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Huge Turnout Expected for 22nd Annual NCC Stockton Conference

Stockton, the metropolis of the great San Joaquin Valley, is ready to roll out the Red Carpet for some 1500 delegates, members, and their families that are expected to crowd in Stockton's Civic Auditorium, Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24 for 22nd Annual Conference of the Northern California Council of AA.

Aside from a score of last minute finishing touches, the hard-working host committee has everything in readiness for which Bill G., NCC secretary said, "Present plans and programming give high promise that the 22nd Conference will go down in AA archives as the apex of AA activities in Northern California for 1968".

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is doing a magnificent job of cooperating with the Conference Committee in providing lists of motels, hotels, and restaurants, as well as other conveniences. Bill S., Stockton, is serving as Host Chairman with Bonny B. of Stockton as his Co-Chairman. They have a well-organized committee and have been busy for several weeks arranging for this forthcoming event.

Registration for the two-day event will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd, and both days will be filled with workshops and a very important secretaries participation meeting with a number of Pacific Coast Inter-Group Secretaries appearing on this program.

SPEAKERS

Keynote speakers for the Conference will be Kerry L., Ord,

Nebraska, and Muriel Z., Malibu.

Additionally, the H & I Committee, General Service, Alanon and Alateen are arranging outstanding programs.

Registration forms and other material pertaining to the Spring affair were mailed in early February.

First Edition Of Fresno "Pipeline" Is Off The Press

Number One, Volume One, of the "Pipeline", official publication of the Central Service Office of AA in Fresno, Calif., made its debut in February.

Technically, the word "debut" is correct. Actually, "Pipeline" had its beginning 16 years ago in April 1952. As the editor clearly states in the current edition, "Pipeline's" cover was done by a young Indian, Alex R., now a resident of Los Angeles, but still an active group member.

The original "Pipeline" with Alex's cover apparently ceased publication in 1952. But the revived edition is filled with Hope, Enthusiasm, Inspiration and other healthy ingredients which augurs for long-term publication.

GOOD NEWS warmly welcomes "Pipeline" to the growing family of AA publications in the West. And, if we, from time to time "lift" Poetic Gems from its pages for reprinting in our columns, we hereby promise to acknowledge the source of the "theft" and we herewith bequeath the same kind of petty larceny to "Pipeline's" editor.

Fine Speakers At All-Groups Meetings in S.F.

A good sprinkling of women speakers will enliven meetings held during March at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco. The widely known Friday All-Groups Meeting conducted under the auspices of Inter-County Fellowship, are noted for diversified programs. Here's the lineup: representatives of the proposed lineup:

FRIDAY, MARCH 1—Speakers are Gen. McK., Westlake; and Gene D., Calistoga. Westlake Group will host the meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8—Jane D., San Francisco Fellowship and Bud G., Hercules will share the podium; Host Group is the Marin Newcomers.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15—Speakers are Betty S., Sunday Morning Discussion Group; and Bob W., Uptown Group; San Bruno Monday will do the hosting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22—On the Speaker's Dais will be Mary S., Lafayette; and Charley S., Petaluma; hosting are two AA units, Mission Group and Saturday Matinee Group.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29—The husband-and-wife team of Barbara and Bill A., Richmond; Mill Valley Group does the hosting stint.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and so does the Coffee Bar. Meeting starts at 8:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to public and visitors invited. Comfortable accommodations include padded seats, air conditioning, fine acoustics and P.A. system. Elevator to Third Floor meeting hall.

AA NEWS FROM MODESTO

By Elsie V., Correspondent

Ron G., Area 8 chairman of H & I and staunch supporter of all AA activities in area 8, has resigned as chairman due to business pressure and lack of time that must necessarily be devoted to doing a thorough job in H & I. We will all miss this pleasant and good man but hope he will appear at various meetings and confabs because he really personifies the true AA way. Joe D. of the Freeway Fellowship has been elected as new H & I Area 8 chairman. With his good Alanon wife, Ada, we are certain the H & I program will continue to advance and grow here.

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Tuesday and Sunday nights are outside fellowship meeting nights for patients at Modesto State Hospital. On Tuesday, the Free Way Fellowship hosts the group and Sunday nights the Alano Club is the destination of the growing number of patients who are actively participating in meetings with new enthusiasm and interest. Released patients are continuing their association with the fellowship and a renewed interest with more motivation is evident in the Thursday night AA meetings at the hospital. So much interest has been generated recently that you're lucky to get home by 11:30 since after-meeting bull sessions keep patients and AA visiting members buzzing over the evening's meeting.

