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**STRENGTH OF A GROUP**

The group secretary is the heart-beat of a group. As the secretary goes, so goes the group.

That is an axiom long accepted by members of AA who have watched many groups pass through their cycles of enthusiasm to depression — of activity to indifferent existence.

That should not be taken as a reflection on the secretary whose group declines during his term of office. Some folks are just not made to become secretaries. They are not to blame. Others seem to be born to the jobs.

Some have the secretarial job thrust on them, and they accept reluctantly, because no one else wants it. They and the groups have two strikes on them before the term of office even starts.

When a group fails to assume its share of Twelfth Step work, it gets little new blood and therefore is inclined to stagnate. When it fails to assume its fair share of the support of its own Central or Inter-Group office, or the New York office, it misses one of the delights of "belonging."

When it stagnates or when it doesn't "belong," it fails in meeting the only obligation of AA — to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. When it fails to carry the message, it not only atrophies as a group, but jeopardizes the sobriety of its members.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

As of February 1, it's only 328 days until Christmas. So its time to get that Grapevine Xmas gift off to your "baby." Should your "baby" get his Grapevine next month, he'll be well indoctrinated by next Christmas, and be ready to send another Grapevine off to a "baby" of his own. So see your group secretary for particulars.

**GROUP DIRECTORY**

**ALAMEDA**

See Oakland-East Bay  
Alameda Alano, 1348 1/2, Park Street, meets Monday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 P.M.

Alameda Fellowship meets at AA Center, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue; Mondays at 8 p.m., discussion and beginners; Tuesdays at 8 p.m., rebound group; Wednesdays at 8 p.m., discussion; Fridays at 8:30 p.m., regular group meeting; second Friday of month, open; Center open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

**ANTIOCH**

P. O. Box 728  
Meets Wednesday nights at First Congregational Church

**AUBURN**

P. O. Box 192

**BENICIA**

221 E. O Street, Dalton Manor

**BERKELEY**

See Oakland-East Bay  
College Bay Group meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 2345 Channing Way.  
Northbrae Group meets Mondays at 8 p.m., Community Church, the Alameda and Solano Avenue.

**BOYES SPRINGS**

Meets Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. at Grance Hall on Highway 12, two blocks south of Sonoma Mission Inn; Open.

**BURLINGAME**

P. O. Box 553

**CARMEL**

P. O. Box 2255  
See Monterey Peninsula

**CARMICHAEL**

P. O. Box 375  
Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Marvin Marshall School, Kenneth and Gunn Roads (open).

**CASTRO VALLEY**

See Oakland-East Bay

**CHICO**

P. O. Box 205  
Family Group meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Ides Hall, 14th and South Broadway.

Closed Group meets Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. at Chamber of Commerce, 513 Main Street.

**CONCORD**

P. O. Box 502  
Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at 2137 Concord Boulevard.

**CORCORAN**

P. O. Box 901

**EUREKA**

Meets at Club, 111 G St., Mondays at 8 p.m., beginners; Wednesdays at 8 p.m., open; Fridays at 8 p.m., closed men's group; Family Group meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at homes of members.

**FARMERSVILLE**

Rt. 2, Box 456, Exeter

**FRESNO**

Central Committee, P.O. Box 131.  
Downtown Group, P.O. Box 143.  
Alano Club, 3010 Tulare Street.  
Telephone 6-2588.

Meetings at 8:30 p.m. at 3500 Illinois Street unless otherwise designated.

SUNDAYS—Family, at different homes. Phone Club for address.

MONDAYS—Open.  
TUESDAY—Beginners. Also Honor Farm Group helpers depart from Club at 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—Closed.  
THURSDAY—Closed Stag, at 1119 S Street.

FRIDAY—Open.  
SATURDAY—Public.

**FORT BRAGG**

P. O. Box 149  
Telephones 2843 or 2863  
Meets Saturdays at 8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church Social Hall, visiting AAs, phone us and we'll arrange special meetings at any time; we're lonesome.

**GILROY**

Box 85, Rt. 2

**GLEN ELLEN**

Rt. 1, Box 34B  
Meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at Mountain Vista Farm.

