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Joint Pacific Area Sessions

Western General Service Assemble in Fresno January 26-28

The Pacific Region of the General Service Conference will hold its first Joint Assembly in the Exhibit Hall of the Fresno Convention Center in Fresno on January 26-27, 1968.

The Pacific Region comprises the states of Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. Members from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii have indicated their intention to attend this meeting.

The program for this Assembly is being geared to cover all phases of AA from the Individual and Group, through to the story of our World Services. Workshops have been scheduled to cover such topics as, Finances, Sponsorship, Central Offices, Communications, and Hospitals & Institutions.

"ASK-IT-BASKET"

Listed as speakers, chairmen and panelists for the meetings are present and past Delegates from the Pacific Region as well as former Trustees. One of the features of the Assembly will be a session titled "Ask-It-Basket". This will be one session at which all questions that have been placed in a basket by any member will be discussed and it is hoped answered by a panel made up of all the present Delegates from the Pacific Region. Other meetings are listed as "Recovery", "Unity" and "Service".

GRASS ROOTS AA

This Assembly will be of special interest to all Group General Service Representatives, Secretaries and in fact all AA members. The two days will stress Grass Roots AA, Arms-Length AA and Pure Service. Anyone who attended the October Conference of NCC in Fresno will remember how fine the facilities are at the Exhibit

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Annual 13-Day Open House At Mid-Town Group

Stockton's Mid-Town Group will hold a Holidays Open House beginning Monday, December 18th, through December 31st from 10 a.m. 'til meeting time 8 p.m. at 248 East Poplar Street.

A special Holiday Welcome awaits all comers. There will be snacks and stuff galore. This extended Open House has been a custom of the Mid-town Group for some years and has become a tradition.

Pot Luck Dinner At Ukiah Dec. 9

A Pre-Holiday Get-Together, highlighted by an Open Meeting and a Pot Luck Dinner will attract many AA members and friends to an affair sponsored by Ukiah Fellowship.

Lois M., San Francisco, will be guest speaker at the pre-Christmas Party to be held at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 9, at Brambley Hall, Presbyterian Church, Perkins Avenue and Dora Street, Ukiah, Calif.

SF All-Groups Meetings Set

Meetings of unusual interest are scheduled by S.F. Central All-Groups and sponsored by the Inter-County Fellowship, Paul G., central secretary, announced. Come rain or shine, the Big Meetings are held at 8:30 p.m. each Friday at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue. This is the line-up for December:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 —

Speaker is English O., Pacifica Group, hosted by the Pacifica Group, with Gene B., chairman.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 —

Jules P., Los Angeles, will make the "pitch"; Chairman is George D.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 —

Bertha B., First Step Home, is speaker; John F. is chairman; and the Peninsula All-Groups serves as hosts.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 —

Florette P., Gratitude Group, will make one of her fine talks; chairman is yet to be announced.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 —

Chuck W., Santa Rosa, will be at the podium; chairman will be announced later.

Meetings are open to the public and visitors cordially invited. Comfortable accommodations include padded seats, air conditioning, fine acoustics and public address system, and elevator service to the Third Floor.

ARA Yule Party

Don't forget to attend the ARA Christmas Fund Benefit Party and Dance Saturday Night, December 9th, First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street, in San Francisco. Bingo, buffet, prizes and dance, "Dixie-land style."

AA News from Santa Clara County

By Carolynne G.

Sam P. of San Francisco was the speaker at the November ALL GROUPS MEETING and in the words of Jack H., the Chairman, "Gave us a H --- of a fine A.A. talk." To those who do not attend the ALL GROUPS MEETINGS we wish to say "you don't know what you are missing." These speakers are brought to us at a considerable expense sometimes, and they all have good messages and are a delight to hear. The meetings are always followed by a dance to live music. The Club is accessible and will welcome you all.

The December ALL GROUPS MEETING, will be held on the 9th of Dec. at the Alano Club, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose and will have Betty E. of San Francisco as the speaker. Why not plan to attend the meeting and then stay for the dance afterwards? The meeting will be hosted by the St. Andrew's Group.