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John and Virginia M. are newcomers to the Modesto AA scene. Virginia is a speaker of no small note. She really turns them on when she hits that podium. Both these good people are interested in H & I and are getting about in true AA fashion, getting acquainted, sharing their good cheer and happy sobriety.

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Pot Lucks are the order of the end of the month in Modesto. Alano spread the banquet board on January 28th and Free Way packed them in February 4th. Want'a know why the Free Way bingo games appeared crooked last Feb. 4th? There were some caller cards missing! Tsk-tsk guys and dolls, that's no way to run an honest house game! P.S. They made money anyway. Free Way plans a Country Store night at some near-future date and members are busy getting together various items to offer the auctioneer.

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A recovery-type house, as yet unnamed has been established in Modesto at 1936 G Street by private individuals. Donald O'Connor of the Stanislaus County Welfare Dept., announced the matter recently and put out a call for mattresses, mattresses, mattresses.

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Several AA members are actively participating in the recently-formed Stanislaus Committee on Alcoholism, a group dedicated to establishing a community halfway house to help patients cross the bridge from hospital and treatment care to job and community life. With the assistance of the Council of Churches, the Medical Society and varied community groups, the committee anticipate opening a house to care for 25 men sometime this year.

Oakland Alateens

The East Oakland Alateens are meeting at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at 1348½ Park Street, Alameda.

Ted G., East Oakland AA Group, will be speaker.

Anniversary

East Bay Intergroup observes 27 years of AA in the East Bay area, April 27 and 28. The special anniversary event takes place in the Veterans Building, Center Street, Berkeley.

Peninsula All Groups Names Speaker Roster

The all-groups Open Meetings, held under the sponsorship of the Peninsula All Groups, has slated an excellent array of speakers for its March meetings. Those who will appear on the podium are, as follows:

SATURDAY, MARCH 2—Eva T., Los Altos Group is speaker; Valota Sunday Night Group is hosting the meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9—Speaker is Chester W., S.F. Fellowship; Hosts are the people from Palo Alto Fireside Group.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16—Joan G., San Rafael, is speaker; Menlo Monday Group will host.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23—(To Be Announced)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30—Curly F., Mountain View, is speaker; the gang from Pacifica Group will do the hosting.

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

Coffee is served before, and after every meeting along with generous helpings of arms-length AA.

Thursday Beginners

The Committee in charge of arrangements — Wally, Ila, Aletha and Bob — reported the following speakers for the month:

THURSDAY, MARCH 7—Les P., Forest Hills.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14—Roberta S., S.F. Fellowship.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21—Jimmy M., Mission Group.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—(To Be Announced)

Thursday Beginners meet at 8:30 p.m. at 1755 Clay Street, San Francisco.

HELLO Napa Announcing

By Marion N., Secretary

It was good news to us here in Napa to learn that "GOOD NEWS" wished to share in our Good News. As a matter of fact, it coincides with the efforts of Napa Fellowship in recent months to make Napa a pleasurable place to come. As many readers know, this Fellowship moved to its present location at 1004 Seminary Street in May of last year and we feel very fortunate indeed in now having a "real home" atmosphere to offer guests. "Visiting firemen" from surrounding communities have helped us immeasurably in building a fine and active A.A. group. We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation and to thank them — each and every one.

A note of thanks is due also to all who helped to make our New Year's Open House Week-End the large affair it was — the kind that some of us hadn't experienced in many, many years. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and it is our sincere hope that our numerous visitors did likewise.

Napa Fellowship meetings are held four nights weekly; 8:30 p.m. at 1004 Seminary Street, and are scheduled as follows:

Monday—family type open

Tuesday—Closed

Thursday—Closed beginners

Saturday—Open Speaker

and speaking of speakers, may we announce:

March 2—Ony M., Pt. Richmond

March 9—Art D., Lafayette

March 16—Marian T., Vacaville

March 30—Ted G., Oakland

A pot luck "feed" has developed into a somewhat chronic (but very pleasurable!) side effects of our speaker meetings falling on the first Saturday of each month. Flyers are mailed to AA groups on our regular mailing list. Groups not receiving "flyers" from us are not on any black list—the omission is largely due to an outdated mailing list and a sluggish secretary.

