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13,000 JAM-PACK TORONTO CONVENTION AA CHALLENGED ON BASIC TENET

The 30th Anniversary International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous came to a highly successful conclusion in Toronto on Sunday, July 4, after three days of exciting fun, entertainment, and a great deal of hard-headed business. The global get-together, held every five years, commemorated the founding in 1935, of the Fellowship known as AA by Bill W., and the late Bob S., Akron, Ohio surgeon. It was the first held outside the continental limits of the U.S.

The outstanding success of the three day world-wide convention, left the 13,000 old delegates, members and visitors highly elated, some who flew the Atlantic to attend. Others came from South and Central America, and across the continent from California plus a delegation from Hawaii and Alaska.

General Service Office in New York was reportedly, highly pleased with the tremendous turnout, and it is now carefully evaluating and sifting some of the reports that ensued.

CHALLENGE

One of the reports that came from two separate sources had to do with a subject that may cause vexation among serious-minded AA members everywhere, since it is a topic that many groups have debated at discussion-type meetings.

Two speakers challenged the idea that a problem drinker should be left alone until he asked for help.

EDUCATION URGED

Dr. Marvin A. Block of Buffalo, former chairman of the American Medical Association's committee on alcoholism, said in a talk made Saturday, July 3, that an alcoholic must be induced to accept treatment long before he is ready to ask for it.

"Since the psychologic effects pre-

cede the physiological effects in most cases, it is these former signs that must be readily recognized," he added.

Earlier, J. P. Miller, the author of "Days of Wine and Roses" a TV play and movie about an alcoholic couple, told the delegates he understood their pride in their tradition of not forcing literature, advice, or help on a problem drinker.

HOW MUCH LUCK?

But he went on: "I know you must remain nonaggressive, but do you have to be so aggressively non-aggressive? How long are big drinkers going to have to depend on luck to learn about alcoholism?"

He suggested that AA might distribute its material more widely through churches, businesses, and news media.

AA reported to members that there were 11,725 groups throughout the world in the spring of 1965, compared to 10,956 in the spring of 1964.

STATISTICS IGNORED

About 80 percent of the members live in the United States and Canada. Canada alone has 1146 groups with a membership of 15,928. There are some groups in 90 other countries including England, France, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Finland, Columbia, Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica.

The New York Times said in a special story from Toronto, "AA has traditionally paid little attention to bare statistics about individual members, but it estimated that 280,000 men and 70,000 women were members.

Elsewhere in this edition of GOOD NEWS are other stories and reports pertaining to the Toronto convention.)

S.F. Central All Groups Is Set For August

Seven AA members and a lady who is a judge of the Justice Court of Manteca, will be featured speakers at the Central All-Groups Meetings, held under the auspices of the S.F. Inter-County Fellowship at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Scheduled speakers are:

FRIDAY, AUG. 6—Clarence M., Peninsula All-Groups; and Len R., The Ambassador Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

FRIDAY, AUG. 13—Alice S., First Step Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; and Rollin W., business manager, GOOD NEWS, who also is a member of the First Step Group, S.F.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20—Jim M., Marin Stag Group; and Judge Priscilla Haynes, Judge of the Justice Court, Manteca Judicial District.

FRIDAY, AUG. 27—Leon R., Chairman, Thursday Beginners' Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; and Dr. A. E. "Ed" P., Veterans Home, Calif.

Meetings start at 8:30 p.m. but the doors of the meeting hall open at 7:00 p.m. and Coffee Bar service starts at 7:30 p.m.

Considered a "very modern comfortable meeting hall," the auditorium at 240 Golden Gate Avenue has padded seats, good acoustics, a fine P.A. system, air conditioning, and elevator service to the meeting floor.

Parking, at nominal rates, are available around corner on Leavenworth Street.

Summit Meeting

You cannot help a new member uphill without getting closer to the top yourself. (The Grapevine)

CAPITOL GROUP WILL HEAR SACRAMENTO BUSINESSMAN TALK AUGUST 21st

The chairman of the board of directors of the Sacramento Recovery House will be principal speaker at next leader, describe the achieving held under the auspices of the Capitol Group, Sacramento.

