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WSO TO MOVE

We have outgrown the space that we currently occupy. Although we did not substantially expand the number of staff in the last twelve months, we have continued to use more space both for general administrative services and for shipping. Consequently, we have been examining our alternatives for immediate and long range space requirements.

We currently occupy 10,000 square feet of office and have about 2,500 square feet of mezzanine storage space. We are in need of additional space for 5,000 feet of office, 1,000 feet of storage and 1,000 feet for shipping. Of course we long ago converted our conference room into office space, so our planning includes additional provisions for this. As we give serious thought to our space needs for the next five years, we know that even more space will be needed in each category.

Consolidating our entire operation into a single building would be an important step also. We are located in three separate buildings on one street, and although they are close to each other there are a number of inconveniences that we now endure.

This re-evaluation came at about the right time. The leases for our existing facilities expire later this year, and this is a good time to make the necessary adjustments. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find a building in the immediate area that is large enough and at the right price. We expanded our search to include neighboring communities and the number of alternative sites improved. However, we have not found the ideal building or location.

It is obvious that any move is going to mean losing the convenience of having a hotel across the street. Additionally, we will not have the convenience of such easy access to and from the Los Angeles International Airport that we have enjoyed for these past five years. The loss of these conveniences will mean that planning for events and meetings such as the conference will have to be examined in a different light.

Another factor that has continually been included in our discussions is the option of

purchasing the facilities we use rather than continuing to lease. There are a long list of pro's and con's about buying versus leasing, and all of them have not been thoroughly examined. The board has been studying the whole matter for some time and will continue to work on it. There has been a general consensus that consideration should be given, as part of the anticipated move, to securing an option to purchase the facility we move to.

Accordingly, we have moved forward to find the best sites at the best prices both for leasing and purchasing. Although all our initial efforts were directed at finding a building we could immediately move to, we were unable to find a suitable location. We have recently been approached by a builder who offered to construct a building to our specifications and lease the building to us with an option to buy the building if we desire.

In principal, the board approved this type of arrangement and detailed discussions are now being held. We expect some resolution to our discussions during the next sixty days. Until then, we do not have any more specifics to report. However, we can say that the WSO will have to move elsewhere within the next twelve to fourteen months.

REPORT TO THE FELLOWSHIP FROM THE 1988/89 AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON CORRECTING THE FOURTH EDITION BASIC TEXT

The 1988 World Service Conference actions resolving the controversy last year surrounding the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text have been reported previously. I was directed by the conference to appoint a small ad hoc committee which would be responsible for making the conference-directed and -authorized changes in the Fourth Edition resulting in a new Fifth Edition of the book, *Narcotics Anonymous*.

As the WSC directed, the WSO staff began a second major proofreading of the Fourth Edition manuscripts to uncover omissions beyond the twen-

ty-five accidental deletions which were discovered and reported immediately prior to WSC 1988. The WSO completed this task and the ad hoc committee I appointed met in July at WSO. The participants, including myself, were: Michael L.; Jack B.; Bob G.; Sally E.; Judy G.; and Jim W. (WSO staff). We re-inserted all of the twenty-five omissions and the additional omissions which were discovered in the second proofreading, as well as the other two (or three) specific changes in the text which were authorized by conference motion. The only discretion the committee used was in editing language within the insertion as necessary to make it fit in with the surrounding text.

The WSO subsequently began the process of typesetting the Fifth Edition Book and other aspects of the production process. To insure accuracy, the WSO has gone through an exhaustive proofreading process involving staff, members of the WSO Board of Directors, World Literature Committee, WSC Administrative Committee and other N.A. members. This committee and process was separate from the task the conference directed me to do. WSO has reported separately on this matter and on the status of the production schedule for the Fifth Edition.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

*Michael L.
N.A. Member*

BASIC TEXT 5TH EDITION

The World Service Office is deeply engaged in the process of preparing for publication the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

The World Service Office staff received the work completed by the WSC appointed committee and re-inserted the language into the computer files that the committee had authorized as result of its meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, the completed work was mailed back to the members of the committee for their review and concurrence with the insertions made by the staff. As result of these mailings, consensus was reached by members of the committee that the re-insertions had been accurately accomplished.

