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LARGE CROWD EXPECTED AT SAN JOSE CONFERENCE BANQUET SAT.

San Jose which is noted for fine conferences with large attendance will host the Annual Spring Conference of the Northern California Council of A.A. March 1-2, 1969. Arrangements are rapidly nearing completion according to Ed W., General Chairman of the San Jose Conference Committee.

Three outstanding highlights will be presented to AA members attending, two guest speakers, Saturday Night and Sunday Afternoon, and the banquet to be held Saturday Night in the Ste. Claire Hotel, the time, 6 p.m.

Tom B. of Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba, will be the keynote speaker Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. Tom is a Canadian Trustee. Don't miss this very fine speaker.

Another highlight will be the address of Marion C., of Los Angeles to the closing meeting on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Many of our members have reported that she has an excellent story to relate.

The banquet Saturday Night at the Ste. Claire Hotel is an annual affair, held at the March conferences each year. The dining room will accommodate only about 500, and reservations must be in by Friday, February 21st. The cost is \$4.50 per person. (See form page 3).

The Conference will be preceded by a Kick-Off meeting on Friday, February 28th, at 8:30 p.m. in McCabe Hall in the Civic Center. The chairman of this meeting will be Bert S. of Santa Clara, with Gene D., of Calistoga as Guest Speaker.

Registration for the Conference will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 1st, and the first meeting, The Hospital and Institution Com-

AL-ANON LUNCHEON AT SAN JOSE CONFERENCE

Al-Anon of Northern California which is holding a conference at San Jose March 1-2, in conjunction with the AA conference, are giving a luncheon at the Ste. Claire Hotel on Saturday, March 1st, at 12:30 p.m.

An open meeting will be held at the luncheon with Elsa C. from Laguna Beach as Guest Speaker. All A.A. spouses, relatives and friends are invited.

Lunch will be \$3.00 per person including tip, according to Peggy K., Chairman of the event.

mittee, will start at 10:30 a.m. From then on the program is full; General Service, Central Office Secretaries, Alanon and Alateen meetings. (Program Pg. 4-5.)

The Alanon and Alateen program is scheduled to get underway Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude with a meeting on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The Conference will come to a close after the 1:30 p.m. meeting Sunday.

The local committee promises ample refreshments and hastens to assure that the program for this Spring Conference includes something to please everyone.

El Cerrito Fellowship 2nd Birthday Feb. 15th

Eneas "Red" K. of San Francisco will be Guest Speaker at a meeting of El Cerrito Fellowship, 11231 San Pablo Avenue, on Saturday, February 15th, celebrating the 2nd anniversary of this very active group.

The meeting at 8:30 p.m. will be followed by dancing and a buffet supper.

An unusual team of Uncle and Niece, Wendy and Richard W., will speak on Saturday, February 8th, and on the 22nd Don W. of Oakland Young Peoples' Group will do the honors, according to Secretary Bill A.

S.F. "ALUMNI GROUP" 250 AT 1st MEETING

The new "Alumni Group" got off to a flying start when they held their first meeting Wednesday Night, January 8th, at the Community Church of the Brethren, 34th Avenue and Noriega Street in San Francisco, according to Bill S., Secretary.

Gene D. of the Myrtledale Lodge, Calistoga, speaking to a crowd in excess of 250 people, gave an inspiring and informative talk.

The second meeting on January 15th was also well attended. Arnold R., San Francisco, was guest speaker for that meeting.

The February schedule:

Feb. 5—Fr. John DeA.

Feb. 12—Roy J.

Feb. 19—Gen. McK.

Feb. 26—Bill G.

INTER-COUNTY FELLOWSHIP — FEBRUARY, 1969

FOREST HILLS, SF (Tue.)

- 4—Jessie I.—Forest Hills
- 11—Sam P.—Thursday Beginners
- 18—Fanda G.—Sunday Wawona
- 25—Howard G.—Forest Hills

PACIFICA COASTSIDE (Wed.)

