held June 27-30, 1980, at the Harrison Conference Center, Glen Cove, N.Y.

Usually held in the fall, the W.S.M. was rescheduled this year so delegates can attend the 1980 International Convention in New

Orleans, where they will be guests of the General Service Board U.S./Canada.

Instituted in 1969 to increase communication among general service structures throughout the world, the W.S.M. has grown from that year's 27 delegates, 13 countries, and one zone. Iceland, which recently established a General Service Office, will send a representative for the first time.

Another first is a Saturday-night A.A. meeting, suggested by the last W.S.M.

There are four working committees: Agenda, Literature/Publishing, Policy/Admissions/Finance, and Working With Others. In addition to committee work, delegates will hear service highlights from all countries represented, participate in presentations/discussions, and share in workshops.

Topics to be covered include the future of A.A. worldwide, communications among countries, finance, leadership in A.A., and the relationship of central offices/intergroups with national service structures.

WHAT GOES ON AT THE DETROIT CENTRAL OFFICE

Arne O. of Greater Detroit A.A. responded to the request (Box 4-5-9, Oct.-Nov., 1979) for news about central offices. He tells us, "While 'A.A., as such, ought never be organized,' we can still say that no call for help goes unanswered from our phones. We handle about 1,200 calls per month from sick alcoholics. We also have literature for our local groups — about \$12,000 per month in sales.

"This whole operation is run with only three full-time employees and one part-time. We are lucky to have volunteers who drop in to handle phones during the day, every evening to 10:00, and all day Saturday and Sunday. And we have a live answering service through the wee hours, who call the staff in emergencies."

A booklet put out by this central office gives not only meeting times and places but also some basic information about A.A. and a short history of the central office. When A.A. began in Detroit, Twelfth Step calls were answered from someone's home. An office was opened in 1949 and has a record of continuous service since then, at two different addresses. It is now located in the Detroit



Metropolitan Office Building in Ferndale, three blocks from the city limits of Detroit, in what is known as the "center of population" of the metropolitan Detroit area.

Services include answering 30 to 40 calls a day for help, filling requests for A.A. visitors to jails and hospitals, corresponding with inmates so that they will have a contact upon release, and obtaining speakers for non-A.A. groups on request.

NEW ORDER FORM

Included with this issue of Box 4-5-9 is the new Literature Order Form, redesigned to make it easier to update — and easier for you to handle your orders.

FORUM AND ITS PRELUDE BOTH BILINGUAL

Your G.S.O. has tried to turn almost completely bilingual for the Eastern Canada Regional Forum scheduled for May 16-18 in Moncton, N.B.

All announcements of the event, explanations of arrangements, and background material were mailed

to groups, committees, and offices in the region in both English and French.

At the Forum itself, simultaneous translation services will be provided, and both English- and French-speaking workshops are planned.

BETTER-AIMED THANKS ON RECEIPT OF CHECKS

Individual acknowledgment of group contributions is one of several new services made possible by "Enterprise," the General Service Office computer. Following up on a 1979 Conference Advisory Action, an acknowledgment of each regular contribution is now going to the group member who sent it in (or to the G.S.R. if no other name and address are given).

The new procedure was instituted to clear up confusion that occasionally arose when a check sent by one member (perhaps the treasurer or the secretary) was acknowledged in the regular quarterly statement mailed to G.S.R.'s. Now, the *sender* knows that the check has arrived — and more important, that G.S.O. is grateful for it.

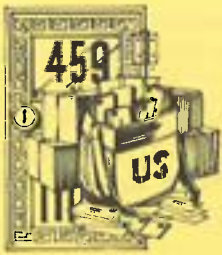
Is your group receiving acknowledgments? Are they helpful?

The quarterly year-to-date statements are still sent, of course, to the G.S.R. *Quarterly statements are not billing statements.* They are an accounting to each group of every contribution that has been credited to it (not only regular contributions but any individual or other donation sent in the name of the group).

