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MIAMI BEACH — JULY 3-5, 1970

35th Anniversary International Convention

California Suite At Fontainebleau

The 35th Anniversary Convention of A.A. will be held in Miami Beach, Florida, July 3-5, 1970, with Headquarters at the Hotel Fontainebleau, Al-Anon and Alateen Headquarters will be at the Eden Roc Hotel next door.

Miami Beach's famous Convention Hall will be the scene of the large evening meetings, both July 3 and 4, when Bill and Lois will speak, also of the Sunday morning Spiritual meeting, July 5, and the star-studded entertainment that same Sunday Night.

All other A.A. activities, workshops, alkathons and daytime panel sessions will be held at the Fontainebleau including the big dance on Thursday evening, July 2. The official opening is on the 3rd.

Reports on charter flights from as far away as Finland, and as close as Central America, as well as California and Canada, indicate

that this will really be an 'International' convention.

There will be various Hospitality Suites, hosted by A.A.'s from different states and provinces, at the Fontainebleau Headquarters. California will have a three room suite, sponsored by the various General Service Areas and the

Young People Meet in Fort Worth Aug. 14-16

The Young People in A.A., meeting for their 13th International Conference August 14, 15 & 16, 1970, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the Sheraton Fort Worth, will present a number of special programs. These will include a "Texas Midnite Sharing Session", "The Family Problem" and "God, as you Understand Him." The conference theme is "Vaya Con Dios."

The 3-day program also includes a number of prominent visiting AA speakers, all under 40 years of age. The list includes: John G., South Bend, Indiana; Dean T., Lincoln, Nebraska; Joy L., Liberal, Kansas; Bud and Joyce L., Laguna Miguel, California, and Doug B. of Winnipeg, Canada.

For information write ICYP, P.O. Box 11140 Berry Station, Fort Worth, Texas 76110. Phone (415) 826-2408.

Fall Conference In Santa Rosa

The Fall Conference of NCC, originally scheduled for Santa Cruz, has been shifted to Santa Rosa, and will be held the weekend of October 9-11, 1970. The Santa Cruz facilities were found to be inadequate.

Northern California Council, hosted by Rollin W., Editor-Business Manager of GOOD NEWS, and a host committee.

Orange, whether on tie, dress or jacket, signifies that the wearer is a member of Florida's Host Committee. The registration fee is \$6.00, and an additional \$4.00 includes the opening dance Thursday Night and the big closing show Sunday Night. This event holds great promise!

500 SPANISH SPEAKING AA's ATTEND S.F. MEET

The first convention of Spanish-speaking groups in California, held at the International Center, 50 Oak Street, in San Francisco, May 30-31, 1970, drew at least 500 people from 23 groups, all the way from Sacramento to Los Angeles and Santa Monica, according to Eduardo Ll., Coordinator of the Convention Committee, who said the response was even greater than anticipated.

The Inauguration meeting from 10-11 Saturday morning was attended by 325, the A.A. Open meeting Saturday Evening drew almost 500, and the other five Open meetings, including Al-Anon and H & I, averaged 200.

Gilberto P.M. from Honduras, C.A., and Tommy CH. of San Bernardino were the two main speakers, although many others contributed greatly to the various program activities, including three Round Table discussion meetings.

Although no baskets were passed at any time at any meeting, the income was about \$2,125.00, with expenses some \$1,571, a net income of approx. \$550.00 for future activities of this group of Spanish speaking members.

Over 1,000 A.A. and Al-Anon pamphlets were distributed free to the many members and interested friends who contributed their presence to this most successful A.A. event.

Growing Need For A.A. Services 20th GSC Delegates Plan for Future

Ninety delegates, representing groups from every state and province in the United States and Canada, together with Trustees and staff-members, a 129-member Conference, worked through five and one-half days of meetings and workshops at the New Yorker Hotel, the 20th Annual General Service Conference which ended April 25, 1970.

Inspired by the theme, 'Service: The Heart of A.A.', the conferees reviewed the past and looked to the future, seeking new ways A.A. can extend the hand of hope to alcoholics throughout the world who still suffer. They also discussed ways and means of attracting new members and maintaining effective cooperation with our friends.