Scheduled for August 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento Capitol Group members and friends will hear Jess Wilson, Sacramento civic and business leader, describe the achievements of Sacramento Recovery House—its hopes and plans for the future.

Drive Leader

The Sacramento Recovery House is Sacramento's first community-supported center for the rehabilitation of the sick alcoholic and Jess Wilson spearheaded the community's campaign to bring it to fruition.

When Jess Wilson mounts the podium to relate the struggle to get Recovery House launched. Living proof of its need—and its success—will be attested by the tenants of Recovery House seated in the audience who have been sober since its founding, Don L., chairman of the

speaker's committee for Capitol Group, said.

Community Need

A young, dynamic business leader, Jess Wilson is noted for giving strong support to the welfare of the alcoholic and particularly Alcoholics Anonymous, the Program Chairman said.

Wilson has stated, "I am interested in the recovery of the sick alcoholic. While I am aware of the excellent work being done by AA, community endeavor—any activity under community sponsorship for the recovery from alcoholism—is worthy of support and cooperation from everyone."

Hollywood Speaker

Sharing the podium with Mr. Wilson will be Jim J., long-time AA member of Hollywood Group. Jim has a humorous story based on a long theatrical background, and his first appearance in Northern Calif.

The meeting is "open" and members of Central California Fellowship are invited to bring along a friend.

Alanon in Warm Vote of Thanks to Santa Rosa Conference Committee

Santa Rosa Alanon and the AA committee that conducted the June 12-13 Conference, received a belated round of applause from Alanon groups that attended the mid-year affair.

Alanon was grateful for the thoughtful cooperation provided by Santa Rosa AA and Alanon Groups, Vivian O'L., Alanon delegate from Santa Clara, said, adding: "This should have been in the July issue of GOOD NEWS."

During the two-day session, Alanons heard a synopsis of world service by Ann O., (delegate to N.Y.) compiled from her trip to New York headquarters, but delivered by John F. in the absence of Ann who was unavoidably detained.

The Hospital and Institution Committee heard guest speaker, Mr. Neeto, a counselor from Duell. NCC business was largely confined to the

election of Muriel B., San Jose, as Alanon's new treasurer. "Four Phases to Happiness" was the subject of the Sunday Open Meeting, with four able speakers ably handling the topic.

Jane and Jim to Speak at Weimar

Weimar Group of the Central California Fellowship, Sacramento, has scheduled Jane and Jim O'Toole, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, as a husband-and-wife speaker's team, Sunday, August 15, at 8:00 p.m.

Their appearance marks the second AA anniversary of Ray H.

Masquerade

Many fail to recognize opportunity because its favorable disguise is hard work. (The Grapevine)

"Wide Open" Debate, Discussion at The Press Stag Group

Dinner, which is optional, kicks off meetings of the Press Stag Group, at 7:00 p.m., every Tuesday. Immediately after the dinner hours, at 8:15 p.m., probably the most wide open, liberal discussion in any group affiliated with S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, gets underway.

It was founded in 1957 and meets at the Press Club of San Francisco, 555 Post Street. It provides an open forum for press discussion of the extremely complicated and varied aspects of alcoholism, on all levels, a spokesman for the group said.

The group discusses subjects from a purely personal consideration of problem drinking, its sociological and economic implications, to interpretation of the AA program, the Big Book, Twelve Steps, and Twelve Traditions.

Meeting chairmanship is rotated weekly among group members. The chairman introduces and comments upon a discussion topic, invites remarks from member present, acts as moderator, and recognizes speakers who wish to comment as the discussion progresses.

The chairman may limit the length of remarks in order to permit full expression by other members of the group, the spokesman added.

New Alanon Group

The Roseville Alanon Family Group, a newly-established unit, held its first meeting last month, electing Ruth W., secretary. Meetings will be held each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. with an open meeting every third Tuesday.

Address of the new group is 107 Main Street, Roseville, Calif.

One of Original AA Founders Dies

Frank B. Amos, 83, one of the five original founders of Alcoholics Anonymous died Sunday (July 18) in Chesterfield, Indiana, according to an Associated Press report.

Central California Fellowship to Hold Annual Picnic August 22

Central California Fellowship announces that its Annual Picnic will be held at Elk Grove Park, Sunday, August 22.

