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Mercedes McC. Will Speak At Fresno Conference Of No. California A.A. Council

Mercedes McC. will be the speaker at the Saturday night open meeting at the three day conference of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous in Fresno, September 17 through 18.

The meetings will begin with a pre-conference gathering on Friday, the 17th, at Fresno's new Alano Club, 1350 North 11th Street.

Registration will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Exhibit Hall at the Fresno Exhibition Center. Meetings, on the hour, will follow on Saturday in the Exhibit Hall and various other Exhibition Center rooms.

The annual Northern California Council banquet will be held Saturday at 6 o'clock in the Chablis Room of the Del Webb Towne House.

At 8:30, Mercedes McC., will speak at an open meeting in the Exhibit Hall. Following her talk, their will be dancing and another open meeting in the Exhibition Center's Wine Room at 10:30 o'clock.

SAN JOSE PICNIC AT HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH IN FREMONT

The annual San Jose A.A. picnic will be held Sunday, August 22 at Hidden Valley Ranch, Fremont, in southern Alameda County.

Coffee, beans and charcoal for the barbecue pits will be free. There will also be a snack bar, Kid's games, golf, horseshoeing, swimming and other typical picnic activities.

Pat J., Huntington Beach, will speak under sponsorship of the San Jose Intercounty group.

GENERAL SERVICE HOLDS A MODESTO MEET IN AUGUST

The second annual General Service Assembly of the Northern California Interior Area of General Service will be held Sunday, August 29, in Modesto.

Bob B., delegate, will report on proceedings at the General Service Conference in New York.

The assembly will be held at the Alano Club, 706 First Street, Modesto. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a buffet luncheon will be served.

WILD PARTY IS SET FOR EAST BAY BOAT SITE

The East Bay Intergroup is staging a "Wild Ozdean" production on the shores of Lake Merritt in Oakland on Saturday, Aug. 14.

The event is the annual "get-together" of all East Bay groups, which was started seven years ago by the Husband and Wife Group.

The annual affair, called the Sailboat House Party, will begin with a buffet at 6 p.m., followed by dancing to live music and continuous entertainment.

This year, for the first time, it is being sponsored by the Intergroup, because it became so popular and has grown too large for the Husband and Wife Group to cope with alone.

Irene S., secretary, warns that the Sailboat House capacity is somewhat limited and urges those wishing to attend to obtain their tickets early. They are available at the Central Office, 370-40th Street, Oakland, 94609. Ph. 653-4300.

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Saturday's meeting include Hospital and Institutions, the Northern California Council Steering Committee, Young People, General Service, Alanon and Alateen, according to Max McD., secretary, Northern California Council.

Sunday's sessions include a General Service Meeting, Hospital & Institution workshops and another open meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Written contributions to Good News are welcomed by the editor.

If you have material of factual, historical or humorous interest, etc., please submit to Good News.

The editor reserves the right to edit material for space or other reasons.

NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By NEVA D.

Fresno is really a hustle bustle city getting ready for the annual Fall Conference. Opal B. and Joe F. are co-chairmen of this affair replacing Lil C. who was unable to accept the position. A meeting was held July 11th to select the chairmen for the various committees. We are all most eager to be able to participate and hope to make this one of the most enjoyable conferences ever. The kick off meeting will be held at our new Alano Club—1350 No. 11th St., and we are all anxious to show off our new club. A hearty welcome is extended for all A.A.'s in the state to come join in the fun & fellowship.

The new Alano Club has started to have Bingo nights the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month, also a monthly dinner with Chef Howard T. at the helm, and many female members and Alanons contributing extra goodies.

Jean P. — Tele-Service reports there are 51 active members who are manning the phones and doing 12 Step Work. Many more are needed as our town is growing by leaps and bounds and the calls are many. "I am Responsible" is the theme of the Tele-Service, whose members are doing much to "Hold out the hand of A.A."

New Secretaries — Ed B. for the Tuesday night closed meeting at Palm & Shaw — St. Columbus Church, replacing Carole S. and Mary Van H. for the Wednesday night Clovis Group, replacing Tom & Mary Pat A.

