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Sharing Thru Letters

Sometimes when we live in heavily populated areas where there are hundreds of AA meetings available monthly, it is easy to forget there are AAs in small towns or in rural areas or even outside the U.S. who are not so lucky. These AAs belong to AA Loners-Internationalists, and they depend upon a bi-monthly meeting-by-mail from the General Service Office in New York and letters from individual AAs as substitutes for meetings.

If you are one of those people who like to write letters, who will take the initiative to write to strangers (we are all strangers in the beginning, remember?), and who will find the time to write regularly to AA Loner friends, why not carry the message by signing up with the G.S.O. as a "Loner Sponsor"? Being a Loner Sponsor simply means you live in an area where there are regular AA meetings. . .you don't necessarily sponsor anyone. The only requirements are a desire to stay sober and a willingness to share your experience, strength and hope through the written word with other AAs.

If you like writing about your experience and the program you live, then share it with another AA through AA Loners. You're not just helping someone else, you'll find the experience strengthens your own sobriety.

If you're interested, write G.S.O., P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, N.Y., NY 10017. They'll send you a card to fill out so they can list you as a "Loner Sponsor", then you'll receive a list of Loners in the U.S. and around the world, as well as a copy of the bi-monthly AA Loners-Internationalists Meeting. A different topic is discussed in each issue, to which you can contribute. Central Office in Fresno also has information concerning Loner Sponsorship.

(from the Fresno Pipeline)

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Alateen Conference

The annual Northern California Alateen Conference (NOCAC) will be Sept. 24 thru 26 at Redwood Glen (near San Jose). For details call Pat F. at (415) 552-0657.

Karen D.

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Northern California Council of AA Annual Fall Conference

The annual fall conference of AA, sponsored by the Northern California Council, is the place to be on the weekend of Oct. 8th thru 10th. The conference will be held in the Redding Civic Auditorium, on Auditorium Drive, Redding, Ca.

Speakers will be Peggy P. (Sunnyvale) on Friday at 8:30 P.M., Billy L. (New York City) on Saturday at 8:30 P.M. and Sybil C. (Los Angeles) on Sunday at 1:00 P.M. There will be workshops, dancing and prizes. See you there?
Dorothy L.

Gold Quartz Group Of Grass Valley

Saturday Sept. 4th

Veterans Memorial Building on South Auburn Street
In Grass Valley

This is an open public information meeting (public invited). Pot luck dinner at 6:00 P.M.

If you are unable to join us for dinner, come join us for the speaker meeting at 8:00 P.M. which features: Alcoholic speaker John A. from Laguna Beach.

Three birthdays will be celebrated: Kirk (from Oroville), Dan D. and Francis B. Dancing will be from 10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Music by Grass Valleys finest music makers "The Town Tones". Come join us in Grass Valley where it is cool (sometimes).

For further information, please call Ray H. 273-9201, Glen S. 273-2912 or Chairman Bud T. from Grass Valley 273-0435.
Bud T.

Special Birthday

There will be a special birthday meeting on Saturday Oct. 9, 1976 to celebrate Jim W.'s 30th birthday in Alcoholics Anonymous. This meeting will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 14 Lagunitas Road, (Shady Lane is the cross street), Ross, Ca., at 8 p.m.

Jim will be on the "hot-seat" for this unusual AA "Roast". The chairman will be Bill Y. and, no doubt, Jim will be persuaded to give out with some of his experiences in the AA over the past 30 years of sobriety.

One and all are invited to attend this special meeting and to wish Jim many happy returns.

Jan & Bill Y.

P. I. Footnotes

The 1st Concept states clearly that the final responsibility for AA rests with the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship; and this, of course, is the voice of every single AA member expressed through his participation in the AA Group. Thus financial responsibility at the service level is through the contribution of each AA participating through his Group. Direct contributions by Groups to General Service Office, Area General Service Committees, Central Offices and H&I Committees generally are recognized. But where does financing come for such diverse activities as committees on public information?

At present Northern Coastal Area of General Service has registered some 600-plus AA Groups. The logic of the 2nd Concept can be seen when it speaks of delegating authority, when contrasted with individual authority from such a large number of groups. The AA Group selects a General Service Representative to speak its conscience at the level of General Service, an Intergroup Representative to represent it at the level of Central Office (Intergroup). These individuals, then, have been delegated the authority to disburse Group contributions to the many services provided at each service level. The "Right of Decision" in the 3rd Concept and the "Right of Participation" in the 4th Concept are as relevant at the local level as they are at the Conference level.

