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"99 Eddie" and Warden Dickson Signed to Speak

A galaxy of prominent AA talent, and one "outside" speaker features the July speaking program of the Central All-Groups meetings, held every Friday of the year, at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Myrl G., program chairman, has arranged the following outstanding schedule:

Friday, July 5—Dick G. (celebrating his 10th AA Birthday) a member of Park Presidio Group; and George OC., from Sacramento.

Friday, July 12—Florette P., Gratitude Group, Sausilto; and Joe McG., Seven Seas Group.

Friday, July 19—Ed J., Valencia Beginners' Group; and San Salvador Eddie F., sometimes known as "Page 99 Eddie," up from Central America on his annual vacation to the States.

Friday, July 26—Lee A., Marin County Group (San Rafael); and Warden Fred Dickson, San Quentin Penitentiary.

All meetings held Friday at the Golden Gate Avenue location start at 8:30 p.m. but the Coffee Bar opens at 7:00 p.m. and remains open after the regular meeting. Fellowship arms length AA may be had in abundance in a meeting hall that is conceded to be one of the finest in Northern California.

Good acoustics, padded seats, air conditioning, proper lighting and staging, plus elevator service to the third floor meeting area, are some of its practical features.

Nominal priced parking may be had in lot around corner on Leavenworth Street.

Lodi in Business

Lodi Group, Lodi, Calif. has been reactivated, it was announced by Earl W., acting secretary. It meets at Victor Social Hall, Highway 12, three miles east of the city of Lodi.

Walter O'K. Speaks At Oakland Ballroom

Eastbay Intergroup of AA was forced to hire the ballroom of the Oakland Auditorium to provide sufficient seating for its guest speaker at an open public meeting set for Friday, July 26, at 8:30 p.m.

He is Walter O'K., nationally famed star of radio, stage and TV, coming up from Hollywood for this special occasion. When he last spoke in Oakland a few years ago, a capacity crowd roared its approval.

Hence, Walter's re-appearance was only a matter of finding a free date on his crowded calendar.

A veteran member of AA, he is nevertheless in great demand as a speaker and entertainer in all strata of society.

Redding Forms An Alano Club

Members of AA in Redding (Calif) area have founded its first Alano Club. Modest quarters in the heart of downtown Redding have been secured at 1551 Market Street, upstairs.

Opened for business on June 1, the club will be open as often as possible until funds and personnel make it available for all-day use. It will also be the established meeting place for Redding Groups that meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. The Friday meeting is "open"; the other two, "closed".

Officers elected were: Dorothy B., financial secretary; Charlotte M., recording secretary; Eddie D., Jack R., Avan H., and Harlan were elected trustees.

The new club extends a cordial welcome to all AA members, families and friends stopping, or passing through Redding.

Anniversary for S.F. Alano Club

San Francisco Alano Club celebrates its Sixth Anniversary in July, it was announced by Bus D., club program chairman.

The noted clubhouse at 414 Grant Avenue, located at the "gateway to San Francisco's world-famed Chinatown, has programmed several festive affairs to celebrate its founding in 1957 at this address.

Although the clubhouse will be the scene of many non-scheduled, impromptu affairs all during July, the major events are, as follows:

Saturday, July 6 — Independence Day Dance. The "Jumpin' Jacks" will play the martial and mood music for a Fourth of July fun and frolic dance. Prizes and door prizes will be awarded.

Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21— Anniversary Celebration. Open House on both days. On Saturday night the "Jumpin' Jacks" will again provide the music for dancing; door prizes and refreshments. Sunday, a buffet luncheon will be served from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The two-day birthday affair will bring AA members from all over the Bay Area and an opportunity for "old-timers" to greet other "old-timers" whom they haven't seen for years. So-called "newcomers" can have a ball at this affair.

Saturday, July 27 — AA Birthday for all members that celebrate their birthday during July. This is a real fun affair that promises plenty of wholesome enjoyment for everyone that cares to attend. All are welcome, whether or not their AA birthday is involved. Coffee and cake is served.

State Conference

Chuck C., Laguna Beach, Calif., will be the principal speaker at the 11th Annual Michigan AA Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, September 27-29, 1963.

General Service Meeting August 3

"Sharing Sessions" were first successfully tested in two areas and then endorsed by the General Service Conferenc of 1963.

When General Services is discussed in groups, it is usually in terms of money. And, when committee members or General Service representatives meet, usually it is to elect someone, or talk about money.

