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## **EAST BAY FELLOWSHIP 30th ANNIVERSARY**

### **Ruth A. & Walter O'K. Guest Speakers**

The 30th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in the East Bay will be celebrated by a two-day event, April 17-18, 1971, in the Veterans' Auditorium, 1931 Center Street, between Grove and Milvia, in downtown Berkeley, with Central Offices and groups throughout the area participating. The program will present a number of public officials and informed speakers according to Bill B., Publicity.

Included on the program which starts Saturday Night with registration opening at 6:30, are two public meetings, a panel discussion, a play, and a Sunday Luncheon. Ralph B. of Alameda is General Chairman this year.

Walter O'K. Radio and TV Celebrity of Palos Verdes, well known A.A. speaker, will address the closing meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2:45 p.m., and Ruth A. of Los Angeles will speak to the Saturday Night eight o'clock meeting. Ruth was the highlight of the recent Texas Jamboree.

A panel discussion of the topic "Alcoholism and Recovery" will be held Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Bill A. of the El Cerrito Fellowship will be the Moderator, with a panel consisting of Jane O'T., Director of Stepping Stones House for women in San Francisco; Father Gerhardt, Priest-Director of the Henry Ohlhoff House for men, also in San Francisco, and Mr. Howard Byrd, Alcoholic Clinic Director in Oakland.

Prior to this meeting a one act play titled "Lady on the Rocks" will be given at 10:30 a.m. This is a story of a Lady Problem Drinker and her family. Dancing to the music of Ozzie and his band will follow the Saturday Night meeting, and coffee will be available at all times, both days. (Program page 5). There is plenty of parking available.

### **LEO L. ACCEPTS BID TO GOOD NEWS STAFF**

Leo L., San Francisco member, has accepted the spot of Associate Editor of GOOD NEWS, beginning with this April issue. He will work with Rollin W., who has had GOOD NEWS for many years, and if things go as planned he will eventually take over completely.

Leo is one of the founders of the Saturday Night New Life Group which meets at 88-9th Street. He is also the coordinator of the Monday Night Radio A.A. Meeting of the Air on KQED-FM. Welcome, Leo!

### **DR. GILL TO ADDRESS AL-ANON INTER-GROUP**

Dr. Gill, well known A.A. member, will address a meeting of the Al-Anon Inter-Group to be held April 16th in the cafeteria of the Holy Name Church at the corner of 40th and Lawton Streets in San Francisco.

A pot-luck dinner at 7:00 p.m. will precede the meeting which will start at eight o'clock. Everyone, AA's, Al-Anons, Alateens and friends, are cordially invited!

## **NEW ALANO CLUB ON MONTEREY PENINSULA**

The Monterey Peninsula has a new Alano Club, The place: 575 Calle Principal, Monterey.

The phone number is 373-0830. The doors are open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week.

Features, in addition to sobriety, include a snack and ice cream bar, television, and areas for reading and A.A. conversation.

The club is the result of long and hard effort, and the organizers say:

"When you are in Monterey, PLEASE come to see us."

## **Walnut Creek Has New Sunday Breakfast Meet**

A new Sunday Morning Breakfast Group has been started in Walnut Creek, the official name being "Contra Costa Breakfast Group"

The group meets at 1300 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek, California, each Sunday, with coffee starting at 10 a.m.—breakfast at 10:30 and the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The speakers for the four Sundays in April are, in this order: Bill and Roberta, Silas P., Bill G. and Eneas 'Red' K., all from San Francisco. YOU are cordially invited!

The Southern Alameda County A.A. Service Center will hold its 7th anniversary meeting April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Hayward's Veterans Memorial Hall, C and Main Streets. Joe M., Hollywood, will speak.

## NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

### APRIL SHOWERS BRING PROMISE OF NEW ALANO CLUB

Bob L., President of the Fresno Alano Club, has announced that plans for the Grand Opening of the new Alano Club are being finalized. The "Welcome on the Mat" celebration will be held during the latter part of April or early in May.

John N. of San Gabriel will be the keynote speaker at the monthly Inter-Group Meeting on Saturday, April 10th, 8:30 p.m. in St. Francis Church, 9th and Lowe Streets, under the sponsorship of the Monday Noon Group, Jean P., Secretary.

