A.R.T.S. Anonymous Inc. Conference Reports 1989

A.R.T.S. Anonymous World Service Board P.O. Box 175 Ansonia Station New York, NY 10023

December 19, 1989

Dear A.R.T.S. Member:

I enclose a report of the proceedings of the Fifth World Service Conference of A.R.T.S. Anonymous, which was held on September 22, 1989. I'm sorry it has taken to long for us to get this report together and mail it. The 9th Tradition states that A.R.T.S. Anonymous ought never be organized, and we seem to be living up to that tradition as best we can! A more manageable version of this report will be appearing in the next issue of the World Muse, which we hope will be distributed early in the New Year. Until then, please pass this report on to the Fellowship in your area; if you or any other A.R.T.S. members have questions about the conference, please write to me at the address given above.

Yours in recovery,

Sue E.

World Service Liaison

A.R.T.S. Anonymous World Service Fifth Annual Conference Ocean Grove, New Jersey September 22, 1989

In attendance were:

Trustees of the World Service Board:

Thanasi A, Chairperson

Harvey W, Vice-Chair, 12- Step Committee

Abigail B, Former Vice-Chair (first part of 1989), Literature Development, Archives

Griffen M, Treasurer

Adam L, Literature Distribution, Public Information

Chuck Y, Recording Secretary (arrived in late afternoon)

Acting Trustees of the World Service Board:

John M, Corresponding Secretary Sue E, World Service Liaison

World Service Delegates:

Carol G, representing Boston, MA

Richard G, representing Philadelphia, PA

Victor G, representing Manchester, CT

Nick F, representing Bernardsville, NJ

Esme M, representing TriMac (greater NYC area)

Mary D, representing TriMac

Bill M, representing Southern California Intergroup

Peg S, representing Westbrook, ME

Laura H, representing Chicago, IL

Because our recording secretary was unavoidable delayed, and did not arrive until late afternoon, we do not have a formal set of minutes covering the entire conference. The morning session began at 10:15 and went to 12.30. During this time, written reports were read by each of the World Service Trustees and Acting Trustees. The World Service Delegates also presented reports (except for Carol G, from Boston, the Delegates gave oral reports of which no formal record was kept). The afternoon session began at 2.00 and lasted until 5.30. The Agenda for the afternoon session was based partly on issues raised (in writing) by the World Service Delegates during the morning session. Small issues that did not require lengthy discussion were answered by Abigail in the early afternoon, followed by 6 items for discussion. These consisted of:

- 1. Confirmation of the Acting Trustees
- 2. Regional Conferences and Retreats
- 3. Sponsorship
- 4. National Constitution and By-laws
- 5. Gender Neutralization
- 6. Financing the Printing of New Literature

In lieu of regular minutes, we have compiled a report consisting of the written reports submitted in the morning session, Abigail's answers to the questions of the World Service Delegates, and Chuck's minutes.

A.R.T.S. ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICE

Fifth Annual Conference Ocean Grove, New Jersey September 22,1989

Aqenda

Opening Prayer

Reports (10:00-12:00)

- 1. 1988 Conference Minutes
- 2. Chair's Report: Thanasi A., Trustee
- Vice Chair's Report: Abigail B., Trustee
- 4. Vice Chair's Report: Harvey W., Trustee
- 5. Treasurer's Report: Griffen M., Trustee
- 6. Recording Secretary's Report: Chuck Y., Trustee
- 7. Corresponding Secretary's Report: John M., Acting Trustee
- 8. Archivist's Report: Abiqail B.
- 9. Literature Development Report: Abigail B.
- 10. Literature Distribution Report: Adam L., Trustee
- 11. Public Information Report: Adam L.
- 12. World Muse Report: Daniel H., Trustee
- 13. Twelve Step Report: Harvey W.
- 14. Delegate and Intergroup Laison Report: Sue E., Acting Trustee
- 15. Delegate Reports
- 16. Regional Reports

