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Grand Canyon Society Celebrates 6 Years

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."



Six readers were inducted into the GCS Saturday, May 18, 1996. From left they are Ed Thome, Trent VanDyke, Joseph SanGeorge, Alva Utter, Estelle Bertola, and Bob Abdul.

anniversary of bestowal of the Spirit of Truth. Both the chicken and fish dinners were unusually good. Six new members were initiated into the Society -- Bob Abdul, Estelle Bertola, Joseph St. George, Ed Thome, Alva Utter, and Trent VanDyke. Each of them gave a brief history of their discovery of the Urantia Book and their association with other readers. These stories are always interesting but we had a first when Ed

told of finding his in the trash to be thrown away. Trent was twelve when he first found the book. Years later he had to ask his wife for permission as it exceeded their \$30 budget agreement. Several inductees have been reading the UB for more than 20 years. Dave Trottier and Sonja Kaufman were due to join but were unable to attend the meeting.

Five residents from Sun Lakes, Len and Lee Ulinger, Mary Schneider, Dottie Hughes, and Phyllis Garner, were in attendance and expressed interest in joining the Society next year. Earl and Carol Yarborough and Fred Fahra came up from Tucson as well as Trent and Ed. All three attend Earl & Carols study group. Trent is in the Air Force. Ed is from the Los Angeles area and a member of FUSLA. Joe is from New Jersey and many years ago introduced Mike Bertola to the book. Estelle is Mike's sister. Don Knox introduced

—See BANQUET, page 4

ONE STEP AT A TIME

A father and his young son went on a hiking trip to discover the joy of being together in the out-of-doors. They set out for a small mountain peak and reached it by early afternoon. The father, having let his son be in charge of packing lunch, asked "What did you bring to eat?" "Cookies and lemonade," answered the boy. He had filled the whole knapsack with cookies and lemonade. So they ate and drank while enjoying the beauty of the fading afternoon. They forgot to watch the time and suddenly realized that it was going to be a race to make it back to the car before dark. They took what they thought would be a shortcut. It was almost dark when they found a run-down trapper's cabin. There was a woodpile at the side of the cabin, so they decided not to take a chance on getting lost in the woods. Besides, they had enough lemonade and cookies left to make it through the night.

They brought in some firewood and started a little fire in the fireplace and then had their "dinner". When the fire started to burn down, the father asked his son to go out to the woodpile for more wood. The boy agreed. The father waited by the fire but became concerned when his son didn't return. So he went in search of his son and found him standing at the door looking out.

"What's the matter, son?" asked the father.

"It's dark out there. I can't see the woodpile."

"So how far can you see?"

—See ONE STEP, page 4



Mike Bertola was the Key-note speaker at Saturday Nights Banquet. He spoke on "The Spirit of Truth". Mike is a regular member of Larry Bowman's Study Group in Scottsdale.

Twenty members attended the Annual Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande Saturday, May 18, the 1,966th

GRAND CANYON SOCIETY OFFICERS

Larry Bowman	President
Millie Maxton	Vice-President
Eve McMahon	Secretary
Dick Johnson	Treasurer
Mike Bertola	Education
Beth Wenger	Navigation
Crystal Harris	Membership
Peggy Johnson	Publications

SERVANT STAFF

Peggy Johnson	Chairman
Dick Johnson	Editor
Sue Smith	Moon Valley
Mike Knoll	Poems
Dick Johnson	Banquet
Eileen Lawrence	Translation

Russian and Korean Translation Update

The New York Society is fostering two translations of *The Urantia Book*. As of April 1996, 36 papers have been translated into Russian. The work is going very quickly, at a pace of about seven papers per month. Each paper costs about \$450, or about \$40 per page. The Society plans to have the first draft of the entire book finished by the end of 1998!

At the same time there are 72 papers already translated into Korean. The group hopes to have the first draft of Part IV done by the end of the summer.

The costs for the Korean translation are about the same as for the Russian.

Thus far the Society has managed to support these exciting projects, but additional financial aid is needed to complete the process. Think of the thrill you experienced when you first came in contact with the book! Now you have an opportunity to share this excitement and joy with someone who cannot read English, but who longs for the truth the book describes. Think of the thrill of paying for just one paper, or even one page for a Russian or Korean student!

