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G.S. PANELS BOTH SCHEDULE NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Council Schedules Meetings to Discuss Future Aims of NCC

Meetings are scheduled in Sacramento and Oakland during November to discuss the future and aims of the Northern California Council according to Stan W., Council Secretary.

The first meeting will be held at 10 A.M. on November 14th at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento. This is the same day that General Service Committee, Panel 2, is holding their Assembly meeting. That will enable you to attend the NCC Fact-Finding meeting in the morning and the program planned by Panel 2 the balance of the day.

The second meeting will be held at 10 A.M. on November 28th at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Grand Avenue and Harrison Street, Oakland. This is the same day that the General Service Committee, Panel 1, is to hold their Assembly Meeting and Election. This NCC meeting will be completed by noon and it will leave you the balance of the day to enjoy the program arranged by Panel 1.

Attendance at the Conferences appears to be falling off, and these meetings are to discuss ways and means of increasing Conference attendance and to stimulate increased activity in the affairs of the Council.

All members of AA in Northern California will be welcome and are urged to attend. These meetings will be purely discussion meetings and constructive criticism will be welcomed. It may be that the format of the Conference should be changed. These meetings are scheduled so that

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PANEL 2 AT SACRAMENTO NOV. 14th

**PANEL 1 OAKLAND NOV. 28
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
"CHUCK" GUEST SPEAKER**

Coastal Panel 1, General Service, will hold their Assembly on Saturday, November 28th, in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Lake Merritt, Grand Avenue & Harrison St., Oakland. The schedule is 11:00 a.m. registration; Buffet at noon, and Business Session at 1:00 p.m.

The principle order of business will be the election of a Chairman-Delegate, a Secretary and a Treasurer for the years 1965-66.

Chuck C. of Beverly Hills will be the speaker at an open meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the evening to be followed by a dance to the music of "Howar's Rythm Five."

Azure Acres Continues Operation & AA Meetings

With the passing of Joe B. of Azure Acres recently, many of his friends, both in and out of AA, have wondered if that fine rehabilitation facility would continue to function without him, according to Jo Anne M., Secretary.

Word has come to GOOD NEWS that Mrs. Joe (Gladys B.) will continue the operation. Azure Acres is open for guests, just as before.

Two AA meetings are held each week, closed on Tuesday Night and an Open Meeting on Sunday. There is also an Alanon meeting Tuesday night. Gladys is trying to do the same for alcoholics that her Joe did.

"Good Luck, Gladys!"

**GUEST FATHER BARNEY N.
AA SPEAKER 'TERRIFIC'**

Interior Panel 2, General Service, is holding an AA Assembly in the Labor Temple, 2525 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, on Saturday, November 14th, to which the public is cordially invited.

The afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. will be a business meeting and panel discussion. Reports will be heard from Trustee Jim M. and Chairman-Delegate Ricky S.

In the evening at eight o'clock Father Barney N. of Portland, Ore., will address a public meeting. Father Barney is said to be the first Priest in AA West of the Rockies. He is a terrific AA Speaker. All are invited.

This is also the meeting at which the Groups will have the opportunity of making their ANNUAL GROUP CONTRIBUTION to Panel 2 for expenses. The amount suggested, and voted upon at the Assembly meeting on November 10, 1962, is \$10.00 to \$20.00 per group. Please bring this to the attention of the Groups. The Committee Officers would like to sincerely thank the Groups who have contributed to the Panel during the past year.

Mark the calendar for this important date—NOVEMBER 14, 1964. The Committee needs, and will appreciate, your cooperation and support.

TRY NOT TO MISS THESE MEETINGS! We urge all Committee Members and GSR's to register and bring as many members of your Group as possible . . . **ALL AA members**

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Dateline Fresno Oct. 4

This conference is coming to a close, and as always, we regret that there isn't more time to enjoy the hospitality of the groups in Fresno and the surrounding area. They have done a wonderful job in putting this affair together. Too, they have the gift that makes all visitors feel that they are right at home. Thank you, so much, for a very pleasant and informative visit with you.

