

# IACTIVITY



Newsletter of the International Advisory Council for Homosexual Men and Women in Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

Issue No. 24

A Non-Profit Corporation

February 1993

# Tape Library: Amazing Growth

How sweet it is! From a mere suggestion in a recent newsletter, IAC's Tape Library has taken off big time! Hilda C., of Michigan, is our Service Librarian. The other good news is that 500+ audio tapes were received! Unfortunately, 472 of them relate more to Alanon, N.A., CODA and other 12 step programs. Only 28 tapes specifically apply to IAC/A.A. They include Roundups. issues. Speakers and other formats. There are many "loners" and people in remote areas who've never heard an Gay/Lesbian recovering alcoholic share there hope, strength and experience.

New tape donations are needed now! If you have tapes from Gay/Lesbian A.A. Roundups, Speaker Meetings, etc., please consider donating a quality copy. For a complete list of tapes, send a self-addressed-stamped-envelope to: IAC, P.O. Box 90, Washington, DC 20044, attention "TAPE LIBRARY."

The cost is \$2 or \$4 per tape, depending on who provides the blank. A bargain either way — a great gift item (for your sponsoree/sponsor, newcomers or anniversaries!). Non-A.A. tapes received will be set aside and donated to appropriate groups.

# Mar Mich Bod Mtg

Translation: Your IAC Board will meet next at the Detroit Roundup (Marriott Hotel, Troy, Michigan, March 5, 1993). This is a vital

meeting. New officers will be elected to continue the growth we've experienced lately. See list of "vacancies" in the October 1992 IACtivity (pg. 4). Additional IACservice jobs now open include: Regional Reps for; Northeast U.S., Pacific U.S., Newsletter Illustrator, Send your A.A. Service Resume if you're interested.

If you want to get into service, attending the Detroit Roundup and participating in the IAC Board Meeting is a great way to start. "Beware the Ides of March" — but, welcome IAC to Detroit! Plan to attend.

# Meeting in Timbucktoo?

No. but there are thousands of others around the world. know where they all are? "1993-94 World Meeting Directory of Gay/Lesbian A.A. Meetings" is hot off the presses and ready for distribution. Reilly K. (who put it together) must have zip codes coming out her ears. Many thanks, Reilly! Note the discounted rates for bulk orders (pg. 5). Make sure your Group stocks the Directory. They also make great gifts for friends "doing a geographic." IACtion Coupon on page 5 to order.

### IAC Visits GSO/NYC

Unlike the kid in "Home Alone II — Lost in NY," IAC Chair, Mike Z., knew right where to head when he hit the *Big Apple*: GSO's New Headquarters. Mike reports a very warm meeting with Lois F. and

George D. and stressed IAC's commitment to unity within A.A. While IAC represents one "special interest" within A.A., we all suffer/suffered from the same disease, alcoholism. We all found one common solution, A.A. We all share the same objective, to reach out to the still-suffering alcoholic. Our sincere thanks to all at GSO who made us so welcome.

Mike also city-hopped to meetings and roundups in NYC, Toronto, Minneapolis, Toledo, Youngstown, Cleveland and Las Vegas. At one stop, Mike caught up with an old friend whom he had "taught to drink" years ago, then later 12th-stepped. On this visit, the man and his wife asked Mike out for an "A.A. anniversary dinner." Mike thought it was in his honor. It turned out, the seed planted by mike 2 years prior had resulted in the man attaining 90 days upon Mike's visit!