Please send your contribution, payable to The Society of Greater New York-Translation Fund, Dale Szejnberg, 84-01 Main Street, Apt. 417, Queens, NY 11435. Questions about the Russian translation can be directed to Leela Dogim, (201)885-2243; and about the Korean translation, to Barry Clark (201)438-3359. Thank you for your consideration ■.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

MOON VALLEY STUDY GROUP NEWS

Every Tuesday - 7:30 p.m., social
Study 8:00 until 9:30 p.m.
Facilitator - 993-1325
Alternate: Beth Wenger-971-8247
Summer '96 Program - Part 1

WHY?

Students of *The Urantia Book* do not study the book because it is useful, but delight in its' content because TRUTH, BEAUTY, and GOODNESS prevail.

TRUTH having to do with spiritual realities and eternal values. There is so much more - cosmology, science, philosophy, religions of the world, and the Life and Teachings of Jesus.

Since TRUTH, BEAUTY, and GOODNESS prevail through out the book, then this is worth knowing. Since this is worth knowing, then LIFE IS WORTH LIVING. THAT'S WHY.

by Sue Smith

THE STUDY GROUP NEWS IS RATHER SICKLY THIS ISSUE. OF THE 13 STUDY GROUPS IN THE STATE ONLY ONE HAS REPORTED. WE NEED YOU! WE NEED YOUR NEWS OF YOUR GROUP AND THE PEOPLE IN IT. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AFFILIATED WITH THE GRAND CANYON SOCIETY TO REPORT. YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US AND THE SUCCESS OF THIS PUBLICATION. OUR NEXT DEADLINE WILL BE AUGUST 15TH. ■

The schedule for the next 3 months of Statewide Meetings :

June 9 See "SON" page 6
July 13 Tucson hosted by Earl
& Carol arborough
August 18 Payson hosted by Don
& Sally Culwell

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
WITH THESE DATES**

Jesus Was An Addict

The heck you say. Let me draw you a picture of how I came to this conclusion. Several nights ago I sat at my computer playing a game. I had other things to do that were much more productive and when I sat down I had determined that I would only play a few games and then I would get busy on other plans I had. Well I played those games, then a few more and a few more and before I knew it, the time was after 11:00 p.m. Finally I turned off the computer and went into the bathroom to get ready for bed. The truth really hit me just how much of an addict I really was. This compulsive behavior had been with me all my life. It started with gum chewing as an adolescent and teenager. Then dancing, and on and on until I ended up addicted to alcohol, followed by addiction to recovery. I now have 23 years sobriety and find that I still have compulsive behavioral patterns.

See JESUS, page 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

Jean Lafargoue	1
Estelle Bertola	8
Grant Curry	8
Larry Bowman	14
Mike Knoll	24

July

Cindy Dugan	7
Newell Fogelberg	8
Marc Neubauer	12
Eve McMahon	18
George Dugan	27
John Byron	28

August

Virgil Tucker	8
Fred Farha	22
Bob Dominski	26

**And a belated one to
Barbara Carlson who
celebrated her birth-
day on April 6..**

Poetry Corner

*Father of lights
Father of love
Father of warmth
Be with me.*

*Bless me with
Your presence,
Heal me with
Your divine medicine.*

*Give me the power
To spread your good Will
To those who are unfamiliar
with you.*

*Source of light
Source of love
Source of warmth
Be with me*

Now and forever.

Mike Knoll

Coordinating Committee Minutes March 14, 1996

The meeting was held at Larry Bowman's. Mike Bertola, Beth Wenger, and Crystal Harris were not in attendance.

Secretary's Report: With the exception of one minor error on the minutes, they were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Johnson reported that there was a balance of \$1651. \$683.51 was spent on cups to sell at IC96. The banners had cost \$42 so far. Peggy has collected \$231 so far in donations for the newsletter. Expenses of \$334.56 with \$103.56 short to cover the cost of the four (4) newsletters. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Crystal Harris was absent, so there was no report.

