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## INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL for Homosexual Men and Women in Alcoholics Anonymous

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### MIAMI ROUNDUP ELECTIONS

IAC's Board of Directors met in March during the Miami Roundup at the Deauville Hotel. Check out page two for more info on your new IAC Officers/Trusted Servants.

In-between consuming 14,000 cups of coffee and 2000 pounds of freshly squeezed oranges (provided free by our Miami hosts!), the IAC Booth was staffed around the clock. Many brothers and sisters got acquainted with IAC for the first time. Over 250 International Directories were sold and most all our remaining February Newsletters given out.

20% of the entire Miami Roundup's 7th Tradition will go directly to IAC. Thanks, Miami for all the hospitality, support (and juice!). IAC started the new year with a great start due to your efforts.

### LESBIAN OUTREACH

IAC's new Board met at the roundup and reiterated our long-term goal of encouraging Lesbian visibility on the Council and encouraging woman's participation in all IACTivities.

We're proud Reilly K. is now IAC Deputy Chair (and will become Chair in two years). She's also in service putting the next International Directory together, a major task. Reilly follows in the traditions of Nancy T., one of IAC's founding members, who traveled the country in the 1970's and started one of the first lists of Gay/Lesbian A.A. Meetings. (See "Gift", next column.)

### "SEX DEVIATE" STARTS 3RD TRADITION

No, we're not adopting tabloid headlines ... these are Bill W.'s words.\* In 1937 a gay alcoholic asked Dr. Bob if "a sex deviate" (these were the 1930's!) could join A.A. The Akron group "began to seethe and boil" at the thought of having "a pariah among us".

Finally, Dr. Bob resolved the issue by asking the group, "What would the Master do in a situation like this? Would He turn this man away?" This began our Tradition "that any man or woman who has a drinking problem is a member of A.A. if he says so, not whether we say so." ("The Only Requirement for A.A. Membership is a Desire to Stop Drinking")

\*as presented by Bill W. at the 1968 General Service Conference.

[As illustrated in "My Story", pg.3, we've come a long way toward finding acceptance in A.A. Terms like "deviate, pariah and faggot" are becoming the wreckage of the past. These articles are presented to show growth, not inflame old wounds. Ed.]

### 10th ANNIVERSARY GIFT

To honor IAC's ten years of service, we're putting together a Special Insert for a later Newsletter this year. Many of you have asked about the early history of IAC and Gay & Lesbian A.A. Meetings. Nancy T. and others are writing up our History (and "Her-Story"! ) for this special 10th Anniversary Issue. Look for it in your mail (one-day-at-a-time), sometime in October.

DOLLARS AND STATES

The Seattle Conference brought in the bulk of IAC's 1990 contributions (\$13,539\*). In case you're wondering how your State "ranked", here's a list of other 1990 contributions (from Groups & Individuals) by State, with areas giving over \$100 in Bold type:

Arizona .....	10
<b>California.....</b>	<b>247</b>
Colorado.....	13
<b>Connecticut.....</b>	<b>159</b>
Delaware.....	3
<b>Florida.....</b>	<b>255</b>
<b>Illinois.....</b>	<b>571</b>
Iowa.....	90
<b>Kansas.....</b>	<b>180</b>
Louisiana.....	13
Maryland.....	65
Massachusetts.....	37
<b>Michigan.....</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Minnesota.....</b>	<b>167</b>
Nebraska.....	9
<b>Nevada.....</b>	<b>275</b>
New Jersey.....	71
New York.....	91
Ohio.....	40
Oklahoma.....	3
Pennsylvania.....	5
Tennessee.....	25
Texas.....	25
Washington.....	5
<b>Alberta (Canada).....</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Ontario (Canada).....</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>Quebec (Canada).....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Tokyo (Japan).....</b>	<b>260</b>
Spain.....	19
<b>Unknown .....</b>	<b>1868</b>

\* Yep, we know this figure is larger from the one shown in the "Dollars & Sense" article; it includes World Directory sales which are shown separately in that article. We seek progress not perfection, so save your 29¢ in case your a recovering CPA! [Ed.]

What about the other 26 States? Or, are you among the "unknowns"? Put your State on the IAC Map in 1991! Our grateful thanks to you all.