# OBIT — Rick Y.

Former IAC Roundup Liaison and early-day IAC organizer Rick Y. has died in Vero Beach, Florida. He is greatly missed.

| INSIDE                   |                 |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Letters & Mo             | ore 4           |  |
| "My Story"               | 5<br>3          |  |
| Money Matte " " Roundups | ers 2<br>4<br>6 |  |
| •                        |                 |  |

1ACUVILY FEBRUARY 1995

# Treasurer's Report

Below is a list of all Group donations received as of December 31st, 1992. If your Group's not listed, please write so we can correct our data base. Some donations are sent without the Group name. Maybe they wish anonymity — or perhaps they aren't perfect yet and forgot to include the Group name and location. Ask your Group to become a regular IAC contributor at your next Group Conscience. Please put "Attention:" Treasurer" on envelopes to expedite any inquiries, corrections or donations. Thank you.

| ALABAMA                | on envelopes a            | o expe | (Florida Continued)    | ons of donati | ous. II      | MISSOURI                  |                     |         |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Live & Let Live        | Birmingham                | 6.00   | Lambda Groups          | Melbourne/    |              | Group 304                 |                     | 21.30   |
| ARIZONA                | Diminigham                | 0.00   | Emilioda Groups        | Rockledge     | 50.00        | NEVADA                    |                     | 21.50   |
| Night Owl              | Phoenix                   | 5.00   | HAWAII                 | ROURIUGU      | 50.00        | Alcoholics Together       | Las Vegas           | 191.62  |
| Happy Campy            | Sedona                    | 45.00  |                        | Honolulu      | 115.00       | NEW JERSEY                | Las Vegas           | 171.02  |
| CALIFORNIA             | Sectiona                  | 45.00  | Ohua Street Group      | Honolulu      | 100.00       | Friday Night              | Quakerbridge        | 240.00  |
| Beginners & Lesbian    | Oakland                   | 10.68  | Live & Let Live        | Lahaina       | 11.04        |                           | Trenton             | 80.00   |
| Saturday Nite 8:30     | Santa Monica              |        |                        | Lanama        | 11.04        | Our Father's Group        | Lincroft            | 10.00   |
| Fri. AM Topic Disc.    |                           |        | Gay Women's Group      | Winfield      | 50.00        | •                         |                     | 50.00   |
| N Hollywood Group      | -                         |        | Kenberry Group         | Chicago       | 50.00        | · · · · · ·               | Linwood<br>Marlboro | 25.00   |
| •                      | San Diego                 | 6.50   | INDIANA                | Cilicago      | 30.00        |                           |                     | 30.00   |
| Group Name Unknown     | _                         |        |                        | Munaia        | 50.00        | Wednesday Nite Gay        | Jersey City         |         |
| Wednesday Nite         | Yucca Valley Santa Monica |        | IOWA                   | Muncie        | 50.00        | _                         | Princeton           | 160.00  |
| Sat Night Disc         |                           | 28.00  | _                      | Iourn Citu    | 20.00        | Hudson County Gay         | Jersey City         | 50.00   |
| HIV & Sobriety         | San Diego                 |        | Saturday AM Lesbian    | Iowa City     |              | Summit Sunday Serenity    | Morristown          | 150.00  |
| Thu Night Round Robin  | Santa Monica<br>Oakland   |        | Saturday Gay & Lesbian | Des Moines    | 119.78       | Gay Men's Discusson       | Marlboro            | 50.00   |
| Lavender Hill          |                           | 35.25  | KANSAS                 | Tr 1          | <b>60.00</b> | Red Bank Tuesday Night    | Red Bank            | 50.00   |
| Home Men's Mtg         | San Diego                 | 28.75  | -                      | Topeka        | 60.00        | Live & Let Live           | Glen Ridge          | 100.00  |
| Women's Sober Sunday   | San Diego                 | 20.00  | KENTUCKY               |               | <b>60.00</b> | NEW MEXICO                |                     |         |
| Thu Night Lesbian      | Berkeley                  | 7.90   | 6 1                    | Lexington     |              | Light @ End of Tunnel     | Albuquerque         | 72.82   |
| Tue Night Lesbian      | Pleasontville             | 3.03   | Wednesday Nite Faith   | Lexington     | 20.00        | NEW YORK                  |                     |         |