It is generally known that money and structure are but two out of 15 services offered by the General Service Office. The Fellowship needs to be informed about ALL these services. And, General Service Office desperately needs the help of groups, inter-groups, and GS people in making known its services and how it can make the workings of AA more productive, more serviceable.

Answer to this need for two-way communication may well be found in "Sharing Sessions." One is set for Saturday, August 3, at 1:00 p.m. at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

The gathering will be of particular interest to GS representatives, district committee members, and many AA members interestd in knowing "what makes General Services tick."

Alanon Units to Hold Committee Meeting July 13

Al-Anon Groups their representatives and committeemen of Alanon District Four have scheduled a meeting for Saturday, July 13, at 1:00 p.m., at 1755-34 Street, Sacramento.

Purpose of the session is to establish a Northern California Assembly of Al-Anon, This action follows authority received from Al-Anon in New York as the result of a decision laid down by the 1963 World Service Conference, held in April, 1963 in Now York City.

Under the New York ruling, Northern California may now establish its own Assembly, separate from Southern California. Each group is invited to send a delegate or representative to the July 13 gathering, Marge M., Committeeman, District Four, announced.

Bud C. Retires

The Hospital and Institution Committee of NCC last week announced the resignation of Bud C., Hayward, who had served with great distinction and fidelity as chairman of the important H & I Committee.

GOOD NEWS acknowledges with much respect the fine stewardship and conduct Bud demonstrated in molding H & I into a strong, useful arm of AA, during his long, faithful tenure.

It joins a legion of friends and well-wishers, in and out of AA, in laudatory praise of his work. At the same time **GOOD NEWS** salutes his successor, Walter McC., Sacramento, with a promise that this publication will offer the same warm cooperation it extended his predecessor.

Industrial Club's Annual Election

Members of the Industrial Club, Inc., are advised that an annual election of the Board of Trustees will be held Monday, July 8.

To encourage a heavy turnout of voters, the club management is serving a free roast beef dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m., highlighted by the election of the Board.

Members who are qualified to vote are urged to attend if possible, Bob K., manager, said.

The Industrial Club is located at 3198-16th Street, near Guerrero Street, San Francisco. The phone is UN 1-3676.

H & I BROAD-SIDES

(By Bud C., Chairman, NCC Hospital and Institution Committee)

DO YOU KNOW "Petie," my wife? You probably don't because I have always been the operator and have taken the bows. By the time you read this I will be out of office as General Chairman and before this happens I just think you oughta' know that Petie has been the one person most responsible for any contributions to the H & I Committee effort from this household. Petie is non-alcoholic but, she has yet to complain about the time and money contributed to the H & I effort. I will be forever grateful for the love and devotion given me, and through me, to Alcoholics everywhere.

THE MONTH OF JUNE is developing into everything that has been predicted. The Eureka Conference Set-up did an outstanding job in lining up the festivities and following through to insure that everyone had a wonderful time along with plenty of good solid "AA." Thanks to Eureka, Humboldt and Del Norte counties, i.e. Press, Radio, Television, News media, City Officials and, in fact, 'most everyone in the cities and counties.

WE, OF COURSE, strive to set up the H & I open meetings in such a manner that it will be interesting to everyone but, when we have such outstanding speakers as Bob Flippin and Moraga Joe we have no need to strive. These guys are terrific and the next time around you really should catch the meeting. Yes, we sincerley hope that it will be soon.

SOLEDAD! JUNE 9. This annual affair is something we all had looked forward to and this year the day was above par. Our thanks to the official family and the inmate members of all three facilities for a wonderful lunch, beautiful corsages for the visiting ladies, and a day of AA to be long remembered.

WALTER McC., SACRAMENTO, Chairman Elect for this committee advises that the following appointments have been made, and graciously accepted. Tommy McM. of San Jose, Co-Chairman for Institutions, Mildred (Millie) B. of San Francisco, Secretary-Treasurer. Co-Chairman for Hospitals, pending. Retained on the Service Board, Dave B. of Oakland, tapes and tape library. Leonard L. of Sacramento, Librarian for literature. Anyone desiring information please address correspondence to:

H & I Committee, P.O. Box 4032, San Francisco 1, California.

MY HEARTFELT THANKS to the many people who have contributed much to the past successes of this committee. Just a few, Chuck Y. of Alameda, Max S. of San Jose (deceased) Marc A. of San Rafael, Millie B. of San Francisco, Harriet H., of San Francisco, John N. of Alameda and so many others.

