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## Valentine Party Is Huge Success!!

After much chaos and assorted nervous breakdowns, the club's first annual Valentine's Party made history! It was our biggest undertaking yet (sorry, Al), and there were times we wondered if we could get out of town fast enough if the whole thing did a glorious nose-dive!

Our fears faded when the doors opened and all of you beautiful people brought smiles and love to the occasion. It really was a party—and it really was special. We met new friends from all over the Bay Area, and had a chance to share this wonderful evening with those of you we know so well. There is no way to describe the feeling that was in the air that night. But, if you were there, you know what I'm talking about. The credits are endless, so I hope you'll forgive me if I list only a few: Gina H. (who literally made it happen), Fred G. and John L. (who prepared nothing less than a gourmet meal), Sue T. and Betty H. (decorations), Griff G. (set-up), Brian K. (lighting), Roberta K. (clean-up), Corky S. and Louise M. (tickets), Al K. (Mastermind!). Also Bill 'n Jan Y., Thelma B., David D., Carol D., Gar R., Jim I., Lou K., Don R., Myron J., Ray K., Roseanne P., Joe P., Elmer L., Brandy B., Bea W. and all the rest of you who worked so hard.

Special THANX to CLANCY I. who made the time for us in his busy schedule and flew up from Los Angeles to chair the AA meeting. . . (From the Marin Alano Line, Feb./March issue.)

## Alameda County Group Unity Day

"Freedom to Live" is the theme for Group Unity Day to be held in Oakland at the Aahmes Shrine Temple at 3291 School Street, near Coolidge, on Saturday, April 24th. The program for this event reflects the concept of alcoholism as a family disease. Al-Anon and Alateen as well as AA members will be on the program.

Highlights of this program, which will start at 12:30 p.m., will include Florette P. and Dr. Richard Cheatham as afternoon speakers. Dr. Cheatham will speak on "The Alcoholic Woman and the Family". Following the "buzz" group meetings and a buffet dinner, Fran and Lew S. from Patton, California will be the evening speakers. Baby sitting will be available.

## New Care Unit at Mary's Help Hospital

The new alcoholic care unit at Mary's Help Hospital in Daly City is very AA oriented. Some of the staff on the unit are recovered alcoholics. The therapist, Randy Katkus, is a strong AA enthusiast, although he is not a member.

Several AA meetings a week are sandwiched between lectures and discussions on alcoholism as a disease. The material might seem to border on "analyze instead of utilize", but the selection of topics suggests some good insight into the dynamics of AA's kind of "group therapy". You could say that those patients who claim they don't get anything out of AA are going to get it anyway.

An interesting aspect of such a unit in a hospital setting is that often it is an accident or an illness that interrupts an alcoholic's maintenance drinking and sends them into their first withdrawal symptoms. This kind of early intervention is a heartening change of attitude in contrast to those hospitals who either refuse alcoholics or restrict their intake unless they have other severe medical problems. The staff at Mary's Help is alert for these signs so that the patient can be transferred to the alcoholic care unit. Having a unit which is separate from the rest of the hospital serves a unique purpose. For those who are in the early stages of recovery, denial is still a heavy part of the illness. Medical referral to the alcoholic care unit is not an unsubtle means of confrontation, although Katkus, the therapist, is quick to explain that confrontation is done in a very loving way. He calls it "gentle confrontation".

The unit has been instituted as part of a series of alcoholic care units in 21 hospitals in the United States. Another of these units is in Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. The Alta Bates' unit has been in operation since January, and twenty persons have "graduated" in their program. These graduates will be used as "volunteer" workers. The combined recovery rate for the 21 institutions is 70%, Katkus said the latest statistics revealed.

Pat P.



### P.I. Footnotes

Many AA members may question from time to time why public information is necessary in Alcoholics Anonymous, particularly in view of the fact this is a program of "attraction, not promotion". Despite the fact that AA is 41 years of age, many people are not aware of this program of recovery; or have exaggerated misconceptions of what AA is and is not, what AA does and does not do. Because of our anonymity (sometimes carried to extremes), the image still lingers of the alcoholic as a skid-row bum, a moral degenerate, or at the very least a weak-willed person. A large percentage of professional men and women still question the concept of alcoholism as a disease. Each of these misconceptions is correctible by the communicating facts and by informing the public of the proper perspective of Alcoholics Anonymous in the field of recovery from alcoholism. Thus public information becomes a vital need to fill the void of ignorance and to correct misunderstandings.