The ALANO CLUB served a Thanksgiving Turkey Buffet Dinner on Nov. 23rd for those who were going to be alone or had planned to eat in a restaurant. This is the first time we have done this and it was a huge success. Next year we hope to do the same thing again.

The DOWNTOWN FELLOWSHIP wishes to announce that the 12 o'clock noon meeting on Sunday has been changed to 2:00 p.m.

The regular speaker meeting the first Sunday of each month at the DOWNTOWN FELLOWSHIP will feature Ed B. of Campbell on Dec. 3.

A new meeting was started on Nov. 20th at the Alano Club at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held regularly each Monday. The Club opens at 12:00 Noon.

There has also been a new meeting started on Saturday night, 8:00 p.m. at 1380 Madison St., Santa Clara.

The annual Women's Fall A.A.-Alanon Luncheon was held Nov. 18th at the Berry Farm on El Camino Real. The attendance was excellent and the food perfect. Everyone came dressed in their best and it was gay and fun. Marilyn S., A.A. chaired the meeting.

ALANO CLUB DECEMBER CALENDAR

DEC. 2—Regular meeting.

DEC. 9—All Groups Meeting — Betty E., San Francisco, speaker. Dance to live music after meeting.

DEC. 16—Club Membership Meeting — 6:30 p.m. Regular A.A. Meeting 8:15 p.m.

DEC. 23—Kid Xmas Party—2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Regular A.A. meeting —8:15 p.m. Dance to live music—9:30 p.m.

DEC. 30—Regular A.A. meeting 8:15 p.m. Birthday cake for all Dec. birthdays.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY GALA NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Dinner — 1½ Hour Floor Show
Dancing — Alano Club Players
— 8 Piece Orchestra —

Andrew Hill School Auditorium

3200 Senter Road (off 101)—
East San Jose

\$5.00 per person

Reservations Alano Club —
287-1878

Tickets also available at door
Out of Town Guests Welcome !

Peninsula All Groups Meetings

The all-groups Open Meetings, held under the auspices of the Peninsula All-Groups, has scheduled a fine array of speaking talent for its December meetings. Those who'll appear on the Speakers' Dais are as follows:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 — Cy H., Campbell, is speaker; host group: San Carlos Beginners'.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Bus D., Colma. San Carlos-Walnut will host.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 — James M., S.F. Fellowship; Redwood Stag will host.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 — Bob R., S.F. Fellowship; hosting is Redwood City Thursday Group.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 — Joe K., S.F. Fellowship with Daly City hosting.

Peninsula All Groups meets each Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the Recreation Room of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo.

Ambassadors Set Yule Party

Judge Floyd B., Roseville, well known and devoted AA member will be Guest Speaker at the Ambassadors Group Annual Christmas Meeting and Party Wednesday Night, December 20th. Fred R. will chair the meeting.

A "Christmassy" buffet will follow the meeting. These annual affairs are always well attended; a fine chance to meet new people and get really 'going' in the spirit of the Holidays.

Another interesting meeting will be held December 6th, when an Alateen panel discussion will feature Lila W., Joyce J., Troy R., Jim R. and Dave G.

Father G. will speak on the 13th, and Ray A. on the 27th.

ARA First Step Home Xmas Fund Benefit Party

For the price of two shots of Red Eye at four-bits a shot — or one buck — we can make it possible for some 40 residents of the First Step Home to enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With this small financial contribution plus our cooperation (which only involves showing up at the affair) we can truly demonstrate:

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, we want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that:

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE."

The two 4-bit shots of Red Eye entitles you to participate in a drawing for a \$25.00 Merchandise Order. Admission is free to the Annual Christmas Bingo Party and Dance sponsored by the First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street, Saturday, December 9, starting at 8:00 p.m. And what does one get in return for their two shots of Red Eye?

Well, the most important is the knowledge that we'll collectively launch 40 persons into 1968 with a feeling of self-esteem and the most wonderful gift we can offer: the hand of friendship, understanding, and being "wanted". At no other time is it more important "to be wanted" than at Christmas!

