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3rd Mini Conference NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL A.A. GROUPS SERVICE ASSEMBLY — BERKELEY NOVEMBER 21

The General Service Assembly of group representatives and A.A. members in Berkeley on Saturday, November 21, 1970, at 1:00 p.m., the 3rd such conference, assumes more than the usual importance because a candidate for the nomination for Pacific Region Class 'B' Trustee will also be named.

The primary purpose of this bi-yearly event is the election, for two year terms, of the five Officers of the Coastal Panel; Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate, Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

It is considered proper that candidates for any of these offices should have four or five years of continuous sobriety. A two-thirds majority is necessary to elect. While the election meeting is open to all (AA does not have any 'star-chamber' sessions) only group GSR's are entitled to vote.

The Coastal Panel will also choose between Stan W. and Ed B., the two candidates so far named, for the panel's nominee for Class 'B' Trustee. Each G.S. Panel in the Pacific Region will name their nominee, and the final nominee will be selected by the Committee on Trustees in New York next April, 1971, from among those named and submitted for approval by the General Service Conference.

Election to the Board will follow at the Board's Annual Meeting, and the newly elected Trustee will attend his first Board Meeting in July, 1971.

A Turkey, Ham and Casserole buffet will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., and an open meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. Dancing to the music of "The Group" from San Mateo will follow the meeting, and there will be prizes.

John A. from Santa Ana will be Guest Speaker at the 8:30 p.m. meeting. When Ralph B. of Seattle, the previously announced speaker,

could not appear, John very graciously agreed to take his place.

Lois Thanks A.A.'s For Their Messages

Concerned members from all corners of the world of A.A.—have, through cards and other messages, expressed their affection and told of their prayers for Bill W.'s recovery from a recent serious illness.

Lois, Bill's wife, asked us to thank all those who sent messages, wanting them to know of her gratitude. "Their prayers and thoughts have helped," she said.

Bill is home, recuperating, and he, too, asked us to convey his own greetings and affection.

Box 4-5-9

12 Traditions Film at Peninsula Alano Club, Nine Times—Nov. 4-8

The film in which Bill W. tells of the Beginning of AA Traditions will be shown at the Peninsula

Napa State Hospital A.A. First Annual Symposium

The Napa State Hospital Fellowship of A.A. will hold what they say will be their First Annual Symposium on Sunday, November 15th, from 2 until 5:00 p.m.

The principal speakers will be Gene D. from Calistoga, and Harvey E. of Woodland. There will also be short talks by both Al-Anon and Alateen members, and the Northern California Chapter of Mental Health Association.

After the speakers, a buffet will be served in the Rehabilitation Center of the hospital, where the entire event will be held. Music, door prizes and dancing will follow the buffet.

All interested people are cordially invited to attend, and they hope to draw a good attendance, according to Jack D., Co-ordinating Chairman, who says, "The grounds will be well posted with signs giving directions to the Symposium Headquarters, which is right in the middle of the grounds, not far from the Administration building."

Alano Club, 714 San Mateo Drive, a total of nine times, between Wednesday, November 4th, and Sunday, the 8th, according to Dick L.

This 69 minute film will be shown at 7:00 & 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 4th through Saturday, November 7th, eight times in four days. On Sunday, November 8th, one showing, with the AA meeting at 8:30 p.m.

GOOD NEWS SUBSCRIPTION RATES RAISED (see page 7)

NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

FRESNO MEMBERS GIVE THANKS WITH SERVICE

Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Alano Club Saturday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. according to Joe M., Club Manager. Dinner will be followed by Bingo and a Pink Elephant sale, with all proceeds going to the Alano Club Building Fund.

The Village Group, with Barbara J., chairman, will host Al M. of North Hollywood as Guest Speaker on Friday Night, November 27th, 8:30 p.m. at St. Columbo's Church.

Bill W's new film on the Twelve Traditions will be shown on November 14th at 8:30 p.m. in the social hall of St. John's Church. Members of the Halfway House group are in charge of all arrangements.

