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The story was snow:

RENO WESTERN GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

7 STATES REPRESENTED

In spite of the weatherman, nearly 300 'hardy souls', A.A. members, went "to any lengths" to attend the 2nd Annual Western General Service Assembly in Reno, Nevada, January 24-26 at the beautiful new Pioneer Memorial Auditorium. Seven states were represented on the roster of those attending.

Much was accomplished during the three days of constant sessions. Those in attendance were sincere A.A.'s, interested in the future of the fellowship, and the subjects discussed covered every facet of A.A. activities & "The Influence of Group Conscience", the theme of the Assembly.

At an 11:00 p.m. meeting of past and present G.S. delegates Saturday Night the question of when, where and if these assemblies should be continued, was discussed and it was decided to consider the matter again in New York in April.

Alanon World Service also held meetings at this Assembly for the first time. A number of delegates from other states reported on the activities in their areas, and it was decided to participate in future Western General Service Assemblies.

The story of this assembly, however, is past history. The real story is the snow; how people got to Reno and how they got out again.

One group left San Francisco Friday morning by plane and were taken to Salt Lake City because the airport at Reno was closed. Scheduled to take off for Reno at 2:30 p.m., they missed that plane because of the time change not noted.

Another group left Los Angeles, landed at Sacramento and proceeded to Reno by bus. There are many such stories of hardship in getting to Reno, and THEN, the difficulties in getting OUT again on Sunday afternoon.

All highways, 50, 80, etc. were

ATTENTION GROUP SECRETARIES

Special request from GSO, New York: Please be sure to register your Group and your Secretary with General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, New York, New York 10017. They need this information now as they are compiling the new Spring 1969 World Wide Directory. This is important!

closed by snow and blizzards. A few buses left by way of the Feather River Road and got through, but took many hours. Most members waited until Monday when Highway #80 was finally opened about 11:00 a.m. but the usually broad highway was a single lane with traffic at about 5-10 miles per hour through a blizzard so thick that, at times, one could not see the car 20 feet ahead. And the snow was banked high on both sides; constant stops which made you wonder, and think of the Donner Party.

A COUPLE OF ITEMS

The weather was so bad on Saturday Night that one couple took a cab to get from the Pioneer

Bomb Scare New Years Eve At Sacramento

GOOD NEWS learns, belatedly, that the New Years Eve party planned in Sacramento at the Labor Center had to be called off early in the evening due to an anonymous phone call which stated a bomb had been placed in the building.

Those in charge were faced with various choices. They might ignore the threat, they could alert a few trustworthy members and look for it or they could close down the party, which they finally did.

Too much cannot be said for the orderly way, without any trouble, that those in attendance accepted the emergency request to vacate the premises. It speaks well for the tolerance, trust and acceptance of those in A.A.

IGNACIO—NEW GROUP WEDNESDAY—8:30 P.M.

A new group has been started in Ignacio according to word received through the Central Office in San Francisco. It meets at 8:30 p.m. in the Church of Ignacio, Pacheco Shopping Center.

This is an open meeting according to Bruce C., Secretary. All AA's, Alanons and friends are cordially invited to attend and participate.

Hotel to the Auditorium, across the street and half a block away, because of the icy sidewalks, the wind, and the gutters full of slush.

With time on his hands one member devoted himself to figuring out a system to beat the Keno game at the Mapes Hotel. We cannot report on his success, if any, but we wish him well.

INTER-COUNTY FELLOWSHIP — MARCH, 1969

BRISBANE ALL GROUPS (Sun.)

- 2—Estelle R.—So. S.F.
- 9—Eddie A.—So. S.F.
- 16—Allan B.—Uptown
- 23—to be announced
- 30—Jen McK.—Brisbane

MYRTLEDALE SUN., 3:30 p.m.

- 2—Sam P.—S.F. Fellowship
- 9—Ty—Central Office Secretary, Sacramento.
- 16—SPECIAL ST. PATRICK'S EVENT.
- 23—Ann & Art LaP—Contra Costa Service Center.
- 30—Doc R.—S.F. Fellowship.

PACIFICA COASTSIDE (Wed.)

- 5—Eddy A.—San Bruno
- 12—Bonnie T.—Daly City
- 19—Jim T.—So. S.F.
- 26—Mary W.—San Bruno

G. S. DISTRICT 7 ASSEMBLY MARCH 9

Group Representatives to General Service District #7 will meet on Sunday, March 9th, at the Alano Club, #70 South 'E' Street in Santa Rosa, according to "Red" P., Secretary.