Now, on the other side of the ledger — the material side — what does two shots of Red Eye get us: Tick these off:

- (a) Free Bingo at 8:00 p.m.
- (b) Dancing about 9:30 p.m. to the original San Francisco AA Band, all now members of A.R.A.
- (c) A fine Buffet served superbly by Chick the Chef from 10:00 p.m. onward.
- (d) Participation in the drawing for a \$25.00 Merchandise Order (which your two shots of Red Eye entitles you to)
- (e) A free door prize.

H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

On Sunday, October 29, 1967, a steering committee meeting was held in the scenic and historic foothill community of Sonora, California. Our hosts Ron G., Area 8 Chairman and Bill S., Regional Chairman — Southern Valley, secured the use of the meeting room of the well known "little red church" at the end of Main Street in Sonora. Members of most all areas were present and an interesting and informative meeting resulted. Plenty of coffee and cookies refreshed us for our trip home. This is beautiful country and thanks again to Area 8 for their hospitality and friendliness.

Kim M., Regional Chairman — San Francisco and Bud C., Co-Chairman Institutions, met with Warden Wilson of San Quentin Prison on Friday, October 20, 1967. The meeting was held to get better acquainted with the new warden and to clarify some procedures which had become confused. Meetings such as this, held as required, clear the air and facilitate communications. As usual, Kim and Bud did a fine job.

A new men's meeting has been started at Napa State Hospital to complement the present womens' meeting. It is held every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Anybody interested in attending or participating in a meeting of this type, please contact Bud G., Regional Chairman Northern Coast, Lee W., Area 2 Chairman, or Buede S., San Pablo group.

Our next General Meeting of the Hospital and Institution Committee will be held in San Mateo, California on January 14, 1968. This will be at the College of San Mateo, 1700 Hillsdale, in the South Student Center. Tom M., Chairman VIA, has made all the necessary arrangements and plans to put on a "corned beef and cabbage" feed for lunch. This will be held in the adjoining cafeteria. Tom would appreciate having some idea in advance as to the number who plan to attend to ensure plenty for all. The meeting room will hold 125 easily. Let's all try to attend this meeting. The new "How It Works" brochures will be passed out at that meeting, which as usual is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This has been another successful year for the Hospital and Institution Committee. As usual, this success has been due, primarily, to the efforts of many "unsung" contact chairmen who daily and weekly cover the many hospitals and institutions in Northern California. Continued cooperation and greater communication between all members of the Hospital and Institution Committee should enable us to do a better job next year.

I hope you all have a very happy holiday season and a successful new year.

Peninsula New Year's Eve Party

Members of AA and their families are invited to gala festivities to ring out the old — bring in the New Year, Sunday, December 31.

- Blast off and count down — 8:00 p.m.
- Buffet of Ham & Turkey with all the trimmin's.
- Hats — Horns — Games — Door Prizes.
- \$2.00 contribution at the door.

St. Matthews Church Auditorium, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo.

News From Your Alano Club

(By Paul "Bus" D., Secretary)

Greetings and salutations from us to you. Your Alano Club extends to one and all our sincere wish that you and yours have the finest Christmas ever, and that this coming new year brings you all the joys and happiness you desire. So to you we say, "A very merry Christmas and a wonderful glorious New Year."

As we promised you, the clubs jumping this month — so here goes with the schedule. See all of you there we hope.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd: A good date to start the months festivities off, dancing to the fine tunes of the "Dry Notes." Nice door prizes, and fun for all. Come one, come all. Have fun with us.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th: This is our regular Christmas Dance. Someone you wish to see or give a present to? This is the time and place to do it. Or would you like to just come up and say Merry Christmas to us? Either way we'll be glad to see you. Dancing to the "Dry Notes" of course, and the door prizes you will be proud of.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd: A week ahead of time for our regular birthday party. That's because of New Years Eve. Anyway this is the night to help all those who have an A.A. birthday in December celebrate. Coffee and cake and dancing to fine records.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY. Open house all day. Big A.A. meeting at 12 noon on the main floor. Then we will be serving a complete Christmas buffet dinner to all. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings. This will be served from 2 to 5 p.m. You're all invited.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st: NEW YEAR'S EVE. This is it! The night you've all been waiting for, and we'll have everything for you. Hats, noise makers, leis, serpentine, balloons, surprises, buffet luncheon, door prizes. Everything to make this a grand and glorious ending of the old year and welcoming of the new. Dancing to the music of the "Dry Notes." And we will dance till the wee hours. So make this a date and we'll see you there.