The World Service Office then began selecting a typesetting company to work on the next stage of the text. This was accomplished in July, and work began on preparing material for typesetting. The finalized material was printed and made available for a proofreading session as announced in the WSO report to the conference. A proofreading workshop was organized and conducted in mid-

August. Invited to participate were members of the World Literature Committee, the Board of Trustees, the WSO Board of Directors, and several members from the fellowship. This proofreading session was held, and completed its work in one day. The proofreading session revealed a number of extremely minor inconsistencies in application of commas, semicolons, and periods. There were a few examples of corrections suggested in capitalization. When this work was completed, the WSO staff took the work and accomplished the revisions suggested by the proofreading committee. This material was then sent to the typesetter for typesetting.

The typeset material was then subjected to a final review by a professional proofreader, and that proofreading revealed no additional errors. This finalized version was then mailed to the leadership of the World Service Literature Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the World Service Office. Simultaneously, this material was prepared and shipped to the printer for preprinting production work at their facility.

As this report is being prepared this material is currently at the printer, and further reviews will be made as it progresses prior to its scheduled printing.

As a result of some dissatisfaction concerning several aspects of production with our current primary printer, the WSO has been searching for alternatives for the production of the Basic Text. A printing consultant was used to review the status of our current contractual agreements. An alternative company was selected and interviewed and given the opportunity to bid on the printing of the text.

Following a series of meetings with representatives from both companies, it was decided that the WSO would change its primary printer to a publishing house in Indianapolis, Indiana. The change in printer was made in order to maintain a high quality standard for this publication and to minimize proposed cost increases the original printing company was considering to impose on this publication.

The change in printers and the slow but essential review process that this edition is following in its preparation has resulted in a moderate delay in the production schedule. It was the original hope of the WSO that the Basic Text would be printed and available for sale by October 1, 1988. However, it has become evident that the printing will not be accomplished until mid-October. The book will thus become available near the end of October or the beginning of November.

Giving consideration to the distance involved to the re-shipments from the WSO to many consumers and members of the fellowship it is not very likely that the Fifth Edition will be available at area committees and offices until sometime in mid- or late November.

The WSO is mindful of the desire of all members of the fellowship to have this publication available at the earliest possible moment. However, we are reminded always of the necessity of moving with much more caution and diligence in our preparation.

Accordingly, please have patience with us and with the process, and we will assure you the highest quality possible in this publication.

FRENCH BASIC TEXT

We are pleased to report that substantial progress has been made in the translation of the French-language Basic Text. In 1987, the World Service Office, in cooperation with the Canadian French-speaking translation committee, selected a translation firm in Quebec to develop an initial translation of Book One of the Basic Text. The draft was completed in late 1987 and delivered to the translation committees in Montreal and in France. Discussion between them resulted in a division of work. Both committees started simultaneously to refine the translation prepared by the translation company.

The communications between both translation committees has permitted a cohesive relationship to develop and a clearer understanding of acceptable terms or phrases to be used in French literature. As work progressed it became obvious that a workshop was necessary at which members of both committees could meet and work over important points of the translation.

A meeting was scheduled to be held in Paris following the European Service Conference in July 1988. Three members of the Canadian committee were able to attend the workshop. During a ten day working session, both committees were able to achieve satisfaction with the draft of the Basic Text.

This draft has subsequently been delivered to the World Service Office and to the typesetting company that will be used to move this project along. The material will be printed in draft form for final review by both committees prior to the final typesetting.

This review and revision process will take several months, followed by a reasonable printing production schedule. It is anticipated that a

French-language version of Book One can be available for sale by the summer of 1989.

This represents the most substantial cooperative effort by the office and a translation committee to accomplish a major work. This approach is now being expanded. The model developed in the French process will be copied for translation work in other languages.

WSO WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

In response to the continuing need for workshops for offices, conventions and related service needs, three workshops have been scheduled. The timing, advance notice and location of these workshops has been a continuing problem. We have found it impossible to satisfy everyone, much less all of them at once. Our best solution has been to re-evaluate not only the scheduling and location, but the content and focus.