Regina M. is the new Secretary of the Hanford Group. Loretta, the out-going Secretary, will be taking California A.A. to the Eastern Seacoast.

William B. announces the Wednesday Evening weekly meetings of the Lemoore Drydock Group which are held at 8:00 p.m. in the Lemoore Air Base.

Annette F. will report on both the Santa Maria GS Assembly and the Redding NCC Conference, and will also appear as Guest Speaker at the Slack Conservation Camp meeting April 10th.

There has been a noticeable increase in requests for A.A. literature since the appearance of Larry S. and Tom G. on two local radio 'talk' shows according to Opal B., Central Service Secretary.

The Village Group will hold its monthly speaker meeting on Friday, April 30th, 8:30 p.m. at St. Colombo's Church. Wally H. of Hollywood will be the Guest Speaker according to co-secretaries Jackie and Herb T.

Herb E. is now the Secretary of the Thursday Night Group which meets at the Fresno Court House.

### FRIENDLY CIRCLE 10th ANNIVERSARY

Gene D., Calistoga, will speak on the "Brightness of Recovery" at the 10th Anniversary of the Friendly Circle Group on Sunday, April 4 at 8:30 p.m. at Macondry Hall, First Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary Streets, San Francisco.

## Santa Maria Hosts 4th Pacific Region Service Assembly

More than 50 persons from as far away as Utah and Canada attended the three day Fourth Annual Pacific Region A.A. Assembly March 5-7 at the Holiday Inn in Santa Maria.

The theme was "Communications: Key to A.A. Growth." Subjects discussed were those that will be on the agenda of the General Service Conference in New York in April, including:

Cooperation but not Affiliation, Responsibility of Sponsorship, Is Sponsorship Declining? Should AA Functions be taped? Contributions and AA Clubs? Is There a Generation Gap in AA? Should Non-AA Speakers Participate?

"Value of the Traditions" was stressed Friday night. Chairman was Jack O., Los Angeles. Speakers were Hal C., Chula Vista; Jack B., Modesto, and Al M., Hollywood.

Saturday night's meeting was opened with a welcome address by George Hobbs Jr., Mayor of Santa Maria. Eric B., Pacific Region Trustee from Seattle, was the principal speaker.

Clyde D., El Monte, was chairman of a Sunday morning "Ask-It-Basket" session. Panel members were all Delegates and Past Delegates in attendance.

The theme of Sunday's closing meeting was "Recovery-Unity-Service. Jim M., former trustee of Carmichael, was chairman. Speakers were George G., Sedona, Arizona; Stan W., Fairfax, and Art K., Los Angeles.

Washington and Idaho extended invitations to host the 1972 Assembly, and Nevada and the Long Beach area did the same for 1973. The 1972 location will be selected by Pacific Region Delegates in April in New York.

## Stockton Mid-Town News

By LUBA C.

The 11th Anniversary Dinner of the Stockton Mid-town Groups will be held on Saturday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Temple, 33 West Alpine Street. It will be an Italian Style Baked Chicken Dinner, with the Ravioli, Garlic Bread, the works! The cost, \$3.50 per person.

David A., a drinkin' dentist from Texas (now with four years of good A.A. sobriety) will be the Guest Speaker. David was on the program at A.A.'s 35th Anniversary Convention in Miami last year.

After the dinner there will be much doing at the Mid-town Hall, 248 East Poplar Street; a bingo game, coffee and goodies, and A.A. Fellowship.

The First Saturday Pot-luck will 'happen' on Saturday, April 3rd, with serving starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by an A.A. meeting at 8:00 o'clock and bingo at nine.

Birthday night will be celebrated on Friday, April 16th.

## Chico Lady Fetes 24th At Tradition Group!

Eva M., formerly of San Jose, celebrated her 24th A.A. birthday, March 22, 1971. The Tradition Group of Chico felt honored to celebrate with her at their meeting on Tuesday, March 30. The group meets in the Trinity Methodist Church at 5th and Flume Streets, at 8:00 p.m.

**"THE LINK"**

(California Northern Coastal Area  
of General Service)

Despite the storm there was a good General Service representation at the Redding Conference. The Traditions, Unity Service — all received due emphasis at the General Service meetings.

