NEW MEETINGS
DA welcomes the following groups:

UNITED STATES--

Mass: Brookline, Sat 8:45 am
St. Mary's, 61 Harvard Street -- "Steps to Entrepreneurship"

N.Y.: Albany, Wed, 8:30 pm,
members' homes.
Call Janelle (518) 439-1727.

Wash: Bellingham, Sun, 4:30, Choir
Northwest Blvd, 2100 James St.
Seattle, Sun, 7:00 pm, St. Paul's
United C of C, 6312 1st Ave NW
Tacoma, Thurs, 7:00 pm, Wee Wis-
dom Bldg, 2102 So. 23rd -- "Unity"

Wisc Milwaukee, Wed, 6:30
St. Paul's Episcopal, 914 E. Knapp St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REMINDERS

Are you a Writer?

Ways & Means needs writers & area reporters. Though we are officially published by the GSB, our "staff" consists of three regular DA members plus volunteer writers. Please volunteer to P.O. Box 20322, New York, NY 10025.

You Can Help Make our First World Directory a Reality!

DA's first World Service Directory is being prepared and everyone can help. GSRs, please tell GSO your meeting name, address, time. Intergroups, please send new meeting lists. All members, let GSO know if you'd like to be listed as an Area Contact. Mail to Fellowship Communications at our P.O. Box.

Getting New Subscribers for Ways & Means

Literature people and GSRs: Please tell fellow DAs they can subscribe to Ways & Means. Announce this at every meeting and have copies of the subscription form available. See below for details.

Renew Subscriptions

This is the sixth issue of Ways & Means, which means that some of our subscribers need to renew their subscriptions. A renewal form will be sent with your issue when your renewal is due.

As you can see from the information in the box on this page, a subscription entitles you to six issues of Ways & Means.

EUROPE--

France: Paris, Fri, 7:00 pm, French-
speaking; Sat, 6:45 pm, English-
speaking. Both at American Church,
65 Quai d'Otray, Jane Ann D. (Eng-
lish group) would like to hear from Americans. You can dial her direct at 011-331-42-79-7717.

ART CONTEST

We want a great design for the cover of the new World Directory that will reflect our prosperity and recovery. The Directory will be published by the Fellowship Communications Committee in 1991. If you want to try your hand at it, please submit your design for consideration. The DA logo needs to be on the cover.

The Committee will choose three designs to be presented to the 1990 Conference in Chicago. All designs must be submitted by June 1, 1990. Please send your designs to Debtor's Anonymous, Attn: Fellowship Communications Committee, Art Contest, see address on page one.

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Ways & Means is a forum for sharing experiences of DA groups, service committees and members. It does not interpret DA traditions or principles.

Ways & Means welcomes articles and needs writers. Send materials to the GSO. Please volunteer to write.

IN MEMORIAM

We Remember Leila B:

Leila B., whose life of service ended on September 17, helped to make Debtors Anonymous a truly national fellowship when she started DA in California. She was a Trustee on the General Service Board, served on countless Pressure Groups, was Sponsor to dozens of members, and is lovingly remembered by the entire Fellowship. Due to illness, she was unable to attend the Washington Conference, where she was sorely missed. A memorial service was held for her in New York City on Sunday, October 15, at The Lamb Theater.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Personally, I felt that the recent World Service Conference marked a real turning point in DA's history. In the life of any organization there seems to be a point a "critical mass" of energy forms to give rise to a "critical solidarity." It's when an organization gains a "life of its own." I felt there was evidence of this for Debtors Anonymous in September at the Conference in Washington, DC.

We now have our first interim DA Charter (see page 2), which was approved at the conference for use for three years. We also now have an office and enough recovering members and trusted servants to be of tremendous service in this work. There is a stronger feeling of continuity. The network of people doing national service in DA seems more solidly formed and very enthusiastic for the tasks at hand. We seem to be capable now of fulfilling our primary purpose -- to recover, then reach out to those still suffering -- better than we were able to before.

Perhaps someday, in retrospect, we will say that the 1989 Conference marked the point where Debtors Anonymous came of age.

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NEW DA CHARTER

Debtors Anonymous adopted its first ever Interim Conference Charter at its third annual World Conference in Washington. It has been approved for use for a three-year term, at which time it will be reviewed by the Fellowship. Space does not permit us to reproduce the entire charter, but highlights include the following:

/ Recognition that the General Service World Conference of DA is the governing world service and meeting lists to suffering debtors around the world, to process literary orders, and to answer correspondence. Contributions and literature income are recorded, then passed to the Treasurer. Most Conference Committees and other DA communications flow through this office.

We answer 60 to 80 pieces of mail a week," notes the DA Office Manager, Mary K. "And board members of the various Conference Committees are on call every week to help with GSO service, pick up mail, and do their own Committee work."

Since the room is used for various Church purposes on other nights, it has no phone or fax, copy or computer. During the day, the Office Manager purchases supplies, goes to the Post Office, uses copies, and makes phone calls as needed (to the printer, Treasurer, other DA members).

When you're in New York, you are welcome to visit the GSO and give some service time. While you're there, take in a meeting of the oldest group in DA - Prosperity.

We'll have more on your General Service Office operations, history, and future plans in upcoming issues. Today we have one humble, windowless office, but, as Mary K. says, "There's a new breeze blowing around the GSO."