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## EAST BAY FELLOWSHIP 29TH ANNIVERSARY DON G. OF HOLLYWOOD KEYNOTE SPEAKER!

The 29th Anniversary of A.A. in the Oakland-East Bay Area will be celebrated Saturday Night and Sunday, April 25-26, 1970, at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1931 Center Street between Milvia and Grove, Berkeley.

Central Offices and groups throughout the area will participate in a most diversified program presenting a number of public officials, informed speakers and entertainment, according to Bill B., Publicity.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. Saturday Night, with the meeting starting at 8:00 p.m. Don G., Hollywood, will be Guest Speaker. Don thrilled his audience at the Fresno Conference last year with the import of his message.

The meeting will be followed by a dance and party to the music of the 'Dixieland Demons'. Coffee will be served at all times during the evening.

Three important events make up the Sunday program. The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with a panel discussion scheduled for 11:30 a.m. presenting four top authorities, including Warden Clinton P. Duffy, speaking on four

different phases of the alcoholic problem. (See program page 5).

Luncheon will be served at one o'clock, with entertainment by "The Villains" barbershop quartette. This promises to be 'really something.'

Doctor Earl M. will give his famous "Blackboard Talk" at the 2:30 p.m. closing session of the two-day affair. A number of side-lights are planned to hold the interest of those attending.

The Inter-group Beginners will have a special room to meet and greet the newcomer, and a special Art and Hobby display of work by A.A. members after sobriety will be shown.

There is no admission charge; "just come and enjoy yourself and grow with A.A. in the East Bay," says Committee Chairman Dick D. of Berkeley.

## Eureka AA News Items Open Meeting April 25

A public open AA meeting will be held Saturday evening, April 25, 1970, 8:00 p.m. in the Episcopal Church. Mel and Jan B., AA and Al-Anon, husband and wife team from San Bruno, will be the featured speakers.

We regret to report the passing of Irma D., Al-Anon member for many years, the wife of Shirley D., AA member with 25 years of sobriety. She passed away at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco on March 17th following heart surgery. At the time of her death they resided in Fortuna, California.

## Navy Chief is Grateful

Jess G., a Chief in the U.S. Navy, sent us this note before he left for San Diego:

"Our thanks and appreciation to the many groups in the San Francisco area for our serenity and sobriety the past 4½ months that we have been stationed here. May God's Blessing be on all of you."

## AA SERVICES THEME OF PHOENIX ASSEMBLY

"Service through Influence" is the theme of the up-coming Pacific Region General Service Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona, April 10-12, 1970, according to Stan W. of Fairfax, California, General Chairman.

Red D., Host Chairman of the event which will be held at the Hotel Westward Ho announces that the agenda for the 3-day assembly will include:

- Presentation on 12 Concepts — Chuck C., Laguna Beach, Cal.
- Service Through Influence—Lou H., No. Hollywood, Cal.
- AA Leaders in Outside Roles.
- Conference Approved Literature.
- Anonymity Among Ourselves.
- Pills, Medication and A.A.
- Presentation on 12 Traditions—Cliff W., Whittier, Cal.

These and many more topics will be aired during the 3 days. Registration Fee is \$5.00, and the banquet is also \$5.00.

Eric B., Trustee from Seattle, Washington, will attend the Assembly.

Al-Anon members will have their own programs; something for everyone.

For more information see your GS Committeeman or write: Chairman, 157 East Tremaine Drive, Chandler, Arizona, 85224. For lodging write direct to Hotel Westward Ho, Phoenix, Arizona.

## Max Re-Elected At Richmond Conference

With an atmosphere described as happy and enthusiastic the Northern California Council of A.A. held its Annual Spring Conference in the spacious Memorial Auditorium at Richmond, California

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## NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

### APRIL "SHOWERS" FRESNO WITH SPEAKERS!

The Mexican-American Group will be sponsoring the program for the monthly Inter-Group meeting at the new hall of St. John's Catholic Cathedral on Saturday, April 11th, at 8:30 p.m. Secretary Manuel will present two local speakers.