| Road to Recovery       | Glendale                  | 7.02   | LOUISIANA              |               |              | East Village Group        | New York            | 110.00  |
| Tue Nite at Home       | U                         | 103.00 | Options Group          | Jennings      | 94.00        | Friday Tuesday Nite Men's |                     | 10.00   |
| Sober Unity            | Santa Barbara             |        | MARYLAND               |               |              | Gay Men's Group           | Rochester           | 45.00   |
| Sunday Rap             | Paso Robles               | 20.00  | Live & Let Live        | Baltimore     |              | Alive Again               | Syosset             | 130.00  |
| Wed Nite Group         | Los Angeles               | 25.00  | New Comers             | Baltimore     | 20.00        | Lambda West               | New York            | 120.00  |
| COLORADO               |                           |        | Mt. Vernon Group       | Baltimore     | 20.00        | Total Freedom             | Forest Hills        | 77.46   |
| Courage to Change      | Denver 2                  | 210.00 | Seven-O-9 Park Avenue  | Baltimore     | 40.00        | Saturday Nite Special     | Rochester           | 100.00  |
| CONNECTICUT            |                           |        | Chase & Brexton        | Baltimore     | 35.00        |                           | Binghamton          | 40.00   |
| 1 Step at a Time       | New Haven                 | 75.00  | , ,                    | Salisbury     | 2.50         | NORTH CAROLINA            |                     |         |
| Hartford Mon Nite      | Hartford                  | 45.00  | MASSACHUSETTS          |               |              | Live & Let Live           | Ashville            | 50.00   |
| Group Name Unknown     | Chesire 1                 | 100.00 | V.G.A.L.               | Northampton   | 58.21        | ОНЮ                       |                     |         |
| Attitude of Gratitude  | Hartford                  | 50.00  | Open to All            | Cambridge     | 8.20         | Gay & Sober Men           | Cleveland Hts       | s100.00 |
| Priday Free to Be      | New Haven                 | 25.00  | Cambridge Monday Nite  | Cambridge     | 15.00        | Ohio Groups               | Cleveland           | 34.13   |
| DELAWARE               |                           |        | Worchester Gay Group   | Worchester    | 94.56        | Open Door                 | Cleveland           | 50.00   |
| Raphael Group          | Claymont 2                | 250.00 | Alcoholics Together    | Boston        | 30.00        | Friday Night Freedom Grou | pAkron              | 20.00   |
| AA Group               | Lewes                     | 49.00  | MICHIGAN               |               |              | OREGON                    | _                   |         |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMI     | BIA                       |        | Joy Road Monday Nite   | Dearborn      | 40.00        | New Freedom               | Independence        | 10.00   |
| Positively Sober       | Washington                | 40.00  | Lambda AA              | Traverse City | 30.00        | PENNSYLVANIA              | <del>-</del>        |         |
| FLORIDA                |                           |        | Pontiac Gay AA         | Pontiac       | 20.00        | Life's Blood              | Erie                | 85.00   |
| GALA                   | Naples 1                  | 140.00 | Suburban Lambda        | Oak Park      | 100.00       | St. Paul's Friday         | Doylestown          | 20.00   |
| Go After Your Sobriety | St Petersburg             | 15.00  | MINNESOTA              |               |              | Coming Home Group         | Nanticoke           | 25.00   |
| GALA Step              | St Petersburg             | 15.00  | Saturday Nooners       | Minneapolis   | 20.00        | Friday Nite Men's         | Doylestown          | 40.00   |
| Getting it Together    | Pinelles                  | 15.00  | Live & Let Live        | St. Paul      | 80.00        | Women for Women           | Philadelphia        | 2.50    |
| Free to Be             | Clearwater                | 15.00  | Gay Men's Step Group   | Minneapolis   | 20.00        | Lambda Group              | York                | 5.00    |
| Rush Hour Group        | Miami                     | 110.00 | - * *                  | •             |              | — Continued on            | Page 4 —            |         |
| •                      |                           |        |                        |               |              | 2 2                       | G                   |         |