**GRASS VALLEY**

P. O. Box 12

**GRIDLEY**

P. O. Box 611

**GUSTINE**

P. O. Box 244, Newman

**HAYWARD**

P. O. Box 173, San Lorenzo  
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# Northern California Group Directory

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## HANFORD

P. O. Box 572  
Meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m., at Women's Club.  
Central Valley Group, P.O. Box 310; meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at Grange Milling Co. Hall.  
Lakeside Group, Rt. 3, Box 435, meets Sundays at 8:30 p.m. at Guernsey.

## HOLLISTER -

## SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

P. O. Box 329, San Juan Bautista  
Meets Monday evenings at secretary's home, on Highway 101, three quarters of a mile south of San Juan Mission Bell, first house in Eucalyptus Grove.

## INVERNESS

P. O. Box 84

## KING CITY

710 Talbot Street

## KINGSBURG

P. O. Box 183

Meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m., across from S. P. Depot.

## LIVERMORE

P. O. Box 909

## LOS GATOS-SARATOGA

P. O. Box 662, Los Gatos  
Meets Fridays at 8 p.m. at American Legion Hall, 123 East Main Street; closed.

## MARTINEZ

117 Areeba Street

Meets Fridays at 8 p.m., second floor of City Hall.

## MARYSVILLE

P. O. Box 1652

Phones 2-2882 and 2-2627

Closed Group meets Monday nights at 8 p.m. Last meeting of each month is open. Beginners Group meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m.  
Nolono Group (non-alcoholic) meets Mondays at 8 p.m.

## MILL VALLEY

P. O. Box 306

Meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

## MODESTO

P. O. Box 1141

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1707 Eye Street.

## MONTEREY PENINSULA

Central Telephone Answering Service, Monterey 2-8041.

Carmel — P.O. Box 2255

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at All Saints' Church Hall, Ninth and Lincoln Streets; closed; first Monday at month, open.

Cypress — P.O. Box 1208

Meets Tuesdays at homes; closed.  
Monterey-Pacific Grove—P.O. Box 1454

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Monterey House of Four Winds, Calle Principal, closed; last Wednesday open; Fridays at 8 p.m. at Pacific Grove Women's Civic Club, Grand Avenue between Lighthouse and Central Avenues, except third Friday; closed.

Seaside — 1527 Lowell Place.

Meets Saturdays at 8 p.m. at Methodist Church Hall, Fourth and Elm Streets. all meetings open.

Non-Alcoholic Family—meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Community Hall, Monterey Public Library, Calle Principal and Madison Street.

## NAPA

P. O. Box 354

Meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Third and Patchett Streets; first and third Thursdays, open; rest closed.

## NEWARK

P. O. Box 1135

## NORTH SACRAMENTO

P. O. Box 132

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Women's Tuesday Club, 225 Oakmont Street, closed except second Wednesday of each month, which is open.

## OAKLAND - EAST BAY

OAKLAND-EAST BAY INTERGROUP OFFICE: 108 Seventeenth Street; Ph. TWinoaks 3-4300.

ALANO CLUB, 108 Seventeenth Street. NUMBER SEVEN, 416 Seventh Street. FELLOWSHIP OF ALAMEDA, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

ALL MEETINGS AT 8:00 P.M. — UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED

## SUNDAY

Sunday Discussion, 108-Seventeenth Street; 2 p.m.

Sunday Discussion, 416-Seventh Street; 2:15 p.m.; closed.

## MONDAY

Alameda Alano, 1348½ Park Street. Alameda Fellowship, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue.

Dimond, Woodruff and Excelsior Sts. Number Seven, 416 Seventh Street, at 8:30 p.m.; closed discussion.

Northbrae, The Alameda Near Solano, North Berkeley.

Downtown, 2501 Harrison Street.

Piedmont, 3805 Piedmont Avenue.

San Leandro, 951 Dowling Boulevard, San Leandro.

Adeline, inter-racial independent, 3265 Market Street.

## TUESDAY

Intergroup, Beginners, 108 Seventeenth Street.

Intergroup Discussion, 108 Seventeenth Street.

Number Seven Beginners, 416 Seventh Street; 8:15 p.m.

Castro Valley, Community Center, Castro Valley.

East Oakland, 7220 Krause Avenue.

## WEDNESDAY

Alameda Fellowship, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue; Rebound Group.