Navigation: Beth Wenger was absent, but sent in a typed report. Beth also typed out her results of the two(2) surveys on statewide meetings. Beth made the following comment.

"Here are mailing and return labels for your use when mailing out your statewide notices. It is best to mail out notices at least 10 days in advance (even 14 days for those out of town/state). Please use the GCS return labels so we can keep up with address changes.

If you wish to be reimbursed for all or part of this mailing, please submit a receipt for stamps to our Treasurer. (Dick Johnson, 302 E. Wagon Wheel Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 602/944-4766)."

She reported the cost of the cups. A discussion was held about the retail price of the cups at IC96. It was voted and approved to sell the cups for \$7.00 each at the conference and at pre-conference sales the price would be \$5.50

Education: Mike Bertola was absent.

Publication: Peggy Johnson suggested that we include personal stories in the newsletter, with or without individuals name. She felt that what has helped in raising funds for the newsletter has been the financial information that has been included. Peg would also like to have a "Letters to the Editor" included.

She has been working on the "welcoming items for IC96" Cahill Cactus Candy will sell their cactus candy to us wholesale and enough for each registrant will cost us \$162, if we do our own packaging. Eve and Millie volunteered to help with packaging. A little label has been worked up to attach to each bag showing GCS with credit to the candy company. The three concentric circle banner to fly at IC96 was completed and displayed at the meeting. She also reported that she had found flagpoles for \$14.95 each saving the society \$55.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Society presentation of worship service at IC96. Peggy called Bob Dominski to ask him if he would be willing to head up a group to do the worship for one session at the conference. This would be on Wednesday night from 7 to 8 P.M.

(b) Phone No: 1-888-URANTIA. Coordinating Committee would like Mike Bertola to look into the cost of having an incoming and outgoing "888" number.

(c) Membership Meeting in June: Beth's committee needs to look into having a meeting on a Saturday (they might not be open on Sunday) at Los Olivos Senior Citizens Center on June 5. Larry to contact Beth. Among the items to discuss are proposed upcoming changes in The Fellowship, statewide meeting as a part of membership, fund raising challenges. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Our thanks go to Larry for providing a chicken dinner from his kitchen. The date of the next CC meeting was set for May 9.

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JESUS, from page 2

This revelation led to a conversation with my Heavenly Father that went something like this: "Father, I am an addict and always will be. How do I transfer that addiction of things in the material world and become addicted to You and Your Will? (I thought about how Jesus burned all bridges and sought only Your will). Will you help me? Was Jesus addicted to You and doing Your Will? I want to be like that too."

According to Webster, the definition of addiction is: "To attach (oneself) personally as to a master, leader or cause. To apply habitually; to give (oneself) up or over to a constant practice; to devote, habituate, inclined, prone, attached." Do you have an addictive personality or compulsive behavior? Then you are in good company.

It has been many years that I have thought of addiction as not totally negative. I have, and still do think that a person who is addicted has misdirected that energy; like the innate urge "to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect." Maybe that trait is planted in us by the life carriers just as the urge to be perfect or the built-in compass. My urge for perfection has been just as strong as my addiction and until my sobriety I misdirected that perfection urge to things like being the perfect lover, wife, mother, and on and on. Nothing was ever fulfilled in the world I live in and the pain was unbearable. What a relief to find out that the urge was natural. Today I have given up trying to be perfect in the material world, striving only to be the best I can on any given day. Perfection is something I shall strive for from now until I reach Paradise and the quickest way to get there is to become addicted to it. ■

ONE STEP, from page 1

"Just about one step outside the door, Dad."

"Well, take it, son."

The little boy took one step and his father asked, "Now how far can you see?"

"Just about one more step, Dad."

"Go ahead and take it, son."

And step by step the boy made his way to the woodpile. When he turned around, the light in the doorway guided him back.

Stephen Glenn, the author, goes on to say, "The woodpile of our dreams may be a long way off and it can seem dark out there. Most of us will never see the woodpile when it is time to take the first step. All we will ever get on this planet is one step at a time. And for each of us the first step will be different because our eyes are all at different heights above the ground. The amount of confidence differs. Our legs are of different lengths. No one can take anyone else's first step. Take that first step and you will see the next emerging from the dark. Many people spend their whole life standing in the doorway saying, "I'm not going to take any steps until I see the woodpile."

