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Highlights of the 1976, 26th Annual General Service

The Delegates from the two Northern California Areas, Coastal and Interior, shared some of the important highlights of the 26th Annual General Service Conference, during the NCC San Jose Conference held this past weekend. Both Marge K., Interior, and George D., Coastal contributed their thoughts.

The 1975 Conference asked that General Service Office prepare a feasibility study on publishing the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, in paperback. This was discussed at the 1976 pre-conference Assemblies, both Coastal and Interior. The feasibility report revealed that a rack size paperback could be produced at several dollars lower cost, however, because there was a decisive majority against the publishing in paperback and plans will not go forward at this time.

Because it was felt it would set a dangerous precedent to distribute literature published by other than A.A. service bodies, it was overwhelmingly voted to discontinue distribution of "Bill W." when the present supply is exhausted.

A third edition of the Big Book will be available shortly, with the assurance that not a word has been changed in the first eleven chapters, and that our founders' stories will remain the same. A few personal stories have been eliminated, and some others added to contemporize.

A new pamphlet, "Do You Think You're Different" will also soon be available, and will include stories from such persons as blacks, gays, elderly, blind, handicapped, etc., those who might be considered "hard to reach".

Out of 15 bids for the 1980 Convention, three were selected, the first of which was New Orleans. If the site committee finds this location satisfactory, plans will be finalized. The other two choices were Houston and Seattle. (Interior Area joined Coastal Area in bidding for San Francisco.)

Some of the suggestions coming out of actions on working with hospitals and institutions included urging AA members to continue to carry the message to alcoholics when feasible whether we agree or disagree with a hospital or correctional institution's policies or not; but to follow the rules of the facility and cooperate

as best we can within the AA Traditions. It was also suggested that AA members on the staff of hospitals and institutions should not control the AA meetings but cooperate with other AA members in carrying the message. Next year's Conference Agenda will include a discussion on what a rehabilitation facility is and how can an institutions committee handle it. Both Delegates agreed that this is handled better in California than any other area they were aware of because of the work of the H&I Committee.

The finance committee, of which George was a member among other things, recommended that the General Service Board and the AA World Service Directors consider reducing the net income from literature sales by reducing the price of the Big Book; by liberalizing the discount structure; and by gratis (or low cost) distribution of literature to public information and institutions committees. These recommendations were made in anticipation of increased group contributions; and that further efforts to control literature costs to the Fellowship, the Conference structure, and AA unity depend upon a solid base of group support. Both Delegates emphasized the vital importance of these recommendations.

The theme of the 1976 Conference, "Sponsorship, Our Privilege and Responsibility", according to both George and Marge, seemed to be interwoven into all the discussions and actions of the Conference. Sponsorship evolves from adherence to the very basics which keep the AA fellowship healthy and unique. It begins with a 12th Step call such as Bill W. made on Dr. Bob, and continues as the message is carried to others.

Both delegates mentioned their conviction that the 12th Step is the message of the heart, carried to another in order to maintain and enrich one's own life as a sober alcoholic—and that privilege, so freely granted us, leads us to the responsibility of sponsorship and sharing.

The 1976 Conference seemed concerned that sponsorship may be slipping in some areas because AA Members may feel that this is the function of the professionals; and it was agreed that this important part of our recovery not be left to someone else, but become an integral part of our daily lives.

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The 10th Tradition In Action!

"10-Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy." (Tradition 10).

Almost all AA members have seen or heard of a recent news release concerning the idea that an alcoholic can someday drink "normally". But would we all have the savior faire shown recently by an AA worker in one of our Central Offices?

...It turns out that a local TV newsman telephoned this Central Office, asking what AA thought about this news release. The AA said that we did not have any opinion about the news release. This answer was too flat for the newsman, and he tried to probe the AA. The AA stayed pat on the answer that is based on Tradition 10.

Don M. (as told by Ann S.)

12 x 12 Fellowship Group

"Thank you, San Jose. . ." The NCC conference was great, fantastic. There is a great amount of work to getting and putting one together, and you did a wonderful job on it. You really put a lot of love there.

People, meeting people, greeting people. The feeling of love was everywhere. The sharing around the table, over a cup of coffee, in the hallways as you walked from one meeting to another. . .the inbetween time around the table, at breakfast, lunch and dinner. The speakers took me right with them through the 12 Steps of recovery. Thank you for sharing with us.

Going to the Conference has enhanced my sobriety, and given me great joy. I'm learning "How to live in AA", and life is now beautiful.