- 5—Gen McK.—Brisbane
- 12—George B.—Pacifica
- 19—Eddie K.—So. SF
- 26—Estelle R.—So. SF

SAN BRUNO MONDAY

- 3—Glen B.—SF Fellowship
- 10—Bill G.—SF Fellowship
- 17—Ralph T.—Valencia
- 24—Roy and Marge—Excelsior

THREE 'D', SF (Wed.)

- 5—Sam P.—SF Fellowship
Topic—School on Alcoholism
- 12—Frances C.—SF Fellowship
Topic—Recovery
- 19—Bill G.—Surf
Topic—General Service
- 26—Robbie D.—Panhandle
Topic—Ask-it-Basket

MYRTLEDALE SUN., 3:30 p.m.

- 2—Gary S.—SF Young Peoples
- 9—Rip R.—SF Fellowship
- 16—Dr. Gil A.—SF Fellowship
- 23—Gen McK.—Brisbane

SAN BRUNO DISCUSSION (Tue.)

- 4—Gene G.—So. SF
- 11—Ed M.—So. SF
- 18—Frank M.—Pacifica
- 25—Ed C.—Pacifica

SUNDAY BREAKFAST, SF

- 2—Walter B.
- 9—Ann Van L.
- 16—Frank M.
- 23—Merle G.—Millbrae

AMBASSADORS, SF (Wed.)

- 5—Joe G.—Westlake
- 12—Margie V.—SF Young Peoples
- 19—Leon R.—11th Hour
- 26—Jack M.—SF F'ship

PENINSULA ALL-GROUPS (Sat.)

- 1—Ed S.—SF Fellowship
Host—Emerald Lake
- 8—Pat C.—Menlo Park
Host—Brisbane Open

- 15—Pat E.—Moss Beach
Host—Redwood City Thurs.
- 22—Pete M.—SF Fellowship
Host—Palo Alto Thurs.

SATURDAY NITE OPEN, SF

- 1—Sam P.—Parkside
- 8—Claire T.—SF Fellowship
- 15—Neil C.—Daly City
- 22—Gene D.—Calistoga

"WINDY" WINGATE

Cleo M. "Windy" Wingate, of Sparks, Nevada, a member of A.A. for over 21 years, passed away in a Reno Hospital January 9, 1969, at age 83.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he came to Nevada in 1908 and for the past 60 years has lived and worked in the Reno area. There are no known survivors.

"Windy" was widely known in Nevada and California for his work in both prisons and hospitals, and his many deeds of kindness and his witty remarks will be long remembered.

His A.A. "family" arranged a dignified funeral, and he was buried in the Masonic Memorial Gardens in Reno.

CHICO ACTIVITIES NEW WOMEN'S GROUP

A new group for women was recently formed through the efforts of Fern T. It meets in Fern's home every Wednesday noon with Fern as Secretary, phone 342-4373 for the address of the meeting place.

John C. met Elizabeth in A.A. and now he is not lonely any more because they were recently married. They are very happy and love to attend AA meetings together. We all wish them much happiness!

Big Chief Harold McE. is the new secretary of the Thursday Night Bidwell Open Group. Congratulations to both Harold and the group.

MARYSVILLE AREA NEWS

(Notes from Del)

Elmer B. who celebrated his 20th (or more) birthday last month was only one of many local members including Mrs. Elmer, who were victims of the flu epidemic. We are happy to see Elmer and the others back at meetings again.

Yummy cakes and sober drunks are a good example to new people coming into the program; proof that the program really works. And so we list a few birthdays. Linda's Joe B. celebrated his 6th last month. Others: in Yuba City, Bill B., 8 years and Jerry his first, also this reporter (in February) the 7th and Roger N. his first.

The Linda Olivehurst Group continue to have fine speakers at their Last Sunday Open meetings at 7:00 p.m. The turnout for the Marysville Group's Second Thursdays speaker meetings at 824-4th Street has been real good. Other meetings are held on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and on Sunday mornings.

Jack H., a new member of Yuba City Group has suggested a new idea. Some new members are too shy or too sick to get the names and phone numbers of older members who want to help them as old-timers suggest, and so he proposed that a sheet of paper be passed around at meetings for those who are willing to be of help to sign their names, etc.