George D., Secretary for the Central Service Office, will be the speaker at the Sunday Morning Carousel meeting April 19th at 10 a.m.

The Friday Night Palm and Shaw Village Group has received confirmation from Father Joe C. of Carmichael, to be the speaker at their monthly meeting on Friday, April 24th, 8:30 p.m. in St. Colombo's Episcopal Church.

Late last month (March) the birthday of the oldest Fresno AA member was celebrated. The pot-luck dinner held at the Alano Club was honoring K. B. Budd who has totaled 23 years.

Our Central Office recently welcomed into its fold a new AA group from Merced, the Beachwood Merced Group. Joe and Dixie S. are co-secretaries, and Bill and Barbara E. spoke at their initial meeting. Bill is a member of long-standing in AA, and wife Barbara heads the Fresno Alateen group.

Tommy A. and Larry S. have

### San Jose Alateens Hold Information Open House

The San Jose Eastside Alateens held an Open House on Friday, February 27, 1970, with Co-chairmen Mary R. and Al D. leading a panel discussion describing the functions of Alateen.

Co-Sponsors Helen R., formerly of The Tidewater Alateen Group of Norfolk, Virginia, and Darwood P. pointed out the responsibilities of Alateen Sponsors. The open house was attended by about 65 AA's, Al-Anons and Alateens.

Eight of the Eastside Alateens attended the conference in Richmond on Saturday, March 14th, to increase their understanding of the Alateen movement. The group meets every Friday at 8:15 p.m. in James Lick High School, White and Alum Rock Roads, San Jose.

been honored guests at two monthly meetings in Reno.

The Fresno Alano Club Membership Committee will hold an open meeting on Sunday the 5th of April. Bart B. is chairman of this group who are going all out to put the new building fund 'over the top'. Two fine pieces of descriptive literature on the Club and the reasons for having an Alano Club are available for their use and to any interested member, at 3010 Tulare Street, phone 233-9914.

Their motto, "If its' for A.A.—We are for it."

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10-12—3rd Annual Pacific Region AA Service Assembly, Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona.

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

April 20-25—1970 General Service Conference, Hotel New Yorker, New York.

April 25-26—29th Anniversary of East Bay AA, Veterans' Memorial Hall, Berkeley, California.

May 30-31 — Spanish Speaking Groups First State-Wide Convention at International Center, #50 Oak Street, San Francisco.

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.

August 9th—Intercounty Fellowship Annual AA Picnic, Blackberry Farm, Cupertino, Calif.

### Spanish Speaking Groups State-Wide Convention in S. F. May 30-31

Over 25 Spanish speaking groups in California will participate in the First 'all in Spanish' convention May 30th and 31st at International Center, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, according to Eduardo L., Coordinator.

Groups from Los Angeles to Sacramento, as well as visitors from far places, will take part in what promises to be an exciting event, all in Spanish. For information write Co-ordinator, 1322-11th Avenue, S.F. 94122 or phone 564-2616.

Five Open AA meetings, three "Round Table" discussion meetings for Group Delegates and observers, an Al-Anon meeting and an H & I meeting, both open, will provide a busy two days.

There will be dancing after the Saturday Night meeting to the music of "La Tropicana" orchestra, with 10 musicians playing their kind of music.

Programs will be ready by April 15th. Watch the May GOOD NEWS for details.

### Peninsula All-Groups Fine Program in April

Four of the more prominent and well known members in the San Francisco Peninsula Area will make up the April program of speakers for the Peninsula All-Groups. Their meetings are held in the recreation room of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Baldwin and El Camino in San Mateo, California, Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.

The complete program:

April 4—Charlie R., S.F.

Host—San Carlos Wed.

April 11—Jack S., Redwood City.

Host—Sequoia Group.

April 18—Paul G, S.F. Cent. Sec.