May God bless you all, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

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Love, Diane C.

Summer Picnic

Plan to attend the San Mateo Alano Club picnic on August 1st (Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets available only from John B. at the Club, 714 No. San Mateo Drive, San Mateo.

Can You Top This One?

For a small city, Manteca with a population of about 12,000 had 24 recovering Alkies registered at the San Jose Conference!

LeRoy S.

San Mateo Alano Club Social Events

Dances on first and third Saturdays of each month, \$2 ticket; Bingo every Friday at 10:30 p.m., ten games \$2.50 with blackout \$100, free coffee; dinner every Saturday at 6 p.m. \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for non-members—reservations close for dinner on the preceding Thursday nite.

Nedra M.

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IN MEMORIAM:

One of the finest of the grand old timers has gone to join his dear friends, Dr. Bob and Bill W. at the Big meeting.

Our beloved Dewey Spies died June 9th, 1976.

He was first introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous in Cleveland in 1939, but was not convinced he was fully qualified.

But a few months later, after some disastrous experimentation, he returned to AA in February 1940; and so began a beautiful Love affair between Dewey Spies and the Fellowship of A.A.—which continued for more than 36 years.

He was one of that small indefatigable group who sometimes worked around the clock; counseling, advising and assisting the large number of problem drinkers who swarmed into Cleveland following the national impact of the famous Jack Alexander article published in The Saturday Evening Post, March 1941.

For many years he had a friendly correspondence with Bill W. and was recognized by Bill W. as one of AA's first 100 members in Ohio who maintained sobriety; also Dewey always treasured his personal contact and friendship with Dr. Bob.

The mere mention of his name evokes expressions of warm friendship from AA members in practically every state throughout the country. Undoubtedly he was an influence of good in the lives of many people.

A memorial service was arranged in San Mateo for Tuesday, June 15th, where his beloved wife, Ruth, and his many AA friends gathered to say a Fond Farewell.

Dewey once commented, the only epitaph he wanted was; "HE WAS A GOOD AA", to which we add, AMEN.

God be with you Dewey.

Joe M.

AA in County Fairs

Dean K., Area PI Chairman, Northern Coastal Area, recently stated that through efforts of local public information committees, this year AA will have information booths and displays in four county Fairs: Solano County Fair, Vallejo on June 19-28; Calistoga Fair, Napa County on July 1-5; Contra Costa County Fair on July 28-August 1; and Napa Town & Country Fair on August 4-8.

Local AA's will assist in construction of booths and in manning of the exhibits. Local chairmen are Win S. of Vallejo, Bill H. of Calistoga, Joan H. of Walnut Creek and Jim S. of Napa. Displays will include the literature display board furnished by the General Service Northern Coastal Area Committee, the posterboard "Profile of an AA Meeting", AA Preamble, the Responsibility Plaque and free literature (underwritten by local AA groups).

Calendar

- July 2-4 29th Annual Pacific N.W. AA Conference at Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Wa. "Freedom through Sobriety". (AA/Al-Anon/Alateen)
- July 3-4 Alano Club of Contra Costa, spend a Bicentennial AA week-end at 84 Broadway, Richmond, Ca. Two-day event starting with Saturday evening Pot Luck dinner, dance with live band, Sunday brunch and other numerous activities planned.
- July 10 5th Anniversary Celebration for founding of Myrtle Town Alumni Closed AA Group at 8 p.m. in Colonnade Room of Eureka Inn, Eureka, Ca.
- July 19 *13th Anniversary of San Carlos Beginners Group.
- July 20 *24th Anniversary of Surf Group (S.F.)
- July 23-25 *19th International Conference of Young People in AA at University of Pennsylvania.
- July 31 Alateen Mini-Conference, all day at St. Timothy's Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View.
- July 31 *Birthday Celebration and Homer D.'s 12 Steps Play in Salinas.
- August 1 *San Mateo Alano Club Picnic.
- August 6-9 9th Annual Convention for 22nd District of Santa Maria Convention Center. "Keep It Simple". (AA/Al-Anon/Alateen)
- August 28 *27th Anniversary of Tracy Fellowship.
- August 29 *CCFAA Picnic - Leo's Barbeque Dinner - Sacramento.
- August 29 *First Annual Summer Festival with Al-Anons and Alateens at Calistoga Fair Grounds.
- Sept. 3-5 Alaska 11th Annual State Conference of AA. Hosts: Kenai & Soldtna Wilderness Group. Theme: "I Am Responsible".