Right from the kick-off on Friday evening and continuing to this very moment, there have been things to do and things to learn. Walter K., Hollywood, Roy Y. of Los Angeles and Leonard L. of Sacramento, Walter Stone of Susanville, Dr. Lee C. of Susanville, and Grace S. of Santa Maria. We owe them all a great deal for the messages they so graciously brought us. Better program arrangement than this ain't easy to come by.

We are all disappointed that the attendance was not all that could be hoped for, but we try to accept the things that we can not change, and this occasion gave us cause to test our ability in the "acceptance" department. Let's don't over-do it when the first weekend in March rolls around.

By Bud C. Hayward

Concord Group Schedules Turnovers Did It!

The monthly dinner of Russian Turnovers served by the Concord Group on October 10th proved very popular, in fact it was the biggest so far.

The November dinner will be held on Saturday the 7th at seven (o'clock). This one will be a spaghetti feed, and everyone is invited.

Concord Fellowship meets at 2841 Willow Pass Road. Speakers for the month of November will be:

Friday, Nov. 6—Leon R., S. F. Inter-County Fellowship

Friday, Nov. 13—Eve S., Alameda

Friday, Nov. 20—Clar C., Alameda

Friday, Nov. 27—Ed J., Oakland

1,000 ATTEND BANQUET AT SHERATON PALACE

About 1,000 persons, AA members, their wives and sweethearts gathered in the Garden Court of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco Saturday night, October 24, for a dinner and dance, to celebrate the 29th Anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the 26th year of AA in San Francisco.

The diners received a Welcome from the city of San Francisco via its Chief Administrative Officer Thomas J. Mellon, who spoke in place of Mayor Thomas F. Shelley, confined to his home with a virus cold.

Mellon said, "Before I was in government I was in private industry and I know the cost of the ravages of alcoholism in industry. Mayor Shelley told me not only to welcome you but congratulate you for your excellent work. He is very impressed with your record—and so am I. I know what AA has done for the Police Department".

Eneas K., Master of Ceremonies, pointed out that guests appeared from as far as La Jolla, Calif. and Medford, Ore. After introductory remarks by the chairman and Mellon, actor John A. spoke in substitute for actor Ed B., who wrote that he had been restricted to a regimen of diet and rest by his doctor.

The featured speaker, a member of the Beverly Hills group told a story of repeated arrests for drunken driving and other escapades which he termed "a life of insanity".

"I believe I was born an alcoholic", said the speaker, tracing the story of his life of drinking that began when he was a student.

In one instance, he related, he had not had time to undergo trial for one drunken driving charge when he again was arrested for the same offense.

After a number of tries at getting sober he had a letter from a friend, a member of AA, "at a time when I couldn't get drunk and I couldn't get sober".

The friend asked whether the actor had "had enough". He had. Since then he has been attending AA

meetings nearly every night of the week. "And I now have been sober for 15 months, a relatively short time compared to my life of insanity in drinking—but a long time sober for me".

Following the dinner and the featured talk, which constituted a "big meeting" of AA, the floor of the famed Garden Court was cleared and the guests danced until 1 a.m. to "Anson Weeks style music", played by the orchestra under the direction of Carlton Ackley.

Besides Chief Administrative Officer Mellon, there were these honored guests at the speakers' table:

Municipal Judge Fitzgerald Ames; Sheriff Matthew Carberry; Martin Covitz, executive-director, San Francisco Council on Alcoholism; Municipal Judge Emmet Daly; Clinton Duffy, former warden of San Quentin Prison; Cliff Engle, chief of the KFRC news department and producer of "The Problem Drinker" radio program; and Dr. Arthur C. Hollister, chief of the Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, State Department of Health.

Invocation was by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vincent F. McCarthy, representing His Excellency, Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of the Catholic archdiocese of San Francisco.

Benediction was by the Rev. Canon Robert E. Hoggard, representing Bishop James A. Pike of the Episcopal Diocese of California.

Among messages receiving prolonged applause was a letter from Bill W., the surviving co-founder, who said he and his wife still cherished the time they had visited San Francisco during the early years of AA.

Father-Son Combo & Pac. Tel. Med. Div. To Spark Big Meets

The November "Big Meetings" program of the weekly meetings sponsored by the San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship on Friday Nights at 240 Golden Gate Avenue will have not only one but TWO very interesting features.

