

Service and Unity Flourish as Fruits Of Regional Forums

"Great weekend!" "Before this, you [at G.S.O.] were just a group of something or other out there somewhere. I am happy to have learned you are human beings." "A thrilling experience!" "I'll worry less about the future of A.A. now."

Those are comments that attendees have made about an A.A. gathering with: no banquet—in fact, no meal events at all; no dance; no A.A. talks; an absolute minimum of "structure" or "program."

What prompted those enthusiastic remarks was a Regional Forum. And what are Regional Forums?

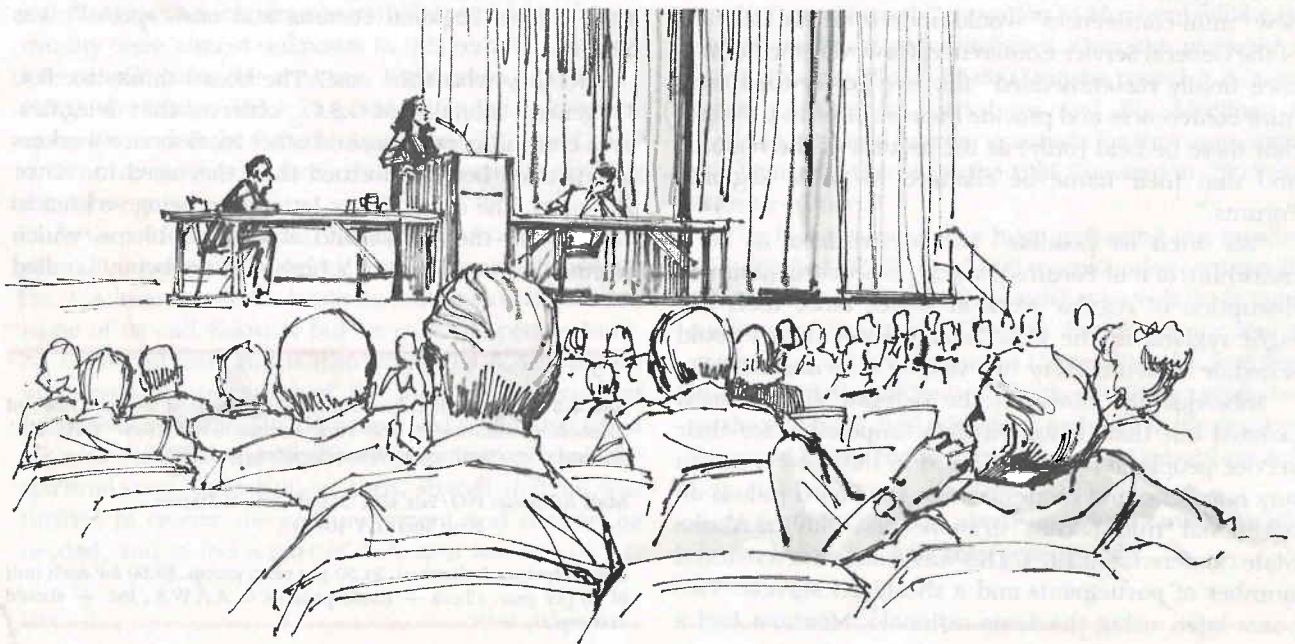
They are weekend gatherings that give general service representatives, other A.A. service people, and *potential* service people in a given region an opportunity to meet and share with not only their own delegates and trustee, but also other trustees on the General Service Board, directors of A.A. World Services and the A.A. Grapevine, and G.S.O. and GV staff members. "Not knowing what

to expect," wrote one member after a Forum, "I was doubly impressed to meet our chairperson of the General Service Board and the members of the General Service Office staff. Their dedication, experience, and humor made each session interesting and lively." Gordon Patrick, board chairperson, calls Forums "a way to bring 'New York' to the regions."

A past trustee from Western Canada has a favorite saying: "A.A. is the only organization I know of where the members don't know what they belong to!" He is referring to the fact that members not involved in service often know little about the Traditions and how they developed, about the Concepts and the service structure, and about A.A. history in general. Forums, he points out, are a way to correct that situation.

