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RICHMOND HOSTS N.C.C. SPRING CONFERENCE ANNUAL BANQUET SATURDAY AT GALILEO CLUB

The Annual Spring Conference of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Richmond, California, March 14-15, 1970, at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 14th, at 9:00 a.m.

Richard H., Ventura, will be Guest Keynote Speaker at the Saturday Night meeting, and Clyde D. of El Monte, California, will address the closing session on Sunday afternoon, March 15th, at one o'clock.

There will be a kick-off meeting Friday Night, March 13th, 8:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 37th and Roosevelt. Paul G., Secretary of the Inter-County Fellowship office, San Francisco, will chair the meeting, with Father Art of Richmond as the speaker.

Perhaps the most important event of the two-day conference will be the election of an NCC Secretary for the next two years. The election will be a part of the business meeting of the council on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Annual NCC Banquet will be held at the Galileo Club, 371-23rd Street at Virginia, the cost, \$4.75 per person, the time, 6:00 p.m. 500 tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Reservations **must** be received by March 1st (see reservation form

Myrtledale A.A. Groups Annual St. Patrick's Event

The Myrtledale Groups will stage their 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day A.A. meeting followed by the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner served by the A.A. Fellowships of the S.F. Fire and Police Departments.

Don G., Hollywood, will be the guest speaker at the meeting which will be held at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga on Sunday, March 15th at 3:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Adults only please!

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There will be meetings covering every facet of A.A. activities, and including Alanon and Alateen, during the two day conference. Watch the March issue of GOOD NEWS for further details and the full program.

GEORGE STAIR

Mr. George Stair, a retired Sergeant of the USAF who joined A.A. in 1954 in San Francisco passed away on January 17, 1970, at the age of 53.

George had been sick for some time, in and out of hospitals for over a year. He passed away at Mary's Help Hospital in Daly City. The funeral was on January 22nd, and he was buried in Willamette Cemetery.

MISSION ALL GROUPS MEET ON FEBRUARY 14

The monthly Mission All-groups meeting will be held at the Industrial Club, 3198-16th Street at Guerrero, on Valentines Day, February 14th, at 5:00 p.m. with Jane O'T., Manager of Stepping Stone House for women, in San Francisco, as Guest Speaker.

Phoenix Will Host 3rd Pacific Region Assembly

The 3rd Annual Pacific Region AA Service Assembly will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 10-12, 1970. Formerly known as the Western States General Service Assembly, the name was changed by the Pacific Region Delegates at the conference in New York last Spring, 1969.

The Delegates voted unanimously to accept Arizona's invitation to serve as hosts in 1970. 'Red' D. of Chandler has been named Host State Chairman for the 1970 Assembly, and the Hotel Westward Ho in Phoenix will be the site of all the meetings. "Service through Influence" will be the theme of the Assembly.

April was selected as the month in which the Assembly should be held, since the experience in Reno last year indicated that January was not a good month for it. 'Red' reports that the program is rapidly taking shape.

The Pacific Region consists of the eight Western States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Watch the March GOOD NEWS for more information, registration forms, etc. Registration fee is \$5.00, and the banquet \$5.00. Room reservations should be made directly to the Hotel Westward Ho.

A spaghetti and Meat Balls dinner at 6:30 p.m. will follow the meeting. An anticipated donation of \$1.00 covers the dinner and a Valentines Day Sweetheart Dance to live music after dinner.

Don H., co-founder of the Mission All-groups meeting and the Industrial Group, has resigned as Secretary of the group. His friends will miss him.

NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

FRESNO HONORS ST. VALENTINE, "GOD OF LOVE"

The Fresno Alano Club will honor the god of love, St. Valentine, with a dinner and 'fun' evening of bingo and pink elephant raffles on Saturday, February 7th, at 6:30 p.m. Club President Bart will preside over the festivities, with Howard T. again the chef.

Donna R., Secretary of the Wednesday Night Study Group, will chair the monthly Inter-Group meeting on Saturday, February 14th (Valentine's Day) 8:30 p.m. in the hall at St. John's Cathedral. Donna and her committee plan to have this an 'all Fresno' meeting. Woody W. and Gene B., with many years of sobriety and inspiring stories, will be the speakers.