The result of this re-evaluation is to take the following action. We will hold three workshops each year. Each workshop will focus on the problems in specific geographical areas and each workshop will be scheduled a year in advance. Unfortunately, the first two need to be held sooner, so for this year the first two will only have short notice.

The first workshop will be held on October 21, 22, and 23 in Atlanta, Georgia, and will focus on the needs of the fellowship in the following states: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. This meeting will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 4736 Best Road, College Park, Georgia, phone (404) 762-7676.

The second workshop will be held next February in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and will focus on the needs of the fellowship in the following states: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. An agreement for the location has not been completed, but is expected soon. We will provide that information as it is available.

We will start each workshop on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. The last meeting will end on Sunday about 3:00 p.m.

The third workshop will be held in July 1989 in Los Angeles, and will focus on the needs of the fellowship in the following states: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana,

Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii and California.

Although anyone who desires to attend any of the workshops will be welcome, we intend to direct the majority of our attention to the specific problems that conventions and offices in these states face. We will continue to work with emerging N.A. communities outside the U.S. on an individual basis, and plan to visit the U.K., Ireland, Germany, Japan and Australia in the next six months.

There has been a growing discussion concerning how to service the needs of our Canadian members. We have recently initiated communications to hold a meeting for representatives of all Canadian regions for March 1989. The meeting will be directed toward issues that affect the Canadian membership as a whole. At this meeting discussions about corporations, offices, conventions and general literature sales will be conducted.

The office has asked the WSC P.I. Committee to consider joint sponsorship of a simultaneous workshop for telephone helpline operations at the February 1989 meeting in Philadelphia. Telephone helpline operations are becoming more important to the fellowship, and having a workshop to share their experience will be an important event. This first helpline workshop will not be intended to focus on a specific geographic area, and there will not be a joint workshop at the July 1989 workshop in Los Angeles. However, we will include a workshop for helplines at the September 1989 workshop (location to be announced) and each workshop afterward.

The reasons for this scheduling is to have a common workshop first, in order to gather material and experience for an outlined agenda. The compilation of that agenda and development of resource material will take a few months of work following the first meeting. Having six months between the first and second meetings will facilitate that development. Starting with the September 1989 meeting, each workshop will focus on the states grouped in the manner described earlier.

The decision to focus on needs of a limited geographical area is important. It will keep the meetings to a fairly limited size and allow greater concentration on the specific needs of those in attendance. Members who plan to attend the first workshop in Atlanta are requested to call the office as soon as possible, as well as make your own hotel arrangements. Because a smaller number of persons will attend, the management associated

with the hotel and our use of facilities needs closer attention. In order to avoid unnecessary expense we need to make provision for those who will definitely be in attendance rather than for an unknown number of people.

SPEAKER TAPE INVENTORY

There is a growing demand for more tapes of N.A. speakers to be included in the WSO inventory. The process used in recent years has proven to be successful, although somewhat slow and arduous. This year, a larger number of people have been selected for the review panel and it is expected that an increased number of tapes can be reviewed and approved.

Two years ago, the World Service Office initiated a limitation on some of the tapes that would be considered for review. This was done because of the vast quantity of tapes we were receiving from members and committees at that time. The limitation restricted convention speaker selections to those who were major speakers at convention events. This limited to four or five the number of speaker tapes from any convention. In 1986 and early 1987, this was necessary because the office was receiving literally hundreds of tapes for review. During late 1987 and 1988, the number of tapes received by the office for review declined substantially. We are uncertain as to the reason for this decline, but we no longer have a backlog of tapes to review. Because of the desire to have more tapes available, WSO would like to invite the fellowship to send more tapes for review.

It is always important to submit recordings of a high technical quality. Most convention speaker recordings tend to be of acceptable quality. In addition to conventions, groups and area committees could very easily obtain the use of high-quality tape recording equipment that could be used on a regular basis at local meetings to tape speakers and discussions. Meetings where steps or traditions or other aspects of recovery are discussed could also be considered. If groups will exercise this option, a greater number of non-convention tapes could be included in the inventory. Accordingly, the office hopes that groups and areas will act on this request to provide a greater variety of tapes.