Bill W., A.A. Co-founder, said of the Conference,

"For these past twenty years I have watched the General Service Conference grow to the point where I now see it as the chief guarantor of unity and function of our society."

Dr. John L. Norris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees,

"When the world seemed to be going to H-1 in a basket, this conference was an island of peace, not the contented cow variety, but an island of dynamic peace."

Bernard Smith, non-alcoholic Trustee,

"The importance is not so much what we do here, but that we are here."

The above are excerpts, via Box 4-5-9, from the final report of the 20th Conference which was available in early June.

Calendar of Coming Events

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

July 17-19 — 13th Annual Louisiana State Convention, Alexandria, Louisiana. Write Box 1774, Alexandria, La. 71301.

July 31-August 2-30th Annual Arkansas State Convention, Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs National Park. Write Chairman, 216 Belmont Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116.

August 7-9—International Doctors in A.A. Write Secretary, IDAA, 1950 Volney Road, Youngstown, Iowa.

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

August 14-16—13th International Conference of Young People in AA. Fort Worth, Texas.

Sept. 4-6—Oregon State Annual GS Committee Meeting, Community Center, Baker, Oregon. Write P.O. Box 167, Baker, Oregon 97814.

Feb. 26-28 1971—7th All Gal A.A. Conference, Broadview Hotel, Wichita, Kansas. Write: Conference Chairman, 3805 South Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67216.

First World Service Meet Ranks in Importance Says Dr. Norris

"Policies have been established in recent months which will have lasting importance for our Fellowship," Dr. John L. Norris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees told Delegates to the 20th General Service Conference.

"Among these," said Dr. Jack, non-alcoholic Trustee and former associate medical director of Eastman Kodak Co., "was A.A.'s first World Service Meeting."

The 3-day meeting, held at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York beginning October 8, 1969, was attended by delegates from twelve foreign countries and one zone, and our own North American delegates, "in what must rank as a truly historic service meeting in which your whole Board participated."

Dr. Norris also said that the Board had formed two new trustee committees. The first will be a long-range planning committee charged with responsibility for anticipating the Fellowship's future needs in the face of possible economic and social changes.

The second committee will be responsible for working with outside agencies. It will suggest policies and guidelines to govern our cooperation with government and private groups within the framework of our Traditions.

Looking to the future, Eric B., regional trustee, told delegates that A.A. can never become so set in its ways that we cannot find new ways to extend the hand of fellowship to alcoholics wherever they may be.

"We must be flexible without becoming so loose that our methods and our message get watered down," he said. "We must maintain stability without becoming so rigid that we cannot bend to meet the changing needs of the still suffering alcoholics."



Inter-County Fellowship July Events—News Notes

The Saturday Serenity group which meets in the small meeting room on the 3rd floor of the Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, at 1:30 p.m. will celebrate its 8th Anniversary on July 25, 1970.

Shaelen D., well known in San Francisco and vicinity, will be the speaker. The meeting runs an hour and a half, a closed speaker-discussion meeting according to Secretary Carl H. Coffee, cake and ice cream will be served.

The S.F. Marin Sunday Breakfast Group which meets at the Edgewater Inn, Corte Madera, each Sunday will no longer have any kind of food service in the meeting room. Breakfast or brunch will be served in the coffee shop or dining room adjacent to the meeting place for those who wish it. The group will use the same room as before at no charge. Coffee will be available.

The Mission All-groups meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11, 5 p.m. at 3198-16th Street (Industrial Club). The speaker will be Nellie P. A buffet dinner will follow the meeting, at 6:30 p.m., and music and entertainment will wind up the evening.

The Friday Central All-groups meetings at the First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary Streets in San Francisco will present a series of fine programs for the five Fridays in July.

The Peninsula All-groups meetings at St. Matthews Church, Baldwin and El Camino Real, in San Mateo, on Saturday Nights at 8:30 also promise interesting meetings in July.

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.

"THE LINK"

(California Northern Coastal Area of General Service)

The delegate is the principal link between his group and the General Service Conference, and with important meetings coming in the next few months it becomes increasingly urgent that such groups as do not have a General Service representative choose one as soon as possible.

