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AGENDA TOPICS FOR 1976 CONFERENCE

The 1976 Conference theme is "Sponsorship, our privilege and responsibility". The following are some suggested questions and comments which G.S.R.'s are encouraged to discuss with their groups, where they feel it is appropriate, or to consider individually. Please bear in mind that these are just suggestions, are not meant to be limiting, and are simply an opening wedge for discussion and through at the Pre-Conference Assemblies for the Coastal and Interior Areas.

Sponsorship and 12 Step Work: 1. Does your group feel A.A. sponsorship is slipping? If so, why? 2. Is sponsorship as vital to A.A. members as it was in the early days? 3. What can a group do to encourage sponsorship? 4. Are we turning sponsorship (and 12 step work) over to the professionals? 5. Are members of your group willing to make 12 step calls? Are they registered with your local central office or teleservice committee as available? 6. On a personal basis: (although group might want to consider questions) What do you consider sponsorship? Do we offer counseling or friendship? Is 12 step work the same as sponsorship? Can the group take the place of an individual sponsor? What are the rewards of sponsorship, other than insuring sobriety, to the sponsor? If you have sponsored someone from an alcohol recovery program, hospital or institution, what has been your experience?

A.A. Literature: 1. Assuming it is financially feasible to publish the Big Book in paperback form, does your group approve or disapprove of doing so? Why? 2. G.S.O., as a service to members and with no profit to itself, arranged for limited distribution of the book "Bill W.", published by Harper and Rowe, and permitted its sale on the floor of the Denver Convention. Does your group have an opinion about this? Are there circumstances under which G.S.O. should distribute non-A.A. publications? If so, what are they?

Back To Basics: 1. Does your group feel that we are getting away from A.A. basics in the content of
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Konocti '76

Reservations by AA's and AlAnons are being accepted for the Fifth Annual Post-Conference Assembly of the Northern California's General Service. The Assembly will be held once again at Konocti Harbor Inn on Clear Lake on Saturday and Sunday, May 15th and 16th.

Speakers will include Stan W. of Fairfax (Pacific Regional Trustee) and Walt Mac. of Sacramento. The CNCA Delegate will give his annual report. There will be workshops, sharing sessions and a spiritual panel. Program details will be given later. Plan to attend now!

Registration for the Assembly is only \$3.00. You may plan to stay at the Inn or, if you like to camp, at a camper site about five miles from the Inn. This year the Inn is under new management, and costs have risen slightly. Lodging is quoted at \$38 per person (double occupancy) and includes four meals and registration. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at \$43 on a first-come basis. One popular method of attending this event has been by campers. Camper space is at the Edgewater Resort, Solas (Soda?) Bay Road, Kelseyville (phone 707-279-1295) at a charge of \$1.00 per person per nite, and includes picnic tables and flush toilets.

Chuck G. of Daly City, General Chairman, said, "We must have all registrations by April 20, 1976." Send a room deposit of \$10 per person now, and send the balance due by April 20th. Make checks payable to "KONOCTI '76" and mail them to: Chairman, 395 Imperial Way, No. 122, Daly City, CA 94015. For questions, call 415-992-6660.

NCCAA Annual Spring Convention

Why not plan to attend and to share at the Spring Conference in Fresno on March 12 thru 14. Help elect a new Secretary for the Northern California Council of AA. Hear the speakers from Texas—AlAnon speaker, Blanch D. of Odessa, Texas and AA speaker, Dr. Bill G. of Kerrville, Texas. Non-Texan speakers and other events are presented in the center of this issue. (Editor's comment: For the record, I sobered up in Texas, but I will not be speaking!)

P.I. Footnotes

[California, Northern Coastal Area]

A facet of public information in Alcoholics Anonymous which is fast becoming of major importance is in effect a new form of "Twelfth Stepping", and is speaking by AA members at non-AA meetings. This type of speaking is completely a different form of presentation than is heard as an "AA pitch" at an AA meeting, and requires extra alertness and finesse on the part of the speaker. Non-AA groups usually are not interested in "drunkalogs", but want to know what AA is and what it is not. Familiarity on the speaker's part with the 12 Traditions is mandatory.

While frequent requests are made for AA speakers by non-AA service organizations, most requests are received from schools. The schools range all the way from elementary schools to colleges. Speakers also are needed for DWI classes and other sessions formulated by the courts and county departments—e.g., the probation department.