Launching the outing with the slogan, "Let's Make It The Biggest And Best Yet," the central office secretary said the big outdoor affair will be highlighted by a variety of activities including:

Horseshoes, Bingo, Texas Tamales, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soft Drinks, Coffee, AA Meeting "on the green," Alanon Meeting, Soft Ball Game, Swimming, Children's Games, Barbecue Pits, Badminton and a "Mercedes Flower" Raffle, are on the "agenda."

Additionally, he said, a Grand Ticket Raffle will be held with a \$100.00 First Prize; \$50.00 Second Prize; \$10.00 each for Third and Fourth Prizes.

All proceeds from the picnic will be devoted to the support of the Central Office of the Central California Fellowship, the secretary said.

Azure Acres Sets Annual Labor Day Outdoor Meeting

An Open Meeting, held under redwood and pine trees, has been a popular, annual event at Azure Acres, Sebastopol.

This year, it is slated for Sunday, September 5, at 3:00 p.m., and will be highlighted by the appearance of Eddie C., Burbank, Calif., as guest speaker.

Jo Anne M., secretary of Azure Acres Group, promised that this year's annual affair will be a memorable meeting to which she cordially invites all AA members and their friends, to attend.

Coffee and cake will be served following the meeting.

Hair Nets No Help

"You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair." (Chinese Proverb)

Marty Mann To Speak at NCC Spring Meeting

Mrs. Marty Mann, sometimes known as the "First Lady in AA" and currently chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism will be keynote speaker at the Annual Spring Conference of the Northern California Council of AA, set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 25, 26 and 27, at the Civic Auditorium, Sacramento, Calif.

The hustling Sacramento Conference Committee, under the co-chairmanship of John A. and Henry F. is already lining up hotel and motel accommodations and other important preliminary planning.

Don L., Carmichael, long distanced Mrs. Mann in New York, explaining "we needed her." In her "Mannish" manner, Marty checked her busy calendar, and replied by wire, "Yeah! Thanks a lot for the invitation. Let me know all the details."

Mt. Shasta Hosting Inter-Group Meeting

The August session of Northern California Inter-Group will be held in Mt. Shasta, Calif., Saturday, August 21, Bob B., secretary, Mt. Shasta Group, announced.

The meeting takes place in the National Guard Armory located on Ski Bowl Drive and Alma Street. A Dutch Lunch will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 8:00 p.m.

Jack R., Mt. Shasta, has been named chairman; Patricia M., Duns-muir, will read Chapter Five, and Charlie L., Mt. Shasta, will recite the Traditions.

Guest speaker is Myrtle V., Citrus Heights.

Peninsula Sets Group Meetings

A quartet of "give-'em-Hell" type speakers will be on the podium at the Peninsula All-Groups meetings in August, Don M., program chairman, announced. The four, who largely stick to the simple, basic principles upon which AA was founded, are:

SAT., AUGUST 7—John F., San Carlos Group, will speak. The host group is the Palo Alto Friday unit.

SAT., AUGUST 14—Speaker is Jim O., San Mateo Group; hosting is the Brisbane Sunday Group.

SAT., AUGUST 21—Jane O'T., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship is speaker; hosting is the Pedro Valley Group.

SAT., AUGUST 28—Margaret D., Palo Alto Tuesday, will make the "pitch"; Redwood City Group will be hosts.

Peninsula All-Groups meets every Saturday evening throughout the year in the lovely auditorium adjoining St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo, Calif.

Meetings start promptly at 8:00 p.m., but the doors open at 7:30 p.m. and good, hot coffee is served before and after each meeting. Plenty of arm-length AA afterwards.

Industrial Club Elects Officers

The Industrial Club, an AA affiliate of San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, held its annual election of officers, Bob K., manager announced.

He said Jack S. was elected president; Jack G., vice president and Lydia J., secretary-treasurer.

The new board of directors consists of Howard S., Frank S., Bob R., Andy M., Alex McC., Lois W., Marie B., and Ed K.

The Industrial Club, located at 3198 16th Street, San Francisco, also announced formation of a new women's group, "The Grateful Hearts." It meets at the Club every Friday at 8:00 p.m., with co-chairmen Peggy M., and Agnes M., leading the group. Newcomers are welcome.