How did Regional Forums come about?

The annual A.A. General Service Conference affords delegates from the 91 areas of the U.S. and Canada a chance to meet for six days with the trustees, the directors, and the staffs in New York — and *then* carry that experience *back* to the other service workers at home. But for the latter, it's a secondhand experience at best. This was the situation that set "Dr. Jack" (Dr. John L. Norris, chairperson of the board from 1961 to 1978) to think in the early 1970's: How could the board's com-



munications with the Fellowship be improved?

By 1974, Dr. Jack had come up with the idea of holding weekend "mini-conferences" periodically in different parts of the U.S. and Canada, at which members of the board and staffs would be present. After getting input from the people who would be involved, he presented his idea at the 1975 Conference, which recommended "that the concept . . . be further explored and developed." Southeastern trustee Dave C. volunteered to organize and host the first experimental "mini-conference" in Atlanta, Ga., in December, with Cora Louise B. as the coordinator on the G.S.O. staff.

It's surprising the concept didn't die with that first gathering. People from one area in particular were full of mistrust of everything in "New York," and were in a rebellious mood. The first two days were angry and acrimonious. But by Sunday morning, the beginnings of trust had been established; the closing evaluation was positive; and the tone had changed to love and gratitude. Chairing the third Southeastern Forum, in 1980, again in Atlanta, trustee Sam S. recalled that as a delegate he had been a ringleader of the rebellious faction at that first "mini-conference." He said the contrast between the two gatherings was as night to day. Drawing on TV for comparisons, he said the 1975 "mini-conference" was like "All in the Family," whereas the 1980 Forum was like "The Waltons."

In March 1976, a second experimental "mini-conference" was held by the West Central Region, in Sioux Falls, S.D. It was well attended, positive in tone, and judged successful in improving communications.

Those experiences were brought to the 1976 Conference, where the concept was hotly debated, with opposition coming mainly from two areas. The delegates from those areas expressed the fear that "New York" was intruding on their local service structure and that the new "mini-conferences" would undermine the function of the General Service Conference. However, the Conference finally recommended "that we go forward with mini-conferences and provide them as often as possible, that these be held [only] at the request of the region," and that their name be changed to "A.A. Regional Forums."

"As often as possible" was determined to be a maximum of four Forums per year, in order to minimize disruption of regular work at G.S.O. Since there are eight regions in the U.S./Canada, each region could schedule a Forum every two years *if it so desired*.

Subsequently, however, the delegate from Alaska pointed out that it was virtually impossible for their service people to attend a Forum in the "Lower 48" in any numbers, and requested that the board put on an additional "mini-Forum" in connection with the Alaska State Conference in 1979. This was done, with a reduced number of participants and a shortened agenda. Two years later, using the same rationale, Montana had a

"mini-Forum" for over 100 service people from remote parts of the northern Rockies. Predictably, provision has now been made for these additional "special" Forums — no more than one per year — to be incorporated into the annual schedule where circumstances warrant.

So 32 Regional Forums (by whatever name) have been held to date. They have ranged in attendance from 1,300 (in Eastern Canada) down to 65 (a "special" Forum in faraway Newfoundland). The idea has even spread to other countries; Regional Forums have been held in England and in Colombia.

Although the trustee and the delegates of the host region have the chief responsibility for the agenda (in addition to deciding when and where to hold the Forum, or even *whether* it should be held), the format is relatively unstructured. Ample space is provided for attendees to ask questions, both on the Forum floor and in workshops, and to express their concerns and their suggestions. The trustees, directors, and staff members attend on a rotating basis, with the general manager of G.S.O. and the chairperson of the board being present at all Forums.