N.A. PARAPHERNALIA

During each of the last five years, several articles have appeared in the *Newsline* or in the *Fellowship Report* concerning the growing sales of

jewelry and other merchandise that contain representations of the N.A. emblems. In one such report, it was announced that the office was moving toward bringing order to this difficult problem.

There are several different issues involved with this general problem. One issue is whether or not the logo should be used by private individuals for financial gain. There is a general acceptance within our membership that individuals should not, on their own and without authority, engage in the production or sale of materials that contain the N.A. logo or symbols. Accordingly, a plan has been developed that would end such efforts and bring order to the problem.

This issue is made much more important because of the way in which trademark laws are applied in most countries, including the United States. These trademark registration laws clearly require that organizations or individuals owning trademark items not only register their ownership of those trademarks, but act to protect and prevent others from using those trademarks without authorization. It is entirely possible for an organization to lose legal ownership of its trademark if it permits, with knowledge, unauthorized persons to use the trademark for commercial purposes on an ongoing basis.

The office and the World Convention Corporation have been moving jointly toward initiating restrictions on those individuals currently involved in such production and sale. The next step will require a decision by the fellowship at large. There are two choices to be made. One is whether or not the fellowship desires to continue the production by private vendors of such items as jewelry, watches, desk ornaments, bumper stickers or items of that sort. Another choice is whether or not the fellowship wants production of these items to cease entirely and agree never to buy them. Regardless of the choice that proves to be the most satisfactory, we must move ahead to provide protection for our logo and symbols and establish clear N.A. ownership of them.

In order to provide controls on the production and sale of these items, one alternative is to allow independent companies and individuals to produce materials under license or contract from the WSO. This alternative, although generally practical, may be the least desirable because it is more expensive and less efficient in its management and administration.

What seems to be the more reasonable alternative is to have all items for sale that include

the N.A. logo made available through the World Service Office. To make this alternative clearly understood, this would not preclude service committees from contracting with private vendors to produce specific quantities of items that an area or regional committee would purchase. The entire supply would be sold exclusively by the service committees without the private vendor selling on their own or to anyone other than the service committee that ordered them.

Following this approach, it would be possible to make available whatever selection of items the fellowship desires. They could be made by any number of private manufacturers. But all sales and distribution would be through the World Service Office. This alternative provides the simplest and most complete form of protection for the fellowship to preserve its ownership of N.A. logo.

The fellowship will be asked by the World Service Office at the next World Service Conference to make a decision. It is the current intention of the office to propose to the conference that only the second option be considered, and that the World Service Office be instructed by the fellowship to take direct management authority over all items that are currently being made by private vendors; further, that these items be included in the WSO catalog for sale to the fellowship for personal use.

The precise wording of this motion has not been prepared by the board but will be finalized at the October 1988 meeting. The office invites members and service committees to send their thoughts to the office concerning this issue and the option selection.

EASIER ENGLISH LITERATURE

Since May 1987, the WSC Additional Needs Ad-Hoc Committee has been exploring barriers which may exist in carrying the message of recovery to addicts. In gathering information about the hearing-impaired community, the committee became aware of some information which suggests that deaf people may have some difficulties reading literature which is written for hearing people.

WSO has been working with the committee members in an effort to ascertain some facts. Is this true? If so, what is the accepted process for rewriting material? Also, are there other people who might have the same need? How many?

We don't have all the answers yet, but we have a beginning. Like many projects, this task seems to

be more complicated than originally anticipated. A clinic, two agencies, a library, and a university have been contacted so far. With each bit of information, we also uncover a new resource.

Our findings so far are far from conclusive and are difficult to summarize. Nevertheless, we thought it would be helpful to keep everyone updated. Perhaps some of the *Newsline* readers have information which can help.

There seems to be agreement that, generally speaking, the average adult deaf person does read at a different level than the average adult hearing person. It is difficult to measure these reading levels, and there are several methods of doing so. The reading level of written material can also be measured by several different methods. The accuracy of all of these methods is somewhat in question, even by those who use them.