Gayle D. will be speaker at the popular monthly breakfast meeting the third Sunday, February 15th, 10 a.m. at the Carousel Restaurant, Bob L. is Secretary of this monthly group, and Annette F. secures the speakers.

The Friday Night Village Group which holds its regular weekly meetings at St. Colombo's Church will host Norm A. from Los Angeles as Guest for their monthly speaker meeting on Friday, February 27th, 8:30 p.m. Carol is the Secretary of this group.

Johnny V. is the new Secretary of the Friday Night Mary J. group which meets at the Alano Club at 8:30 p.m., and Irene T. has taken over the reins of the Thursday Night Alano Club Group. The latter group has been most successful with "topic meetings".

Mike W. has assumed the chairmanship of the Answering Service because illness has forced the hard working Dottie B. to resign.

Richmond District Alanon Celebrates Anniversary

The Richmond District Faith Alanon Group will celebrate its 2nd Anniversary with an open meeting Wednesday Evening, February 18, 1970, at 8 p.m. in the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, 31st Avenue and Clement Street, San Francisco, according to Secretary Ruth P.

Two speakers will grace the podium; Muriel B., Alanon, of San

Jose, and Leo McM., AA member from Daly City, will both address the meeting. Refreshments and coffee will be served. Everyone is invited!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 20-22—8th Annual El Paso Jamboree; Rodeway Inn, El Paso, Texas. P.O. Box 1405.

February 20-22—19th Kentucky State Conf. Write Conf. Chairman, P.O. Box 13082, Louisville, Ky.

February 21—Intergroup 30th Anniversary — Dinner and Dance. Write Chm., 2202 St. James Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 14-15—Northern California Council Annual conference in the Memorial Auditorium, Richmond, California.

March 15—3rd Annual Myrtle-dale A.A. Groups St. Patrick's Day Meeting, 3:30 p.m. and Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Napa County Fairgrounds, Calistoga, Ca.

March 20-22—27th Anniversary of New Orleans AA, 3rd Annual Convention—Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, 4040 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, La.

April 4-5—First East Texas Al-Anon Convention, Rife Hotel—Houston, Texas—Texa's First Al-Anon "Love-In". Write: Peggy Rice—Chairman, 2225 Blueberry, Pasadena, Texas 77502.

April 10-12—Longview, Texas—East Texas Roundup—At the beautiful new Contessa Inn. Celebrating Longview-Greggton Anniversary.

June 11-14—Texas State A.A. Convention — Houston, Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

July 3-5—35th Anniversary of A. A. International Convention, Miami Beach, Florida. Headquarters, Fontainebleau Hotel; Al-Anon. Eden Roc Hotel.

"THE PITCH"

From California Northern Interior Area of General Service.

A committee meeting was held December 21, 1969, in Sacramento for the introduction and installation of the new Area Officers, and to make plans for the coming year, 1970. The new officers are Ralph W., Delegate; Bob B., Alternate; George H., Chairman; Annette F., Secretary, and William S., Treasurer. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The number of members attending this meeting was surprisingly large, considering that this was just before Christmas. Many traveled quite a distance. A number of districts were **not** represented, and this is regrettable. There is much to be done this year, and all GSRs & committeemen should make themselves available to attend committee meetings.

It was suggested that the names of group GSRs and committeemen who are inactive and apparently not interested should be removed from the mailing list. No action was taken, but it is a matter of concern, as some areas are completely dead. Let us hear from you soon.

We hope to have a column in GOOD NEWS every month, but can do so only if all of you get active, so let's hear from you; send in your news items and comments. We also need a name for this column, and hope that all of you will attend the next meeting with suggestions for a name.

I took it upon myself to call this "The Pitch", but I feel that all should have a chance to vote on a name at our next meeting. I will try to be back next month with more news items and comments, so let's get on the ball with suggestions.

Bob B.

The Federal Group (new, open) meets on Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Guaranty Savings & Loan Building, 21st Street at Mission, San Francisco.

"THE LINK"

A meeting of the GSR's of the groups in the four counties of Marin, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino will be held at the Santa Rosa Alano Club, #70 South 'E' Street, on Sunday, February 15, 1970.

The last meeting, on January 18th at the same location, was pretty well attended, with some new GSR's registering with the Northern California Coastal Area. These monthly meetings will be continued as long as is necessary to get representatives for each group, and to divide the groups into districts numbered from 70 thru 79 with committee members for each district.