From the very beginning, Regional Forums have been a function of the General Service Board — where the idea originated! That means that the board pays for the travel and accommodations of the board and staff personnel. Expenses of regional service people and other attendees are covered either by area committees or groups, or by the individuals themselves. There is no registration fee, and no organized meal events to pay for. The International Convention/A.A. Regional Forums Committee of the board reviews the schedule, considers requests for "special" Forums, and sets policy. Incidentally, the cost of Regional Forums (and all other board functions as well) do *not* come out of group contributions. That's a good thing, because the 1983 budget for four regular Regional Forums and one "special" was \$57,500.

Are they worth the cost? The board thinks so. Bob P., general manager of G.S.O., observes that delegates, area committeepersons, and other local service workers seem much better informed than they used to. "Over the years," he says, "fewer letters are being written to G.S.O. over the simple and obvious problems, which means that more of A.A.'s problems are being handled

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through the local service structure. And Regional Forums must be given a large share of the credit for bringing this about."

Bob also emphasizes that the communication taking place at Forums benefits the visitors as much as the regional service people. "If we on the G.S.O. staff just sat here without any face-to-face contact with A.A. members around the country," he says, "we would wither up and become useless."



Michael Alexander, Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, echoes this thought. "Meeting the wonderful A.A. members in Sioux Falls in 1978 was the turning point in my A.A. service," he recalls. "Of course, we had the advantage of being snowed-in for the weekend, so we *had* to get acquainted. They made me realize for the first time how much they appreciated my being on the board."

Wherever and whenever Regional Forums are held, interest in general service is stimulated and service activities receive a boost. The smallest Forum to date, in Newfoundland in July 1983, furnishes examples of this. Before the Forum, the service functions of public information and cooperation with the professional community were almost unknown in this remote province. After the Forum, the area was inspired to hold a P.I./C.P.C. workshop, which 70 people attended — as many as had attended the Forum! As a result, P.I. and C.P.C. committees have been formed and are actively carrying the message.

At the same Forum, Nat I., originally from Labrador, shared his past efforts and his future dreams of carrying the A.A. message to his brothers and sisters. He is what some of us call Eskimo, but he calls his people Inuit. As a labor of love, Nat is translating the A.A. program into Inuk, the language of the Inuit on the coast of Labrador. Nat's dignity, devotion, and dedication lifted all who attended the Newfoundland Forum to a new spiritual level. And Nat, in turn, shared that he was thrilled to receive the encouragement and support he needed, and to feel a part of A.A. as a whole.

1984 Conference Agenda Highlights Gratitude

"Gratitude — The Language of the Heart" will be the theme of the 34th General Service Conference, to be held April 15-21, 1984, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

Ninety-one delegates from the United States and Canada, together with the trustees of the General Service Board, staffs of G.S.O. and the Grapevine, and A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors, will attend this massive A.A. "business meeting."

Gratitude will be a recurring note in the presentations followed by floor discussions, the workshops, the committee meetings, and the consideration of committee recommendations by the entire Conference.

Presentation/discussion sessions are planned on: "The Informed Group Conscience—Our Obligation"; "How Are We in A.A. Responding to a Changing World?"; "Gratitude—The Language of the Heart"; "The District Committee Member—the Essential Link"; and "Sobriety—What Is It? Can It Be Defined?" Two workshops will explore "The Informed Group Conscience" and "Responding to Everyday Problems in A.A. in a Changing World."

Updating the 1985 International Convention

In 1985, A.A. will be 50 years young, and our celebration via the International Convention in Montreal will be the biggest and best gathering ever. Over the weekend of July 4-7, some 25,000-35,000 (maybe more) A.A.'s will come together in workshops and Big Meetings to applaud A.A. and express gratitude for their own sobriety. That's the theme for the 1985 Convention: "50 Years With Gratitude."

The logistics of such a huge gathering are involved and detailed. We have 13,000 rooms under contract for attendees from around the world, who will flock to big sessions at Montreal's Olympic Park Stadium and to workshops at the Convention Center. For the first time at an International Convention, there will be a workshop on the matter of dual addiction, included in the program approved by the trustees' International Convention/A.A. Regional Forums Committee.

As further decisions about the 1985 Convention take shape, *Box 4-5-9* will keep you posted.