Stan W. who had known Bill Wilson, elaborated on the March, 1971, issue of the Grapevine, devoted entirely to the story of the early history of the founding of A.A., to Doctor Bob Smith, but mostly to Bill's own story.

He stressed the importance of the GSR, with particular reference to the Annual Pre-Conference Assembly to be held Saturday, April 3, 1971, at the El Cerrito Fellowship, 11225 San Pablo Avenue.

Some groups apparently seem to minimize the importance of the General Service Representative, at least they do not select one or, if they do, he does not represent his group at GS meetings. The GSR pamphlet states:

"So that all groups and all members can be a part of the over-all A.A. group conscience—GSRs are elected by each group."

Again, it states:

"Today the GSR is widely regarded as the foundation of the General Service Conference. The two-way communication which he provides — between the membership on the one hand, and the Conference and the General Service office on the other — is essential to A.A.'s effectiveness as a world-wide movement."

Finally: "The GSR is concerned with . . . Area meetings or assemblies where he hears the report of his Delegate on Conference actions which he, in turn, reports to his group. At one of these meetings the GSR may advise his Delegate on problems that may need Conference discussion and action."

We appeal to hesitant groups to join the over-all group conscience, to elect a GSR without delay, and

## Calendar of Coming Events

April 15—Woodland, California — Silver Anniversary (25) Celebration. Pot-luck at 6:30 p.m., Meeting at eight.

April 16—Marysville, California—24th Anniversary Celebration.

April 17-18—Berkeley, California —East Bay Intergroup 30th Anniversary Celebration — Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

April 19-24—New York City — 1971 General Service Conference, Hotel New Yorker.

April 24—Stockton, California — Mid-Town 11th Anniversary Dinner.

May 1, 1971—Washington, D.C.—29th Annual W.A.I.A. Banquet, Sheraton Park Hotel.

May 7-9, 1971—Pocatello, Idaho State Spring Assembly St. Joseph's School Hall.

May 8, 1971—Sacramento, Calif., — CCFAA Anniversary Dinner. Walter O'K. of Radio and TV, Guest Speaker.

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

June 18-20, 1971—Reno, Nevada. 14th International conference of Young People in A.A., P.O. Box 698, Reno, Nevada, 89504.

to set the April 3rd Assembly as a target date. Send a group representative and/or an alternate as an ambassador of cooperation.

**Every AA Group  
Should have GOOD  
NEWS on their FREE  
literature table.**

**Has YOUR group?  
WHY NOT?**

## 'In Memoriam' Fund To Honor Bill's Memory

Lois, Bill's widow, expressed her gratitude to the thousands of friends — and even strangers — who sent her messages of sympathy and comfort, saying that personal acknowledgement of each one would be physically impossible.

Both Bill and Lois had requested no flowers. They suggested that A.A. members may wish, instead, to make contributions to a special **In Memoriam** fund to be administered by the General Service Board of A.A. for some special A.A. purpose, according to the Memorial issue of Box 4-5-9, January, 1971.

Only contributions from A.A. members can be accepted, of course, because of the A.A. Tradition of self-support. Checks should be mailed to: Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 459, New York, N.Y. 10017.

### MEMORIAL GRAPEVINE

The March issue of The A.A. Grapevine, to which Bill was a frequent contributor, is devoted almost entirely to the story of early A.A. history, Doctor Bob and Bill, a special memorial to Bill.

Many pictures accompany a biographical section.

## BILL'S BOOKS, TAPES & FILMS

### Books

Alcoholics Anonymous (in 9 Languages)

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

A.A. Comes Of Age

As Bill Sees It (A.A. Way of Life)

### Films

"Bill's Own Story"

"Bill Discusses the 12 Traditions"

### Tapes

"The First Recovery Story"

"How We Learned to Serve"

## "THE PITCH"

(California Northern Interior Area  
of General Service)

Delegates from all over the United States and Canada will convene in New York the week of April 19-24, for the 1971 General Service Conference. Throughout the Northern California Interior Area, meetings have been held at the district level to discuss the various items on the conference agenda.