DOLLARS & SENSE

1990 was a good year. A brief recap from our Treasurer's Report\* follows (Income in Bold; Costs underscored):

Seattle room & dance	\$12,526	<u>\$7,561</u>
World Directory sales	<b>2,545</b>	<u>3,888</u>
Literature sales	<b>608</b>	<u>484</u>
Two Newsletters	0	1,672
Roundup Support	0	<u>305</u>
Roundup Contributions(2)	<b>1,083</b>	0
Routine Expenses	0	<u>1,887</u>
Council Meetings(3)	0	<u>2,800</u>
Individual Contributions	532	0
Birthday Contributions	244	0
<u>Group Contributions(34)</u>	<u>2,078</u>	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$19,616</b>	<b>\$18,596</b>

\*As submitted by 1990 Treasurer Reilly K. on 12-31-90.

GROUPS: When sending donations to IAC, please identify the Group Name (in full) on your checks or M/O. (We received some donations the past few months with notes like "from my group", but without the Group Name or location. We want to give you credit, please help.

GROUPS: THANK YOU - THANK YOU!

David B., IAC's new Treasurer, sends this encouraging report on March and April donations. (Beginning with this issue, we'll list Group donations in each IAC Newsletter. Individual donations aren't listed due to our 12th. Tradition. - Ed.)

- GALA, FL, \$3.
- Lambda South, FL, \$60.
- Alive Again, Syosset, NY, \$50.
- Thursday Night, Madison, WI, \$5.
- One Step Beyond, Oakton, VA, \$25.
- Nitty Gritty Group, Ontario, Canada, \$50.
- Tell It Like It Is, Alberta, Canada, \$250.
- Gay/Lesbian Berlin, Berlin, Germany, \$10.
- Monday Nite Big Book, Los Angeles, CA, \$7.05
- Sobriety and Leather, San Francisco, CA, \$16.
- Dist. 13 Alcoholic's Together, Boston, MA, \$50.
- Thursday Nite Lesbian Group, Oakland, CA, \$37.79
- Light At The End Of The Tunnel, Albuquerque, NM, \$19.

We're updating IAC's computer accounting system. If your group donation isn't listed, don't get a resentment; we'll catch up with the list in subsequent newsletters.

IAC - 1991-92 Officers/Trusted Servants

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When IAC tries to "carry the message" at some Roundups & Groups, we often get the message above. Well intended, we hope; but also WRONG! In 1986, the Advisory Board of GSO, Literature Department, issued the following Directive:

" The spirit of the 1977 Conference regarding group literature ... recommended A.A. groups be encouraged to [offer] only literature published ... by GSO, the Grapevine and other A.A. entities. "

IAC IS AN A.A. "ENTITY" and is included in GSO Directories. So, the next time someone tells you "but it's not A.A. (Literature)", you can quote the GSO Directive - with humility, of course! (We want to carry IAC's message, but we're also committed to A.A. Unity at all levels.)

GROUPS: GOING, GOING, GONE

The 1991-92 World Directory (of Gay & Lesbian A.A. Groups) is going to press soon. If your Group isn't listed (or needs updating), this is your last opportunity. Send all\* info ASAP to IAC. Put "Attention: Reilly K." on the envelope to expedite inclusion in the Directory.

\* Include: Group/Meeting Name, full address, time(s) of meetings, format/type, if "open" or "closed", etc. and, if possible, a phone number & contact person.

DO GROUPS READ THE SMALL PRINT?

IAC will send ONE FREE copy of the new World Directory to all GROUPS who read this Notice and respond in writing. (See, it pays to be rigorous & attentive!)

IAC's Board of Director's is now deciding where to hold their next meeting. The recent surge of interest in IAC from Canada has not gone unnoticed! Winnepeg and Toronto are both top candidates, though sites in the Mid-western US are also under consideration.

IAC's BoD meets twice annually at Roundups and varies sites across N. America. Wherever we meet in the Fall, we sincerely appreciate the positive support of our brothers & sisters in Canada.

A BROTHER IN NIGERIA

We can get complacent in recovery and forget what it's like to stay sober (and sane) in an oppressive society. A letter we just got from Lagos, Nigeria may put some of that in perspective.

Dan A. has two years of A.A. sobriety, but having to hide his sexual identity (or risk arrest and imprisonment) is an additional burden he must bear. Dan took several pages to explain the persecution a Homosexual suffers in that country. The letter also shows much confusion and guilt about his sexual identity, as he has no one to confide in. That he reached out to IAC for help is gratifying.

Dan A.'s situation reminds us of a quote from Dag Hammarskjold [former Secy. Gen. of the United Nations and Homosexual brother](Ed.):

"Humility is just as much the opposite of self-abasement as it is of self-exaltation."

IAC-ACTION COUPON

[ ] Please Change Address. (Include old address label) [ ] Add New Listing.

