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## 10 Speakers For 12 Step Meeting

# Redding Set For Spring Conference March 13-14

## Pomona Dr. Lou S. Keynoter Saturday Night

The Annual Spring Conference of Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Redding, March 13-14, 1971, in Redding's Civic Center according to Max McD., Council Secretary. The committee is hoping for an attendance of 1,000.

A full two-day program has been arranged which includes many Guest Speakers, a 12 Step Meeting, with 10 members speaking on the various steps, a banquet in the Main Lobby of the Civic Center, and a Central Office Secretaries meeting.

Dr. Lou S. of Pomona will be Guest Speaker at the open public meeting Saturday Night, and John A. from Santa Ana will speak at the closing meeting Sunday Afternoon.

The Pre-conference kick-off meeting Friday Night will have Harvey E., well known member of Woodland, as Guest Speaker, which should make it an interesting meeting; Harvey has quite a story to tell.

The Banquet Saturday Night at 6:00 p.m. will be served in the Main Lobby of the Civic Center. Tickets are \$5.50 per person. (Reservation form page 6.) Advance reservations must be received by March 5th.

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## Peninsula All Groups February Speakers

Three San Francisco members and a gal from Los Angeles will be the speakers for the Peninsula All-groups Saturday Night meetings, and all are well qualified

## BILL IS DEAD

William G. (Bill) Wilson, co-founder with Dr. Robert Smith, deceased, of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, January 24, 1971, in the Miami Heart Institute, Miami Beach, Fla.

Bill had not been well for some time, and although he was in a heart hospital, his death was attributed to pneumonia. He was 75 years of age, and leaves his wife, Lois, to whom the heart of AA goes out in love and sympathy.

The Services will be in private, in East Dorsett, Vermont, his childhood home. No flowers, PLEASE!

to "Tell it like it was", The program:

Feb. 6th—Charles R., Feb. 13th—Evelyn C. (the gal from L.A.), on Feb. 20th—Harley H., and on Feb. 27th—Eneas "Red" K., — a great list.

Meetings are held at 8:30 p.m.

## ERIC B. SPEAKER AT SANTA MARIA MARCH 6 AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY

The Holiday Inn will be Headquarters and the scene for all meetings of the Fourth Annual Pacific Region AA Service Assembly in Santa Maria, California, March 5-6-7, 1971, according to Carl V.B., Chairman, 3490 Hadley Way, Santa Maria, Calif. 93454.

The purpose of this assembly is to discuss various aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the announcement received by GOOD NEWS lists about ten different program topics, among them are:

(1) Should G.S.O. and A.A. Service Offices accept contributions from Clubs formed by AAs for AAs?

(2) Should we continue to invite non AA Guest Speakers to participate in the program?

Eric B., Pacific Region Trustee of Seattle, Washington, will be the Guest Speaker Saturday Evening. There will also be a business meeting Saturday Night.

Present and past delegates and trustees will be available throughout the assembly, to answer questions, and listen to suggestions.

Alanon meetings will be held (location to be announced).

in the Recreation Room of St. Matthews Church, Baldwin and El Camino, San Mateo. Coffee is served both before and after meetings.



## NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

### AA TO BE FEATURED ON FRESNO RADIO "TALK" SHOW!

An AA "Talk Show" will soon be featured by one of Fresno's Radio stations. As presently constituted, Tom G. will give a fifteen minute dissertation on AA, to be followed by an hour of questions from listeners, calling into the station.

The monthly Inter-group meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Marian S. from Laguna Beach will be the featured speaker. The meeting will be held in the St. Francis Hall at Ninth and Lowe Streets at 8:30 p.m., with Johnny, Secretary of the Mary J. Group as host.

Chef Howard T. and co-host Gene are planning a special dinner for the February special holidays. In addition to dinner there will be bingo and a pink elephant sale with door-prize drawings.

The Village group will be hosting Bob E. from Newhall at their monthly speaker meeting on Friday, February 26th, 8:30 p.m., in the hall of St. Colombo's Church. Jackie is group secretary.

At the recent annual election of Central Service Secretaries, the following were elected: Jo M.—Co-Chairman, Carl C., Treasurer, and Grace A., Public Information.