It will be men's names for new men and women's for the new woman. It seems like a good idea, and may be adopted by the group.

DEFINITION OF A COLD—A respiratory ailment for which there are many unsuccessful remedies, with WHISKEY being the most popular.

Lee A., one of Chico's Old Timers, passed away recently. Lee helped many sick alcoholics, and started the Saturday Night Group in Chico several years ago. His many friends will mourn his passing.

NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

Although February is already filled with important dates, Fresno A.A.'s are busily filling the calendar with exciting and interesting events. Inter-Group meeting for February is under the auspices of the A.B.C. group with Mac McG. chairing the proceedings.

Bob L., the chairman for the monthly speaker breakfast meetings, advises that this is fast becoming one of Fresno's largest meetings with interest running high for speakers of our own locale.

Dean G. having served her term as Treasurer for the Central Service Group has presented her money bags to the newly elected Ed S. This change is one of mixed emotions. Dean deserves the praise of all, and Ed S. has proven that he will follow faithfully and effec-

tively in her footsteps.

The Fig Garden group which will continue to have monthly speaker meetings, is busy lining up guest speakers for the year.

Fresno's Alateen group under the adult sponsorship of Barbara E. has made giant steps during the past year, and have already made plans for many activities for 1969. Mary is now the chairman for the Alateen newspaper.

RENO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"NEITHER RAIN NOR"

"... to any lengths to get it" is just what many of nearly 300 hardy souls did, those who attended the Western States General Service 2nd Annual Assembly in Reno, Nevada, the weekend of January 24-26, 1969.

The idea was good; the new Pioneer Memorial Auditorium, and the adjacent Pioneer Hotel Assembly Headquarters a half-block away, provided a fine setting for an Assembly Program which covered practically every facet of A.A. activities, as well as Alanon World Services meetings.

But the weatherman really fouled things up. The story of how members got into Reno, and how they did or DIDN'T get out, is a saga of adventure which may never be duplicated in the next decade.

This is written just as we go to press. Watch for the complete story in the next (March) issue of GOOD NEWS.

Don't let the past be a burden on your conscience, or tomorrow a broken dream. Try, by the grace of God, to live just for today.

26th ANNIVERSARY OF AA IN NEW ORLEANS

The Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, 4040 Tulare Avenue in New Orleans, will be the scene of the Louisiana 2nd Annual Convention March 28, 29 & 30, 1969, celebrating the 26th Anniversary of AA in New Orleans.

The committee has announced the following list of prominent speakers from other states: 'Scoop' L., Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Wilson M., Mesquite, Texas; Bonnie L., Louisville Kentucky; Harold W., Midland, Texas; and Marsalene W., (Alanon), Whitney, Texas.

Sunday Breakfasts At San Pablo Fellowship

Sunday Breakfast meetings the first Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. have been resumed at the San Pablo Fellowship, 1426-13th Street. A fine menu is served and a speaker or tape featured. A contribution of \$1.00 will be appreciated.

Leon B. is the new Secretary. with Ed W. serving as Treasurer. Meetings are held every night, with Friday Night a speaker meeting, the third Friday of each month is also birthday night. This is a very active group.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE

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

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"BY-THE-WAY" NOTES**Sacramento**

After 15 years of effort, an intimate AA group has finally been started in the Sacramento County Jail for women at 7th and H Sts., for AA women only, every Wednesday Night at 6:45 p.m.

Attendance is by invitation only; guests must have one year continuous and immediate sobriety. Anyone interested in lending a helping hand to alcoholic women who really need it should call Helen W. at 331-3525 or 481-1697. Helen is new to this area, and needs all the help she can get.

The new Divorter Call System for Teleservice went into operation on the night of December 3rd and seems to be working successfully and economically, according to Chairman Emilie B. This system is really new, even to the telephone company, but seems to be operating perfectly so far. If there are any problems, criticisms or suggestions, please call the Central Office.

The Latin-American Group has changed both the day and time of its meeting, now meets on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. All Spanish speaking members are particularly invited. There are rumors that the group will stage a Second Anniversary MEXICAN FIESTA such as they had in February, 1968. If all goes well there will be another one this year on February 8, 1969.