Members who will be missed: Dale & Dottie B. now residing in Houston, Texas. Dick & Eunice McL. who will soon be residents of Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Clovis Group will be the hosts for the August 14th Inter-group Meeting. Speaker to be announced at a later. This meeting will be held at the Alano Club, 1350 No. 11th St., to start at 8:30 p.m.

Josephine M. will be the summer P.I. chairman replacing Eunice McL. who is leaving this fair city.

Again: A special invitation to one and all to plan on attending the September Conference to be held in Fresno September 17th-18th & 19th. We'll be looking for you.

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.

STATE HOSPITAL ALCOHOLISM MEET

The Napa State Hospital Alcoholics Anonymous Group will hold its second annual symposium on Alcoholism at the hospital Sunday, September 26, beginning at 2 p.m.

Four speakers are planned for the symposium, which will be held in the hospital Rehabilitation Hall. Director of the Alcoholism program at the hospital is Doctor M. F. Stock.

Lush, "Hey, you see that guy that just left?"

Frank: "Yeah? What about him?"

Lush, "He's an alcoholic."

Frank: "How do you know?"

Lush, "Simple. I see him every time I come in here!"

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Prayer introduces us to the Great Human Companion who meets our human needs with his divine responses.

SECOND BIG A.A. MEET PLANNED FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Plans are underway for a second meeting in San Francisco to acquaint Northern California's public with the principals and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

More than 1,600 persons attended the first such meeting, called "A.A.—Today" at San Francisco's St. Mary's Cathedral last Jan. 9.

Sponsored by the San Francisco District of the North Coastal Area of General Service, "A.A.—Today" included a series of afternoon panels and workshops and a night meeting.

All sessions were open to the public, and areas were explored as how Alcoholics Anonymous can cooperate with the public in such areas as the law, medicine, social services, etc.

The event attracted nation-wide A.A. attention, and a motion to stage another similar event was approved unanimously at the July meeting of San Francisco District members of General Service.

Leo L., New Life Saturday Night G.S.R., was named chairman of a committee to plan and organize the second meeting in January of next year.



GOOD HUMOR MAN TO ADDRESS CCFAA

Southern California's "Good Humor Man", John A., will be the featured speaker at the Second Saturday of the Month Speaker Meeting, Saturday, August 14th, at 8 p.m.

John is making his first appearance in the Central California Fellowship. His technique as a speaker is to establish basic A.A. points of sobriety through the use of funny stories and a humorous manner of delivery.

The August "Non-A.A. speaker" is Deeanna, an Alateen from the Alateen Group of Fair Oaks, a suburb of Sacramento. Deeanna is an experienced speaker having participated in the NCC conferences in Oakland and the Youth Conference in Reno.

The Linda-Olivehurst Group will host the meeting and provide the participants in the program. Hosting this monthly meeting provides the means for publicity for A.A. groups whose location may be so far from the CCFAA Central Office that they get little or no opportunity to attend delegates meetings, or very few visitors from the other groups in the Fellowship.

The Linda-Olivehurst Group meets at 8 p.m. on Tuesday (C) and Wednesday (O), and 7 p.m. Sundays (O) at the corner of 7th and Western in the town of Olivehurst. As Hardrock Joe puts it, "Let's get some of you City folk out here for a visit".

The Second Saturday of the Month Speaker meeting is held at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento. The hall is air conditioned and there is plenty of convenient free parking on the grounds. The meeting follows a set routine with the Non-A.A. speaker on the podium at 8:20 p.m.; a ten-minute coffee break at 8:50 p.m.; and the A.A. speaker from 9 to 10 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Calendar of Coming Events

August 15—Inter-County Fellowship Annual Picnic, Hidden Valley Ranch Park, 2000 Stanford Lane, Fremont, Calif.

Sept. 3-5, 1971 — Oregon State A.A. Conference, Senior High School, 230 East 6th Street, Bend, Oregon, 97701 (Rte. 3—Box 473)

Sept. 17-19 — Fall Conference of the Northern California Council — Convention Center, Fresno, California.