And they stand in the doorway forever. ■

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**On the 61st minute
of the 25th hour of
the 32nd day of
the 13th month on
the 8th day of the
53rd week
we shall find all the
things that we seek**

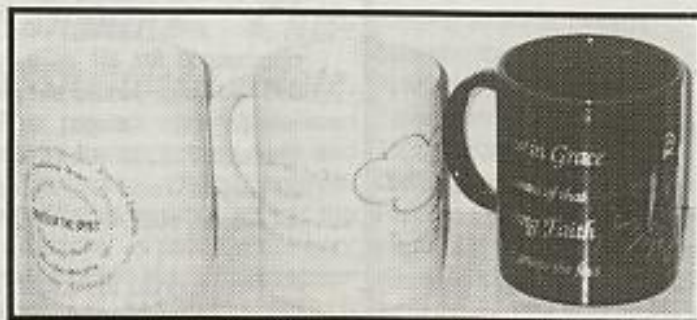
BANQUET, from page 1

Alva to the book.

Larry Bowman, President of the Society gave an overview of the Society's work this past year and an agenda for the coming Membership election and annual meeting to be held at the Los Olivos Senior Citizens Center on the East side of 28th Street north of Indian School Road June 15, 1996. Changes in our Constitution will be voted upon at that meeting. We have several volunteers to run for the various offices but invite floor nominations at the meeting.

Mike Bertola gave a comprehensive talk on the "Spirit of Truth", its' purposes, how to take advantage of its' help, its' challenges and its' future. Sue Smith conducted the initiation of new members with our candle ceremony and led us in song, closing with the "Believers' Prayer." One of the banners and the cups made for IC96 were on display. Ten cups were purchased by the Members. ■

IC96 CUPS



GCS have had cups made to sell at IC96. There are 3 different designs with quotes from *The Urantia Book*. They will sell for \$7.00 each in Flagstaff; however, you may buy them on a pre-conference basis for \$5.50 each. Ask your study group leader and if you do not attend study groups you may call **Beth Wenger at 971-8247 or Rhonda Grubb at 841-7649.**

—CCMEETING, from page 3

May 9, 1996

As has been the custom the Coordinating Committee met at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Larry Bowman. Millie Maxton furnished the dinner. Those absent were Mike Bertola and Crystal Harris. Sue Smith attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes were mailed to CC members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Johnson reported that we have a balance on hand of \$2140 of which \$1598 is in a Certificate of Deposit and \$622 in checking. DJ asked to have the (\$16.10) deleted from restricted funds for the cook book. It was approved. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Crystal Harris was absent, so there was no report given. Sue was there to discuss the arrangements and program for the May 18 banquet in Casa Grande.

Navigation: Beth was present and Sue Smith came to meet with the committee in case Beth didn't make it. Sue said that Rhonda Grubb has sold cups and has about \$35 to turn in to Dick. The CC agreed at the last meeting to sell cups for \$5.50 each if purchased prior to IC96 and \$7.00 for each cup at the conference.

Education: Mike Bertola was absent so there was no report.

Publication: Peggy Johnson reported that \$346 had been donated toward the newsletter which put us in the black until the next publication. She also reminded everyone that the deadline for the next publication of *The Servant* was May 15.

OLD BUSINESS:

The committee discussed the Society Banquet being held at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, Saturday May 18. So far the estimate of the number of people attending are about 26 of whom 8 will be joining the society. (See article on page 1 for the names of those joining). Larry will give an overview of the past year (95-96). Mike Bertola is our speaker and said his talk will take about 45 minutes. Crystal

is doing two prayers. Sue is in charge of the overall membership program and music program. Decorations will be 1 large flag displaying the three concentric circles, 2 prototype flags, flowering plants and candles for each table. The plants will be given as door prizes.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) We went through the society mailing list to decide who were active participating members and would continue getting information about society functions. Active members are defined in the constitution and bylaws. Peggy will print out labels for Larry to mail notices of the General Membership Meeting to those whom the CC deem to be active members and those with potential status. A new membership list will be available for distribution at the annual banquet.

