APOLOGY TO THE READERS

We are late and terribly sorry for the delay. This issue and Vol. 3, No. 1 will be shorter in order to catch up — and ask once again for help from you — the Readers — for input.

SALIS Renewal

SALIS membership drive is in full swing again. David Levinson, Treasurer, has been mailing renewal forms to all of you for 1983 Membership. Please get these back to him as soon as possible and stay current with SALIS News and conference notifications. If you do not renew, you will not receive any issues of SALIS News after Vol. 3, No. 1.

OHIO for the Directory

Enclosed is another addendum for the SALIS Directory. Thank you Tom Hillier and Carol Steinem for sending the information on the Northwestern Ohio Regional Council on Alcoholism.

LISA/SALIS Joint Conference for 1983

The annual conferences of SALIS and LISA will be held jointly in the Fall of 1983, hosted by the Addiction Research Foundation in Ontario. Ideas for themes or workshops should be sent to Andrea Mitchell.

PERIODICAL NEWS

Advances in Alcohol and Substance Abuse has completed its first volume. According to the publisher this "journal is the only theme oriented scientific review journal (on alcohol and substance abuse) being published. Of particular interest to substance abuse librarians is the regular feature on "reference sources" which can be used by both patron and information specialist in keeping posted on how to engage in further literature searching on the topic covered by the theme of the issue." The following are the titles of the theme issues published to date:

Vol. I, No. 1 Fall, 1981
"Opiate Receptors, Neurotransmitters and Drug Dependence: Basic Science Clinical Correlates."

"Recent Advances in the Biology of Alcoholism."

"The Effects of Maternal Alcohol and Drug Abuse on the Newborn."

Haworth Press offers a complimentary copy to any SALIS member writing on their official stationery. Send requests to:
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Haworth Press, Inc.
28 East 22nd Street
New York, NY 10010

Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety

A new abstracting journal from the International Committee on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety and the Documentation Center of the Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and Other Drugs. The first two issues of the quarterly are free; the subscription price for 1983 is U.S. $10.00. Hereafter — depending on the number of subscribers, subscription price will be approximately $20 - $25 per year. Write to:
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Alcohol Policy Letter

This bimonthly publication of approximately ten pages, is being produced by the Alcohol Policy Council, an organization "dedicated to reasoned approach to addressing alcohol misuse problems through education and information." Subscription price is $50.00 for 6 issues/year. Write to:
Alcohol Policy Letter
Suite 402 1155 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 833-3013
British Journal on Alcohol and Alcoholism

Beginning with Vol. 18, No. 1, 1983, the British Journal on Alcohol and Alcoholism will be published by Pergamon Press under the new title Alcohol and Alcoholism: International Journal of the Medical Council on Alcoholism. Subscription information is $75.00 per year for four issues. Write to:
Pergamon Press Inc.
Maxwell House
Fairview Park
Elmsford, NY 10523

Council on Alcohol Policy Quarterly Newsletter

The Council on Alcohol Policy of the National Association for Public Health Policy is producing a quarterly newsletter (5-8 pages, two to date), focusing on the various policy considerations at local, state and national levels. Current issues being addressed have included drinking-driving, server intervention programs, and taxation policy. Industry Watch is a new feature which is designed to "report on the activities of the various components of the alcoholic beverage industry, particularly regarding its marketing and promotional campaigns." An excellent way to keep informed of current policy issues. Subscription price is $20.00/year.
Council on Alcohol Policy
222 Willamette Street
Berkeley, CA 94708

Journal of Studies on Alcohol

Beginning January 1983 the JSA will be published only 6 times a year, devoting the issue coverage mainly to original articles. Abstracting of other titles will be greatly reduced. More information on this as it becomes available. Subscription price for 1983 in the USA: $75.00.
Journal of Studies on Alcohol
PO Box 969
Piscataway, NJ 08854

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NIMH CLEARINGHOUSE

The NIMH Clearinghouse, according the ADAMHA News, Nov. 19, 1982, has announced that it will no longer be updating its computer information data bank. Persons requesting current literature searches will have to do so from private sources or National Library of Medicine.