Intergroup Open Meeting, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. Second Wednesday each month.

Daylight Group, 108 Seventeenth St., Oakland, 11:30 a.m.

A.A. Fellowship Group of Alameda, 2323 A Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

Nolano (non-alcoholic relatives), 108 Seventeenth Street; first and third Wednesdays.

## THURSDAY

College Bay; Church, Room 10; 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

Havenscourt; American Legion Hall, 2714 Havenscourt Blvd.

Alameda Alano, 1348½ Park Street.

Lafayette - Walnut Creek; American Legion Hall, Lafayette, at 8:30 p.m.

Lakeshore; 609 Santa Rey Avenue.

Number Seven at 8:15 p.m.; open to public; 416 Seventh Street.

## FRIDAY

Alameda Alano, 1348½ Park Street.

Alameda Fellowship, 2323 A Santa Clara Avenue; second Friday open.

Franklin, Ninth Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

Hayward, cafeteria room at Hayward High School.

Husband and Wife Group, 563 Sixteenth Street.

## OROVILLE

P. O. Box 426

## PALO ALTO

P. O. Box 12

Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. at Community Center, Middlefield Road.

## PARADISE

P. O. Box 337

## PETALUMA

P. O. Box 961

## PITTSBURG

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Columbia Park Housing Administration Building.

## PORTERVILLE

P. O. Box 1025

## REDDING

1336 Tehama Street

## REDWOOD CITY

P. O. Box 1066

## RICHMOND

180 Club, 180 Carlson Blvd.

Open daily at 1 p.m.

Mondays at 8 p.m., San Pablo Group, at 2440 Twenty-first Street, San Pablo; open.

Tuesdays at 8 p.m., 180 Group, 180 Carlson Boulevard; closed; also a Nona meeting.

Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Inter-racial, Trinity Parish Hall at Thirty-seventh and Roosevelt; closed; last Wednesday of month, open.

Thursdays at 8 p.m., Housing Group, Boy Scout Hall, Eighth and Ohio Streets; family.

Fridays at 8 p.m., 180 Group, 180 Carlson Boulevard; open.

Sundays at 7 p.m., 180 Group, 180 Carlson Boulevard; open.

Sundays at 7 p.m., Sunday Nite Group meets at P.-T.A. Hall, 47th and Wall Sts.

## ROSEVILLE

P. O. Box 255

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Moose Hall, 107 Main Street.

## SACRAMENTO

Alano Club, 1320 Twenty-eighth Street.

Group 1—Meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. at 3146 N Street; closed.

Group 2, all men — Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m., at 3146 N Street.

Group 3 — Closed Meetings Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m.; open meetings Thursdays at 8 p.m.; all at 2001½ L Street.

Nalona Group, family — Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., at 2001½ L Street.

Oak Park — Meets Tuesdays (closed) and Fridays (open) at 3255½ Donner Way.

Altrium Group—Thursdays at 12 o'clock Noon and at 8:15 p.m., closed discussions; Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., open; all at 1115 Twentieth Street.

101 Eye Street Group—Meets Sunday at 10:30 A.M. sharp at 101 Eye Street.

## SALINAS

Alano Club, 226 Main Street, Rooms 11 and 16, open evenings during week, and all day Saturdays and Sundays, phone 2-5752.

Uptown Group meets Saturdays at 226 Main Street from 8 to 9 p.m., followed by bingo and refreshments.

Wednesday Night Group (P. O. Box 532) meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 226 Main Street.

## ST. HELENA

P. O. Box 90

## SAN ANSELMO

P. O. Box 266

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m., at Women's Club.

## SAN CARLOS

P. O. Box 77

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## SAN FRANCISCO

**CENTRAL OFFICE** — 406 Sutter Street, Room 311. Open Monday through Friday, 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.; 2-6 P.M.

**TELEPHONE SERVICE** — YUKon 2-4473. Twenty-Four Hour Service, every day.

Alano Club, 111 O'Farrell Street.  
7 Seas Club, 9 Mission Street.  
South of Market Club, 235 Minna St.  
Twelfth Step House, 3945 - 24th Street.

All Meetings at 8:15 P.M.,  
Unless Otherwise Noted.

