

COMING UP in the  
February Lifeline,  
OA members reflect  
on Unity Day.

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## Our Community of Spirit

It began as an ordinary Saturday morning meeting. The speaker was enthusiastic and encouraging, filling us with hope and inspiration.

“We’re not just a gathering of individuals in OA,” he said. “We’re a community of spirit.”

I felt a warm glow at his words, recalling the hundreds of meeting rooms I had sat in around the world. I thought of the first Region Nine Convention in Tel Aviv, Israel, in 1983. Several hundred members joined hands and repeated the Serenity Prayer in French, German, English, Hebrew, Spanish, and Icelandic. We were indeed one in spirit.

The feelings evoked by the speaker reminded me of my first visit to Gamblers Anonymous in 1958. That night, a roomful of individuals became a cohesive group. More than camaraderie, a spiritual force wove us together with love, understanding, and the empathy that comes from instant identification.

Twenty-eight years later on this sunny Saturday, 200 members shared experience, strength, and hope. Although we were individuals, we were also a community of love and caring.

My dictionary says community is a social group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceiving itself as distinct from the society within which it exists.

Isn’t this a perfect definition of OA? We certainly share common characteristics. And we share a community of spirit, which links us to each other and the healing force of a Higher Power.

Joining hands at the end of each OA meeting, let’s cherish our togetherness, for we are truly the lucky ones.

— Lifeline, January 1988



## Inspiration

If we pray for willingness and do the footwork, staying abstinent one day at a time no matter what, the willingness comes.

— Lifeline,  
February  
2001



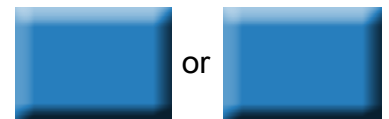
## A Call To Service

Shirley S. from Sunnyvale, California USA says, “I love doing the ‘speaker-getter’ service job. The most exciting part is to see that by doing the footwork, word gets out and attendance increases at my meetings.”

*How will you serve this week?*

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