New Business Agenda Planning (12:00-12:30)

<u>Lunch</u> (12:30-2:00)

New Business (2:00-5:00)

1. Confirmation of Acting Trustees

A.R.T.S. ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICE

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Chair's Report

As Chairperson I see my job as facilitating, coordinating, and supporting everyone else in their job. Together, we accomplished the following during the past year:

- 1. Formed an area contact list.
- Began developing a national directory.
- Printed and distributed the first ARTS national brochure.
- 4. Printed and distributed the first two issues of the World Muse.
- 5. Established a literature development committee and prepared four new pieces of literature for distribution.
- Public information was re-assigned to a World Service Trustee.
- 7. The Twelve-step Committee was re-assigned to a World Service Trustee.
- 8. Instituted two new acting trustees: Corresponding Secretary

 Delegate and Intergroup
 Laison.
- 9. Applied through the VLA for legal counsel to file for "not for profit status".
- 10. Assigned committee chair for development of the 1989 Ocean Grove Convention and were active participants on the planning committee.

I wish to acknowledge and express my gratitude for the constant support and encouragement I received from my fellow board members. This service has accelerated my growth as a person and my recovery as an artist — I wish to thank you all for the opportunity.

Thanasi A.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

As Vice Chairperson this year I took care of the following business:

Last year's financial records were balanced in our spreadsheet to the end of our fiscal year (from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989) but from July 1 to October nothing was balanced for we were infact without a treasurer. Griffin was elected to the Board at Ocean Grove last September 88 and in October, with moral support from Thanasi (also newly elected to the Board), I balanced the treasury, started the spreadsheet, and then trained Griffin in how to maintain a spreadsheet.

As Vice Chairperson, I maintained contact with the now long-term A.R.T.S. chapters, filing verbal status reports for them at our monthly Board meetings, from November until March when Thanasi (who was now the Chariperson) took over this function.

As Vice Chairperson, I found myself doing several mass mailings because there was no one to delegate this job to. Aslo, as the nearest trustee to the post office box, I found myself running to the post office to get our mail, primarily checks, so the Board could stay solvent. But after the Board put out \$250 to pay for the printing of our first A.R.T.S. piece of official literature, I ended up going to the post office almost daily seeking checks. At that point, rebellion set in and I found us a new acting trustee to become Corresponding Secretary, John McC., who would not only take care of all our mailings, the filing of all current correspondence, but who would also go to the post office. I then separated the 1988-89 affairs of World Service from the archives to give to John, and together working over serveral evenings, we created a new set of filing books.

As Vice Chairperson, I went with Thanasi to The Volunteer Lawyers for the A.R.T.S. to register our program with them so they would find us a lawyer who will file our Not For Profit incorporation papers. Later, I called the woman who interviewed us there, for other legal advice on other A.R.T.S. matters.

As Vice Chairperson, I worked with Adam in setting up his literature distribution books, defining his job description, and drafted my third version of how A.R.T.S. literature is to be approved for Adam to set into a policy paper. This also took many evenings, afternoons, and long phone calls to accomplish. At Adam's and Thanasi's request, I then met with Adam's great find, the printer of AA literature of the past 30 years, to discuss our needs. I also called all the A.R.T.S. chapters to get their dollar commitment for their first literature order, so the Board could be assured that we would not be out of pocket for a long time the \$250 advanced for the printing of this piece of literature.

As Vice Chairperson and Founder, I found myself deeply embroiled in the San Francisco A.R.T.S. Intergroup concerns which lead to the drafting of the start of another policy paper on "Guidelines for Starting an A.R.T.S. Anonymous Intergroup" and to the recruitment of another new acting trustee to the Board, Sue E., whose function would be to primarily work with World Service Delegates and the new chapters who are forming intergroups. I then trained Sue over several evenings, giving her my recent correspondence to the A.R.T.S. chapters which told them the difference between their World Service Delegate and their area contact, and it included 2 pages from the A.R.T.S national constitution defining World Service Delegates.

