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News From The Chairperson

As the 47th Annual Summer Conference rapidly approaches, a dynamic and enthusiastic Monterey Committee continues to fine tune everything. We NCCAA officers are enjoying watching them leave no stone unturned. Having a Summer, not a Spring, Conference in Monterey undoubtedly will prove to be an exciting adventure. I have been in constant contact with our four main speakers, and they are all thrilled to have been invited to participate in one of our conferences.

To watch the Modesto Conference Committee in action, one would think that their Great Event were also to be held in June. They are all exuberant about having a first-ever Conference at the new Modesto Centre Plaza which is indeed a fabulous facility. Probably the most exciting news is the enormous response from the wonderful Hispanic community. Besides their Spanish marathon meetings, they are holding a speaker meeting and a dance to mariachi music. It would be wise, I am sure, to make your reservations very early. The Modesto Conference on October 7, 8, and 9 is going to be an extremely well attended event.

We now have all 41 county-zones that participate in Northern California service represented on our Steering Committee. Long time group delegates, Ole and Pat O., have become the zone co-chairpersons for Tuolumne County.

Those of us who are privileged to know them cheered, for they are both long timers with a great deal of AA service experience. We thank you Ole and Pat!

The May 1 Steering Committee meeting held at the Diablo Alano Club in Stockton was a classic example of unity within a committee. We discussed some items that had the potential to be very controversial and arrived at substantial unanimity on all of them. I have never been more privileged than I am now. Our NCCAA Steering Committee is the finest group of AAs that I have ever served with, and I thank you all. Here is a summary of the business that we attended to on May 1:

- 1) We approved a Hispanic dance with Mariachi Band to be held in the Red Lion Ballroom at the Modesto Conference, as well as a flier and hotel list printed in Spanish;
- 2) we approved updating the current group delegates' mailing list, which consists of 650 names, by sending out information letters with return postcards;
- 3) we discussed ways that zone chairpeople can delete inactive delegates from their county rosters and reach out to groups in their county/zones for new delegates; and
- 4) we discussed and approved compiling a book of the motions acted upon by the Steering Committee for use as guidelines for future NCCAA committees.

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Monterey Is History; Modesto Will Be Next

By the time most of you read this, the Monterey conference will be in the history books as another great conference and the editor must again apologize for the lateness of this issue.

We can all look forward to a wonderful time in the new facility in Modesto on October 7, 8, and 9, 1994. See you there!

GOOD NEWS Archives Volumes On Display

Your GOOD NEWS editor has compiled three massive volumes of back issues of the GOOD NEWS. The copies have been placed into plastic sheet protectors for easy viewing.

The earliest issue is September 1963 and they run right up to the present time with some missing in the early years and they are also missing from 1980 through 1986. It is not known if the paper was even published during some of these years. If you have information, please let us know.

We will be bringing these books to conferences and invite you to visit the GOOD NEWS table and see them. Also, if you have any back issues that are missing from our collection, you are invited to donate them if you wish.

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More From The Chairperson

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The Tape Selection Committee had met at noon, after spending the weeks since the Oakland conference reviewing the tapes given to them in Oakland. The speakers recommended for the 1995 Summer Conference in South San Francisco were approved by the Steering Committee. I subsequently made one substitution since Sandy B. from Arlington, Virginia, was not available. He did, however, agree to be one of the Saturday night speakers at our 1995 Fall Conference in Sacramento. In Sacramento, we are using both Red Lion Ballrooms on Saturday night; Sandy

B. will speak in one and June C., from Los Angeles, in the other. Those of you who know both these people also know what a very difficult choice this is going to be. How do we decide, as officers, which speaker meeting to attend? Do you think it should be boys with the boys and girls with the girls?!? Ron? George? John? David? Paula?

I am including with my report the agenda for the Monterey Steering Committee and Open Delegates' Meetings. I look forward to seeing all of you in Monterey.

Yours in love and service,
DIANE ☺, Chairperson,
Cupertino, CA

Out of Defeat . . . Strength

If we are planning to stop drinking, there must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that some day we will be immune to alcohol.

Such is the paradox of AA regeneration: strength arising out of complete defeat and weakness, the loss of one's old life as a condition for finding a new one.

(From AS BILL SEES IT, AAWS, with permission)

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 October 10 for November-December

Love Is . . .

Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.

Love is content with the present, it hopes for the future and it doesn't brood over the past. It's the day-in-day-out chronicles of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories and common goals. If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else there is, it's not enough.