EVERYBODY HAS FUN AT THE ALANO CLUB
414 Grant Avenue in Downtown San Francisco

Surf Group's Annual Yule Party Slated

The Surf Group Christmas Party which has been an annual affair for some years will possibly surpass anything they have yet accomplished, according to Florence S., program chairman.

The party will be held on Monday, December 11th, in the hall of the Community Church, 34th Avenue and Noriega Street. Coffee will be served from 7:30 p.m. with the meeting scheduled at 8:30.

"Red" K., well known AA, will be the featured speaker, with Paul G., new Inter-County

Fellowship Secretary, chairing the meeting. A fine buffet will be served after the meeting, and there will be plenty of old fashioned "Arms-length" AA.

Attendance at Surf Group Christmas Parties has always been excellent. Any AA member who wants to meet old friends and make new ones will do themselves a favor by attending this event. Go and see for yourself!

Seek H & I Workers

Cecil from Brisbane says, "Volunteer workers for jails, prisons, hospitals and Youth Guidance Centers are badly needed." Are YOU a volunteer?

Annual Christmas Open House Party At Azure Acres

Ray Hime, house manager, Azure Acres, said the Annual Christmas Party and Open House, has been arranged for Sunday, December 17, from 3:00 p.m. to

At 3:00 p.m. an open meeting will be held with a fine speaker, yet to be named. It will be followed by a buffet and a social get-together.

Mr. Hime said, "We are hopeful this Yule affair will serve as a kickoff for re-starting an AA unit at Azure Acres, which is our sincere hope and desire."

All AA members and friends, past and present, are cordially invited to attend. Address is 2264 Greenhill Road, Sebastopol, Calif.

New Year's DINNER DANCE

Sunday
December 31

Dinner 6:30-8:30 pm
Dance 8:30-1:00 am

St. John's Hall
6712 Portola Drive
(off San Pablo Ave.)

EL CERRITO

Dining room

accommodates 500

Great Dance Band
Entertainment through
evening

Donation \$3.00 person
Sponsored by East Bay
Intergroup Fellowship

News From The Monterey Peninsula

T. O. M., Watsonville Group

WATSONVILLE

Watsonville, Hollister and Castroville members will gather in the new hall at 939 Lincoln Street, Watsonville, for an Open House Party and big feed Saturday, December 2nd, starting at six o'clock.

The menu will include turkey, ham and all that goes with a dinner. There will be games galore. Everyone should see the beautiful job done on the hall by Jim S. and his committee.

Donations to the basket will go toward our Christmas Party two weeks later, on Saturday, December 16th, which will include all Mamas, Papas and Baby bears. Santa will be there too. Lon V. will furnish the same Jolly Santa as in the past.

Please bring your own table service to the Open House Feed!

SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz is having a big Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th, at Good Shepherd Church, Madison Lane.

The party will start at 2:00 p.m. with dinner being served at six. After dinner there will be a regular A.A. meeting.

SALINAS

The annual Christmas Party will be December 25th at the Alano Club sponsored by all the groups. Everyone is invited! Looking for a place to go? Well? Our new Alano Club is at 1205 West Market Street.

A gala New Years Eve Party, complete with a buffet dinner and plenty of favors for everyone is also happening at the Alano Club. The guest speaker will be Helen R. of Southern California.

The buffet will start at 8:30 p.m. and dancing to live music band will follow until two in the morning. Donation, \$5.00 per person.

MONTEREY

The Monterey Group have not completed the plans for their Christmas Party as yet. We are sure they will have as many and happy plans as the others in our area.

Dewey S. to Talk At 60 Minute Group

The 60 Minute Group which meets at 1364 Valencia Street, San Francisco, announced today that Dewey S., San Mateo, will be its Guest Speaker, Sunday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m.

A friend of Bill W., co-founder of AA, and of the late Dr. Bob, the other co-founder, Dewey is one of the relatively few remaining members who witnessed the "birth pangs" of Alcoholics Anonymous in Akron and Cleveland before coming to the Peninsula.

Dewey is considered an authority on the basic principles of AA, a firm advocate of the Third Legacy, and is an able speaker.

