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assembly, and both were prepared to hear comments from any AA member that would assist their understanding of the group conscience to be voted in New York.

The Group represents the basic AA unit. The Conference-approved pamphlet "The A.A. Group" explains how a group is organized, what differentiates a Group from a Meeting, and the way the Group fits into AA. It is the Group which makes its conscience known to GSO through its General Service Representative (GSR) and the area Delegate. Does your

group have a GSR? Does the GSR attend district meetings and the area assemblies? Does the group treasury support GSR travel to area assemblies and does the GSR report regularly to your group? Through the GSR, each member of AA and each AA group, has a direct link to the people and processes that preserve the AA traditions. Through service outside the Group each of us becomes a part of the gift of AA continuity that stretches, unbroken, back to 1935 and our founders, and ahead to the alcoholic who still suffers.

#### Brief Guide To Historical Events of Significance to Gay Men and Lesbians in AA

This is part two of a series which will continue in other issues of our newsletter. See IACTivity No. 11 for the first part of the series.

- 1972 During the Spring a group in Princeton, New Jersey started meeting. This meeting continues on Fridays at the Quaker Meeting House.
- 1973 The Twelfth Tradition Group founded in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on December 21. This group later translated "Gay or Lesbian and Alcoholic?" into French.
- 1973 Pamphlet "The Homosexual Alcoholic" written during 1972-73 by the Princeton Group, edited and published by The Gay Group of Washington D.C.
- 1974 In April, the General Service Conference of A.A. approved listing gay groups in the A.A. directory by a vote of 24-2.
- 1974 In London during October, the first gay and lesbian meeting of A.A. was held at the Library of the Episcopal Church of St. Paul, Broadley Terrace. This meeting continues at the Response Book Shop, Earls Court, London, on Wednesdays.
- 1975 Pamphlet "Gay or Lesbian and Alcoholic" appeared unofficially at the Denver World Congress. Later that year it was translated into French by the Twelfth Tradition Group of Toronto, Canada.

Rey A.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11 and 12, 1988  
June Cabaret  
Greenwich House  
27 Barrow St.  
NYC  
Admission: \$7.50  
Big Apple Round Up  
George (212) 877-8190

June 10-12, 1988  
Rose City Soberfaire  
P.O. Box 6322  
Portland, OR 97228  
Location:  
Northwest Service Center  
1819 NW Everett  
Portland, Oregon  
\$20.00 After May 15  
\$30.00 Includes Dinner  
& Dance  
(503) 233-3955

June 17-19, 1988  
Chicago '88  
606 W. Barry, Box 196  
Chicago, IL 60657  
Bismark Hotel  
Downtown Chicago  
\$20.00 Early  
\$30.00 Late  
\$25.00 Sat. Banquet  
\$15.00 Al-Anon Lunch  
Tom (312) 562-6441 E.  
(313) 579-1600 D.

June 17-19, 1988  
Twin Cities G/L  
Roundup  
P.O. Box 300107  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Minn. Ritz Hotel  
315 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN 55403-5107  
\$35.00 Registration  
\$40.00 At the door  
includes banquet,  
workshops, special  
events.  
Cheryl G. (612) 333-2602

July 1-3, 1988  
Roundup on the River  
P.O. Box 241544  
Memphis, TN 38124  
\$35.00 includes Workshops,  
Sat. Banquet, Boatride & Dance  
\$15.00 Sat. Banquet, Boatride &  
Dance  
Memphis State University  
\$14.00 Dorm Rooms/night Double  
To guarantee registration make  
payment by June 1

July 1-4, 1988  
Living Sober Roundup  
P.O. Box 974  
San Francisco, CA 94101  
San Francisco Civic  
Auditorium  
Grove and Polk Sts.  
\$15.00 Registration  
\$20.00 At the door  
Michael S. (415) 431-7208

July 4, 1988  
Fireworks Cruise  
8 PM to 11 PM  
\$20.00 Advance only  
Big Apple Round Up  
George (212) 877-8190

August 5-7, 1988  
Conn. Walk the Walk  
c/o Yale U. Conference Office  
Commons Dining Hall  
College & Grove Streets  
New Haven, Ct. 06520  
\$30.00 Registration 6, 15  
\$35.00 After above date  
\$22.50 Housing Fri.  
\$35.50 Housing Fri. - Sat.  
\$52.50 Housing Fri. - Sun.  
\$22.50 Meals Sat (3)  
\$ 7.75 Lunch Sat. only  
Bill B. (203) 727-0718