Marysville To Celebrate 20th Birthday April 19

Twenty years ago in April, 1948, Marysville founded its first AA group.

On Friday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m., Marysville Group observes its 20th Anniversary with an Inter-Group Speaker Meeting. The affair takes place at the Art Club, 420 10th Street, Marysville.

Estelle R., South San Francisco, will be guest speaker. She is widely known in AA circles as a fluent speaker and has an effective method of getting the basic principles of AA across to audiences.

Del L., Olivehurst, Calif., our new GOOD NEWS correspondent will give our readers additional data on Marysville's birthday as it develops.

A-7-A Marathon

Another AA "Marathon" will be conducted by the A-7-A Fellowship of the East Bay at 1815 Jefferson Street, Oakland.

The "Marathon" starts Friday, March 1 and continues through Sunday, March 3, until 9:00 p.m. Meetings will be held continuously, every hour.

Refreshments and coffee will be served.

Speaker Meetings

In-Between Fellowship has scheduled two speaker meetings at their headquarters, 4710 East 14th St., Oakland. On Saturday, March 9, the "Arizona Swede" (now of Oakland) will speak; and on Saturday, March 23, Happy Harry G., Oakland, will be on the podium.

Please accept this writer's apology on both counts (on behalf of the Fellowship) and drop us a post card with the name and address of your Group. We will be happy to mail you in the future. In the meantime, please join us. We eagerly await your arrival.

Concord Meets 7 Days Weekly

Concord Fellowship is now conducting seven meetings a week, Marvadene F., secretary, said.

Excepting Sunday, which has an Open Speaker meeting at 2:30 p.m., all others are held at 8:30 p.m. On Monday it's a Closed Discussion; on Tuesday, a Closed Stag meeting; Wednesday is an Open Discussion meeting; Thursday is devoted to a Closed Step meeting; Friday is Open Speaker meeting followed by Bingo; and Saturday (excepting 2nd Saturday which is a Dinner-Bingo Nite) is Open Discussion meeting.

March speakers are as follows:

FRIDAY, MARCH 1—Bud G., Hercules.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8—Richard from Berkeley.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15—Pat from Richmond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22—Sylvia from Richmond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29—Eunice of Concord.

Concord Fellowship meets at 501 Monument Blvd., Concord, Calif.

CORRECTION

GOOD NEWS inadvertently said Carletta W. was secretary of the Stockton Midtown Group's "Early Bird" meeting which kicks off the Stockton Conference.

This is an error. Jack B. is secretary of Midtown.

Carletta does report that Midtown is engaged in "something new" at Midtown, as follows: following Birthday Night (3rd Friday of each month) there'll be a dance with refreshments served throughout the evening.

Those celebrating March birthdays are Bob B. — 8 years; Aggie S. — 6 years; Bud M. — 5 years; Annabelle P. and John A. — each 2 years; and Carletta W. — 1 year.

They also serve a Potluck Dinner the first Saturday of every month and Bingo is played every Saturday following the regular meeting. Midtown meets at 248 East Poplar Street, Stockton.

G.S. Assembly At Fellowship

Pat S., chairman-delegate, General Service, presided at a meeting held at the Island Fellowship, Alameda, Sunday, Feb. 25.

The meeting was called primarily for the purpose of informing representative of the proposed agenda for the annual General Service Conference scheduled for April in New York.

Chairman-delegate Pat asked for discussion on proposed subjects and the topic "Unity Within Groups" was explored. She left the meeting with considerable data for discussion in New York.

A report on the first Western General Conference in Fresno was read; and the death of past delegate Ed Hartsock announced.

Moraga Group

March speaker-meetings are scheduled by the Moraga Group on the following dates:

FRIDAY, MARCH 1—Arnold R., S.F. Fellowship.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8—Dick C., Walnut Creek.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15—Bill B., Husband & Wife Group, Oakland.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22—Bill D., Henry Ohlhoff House, S.F.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29—"Dimond Dick" C., Dimond Group.

New Yuba City Group Starts

A new Tuesday Night Meeting has been started in Yuba City, Del L., our Roving Correspondent, reports.

Del said the new group meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A., 815 Plumas Street in Yuba City. It is an Open Meeting.

Del suggests that groups in the surrounding area will give the fledgling Yuba City group a helping hand and assist in getting air borne. "This is how AA grows", reminds Del.