A General Service Assembly will be held on November 21, 1970, in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Berkeley. This will be an election assembly and it is therefore of vital importance that all groups participate, one representative for each group.

Presumably, the climax of the activities will be the election of the new General Service Delegate for the California Northern Coastal Area for a two year term, 1971-72. Four other officers will also be selected.

Group Representatives from the San Francisco districts meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the upper room of the United Church, 7th Avenue and Geary Street. It is important that all groups be represented!

SANTA ROSA REPORTS

Santa Rosa will host the Fall conference of the Northern California Council October 9-11, 1970. Originally scheduled for Santa Cruz, it was necessary to change the location due to lack of adequate facilities. Tom B. is the Chairman of the local conference committee.

The monthly Open Public meetings which were discontinued some time ago may be started again soon. The subject was discussed at the last Secretaries meeting, and it was decided to submit the matter to the groups. Reports so far indicate that they will probably be started again.

Santa Rosa now has twelve groups meeting each week; four of them rather new. A Young Peoples group meets Saturday Night at the Santa Rosa Savings & Loan; both A.A. and Al-Anon meet on Thursday afternoons, and the New Hope Group whose meetings are devoted to reading and discussion of The Big Book, held their first meeting May 9, 1970.

Nearly all meetings are held at the Alano Club, #70 South 'E' Street, phone (707) 542-9907.

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SAN JOSE AREA NEWS SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Alano Club at 1122 Fair Avenue will be the scene of the Annual Picnic on the Fourth of July, starting at noon; an afternoon of fun for all the family. The regular A.A. meeting will be at 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friday Night Santa Clara Group, Bill E. will be speaker at the All-groups meeting Saturday the 11th, 8 p.m., with dancing to follow.

Bob and Vivian B. of Los Gatos, husband and wife A.A.-Al-Anon team, will speak at a special speakers meeting of the Alano Club Group on Wednesday, July 8th, arranged by the secretary, Bud K.

An Inter-group Council meeting on July 8th, H. & I. meeting July 10th and a GSR Committee meeting July 23rd are included in July activities. There is a breakfast every Sunday morning, donation basis, at 9 a.m., and a speaker meeting every other Sunday at 11 a.m. Anyone who would like to help, call 289-9726, OR Paul W., 297-1878.

Regular meetings are held every evening at 8:00 p.m., and on Thursdays another one follows at 10 p.m. An Al-Anon meeting is held Tuesday noons, an A.A. meeting Thursday noons, and an Alateen meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

The James Lick Alateen carwash on June 13th was a great success, and they send their thanks to all. The leaders were Chris S., Al-Anon, and Darwood P., A.A. If its for A.A., Al-Anon or Alateen, we are for it 100%.

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1970 OREGON ANNUAL GSC MEETING SEPT. 4-6

The Oregon State General Service Committee will hold its 1970 Annual meeting at the Community Center in Baker, Oregon, September 4, 5 and 6th.

A kick-off dinner Friday Evening at 6 p.m. will open the 3-day program. Virginia M., Modesto, California, will be Guest speaker at an open AA meeting, 8 p.m., following the dinner.

Registrations will open Saturday Morning. Workshops, Al-Anon and Alateen meetings will occupy the day, with an open AA meeting at 8 p.m. followed by dancing at 9:30 Saturday Night.

Joe L. of Tyler, Texas, will be Guest Speaker at the Saturday Evening AA meeting.

A Western-Style, Outdoor Breakfast at 8 a.m. and a panel meeting at noon, featuring special AA guests, will wind up the activities. For information, write P.O. Box 167, Baker, Oregon 97814.

Reprints of "The Responsibilities of a Group Secretary" by Jack Irving available at cost from GOOD NEWS.

Annual 22nd Dist. Meet Santa Maria July 18

AA members of Southern California's 22nd District will hold their third annual convention in the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Maria on Saturday, July 18, 1970.

There will be continuous activities from 8 a.m. Saturday morning until 1:00 a.m. Sunday morning. On Friday Night, July 17th, there will be continuous meetings beginning at 8 p.m. at both the Alano Club in San Luis Obispo and the 1600 Club in Santa Maria.