August 5-7, 1988  
Milwaukee Round Up  
Registration Committee  
c/o Galano Club  
1428 N. Farwell Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202

August 12-14, 1988  
AALA Roundup 1988  
14755 Ventura Blvd.  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
Sheraton Universal  
Universal City, CA  
\$15.00 Registration 4/30  
\$25.00 Before July, 31  
\$40.00 At the door  
Mary R. (818) 769-7318  
Raul A. (212) 838-6033

August 19-21, 1988  
Capitol Roundup  
P.O. Box 76786  
Washington, D.C. 20013  
Washington Plaza Hotel  
\$25.00 Registration  
\$20.00 Before July 1  
\$25.00 Sat. Dinner & Show  
\$10.00 Sat. Dance  
\$15.00 Sun. Breakfast  
Amelia (202) 483-4838  
Frank (202) 331-8157

August 26-28, 1988  
Ohio Round Up  
P.O. Box 15042  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215  
The Hilton Inn Cincinnati  
I-275 and U.S. 42  
Sharonville, Ohio 45241  
(513) 563-8330  
\$15.00 Until July 31  
\$20.00 After July 31  
\$35.00 Pack includes  
both meals  
\$15.00 Sat. Banquet  
\$ 5.00 Sun. Breakfast  
Ron B. (614) 263-3713  
Al A. (513) 563-1553  
Jayne R. (513) 541-0650  
Mark Z. (216) 397-0583

Sept. 2-5, 1988  
Maine Connection  
P.O. Box 5245 Station A  
Portland, ME 04101  
Jack (207) 499-7055  
Patty (207) 854-5339

Over

September 3, 1988  
Courage to Change  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Institute of Christian Studies  
84 Margaret Street  
London W1  
3 Pounds  
See article in this Newsletter

September 9-11, 1988  
San Diego Feeling Good '88  
P.O. Box 3999  
San Diego, CA 92103  
San Diego Princess Resort  
1404 West Vacation Road  
San Diego, CA 92109  
\$15.00 Before April, 30th  
\$25.00 After above date  
Mark S. (619) 238-6113

October 6-9, 1988  
Rocky Mountain Round Up  
P.O. Box 9659  
Denver, CO. 80209  
\$15.00 - \$20.00  
Banquet  
Brunch  
Fred K. (303) 377-1545  
Regency Hotel Denver

October 7-9, 1988  
Gratitude '88  
46 Shields Ave.  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada M5N2K4  
Ramada Hotel  
111 Carlton Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada M5B2G3  
\$25.00 Registration Cdn.  
\$60.00 Full Pkge.  
Sylvia G. (416) 486-1429

October 7-9, 1988  
Freedom Round Up  
P.O. Box 15978  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
\$20.00 Before Aug. 15  
\$30.00 After Aug. 15  
\$ 5.00 Dance  
\$ 5.00 Brunch

Nov. 26-29, 1988  
Big Apple Roundup  
P.O. Box 451  
Village Station, NY 10014  
Washington Irving High School  
16th St. & Irving Place  
New York, New York  
\$25.00 Early  
\$35.00 At the door  
George (212) 877-8190

#### OTHER ROUNDUP ADDRESSES

##### ARIZONA

Phoenix "Spring Break"  
P.O. Box 36366  
Phoenix, AZ 85067

##### CALIFORNIA

Oakland "Unity in  
Sobriety"  
c/o Scottish Rite  
Auditorium  
1547 Lakeside Drive  
Oakland, CA 94612

##### MICHIGAN

Together We Can  
P.O. Box 43481  
Detroit, MI 48243

##### PENNSYLVANIA

Renaissance City  
Round Up '88  
P.O. Box 90242  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224

##### TEXAS

Austin-San Antonio  
Roundup  
P.O. Box 49879  
Austin, TX 78765

Houston Roundup  
Box 27703 Dept. 339  
Houston, TX 77027

Big "D" Roundup  
P.O. Box 191174  
Dallas, TX 75219

##### CANADA

Celebrate Sobriety  
Box 718 Station A  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Canada V6C 2N5

Montreal Rondezzvous '88  
3613 Jeanne Mance  
Montreal, Que.  
Canada H2X 2K4

Sober and United  
6-1611 36 Ave. S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
Canada T2T 2G2

To have your event  
included please contact:  
Rick Y.  
P.O. Box 47  
Allentown, NJ 08501  
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