# IAC - OFFICERS/TRUSTED SERVANTS

Chair: Mike Z., Honolulu, HI (808) 947-9082 \* Deputy Chair & Intl. Directory: Reilly K., Lompoc, CA (805) 735-4267 \* Treasurer: David B., Melbourne, FL (407) 952-4150 \* Secretary: Tom C., Plano, TX (214) 578-0465 \* Newsletter Editor: Erick H., Honolulu, HI (808) 922-5491 \* Newsletter Managing Editor: Jan W., Denver, CO (303) 698-2070 or fax (303) 733-6901 [Note time zones when calling]. Your IACtivity Newsletter presents the timely news, experiences and opinions of A.A.'s and others. The opinions expressed are not to be attributed to, or implied as an endorsement by A.A. or IAC. Contributions are invited, though no payment can be made nor materials acknowledged or returned. Articles from A.A., AAWS, GSO, etc. herein are reprinted by permission. IACtivity Newsletter is NOT copyrighted. All material is free to all, though appropriate credit is requested if reprinted or quoted. Please allow extra time for submissions to reach us. All who work on the newsletter staff do so in a volunteer capacity.

IACtivity February 1993

# "Thank You for Giving me a Purpose"

I'm a grateful alcoholic, my name is Jo. On June 8, 1986, I sat on a sweat, urine and tear soaked bed with a shotgun aimed at my right temple. Flashbacks from my past made my stomach ache and my eyes burn. How had it gotten this bad? Raped at the age of eight, my father's "just because" beatings, jailed at eighteen, undesirable discharge from the Navy at 21, DWIs, attempted suicides, and always feeling so very different. I was sure that I was a mistake, a freak of nature.

I took my first drink at the age of eight and my last one at age 41. My mind raced through my 33 years of drinking, my hands began to sweat and shake. At 41, I realized that I couldn't even kill myself right. With the shotgun at my side, I laid on my bed unable to live and unable to die. I was lost and alone once again. I now understood why the God of my parents had not cared for me. I was unworthy of anyone's love or forgiveness.

Why, then, was I trying to dress myself to go to detox again? I didn't know then but today I know that 6 years ago a power greater than myself AND greater than the God of my parents, entered my life and gave me what I had never had — the desire to live and the blind faith to try. That, my AA sisters and brothers, was a miracle! My higher power gave me you!

I went through my third 28 day treatment but this time I knew I was in the right place. I was no longer a freak of nature, either that or I wasn't the only freak ... I finally had a purpose. I didn't know what it was but somehow I knew I finally had it within my grasp.

After 3 years and 4 sponsors, I was sober, I was alive and I wanted more out of life. Then I selected a straight, ass-kicking, service orientated sponsor to discuss my program, gay issues and problems with. I don't remember her giving me a lot of solutions, but the extra meetings she sent me to really helped. She promised me that if I never took the first drink I would never get drunk. She told me that AA was a program of living and that "if you want what I have you have to do as I do" and so I did. I served as coffee maker, ashtray cleaner, MC and various chairs of both gay and straight conferences, General Service Rep of my group, District committee Member of our city, and am now serving as Corrections Chairperson of our area. Service work has made me more assertive. If an alcoholic wants to talk, I listen; if they want to cry, I hold them. I give to them what was freely given to me. I truly love this program and the people in it. I am privileged to be the outside AA sponsor for some women's correctional facilities in my state. I love working with incarcerated alcoholics. They have matured me and they keep me honest. A Christmas party at a prison is a heartwarming event.

In 1989, my other half started a gay Al-anon meeting in our town. Not to be outdone, I began the 1st gay A.A. meeting about 1 month later. We have our problems — thirteen stepping, outside issues (gay/lesbian unions, bar guides, etc.), gossip, and other tradition breaks, but we are growing and learning. My sponsor told me I was a child of God and the Big Book says "as God's people, we stand on our feet; we don't crawl before anyone" (pg 83). I am not ashamed to be gay and I don't crawl before anyone, however, I am not an alcoholic because I'm gay, anymore than I'm gay because I drank too much. Our common bond is our alcoholism, not our sexuality.