Marty C. has accepted the job of District Committee Member for District #7 for the next two years, 1969-1970, and will conduct the Assembly.

Secretary Red P. will be at the Club by noon to take registrations. Come early and bring a lunch if you wish; coffee and 'sweets' will be served. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. with the roll-call.

District #7 assembly is made up of groups from Marin, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino Counties, and Chairman Marty hopes for a good attendance.

The meeting will adjourn at 3:00 p.m. but after an intermission the Trustee Talk Tape will be played for those desiring to remain and listen.

A MAN can wear his hair three ways: parted, unparted, departed.

AMBASSADORS, S.F. (Wed.)

- 5—Ralph T.—Valencia
- 12—Rollin W.—First Step
Special St. Patrick's Day —
Refreshments, Raffle, Prizes.
- 19—Margie—Valencia
- 26—John O'B.—Valencia

SAN BRUNO TUES. DISCUSSION

- 4—Juan P.—So. S.F.
- 11—Jim L.—San Mateo Alano
- 18—Carl K.—Fireside
- 25—John W.—San Mateo

SATURDAY NITE OPEN, S.F.

- 1—Joe K.—S.F. Fellowship
- 8—Jonita D.—S.F. Fellowship
- 15—Walter B.—Pleasant Hills
- 22—Fred R.—Ambassadors
- 29—Virginia M.—Modesto

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC AT CUPERTINO AUGUST 3rd

The Intercounty Fellowship will hold its 1969 annual picnic on Sunday, August 3rd, at Blackberry Farm, Cupertino, according to announcement received through the San Francisco Office from Bus D., Picnic Chairman, who says,

"It is our wish, in making this early announcement, that we can avoid conflicting dates, so that all who wish to attend will be free to do so."

The picnic this year will include something for everyone; golf, softball, swimming, dancing, bingo, food, childrens activities, etc.

Watch GOOD NEWS for more on the picnic.

MARYSVILLE AREA

(Notes from Del)

The Yuba City Group will stage another "Eatin' Meetin'" on Friday, March 14th according to Secretary Betty N. The pot-luck will start at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at eight.

Art O'F. from San Francisco, "Trusted AA servant who allows nothing to bug him for more than 5 minutes," will be the featured speaker. The address, Mid-Valley Savings & Loan (side entrance) at 800 Plumas Street in Yuba City, "is a flight of stairs to fun and fellowship." Plenty of free parking in the rear.

The Marysville Group at 824-4th Street has added two "Brown Bag" meetings to its schedule; Mondays and Thursdays from 12 noon to one o'clock, for business and working people who want a little AA fellowship with lunch and coffee. The coffee will be provided. Anyone interested is invited; both are closed meetings.

2nd St. Patrick's Day AA Feed At Calistoga

Under the general auspices of the Myrtleale AA group, members of the AA fellowship of the San Francisco Fire Department will serve a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Calistoga Fair Grounds on Sunday, March 16th, celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

The dinner will be served following an AA meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. This is the second year such an event has been held. Gene D., operator of Myrtleale Hot Springs, is in charge of arrangements.

ESPECIALLY FOR NEWCOMERS

MONDAY BEGINNERS

Speaker Meeting with
Questions and Answers

THURSDAY BEGINNERS

Speaker—Discussion Meeting

Both Meetings held at 1755 Clay St., San Francisco—8:30 pm
Coffee — Refreshments — Arm's Length A.A. after each Meeting

NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

Tommy A. and Dave B. will share the podium for the monthly Sunday Morning Breakfast Group meeting (March 16th?) according to Bob L., Secretary.

Howard, the "Duncan Hines" of Fresno, announces a chicken dinner for all A.A. members on Saturday, March 22nd. These delicious dinners are always followed by an evening of bingo, climaxed by a "White Elephant" sale.

The proceeds of these monthly affairs are fast filling the coffers of the building fund.

The Palm and Shaw Village Group will host Bob D. of Los Angeles later this month according to Lloyd M., newly elected Secretary of the group. He succeeds Bob M. to whom plaudits are due for his dedicated work.

Lloyd not only took on the job of Secretary of a group, but he also took himself a wife, Barbara. Our congratulations and best wishes.

The Intergroup monthly meeting, hosted by the Beginners' Group, honored a former Fresno member, Bob M. now of Sacramento. Bob gave a tremendous message to his

old and new friends. Mac M. chaired the meeting.