*See write up elsewhere in this issue.

November Assembly for Northern Interior Area

The Northern Interior Area General Service Chairman, Bill S. (Stockton) has announced that a new treasurer will be elected at the November Assembly. Group GSR's should begin to look for suitable nominees. This vacancy was created when George S. (Redding) resigned. Naydene B. (Modesto) is serving as interim treasurer.

No site has been selected for the November Assembly. Districts are invited to contact Bill if they can host an Assembly. He can be reached at (916) 462-1149 (or 478-1615 evenings) or 33 E. Magnolia, Stockton, Ca., 95202, Suite 9.

Marge K.

19th International Conference of Young People in AA

Following the San Jose Conference, it was decided that no plans were going to be made for group travel to the Young People's 19th International Conference at the University of Pennsylvania on July 23 - 25. Everybody is on his (her) own!

Pre-registration was over 300 as of June 1st. The program is being finalized and contains over 400 young AA's. How's THAT for thinking BIG?

Registration and room and board for the conference is \$55.00. For details write to: 19th ICYPAA, P.O. Box 8537, Philadelphia, PA, 19101, or attend your local Young People's AA Group.

Harriette T.

First Annual Summer Festival Al-Anon/Alateen

Plan now to attend the First Annual Summer Festival in Calistoga with San Francisco and extended Bay Area Al-Anons and Alateens.

Place: Calistoga Fair Grounds

Date: Sunday, August 29th

Time: 3:30 'til ?

Speaker: Elsa C. from Southern California

A country summer dinner will follow. Al-Anon, Alateen and AA's welcome to join in the excitement. For more information phone (415) 897-3220.

Parts of a Ballad from an Inmate and AA Member in Soledad

*I had no money or place to go
I had no family to love me so
So, I retrieved my gun from under my bed
and went to the Bank at Third & Merced.*

(Parts deleted because of space limitations — Editor)

*So half stoned and filled with booze
I felt "Hell, I've got nothing to lose."
So, I retrieved my gun from under my bed
and raised the barrel up to my head.
Then I cocked back the hammer and said goodbye
Still knowin' that this was a bad way to die
Then my conscience said "Wait, here is some news!
Let's talk to some people who have different views."
So I went down the street the very next day
and attended a meeting, it was called "AA".
I met some people whose stories matched mine
and now we're together, having a great time.*

Mike McC.

Golf Tournament Is Huge Success!!!

The 3rd Annual "Myrtledale Classic" Golf Tournament at Calistoga on June 5 was our biggest yet. The turnout was fantastic and everyone shared a glorious day. The winner of the men's trophy in first place was Mike F. and Lori R. was tops in the women's division.

A lavish dinner was enjoyed by all at the Calistoga Fair Grounds, after which Chairman Bill B. welcomed players and gallery watchers, and presented Lena V. and LaRue B. with special certificates of recognition for their loyal and diligent work in making the tournament this year (and two previous years) a great event. Prizes for everyone who played were presented by Ed S. and Bill B.

Special credit to Co-Chairman Eddie D. and to Kenny W. for their time and effort in promoting this event—also to Conrad E. and Ed and Bev McG. for their endless contributions. Many thanks to Gene D. and his staff for their marvelous hospitality. And, last but not least, we wish to thank all of you beautiful people for helping make this occasion another wonderful day of sharing through your love and sobriety.

Bill B.

Barbequed Chicken in Central California!

In Sacramento, the Central California Fellowship of AA (CCFAA, for short) will hold their annual picnic at Elk Grove Picnic Grounds, Area Nine, on August 29th (Sunday) from 9 a.m. to dark. CCFAA's special feature is "Leo's Barbeque Chicken Dinner". Games and great AA fellowship will be enjoyed by all.

Pearl M.

Early Notice!

The Tracy Fellowship is getting ready for a Big 27th Anniversary Dinner and Speaker Meeting on Saturday, August 28th. Dinner at 7 p.m. - donation \$5.00 per person. Speaker David A. from Dallas, Texas. Place - Masonic Hall, 1601 Tracy Blvd., Tracy. Everyone welcome.

Franie P.

Standing Ovations

At the 1976 General Service Conference an ask-it-basket question inquired as to the Conference's opinion on standing ovations. An East-Central Trustee, Bruce W., went to the mike and said he was against 'em because he'd never gotten one—At this point the entire Conference rose to its feet and gave him first first!

George D.

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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.