Three new groups are holding noon meetings at the Alano Club, Joe M., Monday Secretary; Joe F., Thursday, and Dave B., Friday. Other new secretaries are:

Clarence G., Wednesday Study Group, Methodist Church.

Jim C., Thursday Night, Alano Club.

Jule A., Hugh Getty's Group,

Stockton Mid-Town News

The film, "Bill W. Discusses the Twelve Traditions" will be shown at Stockton State Hospital Auditorium, 510 West Magnolia Street, on Tuesday, November 10, 1970, 8:00 p.m. This will be a closed showing, since "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions."

The monthly pot-luck will be held Saturday, November 7th, at 6:30 p.m. The regular Open Meeting at 8:00 p.m. will be followed by refreshments, good AA fellowship, and bingo.

Bill S. with 13 years will share the November Birthday cake with Homer R., 7 years, Dick C. 4, Chuck J. 2 and Don G. 1.

The regular Open Speakers Meeting will be held Saturday, November 28th, at 8:00 p.m., with Arnold R. of San Francisco as Guest Speaker.

Don't forget! November is Gratitude month! Let's try and show how grateful we are, every month.

College Community Church.

Larry B., Sunday Morning Group, Alano Club.

Marge and Joe M., Husband and Wife team, will speak at the Visalia Group meeting on November 7, 1970.

Peninsula All-Groups Fetes 20th Birthday!

The Saturday Night Peninsula All-Groups Open Meeting will celebrate their 20th Anniversary at the meeting November 21, 1970, 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Michael C. from Newport Beach will be Guest Speaker for the occasion. The meetings are held in the Recreation Room of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Baldwin and El Camino in San Mateo.

The speakers for the other three November meetings are;

Nov. 7 — Don C., El Cerrito

Nov. 14 — Red M., Redwood City

Nov. 28 — John K., San Francisco.

Coffee is served both before and after every meeting.

SONOMA COUNTY ZONE 4 PUBLIC MEETING NOV. 22

The Sonoma County member groups of Inter-County Fellowship Zone 4 will host a two-hour public meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, 1970, in the Kenilworth Recreation Building at the Petaluma Fairgrounds, East Washington and Payran Streets, Petaluma, Calif.

The meeting will also mark the

"THE PITCH"

(California Northern Interior Area of General Service)

For those of you who did not attend the October Conference in Santa Rosa, you missed two fine General Service programs. We wish to thank all the groups who sent their GSRs with their contributions. Those groups that have not made their contribution can do so at the Assembly Meeting in November.

Speaking of Conference and Assembly meetings, one must remember the theme of the 1970 General Service Conference in New York, "Service — the heart of A.A." This is service at the group level, the district level and the area level. What is Service? As Eric B. our Regional Trustee said,

"It's a 10 cent cup of coffee — it's getting up at 2:00 a.m. to call on a sick alcoholic — it's an Area Assembly or a General Service Conference — it's cooking a corned beef and cabbage dinner for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. It's the end of the broom. It is a learning and serving — and a living and giving — and a caring and sharing — and that's what it's all about."

"In this A.A. way of life we have three great and lasting Legacies: Recovery, Unity, and Service. And the greatest of these is Service, for service encompasses all three — and service is love — and the language of the heart — in action. Service is the heart of A.A."

twentieth Anniversary of the Petaluma Fellowship. The theme of the meeting will be "Gratitude for the A.A. Message."

Mr. Raymond W. May, Director of Correction, Idaho State Board of Corrections, will talk of many years of experience in the cooperation of Alcoholics Anonymous and Correctional Authorities.

Dr. Gill of San Francisco will also address the meeting, speaking from his personal experience with A.A.