Requests for such speakers are channeled through local central offices and/or intergroups, and any AA member who feels he is available and qualified for such an assignment should contact his local secretary. Suggested qualifications include a minimum of two years continuous sobriety, and availability during daylight hours, because most requests (particularly schools) require speakers during day hours. Some intergroups have formed Speakers Bureaus to control and screen speakers, because experience has shown that some AA's who are not fully qualified, accept such speaking engagements on their own initiative and sometimes present a distorted view of AA to the public. Each county in the Northern Coastal Area of California has an elected Public Information Chairperson, and further information may be obtained from them.

The CNCA Public Information Committee has begun discussions which will lead to an area-wide symposium later in 1976 and to the publishing of Guidelines on Speaking at Non-AA Meetings. More in future columns...

Dean K., CNCA PI Chairman

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Over 1150 copies of A.A.'s newest booklet "Living Sober" were sold by late January in the San Francisco Intercounty Fellowship Central Office. It is becoming a real best seller!

Paul G.

H & I Broadides

The Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is pleased to announce the fourth annual Hospital and Institutional Conference of California. This event has become an annual function of the combined statewide Hospital and Institution Committees in California.

The Conference will be held again this year in Fresno, on the week-end of May 7—8—9, 1976. The site of the Conference is the Convention Center in downtown Fresno.

This conference will bring together members of Alcoholics Anonymous, who are active and interested in hospital and institutional work, as well as the administrative staff, professionals and para-professionals, who are serving state and local facilities where AA is recognized.

Our theme for the Conference is "Service Through Unity For Recovery" and our major objectives are to learn how AA might serve in these facilities and to share ideas, aims and goals.

There will be work shops, panels and open forum discussions conducted by AA and AlAnon members and by interested professionals. Some of the scheduled topics to be discussed are: Detoxification, Parole, Current and Ex-Inmates, Hospitals, Institutions, Military and Government, and AlAnon.

For further information, contact your local institutional representative or central office or write:

REGISTRATION*

H & I Conference
P. O. Box 4032
San Francisco, CA 94101

INFORMATION

H & I Conference
P. O. Box 4554
Downey, CA 90241

*Include \$1.00 and have your name tag ready when you arrive for the Conference.

Blood Bank

The AA groups in Contra Costa County, following approval of the Intergroup Business Meeting, have decided to set up a blood bank and make blood available to AA members and their immediate families.

The first blood drawing will be made on Saturday February 28th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Concord Fellowship. Concord Fellowship is located at the Estates Shopping Center on Solano and Eastgate, only one block north of Highway 24, and is easily reached by all in the County.

We now have at least one member waiting for our blood bank to be set up so that they too can be helped.

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many of our meetings? (a local G.S.R. said his group thought A.A. was going "beyond A.A.") 2. What are the "basics"? Are we talking about: Our own recovery from alcoholism, the Big Book, Twelve and Twelve? 3. Do we tell the newcomer exactly what A.A. is?—And is not? 4. Are there problems at meetings with: (a) talks on "alcoholism", rather than on recovery through the A.A. program? (b) use of non-A.A. literature? (c) discussion or use of other therapies (T.M., T.A.) etc.? 5. If there are problems, what can be done?

Public Information: 1. Is your group aware of A.A. public information activity in their community? 2. Do they feel it is inadequate, adequate, or excessive? 3. If members of your group are interested in P.I. service work, do they know how to go about it—who to contact, etc.? 4. Does the group have an opinion as to whether A.A. - P.I. is "explaining" or "selling" A.A.? (What is the P.I. message?) 5. Comments would be appreciated by those who have been involved in P.I. work: When speaking at non-A.A. gatherings, who are we talking to? What do they want to hear? Are drunkologues proper? What are problems of communication? What is the importance of knowledge of A.A. recovery program (steps; traditions; history; A.A. structure?) What are the "fringe benefits" to the member from P.I. work?

General Service Conference Delegate: 1. Does your group know what a delegate is? What a Conference is? 2. Does your group know how they can use their delegate (and G.S.R.) to make known their thought and feelings to G.S.O. and to the Conference? 3. We would like the thoughts of present and past G.S.R.'s and any interested A.A. members as to: (a) How the delegate can get his service message to the area; (b) Whether the delegate is carrying the area conscience to the Conference; (c) Conference actions and attitudes to the Area; (d) How can the D.C.M.'s and G.S.R.'s help the delegate in these efforts? Do you think that delegates and past delegates (and for that matter any of us involved in A.A. service) should mention this service responsibility when speaking at A.A. meetings? Any comments about what the delegate might do, or should not do, would be appreciated.