In our efforts to discover a standardized approach which is used by all segments of society having this need, we have been surprised to find that none exists. The people, agencies, schools and organizations who undertake this type of project simply gather information and then make a collective decision on how to proceed.

Many of us would logically assume that it would be a simple matter to rewrite material. One could simply have a sign language interpreter read and "sign" the literature, then write down the words for each sign. The result might have a different word order and different words than we are used to, but it would definitely be more easily understood by a deaf addict.

Another approach which makes sense is to evaluate the written material with the intent of pinpointing sentences or paragraphs which could be enhanced by simplification (complexity of words, word order, sentence structure). Once this is done, only those sentences and paragraphs need to be rewritten.

In the educational environment, written material is produced for deaf students in a very specific manner. This method strives for a balance between use of simplified text, illustrations, charts, and space. Important concepts are conveyed by a combination of words and graphics, while space is effectively used to organize major topics into headings and subheadings. This approach serves all lower level readers, including (but not limited to) deaf readers.

There are probably other methods of which we will become aware in the coming months.

Whichever method or combination of methods may be employed, there are other important concerns in planning this initial work. A pilot

effort will require initial evaluation of some pamphlets, determination of the process for rewriting, consultation with someone possessing relevant expertise, cost assessment, and evaluation of the completed product. It is essential to have evaluation and input by deaf recovering addicts and other lower-level readers along the way. The evaluation team should also include experienced trusted servants, some WSO staff, etc. A rewritten pamphlet must also be evaluated for conceptual integrity.

In the coming months, we will continue working with the Additional Needs Ad-Hoc Committee and gathering information. Input and experience from members and committees should be sent to Additional Needs Committee, c/o World Service Office.

Progress reports will follow in future issues of the *Newsline*.

FROM BOB STONE

Several years ago, in 1984 to be exact, I was nominated for election to the Board of Trustees. At that time I did not believe it was in the fellowship's best interest to have the manager of the World Service Office also serve as a trustee. Besides, I already had enough work to do. Accordingly, I respectfully declined the nomination.

At the meeting of the World Service Conference this past spring I was honored again to receive a nomination for election to the Board of Trustees. This time I did not decline the nomination. When it came time to state my qualifications, I used the time to explain why I did not decline the nomination and also to request that no one vote for my election.

In general I explained that my thinking had changed a little since 1984. I had finally begun to understand that there were philosophical issues that should be discussed, understood and accepted before a WSO employee should be elected to the Board of Trustees. I was not necessarily still of the opinion that a WSO employee could not also be a trustee. I just felt that the discussions, understanding and acceptance of the concepts involved should be accomplished before an employee is elected, if ever.

Fortunately, enough people took my request seriously and the number of votes cast for me fell short of the number necessary. But this action now permits an opening of discussion of related issues.

This matter, like a large number of other issues has come about because we have been operating for

a number of years without a primary publication that spells out a comprehensive understanding of the principles that N.A. follows. The approved publications--the text, White Booklet, the I.P.'s and handbooks--do not sufficiently explain the principles in such a way that they can be applied to such new and diverse problems. Perhaps when the book on steps and traditions is written it will include guidance on these types of issues.

In the meantime, we will continue to face these types of matters with a hundred or more differing opinions. And as long as that is the case, we will encounter conflict at each turn. There are several parts of the issue arising from my nomination as trustee that have a wide application. But basically the matter is, what are the rights, privileges or conditions placed on special workers?

At the workshop held last March for offices this matter was also addressed. We encouraged those special workers present to begin writing their experience, the practices they follow, how they are related to by their membership and how they function as N.A. members. Prior to 1983 there were no paid special workers so it is understandable that we have written little or nothing on the subject. However, there are now offices in over twenty regions. This means that many regional and area service committees are having their first experiences with Eighth Tradition workers.

Some of these special workers had previously been serving as officers in their areas and regions. A number of questions immediately came into focus. What impact did their selection as a special worker have on their continued service as an officer? Should they resign? Should it make no difference? What officer positions could they continue to hold? Were any suddenly inappropriate? If so, why? Would this mean that there are two classes of membership in N.A., regular members and special worker members?