"THE LINK"

(California Northern Coastal Area
of General Service)

From the Sunday Morning Panel Meeting, these impressions:

1. Literature — The powerful impact of the new pamphlet, "A.A. and Young People" Group tables should be filled with A.A. literature, and all should be reading "The A.A. Service Manual" Speaker Norm W. citing the "Temperateness of the Language" of the literature.

2. Responsibility — Speaker Win S., "If I am responsible I must carry the message of A.A. and that's all." and "Responsibility is an integral part of self-honesty." The new recruit learns in A.A. the traits of responsibility and reliability.

3. Heard from the floor; in viewing the traditions — we have 24 steps for each of us. The G.S.R's first responsibility is to the group conscience, but a majority opinion does not necessarily represent a group conscience.

The agenda of the Berkeley Election Assembly on November 21st will include a vote to choose a candidate for class B regional trustee nominee, Pacific Region. Stan W. and Ed B. have been selected as possible candidates.

The nominating committee of the General Service Board, meeting with the Conference Committee on Trustees, and the delegates from the electing region, at New York in April, 1971, will select the nominee to be presented for approval to the General Service Conference.

The newly elected Trustee will attend his first board meeting in July, 1971.

Calendar of Coming Events

November 6-8—9th Annual Hawaii AA Conference; Queen Kapiolani Hotel, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii.

November 12-15—25th Tri-State AA Convention of Shreveport-Bossier Groups. Headquarters, Washington-Youree Hotel, Shreveport, Louisiana.

November 14 — ANNUAL BANQUET — Inter-County Fellowship, Gold Room of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California.

November 14—Annual Gratitude Buffet and Public Meeting, Southern Alameda County Service Center Association Veteran's Hall, Hayward, Calif.

November 15 — First Annual Symposium, Napa State Hospital Fellowship of A.A., Rehabilitation Center.

June 4-5, 1971 — San Francisco Central All-groups 25th Anniversary celebration.

November 21—Coastal Area AA Election Assembly, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St., Berkeley, Calif.

January 9—General Service event, "AA—Today", new St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco.

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

March 5-7—Santa Maria, California, 4th Pacific Region General Service Assembly.

March 13-14—Redding, California, Northern California Council Spring Conference.

ARA FIRST STEP HOME XMAS FUND BENEFIT DANCE DECEMBER 12

The Annual Christmas Holidays Bingo Party, Dance and Buffet for the benefit of the Christmas Tree Fund of A.R.A.'s First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street in San Francisco, will be held Saturday evening, December 12, 1970.

Bingo will start at 8:00 p.m. with dancing at 9:30 p.m. to the music of ARA's own all-member dixieland band. A fine buffet will be served from 9:30 until ? and these buffets have a reputation!

There is no admission charge, as such, and a door prize will be given. However, this party IS for the benefit of a Christmas Fund, and a donation of \$1.00 per person is anticipated. Donors will be entitled to participate in a drawing for a \$25.00 merchandise order.

First Step Home has forty-five (45) men and women residents right now, and this will be the first sober Christmas in years for more than one of them. The funds raised will be used to make that Christmas a real, Merry one.

There will be a big Christmas Tree at the Home, and on Christmas Eve, gifts in abundance for every resident, providing the funds are available.

Plan to attend; have a good time, and do your bit!

S.F. Al-Anon Christmas Party & Meeting Dec. 4

The San Francisco Al-Anon Intergroup will have a Christmas Party on Friday, December 4th, at the Holy Name Church, 39th Avenue and Lawton Street. (enter through school yard).

A pot-luck supper at 7:00 p.m. will precede an open speaker meeting at eight o'clock, according to a note from Dolores M. who also says,

"After the meeting, do your Christmas shopping at the Noel Boutique! Everyone is invited."

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

SAN JOSE AREA NEWS SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Downtown Fellowship, 590 South First Street, San Jose, will hold Open House & serve Thanksgiving Dinner on November 26th Thanksgiving Day. All A.A. members are invited to participate.

Over 200 dinners were served last year, all food and fixin's were donated, and those in charge hope for the same co-operation again this year.