Problems? Questions? Let us know. We want to hear from you.



A special G.S.O. form conveys A.A. gratitude on receipt of a group contribution.



**POSTMARKS
IN G.S.O.
MAILBAG:
WYOMING,
THAILAND,
ALASKA**

Alcohol problems only?

"I saw the suggestion in *Box 4-5-9* (Oct.-Nov. '79) that discussion-meeting topics be limited to our alcohol problems. I got it into my head long ago that the First Step read, 'Our *alcohol problems* had become unmanageable,' and the Third, 'Turned our will and our *alcohol problems* over . . .,'" writes John P., Jackson, Wyo.

"My life was at stake, and I was dealing with only a small part of it," he says. "After a few kicks in the seat, I looked again. My *life* had become unmanageable, and it was my *life* I had to turn over to the care of a greater power.

"I had become a very unhappy, white-knuckled dry drunk. God had removed my alcohol problems and left me in charge of the misery that was my entire life.

"The program talks about much more than not drinking. It is a new way of *living*. Not one phrase in the Steps mentions *not drinking*. Everything in my life affects my sobriety. Right now, it is noon, and I haven't had a desire to drink today or any problems with alcohol. But four living problems have bothered me since I got up.

"Tonight at my group, should I pass because I haven't had any direct problems with alcohol? Should I fail to talk about the living problems?"

"I think we'd be a sorry lot of drunks if all we discussed was our alcohol problems!"

Thai group struggles

As in Tokyo and Singapore, it takes lots of patience and patients for A.A. to make a real breakthrough in Thailand, according to J. B., who has been sober almost eight years in Bangkok.

Only two Thais have been attracted, he writes, and they are in-and-outers, he hears from a priest in another part of the country.

But the English-speaking Bangkok group? "Zinging!" says J. B. Its members have translated "Is A.A. for You?" into Thai and hope to get approval for publication of "a modest number."

Cold feet, warm hearts

Alaska delegate Irish C. writes, "Our Prudhoe Bay Group is called 'the Polar Bears' for obvious reasons. We claim to be the farthest-north group in the world.

"That may not be so," Irish admits, "but until we hear different, we shall continue the claim. We have a varying number of Eskimos. Until we meet in New Orleans, we say goodbye to you in their tongue—'*Shu gah!*'"

**A.A. FILM NOW AVAILABLE
IN VIDEOTAPE FORM**

A limited number of video cassette tapes of our new film, "A.A.—An Inside View," are available from the General Service Office. Recorded on ¾" U-matic videotape, they may be obtained on long-term lease only.

Many treatment centers use videotape for their film presentations, and the new format has been developed largely to accommodate their needs. The fee is \$150.

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introductory meeting. Louie and I both told our stories to about 30 people. It was really an *open* meeting — held outside on a patio.

"It is hard to get into some of the aborigine villages, since you have to get a mountain pass from the government each time you go. Last year, I was turned down for a pass. Then, two A.A. members — Pat, an American, and Pete, a Jap-

anese — came for about two weeks. Being from outside Taiwan, they were able to get mountain passes and go to the villages. We had an A.A. meeting before they left for the mountains.

"Fr. Knotek wanted to continue the meetings with the aborigines and finally found a place outside the villages where he could bring people. Two A.A.'s from Taipei came to assist with the first meeting: Jay, an American who speaks Mandarin, and Clement, one of the few Taiwanese members at the time, who speaks good English. The meeting was held in four languages: Japanese, Mandarin, English — and A.A.'s language of the heart.

"Since then, we have tried to continue these meetings on the last Sunday of each month. Through the grace of God, one of the men has been sober over six months now, and a few of the women are staying sober. Usually, they listen to cassette tapes in Japanese, which are translated in turn into the dialects they understand.