Host—Brisbane All-Groups.

April 25—Arnold R., S.F.

Host—Redwood City Stag.

Coffee is served both before and after the meetings. Everybody invited.

### "THE LINK"

The Northern California Coastal Area General Service Committee will meet on Thursday, April 16, 1970, 8:00 p.m. at the Oakland Alano Club, 319-14th Street. This is just prior to Delegate Ed B.'s departure to attend the 20th General Service Conference in New York April 20-25.

On the agenda of the Oakland meeting, two important items:

A—How the area feels about continuing the Annual Pacific Region A.A. General Service Assembly in 1971.

B—Creation of one more delegate for California and one for the combined area of British Columbia, Yukon and Northwest territories in Canada.

An effort will be made to determine the area conscience on these and other subjects and questions as well.

The New York conference which Delegate Ed will attend at the Hotel New Yorker will include the following topics on the agenda:

1. How can group meetings be made more interesting?
2. Are chairmen of Institutions, Public Information, Grapevine, etc. members of local General Service Conferences Area committees, eligible to vote in elections and, if not, are they eligible to be elected delegate when they have NOT served as committee members?
3. What is the opinion of the Conference on members soliciting business, i.e. life insurance, Avon products, etc., at meetings? What steps can be taken to prevent such solicitations?
4. What can be done to curb the growing tendency to lionize certain people in A.A. on the basis of profession, occupation or age? There should be no elite in A.A. What can be done to reverse this trend?

The Howard Butler Exhibit Pavilion at the Napa County Fair Grounds, Calistoga, will be the scene of an Area Meeting on Saturday, May 23rd. It is anticipated that Delegate Ed B. will report on both the Phoenix and New York

### Detox. Unit Opens At Laguna Honda in S.F.

The City of San Francisco has opened a detoxification unit at Laguna Honda Hospital according to Richard S. Shore, M.D., Director of the San Francisco Bureau of Alcoholism of the City Health Department.

A ward in Clarendon Hall at the hospital, 375 Laguna Honda Boulevard, was opened about March 16th for the treatment, evaluation, screening and referral of alcoholics. Many alcoholics who would have gone to Mendocino State Hospital at Talmage (Ukiah) will now be treated at Laguna Honda.

For further information, please call the hospital, 664-1580, Extension 238. At present the hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day except Sunday. No persons critically ill with severe and acute medical problems should be taken there. They should be taken to San Francisco General Hospital.

conferences, and that our Pacific Region Trustee will be a guest.

The Calistoga Committee is planning an AA afternoon and evening to be remembered, with food, music and dancing. Watch for more details and program in the May issue of GOOD NEWS.

### Tuesday Downtown Group 23rd Anniversary April 7th

The Tuesday Downtown Group will celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the old Downtown Group on Tuesday, April 7th, 8:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor meeting room at the Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, San Francisco.

Frances C. of San Francisco will be the featured speaker, and there will be a large, tasty buffet after the meeting.

An old member writes us: "And some of them said, 'Let's separate the spiritual from the material,' so a stalwart few left the club on Bush Street 23 years ago and started the 'Downtown Group'".

"As the years passed there have been anniversaries of the big event, and though many of those who started the group are no longer with us, many past secretaries, treasurers, wheels, big and small, will gather to light the 23rd candle on the cake."

"And it is hoped that some of the youngsters who were there for the first candle; Horace B., Walter L., Bob G., Russ T., Art S., Harley H., Rah H. and many others will be there to help blow out the 23 candles."

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## "By-The-Way" Sacramento CCFAA

Mike S., local radio announcer—with 20 years sobriety—will be the speaker at the Open AA meeting Saturday, April 11, 1970, 8 p.m. at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, in Sacramento.

Dr. Richard Brooks, Director of Suicide Prevention Service, will be the non-AA Guest Speaker. The Woodland Group will act as hosts.