Woodland now has an Alateen Group which meets on Thursday Nights, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church, 2nd and Lincoln, in the same room as the Alanons.

The North Sacramento Group now has a new week-day meeting at noon on Wednesdays at 701 Dixieanne, according to Bob G. who has been bringing the 'goodies'. Bob says, "A good place to spend your lunch hour."

The new meeting schedules are being mailed out as fast as possible; please be patient. The new schedules have some innovations, the principal one being the listing of Sacramento Groups first, then out-of-town listings.

**ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE
Northern California Council of AA****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1969**

- 8:30 P.M.—Pre-Conference Kickoff Meeting, Jay McCabe Hall.
Chairman: Bert S., Santa Clara.
Chapter 5: Helen P., San Jose.
Traditions: Jim R., San Jose.
Speaker: Gene D., Calistoga.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1969

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration, Jay McCabe Lobby.
10:30 A.M.—Hospital & Institution Meeting, Main Auditorium.
Chairman: Cecil C., Brisbane, Area VI Chairman.
AA Speaker: Ernie B., San Francisco.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Sidney Goldstein, San Jose, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic.
11:00 A.M.—N.C.C. Central Committee Meeting, Dunn Hall.
11:00 A.M.—Central Office Secretary's Meeting, Room A.
Chairman: "Ty" T., Sacramento.
1:00 P.M.—General Service Representatives Meeting, Main Auditorium.
Moderator: Bill G., San Francisco.
Chapter 5: Esther S., Visalia.
Traditions: Herb E., San Joaquin.
Speakers: Public Information—Neva D., Fresno.
Responsibility of Committee Members—Cliff J., Sacramento.
Finances—George B., San Jose.
3:00 P.M.—N.C.C. Business Meeting, Main Auditorium.
Chairman: Max McD., N.C.C. Secretary.
3:15 P.M.—Secretary's Meeting (Question & Answers), Main Auditorium.
Moderator: Charles L., San Jose.
Panel: Robert E., Oakland
Lila J., San Mateo.
"Ty" T., Sacramento.
6:00 P.M.—Banquet, Sainte Claire Hotel.
8:30 P.M.—A.A. Open Meeting, Main Auditorium.
Chairman: Paul J., Los Gatos.
Invocation: Rev. Anthony Wayne Myers, Congregational Church of Campbell.
Welcome Addresses: Hon. R. R. James, Mayor of San Jose.
Ray Blackmore, Chief of Police.
Chapter 5: Pauline H., Modesto.
Traditions: Chet G., San Jose.
Guest Speaker: Tom B., Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba Canadian Trustee.
10:15 P.M.—Door Prize Drawing, Main Auditorium.
10:30 P.M.—A.A. Open Meeting, Main Auditorium.
Chairman: Carrol B., Fresno.
Chapter 5: Glen G., San Jose.
Traditions: Ed S., Redding.
Guest Speaker: "Red" K., San Francisco.
10:30 P.M.—Dancing, Refreshments, Jay McCabe Hall.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1969

- 9:00 A.M.—General Service Representatives Meeting, Main Auditorium.
Moderator: Stan W., Fairfax.
Chapter 5: Paul V., Santa Clara.
Traditions: Kay M., San Jose.
Speakers:

MARCH 1-2, 1969**Civic Auditorium --- San Jose, California**

Responsibilities of Representatives—Glen C., Mountain View.

Traditions of A.A.—Tony B., San Jose.

Unity Within A.A.—Bill L., Cupertino.

10:30 A.M.—Institution Workshop, Main Auditorium.

Chairman: Ralph B., Alameda, Area V Chairman.

Hospital Workshop, Room A.

Chairman: Vern S., San Pablo, Coordinator,

Contra Costa County Hospital, Martinez.

1:30 P.M.—A.A. Open Meeting, Main Auditorium.

Chairman: Dick McK., Saratoga.

Invocation: Rev. William Maddox,

Trinity Episcopal Church, San Jose.

Welcome Address: Chas. J. Prelsnek, Sheriff,

Santa Clara County, San Jose.