On November 20th, Dr. Robert Hockwold, Medical Director for the Pacific Telephone Company, will be featured. Along with his talk Dr. Hockwold will show a short film. Pacific his their own company alcoholic rehabilitation program. The AA speaker on the same program is Winnie B. of Marin Newcomers.

Scheduled for the following week, Friday, April 27th, are two AA speakers, Father and Son. Father James T. G. is a member of the S.F. Fellowship and Son James G. a member of St. Martin's Westlake Group.

Two Sacramento members will make the program of Friday, November 6th; Myrtle V., of Group 3, and Johnny H., Secretary of Central California Fellowship. This should be a fine meeting.

Friday, November 13th will see Vera M., S.F. Tuesday Downtown Group, and Richard K., Island Fellowship of Alameda sharing the podium. They complete what should be a fine series of meetings in Tradition Month.

Heart Attack Takes Herman F., S.F. Alanon

Herman F., member of San Francisco Alanon, suffered a heart attack and passed away on Saturday, October 24th. He was quite active in Alanon, sponsoring a Sunday Night Alanon meeting at the Press Union League Club twice monthly. The funeral was held on Wednesday, the 28th, at Sinai Memorial Chapel.

Herman was a General Contractor. It was his license under which the work of constructing the S.F. Alano Club was performed.

At Fresno Conference Alanons & Alateens

Alanon and Alateen groups joined AA at the October 3-4, Fall Conference at Fresno.

An Alanon Workshop was held Saturday morning discussing the "Traditions."

At a World Service Committee-men's meeting the Alanons heard the reports of Committeemen from seven districts regarding the different activities going on in the areas.

World Service has established a Newsletter to further communication between Assembly Officers and District Committeemen. Emylee May, Santa Clara, will edit the letter which, it is felt, will greatly reduce the existing communications block.

The November issue of the Newsletter will carry the committeemen's reports given at Fresno.

Virginia W. of the Alanon Family Group Office has been appointed temporary Committee-woman for District 6.

The Male Alanons provided the Conference with their program. We were privileged to hear Bob I., Fresno, Saturday afternoon; and Ray C., San Jose, Sunday morning.

Alateens had their meeting Saturday afternoon.

Election of Officers for N.C.C. of Alanon will be held in March 1965, at the San Jose Conference.

COUNCIL SCHEDULES

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AA members from throughout Northern California may attend one or both of them. It may be that it will be possible to get at the root of the reason why the attendance has fallen off as far as the Conferences are concerned. Has NCC outlived its usefulness? "No" says the secretary. NCC should be stronger than ever now, with the increase in the number of members in AA. The number of groups has also increased many times over in the past ten years.

REMEMBER—These meetings are open to all AA members and it is hoped that you will attend. Your thoughts and suggests for the good

Sebastopol Sunday Group

The Sebastopol Sunday Nighters will celebrate their second anniversary with an open meeting on Nov. 15th, 8:00 p.m., according to Blanche S., Secretary.

Guest Speaker for the occasion will be one of AA's "First Hundred Men", Dewey S. of San Mateo. The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Hall, in Sebastopol. Everyone is invited!

Hayward Alano Tape Meetings

The Hayward Alano Club, 19652 Mission Boulevard, announces a program of tape meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month. The program of October 25th was a tape of the talk by Roy Y. of Los Angeles, given at the Fresno Conference on Oct. 3rd.

The program scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd will be the tape of the talk by Grace S. of Santa Maria, made on Sunday Afternoon, October 4th, also at the Fresno Conference.

The Club invites everyone to come on in, get acquainted with the club and enjoy a fine meeting on Sunday, November 22nd, 8:00 p.m.

of AA and NCC are needed. Let us attempt to look into the future, even though we do say that this is a 24 hour program, we have to plan ahead for certain things. Everyone will have an opportunity to present suggestions and ideas that can be discussed pro and con.

The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL has been in existence for over eighteen years. It was the first such Council in AA. From it has stemmed the H & I Committee, General Service Outline, Ala-Non and Ala-Teen.

The COUNCIL is the most valuable function that we have in Northern California. Plan now to attend one, or both, of these meetings and participate in again making NCC what it has been and MUST be to AA in all of Northern California.