LET'S 'NEVER FEAR CHANGE'

Sobriety going to our heads, AA warned

By DICK BROWN
staff writer

Daily Star, Toronto

Delegates are heading home today from the international Alcoholics Anonymous convention here and thinking over some stern warnings that sobriety may be going to their heads.

Bill W., stockbroker who helped found AA 30 years ago, told a massive AA meeting at Maple Leaf Gardens Saturday night:

"We have generally been far better at dishing out criticism than taking it.

"Sometimes we have boasted of AA as the know-all and do-all of alcoholism.

"Let us never fear needed change . . . we cannot stand still and look the other way.

"We should very seriously ask ourselves how many alcoholics have gone on drinking simply because we have failed to co-operate in good spirit with many agencies," he said.

SLAPS FROM EXPERTS

Bill, who is 70, pointed out that as many as 600,000 alcoholics had approached AA during its history—and not stuck with it.

"How much and how often did we fail all these?" he asked.

Jack Irving's speech which he intended to deliver at the June 12-13 NCC Conference in Santa Rosa (see July issue of GOOD NEWS) supports Bill W's viewpoint very closely—

Editor

Earlier Saturday, AA got a couple of slaps from experts on alcoholism who are not in AA.

Ralph W. Daniel, executive director of the Michigan State Board of Alcoholism, said some AA members are playing "king of the mountain"—and shoving down anybody who tries

to challenge their position in the field of alcoholism.

"It is easy to kid ourselves," he told an AA convention panel, "that God gave AA total responsibility for helping alcoholics.

"Professionals in the field will eventually provide for alcoholics the same types of treatment they provide for other sick people and they will provide these services better than AA."

LITTLE COMMENT

And Dr. Marvin A. Block, former chairman of the American Medical Association's committee on alcoholism, criticized what he called a vocal AA minority that gives the impression "AA alone can help the alcoholic."

He said the idea that only an alcoholic can understand an alcoholic sounds pretty silly to the physician who has treated illnesses from which he himself has never suffered.

DR. CAIN'S IDEA

AA has little comment on the things others say about it such as an article in a U.S. magazine by New York psychologist Dr. Arthur Cain.

Among the main points criticized by Dr. Cain are:

AA's contention that once you're an alcoholic, you're always an alcoholic: Dr. Cain says he has cured alcoholics enabling them to drink socially once more.

AA interference in some matters involving alcoholics and their treatment: he says one U. S. state actually requires the personnel in its alcoholism program to be AA members.

He says some AA chapters try to take too much control of members' lives, try to run them from dawn to dusk.

PRAISE TOO

But there was praise too. Frank P. Miller, executive director of Can-

ada's parole service, called AA's work in prisons "the closest thing to a miracle I have ever personally witnessed."

Dr. Sheldon D. Bacon, director of the Centre of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers University in New Jersey, gave AA an A for effort but he warned that alcoholism is gaining.

There are between 250,000 and 400,000 new cases of alcoholism in the U.S. alone each year he said. And AA and other agencies are not able to keep up.

The more than 10,000 reformed drunks and their friends and families who came to Toronto for their convention claim they are not here to thrash out policy matters but rather to have a get-together and a good-time.

Robert R. Robertson, education director for the Ontario Alcoholism & Drug Addiction Foundation, said AA members should not try to enter the schools to preach against liquor.

He said AA could provide teachers with facts on alcoholism but that former alcoholics tend to overemphasize their own difficulties with drinking, and don't give a balanced picture.

Guessing Game

Al B. says 13,500; Whit H. says 14,500; Cliff M. says over 15,000. What is your guess on the total registration at the 30th Anniversary Conference?

The International meeting at Toronto will be over by the time this issue of GOOD NEWS is published, and undoubtedly metropolitan newspapers will print the attendance, but we'll also tell you who won a Big Book, autographed by Bill and Lois, the prize for the closest guess.

"Hard work is an accumulation of easy things you didn't do when you should have."