On Sunday, February 15th, there will also be a breakfast served at the Club from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, followed by a group secretaries meeting from 1 til 2 p.m., with the General Service meeting at 2:30 p.m., a full day of AA fellowship. Every group secretary and GSR should plan to be on hand. All AA members are welcome at all the meetings.

S.F. ALL-GROUPS WILL HEAR SAN JOSE COUPLE

Bill and Susanne C., husband and wife team from San Jose, will be Guest Speakers at the weekly all-groups meeting of the Inter-County Fellowship in San Francisco on Friday, February 27th, in the Starr King room of the First Unitarian Church, Geary and Franklin Streets.

On the preceding Friday, the 20th, a San Francisco couple, Pete and Marialice M. of the First Step Group will occupy the podium. Leon H. and Nancy M. on the 6th, and Jim J. and Betty C. on the 13th, all of whom are San Francisco members, complete the program for this month.

These meetings all start at 8:30 p.m. A meeting for beginners only is held at 7:30 in the alcove. Coffee is served both before and after the meetings. There is plenty of parking space for everyone.

"BY-THE-WAY" SACRAMENTO CCFAA

The February 2nd Saturday activities at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, on February 14th (Valentines Day) will include four separate events, highlighted by a Mexican Dinner and Fiesta.

Tommy C., a member of the Los Angeles Latin-American Group, will be the Guest Speaker along with a Non-AA Guest, Sal Espana from the Department of Human Resources, at the CCFAA open meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The first event of the day will be an H & I Committee meeting of Area 4-N at 2 o'clock according to Chairman Ed O. This meeting is open to all interested AA members. A luncheon is planned for the March meeting, time and place to be announced later.

The monthly CCFAA group delegate's meeting will follow the H & I

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meeting, at 4:00 p.m. All delegates are urged to attend!

The Mexican Fiesta and Dinner, at 6:30 p.m. will include Mexican food, Mexican Specialty Dancers and Mexican music, the Mariachi Band (Street Players). Dinner and Fiesta tickets are \$2.50 each, and

NEW LIFE GROUP HAS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The New Life Group which meets on Wednesday Nights at the Center for Special Problems, 2107 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, will celebrate its first birthday on February 25th.

Curt R., long time member of the Fellowship, will be the speaker for this special occasion.

The meeting on February 11th will have as guest speaker an out-of-town lady member, Sylvia M. of the A-7-A Fellowship in Oakland. Other speakers this month will be Jim C. from the San Mateo Peninsula on the 4th, and Ed S., Friendly Circle Group, the 18th. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

must be obtained in advance at the Central Office, 1412-20th St. No tickets will be sold at the door. The Latin-American Group are the Fiesta hosts.

The Fiesta will be followed by the regular open AA meeting at 8:00 p.m. Tommy C., the Guest Speaker whose home is in San Bernardino, has 17 years on the AA program, and the Latin-American Host Group is celebrating its third anniversary.

The March delegate's meeting will be held on the 21st, the third Saturday of the month in order to avoid conflict with the NCC conference in Richmond.

Both the AA and Alanon Saturday meetings in Davis have been discontinued.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT — December 31, 1969

Balance in Bank -- June 30, 1969.....	\$3,879.43
Deposits July 1, to December 31, 1969	\$2,883.63
TOTAL	\$6,863.06
Expenses by Checks	\$5,229.06
Balance in Bank (December 31, 1969)	\$1,633.80

Respectfully Submitted,
Max L. McD., Secretary

WHAT THE THIRD LEGACY IS: WORLD SERVICE, IT'S HEART

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore A.A. is more than just a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics IN ACTION. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is ANYTHING WHATEVER that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to the A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of ALL these services is our THIRD LEGACY.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation and Inter-group offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They require committees, delegates, trustees and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions.

These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, Areas or A.A. as a whole are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make A.A. more simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complication and confusion.

Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question, "Is this service really needed?" If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A.

The most vital, yet the least understood group of services that A.A. has, are those which enable us to function as a whole; namely, the A.A. General Service Office, the A.A. World Services, Inc., A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and A.A.'s Board of Trustees, the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our world-wide unity and much of our growth since early times is directly traceable to this cluster of life-giving activities.

