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DELEGATE ELECTION TO HIGHLIGHT... PANEL TWO MEETING SET FOR SACRAMENTO

Defying the taboos, hoodoos and the Evil Eye jinx connected with "13," Northern California Council of AA has slated an important meeting — Panel Two (the Interior Panel of Northern California) — for Saturday, January 13, at 1:00 p.m., in the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento. Expected to be one of the biggest and most interesting sessions every planned by NCC, the meeting will focus upon an election to name a Delegate to the General Service Board, plus a general AA Open meeting for members, friends and John Q. Public.

Jules P. Is Speaker At Sacramento

An AA member who can deliver a "pitch" in English or French will be the keynote speaker at the night AA meeting which follows the NCC election-meeting in Sacramento, Saturday, January 13, Jim M., meeting chairman, announced.

The bilingual speaker is Jules P., from Los Angeles, who presently is the L.A. Delegate to the General Services Board, N.Y. He is reputed to be one of the most active Delegates the Board has yet had and considered a forceful and dynamic speaker whether it be French or English.

Two Tongues

Recently, at the Annual Convention held in Montreal, Canada, Jules turned to his linguistic gift and addressed the Convention, first in French and then in English. In some parts of Canada such as Quebec and Montreal, it is almost mandatory to speak French if a speaker is to get his message across simply because the native tongue of these cities is mostly French.

He is speaking at the Sacramento night meeting, which starts at 8:15 p.m. having accepted the NCC invitation instead of speaking at the State Conference in Phoenix — a courtesy which is highly appreciated.

Meeting to elect a new General Service Delegate for the ensuing two years will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. Simultaneously balloting for Alternate Delegate and Treasurer, will be held.

Role of NCC

Aside from the election, meeting will cover many other items of AA business. A program for the afternoon session is in the process of being mapped consisting of brief but complete coverage of the outstanding facets of General Service. Topics to be aired are "The Reason for General Service in the Beginning—The Need for its Continuation" by Floyd B., Roseville. Stan W., former N.Y. Delegate from Panel One will talk on the role of NCC in General Service, planning of meetings and other facets. Duane R., Modesto, will discuss the importance of selecting a Delegate with experience, stability and AA know-how.

Current Delegate from Los Angeles, Jules P., will brief the audience on a Delegate's obligations to his or her area upon the Delegate's return from New York; and to clarify the misapprehension in some people's mind that "the chief reason for striving for election is to win a free trip to Manhattan."

Outgoing Delegate Ber W., Coalinga, will give a short talk on the work being currently performed in Panel Two.

Jim M., former Delegate from Panel Two, has been selected to serve as chairman.

Voting Procedure

He will explain the new District

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"Big Meeting" Will Hear Dr. Earle M. Jan. 12

Following a series of "all-star" speakers during late Fall and through Christmas, the "Big Meeting," sponsored by the Central Office of San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, plunges into the New Year with what appears to be another stellar setup. Myrl G., program chairman, announced the following programs for the month of January:

FRIDAY, JAN. 5—Stan R., Peninsula 12th Step House; a sound film "For Those Who Drink," courtesy Standard Oil Company of Calif.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12—Dr. Earle M., prominent member of the medical profession, who will be sole speaker at formal Grand Opening ceremonies inaugurating AA meetings in the beautifully remodeled and refurbished AA meeting place at 240 Golden Gate Avenue.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19—Lois H., 12th Step Study Group, Burlingame; and Kenneth S. Mac., S.F. Fellowship.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26—Ed. Y., South of Market Group; and Luther S., veteran old-timer of San Francisco Fellowship.

All meetings at the Big Open Central Meeting commence sharply at 8:15 p.m. at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue. One of the more important features of the newly remodeled AA meeting place at this address is a NEW ELEVATOR.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Northern California Conference - Sacramento October 7-8

Under the auspices of inspired and dedicated Sacramento AA members, a highly successful two-day Conference was staged in the Capital City last October 7 and 8. From a standpoint of numerical attendance; the amount of constructive work done; the number of workshops held; the calibre of ideas generated; and the unity of fellowship which was developed, made this Conference a most memorable one and highly productive in useful ways. Additionally, it was financially successful, as this statement will attest.