Now it is inordinately true that AA is a program of attraction, and not promotion, and the sharing of experience and ideas is necessary to arrive at proper means to "carry the message" to the public. The simplest means would seem to be through the press, radio and television. However in our society today there are a myriad of self-help programs and philosophies clamoring for attention, and in order to attract attention of the media, sometimes gimmicks must be relied upon. Newspaper reporters, for example, are looking to the teenage alcoholic, women's lib, or other "angles" on which to base stories. The days of the Jack Alexander article, or the series in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" truly are things of the past. Today's headline grabber is the "problem", not the "recovery". How to explain, without selling?

Public meetings might be one solution. But the paradox here is that public meetings sponsored by AA usually are well attended by AA members, but not by the public. It has been suggested that at future public meetings a requirement for admission to AA members is that each AA member bring at least one non-AA member of the public—

The program of AA books in public libraries has proven helpful. Most counties in Northern California by now have completed this project of furnishing at least one, and sometimes two copies each of the books "Alcoholics Anonymous", "12 Steps & 12 Traditions", and "AA Comes of Age". This has been accomplished solely by Group financial support.

If you feel you would like to become part of the solution to the problems posed by public information in AA, contact your local General Service District Committee, Central Office, or Intergroup. Dean K.

### H & I Broadides

The AA fellowship and especially the Hospital & Institution Committee recently lost a most wonderful and extremely dedicated man, Kim Mixer passed away Feb. 29, 1976. Kim had 29 years of sobriety in AA. He was 76 years old. Kim was general chairman of the H & I committee in 1972 and 1973 and did an excellent job. He was also the San Quentin Coordinator for a number of years. He will always be remembered for his wisdom, dry humor and calmness. He most certainly will be missed in the H & I circles.

The H & I committee had a General Membership meeting at Merced on Feb. 29, 1976, which was well attended. Many items were discussed, too many, some felt. The large attendance is most welcomed, for you see there are some who seem to feel the H & I committee is too secretive, very closed and that no one seems to know what they do or how they operate.

I certainly hate to hear something of this nature, it couldn't be farther from the truth, as a matter of fact the H & I committee hides nothing, it heartily welcomes every one to attend the general membership meetings. Even if your only purpose in attending is to see what we do, you are welcome, of course we would like you to help us carry the message of AA. To those who are confined and who knows, maybe if you come you will want to. The next General Membership meeting is June 6 in the Salinas-Monterey Area. You are welcome, we hope to see you there.

Jerry G., General Chairman

### More on Blood Banking

The Contra Costa AA Blood Bank was a huge success. Over sixty members showed up willingly to give their time and blood. The blood is now on hand for any AA member or their immediate family from Contra Costa County who needs the blood. We would liked to have had more donors, but this was the first attempt and we consider the day a success.

The professional staff who set up this blood collection were very impressed with AA. It seems that this was the first time they had ever met sober alcoholics. The doctor requested that we mail some AA pamphlets to her, and the others on the staff kept commenting on our camaraderie, our cooperation with them and our general good humor. They said this was the first time they had had a blood drawing this large where at least one person didn't pass out. We managed to hold our comments on that one.

If any AA in Contra Costa County wishes to still donate blood for our own bank, they can still do so at their convenience at one of the local mobile units. Just be sure the Contra Costa Service Center gets the receipt.

Joan



## AA In Hospital and Institutions

In California we have a unique situation: The Hospital and institution (H & I) committee is a separate entity from the General Service structure. The reason is because the H & I committee was formed before the General Service structure was developed. The H & I committee was formed early in the history of our AA Fellowship, when it became obvious that many alcoholics in hospitals and institutions needed help. To carry the message to the confined alcoholic required authorization by administrative persons. In 1939 the Superintendent of Rockland State Hospital (a mental hospital) agreed to establishment of one of our first AA Hospital Groups. Warden Clinton Duffy at San Quentin Prison allowed an AA program to start in 1942 as an instrument of rehabilitation.

Since these firsts—AA groups have been established in approximately 1,000 hospitals in the U.S. with an estimated AA membership of over 30,000—and in approximately 1,000 prisons, jails and correctional facilities with a membership of over 40,000.