22nd ANNUAL MARCH CONFERENCE MARCH 23 - 24, 1968

CIVIC A

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1968

6:00-12:00 P.M.—Open House

A.A. Midtown Group, 248 E. Poplar St., Stockton

8:30 P.M.—Conference "Kick-Off" Meeting, 248 E. Poplar St., Stockton

Chairman: Leonard M., Stockton

Chapter 5: Don M., Stockton

Traditions: Aggie S., Stockton

What A.A. Is: Jack B., Stockton

Speaker: Tom T., Arlington Group, Los Angeles

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1968

9:00 A.M.—Registration Opens, Lobby, Main Auditorium

10:30 A.M.—General Service Open Meeting

North Front Main downstairs Legion Hall

Chairman: Pat S., Watsonville

Traditions: Bob R., San Francisco

Chapter 5: Herb S., Watsonville

Speaker: Jack H., San Jose

11:00 A.M.—N.C.C. Central Committee Meeting, Room 279

11:00 A.M.—Pacific Coast Central Office Secretaries Meeting

Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor

1:00 P.M.—Hospital & Institution Open Meeting, Main Auditorium

Chairman: Bud G., San Pablo

A.A. Speaker: Ben M., San Lorenzo

Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert Zimmerman

Resident Psychiatrist, Napa State Hospital

3:00-3:15 — N.C.C. Business Meeting

North Front Main downstairs, Legion Hall

Chairman: Bill G., Secretary, N.C.C.

Election

3:15 P.M.—Secretaries Meeting (Group Problems)

North Front Main Downstairs Legion Hall

Question and Answer Session

Moderator: Carroll A., Secretary Los Angeles Central Office

(Panel of Pacific Coast Central Office Secretaries

will appear on this program)

8:30 P.M.—Open Public A.A. Meeting, Main Auditorium

Chairman: John G., San Francisco

Invocation: Joseph Lambert, Bishop, 2nd Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Address of Welcome: Honorable Mayor Jos. Doll, Stockton

Chapter 5: Evelyn W., Kensington

Traditions: Ann P., San Pablo

Guest Speaker: Kerry L., Ord, Nebraska

10:15 P.M.—Dancing, "Dry Notes", Main Auditorium

10:30 P.M.—A.A. Meeting, North Front Main Downstairs Legion Hall

Chairman: Ethel B., Palo Alto

Chapter 5: Ralph B., Alameda

Traditions: Agnes B., San Francisco

Speaker: Earl C., Burlingame

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF A.A. AUDITORIUM STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1968

- 9:00 A.M.—Hospital and Institutions Workshops
Institutions: Room 274
Moderator: Win S., Fairfield
Hospitals: Room 278
Moderator: Pres S., San Jose
- 10:30 A.M.—General Service Open Meeting, Main Auditorium
Chairman: Karl G., Concord
Traditions: Stan K., Pacifica
Definition: Virgil H., McKinleyville
Speaker: Jim M., Carmichael
20 to 30 minute question and answer period
with above participants as a panel.
- 1:00 P.M.—Open Public A.A. Meeting, Main Auditorium
Chairman: Joan G., San Rafael
Invocation: Father Paul Taylor,
St. John's Episcopal Church, Stockton
Chapter 5: Cliff J., Sacramento
Traditions: Mae J., Sacramento
Guest Speaker: Al J., Malibu
- 3:00 P.M.—Conference Adjourns

All meetings will convene and adjourn on schedule. The Snack Bar will be closed during 8:30 meeting Saturday evening and 1:00 P.M. meeting on Sunday. All meetings will be held in the Civic Auditorium.

ALANON AND ALATEEN PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1968

- 9:00 A.M.—Alanon and Alateen Registration, Lobby, Main Auditorium
- 10:00 A.M.—World Service Meeting, Room 278
- 10:30 A.M.—Alateen Workshop, Room 274
- 1:00 P.M.—Alanon Open Meeting, Room 278
Topic — "Butterfly Story"
Emylee M., San Jose
Lynn G., Santa Clara
- 3:00 P.M.—Alanon Business Meeting, N.C.C., Room 278
"This Is Action"
- 3:00 P.M.—Alateen Open Meeting, Fresno Hosting, Room 274
- 4:00 P.M.—Alanon Business Meeting, H and I, Room 278
- 10:00 P.M.—Closed Alanon Round Table, Room 278
Chairman: Ray C., San Jose

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1968

- 10:30 A.M.—Open Alanon and Alateen Meeting,
North Front Downstairs Legion Hall
Invocation: Rev. Wm. Gutnecht, Lodi
"Serenity Prayer"
"God as we understand Him," Ada D., Modesto
"Faith over fear," Elia, Stockton
"How grateful is my gratitude," Margaret S., Sacramento

Group Changes

SOUTHGATE WOMEN'S — a new AA group. It is a closed meeting which gathers at St. Martin's Church, 777 Southgate Avenue, Daly City, at 8:30 p.m.