Submitted by GUY J., Redding

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If you would like to contribute articles to the **Good News**, we welcome your participation. The guidelines are as follows: "It (**Good News**) reports the activities of the Council, Hospital and Institution Committee, General Service, and other articles of interest to AA members. News is written about the conferences for the benefit of members unable to attend. News of activities of the Groups in Northern California may also be included."

HUMOR

As far as the practicing drunk is concerned, humor is a seed buried and seemingly dead. The raucous laughter of the saloon trumpets the internment of humor in an alcoholic grave. In AA, humor breaks through the dingy soil to blossom in the sunlight of recovery. It does not erupt like the raucous guffaw of the barroom. Humor is wholesome.

It captures and depicts something refreshing to the heart. It dissolves barriers of separation, and identification prevails to the tune of shared laughter. Humor is kind. A respected author once described a gentleman as one who never needlessly gives pain. In fellowship, our members laugh with - never at - their fellows.

FRANK B., Napa, CA

NCCAA CONFERENCE DATES

1994 CONFERENCES

MONTEREY - June 24, 25, 26
MODESTO - October 7, 8, 9

1995 CONFERENCES

FRESNO - March 10, 11, 12
SAN MATEO - June 2, 3, 4
SACRAMENTO - Oct. 6, 7, 8

1996 CONFERENCES

MONTEREY - March 8, 9, 10
SAN JOSE - May 31, June 1, 2
REDDING - Oct. 11, 12, 13

1997 CONFERENCES

FRESNO - March 14, 15, 16

**Please Pre-Register
Early**

HUMOR

Due to events on earth, Heaven was in the midst of a population explosion, and it was apparent to God that they would soon run out of room. St. Peter assured God that everything was under control. He had just finished devising a tough admissions test when the first applicant stumbled in - a drunk requesting entry.

"Watch this, God, you'll see how careful we are, and how we are going to weed out all the undesirables, riff-raff and phony-baloneys."

To the drunk St. Peter said, "We're almost filled up. To get in, you first have to pass this test:

1) How many days in the week begin with a 'T'?

2) How many seconds are there in a year?

3) What is God's first name?"
"So," said St. Peter, "what's the answer to the first question?"

Drunk: "Let me think . . . (pause) . . . OK, I have it. Two days of the week begin with a 'T'."

St. Peter "So, what are they?"

Drunk "Today and tomorrow."

St. Peter "Well...OK. Now How many seconds are there in a year?"

Drunk "Twelve"

St. Peter "Twelve!?!?"

Drunk "Sure. Second of January, Second of February, Second of March,...etc."

St. Peter (sigh) "Well, I guess so. Now, what's God's first name?"

Drunk "That's easy. It's Andy."

St. Peter "Andy?!? Where on earth did you get that?"

Drunk "It's in the Bible. It says right there:

"And He created Heaven and earth...

And'e said 'Let there be light' And'e created man in His own image..." and a lot of other things."

St. Peter "Oh, C'mon in."

*Submitted with much AA love,
PERRY O., Cupertino, CA*

Agenda - Steering Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 25, 1994

Serenity Prayer

Steering Committee members introduce themselves

Approval of minutes from the March 26 Steering Committee and Open Delegates' Meetings in Oakland and from the May 1 Steering Committee Meeting in Stockton

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS (Please be as brief as possible. Thank You.)

1. Chairperson - Diane O.

a. Updating the Steering Committee Roster

b. News and reminders

c. Modesto Fliers [Hotel Lists and map on back]

d. Future NCCAA Conferences

2. Treasurer - David K.

3. Coastal Secretary - Paula D.

4. Interior Secretary - John G.

5. Young People's Chairman - George M.

6. GOOD NEWS Editor - Ron J.

7. Oakland Conference - Joe M.

8. Monterey Conference - Jerry McD.

9. Modesto Conference - Bob O.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Report from the committee to prepare an NCCAA inventory. (George M.)

2. Update re: the book of motions acted upon by the Steering Committee that is being compiled for use as a guideline by future NCCAA committees. (Dianne J.)

3. Report on the effort to update the current delegates' roster. (John G.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss way that zone chairpeople can reach out to groups for new delegates and utilize the information passed on from the updating of the current delegates' roster. (Diane O.)

2. Presentation of bids for the 1997 summer conference [first or second weekend of June]. Diane O.

SEVENTH TRADITION

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

ADJOURN

Reminders:

If you are a member of the Steering Committee and have not participated in an NCCAA Conference, please let Diane O. know if you are available to participate in Modesto or Fresno.

Diane would also like the names, addresses, and phone numbers for the Modesto program participants **no later than August 14, 1994.**

The August 14 Steering Committee Meeting at the Diablo Alano Club in Stockton will begin at 1:00 p.m.



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