Lynda Saw A.A. Work, Now Helps It Work

In order to give you a “behind the scenes” look at how G.S.O. functions—and also to give proper credit to our unsung heroines and heroes—we continue our series of small profiles of nonalcoholic personnel. These are the people who back up the staff and provide the kind of help that keeps the office running smoothly.

Meet Lynda Ernst, who assists the Regional Forum coordinator. Lynda’s job entails attending each Regional Forum as it comes up and performing vital tasks in seeing to details of Forum procedures. She also acts as recording secretary at all sessions and, once back in New York, helps to compile the final report on each Forum.

Lynda has been with us since September 1980, when she started as an assistant on the Loners desk. After a while, she settled into the position that she now handles so ably.

Before coming to G.S.O., Lynda learned a good deal about our Fellowship. While employed as secretary to an oil company executive in the 1960’s, she witnessed her boss’s early recovery in A.A. That experience, she tells us, certainly demonstrated that “A.A. works,” and her current contribution to the work of A.A. provides much fulfillment.

“My job is simply terrific,” says Lynda. “It really comes alive at the Forums, when I meet the very people I’ve worked with on the phone and in letters. And the travel is lovely!”

Help Protect Our Tape Copyrights

Yes, tapes produced by A.A. World Services, Inc., are copyrighted, just as our literature is. And such well-re-

ceived recent cassettes as those of the Big Book and the “Twelve and Twelve”—along with the earlier tapes “Three Legacies, by Bill,” “Voices of Our Co-Founders,” and “Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions” — deserve equally careful protection.

Unauthorized copying of our tapes, even when it’s well intended, endangers the copyrights and so opens the door to possible misuse by others. You can help guard our heritage by letting G.S.O. know about incidents that seem a matter for concern.

The M File—Something New for 10,000 Trusted Servants

If you are a D.C.M. or a past delegate, serve on your area committee, are involved in P.I.-C.P.C. work, or help carry the message to institutions, then you may have noticed something different about the envelope this *Box 4-5-9* arrived in. Gone is the letter code for your service job, and gone is the sometimes smudgy, gray address. You now have a service number, and your service job (or jobs) has a number, too. And the people at the post office can read your address without squinting!

This past summer, G.S.O.’s Records, Files, and Data Processing Departments began entering 20,000 names and addresses in our newly created, computerized M (Mail) File. Half of these are non-A.A.’s who are interested in learning more about the Fellowship through *About A.A.* and the *Treatment Facilities Bulletin*. The other half are trusted servants, who make up about a quarter of the nonsubscription circulation of *Box 4-5-9*.

As we go to press, the final phase of the project is in progress — weeding out duplications. From time to time, we receive letters about unwanted duplicate mailings, usually from service-active members with more than one service job. Under the old system, we could do little about this, but with our flexible M File, now we can. But eliminating duplications can be tricky. We have no problem with Mary Smith and Mary Smith at the same address — we just delete one. But what about Jim Brown and James Brown Jr. at the same address? One and the same? Or father and son? What about a name with two addresses in the same city? Two people? Or one person with home and business addresses?

If you continue to receive two bulletins, won’t you please send the faces of the two envelopes, at the same time, to our Records Department and tell us which you prefer? We’ll make the deletion and tell the computer

to identify you for each of your service jobs, even though we have your name and address on file only once.

Some service jobs, such as prison-group sponsors, do not operate on the rotation principle, but most do. If you give us your service number when you tell us you are rotating off and being replaced, it will help us enormously in keeping our records accurate. If you are going on to a new job, we want to know about that as well.

The M File will give us the opportunity to serve you better. So welcome to the M File, area treasurers, P.I. contacts, D.C.M.'s, hospital sponsors . . .



Literature order payments cross Andrea Flamholtz's desk at G.S.O. This one gets special attention from John Kirwin, Accounting Department supervisor. (Both John and Andrea are nonalcoholics.)

What Does 'Conference-Approved' Mean To Your Home Group?