Chapter 5: Luella B., Santa Clara.

Traditions: Jim P., San Jose.

Guest Speaker: Marion C., Los Angeles.

ALANON AND ALATEEN PROGRAM**ALANON****SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1969**

9:00 A.M.—Registration, Jay McCabe Lobby.

10:00 A.M.—World Service Meeting, Montgomery Theater.

World Service Representative: Muriel B., San Jose.

12:30 P.M.—Open Meeting, Sainte Claire Hotel.

Luncheon and Speaker Meeting.

Chairman: Evonne A., Modesto.

Twelve Steps: Marion W., Concord.

Twelve Traditions: Doris B., Sacramento.

Guest Speaker: Elsa C., Laguna Beach.

4:00 P.M.—Hospital and Institution Meeting, Montgomery Theater.

Chairman: Marion W., Concord.

Co-Chairman: Ada D., Modesto.

10:00 P.M.—Open Meeting, Montgomery Theater.

Chairman: Theresa R., Concord.

Discussion Meeting on "A Guide For The
Family of The Alcoholic".**ALATEEN**

9:30 A.M.—Alateen Sponsor Workshop, Room G.

10:00 A.M.—Alateen Workshop, Room G.

1:00 P.M.—Alateen Discussion Meeting, Room G.

3:15 P.M.—Open Alateen Meeting, Room G.

Question and Answer Panel.

Chairman: Kathy C., Ceres.

10:00 P.M.—Dancing, Room G.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1969**ALANON**

10:00 A.M.—Open Meeting, Montgomery Theater.

Chairman: Ada D., Modesto.

Twelve Steps: Maxine K., Sacramento.

Twelve Traditions: Francis S., Sacramento.

Speakers: Wanda H., Petaluma.

"Acceptance Versus Resignation".

Vi N., Millbrae.

"How An Alanon Lives The Twelve Steps
After Sobriety".

9:00 A.M.—Alateen Earlybird Meeting, Room G.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA
ACTIVITIES — NEWS**

(Fern Q.)

The Tri-County monthly meeting of the groups in the Monterey Bay area will be held in Monterey on Saturday, February 22nd.

Stan W. of Fairfax, will be the guest speaker for this meeting, which should be very interesting. Stan is a former Chairman-Delegate of General Service Panel One, has twice been Secretary of Northern California Council and is, at present, General Chairman of the Western General Service Assembly which just concluded sessions in Reno, Nevada, January 24-26.

Art and Bobbie S. of Dunsmuir and Jim D. of Eureka were recent visitors in the area according to Pat S., Watsonville.

The Watsonville Tuesday Night Group had a real birthday party at their January 14th meeting. Bob P. and Phil G. both celebrated their 9th birthdays, but Bob B. who is celebrating his 10th was unable to attend because of illness. Not previously reported, November, Gean E., 8 years and Fern Q. had her 6th. To those involved birthdays are important events.

There are now three meetings (groups) in Hollister. A Spanish speaking group meets Saturday Nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School. There is also a closed meeting Saturday Nights in the Veteran's Memorial Building and, in the same location, an open meeting on Wednesdays, both at 8:30 p.m.

Watsonville members attend these meetings by the carload, and the groups are growing.

WINSTON CHURCHILL once said . . . "Men occasionally stumble over the truth; most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."

"I CAN ABSTAIN, but I cannot moderate" . . . Samuel Johnson.

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY INTERGROUP

George J. and Harry F. have consented to serve as Chairmen of the Fairmont Hospital Committee, replacing Ted P. who has served well for the past two years.

Ellen, our newly selected office Secretary in Hayward, is back on the job after a month's illness and a serious operation. It is reported she will be a paid A.A. Representative in the office for five days a week. Welcome back, Ellen!

Jim J. from San Ramon Group is the new chairman of the Saturday Night Speakers, replacing George J., who has served so faithfully the past year.