Thus we have a flow of monetary contributions from the individual AA member, through his Group, to Central Offices and Area General Service Committees, to be expended within the conscience of the individually elected representatives. But which body is responsible for funding public information committees?

The "AA Guidelines on Public Information" have this to say: "The costs of public information work are usually paid out of the general contributions to whatever body formed the committee - Group, Intergroup office, or unit of the general service structure. When a new public information committee is started in a locality with a sparse AA population, members of the Group or Groups concerned may be called upon for special contributions. Even when AA in the area is more firmly established, groups may be asked for such contributions when a certain PI project is afoot — like an effort to supply all local libraries with copies of the Big Book. In some areas an Intergroup Public Information Committee and a PI Committee connected with a general service unit may pool their efforts and work together. Logically enough, the two structures share the joint committee's expense."

In the California Northern Coastal Area, for the most part Public Information Committees are an effort of Intergroups, assisted by the Area General Service Committee. Since PIC's originally were formed by Intergroups, the basic responsibility for finances rests with that service body. However, CNCA has adopted an overall policy that financial assistance may be granted, upon request. The policy as set forth by the Area Committee states that "Any request from a general service district for financial assistance shall be considered by this Committee as a whole, and a decision made based upon the individual merits of such request." In the past requests for funds for literature were approved from two districts where new public information committees had just been formed; and a third district's request was approved when it found its PI Committee sponsoring AA displays and literature at two county fairs within one month.

GSO has provided special public information discount packages of literature to be distributed at schools, public meetings, etc. And as Group contributions increase to GSO, consideration will be given to revising the entire literature discount structure to Groups as a whole to provide smaller groups the same advantage as those groups now enjoying volume-order discounts.

Dean K.

P.I. In San Francisco

P.I. in San Francisco has completed 25 letters to hospitals in San Francisco informing them of our AA Speakers Bureau and to date have received one answer. This was from the French Hosp. where a speaker was sent last Wednesday morning to speak with the Director of Nursing and the head nurses of her staff.

A follow-up has been made to the television stations in San Francisco where the 30 and 60 second tapes were sent from New York with the following results:

KRON - Channel 4 will use only local material and will return the tapes to New York.

KPIX - Channel 5 and KBHK Channel 44 as of this week had not received the tapes or if they have are in the process department for reviewing. These stations will be checked again next week.

KGO - Channel 7 has received the tapes which were first shown on Monday July 26 between 9:00 and 9:30 A.M. and Thursday at 1:00 A.M. They are then given from three to five days rest and are shown again. There is no particular pattern for showing any of these type spot announcements. They are selected at random after the rest period by the program director on a three day showing basis.

Nan B.

H&I BroadSides

I've been a member of the Northern California Hospital and Institution (H&I) Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous for almost eight years. I've never been in prison as a result of my drinking, but I've been in many prisons as a result of my sobriety — to carry the AA message to those who are confined!

Our Co-founder, Dr. Bob, said that our AA work boils down to just two words — Love and Service. Working with the H&I Committee is an opportunity to activate those words in our own lives through this service activity.

So often we hear that we must "give it away in order to keep it!" Service on this committee is the kind of giving for which there is no material return. It costs time, energy, gasoline and (many times) personal inconvenience to participate in the H&I Committee. The rewards are great. Being constantly involved with "new" alcoholics and being placed in a sharing situation causes me to continually evaluate my own attitudes and methods of dealing with my character defects in the context of my AA way of life.

Attending meetings with many people who have never been exposed to AA before is a most welcome opportunity to remind myself that "I am responsible". Taking a man or woman released from a hospital or an institution to a meeting and watching them experience this "miracle" cannot fail to keep me coming back, if my motives are right and are in keeping with Dr. Bob's admonition of Love and Service.

If you haven't investigated how you can play an active part in your local H&I Committee, please do so today. You are missing an opportunity to share that can only be appreciated by the experience.

It's our Pink Can, our H&I Committee, and the work is our responsibility. . . Let's meet this responsibility together!

Bob F.

San Francisco All Groups

San Francisco Friday Central All Groups Speakers:
Sept. 3 - Speaker: Gene D. - Calistoga - host grp. - Mission Day, Sept. 10 - Speaker: Sylvia M. - Oakland - host grp. - Cow Hollow, Sept. 17 - Speaker: Norm A. - Monrovia - Anniversary, Sept. 24 - Speaker: John F. - S.F. - host grp. - So. of Market.