Could a special worker employed by an area office become the chairperson of their ASC or become the ASR? How about a special worker at a regional-level office, could they become the chairperson of the region or RSR?

When it comes to discussions on steps and traditions, does a special worker's opinion now have the same value? Is it valued more? Less? When a special worker makes a statement while on the job concerning a tradition, does it reflect the opinion of the worker, the office, or the responsible service committee? Does it reflect the opinion of N.A. as a whole? What if the same special worker expressed the same opinion at a

service committee meeting? Is there any change in the value others should place on that opinion?

How should we personally treat the special worker as a member? Should they always be introduced to others as "a special worker," "the office manager" or simply as a member as they were before they became a special worker? I have experienced this question in action on many occasions. When people introduce me to others simply as "Bob," they respond to me much differently than when they are told "this is Bob, he manages the WSO." Immediately, that person's viewpoint of our conversation is tilted by their opinion of the questions in the previous paragraph.

The same is true of other special workers at the WSO and at area or regional offices. I have seen how differently people react to introductions that include the fact that they are a special worker. Some people think it is neat, while others respond in a manner that implies a special worker is a dreaded monster.

There are some who are making the simple confusions over special workers even more troublesome. For example, the rights and treatment of special workers is also related to an understanding of how service boards that manage offices are considered within the fellowship. A few people have taken the view that offices are not part of N.A. Therefore it stands to reason, they say, that a special worker is really employed by an outside organization and cannot be accorded any rights that a member has. I hope the fellowship decides to address these questions in some fashion in the near future. The need for answers is clear.

COMING EVENTS

ALABAMA: Sep. 8-11, 1988; Alabama-Northwest Florida Convention; Gulf State Park Resort Hotel, Gulf Shores (800) 544-4853; Mike (904) 656-8488, Leo 837-5516; Regional Convention, P.O. Box 2437, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-2437

2) Dec. 2-4, 1988; Surrender in the Mountains; Cheaha State Park, Talladega; Ron (205) 852-5315; Surrender, P.O. Box 1632, Athens, AL 35611

ARKANSAS: Sep. 16-18, 1988; 4th Annual Ozark Mountain High Campout; Petit Jean State Park, Hwy. 154, Opello; Mike G. or Forrest C. (501) 663-2225; CAACNA, P.O. Box 5027, Little Rock, AR 72225

2) Oct. 2-3, 1988; Louisiana Purchase Regional Service Weekend; Hope Not Dope Clubhouse, Old Highway Patrol Station, Hwy. 67, Hope, AR; Allison T. (214) 792-2481, Robert C. 832-6257, Rick R. 792-1580, Conita A. (501) 773-9748

AUSTRALIA: Sep. 30-Oct. 3, 1988; Australasian Regional Convention; Petersham Town Hall, Sydney, New South Wales; phone contacts (Sydney) Melinda 698-2583, Brett 309-2135; Australasian Convention, P.O. Box B88, Boronia Park, Sydney, NSW AUSTRALIA

2) Nov. 19-20, 1988; 1st South Australia Area Convention; Brighton, Glenelg Community Centre, 20 Tarlton St., Somerton Park, Adelaide; Alan (618) 298-3839; Area of S. Australia, P.O. Box 479, Norwood, S.A. 5067, AUSTRALIA

BAHAMAS: Nov. 4-6, 1988; 1st Bahamas Area Convention; Wyndham Ambassador Hotel, Nassau, (809) 327-8231; John B. (809) 322-8804, Eddie H. 326-6219; B.A.C.N.A., P.O. Box CB 11767, Nassau, Bahamas

CALIFORNIA: Sep. 1-4, 1988; World Convention of N.A.; Anaheim Hilton and Towers, 777 W. Convention Way, Anaheim; convention info (818) 780-3951; addl. info. Anaheim Convention Bureau, (714) 999-8939; World Convention of N.A., P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409-9999

2) Sep. 9-11, 1988; Mountain High Campout; Lake Tahoe KOA Kampground, South Lake Tahoe; Greg P. (916) 577-3693