Konocti '76

An all-time record of over 300 persons attended the post-conference assembly for the Northern California Coastal Area of General Service. This 2-day assembly was held at Konocti Harbor Inn on Clear Lake on May 15 and 16. The idea of a two-day meeting was begun five years ago. It now seems that a three-day meeting may be in order, because approximately 100 persons registered early, arriving on May 14 (Friday evening) and holding impromptu "Alca-thon" that was followed by George D.'s "Annual Ice Cream Social".

The real purpose for all this fanfare was for the GSR's (General Service Representatives) and DCM's (District Committeemen) to hear The Delegate's (George D.) report on the 1976 General Service Conference. (See reports from both Delegates elsewhere in this issue.) Many visitors came from out of the Northern Coastal Area, including Harry L., present Delegate from Hawaii; Regional Trustee, Stan W.; and past-Delegate Jules P. from Los Angeles.

Program hi-lites included Stan W.'s imperturbable presentation on the 12 Concepts, the ask-it-basket questions and some very "funny" answers, the workshops and some very beautiful summaries at the evening meeting, and the super-wonderful weather at pool side.

Don M.

Alcoholism Seminar

Jim S., Intergroup Secretary for Napa County, stated that local AA's participated in an all-day Seminar presented by the St. Helena Hospital and Health Center on June 10 at the Silverado Country Club, Napa. The seminar "Alcoholism Today - Trends in Early Diagnosis and Treatment" was designed as a seven-hour credit course for all doctors in Napa, Solano and Sonoma Counties as accredited by the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Jim was assisted by Hattie S. of Napa.

The AA Groups in Napa County sponsored an information booth, using the literature display board furnished by the California Northern Coastal Area of General Service, as well as the display "Profile of an AA Meeting". Free literature was available. AA's also participated in afternoon panel "Community Resources". Jim estimated there were approximately fifty doctors in attendance.

Dean K.

Announcement!

Due to the many activities (outdoor, vacations, etc.) available to us in the summer months, we (The Alano Club of Stockton) have suspended our Sunday Bingo game until sometime in September...

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From the Mail Bag

With all due respect to your reorganization, this is the 3rd notice I've sent you! (Re: change of address).

Richard H.

(Maybe the third time's charmed?—Editor)

...along with your "re-birth", we'd like to "re-new" our (group's) subscription...

Pat A.

Herewith my check for \$5.00 in appreciation of (1) your work in preserving GOOD NEWS and (2) for the complementary copy you send me each month. I know full well (from personal experience) how much work goes into editing GOOD NEWS or any publication. My congratulations...

Rollin W.

(Thanks to you for keeping it going while I was still drinking—Don M., present Editor)

Why so little S.F. news in G.N.? (That's what I'd like to know, too. Would you like to be a S.F. reporter, Ann? Editor)

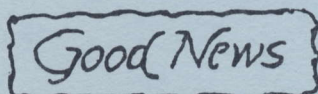
Ann A.

I subscribed to GOOD NEWS about October 3rd, 1975... Mrs. "H." B. & others

...I'm a Loner on SS "Hawaii" at moment, also secretary (sometimes) of our little "Group 101" on the Oregon coast. As usual we look to San Francisco for all things good! Keep it up.

Ben L.

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Speakers for the Peninsula All Groups Meeting on Saturday nights in St. Matthews Episcopal Auditorium, Baldwin & El Camino Real in San Mateo are as follows (name of host group is in parentheses): July 3 - Jim C. of Grease Rack (Forum); July 10 - Mike J. of S.F. Fellowship (Daly City Wednesday); July 17 - Charles S. of Sequoia Detox (San Mateo Fireside); July 24 - Beverly of Emerald Lake (Emerald Lake); July 31 - Allie May McG. of El Camino Hospital (Palo Alto, Wednesday Discussion). Coffee and arms-length AA before and after meeting.

John F.

S.F. Alano Club Social Events

"We welcome everyone to be our guests," says John S., club manager. Activities for July commence with a new feature designed to serve as an enjoyment for anyone who wished not to lose their beauty sleep, but loves to play Bingo...you guessed it! ..."Fourth of July Bingo" at the club from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Of course, Regular Bingo is still to be on Friday and Saturday nights.

On July 10th, there will be a live rock dance band playing from 10 to 1 a.m. The excellent Dry Notes will be back again in fine style with more ballroom dance music on July 17th. Celebrate AA Birthdays on July 31 and dance to music of tapes; free cake and coffee to all.

Lynn & Walter

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