

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, Choi-
ces Northwest Bldg, 2300 James St.

Seattle, Sun, 7:00 pm, St. Paul's
United C of C, 6512 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.



EUROPE--

France: Paris, Fri, 7:00 pm, French-
speaking; Sat, 6:45 pm, English-
speaking. Both at American Church,
65 Quai d'Orsay. Jane Ann D. (Eng-
lish group) would like to hear from
Americans. You can dial her direct at
011-331-42-78-7172.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REMINDERS

Are you a Writer?

Ways & Means needs writers & area
reporters. Though we are officially
published by the GSB, our "staff" con-
sists of three regular DA members
plus volunteer writers. Please volun-
teer 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. In-
tergroups, please send new meeting
lists. All members, let GSO know if
you'd like to be listed as an Area Con-
tact. Mail to Fellowship Communica-
tions 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 be-
low for details.

Renew Subscriptions

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

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



ART CONTEST

We want a great design for the cover
of the **new World Directory** that
will reflect our prosperity and recov-
ery. The Directory will be published
by the Fellowship Communications
Committee in 1990. 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 de-
signs to be presented to the 1990 Con-
ference in Chicago. All designs must
be submitted by June 1, 1990. Please
send your designs to Debtors Anony-
mous, Attn: Fellowship Communica-
tions Committee, Art Contest, see ad-
dress on page one.

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York for a 1-year subscription (6 issues).
For single/sample issues, send \$1.00 &
self-addressed #10 envelope.

Ways & Means is a forum for sharing
experiences of DA groups, service com-
mittees and members. It does not inter-
pret DA traditions or principles.

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

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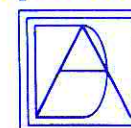
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IN MEMORIAM

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 Lambs 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 where a "critical mass" of energy forms to give rise to a certain solidity; 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.



WORLD CONFERENCES -- 1989 and 1990

DA's World Service Conference was held in Washington, DC on September 15-17, 1989. On Saturday, the national committees met. They include: Service, Public Information, Literature, Finance, Conference, and Fellowship Communications. It was a lively conference marked by hard work and good fellowship. In an upcoming issue, we plan to give you information about the work of each committee, when the Secretary's report becomes available. In the meantime, here is information about one DA member who attended:

Jennifer, from Philadelphia, told us about what led to her attending her very first World Conference. She said that when she heard about it she knew she had to go.

Jennifer had sought out DA about a year ago and, several months later, opened her home to a meeting. As the fellowship slowly grew, the meeting moved into a hospital and has expanded today to three meetings a week in the Philadelphia area. Stumbling along, the program in Philadelphia began to depend on a set of tapes from the World Service Conference that had been held in 1988 in Los Angeles. Knowing the program worked, but

lacking the local experience, Jennifer decided to go to the Washington Conference. There she was able to have a pressure group with members from Maryland and from Virginia. She learned about the importance of the DA traditions and met a lot of people with good recovery -- people who reached out to her so

that she didn't have to feel like an outsider. The Conference energized her attitude and gave her a wealth of information to take back to Philadelphia.

1990 Conference: Brad H., Chairman of the Chicago 1990 World Service Conference Committee, extends this invitation to all:

"Debtors Anonymous in Chicago is preparing for the 1990 World Service Conference, to be held in mid-September. Following the requests of several members, the Chicago World Service Conference will expand to include more fellowship activities and an additional day, so there will be enough time for everything. We welcome everyone's ideas and participation. If you have an idea or would like to assist or contribute, please contact us at the address below. We look forward to hosting all of our friends here in the Windy City!"

Please mail your 1990 Conference ideas to:

Debtors Anonymous
Chicago Intergroup
P.O. Box 4982
Chicago, IL 60680-4982

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 period, at which time it will be reevaluated 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 guardian of world services and the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of DA.

/ Agreement regarding the following important Warranties of the Conference: "In all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the DA Traditions, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Debtors Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Debtors Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."

For a copy of the Charter, write to DA at the General Service Office. The address is listed on the front of this newsletter.

NEW BREEZE BLOWING AT GSO

The General Service Office is open (6:30 - 9:00 pm every Tues.) in a single one-room office in the basement of the Parish Rectory of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 980 Park Avenue, between 83rd and 84th Sts, New York. The work of our growing international Fellowship gets done around a large table with six chairs.

Several volunteers show up on an average night to mail information and meeting lists to suffering debtors around the world, to process literature orders, and to answer correspondence. Contributions and literature income are recorded, then passed to the Treasurer. Most Conference Committee 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 show up 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, fax, copier, or computer. During the day, our Office Manager purchases supplies, goes to the Post Office, uses copiers, 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."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GSO

The General Service Board thanks the following, who contributed in August and September to keep the work of the GSO going:

Southern California
Intergroup
Monday Noe Valley -- SF, CA
Orange County, CA--
Friday Night
Prosperity West -- Santa
Monica, CA
San Jose Group -- San Jose,
CA
Boulder Group - Boulder, CO
Prosperity Seekers --
Denver, CO
Cambridge, MA --
Self-Employed
Cambridge, MA -- Tools
Sunday 4:30 -- Boston, MA
Steps to Solvency --
Ardley, NY
DA Arts/Entertainment --
NYC, NY
Lambs Theater Matinee
Group, NYC
Saturday at Barts -- NYC, NY
Prosperity BODA --
Portland, OR
Debtors Anonymous --
Seattle, WA
Promises of Prosperity -
Washington, DC

The GSO received checks from people in the following cities, but group names were not given on the checks. So thanks also to:

Birmingham, AL
San Francisco, CA
Miami Beach, FL
New York City
Houston, TX
Washington, DC

TREASURER'S REPORT

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS GENERAL SERVICE BOARD, INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
January 1, 1989 through September 14, 1989
(Unaudited)

<u>Receipts</u>		
Contributions:		
General	\$ 5,057.60	\$10,858.41
Development	\$ 5,800.81	\$ 5,937.59
Literature Sales		\$ 276.50
Ways & Means		\$ 174.67
Bank Interest		\$ 5,678.00
World Conference		
Total Receipts		\$22,925.17
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Rent:		\$ 750.00
Office:		
General	\$ 1,410.32	
Development	\$ 191.13	
Literature	\$ 658.15	\$ 2,259.60
Trustee Travel		\$ 971.00
Answering Service		\$ 346.00
Ways & Means		\$ 280.00
Literature:		
Printing	\$ 7,485.81	\$ 9,888.45
Development	\$ 2,402.64	\$ 2,538.50
World Conference		\$ 1,968.24
Development Committee		\$ 300.00
Filing Fees		\$ 165.49
Bank Fees		\$ 171.95
Deposit Reversals		
Total Expenditures		\$19,639.23

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As of September 14, 1989
(Unaudited)

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash in Bank	\$12,068.00
Literature on Hand	\$ 4,600.00
Total Assets	\$16,668.00
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ -0-
Total Liabilities	\$ -0-



Happy Holiday Season
from
the GSO and Staff of
Ways & Means
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