Open meetings are held every Saturday night at All Saint's Church, 2nd and D Streets in Hayward. The February 1969 schedule follows:

DATE	SPEAKER	from	HOST GROUP
Feb. 1	Phil & Johnny Mac	San Francisco	Fireside Group
Feb. 8	Jack B.	Pleasanton	San Ramon Group
Feb. 15	Arnold R.	San Francisco	Hayward Weds. Nite
Feb. 22	Cal P.	Oakland	Newark Group

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL Financial Statement — Jan. 1, 1969

Bank Balance 6-30-68	\$3,628.66
Deposits 7-1-68 to 12-31-68	2,725.16
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	\$6,353.82
Expenses (checks drawn)	3,973.81
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	\$2,380.01
Check returned (picked up)	1.00
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BALANCE IN BANK (January 1, 1969)	\$2,379.01
Respectfully Submitted,	
Max L. McD., Secretary	

BEVERLY HILLS HAS ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Celebrating the 23rd anniversary of the group's founding, Orville K. and Ed B. of the Beverly Hills Group produced a show and party for over 725 people on Friday Night, January 10th.

Birthday cakes were given to a total of twenty members celebrating from the all-important one year to 24 years, almost two hundred and forty years of constant sobriety in all.

Jack T., Medford, Oregon, was the man with 24 years, and Chuck C. had his 23rd. Dr. Tony H. from Palm Springs; Andy Stone, Santa

Monica, and Charles C. of the Westwood Office all celebrated their 20th AA birthdays. With fifteen other celebrants it was quite an array of sober and happy people.

The hostess committee had four beautiful flower girls, all members, who distributed over forty dozen corsages to women guests while a three-piece combo played festive mood music during the assembly of those attending.

Each cake recipient was given two minutes for an acceptance speech. Then what a show. Headliners from both the TV and nightclub world participated in what many said was a better production

Inter-County Fellowship Annual Picnic August 3

The San Francisco office of the Intercounty Fellowship announces their Annual Picnic date will be August 3rd, the place, Blackberry Farm in Cupertino, the same location as last year.

The announcement says, "Hopefully, this will help to avoid conflicting dates when you are planning any of your events."

PASS THE NUTS

A University Professor was entertaining a friend. Waiting for the main course at dinner, the friend asked his host, "Will you pass the nuts?" The Professor replied, "Oh, I suppose so, but they should be flunked."

SAFETY SLOGAN

Nice guys finish last, but they finish.

POINTS TO PONDER

No matter what your past has been, your future is spotless.

It was W. C. Fields who said, "I drink to steady my nerves, sometimes I get so steady I can hardly move."

RESENTMENTS AND SHORT-COMINGS—What is the difference? Bill W., our co-founder who wrote both terms in the 12 steps, said some years ago that he just didn't want to use the same word twice. He intended the two terms to mean the same thing. Box 4-5-9

than any top TV special. Dancing to the music of Johnny Rotella's band followed the show, and light refreshments were served.

There was no ticket sale as a committee of Beverly Hills patrons footed the bill. When the call went out the response was so great that within ten days contributions were being refused or returned.

(Miriam I., reporter)



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SEND IN YOUR DATES

Is your group planning an event this coming Spring, Summer or Fall? How about your area picnic? Any intergroup monthly or quarterly meetings?

Send in your dates! Also the news about what's happening; time, place and reason. We will publish your news, and we hope to assist the groups so that the dates for their various activities will not conflict.

Keep GOOD NEWS posted; confer with us about dates and we will assist you!

Alanon Group Birthday Dr. Gill Guest Speaker

The Richmond District Faith Alanon Group will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, February 12th, 8:30 p.m., at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, 31st Avenue and Clement Street, celebrating their First Anniversary.

Dr. Gill A. will be Guest Speaker for the occasion, and there will also be a Post-Alateen speaker, Marty K. A buffet will be served after the meeting.

Good News First Class

—mail, that is! If you want to get GOOD NEWS promptly instead of waiting for 3rd class (permit) mail, send in 60¢ either money or stamps and we will put your name on the First Class Mail list.

H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,
Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

As you all know, the zip code on correspondence is required by the Post Office Department. Failure to include it in the address on an envelope delays the delivery of mail. To make sure this does not occur, our Secretary, Gen R. of San Pablo, has requested all members of the Hospital and Institution Committee to supply her with the zip code for their proper address. This will enable her to make sure that all of us receive meeting notices and other pertinent communiques.