11th Birthday For Surf Group

Eddie Fitz, formerly of Boston, then a co-founder of San Francisco's Surf Group and presently a potent factor in a mighty AA movement in San Salvador, returns from Central America to take part in a gala party that celebrates the Eleventh Anniversary of the Surf Group.

The colorful affair takes place Monday, July 15, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Community Church, 34th Avenue and Noriega Street, San Francisco.

In addition to the transplanted Boston Irishman, Jack I., the Central Secretary of S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, will speak. Jack will deliver the kick-off message. Chairman of the 11th Birthday Party is Bill L., the first "baby" of the Surf Group.

Hundred of "babies" have been ushered into the world through the ministrations of the founders, co-founders, and dedicated members of the Surf Group during its 11 years of busy activity and fine works in and around San Francisco.

Bill G., program chairman of Surf, said everyone is welcome to partake of the coffee served before the meeting (at 8:30 p.m.) and the buffet following the speakers.

Rev. Sandercock In Alanon Talk

Avenue Alanon Club will have a widely known, impressive speaker for its monthly "open" meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, at 8:30 p.m.

Reverend Kenneth L. Sandercock, director, the Henry Ohloff House, 601 Steiner Street, San Francisco, will be the principal speaker at the gathering. He has chosen as his topic "Prisoners of Self," whose theme centers around the alcoholics' apparent lack of self-esteem and feeling of "not being loved."

The meeting, held in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, is open to all AA members, Alanons, relatives and friends.

There is no admission charge.

D. W. Rolofson, Modesto AA Leader, Dies

A beautiful church and funeral service, closing with the traditional AA style - everyone joining in reciting the Lords Prayer - ended the fine career of one of the most respected members of Alcoholics Anonymous in California, when on Saturday, June 8, Duane W. Rolofson, 64, of Modesto was laid to rest in the Merced Cemetery District.

One of the main organizers in 1956 of the California Alcoholism Foundation in Modesto, he served as the chairman of the foundation's executive committee and the organization's manager.

Mr. Rolofson was one of the original AA group in Modesto and started in the Alano Club in 1953 at 706 First Street. He witnessed the growth of AA in the community from one to nine groups in the area.

He held important posts in AA activities and was sent to the New York General Service Conference both in 1958 and 1959. His varied jobs and activities in AA were almost innumerable and gave of his time, energy and personal funds

wherever he saw an opportunity to help the sick alcoholic.

In 1956 and again in 1961, Mr. Rolofson attended sessions at the Utah School of Alcoholism. Concerning his founding of the California Alcoholism Foundation, Stanislaus County Sheriff Dan Kelsay, a member of the executive committee, said of him:

"He spent almost full time in the work and a lot of personal funds in helping those with drinking problems". The foundation was started by a group of Stanislaus County citizens who were closely associated with the problems of alcoholism, treatment, and recovery. It is a non-profit organization, supported solely through memberships and contributions.

Rolofson, a native of Cripple Creek, Colo., had lived in Modesto 19 years. He was a member of the Paradise Community Reformed Church and United Commercial Travelers. He is survived by his widow, Lonnie; a stepmother, three brothers and two sisters.

Redding Plans 13th Birthday

Defying the jinx usually associated with "13," Redding (Calif) Groups are making optimistic plans for its 13th Anniversary to be held on the 13th day of July.

Highlight of the gala affair will be the appearance of Chuck C., Laguna Beach, a noted AA speaker who has entered the spirit of the situation, and consented to be Guest Speaker, with the proviso that he will be permitted to carry a rabbit's foot in each pocket.

Meantime, Redding AA members cheerfully go about their daily affairs diligently avoiding walking under ladders, stepping around black cats, and generally grinning like Cheshire cats.

See you in Redding?

"Roman Holiday"

The day that internal politicians try to make a Roman Circus out of AA will be the end of one the greatest things that has ever been seen on this earth! (Anon, N.Y.)

Adela Rogers St. John Gives Counsel

Authores and lecturer Adela Rogers St. John delivered an inspired message to a packed house of AA and Alanon members at Group Three's meeting hall, 1755-34th Street, Sacramento, at an open meeting last June 11.