This meeting will be the highlight of the 2nd Saturday activities which start at 2 p.m. at the Labor Center with a Hospitals & Institutions Committee meeting.

The monthly meeting of CCFAA Group Delegates will follow at 4:00 p.m., with the Open AA Speaker Meeting winding up the program.

The Roseville Young People's Group will celebrate their First Anniversary on Sunday, April 5th, at 2 p.m. with Jack G., San Francisco, Guest Speaker at 107 Main Street, Roseville.

The Monday Nite Club at 2620 Capitol Avenue is still alive and kicking, according to Don B. who said "Some real good AA; everyone welcome."

Earl J., Twelve Step Group, at considerable time and expense, has compiled the details of Air Fares—Package Deal or individual—to the Miami Convention in July. He has checked all possibilities thoroughly. For further information call Earl evenings at 489-6927 (see elsewhere in this issue.)

John and Virginia M. of the Altered Attitudes in Modesto have sold their home and are moving to Arizona. They have been very active in the Valley and will be missed by the office as well as their many friends says Ty T.

The South Sacramento Group has changed its meeting place to All Saints Lutheran Church, 7285-24th Street, just off Floring Road.

The Central Office is seriously handicapped by lack of a Treasurer. Phone Ty at the office if you can help with the books a couple of hours a week, even if only temporarily.

## A. A. GUIDELINES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A.A. AND AL-ANON

From time to time, questions come to both A.A. and Al-Anon General Service Offices indicating confusion as to how A.A. and Al-Anon may best cooperate in the area of groups, intergroups or central services, and area and regional conventions and get-togethers.

The Fellowships of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon Family Groups have a unique relationship. They are naturally drawn together by their close family ties. And yet, the Twelve Traditions, the General Service Boards, and the General Services Conferences of both Fellowships suggest that each functions more effectively if it remains "separate," cooperating but not affiliating with the other.

This separate functioning has served both A.A. and Al-Anon Family Groups well. As a matter of fact, A.A.'s policy of "cooperation but not affiliation" was established as long ago as the early 1950's.

The Staff Members of the General Service Offices of A.A. and Al-Anon met and discussed these questions and A.A.'s General Service Conference approved the following suggested Guidelines:

### Question: Should a group be affiliated with both A.A. and Al-Anon?

**Answer:** As the primary purpose of the A.A. Group is to help the sick alcoholic to recover and the primary purpose of the Al-Anon Family Group is to help the Al-Anon to live with herself or himself as well as with the alcoholic, it was suggested they not be combined but remain separate groups. This will enable both Fellowships to function within their Twelve Traditions and to carry their message more effectively. Thus, the group name, the officers and the meetings should be either A.A. or Al-Anon but not both. Naturally, all are welcome at open meetings of both A.A. and Al-Anon groups.

### Question: Should A.A. and Al-Anon have combined Central (or Intergroup) Services and Offices?

**Answer:** Both experience and the Twelve Traditions of A.A. and Al-Anon suggest that each Fellowship will function more effectively if each retains separate committees, separate staff and facilities for handling telephone and personal calls, as well as separate telephone answering services, intergroup activities, bulletins, meeting lists and all types of twelfth step services. Also, that the members involved in each service committee or office be A.A. members, if an A.A. facility, and Al-Anon, if an Al-Anon facility.

### Question: How may A.A. and Al-Anon cooperate in Area and Regional Conventions and get-togethers?

**Answer:** This answer depends on whether it is an A.A. Convention or an Al-Anon Convention. The former are growing in number.

In accordance with the Twelve Traditions, a Convention would be either AA or Al-Anon—not both. However, most AA Convention Committees invite Al-Anon to participate by planning their own program, and the committee arranges for facilities for the Al-Anon meetings. If AA invites Al-Anon to participate in this manner, all expenses involved in the Al-Anon meetings are paid from the funds of the AA Convention Committee.

### Question: Should an A.A. Convention Committee make a contribution to Al-Anon from the financial profits of the Convention?