NORTHERN PICNIC

The Humboldt-Del Norte annual picnic will be held at the Briar Patch in Carlotta on August 8, the two county Central Committee announces.



My Buddy, Lushwell, says that he spent all night in a laundromat watching the washers. "The new shows," he complains, "are all lousy this year!"

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.

\$10 Million Gift To Aid Alcoholics

R. Brinkley Smithers, philanthropist and Wall Street banker, has donated \$10 million to Roosevelt Hospital for the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics.

The gift was described yesterday by hospital president H. Whitfield Carhart as the largest single grant ever made by any individual, or agency, including the federal government, to fight alcoholism.

New U.S. Alcoholic Guideline

Alcoholism among federal employees will be treated like any other illness by the Civil Service Commission.

Sick leave will be granted for treatment or rehabilitation under the new rules. And personnel folders will not mention alcoholic problems unless the employee is disciplined for failing to improve work performance.

In addition, the commission said, "The employing agency is not concerned with an employee's use of alcohol except as it may affect his job performance or the efficiency of the service."

A law passed by the last Congress ordered the commission to set up alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation programs among civilian employees.

The commission circulated proposed guidelines in April, took suggestions and issued the new rules today. They go into effect Dec. 1.

The guidelines also said, "An employee is responsible for the costs of treating his drinking problem just as he is for any other health condition."

Close to 1,500 persons attended the Silver Anniversary meeting of San Francisco All Groups at St. Mary's Cathedral on June 26.

Jack B., Hollywood, was the speaker, and Leo L., chairman, reported the affair netted \$466 for the central office.



"THE PITCH"

All of us come to Alcoholics Anonymous with one big question in mind. How can we stop drinking? In addition to the drinking problem, we usually bring with us other problems that may be financial, marital or occupational. As time passes and we begin to recover we find we are able to cope with our daily living problems. Because of our extreme self-centeredness, in the beginning of our sobriety it is taken for granted that there are groups, meetings and individual members who stand ready to do 12th Step work. Then we become aware of other activities, such as institutional work, central office and conferences and conventions. We even become aware that there is an office in New York which seems to be a kind of headquarters. If we are curious and truly interested we may read literature which explains the "organization" of A.A. or we may be fortunate enough to be exposed to A.A. members who are active in General Service.

The A.A. Service Manual states that: "The newcomer soon learns about the importance of Twelfth Step work—service to another alcoholic which helps both giver and receiver to stay sober. He then sees such work broadened to include central office or intergroup service, and institutional committee service. Finally, General Services. What are they?

"In Bill W's fine introduction to the manual, he tells how General Services grew to fill a need beyond the reach of individual, group and intergroup. Today, the term General Services is applied to all kinds of activities within the Conference structure, carried on by area committees, delegates, trustees, and General Service Office staff. Usually the services affect the Fellowship as a whole. Almost always, they are part of the unity that is distinctively A.A., which allows the movement to function so well."

In November of 1971 the Northern California Interior Area will be electing new officers to serve on the General Service Committee. Included in this 5-man committee is the New York Delegate, whose chief responsibility it is to speak

for the group conscience of his Area. The Delegate cannot speak for the collective group conscience unless each group has a General Service Representative. The GSR represents his group at the time the new 5-man committee is elected. It is very essential that each group be represented so that A.A. services can continue to function in unity and with a true expression of group desires.

As stated above, General Services usually affect the Fellowship as a whole. Therefore in this election year of 1971, when new officers will be chosen to serve for a two-year period, this is no time to be complacent and "let George do it". Be sure your group has a General Service Representative who can voice the desires of your group.

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SAN FRANCISCO PICNIC SET FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY

The San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship annual picnic will be held August 15 at Hidden Valley Ranch in Fremont in southern Alameda County.

In his Secretary's News Letter, Paul G. announced the affair in such a way we are forced to carry it. The announcement follows:

"You say your serene is wearing thin? The condition of your "sobriety" leaves something to be desired? Your resentments are piling up in the corner? You know what's wrong?

"You ain't bought your picnic tickets yet!