The Fellowship will resume its Winter Speaker series beginning with the last Sunday, November 29th, 8:00 p.m., at 590 South First Street. This series will present speakers from all over Northern California, the last Sunday of each month.

The San Jose Alano Club 1122 Fair Avenue, will host three special meetings in November. The monthly Inter-group Council meeting will be held on the 4th at 8 p.m., and on November 13th at 8 p.m. an H. & I. meeting will have as Guest Speaker, Dr. Ter-ril O. from the San Jose Mental Health Clinic who is also a member of A.A. There will be a GSR committee meeting on Monday, November 16th, 8 p.m.

On Saturday, November 14th, at 3:00 p.m. the All-groups meeting will have Cal T. as Guest Speaker, the meeting hosted by the Monte Sereno Group. AA meet-

RETREAT PLANNED FOR AA & ALANON COUPLES

A weekend retreat for AA & Al-Anon couples is planned for November 13-15, 1970, at the Cenacle Retreat House, 5340 Fair Oaks Boulevard in Carmichael, (a suburb of Sacramento) California, 95608 — phone (916) 489-3651.

The program will be conducted by Father Barney, AA member from Portland, Oregon. It is open to couples, but also for individuals, beginning with dinner at 6:30 Friday Evening, November 13th, and closing on Sunday Afternoon about 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$45.00 per couple, individual reservations \$25.00. After dinner arrival is OK for those traveling a distance. For reservations write or call Sister Pat Burgoon at the above address in Carmichael.

TO OBTAIN TAPES of International Convention, write Southern Audio Visual Exhibition Service, 550 Meridian Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33139.

ings are held at the Club nightly, 8:00 p.m.

The Sunday Breakfast Group 11 o'clock meeting is growing, and there must be a reason. Come and find out! Breakfast at 9 a.m.

Letter to the Editor

Helsinki, Finland
October 6, 1970

GOOD NEWS
San Francisco

Many thanks for your Good News which I have received continuously for many years. Here is another order, but unfortunately I don't have your money 1.80 or even two dollars, but only a note of five dollars. I hope to get your Good News for more than 12 months, but if not, do not send money back to me, but give only some cups of coffee to the visitors in your office.

Do you remember that I was there last October? And I have some good snapshots taken from the window of Al-Anon office which I have shown in different part of Finland and last week I visited in Sweden where I also showed my slides which I took last year in USA. I have many hundred slides and at least one of them are from San Francisco and its vicinity. I still live in my dreams in the sunny California. That trip was wonderful and every people so kind to me. Please, tell my greetings by Good News to my friend who attended to that big meeting in one Friday-night last October when I had opportunity to speak near an hour and my sponsor Usko translated everything. I hope that they understood how wonderful occasion it was to me to be one of them and to tell what I have learned during my sober years (21 now!)

I still will be one of yours,

Sincerely,

Veikko K.

Secretary of Finnish AA

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News Events from S.F. Alano Club

By Paul "Bus" D.,

The month of Thanksgiving is here, the month of the Big Bird, Stuffings, Ham, Traditions, Pumpkin Pie and all else that makes Thanksgiving complete. Why don't you plan on spending some time at the Club? We have lots planned for you — Dances, Food, Parties, Meetings and A.A. Birthdays. The dates below are a list of good times for you, keep them handy and use the Club for your pleasure.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th—FIRST O' THE MONTH DANCE. Dancing to the "Dry Notes". Great door prizes.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st—THANKSGIVING DANCE. Swing and Sway with our "Dry Notes". You request them and they'll play them. Fine door prizes too.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th—THANKSGIVING DAY. Open house all day. Open Meeting 12 Noon. Buffet Dinner served from 2 til 5 p.m. Roast Turkey, Dressing, Baked Ham and all the trimmings — you're invited.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th—NOVEMBER A.A. BIRTHDAY PARTY AND DANCE. Help celebrate all the November A.A. Birthdays. Coffee and Cake. Dancing to great records.