Oakland's Merit Group To Honor Dr. Reidenbach At Bi-Annual Open Meet

The Merit Group of Oakland will hold its traditional Thanksgiving Open Meeting on Tuesday, November 24th, 8:30 p.m., at First Congregational Church, 26th and Harrison, in Reidenbach Hall, entrance from the parking lot.

The meeting will honor Dr. Clarence Reidenbach on his 19th birthday as an Honorary Member of AA, and he will address the group.

The principal speaker will be Eneas "Red" K., San Francisco Fellowship. Rev. Seide, Pastor of First Congregational Church, will give the invocation. Chairman of the meeting will be Claude S., Merit Group.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Island Fellowship Saturday Nights Outstanding Speakers

The Island Fellowship of Alameda is looking forward to many outstanding AA speakers, on Saturday night during the winter months.

Scheduled during November are:

Nov. 7—John K.—San Carlos Beginners Group

Nov., 14—Ole O.—San Jose

Nov. 21—Floyd B.—Attorney from Roseville

Nov. 28—The exception—No speaker, as Chuck C. from So. Calif. will be speaking in Oakland. Family discussion meeting will be held.

These Saturday evenings at the Center, 1828 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda, have been a weekly highlight for the past six years, and we cordially extend an invitation to all AA'ers, friends, and interested parties to join us, sharing after-meeting birthday cakes, and coffee bar AA until?? o'clock.

The Center is open daily from 11:00 A.M., and meetings are held every night except Friday.

H&I BROAD-SIDES

By Walter Mc C., chairman, Hospital and Institution Committee, NCC

Gratitude Month! November, lest we forget. Thinking over the past year, the many things that I remember with a good feeling, especially my sobriety—learning to do all things in moderation and how far I have failed in attaining complete sobriety. The many people on the program who were interested and dedicated to H & I work; who, becoming frustrated for many reasons, returned to their old ways of thinking. These are the people I am concerned about as I write this column and I ask myself "Why?". Then I think of the booklet "Why We Were Chosen" and of the many members of the H. & I. Committee who have over the years found a better way of living and are willing to "carry the message."

For instance "The Four Horsemen" who, over the years, have faithfully attended the regular AA meeting at San Quentin. For years I had heard of the "Four Horsemen" but I never knew who they were or how they came to be known as "Four Horsemen." Then I found out that this group of AA members conducted such a fine AA meeting over the years, they were given the nickname "The Four Horsemen" by the inmate members of the San Quentin Group.

There is rather fine story background to the members of this group. In the past I have asked some of the original members such as Jack I. and Stan W. to write an article about the "Four Horsemen," but neither one has got around to it yet, so perhaps this little reminder might shake one of them up. I think all of us would enjoy reading the history of how to 'carry the message' as practiced by "The Four Horsemen." so successfully. Of course there are many other examples of people who have made the N.C.C. H&I Committee what it is today.

I am reminded of that very fine and devoted servant Rex N., who went to the big meeting in 1957, and his right hand Bill G. who replaced Rex as General Chairman at the N.C.C. Conference at Watsonville in 1957, if I remember correctly. Max S. of San Jose and Roy K. of Sacramento also were forces in "carry the message" who are now with Rex N. at the big meeting.

All of which reminds me to remember that I am a servant of the H. & I. committee, not the leader. I think sometimes I forget until someone shakes me up; my feelings become hurt and I feel like sulking; then I remember I have a thinking problem and say the "Serenity Prayer", and this passes and I remember to be grateful

The H. & I. Steering Committee recently appointed two librarians to compile the history of the group from its inception. Thanks to Bill G. who kept a complete record of all correspondence that Rex N. turned over to him when he first became ill. Bill turned these files over to me when I was elected General Chairman of the H. & I. Committee and they are now in the hands of the librarians. This is a very important story, the growth of AA work in hospitals and institutions in Northern California.

Husband & Wife Team For Ave. Alanon Open

Chris & Randy P., she of the Monday Westlake Alanon, and he a member of AA Westlake Group, meeting at St. Martin's Church, will be the Guest Speakers for the November

Open Alanon meeting of the Avenue Alanon Group on Wednesday, the 18th, 8:30 p.m., according to Murrel S., program chairman.