"In late July 1979, I had a letter from G.S.O. asking me to contact Helen Willms, a non-A.A. nurse at a hospital in Hualien. I wrote Helen and sent her some A.A. pamphlets in Chinese, and we set a date for a meeting there. Hualien is 80 miles as the crow flies, but about 140 miles on a narrow, mountainous, winding highway. I finally managed to get there in September. Helen had contacted people in several villages, and eight men came to the meeting. She translated my talk into Mandarin; then a church elder translated her words into Japanese. Helen writes that people are trying to start meetings on their own.

"In September, I went to Wushe, three hours from here by bus. This was the third time someone had been there for beginners meetings. Afterward, Fr. B. Strotman, who has a church there, asked the people whether they wanted to start meetings on their own, and they said they wanted to start

the very next day. Since then, I have heard they hold a Sunday-night meeting.

"In Taichung, I open the A.A. meeting room each Friday at 8:00 p.m. in case someone comes by. I know how I would feel if I was looking for a meeting and couldn't find one. This year, there were two meetings in the room. Jim H. saw the sign in front and now stops by whenever he is here on business, and Adam B. was here on his way to Korea."

No longer alone, Harry recently asked G.S.O. to change his listing to Loner Sponsor. "During the past few years, I have made many friends through the mail; the letters are like having a meeting. Through the grace of God, I have been sober now for five years. The spirit of A.A. is here."

NILES P. DIES

Many, many A.A. friends grieved at the news of the death of Niles P., aged 51, in Dallas, Tex., March 5. Sober since 1957, Niles found the A.A. life a zestful adventure.

He was a former trustee and had also served New York Intergroup and worked at G.S.O. A writer, Niles lived for many years in New York City, returning to his family's home in Dallas in the terminal stage of his illness, which he faced with great gallantry.

A.M.S.A. RECOGNIZES A.A. CONTRIBUTION

At a meeting not long ago, the American Medical Society on Alcoholism (A.M.S.A.) executive committee passed a resolution noting that "self-help groups, particularly Alcoholics Anonymous, have been a tremendous help in recovery to many thousands of alcoholics, their friends and families.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the American Medical Society on Alcoholism encourages all physi-

cians and the alcoholism treatment agencies with which they work to develop relationships of maximum cooperation with . . . Alcoholics Anonymous."

Sending a copy of the resolution to G.S.O., Dr. Sheila Blume, A.M.S.A. president, noted that cooperation between physicians and A.A. goes back to our Fellowship's very beginnings.

Agreeing with her in an acknowledgment, Bob P., current chairperson of General Services, recalled the contributions to A.A. of such nonalcoholic physicians as Dr. William D. Silkworth and Dr. Harry Tiebout in the 1930's.

"But official recognition from the whole Medical Society is still a very heartwarming and valued thing to receive," Bob wrote.



If you're getting ready to lead a beginners meeting, you'll find in this kit a leaflet of good ideas, plus pamphlets useful in answering common questions.

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tertaining. In another, the leader encourages each person present to talk briefly about this 24-hour period and tell how the first drink was avoided today. In that one, newcomers find themselves helping each other before they ever hear of the Twelfth Step. Other groups use the chapters of "Living Sober" as successive topics for beginners meetings.

From Minnesota, Arkansas, upstate New York, and Saskatchewan, delegates to the 1965 Conference described the beginners meetings already popular in those places—all different, but all successful. Newcomers meetings are not new, of course; they are al-

most as old as the problems mentioned at the start of this piece.

Early in the 1940's, the bigger A.A. groups started small meetings to answer beginners' questions, before the larger, regular sessions began. Newcomers can easily be overlooked in a crowd, concerned A.A.'s realized almost 40 years ago.

Sadly, it still happens in some places today — but *not* if your group holds regularly scheduled beginners meetings, announces them frequently, and encourages longer-sober members to bring new members.

To help the newcomers?

It might. But that is a fringe benefit. Mostly, we hold newcomers meetings to keep *us* sober, right?