There you are. A month of fun for you. Don't be lonely, be a mixer. It's much better. Remember the address—

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB

414 GRANT AVENUE CORNER BUSH STREET

Note From A Friend

Yesterday (Monday, Oct. 12) a man called Dunbar's show from a roadside booth, and the gist of his call was as follows:

"My name is Jack, and I'm an alcoholic. Alcoholics Anonymous has been having a big meeting in Santa Rosa, and I just looked at all those people and

thought, 'Gee, they are just people having a good time, and every one of them has the same problem that I have.'"

Dunbar: "Are you a member of A.A.?"

Jack: "Only for two days. May I read a little prayer to you?"

Dunbar: "Sure, we'll hold the news a few seconds."

Jack: "God grant me . . ."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee
July 1, 1970 - September 30, 1970

Donations		Disbursements	
Area 2	\$ 220.95	Good News	\$ 100.00
3	56.53	Literature "Reserve"	350.00
4	432.91	Stamps	44.78
5	150.00	Misc.	180.25
6	370.97	Equipment "Reserve"	650.00
7	270.63	Stationery & Postage	8.00
8	84.19	H and I Office	321.68
9	214.07	Literature purchased	950.00
11	18.00	Telephone	31.62
12-13-14	25.53		
Total Donations	\$1843.78	Total	2636.33
Balance 7-1-70	1529.93	Balance 10-1-70	737.38
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ANNUAL A.A. BANQUET "HARVEST HOP" NOV. 14 PALACE HOTEL IN S.F.

The Annual AA Banquet, known as "The Harvest Hop" this year will be held in the Gold Room of the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, according to Paul G. Secretary who says that the required reservations were received and more.

Last year's successful format will be repeated this year, and the cost is the same, \$10.75. The Gold Room capacity is 400, & tables first served basis. Dinner at 7!

Clint H. of Santa Monica (not a personality, just an ex-drunk) will be Guest Speaker, with Barbara I., Newark, as chairman. Dancing to the music of Sal Carson, TV and Radio orchestra. The Banquet Committee, Room 84, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco, 94108.

350 Attend Santa Rosa Pre-Conference Meeting

An overflow crowd of 350 attended the pre-conference kick-off meeting on Friday, October 9th, sponsored by the Tradition Group, celebrating the 25 years of A.A. in Santa Rosa. It was a heart-warming event.

Gene D., Guest Speaker from Calistoga, gave an inspiring talk which was most enthusiastically received.

The five members who attended the first meeting of A.A. in Santa Rosa twenty-five years ago, on October 11, 1945, who saw the need for help for the suffering alcoholic, would certainly have been pleased to see that their efforts were not in vain. Their presence was felt in that room that Friday night.

Many girls are getting men's wages — nowadays — but then they always have.

Eureka Area Activities

By SAM C.

Interest in A.A. activities in the Eureka Area seems to be increasing. A good turnout from Eureka, Ferndale and Fortuna attended the Santa Rosa conference, and there is great interest in the coming G.S. Assembly at Berkeley this month.

Chuck R. of Rio Dell has replaced Hutch as Chairman of the Humboldt Central Committee. Sam C. will be the new D.C.M. chairman, replacing Jean H. in January, 1971.

The Annual Thanksgiving dinner will be served with all the trimmings at the Alano Club, 1500 North 4th Street, time to be announced.

General Service, meeting at the Serenity House on October 14th, decided to try to get Bill's film on the Traditions for showing the first part of either December or January. The book project to County libraries was also discussed at the same meeting, with pledges of more books to come.

The Alateens meeting is now held at the Roger Williams House, 1933 'E' Street, on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Freeway Fellowship Modesto News Notes

Naydene B.

The monthly pot-luck will 'happen' on Saturday, November 7th. Come, bring a dish and a friend. After dinner, fun, games, etc.