In Sacramento on a brief business trip, Mrs. St. John interrupted her itinerary to make the unscheduled talk. She reminded all AA and Alanon members that they have it within their power to make a tremendous impact on the world if they merely used the full potential contained within the Twelve Steps, and by just living them each 24 hours in all facets of our daily lives.

She warned her audience that they must not become apathetic about the wonderful program that has been given them but to use it in meeting all problems confronted in this troubled world.

Daughter of the late, great criminal lawyer Earl Rogers, Mrs. St. John is a non-alcoholic authority on what booze can do for the human family when abused.

1000 Attend NCC Eureka Convention

Vaughn Meisling, reporter for the Humboldt Times, Eureka, covered the June 1-2 convention sponsored by the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, jointly hosted by the Humboldt and Del Norte counties of AA, at Eureka. Reporter Meisling, a non-member of AA writes as an objective observer, a dispassionate analyst of the Eureka conference. Here are his profound views — Editor

If ever there was a cross-section of American life—representing all economic, social and intellectual strata—it is Alcoholics Anonymous.

The more than 1,000 men and women who attended the Northern California Council just concluded in Eureka over the past week-end differ from all other conventions in that they do not have a common stamp as does for instance, a gathering of doctors or lawyers or cattle ranchers.

And on the surface it is not at all obvious what binds them together—a burning and courageous desire to solve a personal problem which, left to itself, spells disaster but which can be tackled through its sufferers forming a united and realistic front against it.

Talk with them, mingle with them, go to their meetings, read their pamphlets and magazines, study their methods and your eyes will be opened to what the enemy really is and what the fight is all about.

Stealthy Disease

Alcoholism is a disease but many of its victims don't know they have it or they won't admit they have it. They can diagnose it in others while they themselves are different. "Sure, I can take a drink, I know when to stop," they'll assure you. And then proceed to prove they can't.

AA puts a spotlight on all these shams and self-deceptions. In its 28 years of operation, the organization has used the best means available to strip all the veils from the problem. It has successfully combated the foe with the weapons of science, religion, psychology, education, friendship, sacrifice. It knows that alcohol is not a stimulant but a depressant.

Alcoholism premeates American life but so does A.A. The man next door may be a member—or maybe he should be a member. Anonymity is the necessary cloak under which the group functions but within the group the fellowship is cheerful and helpful. It is fellowship based on a common experience of nightmarish proportions.

Shame Removed

"I'm an alcoholic," is the opening gambit of conversation, of speeches at meetings, of any contact between members. This cheerful avowal at once removes all shame and hypocrisy about the common problem and the necessity to fight the temptation to backslide as long as life remains.

For there are no ex-alcoholics. Perhaps there are others who can drink without starting the descent to the gutter, but if you are an AA you simple know that you cannot accept even one drink.

Take Moraga Joe, for example. He was one of the speakers at the Eureka convention and he was able to describe with complete detachment the various hells he had been through before he stopped drinking in 1950—jails, state hospitals, private institutions, three weeks with hiccups that wouldn't let up, straight jackets and the rest.

Moraga Joe

Bouts with "muscadoodle," sleep-in gutters, the life of a wino on the skid rows of California, the loss of jobs, money, self-respect, such was the life of Moraga Joe before he joined AA. And he "enjoyed" drinking, mind you, it was only what came after that was less attractive, including conversations about him between the ambulance doctor and driver that he overheard during brief lucid intervals.

If Joe was the horrible example to end all horrible examples, he was not the only speaker who had come close to losing his mind. The large pleasant woman who introduced him Harriet, was herself a product of mental hospitals, she revealed, although you'd never have guessed it.

And, glancing around at the prosperous-looking, well-dressed men and women on all sides, it was impossible to have any idea of the battles and troubles they most likely had weathered in their alcoholic past—distant or not so distant.

Common Welfare

"The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking," is one of the Twelve

Traditions of the organization. But there is recognition of the truth that help to win the fight must come from God. Recital of the Lord's Prayer is thus a part of an AA meeting.

The common welfare of the groups comes first, and it is held that personal recovery depends on AA unity. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all the tenets adhered to, and anonymity reminds the members to "place principles before personalities."

H & I Work

There are few places where the helping hand of AA is not extended to those who would grasp it. An important section works in institutions and hospitals, with the approval of the administration, of course. State prisons, county jails, prison camps, and mental institutions all have their active groups. Seafarers are reached on all oceans, and there is a special letter service to cover the 'loners'—those men and women with an alcoholic problem who serve in jobs at the ends of the earth.