Another former Fresnan, Anne, now a resident of Hawaii, returned for a visit last month and introduced her husband, Allen. The couple are planning an exciting 'round the world' tour, and will report regularly to the Fresno "Pipeline" on the A.A. meetings they attend.

SPEAKERS WANTED

The Friday Night Tradition Group, Santa Rosa, is looking for Speakers according to Charlotte G., Secretary, who says, "If anyone interested in coming to Santa Rosa on Friday Nights will send me their phone number I will call them."

Address "Charlotte G., #70 South 'E' Street, Santa Rosa, Cal. 95404." The group meets at 8:30 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Alano Club, same address.

SOUTH SHORE GROUP AA AT LAKE TAHOE

The members of the South Shore Group at Lake Tahoe are very anxious that their meeting and location at 985½ Tallac Avenue, in the Al Tahoe area across from the El Dorado Camp Grounds, be given publicity so that vacationing AA's will be familiar with the fact that there is a meeting at Tahoe for anyone wanting and/or needing a meeting.

The group meets at that address both Monday and Thursday evenings at 8:00. They are very interested in having visitors and will give them a real welcome according to Tom C. who sent GOOD NEWS this message.

Let your vacation plans include a meeting of the South Shore Group, 985½ Tallac Avenue opposite the El Dorado Camp Grounds, 8:00 p.m. on Mondays or Thursdays.

S.F. "ALL-GROUPS"

FRIDAY NIGHTS AT GEARY & FRANKLIN

The S.F. All-Groups meetings held every Friday Night in the newly built and beautiful Unitarian Church at Geary and Franklin Streets are perhaps the most enjoyable and rewarding for both old and new A.A. members.

They are also very carefully planned for the benefit of the visitor who wants to know. Both speakers and chairmen are selected for their ability to present the A.A. program in an interesting and informative manner. The public is welcome.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m., and coffee is served both before and after the meetings. Plenty of parking space is available.

The March schedule:

MARCH 7—Stan W., Westlake; Helen C., S.F. Fellowship. Host Group—Mill Valley.

MARCH 14—Chester W., S.F. Fellowship. Host Group—S.F. Young Peoples.

MARCH 21—Earl C., Burlingame Serenity; Roseanne C., Telegraph Hill. Host Group—High Noon.

MARCH 28—Curtis R., Gratitude. Host Group—Sonoma Valley.

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SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY INTERGROUP

SERVICE CENTER 5TH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 12th

Shopping Center Auditorium in the Southland Mall, West Winston Avenue in Hayward, will be the scene of a baked ham and turkey dinner Saturday, April 12th, starting at 6:00 p.m., celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the AA Service Center in Hayward according to Chairman Jim J.

Ben W., Los Angeles attorney, will be guest speaker at an A.A. meeting following the dinner at 8:30 p.m. The door prize will consist of a complete A.A. library. A donation of \$2.75 per person is anticipated.

Dancing to the music of the Alta Notes will follow the meeting. See the APRIL GOOD NEWS for further details.

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

DATE	SPEAKER	from	HOST GROUP
March 1	Art N.	Fremont	San Lorenzo
March 8	Sam B.	San Jose	Fremont Fellowship
March 15	Dick & Eve	Walnut Creek	Eden Group
March 22	Silas P.	San Francisco	Castro Valley
March 29	Surprise Speaker		Pleasanton

MODESTO MAN DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Richard (Dick) Williams, an active AA member in Modesto, was killed in an automobile accident near Barstow, California, on February 20th. He was 35 years of age and unmarried, but leaves a Mother, Father and Sister.

Dick, as he was known to his friends, was G.S. representative for his group, as well as being a willing and available worker wherever needed. Modesto's three fellowships, Group No. 1, Freeway Group and the Alano Group, have joined in contributing to a memorial fund which is being set up in New York General Service Office, at the request of the family, in lieu of floral offerings.

Individual contributions may be addressed to Dick Williams Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1604, Hudson Station, Modesto, California 95354, and they will be forwarded to General Service in New York.

If we had no faults, we wouldn't take so much pleasure in noticing them in others.

LETTER FROM HIS WIFE

To the many friends
of 'Wino' Joe L.

Joe sends his regards and wants them to know he has made wonderful recovery from a severe coronary attack suffered last April.