All comments are solicited. The Area Delegates particularly appreciate written responses. You may send them directly to your Area Delegate, give them to your D.C.M. or D.C.M. Chairperson, or mail them c/o GOOD NEWS.

REFLECTIONS

Consider this.

We are the talking tribes. The tongue is one of the most mobile structures of the human body, and to fetter its symbolic gestures is to dry up the deep springs of our human-ness. To restrict the free and independent use of this oral communications arm is to shackle and enslave one of man's most sensitive faculties.

The alcoholic in his cups often brings disaster and mayhem upon himself by the uninbited and misuse of this noble tool. Afterwards he cries abuse because of his irresponsible use of this flapping organ.

Out of an average group of a hundred young men 25 years of age able to buy life insurance, 54 will be dead broke, 36 dead, 5 weak, 4 in comfortable circumstances, and one rich, when they would have reached the age of 65.

These strange facts arise from the balancing up of their accounts in the ledgers of life. Every life has its debits and its credits. Our debits are duties, obligations and responsibilities. Our credits are rights, privileges and prerogatives. Fulfillment of the debits procures and secures the credits.

A "duty" is that which a person is morally obliged to do, or refrain from doing. An "obligation" is any duty imposed by law, promise, contract, social requirement or kindness. A "responsibility" is that for which one is held accountable. A "right" is a power to which one has a just or lawful claim. A "privilege" is a right or immunity granted as a peculiar advantage or favor. A "prerogative" is a prior or exclusive right or privilege, especially as attached to office or rank.

Any building or structure, in order to endure, must rest upon a foundation fixed upon bed rock. Any life, in order to endure, must rest upon the foundation of "confidence". This, in turn, rests upon the bed rock of "satisfaction", which must be deeply imbedded in the earth of "sober service". Service, in the sense of usefulness to ourselves and fellow AA members, is the secret of sobriety; which is the progressive living and realization of a worthy ideal by the demonstrated application of the Twelve Principles.

The requirement for membership in AA can be easily filled by use of the tongue. Fulfillment of the requirement does not fulfill the debts nor secure the credits of our fellowship. These must be earned through sobriety and service.

And so it is with the tongue.

Because, what you are speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say.

Sam E.

From the Mail Bag

I was very happy (for) continuation of GOOD NEWS...have been taking it for eight years...hope that we can get more news to you. Vivian J.

...indeed happy...that GOOD NEWS shall be coming our way. Along with my renewal, I am listing some dedicated members whom we know will be glad to share in the future of GOOD NEWS. ...Happy New Year, Don and volunteer staffers... Enclosed check for \$21.00. Cliff J.

So very glad to know GOOD NEWS will still be with us. Have enjoyed it for over twenty years. It would have been greatly missed. Fred S.

Hello: Glad to hear that GOOD NEWS will keep coming ...been getting it over twenty years...enjoy it very much now. Please tell...in the Central Office that Orie Schatter of Cheyenne just passed away...a great AA friend...Edgar H. (Ault, Colo.)

We are all grateful for you taking on this rather thankless job—because we have lived with GOOD NEWS for many years and found it a way to keep in touch with old friends. Thanks so much and enclosed is my check...Les C.

We are so happy that again we will be able to receive the GOOD NEWS we have enjoyed so much thru our nearly fourteen years (April 26, 1962) of Sobriety...we are getting up in years and can't drive at nite, so we don't get a chance to go to meetings. But we did get lots of inspiration from GOOD NEWS. It's my sincere wish that more AA's would subscribe so it could be easier to finance the paper. Enclosed please find check... Raymond W.

I have many friends in you area...(and) keep up with news through the newsletter. Thank you for the "rebirth". Just keep up the good works of undiluted AA teachings!! Joe D. (Editor's comment: We shall try!)

Enclosed check for \$12.00 will cover four one-year subscriptions to GOOD NEWS. Harold D.

...and it is good news that you are publishing. Many at El Cerrito Fellowship are pleased and we all wish you the best... Nadine M.

Unless this (copy of GOOD NEWS) can be mailed in a sealed envelope, I want to cancel my subscription. TOO many people see my mail. John B. (Editor's comment: John, I will personally mail your copies of GOOD NEWS until your subscription runs out in May, then I suggest you get copies from one of the groups that subscribe in your area. Sorry, but envelopes are too much hassle for the size of our staff. Would you like to come and work?)