CELEBRATION HONORS LOCAL A.A. FOUNDERS

A recent letter from Hartford, Conn., asks: "How about a get-together to look at your A.A. roots?"

"We sober members of A.A. have a special reverence for the past. Each of us represents a link in an unbroken chain of sponsorship and carrying the message that goes back to the beginning of the Fellowship.

"Feeling this sentiment strongly, A.A. members in Hartford recently decided to have a Founders' Day celebration of their own. One of the two original founders who brought A.A. to Hartford in 1941 was still alive and active, along with a number of long-timers whose sobriety dates from the 1940's. Several of these 'elders' formed a planning committee for the event, along with the area delegate.

"The celebration was held on a Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., beginning with a reception and meeting in a large auditorium and winding up with coffee and cake at a nearby church hall, hosted by

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one of the oldest A.A. groups in Hartford. Despite a torrential rain-storm, the event drew between 300 and 400 people, not only A.A.'s but also the widows of some deceased early members and visitors from many parts of the state, including several nonalcoholic professional people.

"The format was that of an open A.A. meeting. Chairperson John C. introduced the three speakers. Bob M., pioneer member and past A.A. trustee, recounted the early history of A.A. in Hartford and presented to Nell Wing (non-alcoholic), A.A. archivist, taped recollections by early members and other archival material. Nell then told about the archives, lacing her talk with reminiscences and anecdotes from her days as secretary to co-founder Bill W. Bob P., general manager of G.S.O., spoke of the growth and present size of A.A. worldwide, and told his own story.

"A souvenir program, containing a condensed history of Hartford A.A., was distributed to all. The event was judged a great success and beneficial to A.A. in the area."

For A.A.'s in other communities who may want to take a look at their own local roots, the Connecticut delegate has prepared guidelines. Anyone interested may write G.S.O. and be put in touch directly with him.

THE 1980 CONVENTION IS DRAWING NEAR!

Chicken creole, New Orleans pralines, Cornish hen with corn-bread stuffing—that's only a sample of the New Orleans style fare awaiting A.A.'s who plan to "eat in" at the Superdome during the 1980 International Convention, July 3-6, 1980.

New Orleans is famous for its topflight restaurants, but with nearly 30,000 hungry A.A.'s want-

ing to eat at every mealtime, even that fabled city will be strained beyond capacity.

The Superdome management has arranged to provide lunch and dinner there on Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5. Meals will be served buffet style, with seating capacity for 6,000 (3,000 in each of two shifts). Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The price of each meal is \$10 (the actual cost to G.S.O.). Many people have already reserved meal tickets on their registration forms, and others who wish to take advantage of the opportunity can simply mark the appropriate box(es) on the form when registering and send in \$10 per meal in addition to the registration fee. (Dinner price is refundable, should plans change.)

If you want to eat in but have already registered for the Convention (more than 14,000 have, as this issue goes to press), simply get in touch with G.S.O. and indicate (1) the registration number from your receipt and (2) what meals you wish to eat on what days. And enclose a check for \$10 per meal. Meal tickets will be included in Convention Kits.

For Loners and young people

A special excitement for the many Lone Members heading for New Orleans is the chance to meet and talk face-to-face with friends-by-mail. Two workshops for Loners/Internationalists are planned this year.

Young people, too, will enjoy special events, and plans for two marathons (one a midnight meeting) are under way. A unique feature: The listed speakers will cut their talks short so each may introduce a new friend met during the Convention.

Changing your plans?

We all live a day at a time, and plans can always change. If you have changes to make *after* you've registered, please do not make these changes through the General Service Office. Instead, here's how to handle them:

To change your arrival date in New Orleans, notify your hotel directly.

Should you wish to change hotels, get in touch with the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission, 334 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, attn. Audrey Stansbury.

Volunteers still needed!

Tapes of Convention meetings are always treasured mementos, and this year, in order to keep costs low, your General Service Office is asking for volunteers to assist the commercial taping firm that will be in charge.