An AA official said there is a clearing-house for the "loners" in New York and that, in one instance, two members of AA in the tropics were introduced to each other thru letters sent out by the New York office. It turned out that they lived in adjoining huts but didn't know of their common membership in the organization

AA Auxiliaries

Not all the delegates to the two day convention in Eureka have had bouts with alcohol. Two auxiliary groups were represented—the Alansons, who are grown members of an alcoholic's family, and the Alateens, the teenage sons and daughters of AA members. One of the important functions of AA is to contact wives, husbands, children and other close to alcoholics and instruct them in how to deal with alcoholism in the home. so as to help the victim.

Closely allied to the spiritual weapons used to combat destructive drinking, it appears from observing AA gatherings, is humor of the most candid sort. AA members when together are cheerfully commenting on their problem, jesting about alcoholic behavior (their own and that of others) and able to see the ridiculous aspects of the many alcoholic situations.

Alanons Outline Work at Eureka

By Howard B., Alanon Reporter

The program for the two-day Alanon conclave during the AA Eureka Conference, started Saturday at 10:30 a.m., immediately following registration. Two fine talks were made by Edith C., chairman, Hospitals and Institutions, and by Virginia C., secretary of NCC of Alanon.

Edith reported on work being done in the hospitals and institutions, with questions and answers from the floor. Virginia dealt with Alanon as a whole and the good that comes from working the Alanon program in our every day living.

The afternoon meeting found us listening to two fine talks from Helen M. and Jim Z. Helen's topic was the three phases of Alanon: "Before Alanon, Before A.A., and after AA," while Jim's topic was: "Life with an Alanon Member." Jim and Helen's talk were very good, and all I can say is, the people who weren't there missed out on two excellent and enlightening talks.

GOOD REPORTS

Your Reporter did not make the Sunday morning meeting, but the reports are nothing but good. Donna C., spoke on the topic: "The Necessity of Alanon Sponsorship and Why It Is Important." Donna is the daughter of an alcoholic and she learned to live with this type of situation and has a good philosophy with which to deal with the Alateens.

Charyl M. Alateen, talked on how she worked the Alateen program in her every day life. taking it with her to school, applying and comparing with different subjects regarding the alcoholic and their struggle for survival.

SERVICE MEETING

Some Groups may not know that from the April Conference in New York, (which took place the same time as the AA General Service Conference), No. Calif. Alanon may now send its own delegate to New York next year. Your Reporter is hoping that all groups in No. Calif. will elect a Committeeman, so that they may attend the meeting in Sacramento, Saturday July, at 1:00 p.m. at which time we will start the process of setting up our Northern California Assembly. Not only the GR's and the Committeeman, but all Alanons that can, please attend and mark this date on your calendar. Saturday, July 13, at 1715 34th Street, Sacramento.

"Kingfish" Dies

Harold Williams, affectionately known as "The Kingfish, died Sunday, June 16, in Modesto. Mr. Williams was 67.

One of the most noted, and beloved members of AA in Northern California, he was one of the original founders of AA in Modesto; was secretary of Group One for many years; was active in the Alano Club, and was chairman of the club, this year.

Mr. Williams was an enthusiastic supporter of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, hardly missing any of their conferences.

He was General Service Representative for Group One and was a frequent speaker at churches and service clubs. His many loyal friends and admirers said:

"The Kingfish carried his AA as a proud banner and constantly 'carrying the message' of AA, its recovery program, and its way of life. He lived it 24 hours a day."

A veteran of World War I, and member of the American Legion, his favorite poems were "It Shows In Your Face" and "The Old Violin."

A host of mourning friends attended the lovely funeral services held at the Maze Boulevard Christian Church.

He is survived by his widow, Lennis; a daughter, Bernadine, and three grandchildren.

Brisbane All-Groups

Hardy B., newly appointed secretary of Brisbane All-Groups, said the group has formed a Steering Committee whose major function is making the group's Sunday meetings even more attractive and interesting than heretofore.

Brisbane All-Groups meets every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center, Brisbane, Calif. The meetings are Open; everyone is invited—and will be welcome.

New Secretary For All Groups

Peninsula All Groups bade a fond farewell to Bernie F., who has served as assistant secretary and secretary for the past 12 months, and greeted Dove A., who has been assistant secretary, and has now accepted All Groups full secretaryship. Dave M. was elected assistant secretary.

