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Several thousand lesbian and gay members of Alcoholics Anonymous sporting yellow IAC buttons came together in Seattle as part of the total of 48,000, in celebration of "55 YEARS -- ONE DAY AT A TIME" the theme of the International Convention. The IAC 1990 Hospitality Suite, with a spectacular skyline view of Seattle, became a favored location where old acquaintances were renewed and new ones formed. It's impossible to estimate the number of visitors to the suite but most states and provinces were represented as well as many foreign countries. (Mexico had a good representation.) A somewhat familiar event took place on Sunday after the closing ceremonies when a man from Italy came by after deciding to "come out". A small number of us were there to share our experience, strength, and hope in assuring him he wouldn't get drunk over it.

We warmheartedly thank the more than 200 volunteers who ensured the suite's success and especially appreciate the efforts of the Seattle volunteers. We are indebted to Randy for receiving the early shipment of materials necessary to operate the suite and to Lynn who helped organize the fist round of local volunteers. The success of the dance was due to the 1,300 who danced the night away. Here again volunteers with their dedication and commitment insured a smooth and timely entrance to the event. Everyone came away with the feeling of having attended a special event. The three gay/lesbian oriented workshops were well attended and certainly spirited!



INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL for Homosexual Men and Women in Alcoholic Anonymous

Post Office Box 90, Washington, DC 20044

Editor sought... IACtivity is in search of an editor and production staff. We provide the costs including printing, envelopes, labels and stamps. If you have experience in this field and would like to develop the Service Legacy of your program please volunteer your services. We need your help to produce the next newsletter. Please call Mike collect at (808) 947-9082 if you have any questions and interested in the position.

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IAC is in need of your financial support so that we may continue providing and expanding our services to the gay and lesbian members of A.A. There are over 800 lesbian and gay A.A. groups listed in our latest meeting directory but, only 31 groups made a contribution last year. That translates to 4% of the groups supporting the other 96%. Printing and mailing the last newsletter cost \$707; the latest directory printing cost \$3,888.

We plan to have a new updated directory every year. At present we have \$6,000 to last us five years until our next fundraising event. Can you see the red? This year we ran out of money before the Seattle events, and embarrassed ourselves financially. We suggest the gay and lesbian groups contribute to IAC next time you divide proceeds from the seventh tradition. We also suggest the birthday plan. At your next A.A. anniversary send us a dollar for each year of your sobriety. Without your support we will certainly perish.

1990 Meeting Directory... "The 1990 World Directory of Gay and Lesbian Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous" is ready for distribution. They are available by mail order from our P.O. Box for \$3.00 plus \$1.00 S/H. Five or more copies are \$2.75 plus \$2.00 S/H (per order).

IAC Elections... Term of office expires this spring for all our officers. You are welcome to attend the next IAC meeting which will be held during the Miami Roundup March 15-18 to elect new officers. Usually the Deputy Chair is elected Chair, and the Treasurer to Deputy Chair. A secretary and a treasurer are sought to serve two year terms. Experience in each of the fields is desirable. Also, a minimum of three years clean and sober time is a minimum requirement. If you are interested in either of these positions please send your A.A. Service resume promptly to IAC, P.O. Box 90, Washington, DC 20044.

Your vote at that meeting is also needed for amending the charter which was adopted 10 years ago.

Regional and City Reps are Needed... In an effort to better serve the local level, IAC is searching for persons willing to accept responsibility for communicating between the local level and the IAC Executive Council. The areas which presently have active representatives are the <u>Pacific</u> <u>Region</u> represented by Anne K., 520 N. Second St., Lompoc CA, 93436 (805) 735-4267. Cities and their representatives include Seattle, Lynn S., 317 Harvard Ave. E #7, Seattle, WA 98102 (206) 329-5275; San Diego, Johnna H., 1327 W Lewis, San Diego, CA 92103 (619) 294-7320; San Francisco, Michael S., 365 Vermont, San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 431-2208; Los Angeles, Mary R., 13434 Huston St. #C, Sherman Oaks, CA 91425 (818) 789-6875.

The <u>Southwest Region</u> is representated by Jan W. 195 W. Byers Pl., Denver, CO 80223, (303) 698-2072.

The <u>Southeast Region</u> is represented by David B. 4500 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Apt. 1234, Arlington, VA 22204 (703) 824-0132.

To become involved with IAC at the regional or city level write to our P.O. Box or to the three Regional Representatives listed above.

Consult your Service Manual for cities within regions.

Pacific -- Anne K., California West Central -- Open Southwest Region -- Jan W., Colorado East Central -- Open Southeast -- David B., Virginia Northeast -- Open Eastern Canada -- Open Western Canada -- Open INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL for Homosexual Men and Women in Alcoholic Anonymous

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I.A.C. ROUNDUP LIST - FALL 1990

Provincetown Roundup 1990 October 26-28, 1990 Registration: 535.00 P.O. Box 227 Provincetown, MA 02657

Big Apple Roundup 1990 November 22-25, 1990 Registration: \$45.00 P.O. Box 451, Village Station New York, NY 10014 212-213-2640

Celebrate Sobriety-Vancouver April 5-7, 1991 P.O. Box 1031, Station A 757 W. Hastings Street Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6C 2P1

Los Angeles 1991 Roundup May 24-27, 1991 Treasurer, AALA Roundup 14755 Ventura Blvd. Ste.1-756 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 River City Roundup - Sacramento November 24-25, 1990 Regis. before 10/20 \$8* after 10/20 \$10 P.O. Box 163572 Sacramento CA 95816

1990 Houston Roundup November 22-25, 1990 Regis: before 10/15 \$25.00* after 10/15 \$30.00* P.O. Box 27103, #339 Houston, TX 77027

Miracles Happen '91 May 3-5, 1991 Regis: before 1/15 \$15.00* after 1/15 \$30.00* P.O. Box 4204 Laguna Beach, CA 92652 714-733-3343

S.E. Massachusetts Roundup February 15-18, 1991 P.O. Box E-736 New Bedford, MA 02742 508-998-8159

* Basic Registration. Meals, lodging and roundup activities may be available at additional cost.