"O" Open to all. "F" Family Groups.  
"CI" Closed Meetings for Alcoholics

### MONDAY

CI—Crocker-Amazon, 7 Amazon Street.  
O—Hilltop, St. Joseph's Hospital.  
CI—Mission, 22nd and Shotwell.  
F—Mission-Alanon, 22nd and Shotwell.  
F—Polk Gulch, 625 Polk St., Rm. 301.  
CI—Surf, 1578-39th Avenue.  
CI—West Portal, 215 West Portal.  
O—Young People's, 480 Pine Street.

### TUESDAY

O—Alpine, 480 Pine Street, 8 p.m.  
CI—Ambassadors, 609 Clayton Street.  
CI—Downtown, 566 Bush Street.  
O—Golden Gate, 240 Webster Street.  
CI—Pacific Heights, 2325 Union Street.  
CI—Park-Presidio, 7th Avenue and Geary Blvd. (United Church).

### WEDNESDAY

O—Central Meeting, 240 Golden Gate Avenue.  
F—Family Group, 240 Golden Gate Avenue.

### THURSDAY

CI—Central Beginners, 261 Fell Street.  
CI—Daly City, 6231 Mission Street.  
O—Laguna Honda, Laguna Honda Home; 7:00 p.m.  
CI—Midtown, 1771 Clay Street.  
CI—Mission Day, 3945-24th St.; 2 p.m.  
CI—North Beach, 1736 Stockton Street; Community Center; first landing.  
F—Ocean Avenue, Ocean Avenue and Mission Street.  
O—South of Market, 235 Minna Street; 7:30 p.m.  
F—Sunset, 1329-7th Avenue; 8:30 p.m.  
F—Van Ness, 1870 Sacramento Street.

### FRIDAY

CI—Analan, 111 O'Farrell Street.  
F—Mission-Dolores, 439 Guerrero St.  
CI—Parkside, 20th Avenue & Wawona.  
O—Park Vista, 772 Stanyan Street.  
CI—Rebound, 3945-24th Street.  
CI—Sharp Park, Main Highway, Brown Presbyterian Church.  
CI—St. Francis Mens, 1870 Sacramento Street; 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

O—Fillmore Inter-Racial, Sutter and Lyon Streets; 7:30 P. M.  
O—Maritime, 9 Mission Street; 8:30 P.M.  
O—South of Market, 235 Minna Street; 7:30 P.M.  
O—Twelfth Step Group, 3945 Twenty-fourth Street.

### SUNDAY

F—Breakfast Club, King Cotton Drive-In (1 mile So. of San Rafael); 10:00 A.M.  
O—Sunday Night Open, 625 Polk St., Room 301; 8:00 P.M.

### INDEPENDENT

Daytime Group (closed) meets Wednesdays at 2 p.m. at 505 Market Street.  
St. Francis Women's Group (closed) meets Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. at 505 Market Street.

Tradition House Friday (open) meets Fridays at 8:15 p.m. at 505 Market Street.

## SAN JOSE

Central Committee, P. O. Box 2  
Alano Club, 1274 Almaden Avenue.  
**SUNDAY**  
Breakfast Group (open), 10:45 a. m. at Lucca's Cafe, 965 Grant Street, Santa Clara.

### MONDAY

Monday Night Group (open), Women's Club, 75 South 11th Street.  
West Side Family Group, Bethany Community Church, Winchester Road.

### TUESDAY

Beginners' Group, Alano Club, 1274 Almaden Avenue.

### WEDNESDAY

Men's Group, Women's Club, 75 South 11th Street.

### THURSDAY

Men's Group, American Legion Hall, Isabel Drive.

### FRIDAY

East Side Group (open), Community Church, White Road.

### SATURDAY

Saturday Night Group (open), Trinity Episcopal Church, Second and St. James Streets.  
Alano Family Group, Alano Club, 1272 Almaden.

## SAN LEANDRO

See Oakland-East Bay

## SAN MATEO

P. O. Box 1  
San Mateo No. 1 meets Mondays at 8:15 p.m., at St. Matthews School, Arragon and El Camino Real.

Fireside Group (San Mateo No. 2) meets Friday at 8:00 P.M. in the Community Congregational Church, San Mateo Drive and Tilton Avenue.

Wednesday Night Family, meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m., at K. C. Hall, Baldwin Avenue and San Mateo Drive.