He's making his first convention talk since then March 8th at St. Simon's Island, Georgia. I'm going with him to see that he 'lives right'.

(wife) Mary
Tyler, Texas

MONTEREY PENINSULA ACTIVITIES — NEWS

(Fern Q.)

The next Tri-County groups monthly meeting will be held in Santa Cruz on March 29th. Bill G., past NCC Secretary and G.S. Delegate, from San Francisco, will be the Guest Speaker at the meeting in Fellowship Center, 817 Front Street. The Center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A Tri-County Intergroup business meeting was held on Sunday, February 16th, 6:00 p.m. at 572 Light-house, Pacific Grove, with all groups represented. Jack B. resigned as Intergroup Chairman because of illness, and Afton, an attractive gal from Alaska, was elected to succeed Jack.

Curley from Visalia (formerly Monterey) was the speaker at a meeting of the Seaside Family Group on Saturday, February 8th. A pot-luck dinner preceded the meeting, and bingo afterward. Attendance was close to 100.

A play based on the 12 Steps of AA will be presented by Homor D. on April 26th in Salinas. The players, all members of A.A. are professional actors.

Jim M., past Trustee from Carmichael, will be the speaker at the Tri-County meeting in Hollister on May 31st. More on these two events later.

COMING EVENTS IN OTHER STATES

MARCH 9—WILMINGTON, DELAWARE—25th Annual Banquet. DuPont Hotel. Write Chairman, 134 E. 2nd St., New Castle, Delaware.

MARCH 14-16—FRENCH LICK, INDIANA—16th Annual Indiana State Convention, French Lick Sheraton Hotel. Write Conv. Chm., P.O. Box 274, Orleans, Ind. 47452.

MARCH 14-16—CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—15th A.A. JAMBOREE—Robert Driscoll Hotel. Noon Fri. to Noon Sun. Write Jamboree Committee, P.O. Box 2206, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403.

MARCH 28-30—NEW ORLEANS, LA.—26th Anniversary of A.A. in New Orleans and Second Annual Convention—Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, 4040 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, La. Speakers: "Scoop" L., Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Wilson M., Mesquite, Tex.; Bonnie L., Louisville, Kentucky; Harold W., Midland, Texas; Marsalene W., Whitney, Texas (Al-Anon).

MARCH 29-30—ABILENE, TEXAS—First Al-Anon Family Group Conference in Texas — Write Conference Chairman, Marcy White, Box 111 G, Whitney, Texas 76692.

12th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE, JULY 25-27

The 12th International Conference of Young People in A.A. will be held this year in Philadelphia on the weekend of July 25-27, 1969.

This International Conference for Young People in A.A. was born twelve years ago in Niagara Falls and attracted over two hundred A.A.s. Since that time, it has been held in various cities in the United States and Canada and has attracted over a thousand of our members at the most recent conventions.

Since its beginning in 1958, this Conference has enjoyed growing and enthusiastic support from A.A.'s of all ages. It seeks to bring young people together in an exchange of ideas and ideals, to consider problems of living and recovery, particularly pertinent to the young alcoholic, and to foster a feeling of unity, strength and faith to the conferees and to A.A. as a whole.

The I.C.Y.B. is organized within the framework of the Twelve Traditions, and has the full support of GSO and the local Philadelphia Intergroup. Meetings will be held in The Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Conference Headquarters.

The Program Committee, using the Conference theme "Purpose", is already hard at work preparing a program of sharing—arranging fine talks, energetic workshops and enthusiastic approaches to this unique opportunity for A.A. development.

Inquiries should be addressed to Conference Committee, 2202 St. James Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19103, U.S.A.

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.

H & I BROADSIDES

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

The Annual Banquet of the Robert B. Flippin Memorial Fellowship of A.A. at San Quentin was held on Thursday, January 30, 1969. Approximately seventy-five contact chairmen and their wives were in attendance. An excellent dinner was served with two inmates and two outsiders at each table. A very fine program, featuring both outside and inside A.A. speakers, and the music of the 4/5's made for a very enjoyable evening. All members of the San Quentin Fellowship, San Quentin officials, and Kim M. of Santa Rosa, Outside Coordinator, are to be congratulated for such an outstanding event. Such meetings highlight the year for those contact chairmen who spend many hours at this facility each year.

