

# The Group Secretary

NEWS AND NOTES FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP  
FROM GENERAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS OF A.A.

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December, 1952

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On behalf of our Trustees, the Grapeviners, the folks here at A.A.'s Service Headquarters, and Lois, I have been asked to send you our Christmas greetings.

We know how you share our gratitude for all the good things that have happened to us of A.A. in the twelve months just gone by--- gratitude that so many newcomers have passed out of despair into hope, that so many families have been reunited, that so many of us have advanced in the esteem of our friends and communities.

Even those of us who have suffered reverses now know how these can be turned into gifts later on, experiences that we can share with our fellows as their day of need comes.

At Christmas, gratitude is surely our first thought. In return we try as never before to practice that kind of giving which demands no reward. We try to give a love that has no price tag on it.

Such has been the heritage that has come down to us from Him who presides over all.

Merry Christmas.

*Bill*

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BASIC BOOKLET ANSWERS 44 QUESTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOLISM AND A.A.

"A.A. --- 44 Questions and Answers About the Program of Recovery from Alcoholism" is the name of the newest booklet in the literature program authorized at last Spring's General Service Conference.

Designed primarily as a basic guide for newcomers and for those who have only a casual interest in the program, the new booklet contains answers to 44 typical questions about alcoholism and A.A.

The following are among the questions discussed:

"How Can I Tell If I Am Really an Alcoholic?"

"How Can I Get Along in Business...If I Don't Drink?"

"Why is A.A. Interested in Problem Drinkers?"

"Who Runs A.A.?"

"How Does a Person Join A.A.?"

"If I Come Into A.A., Won't I Miss A Lot of Friends and a Lot of Fun?"

The new booklet, which follows the same general format as its three predecessors in the new literature program, is distinguished by its white cover and dark blue title. It is available from General Service Headquarters at fifteen cents per copy.

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LAST CALL TO LIST YOUR GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION IN 1953 WORLD DIRECTORY

December 31, 1952 is the deadline for receiving contributions from the Groups for listing in the new World Directory of A.A.

Many Groups have already sent in their total contributions for 1952. Others have made partial contributions and intend to complete their gifts during the next three weeks. If your Group plans to contribute but has not yet done so, please remember that all 1952 contributions must be received by midnight, December 31, for listing in the '53 Directory.

It is, of course, recognized that Groups outside the United States proper, institutional Groups and some new Groups are not always able to contribute to the support of A.A.'s services.

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And now, as the old year draws to a close and Christmas and the New Year approach, we at Service Headquarters search for words to express our gratitude for your patience, cooperation and support; we seek for a way to convey all the good wishes in our hearts for all A.A.'s throughout the world. We send you the greeting that means so much to every one---and so much more to those who share the fellowship of A.A.:

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

*Marian Thelmer*

General Secretary