30th Anniversary of S.F. Friday All Groups Meeting.
Place: St. Marys Cathedral, 1111 Gough at Geary,
Time: Friday, Sept. 17th at 8:30 P.M. - Doors open at 7:00 P.M. in Hall D - Lower Level. Speaker: Norm A from Monrovia, Chairman: Steve P. One Square Block of Parking, homemade cakes and plenty of coffee.

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Notice To Bay Area Women AA's.

The Bay Area "Women's All Groups" meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 P.M. with a guest speaker. Coffee is served from 7:30 P.M. and refreshments after with arms-length AA. We also have a raffle for the Big Book and the Twelve-By-Twelve (Steps and Traditions of AA).

Trailer Rancho Club House

E. Old Bayshore Rd.

Redwood City, California

Take Bayshore 101 - coming from San Jose turnoff Marsh Rd. onto Old Bayshore Rd. Follow till Trailer Rancho. Please park on street. From San Francisco - turn off on Harbor Blvd., turn onto E. Old Bayshore and follow south (toward San Jose). (E. Old Bayshore runs parallel with 101 on the east side (bay side).)

We will be there to welcome you to our Fellowship, to meet our speaker and especially each other, for improving our communications between counties in the Bay Area.

See You!!!

Be There!!!

With Us!!!

Merilyn W.

Island Fellowship

Speakers listed for the Saturday 8:30 meetings are: Sept. 4th - Tom G. - AA and Margaret M. - Al-Anon (both Inbetween Oakland), Sept. 11th - Bob D. (Pinole), Sept. 18, Juanita D. (S.F. and Island) and Sept. 25, Paul D. (101 Stag-Alameda).

Location of the Fellowship is 1828 Lincoln Ave., Alameda.

The Pitch

Starting next month I am going to try to change the format of "The Pitch". It will consist of a little news on what is going on in the California Northern Interior Area service. The last part of the article will be questions and answers about services. I am hoping the readers of "The Pitch" will supply the questions. If you have any questions pertaining to services on any level (individual, group, committee, delegate, or General Service Office), send them to your GOOD NEWS. From there they will be sent to me. I will then try to find the answers. So please try and help us make this a useful article and send in your questions.

Ed K.

Alternate Delegate for
Northern Interior Area

There must have been about 500 people gathered at Centennial Hall, Hayward on Sat., Aug. 21st to hear Chuck C. (Laguna Beach). Thanks Chuck for sharing why "It's never been better" with us!

Dorothy L.

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"Welcome To Our World"

The AA, Al-Anon and Alateen groups in Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington invite you to a weekend of fun and fellowship at the Columbia River Young Peoples first Annual Roundup. The Roundup is Friday, Oct. 1 thru Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird Inn, Portland, Oregon. The theme "Welcome To Our World" is extended to all Young People with 41 years sobriety or less.

Register early and save \$2.00 by taking advantage of the Early Bird Package registration of \$15.50 per person which will include registration (\$5.00), the Saturday night banquet and dance (\$7.50), and the Sunday Spiritual Breakfast (\$5.00). The cut off deadline for Early Bird registration is Sept. 6. No banquet or breakfast tickets, will be issued unless registration fee is included. Cost of the package at the door will be \$17.50, so register early! The registration desk for badges will open in the Thunderbird lobby at 6:00 P.M. on Friday and 8:30 A.M. on Saturday.

For your convenience the Nestucca Room will be open beginning at noon on Friday and will be used as a hospitality room and casual meeting place throughout the roundup.

The kickoff meeting is at 8:00 P.M. followed by a Hoot-Owl meeting at 11:00 P.M. Saturday will be a day of all groups sharing fun and festivities. The Banquet and Speakers meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. On Sunday morning the Spiritual Breakfast will be served at 8:00.

Billiting is available. For further information and Early Bird registration write: Columbia River Young Peoples Roundup, P.O. Box 13067, Portland, Oregon 97213 or contact Sam G., phone (503) 284-0397 or Sally K., (206) 834-5539. Please send badge name and group name with registration.

Alateen Conference Report

The Second Annual Alateen Mini-Conference was held on July 31st at St. Timothy's Church in Mountain View. The all-day affair attracted 75 registered Alateens, Al-Anons, AA's and guests. . .from not only the 11th District, but other parts of the Bay Area as well. The theme of the conference was very appropriate to the Alateen principles, the theme (as it is every year) was Good Orderly Direction.