## SAN PABLO

P. O. Box 572  
Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at 2211 Broadway; open.

## SAN RAFAEL

P. O. Box 624  
Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Red Cross Building, Fifth Street and Tamalpais Avenue.

## SANTA CRUZ

P. O. Box 1095  
Telephone 1646 R  
Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Women's Club on Mission Street; second Thursday of month, open.

## SANTA ROSA

P. O. Box 166  
Meets at Harmony Hall, 830 Fifth Street, Mondays and Thursdays, at 8 p.m., discussions; Tuesdays at 8 p.m., beginners; Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., discussion and social hour, except last Saturday of month, pot luck supper; open meeting first Tuesday of month at 8:30 p.m.

## SAUSALITO

P. O. Box 446  
Meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at Sausalito Yacht Club, all open.

## SEASIDE

1527 Lowell Place  
See Monterey Peninsula

## SHARP PARK

See San Francisco  
Meets Fridays at 8:15 p.m., in Brown Presbyterian Church (rear) on Main Highway; open.

## SCOTIA

P. O. Box 11

## SOLEDAD

P. O. Box 731

## SONOMA

P. O. Box 181

Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Methodist Church, First Street East.

## SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Midway Group, meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., at Lindenville Housing Project Administration Building, on Victory Avenue; third meeting of month, open.

## STOCKTON

P. O. Box 957  
Telephone 3-9250

Stockton Group meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at St. John's Church, Miner Street at El Dorado.

Pacific Men's Group meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Camp Fire Girls' Hall, Madison and Oak Streets.

Women's Group (P. O. Box 622) meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at members' homes.  
Beginners' Group meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at members' homes.

Twelfth Step House Group meets Sundays at 11 a.m. at 238 Main Street.

Hospital Group meets Fridays at 7 p.m. at State Hospital, California and Harding Way; open.

## SUNNYVALE

P. O. Box 593

## TIBURON-BELVEDERE

P.O. Box 288, Tiburon

## TRACY

P. O. Box 552

## TULARE

P. O. Box 664

Meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Rankin Hall, G and King Streets.

## TURLOCK

P. O. Box 858

## UKIAH

P. O. Box 85

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at members' homes; for information telephone 1029-M or 1847-W.

## VACAVILLE

P. O. Box 13

## VALLEJO

Alano Club, 230 Virginia Street.  
Capitol Group — P. O. Box 1663;  
Meets Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at 401 Amador Street.

100 Group — P. O. Box 526  
Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 100 Glenn Street; first and third Tuesdays, family meetings; rest closed.

Virginia Group — P. O. Box 188.  
Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m., at 230 Virginia Street; beginners, Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

## VISALIA

P. O. Box 1168

Meets Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. in East Wing of Municipal Auditorium; open.

## WALNUT CREEK - LAFAYETTE

See Oakland-East Bay  
Meets Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. at American Legion Hall, Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette.

## WATSONVILLE

P. O. Box 461

Meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Women's Club, Lake and Brennan Streets.

## WEST SIDE

San Joaquin Valley, see Gustine

## WILLOWS

540 N. Fifth Street

## WOODLAND

P. O. Box 761

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Second Street and Lincoln Avenue.

# Structure of AA - What Makes It Tick - And How

What is this great Society, Alcoholics Anonymous, of which all of us are a part?

We know of the Twelve Steps that brought our recovery from alcoholism. We know of the Twelve Traditions that guide our groups. But who takes care of the myriad details that must arise in a Society of more than 4000 groups and 140,000 members?

The answer is given briefly in a pamphlet titled, "The Structure and Services of AA." It shows the broad foundation of more than 4000 AA groups throughout the world. These groups have voice in the Central Service Conference through their delegates, who meet once a year.

The Central Service Conference transmits its thoughts to the Alcoholics Foundation, Inc., which is the custodian of AA Tradition and funds. The Foundation is responsible for the heart of AA, the General Service Office in New York. It also is responsible for the integrity of Works Publishing, Inc., and the AA Grapevine, Inc.

## AA at Work

But here is the story as revealed in the pamphlet:

Alcoholics Anonymous is not organized in the formal or political sense. There are no governing officers. There are no rules or regulations. There are no fees or dues.