Often, A.A. members are confused about the meaning of the term "Conference-approved" as it applies to A.A. literature. Does it mean that other literature is *not* approved? Who approves A.A. literature and how? What about the display of other literature at A.A. meetings? Such questions often trouble newcomers to A.A.—and some A.A.'s who are not so new.

The term "Conference-approved" means that the literature or audiovisual material so described has been considered and approved by the U.S./Canada A.A. General Service Conference, before being produced and distributed by A.A. World Services, Inc. Conference-approved material always deals with the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous or with information about

the Fellowship. It is important to understand that the term does *not* imply *disapproval* of any material about A.A. or alcoholism published outside A.A.

In order to become Conference-approved, a piece of literature (or audiovisual material) goes through a lengthy and painstaking process. The draft first submitted to the appropriate committee of the Conference may have to be rewritten many times before winning approval. So the final work expresses overall A.A. thinking on a particular subject, not just one person's (or one group's or one area's) opinions. In this sense, A.A. Conference-approved literature is created collectively. When you see this symbol and explanatory line on a piece of literature, you know that it has weathered the whole process successfully.



This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature

A.A. Conference-approved literature is copyrighted, and permission to reprint must be obtained from A.A. World Services, Inc., in writing. In this way, the integrity of our literature is protected, and the A.A. program of recovery is insured against dilution or distortion.

Is all A.A. literature Conference-approved? No. Literature written and distributed by local central offices and intergroups does not require such approval; it meets the needs of the local A.A. membership and complements Conference-approved material.

Also, some literature published by A.A.W.S., such as service material, Guidelines, and bulletins, does not go through the Conference-approval process. And you may be surprised to find no indication of such approval in either the Big Book or the Grapevine! "Alcoholics Anonymous" went into its initial printing 11 years before the first, experimental Conference meeting. Now, however, any changes in the text of the Big Book must meet Conference approval; for instance, the deletion and addition of personal stories for the third edition (1976) underwent close Conference scrutiny before being approved. As for the Grapevine, the concept of our magazine has received Conference approval, but it would be clearly impractical to put every monthly issue through such a complex procedure. The GV is published by a separate corporation, The A.A. Grapevine, Inc., which holds the copyrights; so its approval must be sought before anything from the Grapevine is reprinted.

A.A. Conference-approved literature may be purchased directly from the General Service Office and is available at many central offices and intergroups. Most A.A. groups purchase and display Conference-approved literature, usually offering the pamphlets free of charge

and selling the books and booklets. A 1972 Conference recommendation (reaffirmed in 1975) suggested "that when a local A.A. facility (central office, intergroup, group, etc.) sells non-Conference-approved literature, it be clearly designated as such."

Following another Conference recommendation, most groups separate A.A. and non-A.A. literature, often displaying them in different parts of the room. If A.A. literature was mixed with literature from other sources, the newcomer would be understandably confused about what is and what is not the A.A. program.

This recommendation was made by the 1977 General Service Conference: "It was suggested that A.A. groups be discouraged from selling literature not distributed by the General Service Office and the Grapevine." But let's be clear: The Conference cannot *tell* any A.A. member what he or she may or may not read, nor can it *tell* any A.A. group what material it may or may not purchase, display, and sell. The 1977 action is a recommendation only—but one that your group might like to examine and discuss.

Your group's literature display in general would make an interesting subject for a group-conscience meeting. A good, free-wheeling discussion might consider the following questions: "What does Conference approval mean to us? If we display and sell non-A.A. literature along with A.A. literature, will we confuse the newcomer? If we display and sell large quantities of literature from other sources, such as treatment centers, will we appear to be affiliating with those organizations? Should we study Tradition Six more carefully? Does our supply of Conference-approved literature meet all the needs of our group? Of our newcomers? Are we familiar with the whole range of our own literature?"

New Literature Catalog and Order Form

Box 4-5-9 offers help in such a discussion by enclosing with this issue the latest catalog of Conference-Approved Literature and Other Service Materials and the separate order form. Have you taken a close look at the catalog lately?