GSRs and Committee members met in Sacramento on March 28th to present their views, and the agenda items were discussed at the recent NCC Conference in Redding. The Pacific Region A.A. Assembly in Santa Maria March 6-7 provided all delegates an opportunity to hear pros and cons relative to Conference agenda questions and topics.

Why send a delegate to the Conference each year? The A.A. Service Manual has this to say about the Conference Plan.

"It is a method by which AA's collective group conscience can speak forcefully and put its desires for worldwide services into effect. It is the structure that takes the place of government in A.A. It insures that the full voice of A.A. will be heard, whether it represents the great majority or a mi-

### MONTEREY ALL-GROUPS

Lou H., North Hollywood, will be the speaker at the Monterey Peninsula All Groups Birthday Meeting April 24 at 8:30 p.m. in the Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero Avenue, Pacific Grove.

### FIREBREAK 6th ANNUAL

The Firebreak Fellowship Group will hold its Sixth Annual A.A. Conference at the Sierra Conservation Center, Jamestown, on April 24 from 6:45 to 10:45 p.m. Contact Joe D., 416 Los Olivas Way, Modesto 95351, for information.

## FOLSOM AA FELLOWSHIP 18th SPRING ASSEMBLY

The Folsom Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold its 18th Annual Spring Conference at Folsom Prison on Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

Themes for the day, dedicated in memory of Dr. Bob and Bill W., will be "Sobriety Today" and "A.A. Lighting the Way." Speakers will be Keith C., Woodland Hills, and Robert H., Canoga Park.

Thousands of Alcoholics enjoying "Sobriety Today," the meeting announcement says, "have a need to remember Doctor Bob and Bill W., the two men who met together over 35 years ago to form what is known today as Alcoholics Anonymous".

nority. The Conference Plan was established as a guarantee that our movement-wide services would continue to function under all conditions. The plan provides a practical successor to the founders of A.A."

The Delegate's trip to New York may appear to be "just a glamorous trip", but a great amount of work is compressed into one week. The Conference is an experience to which he may contribute much, and from which he learns much. He finds that his duty is to act in the best interests of A.A. as a whole.

The Delegate takes to the Conference the problems and opinions of his area, and upon his return he will have much to pass on to his Committee Members, GSRs and groups. The theme of this 1971 Conference is "Communication: Key to A.A. Growth." Communication is a two-way street, requiring both receiver and sender. When YOUR Delegate makes his report of the 1971 Conference, be sure YOU are there. Meetings and assemblies will be planned so that all members can be informed.

## 14th Conference Of A.A. Young People In Reno

Reno is getting set for the 14th International Conference to be held in that City the weekend of June 18-20, 1971, says Chairman Richard L. of Young People in AA.

The Pioneer Theatre Auditorium will be the meeting place. The theme of the Conference is "The Three Legacies of A.A." One day will be devoted to each legacy.

Both Al-Anons and Alateens will hold meetings during the Conference. A special feature will be a special Western Style Outdoor Barbecue, "something different from the usual!"

P.O. Box 698, Reno, Nevada 89504 for reservations.

## "PLEASANT VALLEY" GROUP GOING STRONG

The Pleasant Valley Group held their first meeting in Chico, Sunday Afternoon, March 7th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Catholic Parish Hall, 566 Lassen Avenue, and according to Syd Van O. they had a fine turnout.

Carl B. of Marysville will be the speaker on Sunday Afternoon, April 4th. Coffee, tea or sanko, and home-made refreshments by Jeannie will be served after the meeting.

## 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.

**PROGRAM**  
**EAST BAY FELLOWSHIP OF A.A.**  
**30th Anniversary — April 17-18, 1971**  
**Veteran's Memorial Building Berkeley, Calif.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1971**

- 6:30 P.M.—Doors open — Coffee served.
- 8:00 P.M.—Public A.A. Meeting, Chairman, Russ M., Alameda  
 Invocation—Rev. Ron Hoffman, Christ Lutheran Church,  
 El Cerrito.  
 Welcoming Address — Mr. Borden Price,  
 City Councilman—Berkeley.  
 Fifth Chapter—Bill F., In-Between Fellowship  
 12 Traditions—Larry O., 101 Group  
 GUEST SPEAKER—Ruth A., Los Angeles.
- 10:00 P.M.—Dancing in the Auditorium to the music of Ozzie & his band.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1971**