From the beginning, however—even before the fellowship had a name—the need for certain services was apparent. Inquiries about the recovery program had to be answered. Literature describing and interpreting the movement had to be written, printed and distributed. Requests for help from Groups throughout the world had to be handled.

As AA has grown from a handful of members to more than 100,000 the service needs have multiplied.

Today AA has five service agencies at the national and international level, each created to fill distinct needs and all related directly to the parent agency, The Alcoholics Foundation, Inc.

To support these services which help assure AA unity and growth, the Groups are asked to make voluntary contributions at the rate of two dollars per year per member.

## TWO \$50 CHECKS SENT TO N.Y. AS RESULT OF SAN RAFAEL COUNCIL

When the winner of the \$50 door prize at the San Rafael Council in December was found to be Jack S., secretary of the Friday Mixed Group of Sacramento, it was learned Jack was not present at San Rafael.

So the fifty smackers were turned over to Art G. of Sacramento to deliver to the winner. On learning of his fortune, Jack said: "That wasn't my ticket. It belonged to the Group, although my name was on it."

Whereupon the group voted to contribute its unexpected windfall toward the expenses of the New York office.

That was one of two \$50 checks contributed to New York as a result of the San Rafael Council. The other was sent to New York by Zella De M., chairman of arrangements at San Rafael, from the surplus left after expenses were paid.

She also sent a check for \$50 to bolster the Council's meager exchequer.

Membership in AA is in no way contingent upon this support. The invitation to contribute is issued twice yearly because many Groups do not at the present time contribute to the support of AA's basic service agencies. All accounts are CPA-audited and financial reports are submitted.

## Alcoholic Foundation

Organized in 1938, the Alcoholic Foundation is in effect the international service board of AA. There are 15 Trustees, eight non-alcoholic friends of AA and seven AA members. All Trustees serve without compensation. The Foundation is the custodian of our AA Traditions. It handles national and international public relations matters.

As the parent service agency, it has assumed responsibility for the integrity and service standards of General Service Headquarters, the Works Publishing, Inc., and The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Established in 1951, the General Service Conference is rotating and represents the entire movement. It

is the link between the Groups and the Foundation.

Members of the Conference are selected from each of the United States and the Provinces of Canada by the Groups (for two-year service terms) at special area meetings. The Conference meets for several days each year in New York to:

- (1) Receive and evaluate reports on AA's national and international service facilities;
- (2) discuss matters of general AA concern or interest, and
- (3) to advise the Trustees of the Foundation on the best ways of fulfilling AAs primary purpose which is to carry the recovery message to the million alcoholics who still don't know. The Conference is exclusively a consultative service agency. It has no authority to regulate or govern the movement.

## Works Publishing

Originally created by early members of AAs as a means of publishing the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, Works Publishing Inc., is now the sole publishing agency of the Society. All shares of stock previously owned by individuals at its inception were turned back to the movement and are held by the Foundation.

Income derived from the sale of AA literature issued by the company is used mainly to create a reserve that can assure continuation of AAs movement-wide services in the event of serious economic disturbances.

The Trustees of the Foundation, with the approval of the General Service Conference, have also granted to Bill, as the surviving co-founder of the movement, a 15 per cent royalty on sales of the AA book. Book royalties represent Bill's only income from AA sources.

## Service Headquarters

In a typical 12-month period, this office mails out more than 130,000 individual pieces of mail, including more than 25,000 copies of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The General Service Headquarters staff corresponds with individuals seeking help, with new and established AA groups and with representatives of such groups as industry, medicine and religion who request in-

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## EMMET DALY TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT S. F. CENTRAL MEETING FEB. 11

Emmet Daly, Assistant State Attorney General, long a friend of AAs, will be a guest speaker at a San Francisco Central meeting at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, Wednesday night, February 11.

When Attorney General Pat Brown was district attorney of San Francisco and Daly was one of his assistants, the latter made an exhaustive survey of the situation among alcoholics in San Francisco. The eventual result of his work was establishment of the San Francisco clinic for alcoholics.

The complete schedule for February, as announced by Bill T.,

Estelle D. and Don N. of the program committee, follows:

February 4 — Chairman, Ronald T.; speakers, Clem O'M. and Paul T.

February 11 — Chairman, Jack C.; speakers, Emmet Daly, assistant Attorney General, and Cliff T. of Berkeley.