**Answer:** In accordance with the Self Support Traditions of both Fellowships and to abide by the concept of "cooperation but not affiliation," it is suggested that A.A. should not make gifts or contributions to Al-Anon. By the same token, A.A. should not accept contributions from Al-Anon.

We think you will be interested in the resolution of gratitude to the

**PROGRAM**  
**29th Anniversary — April 25-26, 1970**  
**EAST BAY FELLOWSHIP OF A.A.**  
**Veteran's Memorial Building — Berkeley, Calif.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1970**

- 7:00 P.M.—Doors open — Coffee served.  
 8:00 P.M.—Open Public AA meeting.  
**GUEST SPEAKER**—Don G., Hollywood.  
 10:00 P.M.—Dancing 'til midnight.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1970**

- 10:30 A.M.—Doors open — Coffee served.  
 11:30 A.M.—**PANEL DISCUSSION**—Chairman Dr. Gil.  
**WARDEN CLINTON P. DUFFY**: "The role alcohol has played in the life of the average incarcerated criminal."  
**DEPUTY CHIEF RAY BROWN**: Oakland Police Dept. "Alcohol and crime in the streets."  
**SERGEANT DELMAR PRIEST**: Richmond Police Dept. "Alcohol and the juvenile delinquent."  
**LT. C. H. MENSEL**, California Highway Patrol. "The growing menace of the drunken driver."  
 1:00 P.M.—**LUNCH SERVED**—Entertainment by "The Villains", Barbershop Quartette.  
 2:30 P.M.—Open Public AA meeting.  
**SPEAKER: DR. EARL**—"Blackboard Talk."

## VOICE FROM THE CORN

"I'm made to be eaten, not to be drank;  
 To be threshed in a barn, not soaked in a tank.  
 I come as a blessing when put in a mill,  
 But a blight and a curse when brewed in a still.

Made up into loaves, your children are fed;  
 But made into drink, I'll starve them instead.  
 In bread I'm a blessing, as all of you rule;  
 In drink I'm a master (the drinker's a fool!)

Remember my warning! My power I'll employ,  
 If eaten, to strengthen; if drank, to destroy."

Alanotes, Minneapolis.

Fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Group which was unanimously approved by the 1969 General Service Conference of A.A.:

The Delegates of this, the 19th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, meeting in official session in New York City, this 25th day of April, 1969, do hereby declare:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Conference to confirm the relationship between Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon Family Groups, and

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of this Conference to acknowledge A.A.'s debt of gratitude to the Al-Anon Family Groups, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Alcoholics Anonymous recognizes the special relationship which it enjoys with the Al-Anon Family Groups, a separate but similar Fellowship. And be it further resolved that Alcoholics Anonymous wishes to recognize, and hereby does recognize, the great contribution which the Al-Anon Family Groups have made and are making, in assisting the families of alcoholics everywhere.

(Box 459)

## Package Air Fares To Miami A.A. Convention

Through the efforts of Earl J., Sacramento Twelve Step Group, with some fine cooperation from the Copeland Travel Agency, we are able to bring GOOD NEWS readers the following 'Air fare to Miami' information.

**NIGHT COACH**—Air transportation only, for those who want to stay only 4, 5 or 6 days, or return by different route (variations possible); one way from San Francisco, tax included, \$130.20; from Sacramento, \$134.60; double for RT.

**EXCURSION FARES**—Air transportation only. Must remain in Miami (Area) minimum of 7 days. Trips may NOT originate between Friday noon and midnight, nor Sunday Noon and Monday Noon (variations possible at slightly higher cost) Normal RT Excursion with tax included; San Francisco or Sacramento, \$245.70; from Los Angeles, \$224.70.

**GROUP TOUR PACKAGE** — \$299.00 Round Trip Air, San Francisco to Miami via Delta Airlines #890, departs 9:00 a.m. July 1st. (2 day option trip to Nassau, \$49.50 extra). Leave Miami Delta 899 at 4:00 p.m. July 8th. The cost includes registration, dance, and all-star show; seven nights at hotel and a Miami sight-seeing tour.