ALCOHOLIC MYTHS EXPLODED IN NEW BOOK

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 13—Alcohol as a beverage is almost as old as man himself. Many myths about it, long accepted as fact, are exploded in a 286-page book published here yesterday.

The book is "American Drinking Practices — A National Study of Drinking Behavior and Attitudes," by Doctors Don Cahalan and Ira H. Cisin and Helen M. Crossley of George Washington University. It was published by the Rutgers University Center of Alcohol Studies.

Drs. Cahalan and Cisin described their study and findings at a press conference here yesterday.

They gathered their data from extended interviews with 2,746 people over 21 in a random sample representing the current U.S. population. The authors used accepted attitude-sampling techniques in obtaining the sample, organizing the questionnaire and analyzing the responses.

They separated the sample into, and have inferred that the country contains, five groups of people with reference to use of alcohol.

Abstainers, who reported drinking less than once a year, were 32 per cent of the sample.

Infrequent drinkers were those who drank less than once a month, and consisted of 15 per cent of the sample.

Light drinkers, 28 per cent of the respondents, were those who drank small quantities at least once a month.

Moderate drinkers made up 13 per cent of the group and were those who drink at least once a month, or as much as a drink or two a day.

Heavy drinkers, amounting to 12 per cent, were those who consume five or six drinks a day or at least once a week.

Drinking was more common among men, with 77 per cent of them drinking at least once a year, than among women, of whom only 60 per cent drank at least that frequently. The highest percentage of heavy drinkers was found among men in the 30-34 and 45-49 age groups.

Social class was found to be influential in shaping drinking habits. The highest proportions of abstainers were found among the lower social classes and the elderly. In the highest social class, 88 per cent of the men age 21-39 were drinkers.

The lower frequency of drinkers among the lower social classes, however, contrasted with the higher percentage of heavy drinkers among the drinkers of the lowest class. This percentage exceeded the comparable figure for the highest social class.

Fewer farm workers and farm owners drank than any other occupational group. Professional and business people were most frequently drinkers, with businessmen representing the highest percentages of heavy drinkers.

Abstainers were more common among those who never finished high school, suggesting an "alcoholic silver lining in the drop-out problem cloud." The largest proportion of light and moderate drinkers was among college graduates.

Unmarried individuals (single, divorced or separated) were more likely to be heavy drinkers than those who were married. This was especially noted among the under-45 members of the lower social classes.

The highest percentages of drinkers were found in the Middle Atlantic states (83 per cent) and in New England (79 per cent). The lowest percentage in the South Central states (35 per cent). The highly urbanized areas had the most drinkers and the most heavy drinkers.

Race differences produced interesting data about attitudes toward drinking. White and nonwhite men differed very little in the proportion who drank. But among the women, significantly more Negroes than

whites abstained (51 per cent vs. 39 per cent). There was another switch, however, with a higher proportion of heavy drinkers among the Negro women who drank (11 per cent) than among white women who drank (4 per cent).

Families of Italian origin had the highest proportion of drinkers (91 per cent), followed by families of Eastern European origin (86 per cent). Catholics had above-average proportions both of drinkers (83 per cent) and heavy drinkers (19 percent). Jews and Episcopalians had the lowest proportions of abstainers, but the majority of their drinkers were in light and moderate groups.

More than the respondents reported that they had changed their drinking habits since starting to drink, some by quitting, others by drinking more or less. Those in the highest social class reported starting drinking later in life than did those in lower social classes, and they also continued to drink to a more advanced age.

Most drinkers did not consider their own drinking a problem. Nine per cent were worried about it and 12 per cent had been urged to drink less. Nevertheless, the majority of respondents, and even of heavy drinkers, thought that drinking did more harm than good.

Three-quarters of the respondents regarded alcoholism as a serious public health problem in the United States.

More of the abstainers than of the drinkers reported that their health was not good — but this finding could have been related to the greater age of the abstainers.

Overweight was a problem reported by male heavy drinkers and the female abstainers. Regardless of what they drank—beer, wine or distilled spirits—there seemed to be little effect on respondents' weight.

There was a strong relationship between cigarette smoking and drinking; the more a person drank, the more likely he was to smoke at least a pack of cigarettes a day.

