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ICYPAA posters through the years.

A.A. Moves into the Future

In 1958, a meeting of young A.A.s from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA), and it has flourished ever since. Young people's groups try to counter the words that they may hear from friends and even family – that they are simply too young to be “real” alcoholics – as well as to bring the newcomer into the mainstream of A.A. recovery.

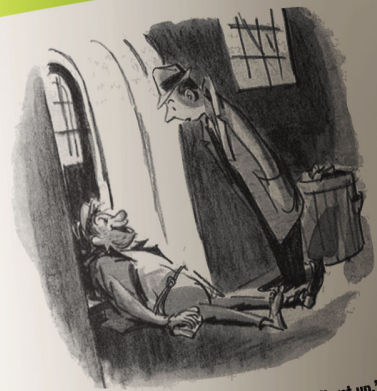
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THE LIGHTER SIDE: Jokes from Grapevine



“Who cares about the future — where the hell was I last night?”
— A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar

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“I’m not powerless over alcohol. I just can’t get up.”
— A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar

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A.A.s Sather Worldwide

There are encouraging trends that indicate that A.A. is continuing to spread (and take root) across the globe. The number of licenses A.A.W.S. grants for translation of literature has skyrocketed. A.A. is growing more rapidly in areas including Iran, Bulgaria, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, India, China and Cuba. The biennial World Service Meeting has seen encouraging growth, from 41 to 45 countries and 60 to 72

Banner from the World Service Meeting in 1986.

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