Bill K., Secretary

CASH RECEIPTS

Registration Contributions (668)	\$1,670.00
Alanon Contribution	100.00
Food and Coffee Kitties	409.60
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	\$2,179.60

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Auditorium rental	30.00
Food concession rental	100.00
Orchestra	150.00
Food and Cake	420.23
Postage and Miscellaneous	81.61
Conference ribbons—Flowers	54.46
Speakers expense	357.60
Conference Committee expense	122.82
Secretary's expense	48.25
Printing	145.10
Lighting	30.00
Sound (Harry Day)	125.00
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	\$1,665.07

\$2,179.60
1,665.07

\$ 514.53

Receipts over disbursements (PROFIT) \$514.53

Earle DeForrest Of Santa Rosa Mourned by AA

Relatives and friends of the late Earl De Forrest, an AA member of Santa Rosa, are bereaved over his recent death. Leo M., Fort Bragg, had this to say of his friend:

"We in AA have suffered a great loss in the passing of Earl De Forrest of Santa Rosa. He was a great man, not only as a world-renowned magician, but a devoted conveyor of the AA message. He was indeed, one of the five percent.

"No matter how far the distance, Earl could be depended upon to arrive on time for the scheduled meeting. Personally, he was a great help

FOR UNEMPLOYED

Shift workers and unemployed people will be given the opportunity to attend AA meetings, effective today. The One Eighty Group, Richmond, Calif., has established a meeting at 2:00 p.m. every Wednesday primarily to aid night workers and those that have no jobs.

The noted Contra Costa County group meets at 180 Carlson Blvd., Richmond, Calif. It derives its group name from the address.

to me in our local prison camp program, and always fulfilled his scheduled day there. Truly a great man, I'm sure God will welcome him home to the Big Meeting."

Vallejo Group Sets Schedule

Hazel L., industrious secretary of Vallejo Group, emphasizes that meetings are held every night at 8:30 p.m., in Vallejo with the exception of Sunday at the Vallejo meeting place, 820 Marin Street.

Additionally, there is an AA meeting on Thursday between noon and 1:00 p.m. at the same address, and the Al-Anons meet each Thursday at 8:30 p.m., same address.

The schedule for the Open Speaker Meetings, held every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., featuring speakers, are as follows:

SAT., JAN. 6 — Chris B., San Francisco.

SAT., JAN. 13 — Mike J., Pinole, Calif.

SAT., JAN. 20 — Neil C., San Francisco.

SAT., JAN. 27 — Bennie D., Redwood City.

Hazel extends a cordial welcome to every AA who subscribes or reads Good News, to come to Vallejo and enjoy the hospitality and good fellowship for which the Vallejo group is noted.

"One Day at A Time" for Rent

The popular Dupont television show, "One Day at a Time," depicting the founding of AA, is now available for renting on 16 MM film. First shown on TV in November, 1955, it was re-run in March of 1957 throughout most of the United States. Dupont made prints available to AA groups on a loan basis until the film rights were sold.

Film is now owned by Official Films, Inc., who have notified the General Service Office, N.Y., that they will rent 16 MM prints to AA groups. Official Films will mail orders COD and asks prints be returned, prepaid, with 49 hours. Offer is extended also to Canadian and overseas groups.

Showing is limited to non-paying audiences and fee does not include TV or theatrical rights. Groups wishing to order this film, write Joe Fusco, Official Films, Inc., 724 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.

"Big Book" and Literature for All-Spanish Groups

The General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, New York City, The Caribbean Crusaders, and the Gay Aridians of Puna Aloha (Monterey, Calif.), are devoting much time and effort to the problem of alcoholism among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the earth.