Jim M. Speaker At Daly City

The Daly City group announces a special meeting on Wednesday, December 13th, when Jim M. of Sacramento, former A.A. Trustee, will be the Guest Speaker. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Daly City Group meets in the Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, 60 Wellington Avenue, Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. Plenty of parking space is available.

Newsy Notes From Fortuna Area

By Pat H., Fortuna Group

Growing by leaps and bounds in the northern area, AA can now count a new group in Ferndale, Calif. Started by Francis P., the group will meet Mondays nights at 8:00 p.m. in the Ferndale Episcopal Church, Ferndale, Calif. We all join in wishing this new group great success in carrying the message.

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The Fortuna group and his many friends are saddened by the passing of Jimmy Samples in San Francisco on November 6th after a long illness. Jimmy will be much missed.

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A New Years Eve party is being planned out at "Ye Olde Brierpatch" — Come early — Stay Late! For those of you who haven't yet heard about the "Brierpatch", here is a brief run down on our latest find.

Last July a group of Fortuna AA's got together and acquired a ten year lease on a rambling old farm house in a redwood grove along the Van Duzen River in Carlotta, Calif. A scant 20 minutes drive from downtown Fortuna, the "Brierpatch" is rapidly becoming the coziest club in the state.

The members are rebuilding the place inside and out. Bedrooms have been added. The roof and foundations reworked, new paint . . . the works! Its a big job, but hard work and plenty of elbow grease have done wonders to the old building.

There is a large picnic area in a beautiful redwood grove; ideal for camping. The river is great in the summer for swimming and has both a good beach and a shallow area, as well as a diving board. The rockhounding is good too, (jaspars and good cherts galore). Camp, picnic and AA too.

NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

HOWARD T. ELECTED

At the Northern California GSR meeting November 4 in Sacramento, Howard T. of Fresno was elected delegate for Inland Panel 2. Another Fresno member Larry S., was chosen as alternate delegate and secretary, while the post of treasurer went to Ralph W. of the host city. Howard T. will attend the national GSR conclave, to be held in New York City next April. His fondest wish for that trip is to meet Bill W. and other surviving authors of the Big Book.

NEWS OF THE CLUBS

NOVEMBER 1 saw the start of a new social club for AA members of Fresno. It is known as the Stoppers Club and is located at 2235 E. Belmont, near Fresno Street. Articles of incorporation are now being prepared, but the pro-tem officers are Bill C., President, Mel C., Vice President, Eunice M., Secretary, and Marge M., Treasurer. According to these ladies and gentlemen, the word "social" is to be stressed, since no AA meetings will be held at that address.

NOVEMBER 18 was the date of a Thanksgiving dinner dance at the Alano Club, 3010 N. Tulare. For that occasion Howard T. doffed his delegate's chapeau and donned a chef's cap, to prepare a delicious dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. Proceeds of bingo, a white elephant auction, and certain anonymous games in the back room went into a building fund for the new Alano. (For more on that score, see next item.)

NOVEMBER 21. Room 207 of City Hall was the scene of a special hearing before the Fresno Planning Commission. Agenda: an application to rezone the 4800 block of Fillmore Street from R-1 to R-4 — to accommodate a new Alano Club on grounds of nearly one acre. Purchase of this property by the Club's directors was conditional on the Commission's okay,

and the hearing hadn't yet been held when this item was written. If the verdict was favorable, ground-breaking may start before the end of the year.

INTERGROUP MEETING

Eve and Dick C. of Walnut Creek will be the guest speakers at Fresno's next Intergroup Meeting. Time: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, December 9. Place: the basement of St. John's Church, 2814 Mariposa. Chairman: Mary J.

AND AWAY WE GO!

At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, December 2 a caravan of cars is leaving Fresno for the Mountain Home State Prison Camp, near Springville in the Sierra foothills. The entire camp, with a nucleus of some 25 AA members, is holding Open House for visiting delegations. (Some of these visitors, as always, will include rehabilitated former inmates.)

With a dinner intermission at 8:30, the program will be a continuous AA meeting — from 7:00 till somewhere near midnight. Both prisoners and guests participate in these sessions.