There were five workshops during the day with such topics as emotional detachment, anxiety traps and know-your-higher-power. Also, a speaker's meeting was held that was attended by all. Everybody involved felt that the purposes of the conference were fulfilled entirely: to acquaint people not familiar with the Alateen program with its ideals and principles and also for Alateens to share in the program of recovery from the family disease of alcoholism.

Tom A.

What's Happening

Old Timers Meeting at the Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, California. Friday, September 24th at 8:00 P.M. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Featuring speakers with thirty years sobriety and more. Dance to follow. Registration is \$2.00 per person. Send to: P.O. Box 8474, Van Nuys, Ca. 91409, or call (805) 259-0871 for further information.

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Annual Intergroup Picnic

Gemini Jim's Picnic Committee is rolling along. The Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship event will be on October 3rd at Villa Chanteclar in Healdsburg, near Fitch Mountain. The site was reserved, and the rental check was earmarked from surplus funds from the Banquet, which means. . .group contributions are not being used to finance the picnic.

(from the Newsletter, August issue)

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Hayward Fellowship

Scheduled speakers for the Fellowship's 8:30 meeting on Saturdays at 19652 Mission Blvd., Hayward are: Sept. 4th - Charles S. Jr. (Redwood City), Sept. 11 - Fran N. (Inbetween Fellowship - Oakland), Sept. 18th - Art L. (Concord), and Sept. 25th - Ossie O. (Moraga).

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Marin Alumni

The "Myrtledale Intellectual Type Approach" talks will continue during the month of October. These meetings will again be held at the St. Isabella's Parish on Manuel Freitas Parkway in Terra Linda. The meetings are a joint effort of the Terra Linda and Alumni Groups. The subject and the dates are: Oct. 7th - "The A.A. Dummies and How to Spot Them", Oct. 14th - "How to Surrender", Oct. 21st - "No Human Power Could", Oct. 28th - "Grab All of the Gusto You Can". These meetings commence at 8:30 P.M.

Gene D.

Inbetween Fellowship

The speakers for the Friday 8:15 P.M. meetings are as follows: Sept. 3rd - Mel B. (San Francisco), Sept. 10th - Dr. Gill (San Francisco), Sept. 17th - Sully S. (San Francisco), and Sept. 24th - Lela A. (Oakland).

The Fellowship is located at 4710 E. 14th St., Oakland.

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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.

Calendar

- Sept. 3-5 Alaska 11th Annual State Conference of AA. Hosts: Kenai & Soldtna Wilderness Group.
Theme: "I Am Responsible."
- Sept. 3-5 26th Oregon State Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Rodeway Inn, Eugene. Theme: "Happiness Is Sobriety". To register or obtain more information, contact 1976 Conference Registration, 1233 Alder St., Eugene, Or. 97401.
- Sept. 4 *Gold Quartz Group of Grass Valley 28th Anniversary.
- Sept. 5 Alano Club of Contra Costa, 84 Broadway, Richmond — Monthly Sunday Potluck - 2-5 P.M., phone 232-9743.
- Sept. 12 Redding Central Office Annual Picnic - Whiskeytown Lake, phone (916) 246-7611.
- Sept. 18 *10th Anniversary Contra Costa Service Center.
- Sept. 24 *Old Timers meeting - Pasadena Center.
- Sept. 24-26 Annual Northern California Alateen Conference at Redwood Glen (near San Jose), For details call Pat F. (415) 522-0657.
- Sept. 25 *"Fashion Fantasies for Fall" Alano Club of Contra Costa.
- Oct. 1-3 *First Annual Columbia River Young Peoples Roundup at the Jantzen Thunderbird, Portland, Or.
- Oct. 3-5 *South Shore Intergroup Tahoe Fall Festival.
- Oct. 8-10 *Northern California Council of AA Annual Fall Conference in Redding.
- Oct. 8-10 Washington Area Assembly of AA, Al-Anon and Alateen, Chinook Hotel - 4th St. and Yakima Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98901. Registration \$16.00 includes dinner, dancing and breakfast.
- Oct. 9 *Special 30th Birthday meeting - Ross, Ca.
- Oct. 17 Al-Anon Club Stockton - "Monte Carlo Night" - 4:00 P.M., 535 W. Fremont St., Stockton.
- Nov. 5-7 *Las Vegas 10th Annual Roundup - Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Nov. 6 *Northern Interior Area General Service Assembly.

*See write-up elsewhere in this issue.

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Hi Everyone—

El Cerrito Fellowship invites you all to share Sept. 25th birthday/Speaker/Saturday nite with us. Ony G. of El Cerrito will be your speaker.