As Vice Chairperson, I pulled together copies of previous correspondence from A.R.T.S. members and the various "Muses" from the A.R.T.S. chapters and turned it over to Chuck to give to Dave V. for use in our second national "Muse" issue.

As Founder, I rewrote the A.R.T.S. Twelfth Step Handbook letter which welcomes the receiver to our fellowship and then worked with Harvey, Thanasi, and Roberta K. in the polishing of it.

THE VICE-CHAIR'S MORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT 1989

MY FIRST YEAR AS VICE-CHAIR HAS BEEN A VERY CHALLANGING POSITION, FOR AS I SEE IT, A.R.T.S. IS EVOLVING FROM ITS' CHILDHOOD TO A COMPLEX AND SOPHISTICATED YOUNG ADULT. THROUGH THIS TRANSITION I HAVE TRIED TO CONTRIBUTE A SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND SOUND JUDGEMENT. FORTUNATELY MY ATTEMPTS WERE AIDED BY THE SUPPORTIVE TALENTS AND INTENTS OF MY FELLOW TRUSTEES. FOR THIS I HAVE GAINED A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH A BOARD OF ARTISTS I AM PROUD TO CALL MYSELF A MEMBER OF.

BESIDES ATTENDING WORLD SERVICE MEETINGS REGULARLY, I HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AS VICE-CHAIR:

- SERVED AS LIASON AMONG THE BOARD MEMBERS.
- Served on the 1989 Conference/Convention Planning Committee.
- Helped to draft a policy statement and answer inquiry regarding copyrights of contributed literature to A.R.T.S.
- -- PROVIDED NECESSARY INFORMATION, GUIDANCE, AND DIPLOMACY REGARDING THE EVENTS SURROUNDING AN INTERGROUP ELECTION CONFLICT.
- CREATED A LETTER OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION FOR NEWLY FORMED MEETINGS.

Yours in SERVICE,

VICE-CHAIR

A.R.T.S. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988-1989

OPENING BALANCE (7-1-88): \$358.52 CLOSING BALANCE (6-30-89): \$425.62

Expenses Breakdown:

Postal Expenses:	\$132.72
Office Supplies/Copies:	384.91
Telephone Expenses:	152.39
1987-88 Conference:	261.28
1988-89 Conference:	338.72
	271.00
Twelfth Step Committee Expenses:	151.16
West Coast Trip (A. Brown):	339.05
Literature Expenses:	
Legal Expenses:	100.00
Misc. Transportation Expenses:	2.00
Bank Charges:	62.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$2195.23

Income Breakdown:

Contributions:	Southern California NYC So. Cal. Intergroup Sante Fe Boston Paris, France East Hampton, NY	\$445.61 437.88 90.00 40.00 38.10 10.00 3.00 \$1064.59
Conference Reg	Private Contribution: TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: istrations:	5.00 \$1069.59 \$ 500.00
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Income Breakdown (Cont'd):

Twelfth Step Books: Literature Income:	MAINE CHICAGO PARIS, FRANCE LOS ANGELES ATHENS, OHIO SANTE FE PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA PERKIOMENVILLE, PA NEW ORLEANS CONNECTICUT MICHIGAN TOTAL: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SANTE FE BOSTON BOULDER PROVINCETOWN TOTAL:	\$14.00 7.50 7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 7
Conference Funds (Oc	cean Grove)	\$390.74
Reimbursement (Lost		\$ 14.00
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$2262.33

Regional Breakdown:

Funds held by A.R.T.S. World Service for the various regions are equal to 10% of all meeting contributions. For the fiscal year 1988-1989 meeting contributions totaled \$1064.59, leaving a Regional balance of \$106.46.