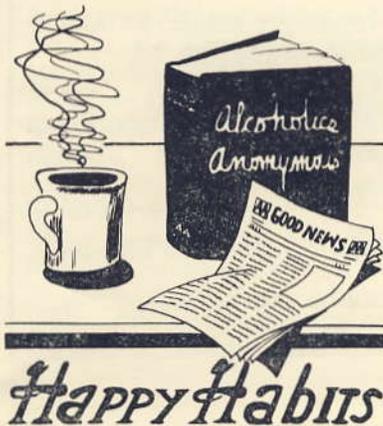
Both Chris and Randy are active in their home groups and, as a team, should provide a most interesting program. This is an OPEN meeting.

Fine Speakers—H&I Fresno Conference

The Northern California Council committee serving the hospitals and institutions was indeed fortunate in having Walter T. Stone, Deputy Superintendent, California Conservation Center at Susanville as guest speaker at the Fresno conference. Mr. Stone did not talk too long, but he gave us a message that we will long remember, and if we can live up to just a part of his philosophy we'll be better people for having heard him.

Let us not sell Leonard L. of Sacramento short either. Good solid "AA" with just enough of the Will Rogers type humor to make for good listening. If you failed to hear this guy, and if you would like to have a guest speaker that will reach 'most everyone, write to P.O. Box #4032, San Francisco 1, California. Yes, he has pitch, will travel.

Dr. Leslie C., Chief Medical Officer at the Conservation Center, Susanville, and formerly in private practice at Vallejo, gave us a short message, but a good one. We had not scheduled Dr. Les but we are grateful that time permitted him to be at the mike. Anyone wishing to visit the Susanville operation may do so by contacting either Dr. Les or Walter Stone at P.O. Box 709, Susanville, California. It is well worth the trip to attend one of their clam-bakes.



Peninsula All-Groups Sat. Night Speakers

The Saturday Night Peninsula All-Groups meetings held in the beautiful Auditorium of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Balwin and El Camino in San Mateo, will present a fine list of speakers in November, according to our man John F. Following are the Host Groups and their Guests:

Sat. Nov. 7—Speaker Jac. J., San Mateo—Host Group, South S. F.

Sat. Nov. 14—Speaker Clarence M., Emerald Lake—Host Group, Palo Alto Tuesday

Sat. Nov. 21—Speaker Bob G., San Francisco—Host Group, Seaside

Many new people attend these meetings and are put in contact with someone from their area. The list of speakers is carried in GOOD NEWS each month and a copy mailed through the S. F. Central Office to all groups in the area.

Coffee is served both before and after the meetings, and John K., Group Secretary, maintains that there is no coffee brewed west of the Rockies to equal that which he serves along with the Arms Length AA.

Long Time Capitola AA Member Dies

Charles Robinson, long time member of AA in Capitola, passed away suddenly of a heart attack at Lake Tahoe on September 12th. He was well known in AA circles, and will be missed by his many friends throughout Northern California. He is attending the Big Meeting!

**Every AA Group
Should have GOOD
NEWS on their FREE
literature table.**

**Has YOUR group?
WHY NOT?**

Letter From Zella DeM.

Dear Rollin:

I think you know Jules has been retired for 8 years, and now we are retiring to The Casa Del Rey Retirees Hotel in Santa Cruz, so I will need a change of address, also am enclosing check for a year's fee for GOOD NEWS. I feel I would never care to miss even one issue, for I have subscribed to it from the beginning.

(Signed) Zella K. DeM.

To the Editor GOOD NEWS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for \$1.20 for one year subscription to GOOD NEWS. Keep up the good work in spreading AA news;

I am member of AA East Oakland Group and past Secretary of that group. My present job is at night, so am not able to get to many meetings. Best Wishes!

Bill R.

Concord Man, Ken B. Confined by Operation

Ken B. of the Concord Fellowship Group underwent brain surgery on October 20th at Herbert Moffitt Hospital, San Francisco, and was on the critical list for many days afterward. He suffered a paralyzed condition and is unable to speak, but would appreciate cards from friends.