In the way of Love, K.T.

Tahoe Fall Festival

South Shore Intergroup proudly offers our first AA and Al-Anon Conference at Stanford Sierra Lodge, Fallen Leaf Lake, South Lake Tahoe from October 3rd - 5th. "Everything" is included in the cost of \$75 per person (except water skiing, power boats and golf). Deposits are payable before September 1st.

Contact South Shore Intergroup, Box 9819, South Lake Tahoe, Ca. 95731. Ed. L.
(Editor's note: This notice was not received in time for the August issue.)

Interior Area General Service Assembly

November 6th is the date for the Northern Interior Area General Service Assembly. The place is the Stockton Inn at 4219 Waterloo Rd. (at Hiway 99). For further information call me at (209) 462-1149. Bill S.

Sober Fun in the Sun!

What? - Las Vegas 10th Annual Roundup.

When? November 5 thru 7.

Where? Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cost? Special rates of \$14 single or \$16 to \$21 double. Some suites available. First night's deposit required. Minimum two nights on all reservations. (Special rates apply only until Oct. 5th.)

Registration (\$7) opens at 1 P.M. on Friday and at 9 A.M. on Saturday. Kickoff meeting begins at 8:30 and various meetings are scheduled until 12 noon when the Roundup adjourns. A banquet will be held on Saturday at 7 P.M. (\$10 by reservation only). Among the principal speakers are Margaret C. (Agawan, Mass.), Tom M. (San Francisco), Suzy S. (San Francisco), "Wino" Bob G. (Santa Ana), Pat and Una D. (Oak Forest, Ill.), Kay S. (Akron, Ohio) and Hiliary D. (St. Bernard, Ala.).

For further information and reservation forms for the special rate, write: Las Vegas Roundup, P.O. Box 269, Las Vegas, NV 89101. Dorothy L.

10th Anniversary Celebration of Contra Costa Service Center

When? Saturday September 18th from 3 P.M. to 1 A.M.

Where? Pleasant Hill Recreation Center, 310 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill (2 blocks west of Sun Valley Shopping Center - off Taylor Blvd.)

How? 3 to 4 P.M. - Registration and arms-length AA, 4 P.M. - Al-Anon Speaker - Susan K. of San Rafael, 5 P.M. - Pot Luck Dinner (food is needed) 7 P.M. - AA Speake - Don G. of L.A. 9:30 P.M. Raffle Prizes Drawing at Dance with Jim M. Disco, Coffee available -soft drinks will be sold. Joan H.

"The Humorous Twelve Steps"

1. I decided I could handle my problem with alcohol if other people would just quit trying to run my life.
2. I firmly believe that there is no greater power than myself—and anyone who disagrees is insane...
3. I made a decision to remove my will and my life from God, who didn't understand me anyhow.
4. I made a searching and thorough moral inventory of everyone I know, so they couldn't fool me and take advantage of my good nature.
5. I sought these people out and tried to get them to admit to me, by God, the exact nature of their wrongs.
6. I became willing to help these people get rid of their defects of character.
7. I was humble enough to ask these people to remove their shortcomings.
8. I kept a list of all persons who had harmed me and waited patiently for a chance to get even with them.
9. I got even with these people whenever possible, except when to do so would get me into trouble.
10. I continued to take everyone's inventory and when they were wrong, which was most of the time, I promptly made them admit it.
11. Sought through the concentration of my will power to get God, who didn't understand me anyhow, to see that my ideas were best and that he had no other choice but to give me the power to carry them out.
12. Having maintained my problems as an alcoholic for 25 years with these steps I can thoroughly recommend them to others who don't want to lose their will power or hard-earned status, but wish to be left alone to practice alcoholism for the rest of their lives...

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On Cooperation With The Professional Community

New guidelines were recently published on Forming Local Committees on Cooperation with the Professional Community.

These guidelines are now available from the AA General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, N.Y., N.Y. 10017. Up to ten copies will be sent free of charge upon request. On orders of over ten copies each guideline will cost 5c.

We hope that these will provide us with yet another tool as we strive to carry the message of recovery through and to the professional community.

Phyllis M.