February 18 — Chairman, Joe M. of Midtown; speakers, Marie C. and Father George, both of the Richmond Inter-Racial Group.

February 25 — Chairman, Olive E. of San Francisco and Marin Counties; speakers, Ellen R. of Downtown and Don K. of West Portal.

### SAN FRANCISCO

A new group was received into the San Francisco Fellowship at the January meeting of the Central Committee. It is the Van Ness Group, which will hold family meetings each Thursday night at the Monroe Residence Club, 1870 Sacramento Street. Ed. H. is secretary.

The Central Committee asked Homer T. of Sunset, outgoing chairman of the Committee on Committees, to serve as advisory chairman until the end of April. It named other members as follows: John S. of the Mission Group, to serve to April 30; Kay of the North Beach Group, until August 31, and John F. of the Downtown Group, until December 31.

John F. also was elected to the Steering Committee.

Chris C. of the Institutional Committee nominated new chairmen as follows: San Quentin, Bernie B. of the Maritime Group; Folsom, Stan W. of the Fillmore Group; Napa, Barbara B. of the Downtown Group; San Bruno, George R. of Mission and Stan and La Vonne H. of the Fillmore Group.

Estelle D. of Golden Gate and Don N. of Rebound were added to help Bill T. on the Central Meeting program committee.

Bill S. of Sunset, reporting for the public relations committee, said KPIX had offered the Fellowship television time for spot announcements.

The Young Peoples' Group began a series of Saturday night social events in January, meeting in the basement of Ray M.'s home. Music

for dancing was furnished from Bill M.'s large selection of records. The Group plans picnics and wiener roasts during the summer. Its guest speakers for February include: February 2, Katie D., formerly of Chicago AA; February 9, Kent C. of the Fellowship; February 16, Ruth W. of Downtown; February 23, Fran J. of Park Vista.

### SANTA ROSA

The Santa Rosa Groups have been invited to conduct AA meetings in the Mendocino County Jail on the same Sundays that they go to Ukiah for the Mendocino State Hospital meetings. The first meeting in the jail was conducted January 18, and was declared a success.

The groups are having a plaque made on which the names of deceased members will be inscribed. The first name will be that of Dave H., who passed away recently. He was a five-year member and did much to help disheartened alcoholics by giving them jobs with his building firm. He also had a part in building a home for AA in Santa Rosa.—FRANK M.

### BOYES SPRINGS

A new group, the Boyes Springs Group, will make its bow Wednesday night, February 4, in Grange Hall, on Highway 12, two blocks south of Sonoma Mission Inn. The meetings will be open but will be conducted by out-of-town AA's in order to preserve the anonymity of the members.

### FIRST SKID ROAD GROUP IN COUNTRY CELEBRATES ITS SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

San Francisco's South of Market Group, the first formally organized skid road group in the country, celebrated its sixth birthday in its quarters at 235 Minna Street Saturday night, January 24.

Guest speakers included Maj. George Ferguson of the Salvation Army's Harbor Light, who sponsored the first skid road group meetings in his Hunt Street Chapel in January and February, 1947, and Edward Wrenn, secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has housed the group since March, 1947.

Other speakers were Marion M., an early worker in the group, and Paul C., now manager of the Alano Club, who was on the group's first steering committee. Joe O'B., who came into AA at the first meeting, was chairman.

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formation on the AA program. Relations with press, radio, television, film producers and the general public are a continuing responsibility.

As the international monthly journal of the Society, the AA Grapevine is an important agency for carrying the message of the recovery program to the million alcoholics who still don't know. Although the Foundation has assumed responsibility for its integrity, control of the Grapevine's editorial policy is vested in its Board of Directors. The publication has often operated at a loss, as a service to the membership.

### OAKLAND

The next East Bay open meeting will be held in Cook's Hall, Oakland, February 11. John S. will be chairman and Jack I. of San Francisco the guest speaker.

The January institutional meeting of the East Bay Inter-Group Council had the opportunity of hearing Dr. Eugene A. Heargrove of the Herrick Memorial Hospital of Berkeley in January. He gave an illustrated lecture on the treatment of alcoholism. The meeting was arranged by Rex N. of Berkeley. It was held at 108-17th Street.