Student nurses at Fresno State College are now required to attend an AA meeting and write a Thesis on their findings. A major consideration in their grading is said to be based on this particular assignment.

Jean P. is the new secretary of the Monday Noon Group, which bases their discussion on the day's lesson, and meditation from the "Twenty-four Hours a Day" book.

Ellis L. is the new secretary of the Louis Memorial Group, which meets at the College Community Church every Monday Night.

Fresno now has four noon meetings for business men and women.

Larry S., a "twenty-year-plus" man, is recuperating from a siege of tests at Livermore Veterans Hospital.

Max M. has taken over the management of the Alano Club, due to the job transfer of Joe M. The building fund committee for the new Club announces that Open House is scheduled for March, barring taxes and The Ides of March.

### "BY-THE-WAY" SACRAMENTO CCFAA

The monthly speaker meeting for February will be held on the 6th of the month, the Fiesta at Bishop Manogue H.S., but beginning with March 13th, the Second Saturday Monthly Speaker Meetings in spite of the heavy cost, will again be held in the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, (smoking permitted).

The Northern California H & I Committee will hold their general meeting on Sunday, February 7th, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Parole Board Office, 819-19th St. in Sacramento.

Because of this meeting, the Area 4 North meeting for February has been cancelled according to Ed O., Chairman. At the January 16th meeting in the Clunie Clubhouse, Dr. Stancil Johnson, Guest Speaker from the Crisis Clinic, said,

"You AAs give forth a warmth and friendliness that must be of great help to someone coming into your group. You may not realize this, but it's so . . . Psychiatry knows that you have something . . . We know there are many cases that psychiatry can't help, that you can . . ."

Norm P., Program and entertainment Chairman, although grounded at home by a slight stroke, reported that the New Year's Eve Party netted \$629.00, a great success. He has been sent a "Thank You" letter.

Myrtle V. who has had her

## SAN FRANCISCO SCENE NEWS ITEMS & THINGS

The Friday Night All-Groups meetings at the First Unitarian Church, Geary & Franklin Streets, 8:30 p.m., continue to present interesting programs, and this month is no exception. Coffee is served both before and after the meetings, and there is plenty of parking space.

There are now 5 beginners' meetings in San Francisco each week; only Tuesday and Sunday are without. This is the line-up:

Monday—1755 Clay St. 8:30 p.m. Speaker, with questions.

Wednesday — 90 minute Beginners, Alano Club, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday — 1755 Clay St. 8:30 p.m. Speaker-Discussion.

Friday—(C) 7:30-8 p.m. in Starr King Room Alcove.

Saturday—Home Fire Beginners, 1364 Valencia St. 7:30 p.m.

A well-oiled husband volunteered to fix his wife's watch, only to hear her say, "Forget it, fumble-fingers. Ever since you fixed the hall clock, the cuckoo backs out and yells, 'What time is it?'"

share of hard luck, winding up at home with a fractured wrist, needed a meeting, so about 14 AAs paid her a surprise visit and held an AA meeting at her home. There was even a newcomer there!

Louise S. of Colusa is trying hard to establish an alcoholic recovery house there, but is getting much opposition. She never heard of, or else doesn't believe that "You can't fight City Hall". Good luck, Gal!

The East Yolo (West Sacramento) Group is now meeting on Wednesdays, 8 p.m. at 1500 Stone Blvd. (off Park Ave.) Take Jefferson Blvd. off-ramp.

Join Buck-of-the-month Club! Help keep Central Office Open! Your membership entitles you to your monthly By-The-Way.



## "THE PITCH"

(California Northern Interior Area  
of General Service)

The year of 1971 appears to be a busy one in this area, as much is coming up in the near future. There will be the annual Pacific Region General Service Conference on March 5-6-7, 1971, in Santa Maria, then the following week is the N.C.C. Conference to be held in Redding. Some great General Service programs are being planned for both of these.

Coming up also is our regular General Service Spring Assembly which will be held in Sacramento on March 28th. This assembly is very important in that there are several items locally that will have to be taken care of. We should decide how to deal with vacancies that occur among the Area Officers. Also some definite pattern should be established for the New York Delegate to give his report.