GRUPO LATINO ALANON—new Spanish Alanon Group. Meets Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. at 1329-7th Avenue, 2nd floor, San Francisco.

RICHMOND FAITH ALANON—new Alanon Group. It's a closed group that meets at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, 31st Avenue and Clement St., San Francisco.

ST. MARTIN'S—777 Southgate, Daly City now meets on Monday at 8:00 p.m. rather than 8:30 p.m. (old time).

12x12 GROUP—San Rafael. Temporarily on inactive list.

MARIN ALANO CLUB—Effective immediately, change phone number to 454-6993. It meets at 1462 Lincoln Ave., San Rafael.

Men of Parlin Fork Group Plan May Conference

The men of Parlin Fork AA Group, near Willits, Calif., were greatly heartened by a quarterly conference held Sunday, Feb. 4. Under the supervision of Leo M., Fort Bragg, who is outside sponsor for the Parlin Fork and Chamberlain Creek men, the Conference was labelled a "smashing success".

Fred H., secretary, reported guests came from as far away as Santa Rosa and Sebastopol, to attend. Heartened by the response, Parlin Fork and Chamberlain Creek are blue printing a May conference to be held at a Chamberlain Creek site.

Presently, Parlin Fork holds weekly meetings each Thursday, starting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are 60 minutes in length, adjourning at 8:00 p.m. to permit its sponsor to travel to Chamberlain Creek to open another meeting at 8:30 p.m., same night.

Obituaries

A legion of friends are mourning the death on Saturday, February 24, of Ed Hartsook of Pittsburg, Calif., who succumbed following a series of heart attacks.

The dead man is survived by sorrowing relatives including his wife, Edna; mother, five brothers and sisters; six children, 14 grand children and one great grand daughter.

A native of Elwood, Ind., Hartsook moved to Pittsburg 40 years ago. He became an AA member in June of 1947. He was office manager of Contra Costa Service Center since its inception. Prior to that, Ed was General Service delegate from Northern Calif. Coastal Panel One and had been GSR of the Pittsburg Group for many years.

Friends say, "His unselfish devotion to AA with his time, money and talents gave many of us a good example of 'Action'".

He was interred at Memorial Gardens, Concord, Calif., Feb. 27, with military rites. Scores of friends and AA members attended graveside services.

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GOOD NEWS has received word that "Imola Phil" Hoffman of Napa passed away a short time ago. Phil was very active in H & I work, particularly at Napa State Hospital where the AA group is named "Phil Hoffman Memorial Group."

Phil passed away on a plane which was taking him from Yuma, Arizona, where he had been vacationing, to a hospital in Phoenix.

Believing that he might not live, he said to Mrs. Hoffman as they were loading him on the plane, "It's not how LONG you live, but HOW you live, that's important. Keep the Serenity Prayer close."

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Cliff Hauger who lived for a number of years in San Jose, and more recently in Eureka, died in his sleep in San Francisco on December 11th.

Cliff had attended the Surf

NEWS AND TIDBITS FROM YOUR ALANO CLUB

DANCES — PARTIES — GAMES — PRIZES
— FRIVOLITY — FUN — FELLOWSHIP

We of your Alano Club have tried in the past, and will continue to try in the future, to bring you and yours the very best we can in the way of entertainment and other forms of relaxation. We are here for you, so please give us a try and see for yourself if you don't have fun and enjoyment at our parties and dances. Here are the dates to keep in mind.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2—Start the month with a dance at the Club. Lots of fun whether you dance or not. You'll meet many of your friends. Dance to the music of the "Dry Notes". Nice door prizes, too.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16—St. Patrick's Day Dance. No matter what nationality, there's a little Irish in you — if only the whiskey you drank. So rally around — all you Sons and Daughters of Erin — and have a ball. Dance to the "Dry Notes". Door prizes, of course.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30—Our regular monthly AA Birthday Dance. Here's your opportunity to join with all AA's whose AA birthday is in March and duly observed and celebrated. Coffee and cake; dance to good danceable records.