Wives Sabotage Husbands; Urge Them To Drink

Wives have sabotaged their husbands by persuading them to drink, imaging that they would be more cheerful and affectionate, 1,000 members of Alcoholics Anonymous were told Saturday (July 3) at the 30th AA Convention in Toronto.

Dr. A. S. Macpherson, a Montreal psychiatrist, during a panel discussion on AA responsibilities, warned his audience that sobriety alone is not enough.

In Montreal, researchers found there were more personality problem among active drinkers than among arrested alcoholics (those who had stopped drinking), and more among the arrested alcoholics than among the population at large.

Yet women were willing to delude themselves that the man who was a "mean, miserable, lousy husband" when sober, might be cheerful and companionable if he drank just a little.

SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY

Consequently, Dr. Macpherson suggested, AA should work on to help arrested alcoholics become socially acceptable, cheerful individuals; supportive measures should not be regarded as unnecessary merely because the individual had stopped drinking.

Dr. Marvin A. Block of Buffalo, former chairman of the American Medical Association's committee on alcoholism, advocated earlier treatment of alcoholics.

"The alcoholic must be induced to accept treatment long before his is ready to ask for it," Dr. Block said. "This necessitates a tremendous educational program for the entire population, altering them to dangers of alcohol and to early signs of dependence upon it."

SPIRITUAL APPROACH

The chairman of the panel, Dr. Harry Tiebout, New York psychiatrist, had said AA had contributed to the practice of medicine by introducing a spiritual approach practicable for laymen.

Dr. Block agreed this was import-

Alcohol Menacing the Younger Set in The Business World

By KEN MacTAGGART
Staff Reporter,
Toronto Telegram

ant. "But a spiritual approach may not be enough to bring certain alcoholics to recovery," he added. There is still a small but vocal minority of AA members who are still so egocentric they give the impression that AA alone can help the alcoholic, he said.

Big Growth in Latin America

TORONTO, July 1—There were 11,752 registered A.A. groups throughout the world in the spring of 1965. This is an increase of 6.7 per cent over the corresponding period of 1964, according to the annual report released to the public here today by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The annual report was issued as an estimated 10,000 non-drinking alcoholics and their friends arrived in Toronto for the Thirtieth Anniversary International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The global get-together, held every 5 years, opens tonight at the Royal York Hotel with a reception & dance.

Starting tomorrow, there will be day and evening meetings covering all aspects of the illness of alcoholism — its diagnosis and treatment, as well as its affect on the individual, his family and the community.

The report issued by A.A. Trustees in advance of the convention said that the increase in the number of A.A. groups reflects continuing growth in North America and overseas. It noted "particularly impressive" growth of A.A. in several Latin American countries.

Since 1960, estimated membership in A.A. has risen from 780 to 4,300 in El Salvador; from 125 to 2,650 in Colombia; from 12 to 1,400 in Guatemala, and from four to 1,170 in Honduras, the report said.

A.A. does not keep formal records of individual membership. However, total membership is estimated at more than 350,000, based on data supplied by the groups. Of this number about 70,000 are women.

Alcoholism is increasing as an affliction of younger people, especially young business men and their wives where social drinking becomes an addiction, according to one of the two men who jointly founded Alcoholics Anonymous 30 years ago.

In the early years of the organization, men and women in the 40-50 year group were those who sought help in the fellowship of AA in their desire to overcome their alcoholism, says Bill W. of New York.

But now, he says, the average age of those who finally face the fact that they are alcoholics has dropped to 37.

Bill W., a slender, white-haired and soft-spoken Vermont broker, now retired, spoke at a conference that preceded the three-day meeting of AA.

Yesterday more than 10,000 AA member arrived in Toronto

Their global meeting, bringing together representatives from 90 countries of the 350,000 people now enrolled in 11,752 independent local AA groups, is the first ever held outside the U.S. and fourth in the organization's history.

The Toronto meeting marks the 30th anniversary of AA since Bill W. and the late Dr. Bob S. of Akron, O., began their joint effort which they expanded by a mutual desire to help others.

Preliminary to a jam-packed program of discussions on AA's future, and such problems as alcoholism and industry, traffic, education and so on, the convention opened last night with a non-alcoholic jamboree at the Royal York Hotel.