(b) The membership meeting in June is not part of the Navigation Committee. It will be held at the Los Olivos Senior Citizens Center on 28th Street just north of Indian School Road on June 15 from 1-4 P.M. We **urge** all society members to attend. We **need** your voice. Larry went over the agenda for the meeting and they are as follows:

(1) Proposed revisions to Fellowship Constitutions and Bylaws dealing with society representation on the General Council.

(2) Determination of representative from our society for the August 9 General Council discussion on the above matter. We currently have three society members on the General Council; however, they do not represent the society.

(3) Do we want a separate Society Conclave at IC96.

(4) Proposed changes to the Grand Canyon Society Constitution. (On page 5 of the GCS Constitution under Article XI-Amendments, it reads: **"This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active membership provided that at least forty per cent of the active membership is represented either by being present or by absentee ballots."**

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. ■

When you attend IC96 in Flagstaff August 3-8 be sure to visit the Store located in duBois Center. They will have books, secondary works, arts, crafts, and souvenir items relating to the conference as well as the UB.



FINANCIAL REPORT

4/30/96

ON HAND:	
Savings	\$1,583
Checking	812
	<u>\$2,395</u>

INCOME:	
Donations	\$ 924
Other	540
Total income	<u>\$1,464</u>

EXPENSES:	
Conferences	\$ 182
Fellowship	76
Outreach	604
Office	11
Newsletter	84
Postage/General	36
Miscellaneous	726
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,719</u>

Profit or Loss **(\$ 255)**

RESTRICTED FUNDS:	
Books	\$ 142
Future Conferences	500
Stickers	40
Total Restricted Funds:	<u>\$ 682</u>

Our Annual Budget is over \$4600. This requires almost \$80 per member to meet our annual expenses, most of which concern our outreach activities. ■






FLASH

Service Opportunity Network

X *Work Party at "Flowing Springs - a place of prayer"*

Josh and Teresa Wilson have recently acquired a piece of property four miles north of Payson. It's a little bit of "heaven on earth." Their goal is to make this a spiritual retreat, a place for prayer and meditation amiable to groups and individuals. There is a guest cabin that sleeps twelve that needs to be fixed up, so a work party is planned for Saturday and Sunday, June 8th and 9th. You are invited to spend the weekend for work, play, fellowship, and getting in touch with God. Bring any tools you can, including paint brushes, construction and gardening tools, and cleaning supplies. And don't forget your swimming suit! (Teresa says there are some great swimming holes). They also suggest that you bring a hat, sun block, a sleeping bag, and any musical instruments you play.

The property is located where the Verde River and Weber Creek converge. From Phoenix take Beeline highway 87 north to Payson. Directions from Payson are:

From the main intersection where there is a McDonalds and a JB's, take highway 87 North exactly 4 miles toward Pine. At Flowing Springs Road turn right and go 2 miles. You'll be passing a campground and will be traveling along side the Verde River. As you continue on the road, you'll cross the Verde River 3 times; after

you cross the river a 4th time (where the Verde and Weber Creek converge) go up to a white gate. From there continue up the road on the property to two brown cabins. Concentric circle markers will be placed at strategic turning points.

X *Nursing Home:*

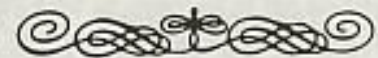
Anyone interested in doing volunteer work with the elderly at a nursing home please contact Marc Neubauer. Marc has been spending some of his free time helping out at a Scottsdale nursing home at 60th and Thomas St., and he is encouraging others to participate. "There are many different types of activities - Fun for all! - visiting with residents, reading to groups, running bingo games, help with outings, indoor bowling. The time and effort it takes isn't much, so get involved! You'll really enjoy the experience." Call Marc at 973-5350.

X *Sonshine Children's Shelters Update.*

This project which has been maintained by houseparents Josh and Teresa Wilson, and Bob Dominski and Chuck Dingman who are on the board of directors, is past the hump of the first few months since its inception in October. It has been difficult service work at times, but the two shelters have successfully taken in 67 children from Child Protective Services who have been abused, neglected, or have other problems. Josh and Teresa remember and say

they give thanks for those who helped at the beginning when help was most needed, trimming, cleaning, fixing, moving, and landscaping.