Ken has spoken often in the Bay Area as well as the Los Angeles Area. Address him at the hospital, room 1002, Parnassis and 3rd Ave., San Francisco.

Panel 2—Nov. 14th

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are invited to both meetings and, as stated above, THE EVENING MEETING WILL BE AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING!

RICK SCHREIBER,

Chairman-Delegate

Interior Panel 2

COMMENTS ABOUT AA CRITICS

By Dewey S., Peninsula All Groups

In view of the fact that the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous has helped more very sick alcoholics to achieve, and maintain, continuous sobriety than all other alcoholic recovery agencies, combined, it is difficult to understand what the critics of AA hope to gain from their efforts to depreciate our fellowship in the eyes of the public image.

Never the less, the articles criticising AA, which appear in nationally known publications are increasing in number and this is a state of affairs which we must learn to face with serenity for it is one of the things we cannot change.

One of AA's critics charges that the "top councils of Alcoholics Anonymous" have lost touch with the rank and file members of AA's 10,000 local groups. To the uninformed public, this may indicate a serious flaw in AA's structure. But to AA's who are familiar with the provisions of our Third Legacy this statement borders on the ridiculous. He also insists that our current AA literature sounds archaic to the young men of today.

NEVER ARCHAIC

Since I am no longer a young man, I am not in a very strong position to contest this statement. However, it is my belief that literature, which is inspired by that which is right and good, will never sound archaic to those who are dedicated to the right and good. The Torah, the Koran and the New Testament were written centuries ago but they will never sound archaic to the Jew, The Mohammedan, or the Christian. By the same token, the approved literature of AA, regardless of its age, will never sound archaic to those who realise our literature is akin to a jewel case for it contains the golden key to sobriety.

NOT CULTISTS

Another avowed critic of AA expresses his belief that AA is becoming a religious cult and he makes the amazing statement that the members of AA, utter the word 'SOBRIETY' in 'HUSHED AWE', and I humbly ask the reader's indulgence for injecting a statement, based on my personal experience, to serve as a rebuttal.

Since coming into the fellowship, more than twenty years ago, I have

attended more than 3000 AA meetings, and I have yet to hear one of my fellow members utter the word 'SOBRIETY' or ANY OTHER WORD in 'HUSHED AWE'

The same critic also chides AA for enslaving its members to self-righteous sobriety and I am certain that I am speaking for the overwhelming majority of AA's in saying that the person who can visualise an alcoholic enslaving another alcoholic or forcing that alcoholic to do anything or say anything he does not want to do or say, is merely confessing his crass ignorance of the characteristics of the alcoholic.

FRUSTRATED MAN

A number of fellow members have expressed their deep concern regarding these articles, but as a matter of fact there is no cause to be alarmed. The above comments of AA's critics result from the deep frustration men experience when they try in vain to produce a comparable substitute for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous..

Stockton Midtown Group

The Stockton Midtown Group will hold an Anniversary Dinner on Saturday Night, November 7th; roast beef with all the trimmings for \$2.50. There will be no collection taken at the meeting which follows the dinner.

Dr. Hal S. of Los Angeles will be guest speaker at the meeting.

Both dinner and meeting will be held at Fremont Labor Temple, 1531 East Fremont Street. To get there turn west from Highway 99 onto Fremont.

All members are invited to participate in a fine dinner and meeting.

Hungtington Park Group Announces Meetings

The Huntington Park Group announces a series of meetings "right on the Top of Nob Hill," in San Francisco.

This is a new group, which meets in the Guild Room of Grace Episcopal Cathedral, California & Taylor Streets, Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

This is a closed discussion group, focusing its attention on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, The Big Book and AA's Principles.

For any further information contact Jack S., Secretary, through the San Francisco Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue. All AA members welcome!

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Northern California Intergroup Meets in Redding November 21st

The Northern California Intergroup which is composed of the groups in Mount Shasta, Dunsmuir, Redding, Chico, Oroville, Paradise, Gridley, Marysville and Yuba City, will hold their next meeting in Redding on Saturday November 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church, East and South Streets. The guest speaker will be "Red" K. of San Francisco.