- 9:30 A.M.—Open for Registration.  
 Coffee in Banquet Hall
- 10:30 A.M.—One act play "Lady On the Rocks"
- 11:30 A.M.—Panel Meeting—Topic: "Alcoholism & Recovery"  
 Moderator: Bill A., El Cerrito Fellowship  
 Panel: Jane O'T., Director—Stepping Stones, San Francisco.  
 Father Gerhardt, Priest-Director, HOH  
 House, San Francisco.  
 Mr. Howard Byrd, Director  
 Alcoholic Clinic, Oakland.
- 1:00 P.M.—Buffet Luncheon, Banquet Hall
- 2:45 P.M.—Public A.A. Meeting—Chairman, Joe R., S.F.  
 Fifth Chapter—Jim Mc., Brookfield.  
 12 Traditions—Barbara A., El Cerrito.  
 GUEST SPEAKER—Walter O'K., Palos Verdes Estates.

**Inter-County Fellowship**  
**Friday All Groups Meets**

Members from five communities outside San Francisco will be among the list of Guest Speakers for the Friday Night All-Groups meetings of the Inter-Council Fellowship, and this does not cover the last of the five meetings this month, yet to be announced.

The schedule for the first four meetings, and the hosts, are:

April 2—Art L., Concord, and John W., San Bruno Tuesday. Host Group, Henry Ohlhoff House.

April 9—John R., San Carlos, and Norman W., S.F. Host Group, S.F.-Marin Breakfast.

April 16—Claude K., S.F., and Charles H., Burlingame. Host Group, San Carlos Awareness.

April 23—Bob C., Myrtle Dale, Calistoga. Host Group, S.F. Young Peoples.

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.

**ARA FIRST STEP HOME**  
**ANNUAL DANCE MAY 1**

Celebrating fourteen years of First Step Home operation at 1035 Haight Street in San Francisco, A.R.A. will hold their Annual Spring dancing party and buffet at the Home on Saturday, May 1, 1971.

A free bingo party starting at eight o'clock will precede the dancing at 9:30 p.m. to the music of their own well known dixieland band. The buffet will be served after the bingo game and throughout the evening thereafter, with coffee at all times. There is no admission charge.

Numerous fine prizes including a \$25.00 merchandise order, a door prize and bingo prizes will be given away during the evening. A contribution of \$1.00 per person is anticipated to help defray expenses.

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## "Drunk Driving Laws Are Not Enforced" Alcohol Center Says

"Drinking-driving laws in the United States are not being enforced, or at best are being greatly under-enforced."

That charge was made recently by Richard Zylman of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies following a study of more than 17,000 cases from "Maine to California."

The situation, he adds, is contrary to the popular belief that stiff laws, severe penalties and easy blood alcohol tests have reduced death and disability caused by drunk drivers.

In his studies the minimum blood-alcohol level for driving while intoxicated (DWI) was 0.15 per cent. However, only half the drivers with that much alcohol or more were charged with DWI. Many ended up charged with lesser moving violations, and many escaped being charged at all.

He also found that less than eight per cent of the drivers involved in all collisions had significant blood alcohol levels, but that drinking drivers were involved in half the fatal accidents. "The drinking driver is more likely to be involved in severe collisions than in minor collisions," he noted.

"Officers investigating accidents commonly will encounter some degree of driver impairment from alcohol. They generally decide to place a lesser charge to which drivers would be inclined to plead guilty. Police are reluctant to take weak DWI cases to court if they cannot also testify about drunken behavior to back up their opinion of driving impairment."

"Police officers with only blood-alcohol test data hesitate being

confronted by impassioned defense attorneys in DWI cases. The blood test report is supposed to clinch the drunk-driving charge, but court practice doesn't treat it that way. Instead, the court wants the blood test supported by testimony about such overt behavior as staggering, vomiting, abusive language, impaired speech or similar display."

"Even problem drinkers develop necessary skills," he observed. "Such drinkers have learned how to behave when in police custody. They know how to 'pull themselves together' to guard against exhibiting the drunken behavior police must observe for successful protection."