...thanks for reviving the GOOD NEWS. Brenda B. 2 years—\$6.00. Eleanor B.

...like to have you with us (at this meeting) to give the good news about GOOD NEWS...Bill S.

...Thank you for the nice letter (announcement of re-birth of GOOD NEWS), however, to save you postage I will answer. Please do not re-new by subscription to GOOD NEWS at this time. I will be very happy to support GOOD NEWS when something is shown to guarantee its printing. I do not think it is fair to the subscriber to pay and not receive the issues. It is also a bad reflection on AA when we do not fulfill our responsibilities. Good Luck in what you are trying to do, but I think that if GOOD NEWS is going to continue, it should not be on a month-to-month financial basis. Thank you, your friend in AA, Van B. (Editor's comment: Thanks for verbalizing your complaint. I'll bet you are not alone in your viewpoint. I am publishing a "disclaimer" statement in this issue, similar to the one that regularly appears in the AA Grapevine, to help dispel the unwise idea that AA is affiliated with the GOOD NEWS or vice versa. The finances are the business of the Northern California Council and will be discussed at the Fresno Conference.)

Please enter my subscription and mail to Rod McP...welcome back!

My dues for Good News. Bill S.

...very happy to hear GOOD NEWS renewal. We do care what is happening in AA. ...Let us have some local stuff and news in San Bruno or San Mateo. ...thank you. Chet and Kate G. (Editor's comment: Please send the news you want printed, if you can.)

We received two copies of GOOD NEWS for February 1976... Carter J. (Editor's comment: We fixed it; thanks!)

Congratulations for your efforts and dedication to keep GOOD NEWS in existence. ...Best of luck and success to you and Staff. Merle G.

Enclosed is check for \$10.00. Please re-new my subscription—also send one to ...Any (\$) left over? Buy a ream of paper. Thanks for caring. Bertha B.

Enclosed is \$3.00. ...So glad you are starting again. Gaye G.

...hope you will find this (article) satisfactory. In the future, will the deadline be the 15th as before? ...Jerry G. (Editors comment: Your article appears in this issue. Thank you for sharing. As to deadlines, I want to stay with the 15th, but I will slip this date if I know you have something coming: Same to anyone else.)

This is something I made up - some time ago. ...Jim A.

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Please continue my subscription...May you have the best support and luck and make it go. Jack J.

Enclosed please find...Good Luck! Doug M.

GREAT! Any chance we can get GOOD NEWS on the first of the month?...Before many things had happened and were over when we received our copy...Fondly in AA. Jayne Marie R. (Editor's comment: I am just now finding out how long it takes for 3rd class mail to be delivered to the hinterlands. I mailed the February issue from San Francisco post office on January 28th. This was about a week later into the month than the other issues were mailed. Friends in Redding got their copy on February 13, and a couple in Sun City, Az. got GOOD NEWS on February 9th. If you and others will please let me know when this copy is received, I'll go to the post office and see what can be done to improve your delivery times.)

...Glad you got GOOD NEWS under way again. I like to read it. When I get through with it, then I take it down to my group to read, hoping that some of them will subscribe for it. Sincerely, Vernon L. (Editor's comment: Wow! Thank you for sharing.)

...Really happy that GOOD NEWS didn't really die!...With the Lord's Help and through His AA messengers, GOOD NEWS is going to live for a long long time. R.B.P.

...Enjoyed reading about AA activities in other parts of our country, especially San Francisco. Congratulations! Doug C.

...I was informed at our GSR meeting that you are reactivating the GOOD NEWS—THAT'S GOOD NEWS!!!!...In the past, five free copies used to be sent to zone chairmen to be used to solicit more subscriptions. This worked pretty well and (I) suggest you might consider the same...Gordon R. (Editor's comment: We want to do almost anything to encourage more news and subscribers. For the next couple months, I will continue sending five copies, but then I will want a report from each zone concerning the need for further issues. O.K?)

Much luck to you in being able to keep GOOD NEWS afloat. Paul G.

Thanks to each of you—both pro's and con's. Please keep those cards and letters (and checks) coming!!!

Don M. Editor Protem

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Reprints are again available of a talk given in 1965 by Jack I. on "The Responsibilities of A Group Secretary". Cost is 50c per dozen. Write or drop by A.A. Central Office, Intercounty Fellowship, 166 Geary Street, Room 804, San Francisco, CA 94108.