Combined with this event will be a dinner served at the Church at 6:00 p.m. in celebration and observance of the 14th Anniversary of the Redding Group, according to Jim C., Nor. Cal. Inter-group Secretary.

Everyone is invited to attend!

New Group Meets On Russian River

"The River Group" has been started in The Russian River Area. It meets on Thursday Nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Church, Monte Rio, on Highway 116, an open discussion group. Thirty-one members attended the first meeting, chaired by Sandy M., Santa Rosa, who with Patty Y. was instrumental in starting the group.

The support received from Santa Rosa and Sebastopol has been very gratifying. Central Office has been receiving many calls for help from the Russian River Area which needed a group such as this. Attendance is invited.

AN EVENING OF AA LISTENING PLEASURE

"An Evening of AA Listening Pleasure" has become the password in the Central California Fellowship. This is the motto of the Third Saturday Public Speakers Group of Alcoholics Anonymous which presents a monthly speakers meeting open to the general public, in Sacramento California.

Continuing with the November meeting to be held Saturday, Nov. 21, Gene B., long-time AA member, TV personality and one of AA's most gifted speakers from Hollywood, will join Father Thomas Moore, of Christ the King Retreat House in Citrus Heights, Sacramento County, California in "delivering the message" to alcoholics, and non-alcoholics.

Father Moore is a staunch advocate of Alcoholics Anonymous and has spent many active years in giving assistance to the still-practicing alcoholic. Of particular note, Father Tom has held many clinics aimed toward the recovery of alcoholism of the clergy of all faiths; further indication that this dread disease knows no religious bounds. More recently this good Catholic Priest has been giving spiritual comfort to alcoholics in semi-annual retreats for AA members at the Christ the King Retreat House.

Each month a group of the Central California Fellowship is invited to participate as Host Group, provide the Chairman and other participants. Host Group for November will be the Cordove Group which meets each

Sunday and Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Church, 10515 Colma Rd., Rancho Cordove.

As another touch of unity, various Alanon Groups are invited to participate as refreshment hosts. The November meeting will be "catered" by the North Sacramento Alanon Group", which meets each Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in the Woodlake School Gym, 700 Southgate Road, North Sacramento.

The Third Saturday Public Speakers Group is firmly established at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, in downtown Sacramento, where there is plenty of free parking. The meeting starts promptly at 8:00 P.M.; is usually over by 10 P.M. although there is lots of good arm-length AA with donuts and coffee after the meeting.

During its first twelve months, the Speakers Group estimate a total 3650 persons attended the meetings, and the refreshment chairman, Bob D., from the Creekside Group in Sacramento, conservatively guesses that over 10,000 cups of coffee and 5,000 donuts have been dispensed.

Costume Dance — Big Schedule of Events At S.F. Alano Club

Two outstanding events are scheduled for the S.F. Alano Club during the month of November, according to Bus D., Program Chairman.

A Thanksgiving Costume Dance will be held on Saturday, the 21st, Bus says, "Everyone has a favorite costume — so wear YOUR favorite and win a prize." Door Prizes, Costume Prizes, and of course the Jumpin' Jacks.

It will be Open House all day on

Thanksgiving, with the traditional buffet luncheon of turkey, ham and all the trimmings served from 2-5 p.m.

There will be other events as well during the month. The complete schedule follows:

Saturday, Nov. 7—Dancing with the Jumpin' Jacks; door prizes, etc.

Saturday, Nov. 21 — Thanksgiving Costume Dance with door prizes for best Costume.

Thursday, Nov. 26—Open House all day — Thanksgiving buffet luncheon.

Saturday, Nov. 28—AA monthly birthday party, dance, coffee & Cake.

NOTICE!

GENERAL SERVICE PANELS MEETINGS SCHEDULED PANEL NO. 2-SACRAMENTO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

8:00 P.M. FATHER BARNEY N., PORTLAND ORE.

OPEN MEETING

Place: Labor Temple—2525 Stockton Boulevard

PANEL NO. 1-OAKLAND BUSINESS MEETING — ELECTION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:00 Noon Buffet — 1:00 Election

8:00 PM. "Chuck" C., Beverly Hills

OPEN MEETING

PLACE: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Grand Avenue and Harrison Street

On Beautiful Lake Merritt