"You say your TOLERANCE is in such poor shape it might snap at any minute? You say your group is going sour on you? You're confused . . . and laugh at the wrong time?

"You say the 8th cup of coffee has the flavor of lye? That your DI-GEL mileage is down? Your water-walking hasn't improved? That your group secretary won't bless you before each meeting?

"Your entire trouble, BUNKY, is that you haven't got your PICNIC TICKETS YET!

"Ask your group secretary where he/she HID the flyer we sent out.

"There is going to be a golf tournament at 10 a.m., with five trophies for the best liars. You can wash down your ants and sand with free coffee, cokes and 7-Ups — which you really put Down — it's the burps that come UP.

"There will be free Hot Dogs with watery mustard to drool down the front of your shirt, dress or skins, as the case may be.

A soft-ball game with a trophy. Children's games for KIDS only. All Weismuller types can flex your muscles and water wings in the 30x60 pool.

"There will be dancing, lighted barbecue pits, shady trees and cool breezes—

"So who wants to stay home.

"See you there on Sunday, August 15 at 9 a.m. Come early and watch my bald head turn red. Observe my relish for ants — chewed through the sand in my gritty teeth. Oh fun—!!"

(Adults—\$1.50. Children 6 to 12 —75¢. Under 6—free)

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**Have a Good Day
—The Editor**

Northern California

Hospital & Institution Committee

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

DONATIONS

Areas 1-2-3	\$ 445.63
Area 4	1,286.35
Areas 5-6-7	1,402.76
Areas 8-9-10-11	649.21
Areas 12-13-14	172.64
Total	\$3,956.59
Balance Jan. 1, 1971	1,750.00
	\$5,706.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Minimum balance required	\$ 700.00
Printing, stationery, schedules	383.63
Purchased literature	2,513.14
Librarian expense	75.47
Stamps, returned checks, misc.	378.08
Rental, P.O. Box 4032	10.80
Telephones	144.80
Literature reserve	500.00
Tapes, Bill Mitchell	7.00
Petty Cash, Treasurer	25.00
Reserve for schedules	250.00

Total	\$4,987.92
Balance July 1, 1971	718.67
	\$5,706.59

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

California Northern Coastal Area

January 1, 1971 to June 30, 1971

Cash Balance January 1, 1971	\$1,367.77
Cash Received (Income)	
Group Contributions & Registrations	\$ 928.15
Area Meeting Collections	135.85
Conference & Assembly Collections	394.81
Literature Sold	42.05
Literature on hand (cash value)	81.00
Calistoga & El Cerrito Assemblies	
Food and Drink	229.52
Raffle	223.00
Total Income	\$2,034.38
	\$3,402.15
Disbursements	
Postage Telephone Printing & Supplies	\$ 376.04
Area Meeting Hall Rentals	42.05
Stenographer	50.00
Good News 1st Half 1971	50.00
Literature Purchased	207.65
New York General Service Office	200.00
Delegate Expenses to New York	270.00
Delegate Expense to Santa Maria	35.00
Speaker Expense for Calistoga & Oakland Conf.	
Including Travel Meals & Lodging	103.86
Prizes Calistoga	82.70
Food & Drink Calistoga	182.09
Music Calistoga	150.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,749.39
Total Cash Balance June 30, 1971	\$1,652.76

Respectfully Submitted
 Bob H., Treasurer
 California Northern Coastal Area

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1-June 30, 1971

BALANCE IN BANK — January 1, 1971	\$1,900.46
DEPOSITS — January 1-June 30	\$5,890.35
EXPENSES BY CHECKS	\$5,620.84
BALANCE IN BANK — June 30, 1971	\$2,169.97

Respectfully Submitted
 Max L. M.,
 Secretary, N.C.C.

S.F. Friday Central All Groups, Unitarian Church, S.F.

DATE SPEAKER

- Aug. 6—Joe F. Redwood City
 Billie O.—Burlingame
 Aug. 13—Mike J.—S.F. F'ship
 Aug. 20—Walter B.—Fremont
 Aug. 27—Bus D.—S.F. F'ship

More than 500 persons have participated in the weekly Monday Night Radio Meeting of A.A. over KQED-FM in San Francisco, Leo L., program director, reports.