Registration \$1.00, Alanon Luncheon \$2.50, Steak Barbeque \$3.25. Address P.O. Box #58, Santa Maria, Calif. 93454.

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SO WHAT IF IT IS "SLOW POISON" — I'M IN NO HURRY

VALLEJO FELLOWSHIP ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 25th Anniversary of AA in Vallejo will be celebrated by a dinner on July 25, 1970, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship, 522 Marin Street. The menu will include fried chicken, baked ham, and many other goodies.

Walt B. from Sacramento will be the guest speaker at an Open AA meeting following dinner, according to Hazel L., Program Chairman, who says, "Come and help us celebrate; everybody welcome."

"APPRECIATION"

We receive many notes from people telling us how much they appreciate GOOD NEWS. Every so often we like to pass one or two along, for instance:

"I look forward to receiving the Good News each month, for it lets me know what is happening and where." "Sincerely, Tom G., Oakland.

"Editor, GOOD NEWS: In my humble opinion GOOD NEWS must be classed among the top publications devoted to carrying the message of A.A. I enjoy and peruse every copy from 'kiver to kiver'. Thank you! Sincerely,

Everett K., Seattle, Wash.

NCC Central Committee in San Pablo July 19

The NCC Central Committee will meet at the Friendly Fellowship, 1426-13th Street, San Pablo, on Sunday, July 19th at 11 a.m. to formulate the program for the Fall Conference in Santa Rosa October 9-11, 1970.

The conference was originally scheduled for Santa Cruz, but construction of anticipated facilities will not be complete in time, so it was necessary to find another location, and Santa Rosa 'came through'.

The Committee, meeting at the Eureka Conference June 20th, voted to discontinue the individual mailing list for conferences and rely on mailings to zone chairmen for distribution to groups, etc. This became necessary because of the heavy expense involved in returned mail and address changes.

"Every time you sling a little mud, you lose a little ground!"

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18th Anniversary Of Surf Group July 13th

The Surf Group of San Francisco will celebrate its 18th Anniversary at its meeting Monday, July 13, 1970, 8:30 p.m. in the Community Church, 34th Avenue and Noriega Street.

The speaker will be Bob F., Young Action Group of Monterey, California, and Sam P. of the Parkside Group, San Francisco, will be chairman.

A lavish buffet, for which the group is well known, will be served after the meeting. Coffee served from 7:30 p.m. Attend and bring friends!

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP PICNIC SUN., JULY 12th

The San Pablo Friendly Fellowship will hold their annual picnic at Blue Rock Springs Park, near Vallejo, on Sunday, July 12th, 9:30 a.m. 'til 5 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be served, and people will bring lunches in addition if they wish. There will be baseball, music and games.

Take the freeway to Napa turn-off, then right on Columbia Parkway about a mile to the park and "fun in the sun."



"THE PITCH"

(California Northern Interior Area
of General Service)

I was glad to see many of the GSR's and Committee Members at the Eureka Conference. As usual, the General Service meetings were great.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Open meeting was kicked off by Chairman Frank B. of San Francisco. The speaker, Ralph L., former delegate from Grants Pass, Oregon, related a very heart-felt story of how he changed from small town drunk to New York delegate. He also spoke of General Service.

The Sunday morning sharing session with Ed S. of Redding as Moderator, covered many very good, interesting subjects pertaining to AA and General Service.

The Area officers are in the process of putting together a committee meeting. The plans at this time are to have two meetings; one in Chico for the Northern half of the area, and a second in Modesto for the Southern half. It may be that our over-all turnout will be greater due to shorter travelling by many GSR's. More of this later. See you in Santa Rosa in October.

Bob

Jack Irving Reprints

The reprints of Jack Irving's article, "The Responsibilities of a Group Secretary" are now available for those wishing copies. The bulk rate is 50¢ a dozen, but single copies will be sent free to GOOD NEWS subscribers upon request. Address GOOD NEWS, 166 Geary Street, Room 84, San Francisco, Calif. 94108. Remittance must accompany bulk orders; stamps acceptable.