Service Opportunity Network (SON) is facilitated by the Navigation Committee of GCS for Readers of *The Urantia Book*. The Service Projects listed in this column are not necessarily affiliated with GCS. If you have a service project you would like to share write to: *SonFlash*, P.O. Box 2621, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-2621. ■



How To BURN CALORIES

Here's a guide to calorie-burning activities and the number of calories per hour they consume.

Beating around the bush	75
Jumping to conclusions	100
Climbing the walls	150
Swallowing your pride	50
Passing the buck	25
Throwing your weight around (depending on your weight)	50-300
Dragging your heels	100
Pushing your luck	250
Making mountains out of molehills	500
Hitting the nail on the head	50
Wading through paperwork	300
Bending over backwards	75
Jumping on the bandwagon	200
Balancing the books	25
Running around in circles	350
Eating crow	225
Tooting your horn	25
Climbing the ladder of success	750
Pulling out the stops	75
Adding fuel to the fire	160
Wrapping it up at the day's end	12
To which you may want to add your own favorite activities, including:	
Opening a can of worms	50
Putting your foot in your mouth	300
Starting the ball rolling	90
Going over the edge	25
Picking up the pieces after	350

The Sad Human Condition

A reader's Great Grandfather, knowing he was soon to die, wrote to one of his twelve children telling of his dilemma. For those who believe the world is not ready for The Urantia Book, take heed:

"April 14, 1929

"Now as to the bible, no sane person cannot believe it is a divine Book nor can he believe the God of the Bible is anything but a myth. The Bible makers' made God all wise and all powerful, and then they went ahead telling of the things he did and they make him to be weak, cruel and revengeful, also a liar and a deceiver, killing little children to please Elisha and killed David's baby as soon as it was born for what David had done to Uriah and his wife. Oh, the crimes this God has done, I could not tell you in a whole year. You will have to read it.

"He has, according to the Bible, instituted all the worst crimes that ever cursed society -- Lying and deception, cheating, theft and robbery. Murder, wars of extermination for to get the homes of the innocent and defenseless people he murdered. Human sacrifice, cannibalism, killing innocent men and women and children and instituted slavery, polygamy, adultery and prostitution, obscenity, injustice to women, unkindness to children, tyranny, intolerance and persecution.

"Oh, how can a rational



being believe in such a God? As I know this life will soon end, Oh, how happy I would be to know I would meet mother and all you children in an eternal home of happiness, and it may be that I will, but I have no evidence of it. Neither have I any evidence that it will not be the case. Now, my dear child. I bid you all good by wishing you good luck and happiness all your life. /s/ Father ■

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Donations	358.00
	<u>\$ 23.34</u>

Comment from essay submitted to science & health teacher by elementary student:
 "The tides are a fight between the Earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon and nature abhors a vacuum. I forgot where the sun joins in this fight."



GOD'S BIBLES



Quite a number of *God's Bibles* have been donated to The Agondonter Foundation to help Kristent. They are selling these for \$15.00 plus \$2.50 for postage or \$10.00 each in quantities of 10 plus shipping.. If you are interested in purchasing any of these books you can mail your check to

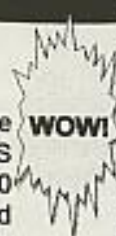
The Agondonter Foundation
 P. O. Box 37633
 Phoenix, AZ 85069-7633

It is our desire to add personal stories to this newsletter and everyone has a story to tell. Won't you please share yours with us and other readers? We'd like to start this in the next issue.

We also will be starting a "Letters to The Editor" section in the next issue, so let us know what you think and what you would like to see incorporated.

It's Calendar Time.

You have only one more month on your GCS calendar. Refills are \$2.00 + 42¢ postage. If you did not get a calendar last year and would like to have one this year with a picture of the three concentric circle flag flying over Jerusalem the cost is \$3.50 + 75¢ for postage. You may order one from GCS, P. O. Box 2621, Scottsdale, AZ 85251-2621



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 is August 15.***