The film, "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions" will be shown on Friday, November 13th at the Fellowship, 1115-5th Street, Modesto.

Sue C. from San Francisco will be the Guest Speaker on Friday, November 20th, at the regular monthly Open Speaker Meeting.

The next general meeting of the H. & I. Committee will be held on Sunday, November 29th, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Freeway Fellowship.

Remember; November is Gratitude month!

Inter-County Fellowship November Schedule has Bill's Traditions Film

The Inter-County Fellowship has scheduled a showing of the color film, "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions" for their Friday Night All-Groups meeting on November 20th. This film is of vital interest to all A.A. members. It was first shown at the Miami Beach International Convention, & this is the only San Francisco showing now booked.

The other 3 Friday meetings will have the following speakers:

Nov. 6 — Norma G., San Mateo, and Fern D. of San Francisco.

Nov. 13 — Jim M., Oakland, and Phyllis M., San Francisco.

Nov. 27 — Dick L., San Mateo, and Bobbie P., Daly City.

These meetings are held at the First Unitarian Church, Geary & Franklin Streets, 8:30 p.m. plenty of parking. Coffee served before and after all meetings.

The Forest Hills Group will have Father Art as speaker on Tuesday, November 17th, 8:30 p.m. when they will celebrate their 9th Anniversary meeting at St. John's Church, Jeschke Hall, 20 Woodside Avenue (near the Forest Hills Station) Coffee and refreshments after the meeting.

The Surf Group which has met for many years at 34th Avenue and Noriega Street, will move to the School Cafeteria of the Holy Name Church, 40th Avenue and Lawton Street. The first meeting in their new home will be Monday, November 30, 1970.

The Friendly Circle Group will move their Sunday Night meetings from Trinity Church at Bush and Gough Streets to the First Unitarian Church where the Friday All-Groups now meets, at Geary and Franklin Streets. The first meeting at the new location will be November 8, 1970.

Owing to security precautions, the San Rafael Courthouse Group can no longer meet at that location, and is temporarily inactive. Secretaries, Attention! Please send

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING DINNER ON NOVEMBER PROGRAM

A Thanksgiving Dinner, provided by Club members will be served at the San Pablo Friendly Fellowship, 1426-13th Street, on Thanksgiving Day starting at 4:00 p.m. and until all are served.

"Bring a dish, and your family or friends and join us."

A Sunday Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the club on November 1st, and there will be a business meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd.

The Monthly program follows:

Nov. 6 - Rollin W., GOOD NEWS

Nov. 13 - Ellie C., Santa Rosa

Nov. 14 - Pot Luck—6:30 'til?

Nov. 20 - Dr. Preston, Martinez,

Movie, questions and answers following talk.

Nov. 27 - Harvey E., Woodland.

A.A. Birthday Night.

Alanon meetings are held every Monday at 8:30 p.m., and Alateen meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. All AA and Al-Anon meetings are open.

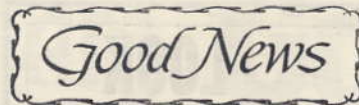
Southern Alameda County Annual Gratitude Buffet

The Southern Alameda County Service Association of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold their Annual Gratitude Buffet and Public Meeting on Saturday, November 14, 1970, according to Secretary Dell C.

The buffet will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans' Hall, 'C' and Main Streets, in Hayward. The anticipated donation is \$2.50, and there will be a door prize.

'Chuck' C. of Laguna Beach will be Guest Speaker at 8:00 p.m. for a Gratitude meeting in the same Hall. November is gratitude month, and they hope for a good attendance to enjoy a fine evening's entertainment.

in your "Group Directory Card" to the A.A. General Service Office. This is very important!



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Good News Subscription Rates go up Jan. 1st

Due to rising costs, it has become necessary for GOOD NEWS to raise all subscription rates as of January 1st, 1971. Production costs have about doubled in the past 10 years, postage has gone up, and other expenses as well. Permission for the raise was given GOOD NEWS on October 10th, by the Council Central Committee, meeting at the Santa Rosa conference.