You're all invited to these gala events, so keep the dates and address in mind for future reference.

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB

414 Grant Avenue, corner Bush Street
San Francisco, California

Paul "Bus" D., Chairman

Group Christmas Party meeting that same night. He had almost sixteen years in AA at the time of his death.

He will be remembered by his many friends as the man who always wore the cowboy outfit at conferences, which he almost always attended; a big, jovial fellow with a world of energy and enthusiasm.

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Floyd H. Bowers, a 23 year veteran member of AA, died last month at age 75, and was interred in Roseville (Calif.) Cemetery on February 10, surrounded by a legion of mourning relatives and friends, scores of whom were AA members.

Chuck C., Laguna Beach, led the services in a Roseville funeral chapel.

Floyd practiced law for 52 years, 31 of them in Roseville. He was a member of the Roseville Tuesday Night Group and was widely

known in AA circles, both at state and national levels.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters; 2 sisters; 2 brothers; 7 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren.

Need Speakers?

How would your group like a panel of speakers for an upcoming meeting?

The S.F. Young People's Group has launched a "Panel Speaker" program to get their members more actively involved in AA.

They'll provide a panel of three members who will speak 15 or 20 minutes each, offering a variety of speakers and pitches within the regular time limit of the meeting. If desirable, they'll also provide a chairman.

To line up a panel of speakers phone Jim G. 824-6644; Gary S. 387-2687; or Roberta S. 567-1887.

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Fremont Group Is Serving Saturday Pot Luck Dinners

On the first and third Saturday of each month, Bingo with a capital B, is the big attraction at the Fremont Group whose headquarters is at 3958 Peralta Court, Fremont, Calif.

On the final, or last, Saturday of every month, Fremont serves a big, luscious Pot Luck Dinner which immediately follows a guest speaker. Lois J., chairman of the Pot Luck-Speakers Dinner committee, is arranging to invite topnotch "big name" speakers — in and out of AA — for these last-Saturday-of-the-month affairs.

Coming on to Vacation Time, people driving north or south through Fremont are invited to stop-over in Fremont on Saturdays and be the guests of Fremont Group at 3958 Peralta Court.

Island Fellowship

Island Fellowship of Alameda, lists the following speakers on its agenda:

SATURDAY, MARCH 2—Frank M., S.F. Fellowship.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9—Walt B., Sacramento.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16—Rollin W., Bus. Mgr. "GOOD NEWS"

SATURDAY, MARCH 23—Robbie D., S.F. Fellowship.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30—Richard D., San Jose Group.

H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

On January 25, approximately fifty H and I contact chairmen and their wives attended the A.A. annual banquet at San Quentin. An excellent dinner was served with two inmates and two outsiders at each table. Two orchestras provided music during the dinner.

After dinner Warden Nelson opened the program in which both inmate speakers and outside H and I speakers participated. Tom T. from Los Angeles was the featured speaker. It was an outstanding evening and the Robert B. Flippen Fellowship is to be congratulated as well as those San Quentin officials who participated.

Such meetings highlight the year for those contact chairmen who spend many hours at this facility each year.

An Area 8 meeting was held on February 4, 1968 at Modesto. Joe D. was elected the new Area Chairman. Joe succeeds Ron G., who resigned due to press of business. Thanks to Ron for a job well done and congratulations to Joe. I am sure all H and I members of Area 8 will give Joe their full support in the many activities and problems arising in this area.

Don't forget the Stockton Conference on March 23 and 24. Our H and I program at this conference promises to be outstanding.

On Saturday, March 23 our open meeting at 1 p.m. in the main auditorium will feature Ben M. of San Lorenzo as our alcoholic speaker and Dr. Robert Zimmerman, physician and resident psychiatrist at Napa State Hospital as our non-alcoholic speaker.

Bud G. of Hercules, Regional Chairman, Northern Coastal Region will act as Chairman. Sunday morning, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. our Hospital Workshop moderated by Pres. S. of San Jose; and our Institution Workshop moderated by Win S. of Fairfield will be held. Let's all plan to attend and make this one of our best conferences.

An Area 2 meeting, called by Area Chairman, Lee W. was held at the Concord Fellowship on February 11. Schedules were reviewed and problems discussed. The next Area 2 meeting will be a luncheon meeting at the El Cerrito Fellowship, 11224 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito at 12 noon on April 21.