For 41 years, "the alcoholic mind outwitted the alcoholic," but today I know that my purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety and for that I am responsible. I believe that if I continue to do as I am doing, keep my concept of a higher power beside me, and a humble heart within me, I will stay sober today.

With A.A. Love, Jo Mc, Kenosha, WI IACtivity February 1993

| PENNSYLVANIA CONT         | INUED              |                |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Here's a Place for Us     | West Chester       | 8.45           |
| SOUTH CAROLINA            |                    |                |
| Primary Purpose           | Columbia           | 164.00         |
| TENNESSEE                 | 00101110111        | 101.00         |
| Lambda                    | Mt. Juliet         | 200.00         |
| Alternative Group         | Nashville          | 17.87          |
| TEXAS                     | 1445114110         | 11.01          |
| Awareness Group           | Austin             | 146.00         |
| Lambda                    | Dallas             | 313.37         |
| VIRGINIA                  |                    |                |
| Beverly Hills             | Alexandria         | 35.00          |
| Saturday Irregulars       | Alexandria         | 21.50          |
| WASHINGTON                | 7110/10/10/10      | 21.00          |
| Queen Anne Group          | Seattle            | 50.00          |
| Free At Last              | Olympia            | 83.60          |
| CANAI                     |                    | 05.00          |
| ALBERTA                   | <i>77</i> <b>k</b> |                |
| Frontrunner               | Calgary            | 100.00         |
| ONTARIO                   | Caigary            | 100.00         |
| Rainbow Group             | Toronto            | 200.00         |
| Nitty Gritty              | London             | 91.00          |
| 12th Tradition            | Toronto            | 75.00          |
| QUEBEC                    | roronto            | 13.00          |
|                           | A finish and       | 25.00          |
| Groupe Vivre Caire<br>CAG | Montreal           | 25.00<br>20.00 |
|                           | Montreal           |                |
| Rendez Vous Group         | Montreal           | 90.00          |
| Live & Let Live           | Montreal           | 50.00          |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA          |                    |                |
| Group Name Unknown        | Vancouver          | 16.00          |
| Let Go & Let God, New W   |                    | 25.00          |
| Frontrunners, New Westmi  |                    | 25.00          |
| Back to Basics            | Vancouver          | 15.94          |
| Frontrunners              | Vancouver          | 10.00          |
| SOUTH AFRICA              |                    |                |
| Live Sober                | Johannesburg       | 30.59          |
| GERMANY                   |                    |                |
| Gay Groups                | Berlin             | 20.00          |
| Saturday AA               | Frankfurt          | 50.00          |
| JAPAN                     |                    |                |
| Sun Nite Gay/Lesbian      | Tokyo              | 40.00          |
| TOTAL ALL GROUPS          | \$7,               | ,549.06        |
| BIRTHDAY DO               | NATIONS            |                |
| \$1.00 OR MORE EACH Y     | EAR OF SOB         | RIETY          |
| John S.                   | Canton, Ohio       | 1.00           |
| David N.                  | Okla. City         | 5.00           |
| Bill M.                   | NY, NY             | 25.00          |
| Mr. or Ms. G.             | Wash, DC           | 16.00          |
| Michael K.                | Tustin, CA         | 6.00           |
| Lother Z.                 | Pt Robt, WA        | 25.00          |
| Len Z.                    | Rockville, CT      |                |
| John H.                   | Sarasota, FL       |                |
| Harold H.                 | KC, KS             | 20.00          |
| Mike Z.                   | Honolulu           | 11.00          |
| Reilly K.                 | Lompoc, CA         |                |
| Gene G.                   | Seminole, FL       |                |
| David K.                  | Springfield, V     |                |
| Mathew M.                 | Calgary, ALE       |                |
| Nomen T                   | Chashire CT        |                |