A vote of gratitude was voted the outgoing secretary, who, before retiring, set the July speaker program, as follows:

Saturday, July 6—Rev. Joe G., Peninsula Area. The host group is Palo Alto Friday Group.

Saturday, July 13—Bus D., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship. Hosting is South San Francisco Group.

Saturday, July 20 — George O., Palo Alto Friday Group. The Palo Alto Wednesday Group will do the hosting.

Saturday, July 27—Eddie F. (Page 99 Eddie) up from San Salvador on annual visit. The host group will be San Carlos.

Peninsula All Groups meets every Saturday of the year in the auditorium of St. Mathews Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real (The Kings Highway) in San Mateo, Calif.

It is an open-discussion meeting with coffee and arms-length AA before and after, each session. Meetings start promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship Of San Pablo Meets

On Friday, July 26, San Pablo Friendly Fellowship's clubhouse will be dark. No meeting! The whole outfit voted to defer their own regular session and travel to Oakland Auditorium and hear Walter O'K.

On Friday, July 5, Charles O., Concord, will make one of his fine pitches; on Friday, July 12, Dave D. is scheduled to speak, and on Friday, July 19, the noted Jane O'T., San Francisco Inter-Fellowship, will be on the speaker's dais.

The man who goes through life looking for something soft can find it right under his hat.

Inside AA; Its Services and How The Society Functions

The Fellowship of AA has grown from two members to about 300,000 in a single generation. There are now more than 8,000 groups, and members are located in 80 countries. As AA has grown, so too have its Service needs—the need to safeguard tested AA principles; the need to handle inquiries from all over the world at one central location; the need for descriptive and interpretive literature; the need for movement-wide representation on public relations matters, and the need for qualified custodians for AA's service funds, plus other vital services.

Let's examine how AA is set up to meet those needs today:

Service Office

The General Service Office, New York City, is responsible for day-to-day service operations under the Board's guidance. It handles inquiries from groups and the general public. It also prepares literature, issues periodic Bulletins, corresponds with Loners, sea-going AA's, institutional groups, and groups overseas.

The AA Grapevine, Inc., is a corporation, responsible for production and distribution of the pocket-size monthly magazine, The AA Grapevine, that reaches ten of thousands of members throughout the world.

Service Board

The General Service Board, traditionally composed of non-alcoholics as well as AA members, was the first movement-wide service unit in AA. It is responsible for safeguarding AA Tradition and AA's Service funds. It oversees the operating service: The General Service Office, AA World Services, Inc., and The AA Grapevine, Inc.

AA World Services handles all details involved in the publication and distribution of AA's basic texts: Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and AA Comes of Age, as well as the movement's pamphlet literature.

GS Conference

The General Service Conference is the link between AA groups and the movement-wide service units. Its membership consists of approximately 84 Area Delegates from North America, and about 30 Trustees, AA Directors, and staff. Although the General Service Conference meets only once each year at

the General Service Office, Delegates are expected to be active in Conference matters in their Area throughout the year.

Participation

Individual members can participate in AA World Service in many ways:

1. When you make a Twelfth Step call, that's part of the Fellowship's World Service.
2. When you contribute to the support of the General Service Office; when you use AA literature or the AA World Directory, you are participating in World Service, too.
3. You can also participate even more directly by taking an active part in Service activities in your group and in your Area. The basic AA structure is outlined as follows:

Assemblies

Each AA Area in North America holds an Area Assembly to select a Delegate (and alternate) and Committeemen to serve for two years. Committee meets, and meetings for General Service Representatives are held monthly or quarterly to discuss Service needs, and to report to World Services.

Conference Members meet annually for four days. They report on GSO activities and service needs throughout the world. They also review significant trends and developments in AA. All are encouraged to act as representatives of AA as a whole.

Basic Unit

The local group is the basic unit in AA World Service. Group needs, group attitudes, and group support determines the type and amount of service GSO can render. To represent it within the Service structure of the Fellowship, your group selects a General Service Representative (GSR).

The Link

Delegates serve as the continuing link between the General Service

Office and the Area by (a) reporting on General Service Office activities; (b) relaying Area opinion to GSO; and (c) developing support for World Services.

The Delegates job does not begin and end with his attendance at the Annual Conference. He is expected to be active throughout the year. Much of the recent growth in understanding of AA World Service throughout the Fellowship is due to the untiring effort of loyal Delegates.