Early in November a similar Open House was held at the Mirramonte Prison Camp, in the neighborhood of Dunlap. Of some 80 visitors, fully two-thirds were Fresnoans, and an equally large turnout is expected December 2. For success in stimulating local interest, much credit is due John T., District 9 H & I Chairman, who prides himself on being a "graduate" of Mirramonte.

Alano Family Group Drawing

A drawing will be conducted by the Avenue Alano Group at their meeting on Wednesday, December 20, at St. Boniface Church auditorium, 133 Golden Gate Avenue.

The drawing is a benefit in behalf of the Alano Family Group office. Tickets 25¢ — seven for \$1.

"Meeting Marathon" At Oakland A7A

Starting Saturday, December 2, at noon, and continuing until midnight, Sunday, December 3, Oakland's A7A Group is conducting a "meeting marathon".

The unique AA "contest" involves a meeting every other hour from noon Saturday until midnight Sunday. In between meetings coffee and refreshments will be served. Meetings will include Alanon, Alateen, discussion, and AA meetings.

DEC. 7—Pat B., In-Between Fellowship.

DEC. 14—Ralph B., Island Fellowship.

DEC. 21—Ray B., Pleasant Hill Group.

DEC. 7—June G., Island Fellowship.

New Year Party at

SALINAS ALANO CLUB

Sunday, Dec. 31

COMPLETE BUFFET
8:30 p.m. 'til 2:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Helen R.
Free Favors--Live Music

\$5.00 donation
per person

Everyone Invited
Salinas Alano Club

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MORE ABOUT

ASSEMBLY

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Hall in Fresno. The Snack Bar will be in operation just as it was at the Fresno Conference.

The opening meeting of the Assembly will be Friday Evening at 8:30 P.M. and the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.

URGE REGISTRATION

Everyone is urged to send in their Registration Forms as soon as possible. Motel Lists and Programs will be available in the near future. For further information contact your Group General Service Representative, Group Secretary or write to Chairman, Western General Service Assembly, P.O. Box 2057, San Rafael, California 94902.

Make your plans now to spend January 26-28, 1968 attending this Assembly in Fresno. We guarantee that it will be a week-end to be remembered for a long time.

Floyd B. Speaks at Freeway Fellowship

Floyd B. of Roseville will be guest speaker at the Freeway Fellowship, 1115 Fifth Street in Modesto on Friday, December 15th, at 8:00 p.m.

Hazel C., Secretary, says, "Floyd is excellent, and many in our area need his message."

They are publicizing this meeting and expect a good turn-out.

NCC Central Committee Names Sites For Future Conferences

A meeting of the Central Committee of the Northern California Council, composed of the Zone Chairmen, was held at the Alano Club in Vallejo on Sunday, November 12th with seven of the twelve chairmen present. Also present were Pat S., Watsonville, Chairman-Delegate of GS Panel One; Howard T., Fresno, newly elected Chairman-Delegate GS Panel Two; George R., Concord, General Chairman, H. & I. Committee; Stan W., Fairfax; Rollin W., San Francisco, (representing GOOD NEWS) and about 25 interested AA members.

Bill G., San Francisco, Secretary of N.C.C. presided. He made a brief financial report on the Fresno Conference and gave a "thank you; well done!" to the hard-working Host committee.

STOCKTON

The next (Spring) conference will be held in Stockton March 23-24, 1968. The program was discussed and set, and the names of a number of possible speakers was given the Secretary, who will extend the invitations on the basis of first, second, etc. choices named.

The sites of five more conferences have already been selected extending into 1970. They are:

Santa Rosa — June 22-23, 1968.

Berkeley — in October, 1968.

San Jose — March 1-2, 1969.

Richmond — March 14-15, 1970.

Santa Cruz — in October, 1970.

The sites for June and October, 1969, and October, 1970, are still open to invitation.

ELECTION

Perhaps the most important business of the Council in March will be the election of a successor to Bill G., Secretary, whose two year term will expire in 1968. In this connection GOOD NEWS was asked to publish details of the election procedure, which same will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Stan W. spoke on the subject of a joint seven state G.S. meeting to be held in January, 1968. (See article in this issue).