April Birthday Fete

The El Cerrito Fellowship on 11231 San Pablo Avenue invites celebrants to their April Birthday Open Speaker Meeting to be held at 8:30 pm on Saturday, May 1st. The speaker will be James B. of Alameda. (Editor's note: This date is not an April's Fool or a typographic error.)

Northern Coastal Area Pre-Conference Assembly

The Pre-Conference Assembly, sponsored by NCA, will be held Saturday, April 10th at Dan Foley Park in Vallejo. This event is hosted by the Valley Alumni Group, headed up by Frank R. of Vallejo. Registration will be in the Arbor Room of the Recreation Center at 11 am, followed by a light lunch. At 1 pm area officers and DCM's will give reports. At 2 pm in the Lake Room, Paul V., Area Chairman, will lead the assembly in a discussion of the agenda topics for the 1976 New York Conference. These topics are listed elsewhere in this issue. Following this discussion there will be brief presentations by Chuck G. of Daly City on the "12 Concepts" and by Joe C. of San Jose and Steve H. of San Francisco on "AA in Hospitals". Dinner will be served at about 5:30 pm. The concluding part of the assembly will be an AA speaker meeting at 7:30 pm, chaired by Chuck B. of Vallejo and featuring Bob H. of Pismo Beach as speaker. An additional feature will be 90-second presentations by twelve AA members on the Twelve Steps. All GSR's are urged to attend, and all other interested AA members are invited.

Seminar On Alcoholism

From January 29 through March 11 at 7:30 to 9:30 pm on Thursday nights, a mini-course is being given at Ohlone College in Fremont on "About Alcoholism". The course is sponsored by Ohlone College and the National Council on Alcoholism. Class topics include "Alcohol and the Economy", "Alcohol and Medicine", "Alcohol and Women", "Alcohol and Youth" and "Alcohol and the Family". Panelists include medical, clergy, professionals in alcoholism and drug abuse and an Alateen plus two "teen-members" of Alcoholics Anonymous. The moderator is Dick Denny, Community Coordinator, National Council on Alcoholism.

AA Displays at County Fairs

Win S. of Salano County recently shared his experience with setting up an AA display at the Salano County Fair in 1975. He said that more AA literature was picked up by visitors at the AA booth when it was unmanned, probably because visitors felt less inhibited. He said that if your District is planning to have a County Fair Display, then your P.I. chairman should contact the Fair Board Chairman of your county because "all county fairs have available free space for public service displays."

"School" for Speaking at Non-AA Meetings

A public information work shop was held on "Speaking At Non-AA Meetings" on Saturday, February 7th in the Southgate Community Library Building in Sacramento. The meeting was in two parts: (1) discussion of the relationship of AA to the community and (2) detailed experiences of relationships to professionals. The purpose was to learn the do's and don'ts of speaking before non-AA groups. The question and answer period was handled by AA members who have talked before many non-AA groups. A tape of a talk given before a high school group was used as a model training device. The sample talk was very effective in showing the "do's" of this type of AA speaking.

Almost a hundred people came, from as far as Redding, Chico and Red Bluff. Such interest shows the importance which is beginning to be attached to this subject in the Northern Interior Area. Plans are to continue these meetings on a monthly basis. Next meeting is scheduled for March 6 at the same place with morning and afternoon sessions, as before.

Books in Santa Clara Libraries

It took about four months, but it was worth it! The Public Information Committee for the Santa Clara Intergroup just completed a four-month project. Copies of Alcoholic Anonymous and the Twelve-By-Twelve are in each public library in Santa Clara County. It took cooperation of the South Bay Library Association. All copies were donated by individual AA groups. Congratulations to George M. and the P.I. Committee.

How accessible are the AA books in your county?

The El Sobrante Alateen group announces new meetings at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Morning-side Drive, Richmond at 8:30 pm on every Wednesday.

Unity Day Success!

San Francisco's Unity Day was celebrated on January 17th at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Unity Day was sponsored by District 600 of General Service, who gratefully acknowledges the full cooperation and participation of the Central Services Committee, the H & I Committee, Young People in AA, the P.I. Committee, AlAnon Intergroup and Alateen.

The program opened with workshops on "How Best to Help the Beginner" and "Cooperation and Affiliation". Workshops were followed by a B.Y.O.B (brown bag) lunch and an informal discussion period. More than one hundred people participated in the workshops. Over 250 heard Arnold R.'s beautiful sharing at the afternoon open-speaker meeting. The program was considered a success by all.