The new subscription rate will be as follows:

Regular mail, per year—\$1.80
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Group rates will be \$1.50 per copy per year in lots of five or more copies monthly, payable a minimum of four months for five copies monthly, and three months for six or more copies.

In order that all subscribers receive equal treatment, all subscription accounts will be adjusted on January 1st to the new rates, giving the subscriber the benefit of any partial breaks.

We regret the necessity for this action, and ask your cooperation.

Rollin W.,
Business Manager

Employer: "In this position, we need a man who is responsible."

Applicant: "I'm your man. On my last job, every time anything went wrong they said I was responsible."

—Weekly Review

H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

Every time I attend a conference I end up with the feeling that it was the best one I ever attended. The recent Santa Rosa Conference, held October 10-11, 1970 was no exception. Insofar as the "Hospital and Institution Committee" was concerned this certainly proved to be true, and it clearly pointed out the continuing and growing interest in the H and I program.

The Saturday afternoon "Open Hospital and Institution Meeting" was attended by approximately 350 people. Walter R. of Alameda, our H and I Treasurer, capably acted as M.C. Our non-alcoholic speaker, Dr. W. D. Preston, Deputy Director of Mental Health, Contra Costa County, presented an interesting and informative presentation on addiction to alcohol and other drugs, and his views on how H and I could aid in educating the public on alcoholism. Dr. Preston has assisted the H and I people of Contra Costa County in every way possible, and has been one of our most ardent supporters.

Harvey E. of Woodland, our alcoholic speaker, followed Dr. Preston to the podium. As always, Harvey made an outstanding presentation of how H and I works and how it can be most effective. Harvey has been a dedicated H and I worker for many years, carrying the message to those who are confined. Many thanks to Dr. Preston, Harvey E. and Walter R. for a job well done.

Sunday morning we held our regular H and I workshops. Stan W. of San Francisco Area 6 Chairman chaired the Institution meeting and Ollie O. of El Cerrito chaired the Hospital meeting. Both sessions were well attended and as usual both of these individuals did an excellent job.

Meetings of this type are excellent since many pertinent and timely problems are discussed, various viewpoints are presented, and a common understanding of such problems results. In H and I work, as in most every other part of our lives, good communication is a very vital factor. These meetings are the place to raise problems, and I am sure with all of us working together we can come up with the proper solution.

The next General Meeting will be held Sunday, November 29, 1970 in Modesto at the Freeway Fellowship, 1115 5th St., 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Let's all plan to attend. Our host, Joe D., Southern Valley Region has promised a lively session.

Iris S. of Santa Rosa has been elected Chairman of Area I. Iris succeeds Barbara M. who has completed a very successful 3 years as Area Chairman.

Al-Anon Family Groups Office To Close Dec. 1

Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Board of the Al-Anon Family Groups Office of Northern California will close the office at 166 Geary Street, Room 129, (Whittell Building) on December 1, 1970.

The answering service (421-6198) will continue, however, so Al-Anon's help for families will

still be only a phone call away.

After November 15th, all orders for Al-Anon literature should be sent to Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Box 182, Madison Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10010.

In a note to GOOD NEWS they say,

"We do wish to thank all those who have given so generously of their time and energy in staffing the office. Our thanks, too, to the A.A. office for all their help in the past eight years."

VOTE**LOOK****A.A. ASSEMBLY****Northern California Coastal Area
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1970****Veterans Memorial Auditorium**

1931 Center Street, Berkeley, California

BUSINESS SESSION—1:00 p.m.

Election of Delegate and Other Officers

Nomination of Regional Trustee

BUFFET—5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Turkey—Ham—Casserole Dishes

FILM SHOWING—6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Bill Discusses the 12 Traditions

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING—8:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER—John A., Santa Ana

**DANCING**

Music by "THE GROUP"

Fine San Mateo Combo

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