The Cool Dozen

1. COPPED OUT that we were the least with the Lush—and like, everthing we were puttin' down was nowhere.
2. CAME ON that the Big Daddy-O could free us from Camarillo.
3. MADE IT TO TURN the whole Gig over to the Top Cat.
4. LIKE, WE SCANNED it all—our Cool Scenes and our Evil Riffs.
5. COPPED OUT to the Big Man, another Cat and to Number One just where we lost the Beat.
6. TOLD THE TOP CAT — "Like Take it Man!"
7. WALKING' HUMBLE, we told the Man—"Let me cool these Evil Gigs."
8. MADE BOOK on all the Cats we had cut and came on to make it groovy.
9. MADE IT COOL with all these Cats, but not like if it bugged them or some other Stud.
10. KEPT SCANNING the Scene, and if we came on funky—Copped out.
11. CONTINUED TO MAKE IT with the Big Dad and tried to pick up on his Arrangement—and blow the Right Sounds.
12. HAVING DUG OUR KHARMA we came on with the Lush who is still turnin' on, and tried to be cool in all our Gigs.

(Copied from a Friend's workbook!)

First Time Event

The Alano Club of Contra Costa, 84 Broadway in Richmond presents: Fashion Fantasies for Fall, Saturday, Sept. 25. Buffet Luncheon - 1 P.M., Fashion Show - 2 P.M. Door Prizes. Donation \$2.50 per ticket. For information regarding this first time event, call 232-9743 or 758-9202.

See you at the Fashion Show.

Bille M.

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Peninsula All Groups

Peninsula All Groups * Speakers:

Sept. 4th - Sam P. * Parkside San Bruno Tuesday
 Sept. 11th - Dave D. * Palo Alto, Friday
 Sept. 18th - Steve W. * S.F. Fellowship, Palo Alto
 Teens/20
 Sept. 25th - Dorothy L. * San Carlos, San Carlos,
 Awareness.

The meetings are held at St. Matthews Episcopal Auditorium, Baldwin & El Camino, San Mateo at 8:30 P.M. Coffee and arms-length A.A. before and after meeting.

John F.

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From the Mail Bag

Mureen C. is the new secretary of the Studio Group (Thursday 8 P.M.) at the Church of the Nazarene, 915 Rose Marie Lane, Stockton. P.S. We have a Step Group on Monday nites - same address. Scotty

Dear Don,

Since I've moved back to Texas, I am not receiving my GOOD NEWS, and I really do miss it! . . . I'm sending a check for \$4.00 (Texas is outside of the U.S., isn't it?) . . .

LaVerne P.

(Dear LaVerne, Sorry that your GOOD NEWS has not been able to keep up with you, but thanks for letting us know your new address. GOOD NEWS will follow. Also, to you other readers, it costs us twenty-five cents for each issue we try to have forwarded. We can't do this forever. Don M.)

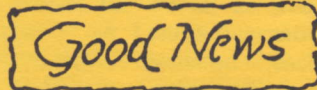
...See you at next Conference. I'll have to renew my subscription. I'm not getting one any longer. Jerry G.

(Dear Jerry, I hope a lot of folks will be doing like you plan to do, because the cash flow of GOOD NEWS has reversed, and we will be needing your money, soon. Don M.)

...Enclosing a write up...and would like to know if this item could be a standard item in the GOOD NEWS...

Merilyn W.

(Dear Merilyn, This is about the third time I've been asked to put a standard, standing announcement into the GOOD NEWS. I have refused upto now because meetings, times and other details could change and GOOD NEWS would not know of these changes. Groups have gone out of existance. As far as I am concerned, it would take a vote for **such an action** at the next NCC business meeting for me to put such an article in every issue without being "reinformed" of the facts each month. Don M.)



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Editorial

My heart is full. I must say "good bye". I am moving to a new job in England (about the time you read this issue). Good News will continue.

During the past eight months or so, my faith has grown significantly. Acting as Editor, I have been able to do things that would have been impossible for me before I came to AA, even **before** my drinking got "that" bad. At first I was not certain that my ego would stay in check if I served this paper. I prayed for help with this problem. I got help: when I felt that my ego was getting out-of-hand, I could remember to pray. I also "talked out" this ego thing with lots of you, on an individual basis. Thank you for helping me to serve.

This is getting harder and harder to write. . . just as saying "good bye" gets harder and sadder, if I think something is coming to an end. Saying "good bye" is a nice feeling when I think that something else is just getting started. Probably the most exciting thing is that I will be able to know what is happening, when it happens and how it feels.

Good News will continue because of **your** support and because our Higher Power must want it to continue. Dorothy L. has come forward to serve as Editor. Others on the "staff" have promised to continue their support of Good News. If Dorothy decides to publish my letters from England, Good News will be the only "local" AA paper with an international correspondent.

Go with God and with AA love...

Don M.

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