The H & I committee structure for northern California is divided into 14 areas and into 5 regions. Currently, more than 110 meetings are held on a regular basis in hospitals and institutions. The H & I committee provides AA-approved literature, meeting lists, outside contacts for those about to be released, and contacts with Al-Anon groups or with individuals. The cost of this literature is obtained at regular AA meetings where pink H & I cans are passed along with the basket.

Because of its unique structure and because it is separate from General Service and from Area Delegates, the "conscience" of the H & I committee is not represented at the General Service Conference. Recently, a proposal surfaced to provide unity and better communication at the level of General Service. The proposal was made by a person on a regional H & I committee: viz, that a General Institutional Representative (GIR) be sent from each H & I district and area to serve with corresponding levels of the General Service structure. Needless to say, this proposal has meet with some opposition. On the positive side, there is a feeling that we should and must have more unity between all service groups in AA.

(Abstracted from a presentation by Chuck G. of Daly City at the Ninth Annual Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly, Tuscon, AZ, on March 6—Editor)

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## Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual "Myrtledale Classic" Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 5 at the golf course at the Calistoga Fair Grounds. Come and have a whole day of good AA Fellowship. Starting time from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Ladies are more than welcome.

\$15.00 per person includes a buffet lunch at Myrtledale, green fees, golf cap and a lavish gourmet dinner. If you just want to have a fun day, \$7.00 for Gallery Watchers includes the buffet lunch and dinner. Trophies and prizes for many winners including low score.

Mail reservations to Golf Chairman, 4225 Army Street, Apt. 1, San Francisco 94131 or for further information call Bill at (415) 285-7972 or Eddie at (415) 755-7669.

No need to be a "Pro"—the only qualification is the desire to stay sober. Hope to see you there.

## Attraction VS Promotion

"To those now in its fold, Alcoholics Anonymous has made the difference between misery and sobriety, and often the difference between life and death, AA can, of course, mean just as much to uncounted alcoholics not yet reached." (From the Big Book, Appendix I.)

Ponder the thought, for a moment, of where AA would be today, had I been one of the founders in the late thirties. Would I have been sufficiently visionary to recognize the miraculously blinding, divine new light suddenly shed upon the bleak, dark, despairing pit of anguishing pain that we know first-hand as alcoholism? More importantly, to what lengths would I have been willing to go, what seemingly insurmountable barriers would I have been willing to hurdle to share this new advent, to support the carrying of its glowing message of hope to the far reaches of the world? Would I have dared thought possible then, the global out-reach that is Alcoholics Anonymous today?

You and I are enjoying our incomparable sober living in this great Fellowship solely because somebody could and did personally meet all these requirements of tenacious vision and ceaseless effort. Quite literally, our co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob worked inexhaustibly to their dying day toward the realization of their dream, the dream that all persons on this earth who still suffer the hellish destruction of our disease may have their opportunity to recover. And they passed that torch of their dream on to us, their heirs, with the fervent prayer that we, individually and collectively, would embrace with equal vigor our magnificent legacy. But a light hidden under a bushel cannot give forth its light.

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## Fresh Al-Anon Conference Report

Chairman Bev S. of Clovis reports she is pleased and grateful for all the cooperation and good volunteer response for the March Conference needs. (Bev is also Co-Chairman with Peggy K. of San Jose for the upcoming State H & I Conference in May!)

She informed us of the following Committee Chairmen for March: Sarah P. of Clovis as Hostess, Aldene M. of Fresno for Registration, Lucy C. of Fresno for Alathon, Joyce M. & Norma P. of Fresno for Literature, Bonnie S. & Bea A. of Fresno for Decorations and Elsie E. & Toni R. of Fresno for Cakes.

Other Fresno news is that Al-Anon is growing in numbers as well as action. There are now ten groups compared to last's year's total of three! Alateen now has three groups: One group which meets in the Veteran's Building has grown so large that they meet in two rooms on Wednesday nights.

This is all very GOOD NEWS, Fresno! Thanks for carrying the message...and we'll see you soon at the Spring Conference.

Marion W., Editor of 12-Stepper

## Progress Report on GOOD NEWS

As your servant and editor of GOOD NEWS, it gives me a sense of awareness and appreciation to tell you that GOOD NEWS will continue to be published past the two-month trial period that I acted as Editor Protem. There is enough cash to publish this issue. If the renewals continue to come in as they have for the past two months, there will be an on-going supply of money for the GOOD NEWS.