Some of the other items that will be discussed in New York are subjects such as: "Cooperation, But Not Affiliation;" "What can young people contribute to older members?" "Is sponsorship declining?" "The value of the Traditions." There are more, but this gives you an idea of some of the subjects that are coming up.

Your Area Officers hope that all groups will see to it that your GSR and the Committee Members attend these Assemblies. We all know that "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who SHARE their EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, and HOPE with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Your Area Officers need and rely on your experience, your strength and your hope that AA will always be here when that new person comes thru the door. Again, make your thoughts and ideas and problems known by attending your area Assembly meetings.

## Calendar of Coming Events

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.

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

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.

## RAY HOUSTON

... died at Christmas in Weimar Medical Center where he had been for many weeks with pulmonary Emphysema. He was a member of the Susanville-Honey Lake group and an outside co-sponsor of the Sierra-Cascade Mountain Group at the California Conservation Center, near Susanville.

Ray had been living in Sacramento; he had many friends, and will be greatly missed.

## N.C.C. SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1970

Bank Balance 6-30-70	\$2,000.56
Deposits to 12-31-70	3,599.25
Total .....	\$5,599.81
Expenses (by check)	3,687.85
Returned checks	11.50
Bank Balance 12-13-70	\$1,900.46

## "AA Meeting Of The Air" Monday Nights KQED-FM

Want to go to an AA meeting every Monday night while sitting in your room, home or apartment? Well, you can! Just reach over and turn your FM radio dial to 88.5. A little twist, and you're tuned to KQED. Sit back and listen to the Monday Night Radio Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Every Monday Night at 8 o'clock you'll hear a different group conducting a meeting, just as they do at their regular meetings. If your group wants to participate, get in line! Contact the San Francisco Central Office, or Leo L., program coordinator.

Participating to date: The Surf Group, Panhandle Group, Brisbane Group, The Outpost Group, Huntington Square Group. Coming up: The Ross General Hospital Group, Men's Dialogue Group, Young People's Group, Saturday Serenity Group and the Fillmore Group.

Remember! Its **KQED Radio** —

And it's 88.5 on your FM radio

There is only one drawback to the Monday Night Radio Meeting on the air; you have to make your own coffee!

(Editor's note: we said in January, "every evening from 8 to 9 p.m." but we were in error, for which we apologize).

## SPRING CONFERENCE

(continued from page 1)

Included on a full two-day schedule are meetings of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee, General Service, Al-Anon and Alateen. Al-Anons will have a Saturday Noon Luncheon at Church Center, 2315 Placer Street.

Mr. Stan P. Fanstam, Associate Warden, Care and Treatment, at Folsom Prison, will be Guest Speaker at the H & I meeting Saturday Morning at ten o'clock.

Registrations will open Saturday Morning at ten. Registration is \$1.00 (see form page 8).



## "THE LINK"

(California Northern Coastal Area  
of General Service)

Chairman Ed S. was tired but happy following the "AA—Today" program at New St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco on Saturday, January 9, 1971. Possibly as many as 1,000 persons attended the evening meeting, and very favorable reactions were voiced by many members.

The basket contributions were generous, and in many ways the event exceeded expectations. The local press coverage gave credit to the San Francisco General Service Districts.

Some may wonder, "What is a General Service District?" It is defined in the AA Service Manual as follows: "A district is a geographical division within an area set up to make communication easier between the group and the area committee."

Ideally, each group should have a General Service Representative. The GSRs in each district elect a District Committee Member. The manual states that, "The committee member is responsible for General Service affairs in his district. He is also one of the ten to twenty or more members of the larger area committee."

And again, "His work takes him in both directions, toward the group and its GSR, and toward the committee with its broader General Service activities."

There are in San Francisco, roughly, ten districts, each composed of seven to ten groups, more or less. The districts agreed to elect a chairman, to prepare and announce the monthly meetings of the districts convening together. He chairs these meetings. It was in such gatherings that plans for the program, "AA—Today" were born and given impetus.

Such a union of districts with a mutually selected chairman has been tried in other locations also.

"We tried to carry the message" states the 12th step. Perhaps it

## EUREKA AREA NEWS

The film "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions" was shown in this area January 4th to the 10th. In addition to the schedule in GOOD NEWS, it was shown at Fortuna and, by request at the Eel River Conservation Honor Camp #33, where it got an enthusiastic reception.