Floyd B. of Roseville passed away on Thursday, February 8. Floyd was a dedicated H and I worker who was never too busy to carry the message to some still suffering alcoholic at one of the various facilities. Floyd was one of the first A.A. speakers I heard and one of the first H and I people I met. To say the least, he encouraged and helped me and countless others and will be sadly missed.

Potluck Dinner In The Backyard

The Ukiah Ladies Stag Group of Ukiah, Calif., observed its First Anniversary in February. It was a good meeting with 13 persons attending.

Jennie P., secretary, said the group is planning a potluck dinner in her backyard when the weather improves to really celebrate this most auspicious milestone.

A-7-A Fellowship

Speaker-meetings are announced by the A-7-A Fellowship as follows:

THURSDAY, MARCH 7—Ray D., Moraga Group.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14—Ken K., Lakeshore Group.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21—Dick C., Walnut Creek Group.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—Dale D., Castro Valley Group.

A-7-A Fellowship meets at 8:00 p.m. at 1815 Jefferson Street, Oakland.

Pacifica Group

The Coastside Group of Pacifica meets at American Legion Hall at 8:30 p.m. Their speakers for March are:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6—Anita H., San Carlos Group.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13—Ed N., Pacifica.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20—Bill L., San Mateo.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27—"Hub" H., San Mateo.

Memory Group

Following is the schedule of speakers that will appear during March at the Memory Group, which meets at 8:30 p.m. at 1364 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6—Marie B. is speaker.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13—Bob O. will make the pitch.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20—Helen C. is on the podium.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27—Come — and get a Surprise!

Monday Beginners

Speakers for the Monday Beginners during March meetings are, as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 4—Duane T.

MONDAY, MARCH 11—Anna S.

MONDAY, MARCH 18—Jack S.

MONDAY, MARCH 25—Dorothy

The Committee in charge of arrangements are Roger, Rosemary, Gig, and Gordon. Monday Beginners meet at 8:30 p.m. at 1755 Clay Street, in San Francisco.



Happy Habits

News From The Monterey Peninsula

T. O. M., Watsonville Group

The last Saturday of each month, members of Tri-county (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties), meet for an always well-attended speaker's meeting.

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Mary R. of Encino was the guest speaker on Saturday night, February 24 — Assumption church hall. The monthly Tri-county business meeting was held in Watsonville on Sunday, February 18, at 339 Lincoln St.

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The Tri-county March meeting will be in Monterey—place to be announced. We will have two well-known speakers from Los Angeles. The date for this meeting is March 30.

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Tri-county April meeting will be held in Santa Cruz. The speaker is to be Bea G. of Los Angeles—one of the most interesting members in the L.A. area. Bea has had great activity in H & I work as well as being the director of Friendly House.

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On a recent Sunday, the Carmel Valley Sunday Night Group celebrated its First Anniversary. Glen C., guest speaker, accompanied by

his non-AA wife, Mary, drove from Sunnyvale to participate.

Miriam I., Salinas, was chairman for the Anniversary affair which enjoyed a big turnout.

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Urban renewal in Seaside caused the Tuesday Night Beginners' to move their meeting place to 526 Hannon Avenue in Monterey, Virginia K., secretary said.

Musicians Wanted For New AA Band

Horn men, drummers, and stringed instrument players are needed to form a new band.

Jim T., South San Francisco, who plays both guitar and bass, is looking for men who are Sax men and Clarinetists, Guitar players, drummers and any others that play wind, string or percussion instruments.

Jim's idea is to start an AA band which would play primarily at AA functions but as time permits, play at private affairs.

Musicians who are interested should drop a postcard or letter to 527 Elm Court, South San Francisco, or phone 583-0991. Ask for Jim.

SAN FRANCISCO YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m.

Dining Room in Cathedral House at Grace Cathedral
at California and Taylor Streets

PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH LOT

enter lot on Sacramento Street,
just west of Taylor Street.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING (OPEN)

FORMAT — Participation — Coffee break — Main speaker

A lively meeting

MARCH SPEAKERS

DATE	SPEAKER	HOME GROUP
March 2	Dave R.	El Cerrito Fellowship
March 9	Joan G.	Ross Hosp. (Marin)
March 16	Richard K.	Island Fellowship (Alameda)
March 23	Roseanne C.	Telegraph Hill
March 30	Jack G.	San Francisco Fellowship