Four bands played in four different dance rooms, offering everything from rock-and-roll and the twist to square dances and old fashioned waltzes.

Nobody seemed to miss liquor, usual at similar gatherings, but soft drinks were consumed in enormous quantities.

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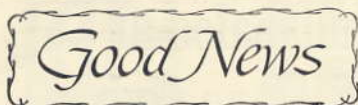
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"Bill's Own Story" To Be Shown at East Bay Meeting

Plans for the East Bay All-Groups Day have been completed, it was announced by Jim M., chairman of the Fellowship gathering.

The affair is set for Sunday, September 26, at the Civic Center Auditorium, Richmond, Calif. The committee, working under the supervision of Jim M. and Nick N. is plunging ahead to round out the finalized program.

The one-day session, commemorates the Second Anniversary of the East Bay Fellowship, and is slated to start at noon with Registrations.

Work shops of auxiliary branches of the Fellowship commence at 1:00 p.m. and will be in progress throughout the day with the exception of the showing of "Bill's Own Story" which requires some 90 minutes. This will be shown at a General Assembly set for 2:30 p.m.

An "encore" showing — for the benefit of the General Public — will be shown the same day at 8:00 p.m., the committee chairman said.

"Bill's Own Story" is a beautiful production in color, shot at "Stepping Stones" the home of Bill and Lois. It will be narrated by Bill and Lois as they take their audience through "Stepping Stones" located in a small community outside New York.

The film is a "first" for the West (having been shown only once at a recent delegate's convention in N.Y.) and considered a "must" for every AA member in the Bay area.

H&I BROAD-SIDES

Effective July 1, 1965, the planning committee of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee will be composed of the following officers and chairmen for the ensuing term:

General Chairman, Bill S., Sacramento, Central California Fellowship.
Treasurer, Walter R., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship.
Librarian, Leonard L., Sacramento, Central California Fellowship.
Co-Chairman (Hospital), Harold F., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship.
Acting Co-Chairman (Institutions), Bud C., Hayward.
Regional Chairman, Preston S., San Jose, for Areas 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 11.
Regional Chairman, Knowlton M., Stockton, for Areas 3, 4, 8, and 9.
Secretary, Millie B., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1st to June 30th inc 1965

ASSETS

Cash Balance December 31, 1964	\$ 866.45
Inventory (Equip.) June 30, 1965	575.00
Area Contributions for (six mo's)	2287.84
Conference Collections	318.35
Refund from A A World Service	100.00
	\$4147.64

LIABILITIES

Donation to Northern Calif. Council (for elimination of obligations)	300.00
Purchase of Literature	1071.70
Good News	200.00
Telephone Expense, Petty Cash, etc.	557.16
Postage, Rentals, Stationery, etc.	563.91
Surplus	1454.87
(Inventory \$575.00)	
(Cash \$879.87)	
	\$4147.64

Very Truly yours,

WALTER J. R.
Treasurer

Arrangements for obtaining "Bill's Own Story" was handled by Nick N., Oakland, a long-time friend of Lois and Bill.

Cordova Group's 5th Anniversary

Dr. Earl M., Mill Valley Group, will be guest speaker at ceremonies that will commemorate the Fifth Anniversary of the Cordova Group of the Central California Fellowship.

The affair takes place Saturday, September 11, at 8:00 p.m. at Rancho Cordova Community Center, near Sacramento. The Community Center easily holds 400. Consequently, Cordova Group is inviting all AA members and their friends, in and around Sacramento, and elsewhere, to attend.

Alateen Changes Its Meeting Place

Effective immediately, the Sacramento Alateen Group will be in the home of Betty L., 4500 Marble Way, Carmichael. The young people formerly met at the Trinity Episcopal Church, Sacramento.

In-Between Meeting

The In-Between Fellowship announced that on Saturday, August 14, a speaker-meeting will be held, with Ken B., Concord Fellowship, as guest speaker.