This interest is best demonstrated by the stepped-up activity and "campaigning by attraction" in Mexico, Central and South America, the West Indies—and right here in the U.S.A.

Pirate Hideouts

The Caribbean Crusaders are doing a great job in the far-flung areas embraced in Central and South America, the Antilles, and a vast number of out-of-the-way islands washed by the Carribean, the Gulf Stream, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Scores of new groups are being formed in the Republic of Mexico—in Mexico City, Monterrey, Guadalajara and other major Mexican cities and towns.

Gay Aridians

Closer at home, the Gay Aridians of Monterey, Calif., are doing an outstanding job with Spanish-speaking peoples of Northern California.

Recognizing the great number of compulsive drinkers among the estimated 250,000 Spanish-speaking people residing in the Bay Area—Mexican, Puerto Rican, Nicaraguan, Honduran, Costa Rican, Guatemalan, El Salvadoreans, and others — the Gay Aridians have stock-piled a great amount of literature for All-Spanish AA Groups.

Literature includes 10 all-Spanish pamphlets and a Spanish translation of the Big Book—Alcoholics Anonymous. The Big Book at \$1.75 per copy, can be obtained by contacting the Gay Aridians, P.O. Box 809, Monterey, Calif.

Pamphlets, at reduced cost may also be gotten from the same source.

Golfer: "I don't seem to be playing my usual game today."

Caddie: "What game do you usually play, sir?" —Scrantonian

Reno-Sparks Groups Want Bay Speakers

Jerry B., representing the 12 x 2 Group of Reno-Sparks, but speaking for the entire northern Nevada area, requests the aid of Northern California AA groups in providing guest speakers.

Jerry said, "We are in constant need of AA speakers." He went on to state that a Guest Speaker Meeting is held every Sunday in the Sparks (Nev.) City Hall, starting at 8:30 p.m. Any member visiting Reno-Sparks vicinity bent on business or Hell-bent for the gaming tables or One-Armed Bandits will be cordially welcome to make a pitch.

Please notify Jerry in advance if any of our Good News readers wish to accept. Contact the group by writing to the secretary of the 12 x 12 Club, Council Chambers, Sparks City Hall, Nevada.

As Jerry truly says, "I thought moet everybody in AA talked a lot when sober awhile. However this is a small area, and quite difficult to obtain speakers. We only have a handful of our own, and you know how that goes over after a few years. So, how about it, can you help us?"

Dayton Solves Phone Service

Miles E., of Dayton, Ohio, writes, "After our years of difficulties with AA's answering service, the Telephone Company's cooperation has helped us solve our problem. The company has installed three 'off-premise extension' phones in the homes of three AA's who are Inter-group Committee members and who live in different parts of the city.

"These three phones all have the same number which is listed in the phone book under 'AA Information'. When this number is called, all three phones ring simultaneously.

"By prearrangement, someone is always on hand to take the call. Whoever answers the call checks his list of available 12th-Steppers and relays the call to an A.A. in the caller's part of town.

"This system has been in operation for a year and works fine. Maybe somebody else can use this idea. If you want more details, let us know." Note: get address of Dayton, O., group from World Directory if you want to reach Miles E.—Editor.

Economy is still a household word in America. It means a large-size package. —Pittsburg Post

REGISTRATION FORM — GENERAL SERVICE SESSION

SATURDAY, 1:00 P.M., JANUARY 13, 1962

Our Group has selected, to act as our General Service Representative, for the term of 1962 and 1963, the name listed below. He or she will be present at the meeting in Sacramento, and will vote on all matters pertaining to General Service. He or she will bring our group's donation or contribution to the necessary expenses for the next two years of the activities of our Panel Two.