If you are an experienced taper, especially one who has worked other conventions, G.S.O. would love to hear from you as soon as possible. Since our first plea, in the Feb.-Mar. *Box 4-5-9*, only a few people have gotten in touch. So if you are willing and experienced, please do let us know!

Where are you?

If you sent your registration form before Jan. 1 and your receipt (needed for admission) has not arrived, please write G.S.O., attn. International Convention Registration, giving your complete current address.

The post office has returned some early receipts to G.S.O. as being undeliverable.





THE BULLETIN BOARD

April-May 1980

ITEMS AND IDEAS ON AREA GATHERINGS FOR A.A.'S - VIA G.S.O.

WHAT ROUNDUPS CAN DO

In 1972, 18 people turned up at an area assembly to elect a delegate from one Midwestern state. But in 1978, 400 were there to vote.

Many believe that the annual roundups begun in 1973 are largely responsible for this flourishing of Third Legacy consciousness.

Chuck R., one of the co-founders of the state event, had become a roundup freak by his third sober year, he writes. "So much was to be heard and so much was to be learned on how this program works; yet so many were missing so much."

After six roundups at various sites, Chuck heard of one in Texas

that had no banquet, so the cost was cut down to \$5.00 per person. He and a few other members—including several oldtimers—decided to try a similar get-together. They paid as they went, and instead of the 350 people expected for the first roundup, 1,400 turned up! The crowd has grown each year since.

Other results (besides growth of the assembly) can be seen in the many services being performed in unity by A.A.'s who live in many different places and had never worked together before.

"Today, more and more groups are talking of local service, Traditions, the Big Book, and world services," Chuck says.

CLOSED MEETING TOPICS FROM THE GRAPEVINE

April: Six articles on spiritual experiences suggest meetings on awakening, acceptance, changing beliefs—and their effects on our growth in sobriety; "The Message I Carry Today" can help sum up a Step series with a close look at the Twelfth.

May: Use "This Business of Humility" to start a discussion of this important (and often misunderstood) A.A. goal; in "Beware of the 'Yets,'" find fruitful ideas to guide a beginners meeting; before a business meeting, read "Experts?" to see how attitudes influence group decisions.

APRIL

- 4-6 - *San Diego, California.* Third Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box A2529, San Diego, CA 92112
- 4-6 - *Wimberley, Texas.* 13th Quarterly Tex. Agape Weekend. Write: Coord., 7201 Wood Hollow Dr. (#295), Austin, TX 78731
- 10-13 - *Longview, Texas.* 11th Annual E. Tex. Roundup. Write: Secy.-Treas., P.O. Box 2082, Longview, TX 75601
- 11-13 - *Atlantic City, New Jersey.* 16th Annual S. N.J. Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 172, Oaklyn, NJ 08107
- 11-13 - *Lake Charles, Louisiana.* Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 426 Broad St., Lake Charles, LA 70601
- 11-13 - *Superior, Wisconsin.* 35th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 3801 E. 3rd St., Superior, WI 54880
- 11-13 - *Newport, Rhode Island.* Fourth State Conv. Write: Conv. Com., P.O. Box 9342, Providence, RI 02940
- 11-13 - *Kanab, Utah.* Annual Spring Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1123, Kanab, UT 84741
- 11-13 - *Waterloo, Iowa.* Metro Area Anniv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 424, Waterloo, IA 50704
- 17-20 - *Eureka Springs, Arkansas.* Fourth Annual Springtime in the Ozarks Roundup. Write: Ch., Rte. 2 - Box 354G, Rogers, AR 72756