Preceding Ken's talk, a buffet supper is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The meeting follows at 8:00 p.m. Everyone's welcome at In-Between Fellowship, 4710 East 14th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Veterans Hospital Sets Up 90 Day Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program

The Veteran's Hospital at Sheridan, Wyoming established an Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program about a year, one of three such programs launched by the Veterans Administration, in the United States. John N. D., who lived in San Francisco since 1956—and now a patient at the Sheridan hospital—describes how it works. John said:

"In March I left San Francisco where I had lived since 1956, and on several prior occasions. I attended many meetings at 240 Golden Gate Ambassadors, Downtown, and others

"Until a short time ago, I was working and living in Billings, Mont. where they have three AA groups plus an Alano Club. But I didn't attend any of them and got to drinking. My relatives heard about this place."

John went on to inform GOOD NEWS that the hospital at Sheridan has been in existence some 12 months. It contains 37 beds with 26 of them in the Big Ward. Fellows come here, he said, from Arizona, Oregon, Kansas City, and other areas.

FULL THERAPY

Two days each week a one-hour AA introduction session is held; every week day an hour is devoted to Clinical Education; and three psychotherapy classes meet every week day.

Additionally, short films are shown and there are occupational Therapy classes devoted to everything from radio station operations to various crafts, John said. Sheridan, a city of 11,600 is a couple of miles away, but patients are forbidden to leave the hospital or visit town until after the first 60 days.

John said Mrs. Marty Mann had made a speech in Sheridan around May 8, this year, but was unable to attend. But he heard Marty's talk in Oakland, Calif., a year ago.

GOOD NEWS subscribers are requested to send copies to this hospital after they've read them. Address Ward 86 c, Veterans Hospital, Sheridan, Wyoming.

STUDY SAYS WOMEN START DRINKING AFTER MARRIAGE

When an alcoholic gets married his wife usually knows beforehand about drinking, according to an 11-year study conducted by the Marriage Council of Philadelphia.

But in women, the study indicated, alcoholism usually develops after marriage.

"In a woman," said Dr. John Koltis, "alcoholism frequently starts after marriage, with a chain of events which brings drastic changes to her life and aggravates feelings of inferiority or insecurity." (AP, Philadelphia)

Physician Named Trustee of AA

Dr. Vincent P. Dole, professor and senior physician at the Rockefeller Institute Hospital, New York City, has been elected a Trustee of the General Service Board of Alcoholics day by the chairman of the board, Dr. John L. Norris, assistant medical director of Eastman Kodak Company. Dr. Dole and Dr. Norris are nonalcoholics. The A.A. service board traditionally has invited non-alcoholics as well as alcoholics to serve on its Board of Trustees.

STANFORD MAN

Dr. Dole, a native of Chicago, received a bachelor of arts degree from Stanford University and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. His internship was spent at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and is the author of many articles on physiology and metabolism.

CUSTODIANS

The General Service Board acts as the custodian of the publishing and other world service facilities of the Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship

Hullabaloo at SF Alano Club

This headline may be misleading. The Hullabaloo planned by the S.F. Alano Club is not a riot, hassle, or rhubarb that the Boys in Blue are called to quell. Nope! It's a fun affair.

According to Paul "Bus" D., program chairman, the month of August has been designated as "Hullabaloo Month" with a big pre-Picnic and a post-Picnic dance highlighting things.

SAT., AUGUST 7—Pre-Picnic Dance and Get Together. Idea behind this affair is to make picnic plans, dance, meet old and new acquaintances, and have a jolly good time. The "Jumpin' Jacks" will provide the dance music and fine door prizes will be awarded.

SAT., AUGUST 21—A Post-Picnic Dance to enable those that attended the August 15 All Northern California Picnic to rehash the big Sunday outing and express opinions how the 1966 picnic may be improved. Again, the "Jumpin' Jacks" will be on hand and there will be more door prizes given away.

SAT., AUGUST 28—August AA Birthday Party and Dance. This is the monthly event when all persons present whose AA birthday falls in August are duly honored with suitable ceremonies.

The San Francisco Alano Club is located at 414 Grant Avenue in downtown S.F., at the "gateway to the city's famed Chinatown."

Three Gold Gates

One word may spoil a day; one false-told tale may wreck a life. If you are tempted to reveal a tale told by another, make it pass, as the Arabians say, three gates of gold: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? (Henry Amiel)

which today has an estimated membership of more than 350,000 recovered alcoholics throughout the world, with local groups in approximately 90 countries.