FLORIDA: Oct. 7-10, 1988; 5th Keys Recovery Convention; Marriott Casa Marina, Reynolds & Flagler, Key West, (800) 228-9290; Pat 296-2810, Janna 292-1760, Jessica 294-6091; Key Recovery Group, P.O. Box 4664, Key West, FL 33040

2) Nov. 17-20, 1988; 7th Annual Serenity in the Sun; Palm Hotel, 630 Clearwater Park Rd., W. Palm Beach; Jack G. (407) 478-3066, Jack S. 471-9560, Sally F. 738-0414, Linda B. 641-2866, N.A. phoneline 533-3778; Serenity 7, P.O. Box 3151, W. Palm Beach, FL 33402

GERMANY: Oct. 28-30, 1988; 5th N.A. Convention; held at Bessunger Knabenschule, Ludwigshofstrasse 42, 6100 Darmstadt; MAIL: Annual Convention, Postfach 1272, 6073 Egelsbach, W. Germany

IDAHO: Apr. 1989; 4th Washington/Northern Idaho Convention Committee seeking speakers' tapes to plan program; Washington/Northern Idaho Convention--PROGRAM CHAIR, P.O. Box 807, Spokane, WA 99210

IRELAND: Oct. 28-30, 1988; 3rd Annual Irish Convention; N.A. Ireland, P.O. Box 1368, Sheriff Street, Dublin 1, Ireland

KANSAS: Feb. 17-19, 1989; Second Mid-America Regional Convention; Holiday Inn Holidome Convention Center, Salina, (913) 823-1739; Jim M. (913) 825-9510; Mid-America Convention, P.O. Box 383, Salina, KS 67401

LOUISIANA: Sep. 5, 1988; Labor Day Softball Challenge and Barbeque (Louisiana Convention fundraiser); Audobon Park, Walnut and St. Charles, New Orleans; Softball Challenge, P.O. Box 750237, New Orleans, LA 70175-0237

2) Oct. 14-16, 1988; 9th Moonlight Madness Campout; Crooked Creek Recreation Area, between Pine Prairie and Turkey Creek, LA; Douglas L. (504) 292-1077

MAINE: Sep. 9-11, 1988; We're A Miracle V; Bruce & Kim (207) 772-4558; Stan & Jane (207) 784-5863; Bill (617) 563-5885; ASC of Maine, Convention Committee, P.O. Box 5309, Portland, ME 04101

MISSISSIPPI: Sep. 30 - Oct. 2, 1988; Fellowship Campout; Roosevelt State Park, Morton; Joe H. (601) 922-0759, Van S. 352-1266

2) Oct. 22, 1988; Additional Needs Workshop; Jackson, Miss.; contact Jill H. (601) 922-0759, Darwin L. 392-9119

NEBRASKA: Oct. 7-9, 1988; 5th Nebraska Regional Convention; Holiday Inn Northeast, 5250 Cornhusker Hwy., Lincoln; Mike B. (402) 475-8985, Jenny H. 474-1544, Jenny J. 796-2333; NRCNA-5, P.O. Box 80091, Lincoln, NE 68501-0091

NEVADA: Jan. 27-29, 1989; 3rd Southern Nevada Convention; Showboat Hotel, Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas; Helpline (702) 369-3362; Southern Nevada RSC, P.O. Box 26636, Las Vegas, NV 89126

NEW YORK: Jun. 23-25, 1989; 10th East Coast Convention; University of Buffalo, Amherst Campus; George C. (716) 882-9691, Dennis K. 874-0202, Mark B. 832-9350, Gene C. 885-7192; ECCNA-10, P.O. Box 141, Buffalo, NY 14216-0141

NEW ZEALAND: Jan. 14-15, 1989; 2nd New Zealand Area Rally; North Shore Teachers Training College, Auckland; New Zealand Rally, P.O. Box 47087, Ponsonby, Auckland, New Zealand