Most drinkers drank for social reasons, such as to celebrate a special occasion, to be sociable or because it is the "polite" thing to do. More than half the drinkers said they drank because they liked the taste of alcoholic beverages.

Some of the drinkers, however, reported that an important reason for drinking was for the effect of the alcohol. They said it helped them to relax or to cheer them up when in a bad mood, or to forget their worries. Such "escape" drinkers made up 29 per cent of the drinkers. Six per cent of all respondents were classified as both escape and heavy drinkers.

The "heavy-escape" drinkers differed from the other heavy drinkers in a number of respects. They were older, from the lower social classes and they were more pessimistic and alienated in their outlook toward their lives and their futures.

Who drinks what? Wine is the beverage of women, moderate drinkers, persons in higher social classes and residents of the Pacific and Middle Atlantic states. Beer is the beverage of men and younger drinkers. Distilled spirits are the beverages of heavier drinkers, persons in the higher social classes, men in their 30s and 40s, and women in their 20s.

Finally, the setting for drinking for most people is in the company of friends, including those associated in employment. Next in importance as a drinking situation is with family members. Drinking is least often a solitary activity. Less than a quarter of the heavy drinkers reported that they drank alone.

EAST BAY FELLOWSHIP OFFICE NEWS & NOTES

East Bay Intergroup will hold a Secretaries Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 1970, 8:00 p.m. at the Fellowship office, 370-40th Street, Oakland.

This meeting will cover "Beginners Meetings; their importance, and ways of conducting them." A good turnout is expected. The last such meeting brought out more than 30 Group Secretaries and Alternates, when Ony M. gave her Butcher Paper Talk on "Who the Hell runs AA?"

The In-Between Fellowship at 4710 East 14th Street is now holding ten meetings weekly. Of special interest are the Open Speaker meetings on Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., the Spanish speaking 'Grupo Hispano' at 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoons, and the Women's Stag Thursday Evenings at 8:15 p.m.

On Saturdays there is a meeting at noon as well as one at 8:15 p.m., and on Sunday, in addition to the Spanish group there are two other meetings, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. according to George C., Secretary.

The Fellowship is open every day from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Alameda's Island Fellowship at 1828 Lincoln Avenue will have four speakers from other areas as their Guests at the Saturday Night 8:30 meetings. Occupying the podium will be:

Feb. 7—Lee W., Concord.

Feb. 14—Earl C., Burlingame.

Feb. 21—Frank B., San Fran.

Feb. 28—Irene W., San Fran.

The A-7A Fellowship at 1815 Jefferson Street, Oakland, has a special 'Candlelight Hours' program every Friday and Saturday Night from 10 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Music and dancing, with an AA midnight meeting, provide an interesting evening for anyone looking for something to do.

They are planning a special St. Valentine's Day Box Supper at the Alano Club in Oakland, 319-14th Street. (See special item).

Texas Man To Address Peninsula All-Groups

Jack L., Houston, Texas, will be Guest Speaker for the Peninsula All-Groups meeting on Saturday Night, February 7th. The Valota Group, Redwood City, will be Hosts.

Peninsula All-Groups meets every Saturday Night at 8:30 in the Recreation Room of St. Matthew's Church, Baldwin and El Camino in San Mateo. Coffee is served both before and after the meetings.

The program follows:

Feb. 7—Jack L., Houston, Tex.

Feb. 14—Doug J., San Carlos.

Feb. 21—Bill G., Surf, S.F.

Feb. 28—Sam P., Parkside, S.F.

Old Members Honored 700 At Beverly Hills A.A. Anniversary Party

Over 700 members and friends assembled in pouring rain to celebrate the 24th Anniversary Party of the Beverly Hills Fellowship on January 9, 1970, at 647 North San Vicente, West Hollywood Park, Calif.

A number of visiting members with many years of sobriety were

Stockton Mid-Town News Pot Luck Dinner Feb. 7

The seventh day of February will feature Midtown's monthly pot-luck dinner, served at 6:00 p.m. The regular meeting after dinner, at 8 p.m. will be followed by bingo, coffee and arms-length A.A.