Minimum group, 25 persons, must depart and return together, no deviations, no stopovers. C.A.B. regulations require that the entire cost of the tour must be paid in advance, to obtain this low rate which is on a double or share basis.

A deposit of \$75.00 plus \$10.00 registration (unless already paid) will be required. The \$75.00 is refundable until June 1st; \$15.00 cancellation fee after June 1st. Balance in full must be paid by May 15th.

No reservations accepted on the Group Tour after April 20th; May 10th on individual fares. (See reservation form on page 3).

## News Notes From SF Inter-Group Office

Two new groups 'checked in' during the month of March. Sponsored by the 35 & Under Group, a Newcomers Discussion Meeting is held Thursday Nights at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Church, Vallejo and Columbus Avenue.

The New Life Group is meeting Saturdays at 8 p.m. in the Oliver House at 88-9th Street. This is a discussion group at Oliver House.

The Friday "All-Groups" meetings at First Unitarian Church, Geary and Franklin Streets, promise some interesting meetings during April. Parking is plentiful, the AA is good, and coffee is served both before and after.

The monthly Mission All-Groups meeting will be held Saturday, April 11th, at 5:00 p.m. at The Industrial Club, 3198-16th Street. Estelle R., well known lady from South San Francisco, will be the speaker.

The five o'clock meeting will be followed by refreshments and impromptu dancing. This has become a regular 'second Saturday' event.

Not enough publicity has been given the 90 minute Beginners' Meetings held every Wednesday Evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at The Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, a good place to eat, and meet, and visit.

## EDITOR'S LAMENT

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly; You can hunt till you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by. Till the forms are off the presses, it is strange how it keeps. It shrinks down in a corner and it never stirs or peeps. The typographical error, too small for human eyes. Till the ink on the paper when it grows to mountain size. The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be. But that typographical error is the only thing you see.

Central Bulletin, Cleveland, O.

## Stockton Midtown News 10th Anniversary Fete

The 10th Annual Anniversary Dinner of Mid-town Group will be held on Saturday, April 25, 1970, 7 p.m. at Scottish Rite Temple, 33 W. Alpine Street. Mel C. will again prepare his excellent Prime Rib Dinner, with all the trimmings. Tickets are available from group secretaries, \$4.00 per person.

John and Judy T. of Culver City will be the featured after dinner speakers.

Also on schedule for April is the monthly pot-luck April 4th at 6:30 p.m. An open AA meeting will follow dinner, at 7:30 p.m., with bingo afterward.

88 years of sobriety will celebrate Birthday Night April 25th at 8 p.m. Sharing the birthday cake will be Art D., 20 years; Paul and Lil G., 18 years; Al H. and Sandy S., 7 years; Dora M. and Ken W., 4 years; John B. and Mary M., 3 years; Luba C. and John C., 2 years.

## 28th Annual Banquet Washington D.C. May 2

The W.A.I.A. 28th Annual Banquet will be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel Saturday, May 2nd at 7 p.m. The two outstanding speakers are Lu Ann S., Pacific Group, Santa Monica, Calif. and Bill C., West Roxbury, Mass., A.A. Trustee. Tickets for the banquet are \$10.00 each.

Morning meetings and discussions, sponsored by Al-Anon, start at 10:15 a.m.

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### "THE PITCH"

A pre-conference General Service Committee meeting will be held at the Sacramento Group #3 meeting hall, 3125 Broadway, on Saturday, April 4, 1970, 1:00 p.m. Registration starts at noon.

All committee members and GSR's should attend this meeting, the purpose of which is to discuss the questions on the agenda of the conference in New York this month, April 20-25. (See March GOOD NEWS for 5 questions).