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WHAT'S NEW IN REFERENCE SOURCES

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Directory Developed on National Alcoholism Groups

A Resource Directory on National Alcoholism Associations, Agencies and Organizations is now available. It provides concise descriptions of 67 major national groups in the alcoholism field. The information includes the organization name, address, telephone number, purpose, services, publications, staff size, membership size and requirements. The Directory was developed by Roberta Decker and Bill Butynski, Ph.D., partially under a contract from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) to Science Management Corporation. It was drafted in response to numerous inquiries from the alcoholism field for a comprehensive source of information on all major organizational resources.

The groups described in the Directory include: citizen and voluntary associations; professional societies; grantors of funds; direct service providers; alcohol beverage industry trade associations; and groups that focus on drunk driving, research and special target populations. The Directory can be used by persons entering the alcoholism field to identify appropriate peer support groups and by field leaders to form broad coalitions to impact national policies.

Some of the information that can be gleaned from a review of the document includes the following: largest organizations by membership size — Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), 1,000,000 individuals; Al-Anon, 18,000 groups; Alateen, 2,500 groups; Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 20,000 individuals; largest organizations by staff size — Veterans Administration, 2,925; NIAAA, 116; AA, 100; Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, Inc., 80.

Single copies of the Resource Directory are available prepaid for $15.00. For further information, contact:
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BOOK REVIEW

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In the era of how-to manuals, this one would be classified as an essential item in an alcoholic family's survival kit. The author, currently program director at Fenwick Hall, a private chemical dependency treatment center in Charleston, South Carolina, is unusually qualified in the subject of alcohol addiction having had more than three decades of daily experience in counseling the chemically dependent and their families. His comment in the foreword that the sum of his knowledge garnered from this experience is contained in so small a book is a positive attribute because it will be more apt to be read and used daily as the "guide book" it was designed to be. Throughout the book the author addresses addiction to substances other than alcohol referring to "addiction" as an all-inclusive term. The psychological characteristics of all addictions follow the same lines, whether referring to alcohol or other substances, Burgin said.

Chapter One explores the problem of alcohol addiction citing the societal influences which are reinforced daily, i.e., the fact that drinking is a sign of affluence, sophistication and sexual attractiveness and that Americans are constantly bombarded with problem solving messages. The insidious nature of alcohol use which becomes abuse and family dynamics are presented in concise statements which will help the alcoholic family understand some of the mysterious events taking place in their lives. The guide book outlines the systematic progression of the illness of alcohol addiction, explaining the indicators along the way: frequent overdose, increased tolerance, loss of control, withdrawal, blackouts, loss of drug effectiveness, denial.

The author discusses "co-dependency" which occurs within the family system, wherein the spouse protects the dependent person from experiencing the direct consequences of drug use. This syndrome is developed as an emotional response to a behavioral response to a structural response to a crisis response. The crisis response is defined as the time when the dependent person goes for help - "things have got to change now."

Treatment of dependency has been able to bring about the crisis response at an earlier stage in recent years. In earlier times, it was thought that an alcoholic could not be dealt with until the dependent person had hit absolute bottom -- physically, mentally, financially. The chapter on treatment describes a "parallel track" which involves the spouse and/or children. This description is of an ideal treatment which unfortunately does not exist universally. Recovery is described as are the shifts of parental authority that take place in the family system to accommodate the recovering dependent person. This time is one of exploration of new behaviors, renewal of marriages in trouble and a time of freedom and joy.

The "afterword" is a guide to resources to which people can turn for help. AA, Al-Anon and Alateen are urged for their clients: dependent person, spouse and children. Professional help is also encouraged. The reader is urged to shop around carefully for all of the resources mentioned. Because the publisher is the sole publishing house for all AA literature, it is not surprising to find AA and its affiliates listed as primary helpers. However, because AA does have the greatest track record for success with alcohol dependent persons, this is excellent advice.

Burgin sets out to present a difficult, complex problem in a manner in which human beings who are ill, confused and experiencing betrayal and rejection can understand what is happening to them and their spouses. He is successful in accomplishing this without resorting to "sociologyese" or any of the other foreign languages which counselors often espouse. His final message is the acronym TINEW, which stands for "there is no easy way," but holds the promise of hope, understanding and joy for the recovering alcoholic family.

REMINDERS

- DON'T forget to subscribe or become a member of SALIS.

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