"Then, when the officer testifies, he becomes the target of maneuvers by a defense attorney determined to make the officer appear to be the defendant, rewarding him with abuse in the courtroom."

Other practices keep enforcement down, generating a dampened zeal in the police. "Arrests for drunken driving are made most often during night hours. Officers then must present their case during the day, when off duty and on their own time."

"I encountered a judge who usually reduces the charge against first-time offenders because he considers the penalties too harsh. A prosecutor told me he automatically reduces all cases with blood-alcohol levels below 0.18 per cent to obtain a plea of guilty, because he wants to keep his backlog of cases down."

"Another city attorney commented to me that defense lawyers make a practice of pleading 'not guilty' to DWI charges knowing that overburdened courts will compel the prosecutor to bargain for a plea to a lesser charge."

What's the solution? "Authorities must learn to balance punishment with prevention. When rehabilitation replaces damnation, we'll get a system that can be made to work," Zylman concludes.



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### EUREKA AREA NEWS

The Humboldt Central Committee has up-dated the answering service lists, and volunteers are needed for this vital and rewarding work.

Eureka GSRs will attend the assembly at El Cerrito April 3rd. The agenda was discussed at the General Service Area Committee meeting March 10, 1971.

The Eureka Alano Club, at its meeting on March 8, 1971, elected officers for the coming year; Manle G., President; Chuck R., Vice-President; Merel P., Treasurer, and two Directors, Madge R. and Jean H.

It was good to see so many Eureka members at the Redding Conference.

### DAN BROPHY—OAKLAND

Dan Brophy, 20 years sober in A.A., member of the In-Between Group, also of the old Traveleers Group, died of a stroke on Saturday, January 16, 1971. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery in Hayward, Calif.

Dan was active for many years in A.A., and was well known in the bay area. He leaves a wife, and many, many friends.

### WE ARE RESPONSIBLE

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, we want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

## H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

### Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

Our next General Meeting will be held at the Friendly Fellowship in San Pablo, at 1426-13th Street, on Sunday, April 18, 1971. It is very important that we all attend this meeting. We will have an election of the General Chairman for the ensuing two years, beginning July 1, 1971. This is your committee, let's make the election representative of the will of all the areas in Northern California.

Let's be sure that we get our schedules of meetings for the coming two years in to our Secretary, Juanita M. as soon as possible. Preparation of these schedules is a big job and takes considerable time to type and assemble. All pertinent data, such as names, dates of meetings, addresses, phone numbers, facility officials and other pertinent information should be provided. To date we are behind schedule on this, so let's get with it.

The recent 29th anniversary meeting of the Robert B. Flippen Group of Alcoholics Anonymous in San Quentin, celebrated on February 25, 1971, proved to be outstanding. Approximately 100 outside guests, including wives were in attendance. A fine program featured outside speakers Jane O., Napoleon A., and Mrs. Kay Flippen of San Francisco, and Iris S. of Santa Rosa; inside speakers: Canen, Shaw, Lujan and Meadows, and the principal speaker—Johnny H. of Lakewood, California along with music by the Country Losers. 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.

The Hospital and Institution portion of the annual Spring Conference held in Redding's new Civic Center on March 13 and 14, 1971, proved again to be excellent. Our Open Saturday morning H and I meeting was held in the Main Auditorium and was chaired by Joe D., Southern Valley Regional Chairman from Modesto. Our alcoholic speaker, Kim M. of Santa Rosa gave an "outstanding pitch" of his experiences, introduction to A.A., and his participation in H and I work since coming on the program. Kim has devoted many years to H and I work, especially to San Quentin prison.

Our non-alcoholic speaker, Stan Faustman, Associate Warden Care and Treatment, California State Prison at Folsom, gave an excellent presentation of the program they are trying to carry out, and the relationship and results of H and I work at Folsom. Again Stan demonstrated that A.A. and the H and I Committee are fortunate to have friends like Stan in the law enforcement field. Many thanks from all of us to Joe, Kim and Stan for a fine job.

Sunday we held our regular workshops. Larry O. of El Cerrito chaired the Institution meeting and Rosalie R. of Alameda chaired the Hospital session. Both meetings covered pertinent topics and much lively discussion followed. Both Larry and Rosalie did their usual top-flight jobs.