Thank you for the literally hundreds of good wishes, for reporters who send me news from their areas or groups, and for those of you who have put your money where it counts. . .

Don M. Editor

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*To stand alone, free at last  
In the midst of chaos and imperfection  
And yet loving the humanness  
of which I am part  
Untouched by self-doubt  
Alone, with God as my Guide.*

Anonymous [As requested]

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## The Pitch

I was very happy to hear that GOOD NEWS is back in operation. I hope this paper can find the support it needs to keep its doors open.

In the California Northern Interior Area of General Service, we are getting ready for the Pre-Conference Spring Assembly. This meeting will be on April 3 at the Thoroughbred Starting Gate and the Cafeteria Conference Room located in The Linda Mall, 1 mile south of Marysville (where Highways 65 & 70 intersect). The purpose of the Assembly is to inform our Delegate, Marge K., of our groups' conscience, so that she can intelligently represent us at the New York Conference. The Host Group is District 219 where John D. is DCM. Dinner ticket sales are being handled by Betty B. Tickets are \$6.95 and must be reserved by March 26th with Betty c/o 1535 N. Beale Rd., #55, Marysville, CA 95901. The Conference Agenda Theme is "Sponsorship, Our Privilege and Responsibility". Registration is from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Officers and Committee Reports will be at 11:00. Workshops will be on Sponsorship, AA in Hospitals and Public Information. Presentations will be on 12 Concepts, AA Basics and General Service Delegate. Also there will be an AA Ask-It-Basket. The Speaker Meeting at 8:00 p.m. will feature Jack D. of Sacramento. Reservations for rooms will be held until March 27 at the Bonanza Inn, Yuba City, CA 95991, phone (916) 742-8824.

To bring things up to date, so far this year we have had our January Assembly where we discussed some of the Agenda Topics. A good percentage of our General Service Representatives and District Committee Members were in attendance. It is very obvious that interest in Service is increasing. The feeling of Unity in AA as a whole is getting greater. People in AA are realizing that we have to be together or we shall fall apart.

The following are the officers for the Interior Area Committee for the two years: Marge K. - Delegate, Ed K. - Alternate Delegate, Bill S. - Committee Chairman, George S. - Treasurer and Mary Pat A. - Secretary.

As the Alternate Delegate, I will have the pleasure of writing this article for the next several months. I hope I will have information that will help keep you informed.

Ed K., Alternate Delegate

(I am printing information about tickets and reservations for the Assembly even though I know it will not be read until after the deadlines have past. In the future I hope to receive and be able to print such items at least six weeks in advance of their occurrence. —Editor)



## Calendar

- April 3 \* Pre-Conference Spring Assembly of California Northern Interior Area of General Service. Marysville.
- April 10 Second Annual AA Gratitude Ball at the Showboat Hotel, Las Vegas. Banquet at 6:30, Speaker at 8:30, Dance from 10:00 'til? Registration and dance \$3.50 per person. Banquet tickets \$10.00 (registration required). Deadline for Banquet tickets is March 31. Send checks payable to: Las Vegas Gratitude Ball of AA, c/o Central Office of AA, 827 S. Fourth St., Las Vegas, NV 89101.
- April 24 \* Group Unity Day as sponsored by the East Bay Intergroup Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- May 1 April Birthday Celebration—Open Speaker Meeting at El Cerrito Fellowship.
- May 7-9 Fourth Annual H & I Conference in Fresno.
- May 7-9 5th Annual Reno Spring Festival of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Holiday Inn, 1000 East 6th Street, Reno, Nevada.
- 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)
- July 31 Alateen Mini-Conference, all day at St. Timothy's Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View.

\* See write up elsewhere in this issue.

## Solano County PI Activities

In a "Report to the Membership", Mary S. former District Chairman of District 900 (Solano County) has listed accomplishments of its District and Public Information Committees. These might well be goals for other PI Committees to emulate.

(1) Cooperation with the County Probation Department in development and conduct of its "DWI" schools.

(2) Coordination in an effective court-referral program.

(3) Continued cooperation with the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Group at Travis AFB, holding special workshops and furnishing literature and tapes (through H & I).