Continued from Page 2 -

| (birthdays continued) |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| David B.              | Melbourne, FL14.00 |
| TOTAL                 | \$426.92           |

| ROUNDUP DO          | NATIONS             |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Capitol Roundup     | Washington 200.00   |
| 9th Ohio            | Cleveland 1,206.83  |
| Gratitude '91       | Toronto 286.01      |
| Together We Can     | Detroit 200.00      |
| Spring Break        | Phoenix 100.00      |
| Sober Unity         | St Barbara 30.00    |
| Boston              | Boston 220.20       |
| Las Vegas '91       | Las Vegas 250.00    |
| AALA                | Los Angeles 162.50  |
| Rendes-Vous         | Montreal 90.00      |
| Enchantment         | Albuquerque 150.00  |
| Feeling Good        | San Diego 87.50     |
| Western             | S. Francisco 564.56 |
| TOTAL               | \$3,547.40          |
| INDIVIDUAL          | \$879.00            |
| DIRECTORY SALES     | \$1,739.30          |
| MEMORIAL DONATIONS  | 220.00              |
| TOTAL INCOME 1992   | \$14,350.68         |
| EXPENSES (THRU NOV' | 92) \$8,547.70      |

A full accounting for 1992 will be presented at the Spring Board Meeting in Detroit.

# 100+ Miss out on IACtivity

Over one hundred mailings of our last were returned newsletter "undeliverable." This not only hurts IAC's always tight budget, importantly, it means several hundred people missed out on hearing IAC's message of A.A. recovery. It's mainly GROUP MAIL that's returned! If your Group moves or gets a new contact person, let us know! Sometimes its just your "landlord" who may not know or recognize your Group's name on the label. They just dump the mail or return it to us. Check today and make sure your Group is receiving IACtivity — and that the address label is correct (use coupon on page 5 for changes or to subscribe).

# We Get Letters

Cheshire, CT 80.00

Houston, TX 30.00

70.00

7.00

11.00

NY, NY

Killen, TX

Milwaukee

IACtivity edits letters only for space. Send your correspondence to our Washington, DC address.

"Enclosed is \$100 from the Women's Promises Meeting. We're disbanding. This was the balance in out treasury (we

decided to send it to IAC)."

- N.C., Culver City, California

"I recently compiled a list of Gay/Lesbian A.A. Groups in Australia. Each Group has agreed to have their name listed in the new IAC World Directory."

-P.W., New South Wales, Australia

"Having our Roundup listed in the IAC Roundup Calendar was very helpful to us. We attracted 183 people from near and far. Thanks for your support. In order to show our gratitude, we're happy to include a check for \$90."

Comite des Activites Gaies,
 Rendez-Vous Montreal, Canada

"Hi! I'm so glad I finally found out about you. IAC's existence is, unfortunately, a well kept secret. I correspond with another loner in Canada. Neither of us knew about IAC's Loners Program. Thank you!"

— D.D. NYC

# A.A. Saved My Life

When I picked up my first drink at the age of 14, I remember the sensation more clearly today than any of my other memories. I was a withdrawn, selfconscious and depressed child, and alcohol provided instant relief. I drank on and off through high school, but I was never a social drinker. I drank myself into a blackout with my first drinking experience and I continued to drink myself into blackouts and on into unconsciousness every time I drank. I did not even know, until some time after I got sober, that there is such a thing as social drinking.

I drank throughout college, at sherry hours in the dorms and at parties, and jumped feet-first into the gay nightlife when I was of legal age. By the time I was 25, I came home from work, slept until 9:00, got up, showered and changed clothes, went out and drank until the wee hours, came home, showered again, and sometimes made it to work. I had a "nervous breakdown," was hospitalized on a psych ward for four months, and

— continued page 5 —

Norman T.

Herbert R.

Connie S.

Kasey J.

Stephen B.

IACtivity February 1993

(continued from page 4)

had no clue whatsoever as to the true nature of my problem.

This, the first of several devastating alcoholic bottoms, kept me on a constant treadmill of alcohol, amphetamines, cocaine, and marijuana, followed by hospitalizations and thorazine, followed by more alcohol and other drugs. At the end of my drinking career, I was drinking alone in my apartment, with the shades drawn, or wandering the beach alone, with a quart of Southern Comfort and a six pack.