In addition to those listed in March, there is another question concerning Area Support of the General Service Conference itself:

- a. Should all Areas share to equalize cost?
- b. Increase area contribution \$100 to \$150?

(Note: some areas close to New York contribute little or no money to the conference.)

These questions are very important to the welfare of A.A. Be there & bring your group's views, and make a report from your area.

Again it should be noted that there are some areas which have not been very active, if at all, over the past year. If your group has GSR be sure that he/she or the alternate is at this meeting. The groups which have shown no interest for the past year will be dropped from the roster until we are notified that you are again active.

Bill S., the Treasurer, will be on hand to receive Group contributions.

Bob B.

## H & I BROADSIDES

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

Once again the "Hospital and Institution" portion of the March, 1970, Richmond Conference proved to be outstanding. Cecil C. of Brisbane, our San Francisco Regional Chairman, capably acted as M.C. Paul G. of San Francisco opened the program with an interesting resume of his experiences in H and I work during the early formative years of our committee. The experiences of Paul and other early members have proven very valuable to the continued success of the committee.

King Blankenship of Richmond, CCI, Inside Sponsor at San Quentin, followed Paul to the podium. His experiences with the AA program at San Quentin and his expression for the need and the value of the program at San Quentin was excellent. We are very fortunate to have such friends sponsoring one of our inside groups. Many thanks to King Blankenship, Paul G. and Cecil C. for a job well done.

Sunday morning we held our regular H and I workshops. Jerry G. of San Jose, Area VII Chairman, did an excellent job chairing the Institution Meeting. It was very informative to those interested in knowing what the inmate prefers to hear from the outside guest—namely "How The Program Works on the Outside"—not drunk-a-logs. How to sponsor a newly released inmate was also discussed. Barbara M., Area I Chairman, excellent as usual, moderated the Hospital portion. Visitations and a further understanding of the changes in procedures in commitments to State Hospitals were discussed.

The 27th Annual Conference of the Robert B. Flippin Memorial Fellowship was held on Thursday, February 26, 1970. Approximately 75 contact chairmen were in attendance. A fine program featuring outside speakers Jane O. of San Francisco, Virginia M. of Modesto and Mrs. Kay Flippin of San Francisco, inside speakers Manuel G., Ray S. and Rocky H., and music by the "Country Cousins" 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 complimented for this outstanding event.

As usual the month of April will be a busy one for members of the H and I Committee. The Annual Open House for the Correctional Training Facility at Soledad will be held at two dates this year—April 5, 1970 for the Central Facility and April 12, 1970 for the North Facility. Individuals interested in attending should contact Area 7 Chairman, Jerry G. of San Jose, or Area 11 Chairman, "Pinky" P. of Monterey. Time—9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Fifth Anniversary of the Firebreak Fellowship AA Group at Sierra Conservation Center near Jamestown, will be held April 11, 1970—6 to 10:45 p.m. Those interested should contact Joe D. of Modesto, Regional Chairman, Southern Valley Region.

The following changes in Area Chairmen have been made during the past month.

Area 4S—Frank E. of Lodi, replacing Ed E. of Stockton.

Area 8—George T. of Modesto, replacing Pete P. of Ceres.

Area 9—Herb E. of Fresno, replacing John T. of Fresno.

Congratulations to Frank, George and Herb and thanks for a job well done to Ed, Pete and John.

Don't forget our next General Meeting which will be held April 19, 1970 at the Brisbane Community Center, 1 Solano Way, Brisbane, Calif. Host—Cecil C., San Francisco Regional Chairman.

## A.R.A. San Francisco Holds Annual Meeting

The Alcoholics Rehabilitation Ass'n. of San Francisco will hold its Annual Membership Meeting and Election on Wednesday Evening, April 15, 1970, 8:00 p.m. at First Step Home, 1035 Haight St.

The principal order of business will be the annual election for seven members of the Board of Directors. Of almost equal importance will be a report on the financing and progress of the extensive renovations being done on the Home. A social hour will follow the meeting.