(4) Furnished literature to public agencies, such as schools, probation officers, mental health committees and staff, etc.

(5) Coordinated with "The Vacaville Reporter" in the publication of a three-segment release on "The Alcoholic", "The Alcoholic Employee", and "The Alcoholic Wife", which resulted in an award for the reporter from the National Newspaper Writers Guild.

(6) Commenced plans for a unified Speakers Bureau, with a goal of providing a regimen for AA speakers at schools and other non-AA groups.

(7) Set up and maintained a booth at the County Fair, where nearly 1,000 pieces of AA literature were distributed.

While the Solano County Committee is strictly a General Service committee, other Districts might well accomplish some of these goals through Intergroup Public Information Committees.

Join us at the Area PI Meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m., 2910 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

## San Mateo County Fellowship News

Delegates and Secretaries voted to have a column in the GOOD NEWS each month, and to inform their groups that GOOD NEWS is to the Northern California Council of AA what the Central Office Newsletter is to the groups and members. We wish the best of luck to this publication.

Our Millbrae Roving Reporter says: "Simple Directions—No difficulty finding San Bruno meetings: they are either across the street from City Jail or one block east of Newell's Bar."

Our Speakers Bureau is kept busy with representatives addressing "The Young Mateans" club, "Drunk Driving Classes" at South San Francisco High. Mills High School and continuing sessions of the Safety Education, Carlmont High School classes. Recent speakers were Joe W., Dick L., Don S., Nancy C., Lynne A., Patty D., John B., and Len H. Bernice M. and Lois L. are doing a good recruiting job.

Marilyn F. was elected Chairman, San Mateo County Hospital and Institution Committee and has taken over with great finesse. Hubby Jess F. acts as unofficial Co-Chairman. Everyone is looking forward to the Dinner and AA Meeting at San Quentin Saturday, February 1st. This group serves the following facilities: San Bruno Jail, Redwood City Jail, Redwood City Work Furlough, Vacaville, San Quentin, Tehachapi, Choje Hospital, Sequoia Hospital and Crystal Springs.

We've run out of October 1975 issues of the San Mateo County Fellowship Directory, and are updating it for another printing. We can't seem to keep up with the demand.

Nedra M



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Within the spirit and intent of our eleventh, long-form tradition of avoiding sensational advertising, and depending upon our friends to recommend us, we have, historically and practically found it necessary to cultivate and value highly such friends. We do this by providing, in a dignified manner, accurate and simple information about us as a Fellowship.

The most powerful magnet in the world cannot attract the desired object without first being within specific proximity to it. Our founders knew this and acted upon it. We can do no less. Carrying the message is what it is all about, and the opportunities, including public information efforts, are endless. Therefore your support, guidance, and interest will be most humbly accepted in the coming year as I attempt to fulfill your expectations of a trusted servant as CCFAA Public Information Chairman. . . I extend my loving and grateful acknowledgement to the entire Fellowship for this opportunity to serve.

Jeanie H., CCFAA PI Chmn  
(From Feb. issue of BY THE WAY, published by Central California Fellowship of AA, and with Jeanie's permission.)

**Woodland's 30th Anniversary!**

Celebration of AA's 30th year in Woodland will include a Pot Luck and Speaker meeting. Come to John Rogers Hall at the Yolo County Fair Grounds on April 17th. Bring your favorite covered dish (with a serving spoon) and bring your family and friends. Pot luck is at 6:30 and speakers begin at 8:00 p.m. Hear Woodland's own Harvey & Estelle E. also Alateen Mary Anne B. from Citrus Hts. Wish happy AA birthday to Harvie E.—25 years and to George B.—30 years.

Frank N.

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Tapes of all speakers at the 4th Annual All-California Young People's Roundup on Feb. 27-29 have been put on file at the Oakland Intergroup Office. These tapes can be checked out to anyone who wishes to hear them.

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San Francisco Alano Club, 414 Grant, (at the Gate to Chinatown) announces bingo on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. Dances on Saturday nights are as follows:

Second Saturday of each month from 10 to 1—a Rock Dance with live band.

Third Saturday from 9 to 12—dance to the Dry Notes (live band).

Last Saturday—celebrate your AA birthday and dance to taped music.

Lynn E.

**Petaluma Elephant Sale**

(White, that is!)