Some 420 miles were covered to show the film. The General Service Committee thanks the participating groups for their co-operation, and the donations in this venture, and voted that all monies, after expenses, be sent to General Service in New York.

The Humboldt-Del Norte Central Committee, at their meeting on January 10th, asked the Speakers Bureau to set up a March meeting date which would not conflict with the Spring NCC Conference at Redding March 13-14, 1971.

Nominations were made, also at this meeting, for Central Committee Officers, the election to be held at the next meeting, February 14th, 2:00 p.m. at the Eureka Alano Club.

A new Alateen Group has been formed in Eureka; they held their first meeting January 18th, 7:30 p.m. at 1638 Summer Street, (rear) the alley entrance. They will meet each Monday. For information phone 443-9516 or 442-0211.

## NEW SUNSET GROUP

The "Sunday Serenity" group will hold its first meeting on Sunday, February 7, 1971, in the parish house of St. Anne's Church, 850 Judah Street at 14th Avenue, San Francisco.

This will be an open discussion group, meeting at 8:00 p.m., according to Les P., Secretary.

might be added that we try, also, to provide such services as will make possible the carrying of the message.

## FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP NAMES NEW OFFICERS

The San Pablo Friendly Fellowship, at their January Business Meeting, elected a list of about six new officers. Those named were: Ron B., Secretary; and Joe A. as his assistant; Don. H., Treasurer; Laura F., Recording Secretary, and Candy S. and Les N., club coordinators.

Les N. was almost immediately forced to resign, as he is back in Doctors' Hospital, Pinole. Al C. has replaced him.

Sunday Morning breakfast will be served on February 7th from 9 until noon; Joe A.—Chef.

A pot-luck dinner will "happen" on Saturday, February 13th, starting at 6:30 p.m. and running until? —Boscia S. in charge.

The Club is open daily from 11 to 11, with daily meetings at 8:30 p.m. There is an Al-Anon meeting each Monday evening at 8:30, and the Alateens meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

## HELP WANTED!

Twelve Stepping . . . passing the message to suffering alcoholics . . . is one of the greatest tools to maintaining our own sobriety . . . besides being a rewarding experience, whether or not the person we call on gets sober.

Yet out of the total San Francisco AA population . . . there are relatively few people on our 12 step list.

Teleservice, in order to function, must rely on 12 Step Workers to carry on where they leave off.

Sunday, February 14, at 2 p.m. on the third floor of the Alano Club, The Teleservice Committee will meet to suggest and discuss ways of improving teleservice and 12 Stepping. Anyone interested is invited to attend. All suggestions will be greatly appreciated. All AA has is a message to carry to the alkies who still suffers.

HOW ABOUT HELPING???

Phone Shirley, 826-2408.



## 1600 AT "AA—TODAY" WORKSHOPS CROWDED

More than 1600 Northern Californians — members of Alcoholic Anonymous, friends of AA and persons anxious to know about AA—gathered at San Francisco's magnificent new St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday, January 9, 1971.

The event was "AA—Today", a ten-hour series of meetings and workshops designed specifically to acquaint the general public with AA, and to inform it on areas in which AA could help the problem drinker.

The first gathering of its kind in the long history of AA in Northern California, the event was sponsored by the San Francisco District of AA's General Services and received enthusiastic cooperative support from the Inter-County Fellowship of AA and the San Francisco Chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism.

With enthusiastic attendance from as far north as Del Norte County and south beyond Monterey, there was standing room only at the evening meeting. More than 1,000 persons heard Chuck C., Laguna Beach, describe a "Life of Service in AA."

The opening meeting at 1 P.M. was attended by 600, and it was estimated by Ed S., committee chairman, that 250 or more of them were non-AA persons anxious to know more about the AA Fellowship and "How It Works."

Attendance at the seven panel sessions, or workshops, starting at 2:15 p.m. came as a surprise to everyone, even to the committee, which had worked for six months planning the affair down to the smallest detail.

Particular interest was shown in the panels on "AA and Health," "AA and the Employee," and "AA and the Law." The spaces set aside for those panels were barely large enough. Sessions on "AA and the Family," "AA and Young People," "AA and Social Services" and "AA, The Spiritual Path", were also well attended.