[ ] A Contribution to IAC is Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . (No cash, please)

[ ] Enclosed is \$5.00 for "1991-92 World Directory of Gay & Lesbian Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous" (When published). [Includes all shipping/postage] BULK RATE: 10 or more Directories @ \$3.00 each.

Indicate if Group or Individual below. If Group, also (A) add date/time/place/type of meetings, (B) Contact person and phone number [if possible] and, (C) if place of meetings is different from mailing address, please list both. ( ) Individual ( ) Group PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 1991

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP/(Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (if desired): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Attach Additional Data: \_\_\_\_\_

ROUNDUP CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

AUGUST 1991

8/9 - NEW ORLEANS, LA - NEW ORLEANS ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 51266 - New Orleans, LA 70151-1266

OCTOBER 1991

10/11 - TORONTO, OT CANADA - GRATITUDE ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 841 - Toronto, OT Canada M4Y 2N7

NOVEMBER 1991

11/1 - JENNINGS, LA - SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ROUNDUP  
426 First ST. - Jennings, LA 70546

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\* MONTREAL, QE CANADA -RENDEZ VOUS  
\* MEMPHIS, TN - MEMPHIS ROUNDUP

\* PITTSBURG, PA - RENAISSANCE CITY ROUNDUP  
\* SEDONA, AZ - SEDONA ROUNDUP

\* PORTLAND, ME - MAINE ROUNDUP  
\* WINNIPEG, MB CANADA - MANITOBA ROUNDUP

\* EDMONTON, AB CANADA - SOBER, STRONG, & FREE  
\* RENO, NV - BIGGEST LITTLE FELLOWSHIP  
\* INDIAN WELLS, CA - HOT N' DRY

\* DENVER, CO - ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP  
\* ROHNERT PARK, CA - IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
\* SEATTLE, WA - COMING OF AGE  
\* PROVINCETOWN, MA - PROVINCETOWN ROUNDUP

\* HOUSTON, TX - HOUSTON ROUNDUP  
\* SACRAMENTO, CA - RIVER CITY ROUNDUP

7/4 - SAN FRANCISCO, CA - LIVING SOBER ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 974 - San Francisco, CA 94101  
7/12 - NEW HAVEN, CT - WALK THE WALK ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 1389 - New Haven, CT 06510  
7/19 - CHICAGO, IL - CHICAGO ROUNDUP  
606 W. Barry, #196 - Chicago, IL 60657  
7/26 - HALIFAX, NS CANADA - COURAGE TO CHANGE  
P.O. Box 1234 - Halifax, N.S. Canada B3K 5H4

AUGUST 1991

8/15 - WASHINGTON, D.C. - CAPITOL ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 76786 - Washington, D.C. 20013  
8/23 - TOLEDO, OH - OHIO ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 20048 - Toledo, OH 43620  
8/28 - AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO, TX - AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 49590 - Austin, TX 78765  
8/30 - KANSAS CITY, MO - LIVE AND LET LIVE ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 32401 - Kansas City, KS 64111

SEPTEMBER 1991

9/6 - MILWAUKEE, WI - COMMITMENT ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 92794 - Milwaukee, WI 53202  
9/6 - SAN DIEGO, CA - FEELING GOOD ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 3999 - San Diego, CA 92163  
9/7 - NEW ORLEANS, LA - NEW ORLEANS ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 51266 - New Orleans, LA 70151-1266

OCTOBER 1991

10/4 - ATLANTA, GA - HOTLANTA ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 13481 - Atlanta, GA 30324  
10/5 - TORONTO, OT CANADA - GRATITUDE ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 841 - Toronto, OT Canada M4Y 2N7  
10/11 - SANTA BARBARA, CA - SOBER UNITY ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 238 - Santa Barbara, CA 93102  
10/11 - PHILADELPHIA, PA - FREEDOM ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 15978 - Philadelphia, PA 19103  
10/25 - LAS VEGAS, NV - SOBERFEST  
P.O. Box 20345 - Las Vegas, NV 89112

NOVEMBER 1991

11/1 - JENNINGS, LA - SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA ROUNDUP  
426 First St. - Jennings, LA 70546  
11/28 - NEW YORK, NY - BIG APPLE ROUNDUP  
P.O. Box 451 - New York, NY 10014

\* Indicates Roundups, by month normally held, about which we do not have dates or complete information.

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September 1991

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October 1991

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November 1991

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DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER ROUNDUPS WE SHOULD BE CONTACTING OR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE ROUNDUPS WHERE OURS IS INCOMPLETE:

Name of Roundup -

Date to be held -

Location -

Mailing address -

Please Return to: Gary Hayes, IAC Roundup Liaison  
International Advisory Council  
P.O. Box 90