Results of the Latest A.A. Membership Survey Now Being Analyzed

Did you fill out a questionnaire (anonymously, of course) at an A.A. meeting in September 1983? If so, you join

members of 500 A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada who have helped prove that A.A. really works! You took part in one of our Fellowship's most massive jobs of carrying the message.

At the 1983 Conference, delegates agreed to help our General Service Board conduct its sixth "sobriety census." Every three years since 1968, the Fellowship has undertaken this survey in order to provide accurate data about Alcoholics Anonymous and its effectiveness to professionals (doctors, social workers, law enforcement officials, and others) working in the alcoholism field. But this triennial survey is of equal importance within A.A., for it gathers information that helps us reach out to the still-suffering alcoholic, wherever he or she may be.

Totally anonymous in character, the survey asked questions about the ways in which members reached A.A., length of sobriety, age and sex categories, and occupation. The results of the 1983 survey are now being tabulated, analyzed, and examined in detail. As soon as they have been reviewed by the trustees' Public Information Committee, the final report will be made available to the Fellowship through our bulletins and newsletters, and will be conveyed to the general public via a press release.

S.R.O. at G.S.O.— Open House a Hit

Saturday, November 19, 1983, dawned bright and clear in New York, as though the elements were smiling on our annual Open House.

In its new format, G.S.O.'s Open House saw more than 700 visitors come through our offices and those of the Grapevine. Then, in an auditorium setting nearby, they listened to the G.S.O. and GV staffs describing their individual assignments. A.A. films were also shown, with a choice of Spanish or English narration available. Lunch was graciously hosted by the Southeastern New York Area.

We were gratified to find that more than 80% of the visitors were here for the first time, thereby accomplishing the primary aim of these yearly gatherings—getting more and more A.A.'s to see their office facilities and meet staff members face-to-face.

We are grateful to the 37 office employees and the 13 metropolitan-area A.A. volunteers who assisted us that day, and we are all looking forward to November 1984 and the opportunity to welcome more A.A.'s to your G.S.O.