Our first 1969 General Meeting of the Hospital and Institution Committee was held in Brisbane on February 2 at the Brisbane Community Center. Area VI, under Chairman Cecil C., was the host group. As usual, the morning session was devoted to reports by the treasurer, librarian and secretary and the reports by the Area Chairmen. At twelve the meeting was adjourned for a delicious lunch. Many thanks to Gen M. (Cecil's sister) for a fine job. The afternoon session was utilized to discuss problems pertinent to the various areas.

Our next General Meeting will be held May 11, 1969 at the San Jose Alano Club, 1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose with Roy H. of Area 7 as the host. At this meeting you will elect the General Chairman of the H and I Committee for the next two years. This is **your committee**, so let's all plan to attend and vote for the candidates who you believe will do the best job.

We are currently in the process of preparing our schedules for the coming year. In order for these to be complete and up-to-date, all names, dates and other pertinent information should be in to Gen R., our secretary, as soon as possible. These schedules are very important and play a key role in our coverage of the various hospitals and institutions. They enable us to be sure of covering every scheduled meeting at all facilities. Make sure these are in as promptly as possible.

Kim M. of Santa Rosa, has resigned as Regional Chairman of the San Francisco Region and will continue to devote his time as Coordinator at San Quentin. Cecil C. of Brisbane will replace Kim as Regional Chairman and Stan W. will succeed Cecil as Chairman of Area VI. Many thanks to Kim for an outstanding job and congratulations to Cecil and Stan on their new assignments.

An urgent request for help has come from Barbara M., Area I Chairman. Speakers are urgently required for meetings at Prison Camps in this area. Any individuals who would like to lend a helping hand in carrying the message to California Conservation Camps at Parlin Forks, Chamberlain Creek, or Black Mountain, please contact Barbara M. at 707-542-7418. It is quite an experience to participate in meetings at these camps and any aid will be greatly appreciated.

NEW MARIN CITY GROUP Good News First Class

The Marin City Family Group, a discussion group, is now meeting on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. in St. Andrews Church, Drake and Donahue Avenue, Marin City.

—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.

SAN JOSE ALANO CLUB ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER MARCH 15th

The San Jose Alano Club, 1122 Fair Avenue, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Irish 'Happening' on Saturday, March 15th, according to Jack O'S. A corned beef and cabbage dinner, the Irishman's delight, will be served starting at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will consist of Irish dancing, and a 'sing-along' is also planned, along with dancing to the music of Keith and his orchestra of Los Gatos.

Gene D., Myrtdale Lodge in Calistoga, will be Guest Speaker. In addition to door prizes there will be a raffle of two savings bonds, \$50.00 and \$25.00, and also \$10.00 in cash. For reservations phone 297-1878.

THE 1970 CONVENTION

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA—35th Anniversary International AA Convention — July 3-5, 1970. Fontainebleau Hotel — (The Eden Roc, next door, will be Al-Anon headquarters). Many of you have been wondering if you could make reservations early, etc. NO ONE CAN REGISTER UNTIL THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION & HOUSING FORMS ARE MAILED OUT BY G.S.O. ON OCTOBER 15, 1969.

These forms will be mailed out to Groups, Loners, Internationalists, Delegates, Committee Members and others on G.S.O. Mailing lists. (To be sure you receive your forms, send your name and complete address to G.S.O. now.) Convention Registration and Housing Forms will be handled at G.S.O. and hotel accommodations will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Box 4-5-9

AN ELEPHANT is an animal that comes in one of three colors depending whether you're on a safari, a rummage sale committee, or a week-end party.

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

Peninsula All-Groups Saturdays At 8:30 p.m. St. Matthews-San Mateo

The committee which arranges the speakers for the Saturday Night Peninsula All-Groups meetings has come up with an unusual list of Old-Timers, good speakers, for March. The meetings are held in St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Baldwin and El Camino, San Mateo. Coffee is served both before and after the meetings.

The March schedule:

MARCH 1—Leon R., S.F. Fellowship; Fireside, San Mateo.

MARCH 8—Robbie D., Panhandle; Redwood City Stag.

FOLSOM FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MEET MAY 24

The 16th Annual Conference of Folsom Fellowship Group will be held on Saturday, May 24th, according to a letter from Chuck C., A.A. Secretary, who says in part.

"Please place this event in the News Calendar for our Northern Area members who are invited. We also wish for you to send a representative to cover this. Thank you!"

MARCH 15—Jim M., S.F. Fellowship; San Carlos Beginners.

MARCH 22—"Red" K., S.F. Fellowship; Palo Alto Tuesday.