The unexpected attendance at the workshops and the vigor of the discussions suggest that the topics are close to the hearts of those in the AA way-of-life in San Francisco. These topics were selected as the result of early liaison among the cooperating groups and committees. The inclusion of AlAnon and Alateen on the same program was a departure from the usual Unity Day procedures, where AlAnon and Alateen meetings were separate and concurrent. Several observers remarked on the smooth and comfortable way in which members of the three groups could discuss topics pertinent to the three organizations.

Mike R.

Alameda County "Group Unity Day" celebration will be on April 24, at the Aahmes Temple, 3291 School Street, in Oakland. This event marks the 36th anniversary of AA in this county. Further details will be in next month's GOOD NEWS.

Dan P., Oakland

Community Open A.A. Meeting

AA activities are increasing at the Alta Bates Hospital (at Ashby Avenue above Telegraph) in Berkeley. A new open AA meeting has started at 8 pm on Friday nights in the hospital auditorium. Come and bring a friend. Your support is welcomed!

Bored? Maybe you will see an AA event in this issue of GOOD NEWS—a very special event—one where if you attend, you will be carried away into an ethereal atmosphere of contented sobriety.

Play Review

Those of us who attended the Valley Service Center's fifth anniversary celebration in Pleasanton were given a very special treat. On the last Saturday in January, a group of recovering alcoholics presented the TWELVE STEPS PLAY, by Homer D. of San Leandro. Homer directed the play and also contributed in the role of one of the more religious early AA members... "Praise the Lord!"

The audience of about 150 learned how the beginning AA members helped Bill W. write the Twelve Steps of AA. Homer's detailed study of the characters made the dialogue quite realistic. Bill W.'s review of the play (several years ago) makes it very authentic and probably as close as we can ever get to those circumstances which lead to our Steps. Much heated and serious debate and much love went into the concept of "God as you understand Him". This anvil-like process is exactly what put the temper and the edge into the Steps. A standing ovation testified to the electric effect of the presentation.

What a teaching tool for recovering alcoholics! First, because they can participate in the activities of putting on a play... learning the lines and hearing the steps; but more importantly, because they are exposed to the real debates required to find the best works for our beautiful and healing Steps. Thank you, Homer D.!

The first time I saw Homer's play (about two and one half years ago), I wanted to send it back to my Sponsor in Texas, hoping that the play could be used there to help teach AA's message of recovery through Action, Unity and Service. Maybe this will still happen...

Don M.

Radio "Spots"

Public service announcements for the month of March will be devoted to messages from AA's AlAnons and Alateens from the Sacramento area. Anonymously recorded messages will be broadcast as 30-second "spots" concerning Alcoholics Anonymous, AlAnon and Alateen. The area P.I. Chariman, Jeanie H., reported that the management of radio station KRAK came to AA with the idea. Cooperation was word; during March when you drive near Sacramento tune your radio to KRAK and hear a message from a "friend".

Calendar for Northern California

March 5-7	Ninth Annual Pacific Regional Service Assembly, Braniff Place Hotel, Tucson, AZ 85701. (AA/AlAnon/Alateen)
March 12-14	Annual Spring Conference of Northern California Council of AA, Fresno. (AA/AlAnon/Alateen)
April 24	East Bay Group Unity Day at Aahmes Temple in Oakland.
May 1	April Birthday Celebration—Open Speaker Meeting at El Cerrito Fellowship.
May 7-9	Fourth Annual H & I Conference in Fresno.
May 15-16	Fifth Annual Post-Conference Assembly of Northern California, General Service at Konoti Harbor Inn on Clear Lake.
June 6	Contra Costa Service Center Annual Picnic at Curry Creek Park in Clayton. (AA/AlAnon/Alateen)

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When you send the announcement of a coming AA/AlAnon/Alateen event to GOOD NEWS before mid-month, over 2000 readers will see it at the beginning of the next month.

Northern Interior Area News

The spring assembly of the General Service for Northern Interior Area of AA was held in Stockton on Saturday, January 24th. Approximately 150 enthusiastic G.S.R.'s, D.C.M.'s and AA members registered. Especially welcome and appreciated were the many new G.S.R.'s, who contributed to the lively sessions. The agenda for the 1976 New York Conference was reviewed so the topics could be taken back to each group for discussion and to arrive at the group's conscience on each issue. The collective group conscience will be sought at the Pre-Conference Assembly to be held in Yuba City on April 3rd. The Area Delegate, Marge K., will take the results of the Pre-Conference Assembly to New York.

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