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Last year, you will remember, it was suggested that Thanksgiving Week be set aside for study and meditation on the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. From reports which came to us from groups which devoted meeting time for the observance, it seems that both the group and the individual member gained much from it. Based on these reports, we feel that many of you will want to repeat the observance of Tradition Week this year. Through this observance we can thus reinforce our faith and give thanks for our precious gift of "oneness."

ALL out-of-towners who plan to attend Bill's 16th Anniversary Dinner in New York City at the Hotel Astor on November 9th, are invited to an informal reception by the Trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation. The time is 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. The idea is to give all visiting firemen an opportunity to get acquainted — or to renew acquaintance — with Bill, Lois, your Trustees and members of the General Service Committee, the Secretarial Staff of your General Service Headquarters, the Secretaries from the New York Inter-group Association, and the editors and staff of *The A.A. Grapevine.*

We've done it for the past couple of years, and it has worked out fine for everybody, so we're doing it again. Naturally, we would like very much to extend this invitation to every dinner guest, but it cannot be done that way, because there just isn't enough room. So the invitation, of necessity, is to *out-of-towners only.* Coffee and coke by the gallon. Three to five Hotel Astor. November 9th. See you there!