## INDUSTRIAL CLUB VALENTINE DANCE

Saturday, February 13th, will be a day of great activity at the Industrial Club, 3198-16th Street at Guerrero in San Francisco.

The Mission All-Groups monthly AA meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the Club. A Valentine's Day Eve dance will follow, the music starting at 7:30 p.m. Anticipated donations are: Adults, \$2.00; paid members of the Industrial Club, \$1.50, and Alateens 75¢. **Everybody welcome!** Tickets available at the Club.

Brief summaries of the discussions at the various workshops were made at 4:15 p.m. in a 'wrapup' meeting with Bill G., San Francisco, as chairman.

As planned by the committee, there was something for everyone at "AA—Today," and interest was so great that many persons sat in for a time on as many as three or four of the sessions.

The chairman of the closing meeting was Ed S., committee chairman. Father Tom gave the invocation, Betty S. read the Fifth Chapter, and Leo L. read the Twelve Traditions.

## SANTA ROSA NOW HAS 5 DAYS LUNCH GROUP

The Redwood Lunch Group will hold their first (kick-off) luncheon at Denny's Restaurant, 1000 Steele Lane (Coddington) on Monday, February 1, 1971, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

A special table will be set for the group. Those attending may eat lunch if they wish, or just chat and have coffee; all are welcome.

Because of the many requests by people who work in the area, for a place to meet during the noon hour, the group will meet each day, Monday through Friday.

The group is headed by Florence M. For further information call (707) 823-2503.

Typical of all AA events—large or small—the coffee flowed like "you know what"! One Hundred and Twenty gallons of the heady stuff was drunk.

Special thanks was given by the committee to the Archdiocese of San Francisco following the event, for making the excellent facilities of St. Mary's Cathedral available to "AA—Today."

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee July 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970

Donations		Disbursements	
Area 1	\$176.64	Good News	\$300.00
2	368.93	Postage, etc.	111.20
3	122.47	Misc.	330.87
4	929.95	Printing and Supplies	40.78
5	290.00	Telephone	124.22
6	690.06	H and I Office	441.68
7	562.48	Literature etc.	2,135.57
8	192.42	Reserve Schedules	350.00
9	294.91	Reserve Literature	350.00
10		Reserve Equipment	200.00
11	36.00	Cash Bal. (1-1-71)	150.00
12-13-14	40.53		
Total Donations	3,704.39	Total Disbursements	\$4,534.32
Bal. July 1, 1970	1,529.93	Maintained Bank Bal.	700.00
	\$5,234.32		\$5,234.32



## Problems Other Than Alcohol — What Can Be Done About Them?

By BILL

(Editor's note: this article is a composite of quotes from an article by Bill W. which ran in the February, 1958, issue of The Grapevine.)

In AA we have members who have made great recoveries from both the bottle and the needle. Many AAs, especially those who have suffered these particular addictions, are now asking, "What can we do about drugs—within our Fellowship, and without?" Can a nonalcoholic pill or drug addict become an AA member?

Now there are certain things that AA cannot do for anybody, regardless of what our several desires or sympathies may be.

Our first duty, as a society, is to insure our own survival. Therefore we have to avoid distractions and multi-purpose activity. An AA group, as such, cannot take on all the personal problems of its members, let alone the problems of the whole world.

Sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of an AA group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities and they have always failed. It has also been learned that there is no possible way to make nonalcoholics into AA members. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics and we have to confine our AA groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.

Certainly there is every good reason for interested AAs to join with outside groups, working on the narcotics problem, provided the Traditions of anonymity and of no endorsements are respected.

In AA, the group has strict limitations, but the individual has scarcely any. Remembering to observe the Traditions of anonymity and nonendorsement, he can carry AA's message into every troubled area of this very troubled world.

## RAY HOLGATE, OLDEST S.F. MEMBER IS DEAD

Early Christmas Morning, December 25, 1970, Ray Holgate, San Francisco AA's oldest member, passed away quietly in his sleep. He was 67 years of age, and is survived by his widow, Marion. The funeral was on Wednesday, December 30th at Carew and English on Masonic Avenue.