NORTH DAKOTA: Oct. 21-22, 1988; 7th Annual Fargo-Morehead Banquet; Oak Manor Hotel, I-94 and US-81, Fargo, (800) 437-0044; Steve F. (701) 293-7541, Cathy O. (218) 233-5366; Fargo-Morehead ASC, P.O. Box 3243, Fargo, ND 58108

OHIO: Oct. 14-16, 1988; 1st Ohio Regional 12 Step Retreat; Tar Hollow State Park, Four Hills Resident Camp, Laurelville; Chris L. (614) 487-9522, Steve B. 488-8129; Ohio Regional Office, 66 E. 15th Avenue, Columbus, OH

PENNSYLVANIA: Oct. 28-30, 1988; 6th Annual Tri-State Regional Convention; Vista International Hotel, Pittsburgh, (412) 281-3700 (specify N.A. convention); Roz (412) 361-6250, Bob 661-5799, Gloria 521-1086; Tri-State RSO, P.O. Box 110217, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

2) Feb. 24-26, 1989; 5th Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference; Sheraton Four Star Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster; Denny G. (717) 299-2301, Woody L. 392-5172, Ed B. 293-1678, Helpline 393-4546; Conference 5, P.O. Box 7651, Lancaster, PA 17604

QUEBEC: Oct. 7-9, 1988; 1st Quebec Bilingual Convention; Crown Plaza Hotel, 420 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal (514) 842-6111; Lyne R. (514) 443-0804, Sophie R. 353-4822, Johanne G. 932-5336; Quebec Convention, P.O. Box 141, Succursale Youville, Montreal, Quebec, H2P 2V4

SOUTH CAROLINA: Nov. 11-13, 1988; Serenity Festival; Landmark Best Western, Myrtle Beach; Bedford M. (919) 392-4412, Ron H. 867-5006; Serenity Festival, P.O. Box 1198, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

2) Dec. 3, 1988; "Just for Today" Mini-Conference; Hilton Head Inn; Kelly D. (803) 785-3782, Rose R. 681-7259, Irene H. 842-9757; Mini-Conference, P.O. Box 1837, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925

TENNESSEE: Nov. 23-27, 1988; 6th Volunteer Regional Convention; Garden Plaza Hotel, 211 Mockingbird Ln., Johnson City, (615) 929-2000; registration (615) 638-4385; VRC-6, P.O. Box 353, Greenville, TN 37744

TEXAS: Oct. 14-16, 1988; Texas Unity Convention, Whitney; David (713) 332-8236; Texas Unity (Whitneys), 1612 Second Street, League City, TX 77573

2) Nov. 4-6, 1988; Best Little Region Convention; Koko Palace, 5101 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX 79412; info Kerry W. (806) 745-4309, N.A. Helpline 799-3950; BLRCNA-1, P.O. Box 3013, Lubbock, TX 79452-3013

3) Mar. 24-26, 1989; 4th Lone Star Regional Convention; Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, 123 Losoya, San Antonio 78205, (512) 222-1234; Mike S. (512) 657-7247, Becky R. 340-4920; LSRCA-4, 2186 Jackson Keller, Suite 327, San Antonio, TX 78213

VIRGINIA: Jan. 6-8, 1989; 7th Annual Virginia Convention; Williamsburg Hilton and National Conference Center; Virginia Convention, P.O. Box 1373, Hampton, VA 23661

WASHINGTON: Oct. 7-9, 1988; Eleventh Pacific Northwest Convention; Red Lion Inn at the Quay, Vancouver, (800) 547-8010 (ask for PNWCNA rates); Helpline (206) 573-3063; Pacific-Northwest Conv., P.O. Box 5158, Vancouver, WA 98668

WEST VIRGINIA: Oct. 21-23, 1988; Good Clean Fun!; Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, (304) 372-7000; Jim D. (304) 525-8411, Danny W. 925-7088; Convention, 2408 9th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25703

WISCONSIN: Oct. 28-30, 1988; 5th Wisconsin State Convention; Ramada Airport Inn, Milwaukee, (800) 272-6232; Ned H. (414) 289-9997, Bob K. 258-5961, Michael D. 546-3688; WSNAC-5, P.O. Box 1637, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1637