I experienced the beginning of my spiritual awakening on that beach, when my first conscious contact with a higher power changed the course of my life and led me soon after to my first A.A. meeting. I stopped drinking, and over the course of the next few months, also put down the other mind-altering chemicals. I have been continuously and fully sober since April 28, 1987.

I stay sober today by staying involved I attend meetings on a with A.A. regular basis, I have a sponsor with whom I have weekly contact, I read and other recovery-oriented literature on a daily basis, and I am involved in two service activities, our service structure's Archives Committee, and my local Gay and Lesbian Roundup Program Committee. A.A. saved my life. I'm quite sure I would be dead today, as are many of my friends from the past, if I had not grabbed onto the lifeline thrown to me by other A.A. members. I have a full life today that I would not have without the A.A. program and the people in the fellowship, which includes friends, a partner, a home, a job, and school. The program has taught me the beginnings of inner peace, the benefits of self-discipline, and a relationship with a power greater than myself. For all of this and more, I am truly grateful to the members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

— M.M., Oak Park, Illinois Dear IAC,

"I find your newsletter very interesting and after reading it, I pass it on to others in *the Program*.

During our discussions we were wondering about the letter program which is mentioned in the newsletter. I believe this is for members of the armed forces, students, or people in isolated areas who cannot, for some reason, attend regular meetings. How does one go about doing this (writing to these people)?

I have 14 years in the program, have belonged to IAC for 3 years and live in the Northeast. I am employed by a large company in Connecticut and travel a great deal to the west coast and the Southwest. I also served in the US Navy so I can relate to someone in the Navy or Marines.

Could you put me in contact with someone to write to? Could you spell out in a future newsletter how to do this? Thanks."

L.Z., Rockville, CT

ED NOTE:

IF anyone is interested in joining our

Loner's Club, please write IAC at our Washington, DC address (PO Box 90, Washington, DC 20044) stating whether you are a loner and of what type or if you want to write to a loner. We have loners all over the world and in isolated areas in different countries who would like to be in touch with other loners or with people like L.Z. Please add to the outside of your envelope: Attn: Secretary.

Dear IAC,

"Please send me an Updated issue of IACtivity and ad me to your mailing list with more information as to how I can subscribe. The last newsletter I saw was July/Aug '92, which I found at a Hartford, CT gay A.A. meeting."

P.B., East Hartford, CT

How your subscription to *IACtivity* is paid:

IACtivity, an international newsletter dedicated to reaching out to Gay and Lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous, is distributed "free." This copy was provided by those who voluntarily contribute to support IAC and this newsletter. "7th Tradition contributions are gratefully appreciated. The coupon below may be used to send a donation, should you or your Group feel that action appropriate.

| (no cash). [] Individual Contribution [] Enclosed is \$5 for 1993-94 World E Bulk Rate for directories 10 or more | IAC-ACTION COUPON old address label. [] Add new listing (if group is enclosed: \$ (no cash).  **irectory* of Gay & Lesbian meetings of Alcoholog* \$3 each. Below, please indicate group or ins, etc., mailing address. [] Indiv [] Group | p, see below). [] Group Contribution of the co | ng/postage). NOTE: |
|---|---|--|--------------------|
| LAST NAME:  | FIRST NAME:   | DATE   | , 1993             |
| Full mailing address:   |   |  |                    |
| City/State/Zip/Country:   |   |  |                    |
| Phone: (Optional) ()  | Attach any additional data and mail to:   | IAC, P.O. Box 90, Washington,  | , D.C. 20044       |

### February 1993

- 12 Nashville, TN: *Grand Ole Roundup*. Quality Inn-Airport. PO Box 121171, Nashville, 37212. Susan (615) 386-9789, Rick 773-1946, Martin 399-7046.
- 14 New Bedford, MA: S.E. Mass. Roundup. PO Box E-736, New Bedford, 02742-0736. (508) 866-3575.