MARCH 29—Jack H., Menlo Park; Menlo Park Friday Nite.

THE MORNING AFTER

Good morning my bright international mate,
My outstanding genius in problems of state;
I trust all is well in that wonderful mind
Which last night remodeled the whole of mankind.

Your handling of Russia, the Rhur, Palestine,
And China and Greece, it was masterly fine.
You're sure to be named "The Man of the Year"
Here's four or five aspirins—swallow them dear

Awake my fine songster, It's well on toward noon
All morning I've waited, just hoping you'd croon
A measure from Chloe, or "Deep Rolling Sea"
Which last night you sang until half after three.

You awakened the neighbours, you tripped on the mat,
And one of your props was your hostesses hat.
I'm sure she'll want you again for to-night,
The life of the party, whenever you're tight.

Arise my sweet prince, but be careful don't skid
Arise and consider the things that you did
The uprooted garden, the splintered garage
It sounded just like an old fashioned barrage.

Go see your hostess and carry a check
I think if you sign it just "Pain in the neck"
The bank will OK it, it has to be you
The clown that went berserk, "twixt dawn and the dew"

So drink up that seltzer, you chattering drone,
It's said to be good for a splintering dome.
I wish I were "Samson" how far I could throw you,
For the next thirty days, please pretend I don't know you.

My juvenile jack-ass, my dimwitted duffer
You say you feel awful?—Well goddammit, SUFFER.

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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!

28th ANNIVERSARY AA EAST BAY INTERGROUP

The Oakland East Bay Intergroup Fellowship will commemorate 28 years of AA activity in the East Bay with a two-day celebration at the Berkeley Veterans Auditorium, on Center Street between Milvia and Grove Streets, Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20.

Highlighting the affair will be an address by Chuck C., well known speaker from Southern California, at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting at eight, to be followed by a dance.

A breakfast will be served Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and panel discussions will fill the day until the closing meeting at 3:30 p.m. Complete details and program will be available for April GOOD NEWS, according to Dean A., Chairman.

ARE YOU HAPPILY MARRIED? . . .

NOT IF YOU BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ!!!

Is my marriage a success? Are my husband and I compatible? Did I marry the right man? Am I a good wife? No! My marriage doesn't even qualify as a failure. It's a disaster! But I didn't know it until I became addicted to those "Are You Happily Married?" quizzes . . . Now, after 25 years of marriage and 4 children, it's clear that we are as mismatched as the Owl and the Pussycat. If I'm honest, I can't answer a single one of the quiz questions right. I can't even answer them if I'm dishonest!!!

Q—Do you have a basic understanding about family finances?

A—Well, we both deplore extravagance. He deplores mine, and I deplore his.

Q—Do you share mutual interests?

No, his passion in life is selling. I hate traveling. He likes movies of violence, I like movies about love. We both like to have fun, but not with each other. His passion for rock 'n roll gives me a headache, I like Gilbert and Sullivan.

Q—Do you take offense easily?

A—What's easily? Like when I ask him if he thinks I'm too old to wear pedal pushers and he says Yes?

Q—Do you frequently nag him?

A—How else can I get him to do anything?

Q—Do you have a common goal in life?

A—We would both like to be very, very rich. But we'll never make it, because we married each other.

Q—Does he do things that get on your nerves?

A—I'll say he does! He steams up the bathroom mirror when he takes a shower. He brings 6 guests home and expects me to serve a "super" dinner in 15 minutes.

Q—Do little things irritate him?

A—The littlest things you ever heard of. Dripping stockings hanging in the bathroom. Lost car keys. A telephone receiver left off the hook. An over-drawn checking account. Things like that.

Q—Do you feel that your role as a mother and homemaker is beneath you?

A—No. I feel it's beyond me.

Q—Do you encourage your husband in his work or profession?

A—I do my best. I keep telling him he ought to ask for a raise.

Q—Do you enjoy talking to each other?

A—Oh, we enjoy talking to each other all right. The problem is listening to each other!!

Q—Do you take pains to make yourself as attractive for him as you do for a party?

A—O, come now . . . let's not be ridiculous!!

Q—Do you bolster each other's confidence?

A—I keep telling him that anybody with his brains and ability can learn to fix his own breakfast. He tells me that anybody — even a mechanical moron like me — can change a fuse.

Q—When things go wrong, do you blame each other?

A—Not always. Sometimes we blame the children. Sometimes we blame Congress. Sometimes we just slam doors.