During his more than 29 years of continuous sobriety and AA activity he inspired innumerable members to embrace the total AA program by his own example. Many who knew him over the years looked to him for inspiration and help when they could not find the answers.

As AA grew in San Francisco it became a standing policy for both groups and individual members to consult Ray for guidance in important decisions. His quiet and thoughtful consideration of controversial questions helped to bring about many a satisfactory solution within the strict framework of the AA philosophy and traditions.

Among his many AA activities, Ray was group secretary when there was only one group in San Francisco, and always available for casework calls. He actively participated in the establishment of AA in San Quentin in 1942, and was San Francisco representative

on a bay area committee that arranged for Bill and Lois' first visit to this area in 1943. This committee later became the Northern California-Nevada Council of A.A.

In 1944 he made contact with St. Luke's Hospital which was first to offer a few beds to AA. Later he helped AA get started at Napa State Hospital. He was active in Alano Club work and helped start many new groups, including Midtown, Marina, Pacific Heights and St. Francis Men's. In addition he served on every board and committee imaginable, including the committee on committees.

Dr. Howard Thurman's eulogy characterized Ray as "having the gift of intimacy. It was his way to seek and often find that part of a person which was beyond all his faults and all his virtues—and stake his caring at such a center. Because his heart was a swinging door, he made it easier for those whom he knew to unlock the doors of their own hearts and swing them wide."

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### NCC BANQUET RESERVATION

REDDING CONFERENCE — MARCH 13, 1971

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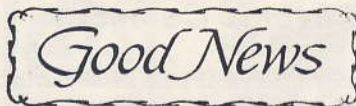
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## WE RECOMMEND TO YOUR ATTENTION!

Three pamphlets have come to the editor's desk during the past month which we feel should be called to the attention of all AA and Al-Anon members who are interested in increasing their knowledge and understanding of AA, its 12 Steps and Traditions, and the problem of alcoholism.

"A Member's-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous" is, perhaps, the best delineation of AA and its program we have heard or read. The author of this paper delivered it first before a class on alcoholism counseling at one of our great universities, and A.A. World Services, Inc., has reprinted it with his permission a new A.A. pamphlet, "For People in The Helping Professions."

It is MOST interesting, and we regret that limited space does not permit GOOD NEWS to run it. Copies may be had by addressing A.A. World Services, Inc., P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. The cost is 10¢ per copy, cash orders prepaid; charge orders will be billed for all charges including 50¢ for C.O.D. orders.

We also have another pamphlet, "Why Alcoholics Anonymous Is Anonymous," by Bill W. It is reprinted from the Grapevine of January, 1955, and was written soon after publication of the book on the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. It explains in a very interesting

## H & I BROADSIDES

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

Let's all plan to attend the spring conference on March 13 and 14, 1971, at the new Convention Facilities in Redding. On Saturday, March 13 our Open Meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Main Auditorium. We are again fortunate in having two excellent speakers on the program—Stan P. Faustman, Associate Warden, Care and Treatment, California State Prison at Folsom as our non-alcoholic speaker and Kim M. of Santa Rosa, Coordinator at California State Prison at San Quentin as our alcoholic speaker. Joe D., of Modesto, Regional Chairman, Southern Valley Region will act as Chairman.

Sunday morning, March 14, 1971 at 10:00 a.m. our regular workshops will be held. John M. of Oakland, Area V Chairman will lead the Institution Workshop and Rosalie R. of Alameda will chair the Hospital Workshop. Let's have a good turnout for these meetings.

We should begin to get our schedules updated for the coming year. In order for these to be complete and up-to-date, all names, dates of meetings, addresses, phone numbers, facility officials and other pertinent data should be in to our Secretary, Juanita M. as soon as possible. These schedules are very important and play a key role in our coverage of the various hospitals and institutions. They are essential to provide 100% coverage of all scheduled meetings. Preparation of these schedules is a big job and it will be very helpful if we have this information in to Juanita **no later than April 1, 1971**. In view of our more than 100 facilities to be covered and the preparation of approximately 1000 schedules, you all can recognize the need to have this information in at the earliest possible date.