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

FEBRUARY-MARCH 1984

Calendar of Events

February

- 3-5 — *Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.* 33rd Annual Rally. Write: Ch., #8—2020 Douglas St., Victoria, B.C. V8T 4L1
- 3-5 — *Salem, Oregon.* First Annual Dist. 4 Intergroup Soberfest. Write: Soberfest, Box 5418, Salem, OR 97304
- 3-5 — *Ocean City, Maryland.* Third Annual Seaside Winter Conf. Write: Ch., Box 793, Ocean City, MD 21842
- 4-6 — *North Hollywood, California.* Ninth Annual San Fernando Valley Conv. Write: Ch., Box 33213, Granada Hills, CA 91344
- 10-12 — *Elliot Lake, Ontario, Canada.* Third Annual N. Shore Dist. Conf. Write: Ch., Box 322, Elliot Lake, Ont. T5A 2J8
- 10-12 — *Camrose, Alberta, Canada.* Third Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1387, Camrose, Alta. T4V 1X3
- 10-12 — *Overland Park, Kansas.* Second Sunflower Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1281, Mission, KS 66222
- 10-12 — *Cincinnati, Ohio.* Third Conf. of Young People in A.A. Write: Ch., Box 19336, Cincinnati, OH 45219
- 10-12 — *Arlington Heights, Illinois.* 11th Reg. Conf. of Past/Pres. Dels. Write: Treas., Box 591, Ellen, IL 60138
- 10-12 — *Greeley, Colorado.* 33rd Annual Stampede. Write: Ch., 25573 W C RD 45, Greeley, CO 80631
- 10-12 — *Imperial Valley, California.* Second Annual San Diego-Imperial Area Weekend. Write: Treas., Box 393, El Centro, CA 92244-0393
- 11-12 — *Canora, Saskatchewan, Canada.* Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 871, Canora, Sask. S0A 0L0
- 16-18 — *Fresno, California.* All-Calif. Young People's Conv. Write: Ch., Box 15087, Fresno, CA 93702
- 17-19 — *El Paso, Texas.* 22nd Annual Jamboree. Write: Secy., Box 1405, El Paso, TX 79948
- 17-19 — *Rio Rico, Arizona.* Area Assy. and Sharing Session. Write: Ch., Box 331, Green Valley, AZ 85622
- 17-19 — *Little Rock, Arkansas.* Second Annual Dist. 9 Mini-Conf. Write: Treas., 1431 Kavanaugh St., Little Rock, AR 72205
- 17-19 — *Buchanan, Tennessee.* Second Annual State Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., Box 241062, Memphis, TN 38124
- 17-19 — *Owensboro, Kentucky.* State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 88, Owensboro, KY 42302
- 17-20 — *Miami Beach, Florida.* Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 13, Pompano, FL 33060
- 17-20 — *Olongapo City, Philippines.* Second Nat. Conv. Write: Ch., c/o Serenity Shack, 49 14th St., Olongapo City, E.B.B., Philippines 2201
- 24-26 — *Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.* 17th Annual Hub City Roundup. Write: Ch., Cent. Off., 311-220 3rd Ave. S., Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 1M1
- 24-26 — *Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.* Halifax/Dartmouth Midwinter Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 531, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3Y8
- 24-26 — *Ripley, West Virginia.* Annual Cedar Lakes Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2481, Charleston, WV 25329
- 24-26 — *Afton, Oklahoma.* Seventh Annual Four-State Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2106, Joplin, MO 64803
- 24-27 — *Atlanta, Georgia.* 20th Nat. Women's Conf. Write: Ch., Box 98409, Atlanta, GA 30359
- 25-26 — *Colville, Washington.* Annual Intl. Get-Together. Write: Ch., Box 14, Colville, WA 99114
- 25-27 — *Aibonito, Puerto Rico.* Area Conv. (Spanish-speaking). Write: Com. Org., Apartado 955, Comerio, PR 00642

March

- 2-4 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.* Reg. Forum. Write: Reg. Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Sta., New York, NY 10163

Planning an April, May, or June Event?

Please be sure to send your information on April, May, or June events in time to reach G.S.O. by *February 15*. This is the calendar deadline for the April-May issue of *Box 4-5-9* (to be mailed March 15).

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

Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

For more detailed suggestions, see the pages noted.

February (page 14): problems in sobriety; sponsorship; Eleventh Step; gratitude.

March (page 36): learning from others; Tradition Six; A.A. tools; results of working the Steps.

2-4 — *Toronto, Ontario, Canada.* Reg. Conf. Write: Ch., Intergroup Off., 272 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto, Ont. M4R 1B2

2-4 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada.* Young People's Conv. Write: Conv., Box 661, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2M 2J3

2-4 — *Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada.* 15th Annual Rally. Write: Ch., 779 Townsite Rd., Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 1L6

2-4 — *Peoria, Illinois.* Third Annual Area Spring Conf. Write: Conf., Box 5845, Peoria, IL 61601

2-4 — *Eau Claire, Wisconsin.* 25th Annual Alano Club 12 Banq. Write: Ch., 3012 Rudolph Rd., Eau Claire, WI 54701

2-4 — *Swan River, Manitoba, Canada.* Swan Valley Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1184, Swan River, Man. R0L 1Z0

16-18 — *Irving, Texas.* Fourth Annual Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 151598, Irving, TX 75015

16-18 — *Kiamesha Lake, New York.* 11th Annual Fellowship Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 267, New City, NY 10956

16-18 — *Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada.* 16th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2218, Salmon Arm, B.C. V0E 2T0

16-18 — *Portland, Oregon.* Annual Native Am. Conf. Write: Ch., Box 40245, Portland, OR 97240

16-18 — *Metairie, Louisiana.* Deep South Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., 331 St. Charles St., Suite 1103, New Orleans, LA 70130

17 — *Kalamazoo, Michigan.* 43rd Anniv., Mini-Conf. Write: Ch., 510 Pearl St., Apt. 2, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