Forty-seven programs have been aired since the program began under the sponsorship of the Inter-County Fellowship.

The program, called "Meet the Alcoholic," is conducted like a regular group meeting. Group secretaries wishing to have their groups participate should contact the central office, or Leo L. in San Francisco at 775-7563.

"Meet the Alcoholic" is heard every Monday night between 8 and 9 o'clock on KQED, which is 88.5 on the FM radio dial.

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Larry R. was elected chairman of the Central Service Committee of the San Francisco Intercounty Fellowship at the committee's meeting on July 7. George D. was named vice chairman, and Jack S. was elected secretary. Meanwhile, Roger O'D was named chairman of the Central Office Committee, replacing Sy P., whose term expired.

SAN LUIS PICNIC

The fourth annual San Luis Obispo Alano Club barbecue will be held Sunday, August 29, at Templeton Park, Templeton, 16 miles north of San Luis.

Guest speaker will be Lou H., North Hollywood. A barbecue will be served at 2:30. There will be swimming, games and fun for all, Bill J., Alano Club president, assures.

CORRECTION

The July issue of Good News carried an article under the heading "It's Worth It . . . Bob."

The article told how a 75-year old mother came to A.A. on behalf of her son. It should have described how the women came to the National Council on Alcoholism.

Good News is glad to correct that error, which was pointed out to the editor by the National Council.

H & I BROADSIDES

By Kim M., General Chairman

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

My poor little ego has been punctured and flattened! Probably a good thing: I was beginning to have delusions. Somehow my contribution to the H & I BroadSides for the July issue of Good News lost the opening paragraph and also the report that I had been given a Certificate of Appreciation and an oil painting at San Quentin. Well, "Sic transit gloria", as Caesar used to say!

The weekends of July 10th and 17th were given over to the usual last minute rush of cutting stencils and mimeographing the schedules of meetings serviced by H & I at close to 100 hospitals and institutions in Northern California. The work was done in Brisbane and we are grateful to "Red" for letting us disrupt his home life and mess up his apartment with mimeo ink and paper. Cecil C. had arranged for the use of several tables in the restaurant of the 23 Club and with the help of past-Chairman George R. and many willing hands of Brisbane AA's the books were finally put together — to be distributed at the General Meeting on Sunday the 18th. Juanita M., the H & I Secretary, had been busy both weekends pounding out stencils on her oversize typewriter.

Cec had obtained the use of the school rec. hall for the meeting which was called to order at 10 a.m. The five Regional Chairmen were present: Bud G. for the Northern Coastal Region, Cecil C., San Francisco Region, Jerry G., Southern Coastal Region, Ken K., Northern Valley Region, and Joe D., Southern Valley Region. The detailed reports given showed that on the whole, meetings were being covered and there was a satisfactory growth in spite of the phaseout of some State hospitals and conservation camps and sporadic trouble in prisons. Some former inmate groups have been reactivated and we have been invited into new facilities. Area Chairmen present included Vern S. of San Pablo, Sam B. of San Leandro and new Area 4 Chairman Bill C. of Stockton with his wife. Larry O., Coordinator at San Quentin, told of a new plan to promote A.A. Sponsorship of paroled inmates in the first critical hours of freedom and his wife, Ollie, told of her H & I activities at Napa and other institutions.

Leonard L., H & I Librarian, reported that in the first six months of this year over \$2,000.00 worth of literature had been distributed to the various facilities serviced, plus an inventory on hand of \$1,158.00. This is an indication of considerable growth over the same period of 1970 and also reflects increased donations from A.A. groups which are the source of our revenue. Walter R., Treasurer, whose semi-annual report on another page of this issue, confirmed the growth indicated by the Librarian.

The Chairman announced the H & I program for the Fresno Conference in September: Saturday morning, Cecil C., Regional Chairman, will chair the meeting with Larry O., San Quentin Coordinator, as the A.A. speaker and Mrs. Marjorie Czeikowitz, Psychiatrist of the North County Mental Health Center, as guest speaker. The Sunday morning institutions workshop will be chaired by Barbara S., Santa Rosa and the hospitals workshop by Ollie O., El Cerrito.