Alanon and Alateen members also held a meeting at the same time in a separate room, planning for future conferences.

Friendly Circle Holiday Meetings

Special Holiday Discussion meetings will be held both Christmas Eve Dec. 24 and New Years Eve, Dec. 31, by Friendly Circle Group which meets on Sunday evenings at Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush and Gough Streets in San Francisco.

Harriette B., Secretary, says there will be holiday goodies, season's greetings, a cordial welcome and warm AA fellowship both nights, as always. Time 8:30 P.M.

San Pablo Group Speaker Roster

The Friendly Fellowship at 1426 13th Street in San Pablo present a full, six event, calendar this month according to Sandy S., Secretary.

A Sunday morning breakfast from 10 to 12 on December 10th will be followed by a meeting with Marty I. from the In-Between Group as guest speaker.

Jan Leonard, non-alcoholic social worker formerly with City of Hope, will be the speaker Friday, December 29th, 8:30 p.m., and Paul G., new Secretary of the Inter-County Fellowship will speak the preceding Friday, Dec. 22nd.

Meetings are held every Friday evening. An Area 6 movie will be shown on Friday, December 1st. All meetings are open.

Sacramento's Second Saturday Meeting Slated for December 9

(By Don L., Program Chairman)

The Second Saturday Speaker Meeting sponsored by the Central California Fellowship of A.A. wishes to publicly express its appreciation and gratitude to the 12th-Step Actors and Homer D., of Hayward for the excellent stage presentation they made on Saturday, November 11.

Some 350 people gave a standing ovation to the actors for a fine performance on the writing of the Twelve Steps.

Next on the Sacramento Second Saturday meeting December 9, will be one of AA's glib, fast-talking, hard-punching orators. Norm A., from Monrovia, a much sought-after speaker and a long-time AA member, will give his thought-provoking comments on his recovery.

Norm will be preceded by one of AA's great friends, Larry Kirk. Kirk is the Director of the Sacramento County Tuberculosis Association and has addressed many AA groups, including the H & I Meeting at one of our NCC con-

ferences. His factual approach to the relationship of alcoholism and TB is fascinating and an eye-opener.

The Second Saturday meeting is held at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard in Sacramento, and one of the favorite customs is a brief intermission after the non-alky talks, for good coffee and lots of donuts. The AA speaker is usually on the podium by 9 P.M. Host Group for the December 9 meeting is the Roseville Tuesday Night Group, one of Metropolitan Sacramento's oldest Groups.

Roseville Tuesday also claims three of Sacramento's oldest — in time of service — AA members:

THURSDAY BEGINNERS

The Thursday Beginners', meeting at 1755 Clay Street, at 8:30 p.m., announced its December speakers, as follows:

DEC. 7—Betty C., S.F. Fellowship.

DEC. 14—Dr. Gil., S.F. Fellowship.

DEC. 21—Judy C., Mission Group.

DEC. 28—Allen B., Berkeley Group.

Alice and Floyd B., 22 and 23 years respectively and Doc P., who was one of the founders of AA in the Sacramento area.

The Group recently moved from its old location after 18 years to a more convenient meeting place, "right around the corner" at 320 Lincoln Street in Roseville.

Cleo M., the "Smoked Irishman" who chairs the big monthly meeting invites everyone to this meeting and suggests you, "Make it a habit".

New Year's Party in Sacramento

Sponsored by Central Calif. Fellowship of AA

Sunday, December 31, 6:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Bishop Armstrong Auditorium, 4315 Sacramento Blvd., Sacramento

Admission \$6.00 a couple—\$3.50 a single—Adults only

Buffet Dinner served 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sliced Turkey, Ham,

Salads, Cold Cuts, Sandwiches,

Desserts, Coffee (all night)

Dance by Candlelight

Rolly Schumacher & His Melodians 9 pm - 2 am

Noisemakers — Hats — Balloons — Serpentine

Bingo — Craps — Chucka-Luck —

Dice Horse Racing — Auction at midnite

\$6 and \$3.50 tickets includes

600 and 350 Monte Carlo "bucks" at the door.

Tickets may be obtained by sending check or money order to

CCFAA New Year's Party, AA Central Office, 1412 20th Street, Sacramento