During the past several months, I have received several telephone calls from AA members who are either interested in Hospital and Institution work or who want information regarding meetings in facilities covered by our committee. The problem appears to be that we are so anonymous they cannot find out who to contact. Inasmuch as we always need more individuals for H and I work to carry the message to those who are confined, and to alleviate the above mentioned problem, it is suggested that:

1. All members of the H and I Committee make a concerted effort to inform all of the AA groups in their areas who the Area Chairman is for that area and how to get in contact with him regarding H and I work or for desired information.
2. If the question regards another area, the Area Chairman can refer this to his Regional Chairman or to the General Chairman. A prompt answer will be forthcoming.
3. To those who are seeking an answer to a question regarding a facility, or those who are interested in participating in H and I work, our address is printed in large letters and numerals on the "pink cans" which are present at all meetings.

A postcard or letter addressed to: HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 4032, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94101, with either a phone number where you can be reached or an address will be contacted immediately. Hopefully this will alleviate the confusion which now exists. We can always use more people in H and I work.

Many areas held meetings during the first part of January, 1969. On January 5, 1969, Area 4S held another of their successful breakfast meetings in Stockton. On January 12, 1969, Area 2 held a very successful luncheon meeting at Vallejo despite competition from the Super Bowl. Also Area 5 held their regular monthly meeting at the Intergroup Office in Oakland. Let's keep these area meetings going. They are the foundation for communication and problem solving in H and I work.

Don't forget the San Jose Conference on March 1 and 2, 1969. This will provide another "get together" for good arms length AA and a chance to become better acquainted with H and I members from all other areas. Let's make this one of our biggest H and I gatherings.

PRAYER

I know not by what method rare
But this I know, GOD ANSWERS
PRAYER;
I know not when He sends the word
That tells me fervent prayer is
heard;

I know it cometh soon or late
My part is but to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I
thought;
I leave all care with Him above
Whose Will is always one of love.

S.F. "ALL-GROUPS" WILL FEATURE A.A. "FAMILY"

Bert, Ann and Michael C., A.A., Alanon and Alateen family from Concord, will be the featured speakers at the Friday Night All-Groups meeting of the Inter-County Fellowship on February 28th in San Francisco.

These Friday Night meetings are held weekly in the Starr King room of the Unitarian Church at Geary and Franklin Streets at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and coffee is served both before and after meetings.

Pat and Ray I., husband and wife team from the Surf Group will speak on February 21st, and Rollin W., GOOD NEWS Editor-Manager, on the 14th.

The program follows:

FEB. 7—Father Art S., S.F. Fellowship; Frances C. — Monday Beginners. Host Group — Eleventh Hour.

FEB. 14—Rollin W. — First Step; Elaine E. — S.F. Fellowship. Host Group — California St.

FEB. 21—Pat and Ray I. — Surf (husband and wife team). Host Group — Parkside.

FEB. 28—Bert, Ann and Michael C.—Concord (A.A.-Alanon-Alateen), Host Group — S.F. Book.

News Events from S.F. Alano Club

By Paul "Bus" D.,

Our New Year's Eve 'bash' was a grand success; we started this new year off with a bang, thanks to all of you. The crowd was happy (and SOBER), the food was fine, and the dance band was great! Keep up the work and remember, you're all invited to our parties and dances!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1969—First "O" the month dance. Music by our delightful little combo, "The Dry Notes". The only way you can't dance to them is you can't walk. Door prizes, too.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1969—Valentine's Day Dance. Something special for the occasion. Dancing to the "Dry Notes". Fine Door Prizes!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1969—Birthday Night again! (Washington's, too.) So, all you guys and gals who have A.A. birthdays in February come on up to the Club and we'll help you celebrate this grand occasion. Coffee and cake for all, and dancing to great records.

There you are; a full month of entertainment! Remember one thing; as long as the Alano Club is open you never need be alone or lonely. So, keep these dates open and the address handy.

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