SUMMARY (AS OF 6-30-89)

OPENING BALANCE:	\$358.52
Conference Account Balance:	290.00
Regional Account Balance:	106.46
Checking Account Balance:	28.48
CLOSING BALANCE:	\$425.62

Corresponding Secretary A.R.T.S. World Servic Board

9/22/89

Annual Report. Ocean-Grove Conférence

- I I was pleased to be able to say yes when Abigail as Ked metotake an the job. And pleased to be approved by the Trustee's.
- I worked with Abigail to set up files one in Chronological order. The originals of all correspondence and others by cityand subject which are all cross referenced.
- Pick up mail at P.O. at least once aweek. Praying for checks.
 - D Xerox everything several times.
 - Forward copies to concerned Board members. All checks to Griffin.
 - @ Sand out mass mailings. examples: Delegate letter/Muse.

Try to maintain a Hatimal Directory including trustees, contacts (intergroup and/or area), and w. S. Delegates. This is the most frustrating part of my service. We only received irresponses to the Delegate Letter. In order to communicate with the fellowship they need to respond, answer, communicate back.

Did people recieve them? (theletters) How accounted to the Directory?

Flow to work with Harvey W. to refine my Directory. It has grown in the past 4 maths from about 30 to 65 names.

I am sending around a copy of that List/Directory for you all to help define more now. by ammending accessing out, correcting but I need it back.

- Same places have afew names anthe list yet information is either not delivered or picked p
- with a bodget such as the wish wish where sary mail is samething we really can not afford.

 From envelopes cost yet not everyone included a SASE for this conference.
- Desple sametimes use the RC. Ocx to inform people of their recovery (shows etc.) This information is not ferwarded. Personal correspondence is just that and should be mailed directly.
- town is not that of your city or needing location or area intergroup. Please identify that place

and Joe this year on a Esterature Commistee. We are making neadway on a booklet which comes from the HYTuesday Hight Traits + Tools Writing Workshop. That work fuels very strength and broadens my horizon for that and all the service I do or experience from others. I am grateful.

Thank yor Jahn Mawalk

ARCHIVIST

As Archivist, I duplicated and separated all of our records from November 1984 to the present so we could file originals in chronological order and the duplicates by subject matter or A.R.T.S. chapters. The archives are now spread over seven LARGE three ring binders. I am currently working with Debra L. on every other Saterday night for four hours on many A.R.T.S. projects, and one of them is to make sure we have two of everything in the right place in our archives. I have also written up my notes on my trip West to Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Boulder for the celebration of A.R.T.S.'s fourth birthday and will put this wonderful story into the archives, as a way of saying thankyou to all the wonderful people who pulled together to make this happen.

LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT

Literature Development was assigned this past year to Harvey D., our Western Regional Trustee. Last November, I was in Los Angeles for A.R.T.S.'s fourth back whom birthday celebration, so Harvey D. and I met with Varda and Paul wrote a lot of the Los Angeles A.R.T.S.'s literature. They declined to take on the review and development of all A.R.T.S. literature, but agreed to act as editorial consultants to Harvey D. and the Board.

Back in New York City, the Board then met for aspecial session just to review, approve or send back to committee all existing A.R.T.S. literature. Over the winter, Harvey D. negotiated acceptance by the Los Angeles Intergroup of the minor changes that the Board requested to their pamphlet on "Anonymity" written by Varda and Paul. Harvey D. then typeset this pamphlet himself for us, and it is being put on a mechancial as I type this, which hopefully means it will be ready for limited distribution to the attendees of Ocean Grove 89. Harvey D. also typeset the pamphlet "Anorxia of Avoidance" by Jane B. of Boston, plus my Ocean Grove 88 speech on how A.R.T.S. came about into a pamphlet titled "Abigail's Story"; and he turned a letter I wrote last summer to Varda on A.R.T.S. first step --"We admitted we were powerless over our creativity; that our lives had become unmanageable."-- into a pamphlet titled "Step One." Harvey D. is now busy being a new father and can not be heretoday to give this report. We certainly appreciate the work he did this year!