Q—Have you, through mutual patience and understanding over the years, achieved a satisfactory sexual adjustment?

A—Golly, is it that difficult?

Q—How do you stand his constant work with AA? Doesn't coffee keep you broke?

A—I can stand anything, including AA, you should have seen him when he was drinking; and as for coffee . . . it is cheaper than whiskey.

—Chit-Chat—

3D GROUP CHANGE OF MEETING NIGHT

At the request of the St. Francis Lutheran Church the 3D group has consented to change its meeting night from Wednesday to Thursday during the Lenten Season, until further notice.

The 3D group meets at 152 Church Street, San Francisco, the time, 8 p.m. Their speaker-discussion format studies a specific subject weekly, with qualified people presenting the subjects and moderating the discussions.

22nd DISTRICT AA CONVENTION JULY 26

San Luis Obispo will host the 22nd Convention of District 22 A.A.'s on Saturday, July 26th, at Veterans Memorial Building, starting at 9 a.m. and running right on through til one in the morning.

Norm A. from Monrovia will be the AA Guest Speaker, and Elsa C., Laguna Beach, the Alanon speaker, according to Juanita D., (Alanon) Secretary for the convention. For information write her at 1158 Sunset Drive, Arroyo Grande 93420.

SAN BRUNO MONDAY HAS NEW OFFICERS

The very active San Bruno Monday Night Group which meets in the Volunteer Fire Hall at 618 San Mateo Avenue has a real setup says Gladys M., publicity chairman. Evelyn P. is the new Secretary, with Hilda W., program chairman, and with five Mondays in March they have put together a fine program, climaxed by the birthday party on March 31st, when the speakers will be Gen. McK. and Cic C., both from Brisbane.

The balance of the month will present Stan W., Westlake, on the 3rd, and Pat W. (Palo Alto) and Harriet B. and Lucille R. on successive Mondays, the 10th, 17th and 24th.

General Service Coastal Area News

A meeting of the new committee of Northern California Coastal Area General Service was held in Napa on Sunday, January 19th, and several important decisions were reached.

Elected at an assembly in San Jose the last week in August, committee is composed of Ed B., San Jose, Delegate; "Napa Joe" B. Secretary, and Merle G., Millbrae, Treasurer.

It was decided at the Napa meeting to increase the committee to five, as had been discussed at prior meetings, Bill G., former delegate, was elected Chairman of the committee, and Jim A. as Alternate Delegate. Strict adherence to the Third Legacy Manual was voted the policy in all future elections.

Pat S., Watsonville, the outgoing delegate held her last official meeting on December 7th in Concord where she turned the duties over to Ed, reviewed the past two years, and a Treasurer's report was made.

The Delegates meeting in Reno at the Western States General

Service Assembly in January decided to rename the two Northern California areas, which will hereafter be known as "Northern California Coastal Area" and "Northern California Interior Area."

A business meeting will be held in San Mateo on Sunday, March 30th, at 217 Baldwin Avenue, the time, 11:00 a.m., for all GS Representatives and committee members. Delegate Ed will have an opportunity to learn what he needs to know about the questions and opinions he should take with him to the conference in New York. Of primary importance is the following:

"Shall the Western General Service Assembly be continued?"

All GS representatives are urged to attend this March 30th meeting or send an alternate.

It has been decided to have a regular monthly column in GOOD NEWS, and continued financial support has been voted. NOW, it is hoped that someone will come up with a snappy NAME for the column by next month.

News Events from S.F. Alano Club

By Paul "Bus" D.,

ERIN GO BRAGH! 'Tis the time for the wearing 'O the Green. Sham-rocks will be the bloom of the month and, Irish or not, most of us will be wearing a bit of Kelly Green.

AT THE CLUB we have planned a month of dances and parties to which you're all invited, so keep the dates in mind. You won't be sorry!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st — First of the month, dancing to our great little combo, the "Dry Notes". Fine door prizes!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th — ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE. A great night for the Irish. Come dance a jig to the "Dry Notes." Door prizes too.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th — A.A. Birthday Party and Dance. A celebration for all those who have A.A. Birthdays in the month of March. Birthday cakes and coffee, and dancing to an all-around selection of records.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION — One of our lovely ladies has volunteered to act as purchasing agent for our door-prizes, so now we will have "personalized" prizes. You'll have to see them! See you at the Club!

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB,
414 GRANT AVENUE, NEAR BUSH STREET