The Petaluma Alano Club is having a white-elephant sale on April 24th: Come to the Pot Luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring a hot dish, salad or desert. Bring some 'bread' for the auction of the 'elephants' which follows the dinner. (The Alano Club is at 151 Copeland for you who didn't know it.)

Also, they want to announce that a new young people's group recently started meetings on Monday at 8:30 p.m. and that a regular Pot Luck dinner is held every month on the last Saturday at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker meeting at 8:00.

(Glad you said "white"—who'd want to buy a pink one?—Editor)

**New Los Banos Group**

For their own recoveries and for the traveler on I-5 who is going thru Los Banos to Highway 99, there is a new AA group which meets on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. where Miller Lane crosses San Luis Street in the east end of town. Come to the meeting. Information from Los Banos Answering Service or from Paul R. at phone 826-2066.

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In-Between Fellowship, 4710 East 14th Street, Oakland, has a regular monthly BUFFET and SPEAKER meeting on the last Saturday of each month. "Marvelous food" at 6:30 p.m. and "incomparable AA" at 8:00 p.m. Donation - \$2.00.

**Alateen News**

On Friday, February 27, the Sponsor's Workshop of Santa Clara County sponsored the first Alateen Open Speaker's Meeting at St. Andrew's Church in Saratoga. The purpose of the Open Speaker's Meeting was to acquaint the general public, Al-Anon and AA members with the Alateen program. The phrase "Alateen — Hope for Children" was used for the theme of the meeting. About 85 people attended. During the break we had an opportunity to talk with many new people while enjoying coffee, lemonade and baked goods. Four Alateens and three Alateen sponsors told their stories. We wrapped up the meeting with questions from the floor. Door prizes were given and a raffle was held to raise funds for another such meeting in the future.

The second Annual Alateen Mini-Conference will be held on July 31st at St. Timothy's Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Workshops, discussions and speakers are planned during the all-day meeting. Bring your own picnic lunch. See you there!!!

Laurie M.



## From the Mail Bag

... knowing that there are several thousand active AAs who at one time were guests there, I thought you might make a news item of the two newly instituted daytime meetings at the Mountain Vista Farm at 3020 Warm Springs Road, Glen Ellen. The new meetings are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. The regular meetings was at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays. All are closed AA meetings.

... Best regards, George D.

Too bad death notices are in the GOOD NEWS. ... but I guess there is no other way to let it be known, unless the name of the paper be changed.

... Anonymously (By request)

Vernon (Pete) Paine passed away on March 8th in Eureka. Pete was a hard and willing worker in AA for many years. He shall be missed.

Sam C.

... Received a note from Harold Frederick's wife, Kay, Phoenix, AZ, requesting that GOOD NEWS be notified of his death on 2/5/76. Heart attack while driving home from Phoenix AA meeting. His AA birthday, Jan. 2, 1961 — uninterrupted, continuous sobriety. Dedicated to the Fellowship, active in H & I work ... It was my privilege to be one of his closest friends — and many in AA will miss him. ... When Harold makes his first "Big Meeting Upstairs", he'll find many of his old friends awaiting his arrival.

English O. (The Tokay Kid)

Because I thought publication (of GOOD NEWS) had ceased, I did not cancel my subscription. Please take me off the list. ... I'm moving South.

Loraine T.

Hi Don: Keep up the good work. Might be third class for economy, but its first class for sobriety. Twenty-year subscriber. Check enclosed.

John O.

... Enclosed please find mailing labels. You sent me 2 copies of GOOD NEWS. Should be a 1-copy subscription.

Francis B.

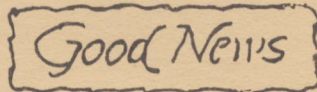
(Thank you, Francis. You are one of the lucky ones. From what I can determine, about 80+ names of subscribers were omitted from the Feb. and the March mailings. To those omitted: I ask to be forgiven. I am adding many names for distribution of this issue as I learn about them.—Editor)

... a few lines with my check for renewal. Glad to hear that you are keeping GOOD NEWS going. ... look forward to it every month. I used to live in the Bay Area until two and a half years ago. Would you please rush me some information on the conference coming up, as I plan on being there if God is willing. Thank you.

Les N.

(Hope you received my letter with the March issue, Les. Thank you for letting me be of service.—Editor)

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