Harvey D. recently sent me the computer disks on which all of these were computer typeset so that we here in New York City can make some corrections. Debra L. and I have proofed the pamphlets "Anorxia" and "Abigail's Story" and the disks are now being corrected by Mark R. as I type. If we get the corrected copy in time to be a second copy in time to be a second copy in time to be a second copy in time to the attendees.

Debra L. and I also proofed the pamphlet "5 A.R.T.S. Tools" by Phyllis O. of Boulder, which now has to be typed up, and approved by the Board. It should be ready for printing and general distribution by December 89.

Another incredible piece of A.R.T.S. literature written by Varda and Paul of Los Angeles is a pamphlet called "Facing Avoidance". When the Board reviewed it there was a feeling that it was very close to two other Los Angeles A.R.T.S. pamphlets called "Working the Program" and "The Problem and the Solution" which both have a series of questions. A review committee made up of Bob J, Roberta K, and myself studied these three pamphlets. Debra L. and I will be working with their comments. If "Facing Avoidance" did not have so many questions --over 70-we would have received Board approval by now. It takes time to mull through and over 70 questions. This pamphlet should be ready for printing and distribution sometime next year.

The above are all the major pieces of A.R.T.S. literature currently being readied for printing. Some minor but superb refinments have been offered to us by Annie W. of Boston on the "Traits and Tools" and these most likely will be adopted by the Board and incorporated into our mechanical before the next printing of the "Traits and Tools" pamphlet. Annie W. of Boston also sent us an expanded version of the A.R.T.S. attitudes which will be studied next year-possibly becoming a separate pamphlet. The Board has received three versions on how the traits could be changed into affirmations from Patti P. of Boulder, Anni of Boston, and Bebbi of Athens, Ohio. These too will be studied next year.

JARTS brochure

And lastly, one new piece of literature is in very early development and a committee made up of Joe ., John McC. and myself were meeting every other Monday night to review and select the essence out of over 300 essays written during the Trait and Tool Writing Workshop to form a big thick booklet on the TRaits and the Tools. The committee disbanded over the summer and plans to get back to work next Fall. This project should be ready sometime in 1991.

A.R.T.S. Anonymous world Service 1989 Annual Report: Literature September 1988-September 1989

Submitted by Adam L. World Service Trustee/Literature Coordinator

I began my second year of world service by reorganizing and updating the literature inventory book, obtaining the necessary stationery supplies. I quickly learned what A.R.T.S. means when it calls us "but humble servants."

The responsibility for the printing and distributing of the new A.R.T.S. brochure -- artfully designed by Harvey O. and completed shortly before the 1988 Annual National Convention -- passed from Tri-state Metropolitan A.R.T.S. Central to the World Service Board. With every copy having been distributed at the New York meetings and the 1988 convention, I coordinated a mass printing of the brochure. During the course of the year, I answered literature inquiries from Boston, Massachusetts; Sante Fe, New Mexico; Tucson, Arizona; Seattle, Washington; Bernardsville, New Jersey; and Manchester, Connecticut. I filled brochure orders from Los Angeles, California; Boulder, Colorado; Provincetown, Massachusetts; Boston, Massachusetts; Sante Fe, New Mexico; and Bernardsville, New Jersey. I obtained various kinds of stationery and postal supplies for literature information mailings and brochure orders.

At the very beginning of the year, no World Service mailing list existed and we didn't have a corresponding secretary. In my own interest as well as the Board's, I organized and assembled such a mailing list with corresponding address labels, copies of which I distributed to the other trustees. I wrote three alternate form letters -- most of which included sample copies of the brochure, stamped "not for reproduction." I mailed them to every existing and subsequent World Service contact person, 30 as of September 1989. In these letters, I asked them to send me copies of all of the literature circulated within their chapters, for our inventory and potential world distribution. I also announced the brochure's availability and ordering procedure. The fee has been \$28.50, including postage and handling, per 250 copies.