At our last General Meeting it was decided to change our financial reports over to a calendar year starting January 1, 1971. For this reason our financial report for the last six months of 1970 is printed on another page in this issue of Good News. Starting January 1, 1971, we will be on a calendar year basis.

During the next three months many of our major facilities will be holding their annual conferences. These include San Quentin, Soledad, Folsom and Duell and the Sierra Conservation Centers at Jamestown and Susanville. More information on these conferences will be published as soon as dates and details become available. These events are always outstanding, and provide excellent opportunity to participate in some real grassroots twelfth step work and arms-length A.A.

Don't forget our next General Meeting to be held in Sacramento, Sunday, February 7, 1971—10 to 3 at the State Parole Building, 819-19th St.

way the reasons for, and the history which preceded, the writing of Traditions 11 and 12. These also will come from Box 459, New York.

The third pamphlet is an Al-Anon publication titled, "Alcoholism, A Merry-Go-Round Named Denial" by Rev. Joseph L. Kellermann, who gave his permission for its reprinting by Al-Anon World Service Conference. First

presented at the Second Annual Workshop of the Connecticut Al-Anon Groups in Milford, Connecticut on October 5, 1968, by means of an imaginary play it suggests the role that Al-Anon can play in helping non-alcoholics to understand and deal with their alcoholic. Address P.O. Box 182, Madison Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10010, for copies of this pamphlet, the cost, 20¢ per copy.



## PETALUMA AA GROUPS NEW MEETING PLACE!

Three Petaluma Groups, meeting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, have a new meeting place, at 180 B Cherry Street, Petaluma. These groups have been meeting in various places, but now will all meet at the Alano Hall.

The Petaluma Fellowship Family Group which meets on Tuesdays and The Thursday Night Book Study Group, both formerly met at the Episcopal Church, 5th and 'C' Streets. They still meet at 8:30 p.m. in the new place.

The "Behind the Scenes" group which was meeting at the "Old Hof Brau" on Friday nights at 10:30 p.m. is still meeting at the same time in the Alano Hall.

180 B Cherry Street is Westward off of Petaluma Boulevard N., at 700-800 blocks. There is a sign "Alano-180 B" almost to the top of the hill. Turn into the lane, and drive back to the Alano Hall! Welcome!

Since you got sober in A.A. you've been made a Vice-President, and since you've been Vice-President everybody sends you cases of booze for Christmas.

## San Francisco Alano Club Events Calendar

IT'S NEW . . . IT'S NEW!

Your Entertainment Committee promised you HAPPENINGS during the Year 1971 . . . and the first innovation is nearing launching!!!!

**IT WILL HAPPEN — On VALENTINE'S DAY!!!!**

**Sunday, February 14th** (following the noon meeting)

**BE OUR VALENTINE . . .** join us for Sunday Afternoon DANCING . . . Music of the big bands via records . . . and as a special feature Personal dance lessons between 2 and 4 p.m. for those who would like to improve their dancing talents.

Plan now to spend VALENTINE'S DAY dancing at your Club!!!!

**Regular Club Activities:**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th**—First of the Month DANCE—9:00-12:30 A.M. Live and Sweet music by the Dry Notes. Door Prizes for some lucky people . . . and Dancing and Friendship for ALL.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th**—You can Dance again (and practice those new steps you learned on Valentine's Day). Live music by our own Dry Notes . . . and for the lucky 5, there will be door prizes. It is an evening of Fun and Festivities.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th**—BIRTHDAY DANCE. Come help celebrate the birthdays of our "February Children" and dance to the music of your favorite records (Tell us your favorites and we will play them!!) Coffee, cake, friendship and DANCING for ALL!

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

## FR. SEBASTIAN AT EL CERRITO

Fr. Sebastian of Stockton will be Guest Speaker at the Saturday Night Open Speaker Meeting on Saturday, February 27th, 8:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Fellowship, 11231 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito.

This will be birthday night, with

a buffet and dancing after the meeting. Fr. Sebastian has, for the past three years, given a retreat for alcoholics and Al-Anons at San Damiano, in Danville, just before Christmas.

Other speakers for February include Ken K., Oakland, on the 6th, Bert C. of Concord on the 13th, and Sue C. on the 20th.

# REGISTRATION \$1<sup>00</sup>

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