The Sixth Anniversary of the Firebreak Fellowship A.A. Group at Sierra Conservation Center near Jamestown will be held April 24, 1971—6 to 10:45 p.m. Those interested should contact Joe D. of Modesto. The A.A. group at Sierra Conservation Center at Susanville will hold their Sixth Annual Conference on May 15, 1971. Contact Aaron (Jim) J., Area 13 Chairman for details.

Don't forget the 18th Anniversary of the Folsom Fellowship on May 15, 1971. Contact Bill S., Outside Sponsor for details.

Sam B. of San Leandro has replaced John M. of Oakland as Area V Chairman.

## REDDING CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE IS GOOD

In spite of the threatening weather, the attendance at the Northern California Council's Spring Conference in Redding's beautiful new Civic Center March 12-14, 1971, was very good. While it did not quite reach the hoped for 1,000, it is estimated that close to 900 persons participated in some manner during the weekend.

The attendance Saturday Night was over 700 people, and nearly 400 stayed for the final meeting Sunday Afternoon. The Redding papers gave fine coverage to the conference, both editorially and news-wise, particularly to Harvey E. and his Friday night talk at the pre-conference meeting which was unusually well attended.

It was termed a **Good Conference**; interesting meetings with fine speakers. Dr. Lou S. of Pomona told a fantastic story Saturday Night of his struggles, not only with alcohol but on through the whole spectrum; drugs, pills, etc.

John A., Santa Ana, was very well received Sunday Afternoon, and a number of others 'made their mark' also; Annette F., Fresno, Saturday Afternoon, and Stan W., Fairfax, Sunday Morning, in General Service meetings.

Meetings, workshops Al-Anon & Alateen; all were part of the program. The Saturday Night Banquet was very good, but a bit expensive according to some members who believe that \$5.50 per person is a bit steep.

## Rutgers Summer School

The 1971 Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies will be held June 27-July 16. Studies include specialized courses, led by 41 instructors. Information is available from Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.

## SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB EVENTS

ITEM — The quarterly membership meeting on March 10th decided to keep the 'Dry Notes' band for their dances. Pete M. is now Entertainment Committee Chairman, succeeding Al R.

### ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

**Saturday, April 3rd**—First dance of the new month, 9:00 p.m.,—music by the Dry Notes, Fine Door Prizes for the lucky ones, and coffee on purpose!

**Saturday, April 17th**—Mid-Month Dance (Quake Anniversary April 18). More nice Door Prizes, Dry Notes music. Come and share the fun!

**Saturday, April 24th**—Our monthly A.A. Birthday Dance, to celebrate any and all A.A. Birthdays this month! A warm welcome back to John and Barbara I. and their very special recordings.

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB  
414 GRANT AVENUE CORNER BUSH STREET

## FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP SPRING DANCE APR. 24

The San Pablo Friendly Fellowship will stage their Spring Dance on Saturday, April 24, 1971, dancing to live music. A pot-luck at 6:30 p.m. will precede the dancing at 1426-13th Street.

The monthly Sunday Morning Breakfast will be served from 9 to 12 on April 4th; the business meeting will be held April 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Speaker meetings are held every Friday Evening at 8:30 p.m. "Napa" Joe is scheduled for the 2nd, and Patty K. of Carmichael on the 30th.

## LODI FELLOWSHIP WILL HOST "12th STEP PLAY"

The Lodi Fellowship will host the well known "12th Step Play" from Haworth Saturday Night, May 8th. The Al-Anon Group will furnish the refreshments. Everyone welcome!

This play is about the origin of the 12 Steps. It seems especially appropriate at this time in view of the recent death of co-founder Bill W. "who is lovingly and accurately portrayed in this short play."

### Peninsula All Groups April Speakers & Host Groups

Speakers	Host
April 3—Betty R.—Menlo Womens	Menlo Tuesday Womans
April 10—Ola J.—Palo Alto	Palo Alto Friday
April 17—Steve W.—Peninsula	Burlingame
April 24—John Mc.—S.F. Monday Beginners	San Bruno Tuesday

## 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