There was a backlog of submitted, unapproved literature. I distributed pieces amongst the World Service Board and hosted a "literature reviewing bash" at my apartment. Although the trustees had lots of fun pointing out the parts they hated the most in each piece, it was decided that a separate committee was necessary to get through the large quantity of pieces without judging, criticizing or arguing. Our revisions were sent to Harvey D. in Los Angeles, who chaired such a committee. Months later, I requested that he send us all literature ready for world Service approval.

Through a series of investigations, I discovered and solicited the services of Kutztown Publishing -- a printing, storage and mailing house in Kutztown, Pennsylvania -- who have serviced Alcoholics Anonymous for years. I set up a meeting between the company's president -- Bill Flail -- and Thanasi, Abigail and myself. Mr. Flail

seemed initially interested in working for us, but seemed sidetracked during the weeks and months that followed. Then our literature catalog and the demand for it increase, it may then prove to be a more appetizing business venture for Kutztown.

Most recently, I researched and wrote a letter for all World Service delegates in which I outlined literature development, approval and distribution policies. The letter has not yet been mailed, however, due to World Service Board squabbling and the question of whether the literature coordinator can be trusted to assume such an awesome responsibility.

Perhaps the most challenging task of all, I attended every world Service Board meeting -- even the ones that went over three hours.

Honorable mention in the literature department goes to Thanasi A., Abigail B., Harvey W., John M., Griffin M. and Mary D. for providing the occasional A.R.T.S. data, closet space and other bare necessities for survival.

A.R.T.S. Anonymous World Service 1989 Annual Report: Public Information September 1988-September 1989

Submitted by Adam L. World Service Trustee/Public Information Coordinator

I have the strange distinction of being a trustee with two jobs. This means I had the privilege of attending all of the World Service Board meetings twice.

Public Information really came alive this year when it was discovered that a mental health and retardation center was advertising A.R.T.S. as a program for artists with drug problems. Fuming over this unjust characterization, I promptly issued a clarification to the Allegheney East Mental Health and Retardation Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whose March/April 1989 newsletter contained the scandalous remark.

Things really picked up after that. I briefed Carol G. of Boston in preparation for her radio talk show interview. I was interviewed by Alice Kira for "Focus on Art", a weekly series on Maine Public Radio MPBN. To broaden the representation and perspective, I selected Twelve Step veteran and former radio personality Bob J. as a second interviewee. I mailed the A.R.T.S. brochure to Ms. Kira. I eventually received a poorly recorded cassette tape copy of the September 6 broadcast, along with a note telling me that the well-recorded version would cost me ten dollars. Most recently, I described A.R.T.S. to Elizabeth Bales Frank of Cosmopolitan magazine for an article on artistic women in transition, and mailed her the brochure. The article is due for publication next Spring, and I requested that we receive a copy of it.

Deva K. in Guysville, Ohio, wrote to us asking whether we had a "speakers bureau" of A.R.T.S. role models oozing with recovery and inspiration. I told her yes, but that we didn't call it that, and that I was unfortunately tied up all year. I also mentioned that her meeting's treasury would pay dearly for transportation and lodging.

My gratitude goes to Harvey W. (12th Step Committee chair) and Abigail B. (archivist) for filling my requests for essential and up-to-date A.R.T.S. data.

Shortly before the 1989 World Service Convention, I conferred with Nick F. of Bernardsville, New Jersey, who is working with a journalist on an article about A.R.T.S. for publication in several local New Jersey newspapers. We expect to have further discussion in preparation of its publication.