The Committee is deeply grateful to Cecil C. for his help with the schedules and preparations for the meeting and to his sister, Gen McK., for the delicious lunch she prepared for all of us.

The next General Meeting of the H & I Committee will be held in November at a date to be determined later, probably in Monterey, if it can be arranged.

"THE LINK"

Jim A., Delegate, augmenting his report of the April General Service Conference at the Calistoga Roundup in May, has been making supplemental reports at special district programs at Alameda July 11, San Jose July 23, Eureka, July 31st. Response has been enthusiastic and lively group discussions have followed. Other district reports will be given as Jim's schedule permits.

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Groups in the Northern California Coastal Area should be on the lookout on their literature tables for the new pamphlet "Who is A.A.'s Conscience?", prepared and approved by the Area Committee. Publication and distribution is imminent. Ask yourself these questions: Is your Group part of A.A.'s World Conscience? Is your Group interested in A.A. literature? Are the ideas and opinions of your members being taken to the local General Service Committee as well as General Service Office? Is your Group interested in the continuance of Alcoholics Anonymous for future members, including today's children and those yet unborn? Is your Group taking the responsibility (participation, interest and contributions) for A.A.'s Third Legacy? If the answer is "yes" to any two of the above questions, either you have or have become aware of the importance of having an active General Service Representative for your Group. If you do not find this pamphlet on your literature table, make inquiry of the Area Committee.

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Recently completed through efforts of the Delegates and Committee members has been the second survey conducted among A.A. members. In 1968 the first anonymous survey was made covering A.A. members attending 5% of all A.A. meetings in each of the United States and each province of Canada. Some facts revealed by the study showed that 55% of the 13,000 respondents came into A.A. through an A.A. member;

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB EVENTS

DANCES — PARTIES — GAMES — PRIZES — FRIVOLITY

ITEM—There's much activity these days at your Club, which gives you a chance to make new friends and 'get in the swing'. Have you ever tried lunch or dinner at the Club? You will be pleasantly surprised we believe.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7—Dancing to the music of the Dry Notes begins at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21—Dancing to the music of the Dry Notes begins at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28—Our monthly "A.A. BIRTHDAY" DANCE — to celebrate "A.A. BIRTHDAYS" in the month of August. Special records for your dancing pleasure.

— COME — MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT OUR DANCES —

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB

414 GRANT AVENUE CORNER BUSH STREET

PENINSULA ALL GROUPS SAN MATEO, AUGUST PROGRAM

DATE SPEAKER

7—Jim M.—Thurs. Beginners, S.F.
14—Gil W.—San Mateo Fireside
21—Doug J.—San Carlos
28—Dick K.—Island F'hip, Alameda

HOST GROUP

Pacific Ocean Mens
Menlo Monday
San Carlos Beginners
Mens Dialogue

St. Matthews Auditorium, Baldwin and El Camino, San Mateo.

Coffee on tap always, both before and after meeting.

this was more than came in through all other sources combined. The average age of members at meetings (¾ths of whom were men) is 46. 90% go to at least one meeting a week. An indication that A.A. works well is shown by the fact that a total of 64% of the respondents in the 1968 survey reported they had stopped drinking either immediately after their first meeting (41%), or within the first year (23%). 60% reported they had not had a drink of alcohol for one year or more. The new survey was undertaken in June and July following recommendation of the delegates to the General Service Conference and under authoriza-

tion of the Board of Trustees, and was amplified to include questions not asked in the 1968 survey. These surveys have been instituted to enable A.A. to furnish more accurate data about the Fellowship and its effectiveness to the growing number of professionals — doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, law enforcement officials and others—who are working today in the field of alcoholism. And to provide A.A. with more information about itself so that members can work more effectively in helping the many millions of alcoholics who still suffer throughout the world. After study, the findings of the 1971 survey will be reported to the membership through official A.A. publications.