Our next conference is scheduled for September 27 to September 29, 2019 in Austin, TX. The conference is being hosted by the Texas Bar Association Lawyers Assistance Program. Don’t miss the fun, food and fellowship of ILAA waiting for you in Austin, TX. Registration for ILAA for ILAA members and their guest is $300 each. Registration includes Saturday and Sunday breakfast and the Saturday night banquet. The Humility Golf Tournament will be played on Friday afternoon and tours on Saturday afternoon are also available. Golf and tours are not included in the registration fee. You can register now at www.ILAA.org or send in the registration form at this link: http://www.ilaa.org/__library/2019_ILAA_Flyer.pdf

The conference will be held at:
Hilton Austin
500 E. Fourth Street
Austin, TX 78701, US

A block of rooms is held under ABA CoLAP/ILAA has been reserved at a special room rate of $265.00 per night for conference attendees. Hotel registration is open until August 26, 2019.

With vibrant entertainment and culture, inspiring cuisine and stunning outdoor settings, Austin lets you create a soundtrack all your own. Austin is home to more than 250 music venues and a vibrant arts scene.

Years ago when people talked about Austin they would quickly mention the music. But that’s just the beginning of what they’re saying these days. Austin is also home to a wonderful ballet, world-class museums, one-of-a-kind shopping and beautiful outdoor spaces. You can just as easily spend your morning paddling the lake as you can strolling through a celebrated history museum.

True Austin is: dipping a paddle into the water at Lady Bird Lake, the smell of a new pair of boots from Allens, the lights on stage at Stubb’s, a cafeteria tray full of brisket, a mural photo-op around every corner, the sound of the Longhorn band, a toe in the water at Barton Springs Pool and so much more.

As always, the ABA CoLAP conference precedes ILAA. CoLAP provides a forum on alcoholism, addiction, mental health and other issues affecting lawyers today. Please consider attending the CoLAP Conference Dinner on Thursday, September 25th. In order to attend CoLAP and/or the dinner, you will need to register through COLAP. The COLAP Registration Form can be obtained at https://www.americanbar.org/groups/lawyer_assistance/events_cle/2019-national-conference-for-lawyer-assistance-programs/.

Visit our website: www.ilaa.org for information about the Conference; enjoy the treasure trove of information about ILAA and listen to hours of ILAA speakers in our Audio Vault.

TENTH STEP IN ACTION

Igor S

Sincere apologies to Igor S. Our last newsletter reported that Igor was attending the Big Meeting in the Sky. Reports of Igor’s death were greatly exaggerated. Igor is alive and well and regularly attending meetings in Connecticut. Igor, John H
and Eli G are our three longest living members of ILAA.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
July 2 – 5, 2020
AA will be celebrating its 85th Birthday next July at the International Convention to be held in Detroit, MI. The conference theme is:

Love and Tolerance is Our Code

As many of you know, there are two Lawyers Panels during the convention. If you would like to be considered as a speaker for the conference please email Chuck B at cbeinhauer@gmail.com and your name will be submitted to the International Convention desk at AAWS. In order to be selected as a speaker you must be registered for the Conference. Registration begins September 1. The first batch of potential speakers will be submitted December 1. Submitting your name will put you in the pool of possible speakers, it does not mean that you will be selected as a speaker. AAWS determines the speakers and will notify you in the spring if you are selected.

More information about the convention is available at the www.aa.org. We hope to see you there.

JOIN US IN AUSTIN, TX
SEPTEMBER 27 – 29, 2019

Make ILAA a part of your annual plans. It’s a commitment that will bring you years of joy, memories and wonderful lifetime friends throughout the US and Canada

For more information about our 2019 conference please visit our website: www.ilaa.org

Fellowship was the key

A group of lawyers attending the 1975 International in Denver, CO had so much fun and fellowship that they decided to put on a weekend for themselves. The meeting in Niagara Falls, CN in 1976 was the first ILAA. We have met every year since. Keep the tradition alive. Plan on joining us this year in Austin, TX.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
What do we mean when we say that AA is a “Fellowship”

At the 5th General Service Conference in 1955 Bill W turned AA over to the members AA. Bernard Smith, Class A Trustee and Chairman of the Alcoholic Foundation spoke at the conference. In that speech he talked about Fellowship and what it means. This is what he said:

These conditions are necessary for true fellowship: The possession of a common ideal involving a complete release from selfishness and division. The discharge of a common task big enough to capture the imagination and give expression to loyalty. And the comradeship, the “togetherness,” thus involved as we find out the joy and power of belonging to an organic society and engaging in a whole-time service. We can find it at
its fullest extent where the ideal is highest and most exciting, where the task extends and integrates every ounce of our strength and every element of our being, where the comradeship is so solid and deep that we respond one to another without conscious effort, realize the unspoken need, and react to it spontaneously and at once.

Under such conditions, all the vitality that we usually waste upon our jealousies and our vanities – upon keeping up appearances and putting other people in their proper place-becomes available for creative use.

What’s the difference between a heavy drinker and an alcoholic?

When a heavy drinker gets arrested for a DUI he says “ugh, I shouldn’t have had that last shot.”

When an alcoholic gets arrested for a DUI he says “ugh, I should have taken a different street home.”
TREASURER'S REPORT

On March 13, 2017, we sent Anne McDonald of Kansas LAP the requested seed money of $5,000.00 for the planning and facilitation of the 2017 ILAA Conference in Kansas bringing the current balance at that time to $4,353.31.

On June 14, 2017, we paid check #107 in the amount of $500.00 to Clockwork Logic for website hosting, bringing our balance to $3,853.31 where it remained until April 4, 2017.

On April 4, 2018, I received and deposited $10,717.36 from Anne McDonald of Kansas LAP ($5,000 was a return of the seed money for 2017 ILAA and of the $5,717.36, Anne stated that “the majority of the deposits from 10/18-10/24 were scholarship donations, amounting to $3,704.00). On April 4, 2018, the balance of the ILAA account was $14,570.67 of which $3,704.00 was earmarked for scholarships.

On October 1, 2018, I deposited $672.00 that was collected at the ILAA dinner in South Carolina, bringing the account balance to $15,242.67.

On November 26, 2018, I satisfied the outstanding (it was emailed to our beloved Mike Cohen) $500.00 invoice to Clockwork Logic for website hosting, bringing our balance to $14,742.67.

On November 27, 2018, I sent AA General Service Board a donation in the amount of $1,000, that was approved during the ILAA business meeting in South Carolina, bringing our total balance to $13,742.67.

I sent the balance owed to the Francis Marion Hotel in South Carolina to cover the ILAA Conference (as we did not send seed money in advance) in the amount of $2,361.00, bringing our total balance to $11,381.67.

On January 15, 2019, I satisfied the Clockwork Logic invoice in the amount of $500.00 for website hosting, bringing our total and current balance to $10,881.67.
Of the $10,881.67, $4,376.00 is earmarked for scholarships. As of July 1, 2019, we are in good financial standing.

If you have any questions about ILAA please send an email to ilaaregistration@live.com or contact us through our website: www.ilaa.org. Of course you are always welcomed to contact any trustee.

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