The birthday party this month will honor three members with 10 years or more of sobriety as well as seven others with lesser time but just as fine sobriety. The three are Les C., 14 years; Lou A., 11, and Malcolm P., 10. The others: John B., 5 years; Beverly R. and Aleene C., 4 years each; Joan F., 3, and Bill C., Len K. and Barbara K., each one year. Congratulations!

The monthly Open Speaker meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21st at 8 p.m., with bingo following the meeting.

honored with cakes and congratulations, among them were:

Jack T.—Medford, Ore. 25 years.

Chuck C., Laguna Beach, 24 yrs.

Miriam I., Salinas, 19 years.

There were others from Palm Springs and all over, and many, many cakes all the way from one to 25 years.

S.F. YOUNG PEOPLE'S ON VALENTINE'S DAY

The San Francisco Young People's Group will stage a Valentine's Day meeting and dance in Gresham Hall of Grace Cathedral on Saturday, February 14th (Valentine's Day) at 8 p.m.

LuAnn S. from Santa Monica will be the Guest Speaker for the A.A. meeting which will be followed by dancing to the live music of "The Impressions", a versatile band. There will be a raffle, door prizes and refreshments after the meeting. Enter through the parking lot on Sacramento and Taylor Streets.

EAST TEXAS AL-ANON "LOVE-IN" CONVENTION

Texas' first Al-Anon "Love-In" will 'happen' at the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas, on April 4-5, 1970, according to a flyer received by GOOD NEWS, which says,

"1½ days of fellowship for Al-Anons, Alateens & A.A.'s. Write: Peggy Rice, Convention Chairman—2225 Blueberry, Pasadena, Texas 77502.

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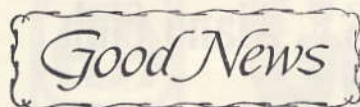
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A-7-A VALENTINE'S DAY ALANO CLUB BOX SUPPER

The A-7-A Fellowship at 1815 Jefferson Street, Oakland, will hold an old-fashioned Valentine's Day Box Supper at The Alano Club, 319-14th Street on Saturday, February 14th, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The ladies will pack a box supper for two, wrapping it as fancy as possible. The boxes will be auctioned off to the highest bidder who will share it with the lady who packed it.

Prizes will be awarded both for the fanciest box and to the one bringing the highest bid. Dancing to live music will follow the supper.

EL PASO AREA AA ANNUAL JAMBOREE

The Eighth Annual El Paso AA Jamboree will be held February 20-22 at Rodeway Inn, 6201 Gateway West, El Paso, Texas. A number of prominent, well known members will be on the three day program which also includes an Alanon 'Pep' luncheon and a "Great AA Variety Show!" with Albuquerque's Famous 'Blackouts'.

The visitors will include Dave Z., Phoenix; Lewis G., Asheville, N.C.; Walter O'K., Los Angeles; Bob W., Chicago, and Marie N., Colorado Springs.

Registration is \$4.00, Buffet Banquet \$3.50 and Buffet Brunch \$2.00. For reservations address Jamboree Secretary, P.O. Box 1405, El Paso, Texas 79944.

H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

Our new Secretary, Juanita M. moved recently. Her new address is 1070 View Lane, Pacifica 94044. Phone 355-3756.

We are planning our new schedules for the coming year. In order for these to be complete and up-to-date, all names, dates of meetings, addresses, phone numbers, facility officials and other pertinent information should be in to Juanita 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. It will aid Juanita greatly if the above information is in prior to April 1, 1970. In view of our more than 100 facilities to be covered and the preparation of approximately 750 schedules, you will recognize the need to have this information in early.

Let's all plan to attend the Richmond Conference on March 14 and 15, 1970. On Saturday, March 14, our Open Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the main auditorium. We have secured two excellent speakers—Paul G. of San Francisco as our alcoholic speaker and King H. Blankenship, Inside Sponsor at San Quentin as our non-alcoholic speaker. Cecil C. of Brisbane, Regional Chairman will act as Chairman.

Sunday morning, March 15, 1970 at 9:30 a.m. our workshops will be held. Jerry G. of San Jose, Area 7 Chairman will chair the Institution Workshop and Barbara M., Santa Rosa, Area I Chairman will lead the Hospital Workshop. Our portion of this Conference should be outstanding.