23-25 — *French Lick, Indiana.* 31st Annual State Conv. Write: Conv. Com., 50 Elkton Ct., Lafayette, IN 47905

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March continued

- 23-25 — *Ocean City, New Jersey*. 20th Annual Area Gen. Serv. Conf. Write: Ch., Box 185, Glendora, NJ 08012
- 23-25 — *Phoenix, Arizona*. First Annual Intl. Gay Fellowship in A.A. Conf. Write: Ch., Box 36366, Phoenix, AZ 85067
- 23-25 — *Corpus Christi, Texas*. 30th Annual Coastal Bend Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 3204, Corpus Christi, TX 78404
- 23-25 — *Quebec, Quebec, Canada*. Ninth Bilingual Congress. Write: Ch., Box 9, Succ. Post. Limoilou, Quebec, Que. G1L 4T8
- 24-25 — *Glendive, Montana*. Dist. 21 Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., 216 Cooke St., Glendive, MT 59330
- 30-Apr. 1 — *St. Paul, Minnesota*. 29th Annual Intergroup Weekend. Write: Cent. Off., 951 E. 5th St., St. Paul, MN 55106
- 30-Apr. 1 — *Salt Lake City, Utah*. First Annual State Conf. of Young People in A.A. Write: Secy., U.Y.P.A.A., Box 17899, Salt Lake City, UT 84117
- 30-Apr. 1 — *Marshall, Minnesota*. 11th Annual S.W. Minn. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 451, Marshall, MN 56258
- 31-Apr. 2 — *Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada*. Prov. Assy. and Dist. Conf. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 453, Dauphin, Man. R7N 2V3

April

- 5-8 — *Columbia, South Carolina*. 37th State Conv. Write: Conv., Box 12012, Columbia, SC 29211
- 13-14 — *Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 95, Rosetown, Sask., S0L 2V0
- 13-15 — *Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada*. S. Alta. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 212, Lethbridge, Alta. T1J 3Y5
- 13-15 — *Clarksburg, West Virginia*. Jackson's Mill Spring Roundup. Write: Roundup, Box 825, Clarksburg, WV 26301
- 13-15 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. Fifth Annual Sobriety (Gay) Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 718, Sta. A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2N5
- 13-15 — *Wichita, Kansas*. Ninth Annual Spring Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 18093, Wichita, KS 67218
- 13-15 — *Montréal-Nord, Québec, Canada*. Cinquième Congrès du Dist. 01 (French-speaking). Ecrire: Bur. de Serv. du Dist. 01, C.P. 487, Montréal Nord, Qué. H1H 5L5
- 13-15 — *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*. 11th Annual Banff Roundup. Write: Roundup Com., Box 6744, Sta. D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2E6
- 13-15 — *Tucson, Arizona*. Second Annual Youth Enjoying Sobriety Conf. Write: Y.E.S., Box 30146, Tucson, AZ 85751
- 14 — *Shawinigan, Québec, Canada*. 15-ième Mini-Congrès (French-speaking). Ecrire: Pres., Dist. 302, C.P. 755, Shawinigan, Qué. G9N 6V9
- 19-23 — *Perth, Australia*. 24th Nat. Conv. Write: Secy., Box W2102, Perth, West Australia 6001
- 20-22 — *Cape Town, South Africa*. Nat. Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., Box 2047, Cape Town, South Africa 8000
- 20-22 — *Narragansett, Rhode Island*. Eighth State Conv. Write: Conv. Com., Box 9342, Providence, RI 02940
- 20-22 — *San Diego, California*. Spring Roundup. Write: Roundup Ch., Box A2529, San Diego, CA 92112
- 27-29 — *Lake Charles, Louisiana*. 31st Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 713 S. Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA 70601
- 27-29 — *Tarrytown, New York*. 22nd Area Conv. Write: Conv. Ch., Box 1850, New York, NY 10116
- 28-29 — *Scottsbluff, Nebraska*. 28th Annual Panhandle Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 256, Scottsbluff, NE 69361