### ANNUAL SPRING DANCE MAY 9

The Annual Spring Dance and Party will be held on Saturday, May 9, 1970, with the same fine ARA dixieland band furnishing the dance music.

Free bingo at 8:00 p.m. for nice prizes, followed by dancing at 9:30 p.m. There will be a fine buffet served after the bingo and throughout the evening. An anticipated donation of \$1.00 per person will help defray the expenses. There will also be a free door prize.

## San Pablo Friendly Has Richmond Tapes

The Al-Anons who meet Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. at the San Pablo Friendly Fellowship, 1426-13th Street, will feature tapes of the Richmond Conference at two of their April meetings. More information can be had from Judy J.

The Alateens will continue to meet Wednesday Nights at 7:30 p.m. for the duration of the school term, but during summer vacation the time will be moved up to 8:30 p.m.

There is a discussion meeting every night except Friday when a speaker is featured; the time, 8:30 p.m. The third Friday is birthday night. For information phone 232-9814. Va. W.

## News Events from S.F. Alano Club

By Paul "Bus" D.,

Spring is here, the flowers are beginning to bloom again and we are still rolling along, thanks to you and your fine attendance at our Parties and Dances. Rain or shine you have been great and we appreciate it. It is still our goal, to bring you the type of dances and parties you want. So the dates below are for you, keep them handy and give us a try.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4—APRIL FOOLS DAY DANCE.** A little late, but then we've been late lots of times, haven't we? Dancing to our great little combo, the "DRY NOTES". Fine door prizes too.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18—OUR REGULAR MID-MONTH DANCE.** Nothing special this night—just lots of fun, fellowship and good dancing with the "DRY NOTES". Door prizes also.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25—APRIL A.A. BIRTHDAY PARTY AND DANCE.** This is the night to celebrate all those April A.A. Birthdays. Coffee and cake. Dancing to fine records.

There you are, a month of weekends for you. The welcome mat is always out — so — keep the address handy.

**SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB  
414 GRANT AVENUE—CORNER BUSH STREET**

### MAX RE-ELECTED

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March 14-15, 1970.

An estimated 1,500 people participated during the two days of meetings, about 1,200 of whom were in attendance Saturday Evening to hear Richard H. of Ventura, California, tell a lurid story of his struggle to get to AA.

A somewhat smaller but very appreciative audience heard Clyde D. from El Monte relate his 'what I used to be like, etc.' at the closing meeting Sunday Afternoon. Both speakers were very well received.

Max McD. of Fresno, Secretary of the Council for the past two years, was re-elected at the Council business meeting Saturday Afternoon. He was un-opposed. In a short speech of acceptance and thanks Max said that he had learned a lot in the past two years and was looking forward to his next term.

The banquet at the Galileo Club turned out to be an Italian Dinner, served family style, veal scalopini with the salad and paste etc., quite a change from the usual banquet fare, and very good.

Stephanie H. from Fort Worth, Texas, made an inspiring talk to

the Young Peoples' meeting Saturday Afternoon. Speaking candidly of her Alcoholic experiences the young lady gave her listeners much to think about.

"Learn to give yourself the freedom to make mistakes," she said.

Many Old Timers who heard her expressed their appreciation, and were impressed with the fact that alcohol is no respecter of age; that these young people are deadly serious.

The Hospitality Room at Travelodge with Host Johnny O. of El Cerrito, was quite active all during the conference from Friday Noon to Sunday noon, with well over 200 guests signing the register. Among them were visitors from Carson City, Nevada; Kingsville, Texas, and Minot, North Dakota.

During the conference the local telaservice was handled in this room, and 24 calls, reservations, rides, 12th step calls, etc., were fielded. A Saturday Midnite AA meeting had 20 people in attendance, and during the two days 12 pounds of coffee, 8 gallons of punch and 30 dozen cookies were served to people all the way from Eureka to Los Angeles.