We also have a supply of "Certificate of Appreciation" forms to give to Guest Speakers; available in exactly the same manner as above.

HARVEY & ESTELLE AT UKIAH JULY 18

Harvey and Estelle E., popular husband and wife team from Woodland, will be Guest speakers at the Ukiah Alano Club, 209 South State Street, on Saturday, July 18, 1970, 8:00 p.m.

The meeting will be preceded by a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information phone (707) 462-9968 or 462-7123.

FRED CATZ PASSES

Fred Catz, one of the three AA members who formed the first group in San Francisco in the Spring of 1940, passed away in May of internal bleeding at a Santa Rosa Hospital. He had undergone two open-heart surgeries in the past five years, surviving both perfectly.

Fred had his last drink July 5, 1939, over 30 years ago. He was steered to AA by Dr. Percy Poliak, S.F. County Hospital, formerly of Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He was on the panel of speakers to attend the first (1942) San Quentin Prison AA meeting.

During the hectic days of Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article of May, 1941, Fred was one of the few stalwarts who did a prodigious amount of Twelfth Step work. At the time of his death he was a resident of Occidental, California. He is survived by his wife, Lee.

Redding 20th Birthday Celebration July 18th

The Redding Group of A.A. will celebrate twenty years of A.A. in Redding with a pot-luck dinner and Inter-group meeting on Saturday, July 18, 1970, according to George S., Chairman.

Father Jake from Knights Landing will be the Guest speaker at an open meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the ground floor social hall of the United Methodist Church, at the corner of South and East Streets in Redding, California.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. sharp, with the doors opening at six. For further information write P.O. Box #501, Redding, Cal. 96001, or phone George at (916) 243-4183 after 5 p.m.

Stockton Mid-Town News

The monthly pot-luck dinner will be held on Saturday, July 4th, at 6:30 p.m. The regular open meeting will follow at 7:30, and a bang-up fourth can be celebrated with bingo and good AA fellowship after the meeting.

Sharing the birthday cake on July 17th will be Cass C., 9 years; Jerry W., 6 years; Estelle L., John M., and Bill B., each with 4 years, and Fireman Bill M., 2 years.

The July Open Speaker meeting will be held July 25th at 8 p.m. Bingo will be played following the meeting.

Virg. G. has been selected to serve as General Secretary for the coming year.

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THREE DAY AA WORK- SHOP IN SAN FRANCISCO JULY 17-18-19

The 1970 A.A. Workshop in San Francisco will be held the weekend of July 17-19 at St. John's Church, 20 Woodside Avenue, near Laguna Honda Boulevard, as announced in the June GOOD NEWS.

The program of meetings and events, which will run almost constantly from 8:30 p.m. Friday the 17th, until 9:30 Sunday Evening the 19th, includes the active participation of members from many groups in Central California, and an extremely wide range of subjects.

Among the visitors will be Annette F. from Fresno, Myrtle V., Sacramento, and Dewey S., San Mateo; a number of East Bay and Marin County friends, and people from just everywhere.

Subjects will include "The Addictive Personality," "Compulsion-Obsession," "How new are our problems?" and the Twelve Traditions. A panel meeting on Saturday will discuss "AA, Past and Present" and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. another panel will talk on "12th Step Work."

A buffet will be served both Saturday and Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m. A panel will discuss "The Family of the Alcoholic" after dinner Sunday evening (6-8 p.m.) and the meeting of the Wawona Group with Andy B. as Chairman will wind up the three-day affair.

H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

Many times individuals in A.A. ask, "What is the purpose of the Hospital and Institution Committee? What does it cover and how is it organized?"

The following may help to answer these questions.

1. The only purpose of the Hospital and Institution Committee of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined. The activities of this committee are based on and governed by the Twelve Traditions.
2. The H and I Committee, although a part of the Northern California Council, is entirely self-controlled, and functions as a separate committee. At the present time it services over 100 facilities, including prisons, hospitals, jails, road camps etc., covering an area approximately 300 miles long and 200 miles wide. Meetings vary in number from 1 to 8 per week in these facilities and roughly 2500 people are involved in adequately covering these meetings.
3. In order to cover such a large number of facilities spread over such an area, the committee, of necessity, is organized in an endeavor to avoid confusion and duplication of effort. This is a service committee and our responsibility has many facets, most important of which are:
 - a. To the patient or inmate group within a facility.
 - b. To the facility, courteous acceptance and compliance with its wishes.
 - c. To the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous; namely, conducting ourselves in a manner above reproach; to ensure that we will not say or do anything that will reflect unfavorably upon the Committee or A.A. as a whole.