The correct mailing address of our Group is:

.....
General Service Representative

.....
Address

.....
City

.....
Group Name

.....
Mailing Address

.....
City

Please return at once to Jim Masterson, 4117 Glasgow Drive, North Highlands, California — Gen'l. Chairman and Delegate, Ex-officio

MORE ABOUT PANEL TWO

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Plan for the Panel and propose an outline for future Delegates to follow in carrying the message to all groups and areas. Jim will conduct the election, per se, and inform every person attending the exact procedures of the election, step-by-step. This will be done to prevent unnecessary confusion and to avoid needless time-wasting.

Group Registry

All Panel Two groups who have not received advance information pertaining to the Sacramento election-meeting, are requested to send a General Service Representative to Sacramento—and to instruct him or her to register in the hall. The chairman emphasized, "I do not want any group or groups left out!"

New groups that have just recently organized may not be on the mailing list, Jim said. Group secretaries are urged to call Jim at ED 2-6393, Sacramento, or contact him at 4117 Glasgow Drive, North Highlands, Calif.

Each group is requested to provide its General Service Representative with the necessary financial aid to pay travel, hotel, and incidental expenses to and from New York and to provide adequate expenses in carrying out the Delegate's duties upon his or her return from the N.Y. Conference.

Normally, \$10.00 per group covers the entire tab for a two year term. However, some of the smaller groups have only been able to ante up \$5.00. Participation in the Sacramento election-meeting does not hinge upon the financial donation, the chairman said.

He wants all General Service Representatives to be registered at the Labor Center, Sacramento, before 1:00 p.m. This will permit the election to start promptly, brief representatives on procedure, and to provide each with a badge. Only those wearing a badge will be allowed to vote.

Night Meeting

Following the afternoon election and business session, it will adjourn for dinner. At 8:45 p.m. a Big Open Meeting is planned with a top-flight speaker already engaged. Unprecedented interest has already manifested itself in the night session.

Revision of Districts in Panel Two

Redistricting of Panel Two will become effective Saturday, January 13, 1962, according to Berts W., Delegate from Panel Two, and Jim., former Delegate from Sacramento, who jointly planned the area revision. In a joint statement, they said:

"For quite a long time these changes have been badly needed, and this is the time to effect the revisions. Present District plan was in the beginning, an adequate system due to the positioning of the groups. At that time the District was divided into Panel One, Two, 11 and 12. Later District 2-A was added. For purposes of election at that time, each District was entitled to four committeemen making a total of 20 from which to choose officers."

As new groups were added to the different areas, it soon became evident that this was a cumbersome arrangement. It put four committeemen in each of the Districts with no definite assignment of groups for which they were responsible. It became difficult for committeemen to know "which groups belonged to whom"; much duplication and disinterest ensued, and a new Plan became a necessity.

Under the new District Plan (which includes 17 Districts) each District will choose a single committeeman who will be responsible for each and every group in his or her District. They will serve two-year terms, 1962-63. No duplication is expected to ensue. This will be an advantage to the committeeman but also to the Delegate, who will be able to contact the proper person and thus complete the chain of information from our New York headquarters. Each District will be a single county or a combination of counties with fewer groups which can be covered by one committeeman. Only county that has been split into more than one District—is Sacramento County. Listed below are the Districts which will be launched under the new redistricting program, effective January 13, 1962:

NEW DISTRICTS FOR PANEL TWO, PLUS THE MAJOR CITIES IN EACH DISTRICT

(TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 13, 1962)