During the next three months many of our major facilities will hold their annual conferences. These include San Quentin, Soledad, Folsom and Deuel, and the Sierra Conservation Centers at Susanville and Jamestown. More information on these conferences will be published as soon as dates and details are known. These conferences are always outstanding and provide an opportunity to participate in some real grassroots twelfth step work and arms-length A.A. We always receive more than we give.

Let's get better attendance at our various area meetings. They are the foundation of our H and I Committee. These are the places to air your "gripes" and to assure good communication with other H and I members. Let's continue to be a strong and progressive committee.

NCC BANQUET RESERVATION

RICHMOND CONFERENCE MARCH 14, 1970

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SAN JOSE AREA NEWS

Pepper R.

An old fashioned Valentine's Day BOX SOCIAL will be held at the Alano Club on Saturday, February 14th. The box supper auction will start at 6 p.m. A special prize will be awarded the lady with the fanciest box. Supper will be followed by the All-Groups Speakers meeting at 8:30 p.m., and dancing to the music of the 'Dry Notes' afterward until 12:30.

The New Downtown Fellowship, 590 South First Street, is planning a three day open house, April 3-4-5, 1970, to celebrate their 3rd year of operation. They are anxious to locate original members of the group as speakers. If you are one; please get in touch.

Frankie S. who was Secretary of the January All-Groups meeting, will be given a Happy 7th Birthday Party on February 1st at the New Downtown Fellowship. Frankie serves as chief coffee maker for most of our larger meetings, parties, etc.

Kathy of the Tuesday Closed Women's Groups will celebrate her first birthday on February 22nd. Congratulations!

The San Jose Alano Club is growing by leaps and bounds. The membership has nearly doubled since last July, 1969, from 120 members to 230 this past month. Perhaps one reason is that it is becoming more of a family club, with the downstairs devoted to the care and entertainment of the youngsters. There is free baby-sitting, with toys, games and handicraft, all supervised by a reliable baby-sitter.

The Alano Club is open seven days a week and there are A.A. meetings every day. There is a donation breakfast every Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. with a meeting following at 11 o'clock. A closed women's group is being organized on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Due to the NCC conference in Richmond the second weekend in March there will be no all-groups meeting and dance at the Club.

News Events from S.F. Alano Club

By Paul "Bus" D.,

Our New Years Eve Bash was great! You showed up in droves; danced, ate and tooted horns to your hearts content. All in all, everyone had a lot of fun. We haven't had a complaint—so—will you be our Valentine this month? It may be a short month, but we have plenty of action planned for you. Mark the dates on your calendar and let us take care of your Saturday nights.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th—ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE. Dancing to our grand little combo, the "DRY NOTES". Fine door prizes for you.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st—MID-MONTH DANCE. If nothing else, lets celebrate Washington's Birthday. Dancing to our own "DRY NOTES" of course. And personalized door prizes.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th—FEBRUARY A.A. BIRTHDAY PARTY AND DANCE. Let's all gather and celebrate with all those who have A.A. Birthdays in February. Coffee and cake for all. Dancing to fine records.

There you are, we only missed one Saturday all month. Now you know where to go for fun and relaxation. Keep the dates handy and don't forget the address.

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB
414 GRANT AVENUE—CORNER BUSH STREET

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Financial Report — July 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969

Donations		Disbursements	
Area 1	\$ 61.75	Good News	\$150.00
Area 2	197.42	H and I Office	421.18
Area 3	113.02	Literature	1544.53
Area 4	801.24	Stamps	88.67
Area 5	20.00	P.O. Box 4032	**27.00
Area 6	574.08	Misc.	244.66
Area 7	452.95	Petty Cash, etc.	114.27
Area 8	35.91	Other Phone Calls	132.57
Area 9	165.87	Stamps—Fund Raising	11.10
Area 10	51.79		
Area 11	229.93		
Area 12	—	Total	2733.98
Area 13	—	Balance (1-1-70)	858.01
Area 14	35.00		
Total	\$2738.96		\$3591.99
Balance (7-1-69)	853.03		
	\$3591.99	**\$9.00 for last 6 months 1969	
		\$18.00 for the year 1970	

ESPECIALLY FOR NEWCOMERS

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

MONDAY BEGINNERS
Speaker Meeting with
Questions and Answers

THURSDAY BEGINNERS
Speaker—Discussion Meeting