Since our program is one of attraction rather than promotion, we serve these facilities at the invitation of the administration, ever conscious of the admonition "Cooperation Not Affiliation".

This Committee covers all of Northern California from the Tulare County line in the South to the Oregon State line in the North, and from the Nevada State line in the East to the Pacific Ocean in the West. The Hospital and Institution Committee is made up of 14 areas, each having its own Area Chairman. Also, there are 5 Regional Chairmen who coordinate these areas. In addition the entire organization is headed up by a General Chairman. A Service Committee, consisting of a Secretary, Treasurer, Literature Librarian, a Co-Chairman for Hospitals and a Co-Chairman for Institutions, assist the General Chairman in the performance of his duties.

In order to adequately cover all of the facilities in these areas, the Hospital and Institution Committee always has need for more members. Anyone interested in this type of A.A. service is welcome and should contact the Area Chairman in his locality.

Many ask why we go such distances and take all the time involved. This answer is twofold:

1. But for the grace of God I could be there and
2. If some A.A. guy or gal had not taken the time to carry the message to many of us who were confined, we might still be there.

Summer Conference in Eureka Draws 500 AA's

Making up in enthusiasm what it may have lacked in numbers, the Summer AA Conference of the Northern California Council drew approximately 500 members, their families, Al-Anons and Ala-teens to the vacation land of Eureka, at the extreme northern boundary of the Council's territory, the weekend of June 19-21, 1970.

The activities got away to a flying start with the pre-conference open meeting at the Episcopal Church, 15th and 'H' streets Friday Evening, June 19, when David G. of Tulare told a most amusing and at the same time very poignant story of his long road to A.A. His enthusiasm was contagious!

The following two days, Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21, were filled with interesting meetings, good speakers and work-shops. The AA's had a dinner Saturday Night at the Eureka Inn, and the Ala-teens had their own 'banquet' at Verla's Pizza Parlor.

The Young People's meeting had a number of very interesting young speakers, and the Alanon meetings Saturday Afternoon at one and Sunday Morning at 10:30 had most delightful speakers in Irma C., Chico, and Estella E. of Woodland. Ralph L., Former Delegate, Grants Pass, Oregon, spoke to the General Service meeting Saturday Afternoon at One.

Joe M. of Los Angeles addressed the open meeting Saturday Night, replacing 'Dick' W. who was unable to keep the date. Joe received a standing ovation. Both Ralph B. of Lakeport, Saturday night at 11, and Al K. from Paradise, 1 p.m. Sunday, were well received.

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News Events from S.F. Alano Club

By Paul "Bus" D.,

14 YEARS — "ANNIVERSARY MONTH" — 14 YEARS

Yes! This month marks the 14th year at our present location. A great many of you have contributed in some way to our success. To you we say, "Thanks, and keep coming."

Many of you have never visited our club. During this Anniversary month visit **your** Alano Club and see what a beautiful place it is. You'll keep coming back.

SATURDAY, JULY 4—NO DANCE. Vacation time!

SATURDAY, JULY 18—14th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE & DANCE. Open House all day. Dancing at 9:00 p.m. to the music of our own "Dry Notes". Lovely door prizes.

SUNDAY, JULY 19—OPEN HOUSE ALL DAY. Open A.A. meeting 12-1 p.m. Buffet Luncheon served from 2-5 p.m. Baked ham and all the trimmings. You're all invited! Bring the family!

SATURDAY, JULY 25—JULY A.A. BIRTHDAYS PARTY AND DANCE. Come and help celebrate July AA Birthdays. Coffee and cake, and dancing to fine records. There you are, our Anniversary Month plans. If you don't visit us you'll miss something good. Keep the address handy!

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