District

50	SISKIYOU COUNTY.....	Dunsmuir, Weed, Yreka
	MODOC COUNTY.....	Alturas, Adin
	SHASTA COUNTY.....	Redding, Anderson, Burney, Fall River Mills
	LASSEN COUNTY.....	Susanville, Westwood, Nubeiber
51	PLUMAS COUNTY.....	Chester, Greenville
	TEHAMA COUNTY.....	Red Bluff, Corning, Tehama
	GLEN COUNTY.....	Orland, Willows
52	BUTTE COUNTY.....	Chico, Oroville, Gridley
53	COLUSA COUNTY.....	Colusa, Williams, Arbuckle
	YOLO COUNTY.....	Woodland, Bryte, Broderick, Davis, Vacaville
54	SUTTER COUNTY.....	Yuba City, Rio Oso, Live Oak
55	YUBA COUNTY.....	Marysville, Olivehurst
	NEVADA COUNTY.....	Nevada City, Grass Valley
	SIERRA COUNTY.....	
56	PLACER COUNTY.....	Roseville, Auburn, Weimar, Tahoe Vista
57	ELDORADO COUNTY.....	Placerville, Smithflat, Pollock Pines, Al Tahoe
58	SACRAMENTO COUNTY.....	North and West of the American River and Power Inn Road (Basically the County of Sacramento)
59	UNASSIGNED
60	SACRAMENTO COUNTY.....	East and South of American River and Power Inn Road (Basically the City of Sacramento)
61	AMADOR COUNTY.....	Jackson, Sutter Creek
	CALAVARAS COUNTY.....	San Andreas
	TUOLUMNE COUNTY.....	Sonora
	ALPINE COUNTY.....	None listed

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- 62 SAN JOAQUIN.....Stockton, Victor, Lodi, Manteca, Tracy
- 63 STANISLAUS COUNTY.....Oakdale, Modesto, Turlock, Merced,
Atwater, Los Banos
- 64 MARIPOSA COUNTY.....None listed
- 65 FRESNO COUNTY.....Fresno, Coalinga, Selma, Kingsburg
- 66 KINGS COUNTY.....Hanford
- 67 TULARE COUNTY.....Dinuba, Visalia, Tulare, Porterville

YOUR SECRETARY REPORTS . . .

I have had the privilege of knowing a great and good man who once quoted these words of Karle W. Baker:

"Courage is armor a blind man wears;
The calloused scar of out-loved despairs;
Courage is Fear —
That has said its prayers."

All of you in AA who carry the message so earnestly and well, exemplify the answer to someone's prayer. As you so humbly seek to serve, Blessings on you as you keep up the good work.

One of the AA dividends comes our personal way as we combine a business and vacation trip to the midwest. We shall see and spend the Holidays with our children for the first time in two years, as well as placing the stamp of approval on two of the seven grandchildren I have not met. Great things come to us all thru faith in AA.

Elsewhere is the financial statement for the most successful Sacramento Conference. It was a great job, superbly and efficiently handled by that congenial group of Central California AA Workers under the skillful direction of Conference Chairman, Henry F. Sacramento was tops in AA in every respect. Fond memories will linger long.

Our next Central Committee Meeting for Northern California Council Delegates and Alternates will be held Sunday, January 14, 1962, at 11:00 a.m. in San Francisco at 240 Golden Gate Avenue. This will be confirmed in our next letter. It will be a most important meeting, and plans for a truly BIG Spring Conference in Modesto will be revealed. See you then—!

It is my pleasure to send you under separate mailing a token of my respect and good wishes for you. I hope you will cherish the fond purpose as deeply as I am grateful for your inspiration and devoted ideals.

May you enjoy a very Happy New Year.

God Bless you and keep you steadfast in your noble AA Fellowship of love.

Sincerely, BILL K., Secretary

Surf Club Party Attracts Crowd

The annual Christmas Party held by the Surf Club, Monday, December 18, at Community Church, 34th Avenue and Noriega, San Francisco, was a fine success, Bill G., Surf's program chairman, announces.

Bill said a bumper crowd of 165 attended and consumed 300 cups of coffee while they heard Jim M., from Sacramento deliver a stirring AA talk. Jim is former Delegate to the General Service Conference from Coastal Panel 2. Popular Stan W., Fairfax, was chairman of the evening.

Most of the crowd remained after the meeting for a buffet supper and some lively arms-length AA, Bill said.

Jane to Speak

One of AA's most popular speakers, Jan O'T., San Francisco, is scheduled to appear before the Point Richmond Group of Alcoholics Anonymous on January 29th.