AA's Money

The Fellowship's World Service program is supported by voluntary contributions from the groups, by funds derived from publishing activities, and by individual contributions from members.

No individual contribution may exceed \$100.00 per year. Membership in AA is in no way contingent upon financial support of the movement. Groups that are able to do so, are invited to contribute on the basis of \$3.00 per year, per member.

All accounts of AA's service agencies are CPA-audited, and detailed statements covering the Society's finances are published annually.

GSO Trustees

The non-AA Trustees on the General Service Board are Leonard V. Harrison, Austin H. MacCormick, Dr. John L. Norris, Archibald B. Roosevelt, Bernard B. Smtih, Dr. Harry M. Thiebout, Professor Harrison M. Trice, and L. Ivan Underwood.

The AA Trustees are Al B., David B., Pat C., Sumner C., Alfred S., and Thomas S.

"Hey, Chick, like I mean, do you, ah smoke?"

"No man, but I fry, boil and bake!"





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Order Your Picnic Tickets Via Mail

AA members, their families and friends may order tickets by mail to attend the All-Northern California AA Picnic at Blackberry Farm, Cupertino, Calif., Sunday, August 11.

Elsewhere in GOOD NEWS is a Ticket Order blank by which picnickers may obtain Mail Order admission to the picnic grounds at \$1.50 per adult, and 75 cents each for children's tickets.

The 1963 picnic Committee said the idea of Mail Order tickets came about as the result of demand of many people located throughout the Bay Region.

Alanon Office Is One Year Old

This month, the Alanon Family Group Office celebrates its first year of continuous operation.

"Our first year of doing business has been rough . . . and the measure of what can be accomplished in the way of helping Alanon Groups in the Bay Region depends directly upon how much support and participation we receive," Virginia W., chairman of the board said.

She added, "It is our purpose to assist groups with literature, furnishing speakers, and any other services we are able to provide."

Mary Ryan Passes

A legion of AA members, relatives, and friends mourned the recent death of Mary Ryan, long-time member of the San Francisco Alano Club. She was a hard-working woman with an ardent sense of duty, who gave much to aid, advise and comfort newcomers who sought help at the AA clubhouse. She failed no one.

New Peninsula Group Opens for Business

A brand new unit, the San Bruno Monday Night Speaker-Discussion Group, has been founded in San Bruno, Calif., meeting every Monday, at 8:30 p.m., in the Volunteer Fire Hall, 618 San Mateo Avenue.

Seating 125, with plenty of free parking, the new group has already attracted many stellar AA speakers. And during July it lists the following:

- Monday, July 1—John F.
- Monday, July 8—Eve T.
- Monday, July 15—Chuck C.

- Monday, July 22—Gene G.
- Monday, July 29—Dove A.

At the latter meeting, 12 persons will give their versions of Step One, with Dove A., serving as moderator. Ed S., chairman of the new group, said. Ed also said monthly lists of speakers would be circularized to all groups within S.F. Inter-County Fellowship. If anyone is missed write the Central Office, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco 8, or phone ENterprise 1-2421.

S.F. Alano Club Plans Anniversary

Saturday and Sunday, July 20, 21, the S.F. Alano Club holds its annual Open House Anniversary.

Highlight of the affair will be the formation of the "Anniversary Club" which conducts a unique fund-raising campaign for the Alano Club, to wit:

Donation tickets of \$1.00 each are circulated by members and each ticket entitles its holder to the right to be elected to office at an annual election to be held 9:00 p.m., Saturday, July 20, at 414 Grant Avenue, San Francisco.

Funds so raised will be deposited in the Anniversary Party Fund. Four officers will be chosen: a president and \$500; a vice president, and \$100; a treasurer, and \$25; and a secretary, and \$25.

To be chosen for office, it is not necessary for a qualified person to be present.

Alanon Group Sets Up Free Nursery Service

Civic Center Alanon Group which meets Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Church of the Advent Hall, 261 Fell Street, San Francisco, provides a needed, extracurricular service. It has set up a free nursery service for young mothers with small kiddies.

A luncheon group, members bring their own sandwiches and the group serves coffee and tea. Meeting begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. Originally intended for business women, the added service and thoughtful conveniences may account for its growth, the Alanon Family Group Office, said.

Surfside Moves

The Surfside Group of Santa Cruz now meets in the old Salvation Army Hall, Lincoln and Chestnut Streets, Santa Cruz alif. I discussion group Surfside meets every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. The welcome mat is always out .

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