#### March

- Detroit, MI: Together We Can. Troy Marriott. PO Box 69007, Pleasant Ridge, 48069. Michael (313) 777-4093, Charles 259-2349.
- 18 Miami, FL: *Florida Roundup*. PO Box 030237, Ft. Lauderdale, 33303-0237. (305) 565-0067.
- 18 Calgary, Alberta: Sober and United. Bankview Postal, Calgary, Alberta T2T5X6.
- Rochester, NY, held at Holiday Inn Jefferson. P.O.
   Box 40849, Rochester, 14604. Jack (716) 232-6329, Donna (716) 271-1766.
- 27 Long Beach, California: One Day at a Time.

#### **APRIL**

- Vancouver, BC: Celebrate Sobriety. Coast Plaza Hotel. PO Box 1031 Sta. A, 757 Hastings St., Vancouver, BC V6C 2P1. John (604) 876-0500.
- Phoeniz, AZ; Spring Break. Grace Inn. PO Box 36366, Phoenix, 85067-6366. Rich (602) 952-2311, Kathy (602) 252-4906.
- 30 Laguna Beach, CA: Miracles Happen. Sheraton Newport. PO Box 5028, Laguna Beach, 92652. Patti (714) 365-0361.

#### MAY

- 28 Universal City, CA: Summer in the City. 14755 Ventura, Universal City, 91403. (213) 960-5637.
- 28 Boston, MA: *Boston Roundup*. PO Box 1009 GMF, Boston, 02205. David (617) 247-8866.
- 28 Dallas, TX: *Bid D Roundup*. PO Box 191174, Dallas 75291.

# JUNE

11 ● Chicago, IL: Happy, Joyous & Free. PO Box 196,

- 3023 N. Clark St., Chicago, 60657. Michael (312) 248-3434, Merri (708) 848-5062.
- 11 Syracuse, NY: *New Visions*. PO Box 6822, Syracuse, 13217. Steve (315) 476-4659.
- 18 Long Island, NY: Long Island Roundup. CW Post Campus. PO Box 539, Smithtown, 11787. Walter (716) 381-2199.

# **JULY**

- Montreal, Quebec: Rendez-vous Montreal. PO Box 164, Succ. DeLorimer, Montreal, Quebec H2H 2N6. Pierre-Paul (514) 769-9439.
- San Francisco, CA: Living Sober. PO Box 420974, San Francisco, 94142. Julien (415) 474-8675, Carla (510) 769-9439.
- 9 New Haven, CT: Walk the Walk. Yale. PO Box 1389, New Haven, 06510. John (203) 524-9139, Pat (203) 869-0291.
- Burlington, VT: GLAA Roundup. PO Box 5653, Burlington, 05402.

#### **AUGUST**

- 13 New Orleans, LA: *New Orleans Roundup*. Holiday Inn Superdome. PO Box 51266, New Orleans, 70151-1266. Sandy (504) 891-8977, Edie (504) 891-5376.
- 27 Cleveland, OH: 11th Ohio Roundup. Sheraton City Center. PO Box 95049, Cleveland, 44101. Pat or Dennis (216) 397-0354.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Portland, ME: Portland Roundup. PO Box 5245
   Sta. A, Portland, 04101. Gigi (207) 666-3343.
- Duderstadt, Germany: European Roundup. Postfach
   420 821, 1000 Berlin 42, Germany. Siegfried 030-705 93 75.
- 24 Las Vegas, NV: Soberfest. Sands. PO Box 20345, Las Vegas, 89112. Mickey or Glena (702) 369-8926.

#### **OCTOBER**

Toronto, Ontario: Gratitude. 552 Church Street,
 Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2H0.

| Roundup Name:    | we need four k | oundup Information!!!  Date Submitted: |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| Mailing Address: |                |  |
| City:            | State/Country: | ZIP:                                   |
| Dates:           | Phone Number:  | Cost:                                  |
| Contact:         |                |  |