THE TWELFTH STEP COMMITTEE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT 1989

THE TWELFTH STEP COMMITTEE HAS CONTINUED TO FUEFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO SEED AND SUPPORT INQUIRIES ON HOW TO START AN A.R.T.S MEETING. SINCE LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE WE HAVE RECIEVED THIRTY-TWO SUCH REQUESTS OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN NEW MEETINGS HAVE EVOLVED. WE HAVE ALSO ANSWERED TWENTY-FIVE REQUESTS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FELLOWSHIP. NEW MEETING REQUESTS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE A.R.T.S. HANDBOOK, WHICH WAS CREATED AND PRODUCED BY THIS COMMITTEE IN 1987, AND PHONE CALLS OR LETTERS TO FOLLOW UP AND FORTHER ASSIST SUCH REQUESTS. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE CREATED AND PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING NEW INSERTS AND REVISIONS TO THE HANDBOOK;

- A SAMPLE FLIER (BASED ON A MODEL BY S. CALIFORNIA)
 WHICH MAY BE USED BY NEW MEETINGS TO ATTRACT
 NEW MEMBERS.
- Updated Contact Directory.
- WORLD SERVICE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM AND UPDATE FORM.
- LETTER OF INTRODUCTION REVISION.
- LISTING OF THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEETINGS' SERVICE POSITIONS (IN PROGRESS).

FOR NEXT YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING THE HANDBOOK BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF ITS' TYPE AND BINDING IF OUR BUDGET ALLOWS. AS OUR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CONTINUES TO RISE, A MORE STREAMLINED DOCUMENT IS NEEDED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE EVER GROWING NEW MEETINGS' NEEDS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE AN EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP OF THIS COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF NEW MEETING SPONSORSHIP. BECAUSE OF THE SHRINKING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMITTEE, I HAVE ASSUMED MOST OF ITS' RESPON-SIBILITIES SINCE MAY OF THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH THIS HAS PROVIDED ME WITH A VERY GRATIFYING OVERVIEW OF THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF ARTISTS WHO HAVE TRIED OR ACCOMPLISHED SETTING UP NEW MEETINGS. AND A GREAT AMOUNT OF SATISFACTION IN REACHING OUT AND PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED SERVICE, IT IS A GRATIFICATION AND SATISFACTION THAT NEEDS TO BE SHARED AND PARTICIPATORY, AND NOT EXCLUSIVE TO ONE MEMBER OF THE FELLOWSHIP. THEREFORE I WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR EXPANDED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS BEGIN TRAINING SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE CHAIR WHEN MY TERM ENDS NEXT YEAR.

THE TWELFTH STEP COMMITTEE MORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT 1989

I NEGLECTED TO MENTION THAT I HAVE BEEN KEEPING A LOG OF THE COMMITTEE'S MINUTES, REPORTS TO THE WORLD SERVICE BOARD, BUDGET, DIRECTORY OF HANDBOOK OWNERS, AND ALL CORRESPONDENCES INCLUDING LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS.

As I approach my third year (April 1990) of chairing this committee I would like to express my gratitude for the deepened sense of humility, and expanded view of myself that I am gaining as a result of chairing this office. Thank you for your trust and confidence.

- HARVEY W. THUMA CHAIR: 12TH STEP COMMITTEE

NEW MEETINGS 1988-1989

ASPEN, COLORADO
BERNARDSVILLE, NEW JERSEY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
COSTÂ MESA, CALIFORNIA
HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA
MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

➤ New Paltz. New York
San Diego, California
➤ Santa Fe, New Mexico
➤ Seattle, Washington
Westbrook, Maine
Wilmington, Delaware

* OFFICIALLY REDISTERED WITH WORLD SERVICE

BUDGET 198	<u> 1939</u>				COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
Expenses:	9/88; 10/88; 11/88; 12/88; 1/89; 2/89;	9.61 31.29 .00 14.41 43.24 41.81	3/89; 4/89; 5/89; 6/89; 7/89; 8/89;	12.42 14.30 81.59 43.57 36.87 30.63	MARY D. PATTY F. MARC R. HARVEY O. HARVEY W. CHAIR
ALLOWANCE	•		TOTAL \$ 10/26/88 12/04/88 1/29/89 2/28/89 6/15/89 7/23/89 9/10/89	50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 68.67 30.63	
			TOTAL	349.30	