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 17-20 - *Adelaide, South Australia.* 21st Nat. Conv. Write: Conv. Com., 51 George St., Parkside, South Australia 5063
- 18-20 - *Memphis, Tennessee.* 29th State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 18897, Memphis, TN 38118
- 18-20 - *Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.* S. Alta. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 212, Lethbridge, Alta. T1J 3Y5
- 18-20 - *East Elmhurst, New York.* 20th S.E. N.Y. Conv. Write: Ch., G.P.O., Box 1850, New York, NY 10001
- 18-20 - *Toronto, Ontario, Canada.* Third Annual Native Conf. Write: Ch., 127 Glenwood Cres., Toronto, Ont. M4B 1J9
- 18-20 - *Clarksburg, West Virginia.* Jackson's Mill Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301
- 18-20 - *Banff, Alberta, Canada.* Seventh Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2E6
- 18-20 - *West Palm Beach, Florida.* 25th S. Fla. Agape Weekend. Write: Coord., 4621 S. LeJeune Rd., Coral Gables, FL 33146
- 19-20 - *Scottsbluff, Nebraska.* Annual Panhandle Jamboree. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 256, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
- 19-20 - *Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Canada.* Fourth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 966, Rosetown, Sask. S0L 2V0
- 25-27 - *International Falls, Minnesota.* Third Annual Borderland Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1009, International Falls, MN 56649
- 25-27 - *Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Canada.* 30th Anniv. and Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 182, Portage La Prairie, Man. R1N 3B5
- 25-27 - *North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.* 19th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 1691 - 100th St., Suite 1, North Battleford, Sask.
- 25-27 - *Crete, Illinois.* Spring Area Conf. Write: Ch., 1422 Woodbridge, Apt. 3B, Joliet, IL 60436
- 25-27 - *Kaiserslautern, West Germany.* Third Annual Area I Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3306, A.P.O. New York, NY 09130
- 26 - *Laval, Quebec, Canada.* Annual Area Penal Inst. Get-Together. Write: Alt. Del. N.W. Que., C.P. 146 - L.D.R., Laval, Que. H7N 4Z4
- 26-27 - *Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.* Ninth Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., #806, 10045-118th St., Edmonton, Alta. T5K 2K2
- 26-27 - *Paragould, Arkansas.* Fifth Annual Spring Fellowship Mtg. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 852, Paragould, AR 72450
- 27 - *Watertown, Massachusetts.* Second Annual Area Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 362, Newtonville, MA 02160