Jane, the wife of Jim O'T., also well known in Alcoholics Anonymous circles, is a very active AA worker. Her talks are outstanding in further enlightening the problems of the alcoholic.

Barbara A., who with her husband Bill, helped formulate the Point Richmond group, will act as chairman.

The meeting is open to the general public and will be held in the new Recreation Center at Point Richmond, on Washington Ave.

Data for World Directory Now Being Gathered

The General Service Office of AA, New York City, is now in the process of gathering information from which the 1962 AA World Directory will be compiled.

Cards have been mailed to every Group, Loner, Central, and Intergroup Office and Club. From the returned cards, information will be compiled which will make it possible for members throughout the world to locate other AA's easily and quickly whenever the need arises..

This year there should be ONLY ONE address on the returned card. GSO will use this address for all their mailings and will list it that way in the 1962 Directory.

Anita R., of the GSO staff, who is responsible for the big compilation job asks that all cards be returned to GSO, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, 17, N.Y. immediately if it has not already been done.

For those that do not know, each year GSO compiles a World Directory and distributes it to General Service Conference Committees, Central and Intergroup Offices, Groups, Loners, and Internationalists all over the world. The Directory is confidential, but individual members may be able to purchase copies through their own group offices.

For Clergymen

A Conference - approved pamphlet has just been released by AA World Services, "A Clergyman Asks About Alcoholics Anonymous." The new information brochure will give a helpful introduction to AA to those clergymen who are not familiar with the Fellowship. It will also be of some interest to some AA members since it portrays how the collective AA experience in helping alcoholics can be made available to interested clergymen.

Priced at 10 cents per copy, they may be obtained by writing AA World Services, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York City, 17, N.Y.

The "Why" of Anonymity in AA Explained

Directors of AA World Services, Inc., have granted permission to a certain area committee to reprint a limited number of Bill W's. article, "Why Alcoholics Anonymous is Anonymous." The reprint is a section from the pamphlet, "AA Tradition — How it Developed." Proper credit to the source has been shown on the reprint and no copies will be sold.

Secretaries of 43 local groups have already received copies and there will now follow an extensive distribution to AA members in this area so that they may know the story behind our Tradition of Anonymity.

Anonymity Breaks

Most AA's today are committed wholeheartedly to the principle of personal anonymity before the public. **Identification of an AA member at press, radio, TV or film level, is rare, but occasionally it does happen.** Anonymity breaks occur when some over-generous friend in one of the communication media, professionally disciplined to the use of names, gives one of our members public recognition when none is sought.

Deliberate Breaks

However, there have been some rare cases when individual members, for private reasons, which seemed to them to be more important than AA Tradition, deliberately indented themselves publicly, by name. This particular area committee had been faced with the latter situation.

They believed that an informed membership would be the most effective means of preventing the occurrence of another "break." This was the reason for wanting the reprints. AA World Service Directors were happy to cooperate.

A grade school teacher was instructing her pupils in the value of coins. Taking a half dollar out she laid it on the desk and asked: "Can anyone tell me what this is?"

From the rear came the voice of a small boy: "Tails."

Santa Rosa Press Democrat

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM KOHLER, WIS.

Arthur J. H., Kohler, Wisconsin, sent along a snapshot of himself inscribed, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Good News readers.

The photo shows a very robust Arthur, dressed in a open collar plaid shirt, the picture of solid contentment. Arthur is a consistent correspondent and keeps in touch with California doin's and his numerous Golden State friends via Good News.

Greetings from all of us, Art.

Havenscourt Has Big Santa Party

Havenscourt Group, East Oakland, repeated its annual tradition of holding a Christmas Party for children and grandchildren of members and friends at their regular open meeting Tuesday, December 19.

Speaker by the efforts of Emma M., secretary; Hugh S., and Ray T., (who donned the traditional red suit and played jolly St. Nick,) the party was a grand success.

Kiddies under 12 years of age were presented with Christmas stockings and candy canes while others joined an active grab-bag exchange.