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- 2-4 - *Fresno, California*. Eighth Annual State Hosp. and Inst. Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2553, Lancaster, CA 93534
- 2-4 - *St. Paul, Minnesota*. 24th Annual Intergroup Weekend & Banq. Write: Intergroup Cent. Off., 951 E. 5th St., St. Paul, MN 55106
- 2-4 - *Renfrew, Scotland*. 24th Annual Conv. Write: Scottish Serv. Off. of A.A., Baltic Chambers, 50 Wellington St., Glasgow, Scotland
- 2-4 - *Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada*. 16th Annual Blossom Time Conv. Write: Publicity Ch., P.O. Box 44, Niagara Falls, Ont. L2G 5S3
- 2-4 - *Surrey, British Columbia, Canada*. Tenth Annual Fraser Valley Rally. Write: Rally Ch., c/o Surrey Inn Travel Lodge, 9850 King George Hwy., Surrey, B.C. V3T 4Y3
- 2-4 - *Guntersville, Alabama*. Mountaintop Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., 221 - 23rd Ave. N.W., Birmingham, AL 35215
- 2-4 - *Boise, Idaho*. Annual Spring Rally. Write: Ch., 3013 Overland, Boise, ID 83705
- 2-4 - *Erie, Pennsylvania*. Spring Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 148, Erie, PA 16512
- 2-4 - *Rosslare, Ireland*. 23rd All Ireland Conv. Write: Leinster Intergroup, Bridge St., Tullow, Co. Carlow, Ireland
- 2-4 - *Aberdeen, South Dakota*. State Spring Conf. Write: Ch., 519 S. Arch, Aberdeen, SD 57401
- 2-4 - *Grants Pass, Oregon*. Fifth Rogue Roundup. Write: Ch., 2790 Foothill Blvd., Grants Pass, OR 97526
- 3-4 - *Albany, New York*. First Annual State Inst. & P.I. Workshop. Write: Coord., 56 Red Fox Dr., Albany, NY 12205
- 3-4 - *Drayton Valley, Alberta, Canada*. 12th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 525, Drayton Valley, Alta. T0E 0M0
- 9-11 - *Grand Rapids, Minnesota*. Tenth Annual Iron Range Get-Together. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 469, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- 9-11 - *Sparks, Nevada*. Ninth Annual Spring Festival. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 72, Reno, NV 89504
- 9-11 - *Atlantic City, New Jersey*. 13th Philadelphia Intergroup Roundup. Write: Roundup Secy., 112 S. 16th St., Rm. 1201, Philadelphia, PA 19102
- 9-11 - *Fairlee, Vermont*. 13th Annual State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 363, Essex Junction, VT 05452
- 16-18 - *Vernal, Utah*. 26th Annual Little Skyline Conf. Write: Ch., 33 Wasatch Ave., Vernal, UT 84078
- 16-18 - *Elmira, New York*. 30th Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., 113 Willys St., Elmira, NY 14904
- 16-18 - *Gillette, Wyoming*. State Spring Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 2697, Gillette, WY 82716
- 16-18 - *Little Current, Ontario, Canada*. Annual Manitoulin Island Rainbow Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 641, Little Current, Ont. P0P 1K0
- 16-18 - *Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada*. Fifth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 5136, Whitehorse, Yukon Ter.
- 16-18 - *Brandon, Manitoba, Canada*. W. Man. Conf. Write: Ch., 2625 Rosser Ave., Brandon, Man. R7B 0G1
- 17-19 - *Deep Creek, Maryland*. Third Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Ch., 5 Forbes Ter., Pittsburgh, PA 15217
- 17-19 - *Tulsa, Oklahoma*. State Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 4411, Tulsa, OK 74104
- 22-25 - *Tucson, Arizona*. Intl. Conf. of Young People. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 202, Tucson, AZ 85702
- 23-25 - *Ville de Laval, Quebec, Canada*. Second Dist. Congress (French-speaking). Write: Ch., C.P. 123, Succ. Duvernay, Ville de Laval, Que. H7E 4P4
- 23-25 - *Somerset, New Jersey*. 24th Annual Gen. Serv. Conv. Write: Ch., 29 Rose St., South River, NJ 08882
- 23-25 - *Potosi, Missouri*. Agape X: Write: Coord., P.O. Box 504, Potosi, MO 63026
- 23-25 - *Bloomington, Minnesota*. Gopher State VII. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3295, St. Paul, MN 55165
- 24 - *Brooklyn, New York*. Brooklyn Get-Together. Write: Get-Together, 1566 Hendrikson St., Brooklyn, NY 11234
- 24-25 - *Chicopee, Massachusetts*. 11th Annual Area Roundup. Write: Ch., 19 Bellamy Rd., Springfield, MA 01119
- 24-25 - *Crowley's Ridge State Park, Arkansas*. Fifth Annual Spring Rally. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 755, Jonesboro, AR 72401
- 24-27 - *Boston, Massachusetts*. Gay Roundup. Write: G.P.A.A., Box 8355, J.F.K. Sta., Boston, MA 02114
- 30-June 1 - *Rome, New York*. 14th Annual East-West Conf. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 30, Rome, NY 13440
- 30-June 1 - *Bakersfield, California*. Seventh Annual Golden Empire Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 3489, Sta. A, Bakersfield, CA 93305
- 30-June 1 - *Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada*. 14th Annual Area Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 73, Sta. F, Thunder Bay, Ont.
- 30-June 1 - *Vernon, British Columbia, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 1454, Vernon, B.C. V1T 6N7
- 30-June 1 - *Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada*. Intergroup Roundup. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 205, Robson, B.C. V0G 1X0
- 30-June 1 - *Jackson, Mississippi*. 34th State Conv. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 3157, Jackson, MS 39207