Havenscourt is one of the oldest groups in the Eastbay, and members and newcomers are welcome at its regular closed meetings, held each Tuesday at Mills Terrace Christian Church, 5410 Fleming Avenue, East Oakland.

On the third Tuesday of every month, guests are invited to Havenscourt's open Speaker Meetings.

CLEVELAND BILL

Bill S., Cleveland, O., printer, electrotyper, writes from "the best location in the nation" for a couple of extra copies of Good News, December issue, referring to it as "your estimable Good News."

He got them! Bill is the man who provided Good News with the two electros which adorn the upper right and left "ears" of our front page.

His unique business card shows that his rare good humor remains unblunted and is the same good guy who visited here in 1940 and again in 1949. Come again, William.

Basic Data on AA In Pamphlet Form

The pamphlet, "Background Information on the Fellowship of AA," is becoming increasingly popular with AA members. Prepared originally by GSO for release at AA's 25th Anniversary in 1960, this little folder was designed to answer quickly questions about AA that are asked most frequently by writers, editors and broadcasters. "Who runs AA?" "How is AA supported?" "Does AA recruit?", "How is AA organized?" are some of the questions it asks and succinctly answers.

Many groups are now finding it useful in performing their public information service and individual members are using it to brief their friends and relatives in the basic facts of AA.

Take it along when you talk with a local editor about a story on your group's anniversary meeting, or when you speak before a non-alcoholic group of "civilians." We will be glad to send you a sample copy gratis. Or you can order a supply. The price is 2 copies for 5c. Contact GSO, P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, 17, N.Y.

No Metrocal?

An unusual request for assistance from members of Alcoholics Anonymous has been received by the Point Richmond Group. The request came from members of the Tops Club in Pinole.

This organization is made up of women who are overweight. They meet to discuss their problem, just as AA members do. Tops Club members believe that their over-eating is a compulsion with them, and a substitute for a more satisfactory method for meeting situations that arise in life.

They have made a request for information on how AA members have overcome their problem and have learned how to face life without alcohol.

Barbara A., and Gladys M., of Richmond, will appear before the Tops Club on January 30, to explain AA principles and how they work.

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Breakfast Group At Concord Moves

The Concord Breakfast Club now meets at the Concord Inn at Concord, Calif., it was announced last week.

Several new innovations have been made simultaneously with the move to roomier quarters. With the approval of the AA membership, chairmanship of each meeting rotates, and responsibility for engaging speakers moves from group to group.

So far, meetings have been sponsored by Lafayette, Concord, Albany, Vallejo, and Richmond.

In addition to the speaker of the evening, a short discussion period concludes every meeting. These changes have improved the relationship of the AA members and they are happy with the revisions of group format, our Concord correspondent reports.

Another feature at the Concord meetings: no collection is taken; no "kitty" is present.

Jail Farm Meeting

Concord, Calif., relates that thanks to the cooperation of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, a smoother, better operation is being experienced in Concord's Jail Farm Program.

Coffee will be permitted during meetings for the duration of the cold winter months, and an Inside Group is in the process of formation. To date, groups that have participated in "carrying the message" are Pittsburg, Richmond, Adeline, and Concord.

Other AA groups are invited.

APRIL 25-29 AT HOTEL ROOSEVELT N. Y. General Service Conference Set

The 1962 General Service Conference will be held April 25-29, at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York. Eighty-five Area Delegates will attend a series of meetings together with the General Service Board Trustees and the Directors and Staffs of GSO and Grapevine. All phases of AA world-wide services will be discussed.

The following 15 new Delegates have been elected to serve during 1962-1963:

IDAHO—Charles H. Nampa

ILLINOIS (DOWNSTATE)—

Carl S., Rock Island

KANSAS—Paul M., Hoxie

KENTUCKY—Bob P., Lexington

MINNESOTA (NORTHERN)—

Mrs. Donna T., Bemidji

MARYLAND—John V., Baltimore

MONTANA—Ed G., Warm Springs

NEW JERSEY (SOUTHERN)—

Harry K., Haddonfield

NEW MEXICO—Ken O., Farmington

Jack K., from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, has been elected to serve as delegate for the year 1962 from the new **NORTHERN ONTARIO AREA**. This area was approved by the 1961 Conference last April and was placed in the Conference Panel that sends new delegates in the odd years. Jack will therefore serve for one year only and the area will elect another Delegate to serve for 1963 and 1964.

OREGON—Bruce W., Salem

SOUTH CAROLINA—

Manuel B., Eastover

TEXAS (SOUTHWEST)—

Marguerite C., Austin

NORTHERN WISCONSIN &

UPPER MICHIGAN—

William C., Ishpeming

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—

Jack M., Halifax, N.S.

WESTERN ONTARIO—

Clair H., Burlington

San Quentin Group Reports Big Increase

A letter addressed to S.F. Inter-County Fellowship office, says in part:

"Once again we complete a year of activity in AA. It is with a great feeling of pride and a sense of accomplishment that we look back on this year in the San Quentin Fellowship.

"Just a few short years ago we were proud to claim only forty five or fifty members who wanted the Philosophy and way of life that we know can be found in Alcoholics Anonymous. However, during this past year we can boast of an average weekly attendance of 411, which is 82% of our total membership. This is an overall increase of 10% above the year 1960. As of today we have 502 men on our roster.

"The quality of our meetings continues to improve—the interest of our members remains high!"

The heart-warming communication from San Quentin, whose high, grey walls jut up from Richardson's Bay

in Marin County, was signed jointly by Dr. Andrew D. Kopac, M.D., and our long-time non-alcoholic friend of AA, Bob Flippin.

THANKS FOR CARDS

Many Christmas and New Year cards expressing the Season's Greetings were received in Good News mail. Too numerous to mention individually, we bid all of these thoughtful senders Ten Thousand "Thank You's." Among them was a lovely Merry Christmas card containing a beautiful message addressed to Good News—and we believe to our 1800 subscribers. It was from Grace and Dick B., 822 N. Market Street, Wichita, Kas.

Since Grace and Dick are known to many among our readers, we're letting all of you know that Grace and Dick have warm recollections of their Northern California friends.

If you want to know how your girl will treat you after you are married, just listen to her talking to her little brother.
—Chicago Tribune

Prisoner to fellow inmate: "I got caught making big money—about a quarter of an inch too big."

Buffalo Courier-Express

Loretta Young Film Available By Marin Group

"The Understanding Heart," Loretta Young film, on loan to the Marin County Family Al-Anon Group from New York Al-Anon headquarters, is available to Northern California AA and Al-Anon groups, with these stipulations:

1) No admission charge; 2) borrowing group agrees to defray cost of transportation of film; 3) film must be returned on time, and in good condition.

The Marin group will be happy to act as a clearing house for arranging dates, Sally H., secretary, said. The Marin County Family Al-Anon address is P.O. Box 802, San Rafael, Calif.

Sally said her group also has a tape of Judge Ray H's., talk given in Sacramento, October 7-8, which any AA or Al-Anon group may borrow.

From Power Above

Longtime AA member Alice G., Hemet, Calif., sent along this thoughtful piece addressed to Good News Editor:

An Old Year ends, a New Year starts,

Just leave the old behind.

Then take each day as it comes along

And here's what I hope you'll find;

Peace of Mind and contentment;
Sunshine and laughter and love.

Friendship from those about you,
And help from the Power above.

Warm, simple sentiments: well said and concisely put together. Thank you, Alice and we hope your 1962 will be everything you want it to be. The Good News Staff.

Message on a postcard received by a psychiatrist from a vacationing patient: "Having a wonderful time. Why?" —Recorder

Most parents are worried about what their children know AND how they found out —San Jose Mercury

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