



GOOD NEWS



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Thanks Joe, Hello Doug



Hi everyone. My name is Doug Dillon and I am the newly elected chairperson of NCCAA. What an honor and privilege to be of service in such a capacity.

My sobriety birthday is March 23rd, 1998 and my home group is Modesto Fellowship. I attended my first NCCAA conference in October of 1992 at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. David A. was the main speaker on Saturday night. I'll never forget how the electricity and excitement in the air that night drew me in. I wanted what you had. To witness thousands hand-in-hand, saying the Lords Prayer was truly awe inspiring. It sent shivers up and down my spine. It was my first exposure to a small piece of the greater whole of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Later, when I got sober in 1998 a friend of mine mentioned the NCCAA conferences and

my mind went back to that night that seemed so long ago. He asked me if I was interested in attending an upcoming conference. "Certainly", was my enthusiastic reply. From that day I began to attend NCCAA conferences regularly; always looking forward to the enthusiasm, the excitement, and the opportunity to hear someone's awesome story of recovery.

Today as I think about the upcoming conferences and the direction that NCCAA is headed, my excitement continues. We have a great line-up of speakers at Sacramento, Chico, Foster City, and San Jose. The upcoming Sacramento conference has an H & I panel that I am greatly looking forward to attending. It's my opportunity to hear three speakers very much "in-the-know" about H & I: A Trustee Emeritus, a former Warden of San Quentin Prison and the current Warden of Soledad Prison. How fortunate that the H & I Committee should privilege us with such distinguished men and women at our summer NCCAA conference. What a great spirit of cooperation between two "autonomous" AA service organizations.
(Continued P2, Chair)

NCCAA 59th Annual Summer Conference

Sacramento – July 7, 8, 9, 2006

Friday	8:00 PM	Lee C.	Santa Maria
	Saturday	3:30 PM	Kim S. Santa Monica
		Saturday	8:00 PM Creighton P. Corinth, MS
		Sunday	11:00 AM Nancy M. Clackamas, OR

.(Chair)

Next spring marks NCCAA's 60th season! In March of 1947, representatives from most of the 145 existing groups in Northern California met in Oakland and formed what is now known as the Northern California Council of Alcoholic Anonymous. Wouldn't it be great if each group now in existence in Northern California could be represented at one of our three conferences next year? What a great way to promote the attraction and carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. I don't know about you, but when I return home after a conference, I feel recharged and excited, and most of all, *grateful for another day of sobriety.*



There are still vacancies on our steering committee that need to be filled. I'm confident that the excitement generated by our conferences and the enthusiasm of our other service partners will help provide the people to fill our needs.

I hope in the coming months we can continue to harbor a spirit of cooperation with all of our AA service partners: H&I, CNCA, CNIA and our local intergroups.

I'm so happy we are able to keep the cost of the conferences low. It really helps ensure better attendance and a better opportunity to carry the message. After all - that is our primary purpose, - *to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and I really do

hope we meet on the road of happy destiny....

Forever at your service,

Doug



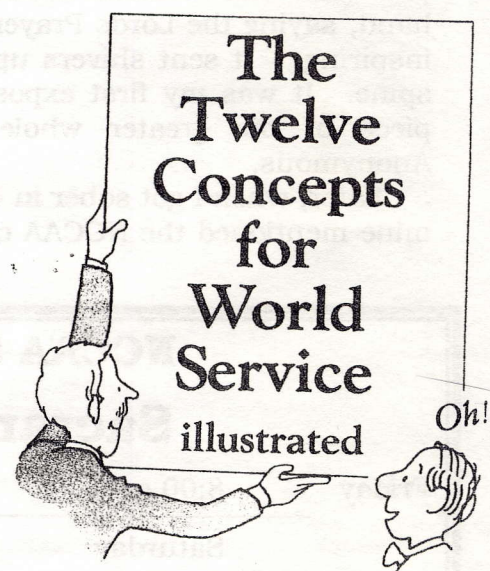
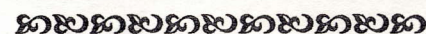
And now for a word or two from Bill W.

Bill and the alkies around him in NYC, 1939, before the Big Book came out, hashed out some book details.

"About that time there appeared on the New York scene another character, Fitz M., on of the most lovable people that A.A. will ever know. Fitz was a minister's son and deeply religious, an aspect of his nature which is revealed in his story entitled "Our Southern Friend" in the Big Book. Fitz fell at once into a heated argument with Henry about the religious content of the coming volume. A newcomer named Jimmy B., who like Henry was an ex-salesman and former atheist, also got into the hassles. Fitz wanted a powerfully religious document; Henry and Jimmy would have none of it. They wanted a psychological book that would lure the reader in; when he finally arrived among us, there would then be enough time to tip him off about the spiritual character of our society. As we worked feverishly on this project Fitz made trip after trip to New York from his home in Maryland home to insist on raising the spiritual pith of the A.A. book. Out of this debate came the spiritual

form and substance of the document, notably the expression, "God as we understand him" which proved to be a ten-strike. As umpire of these disputes, I was obliged to go pretty much down the middle, writing in spiritual rather than religious or entirely psychological terms.

~ A.A. Comes Of Age ~



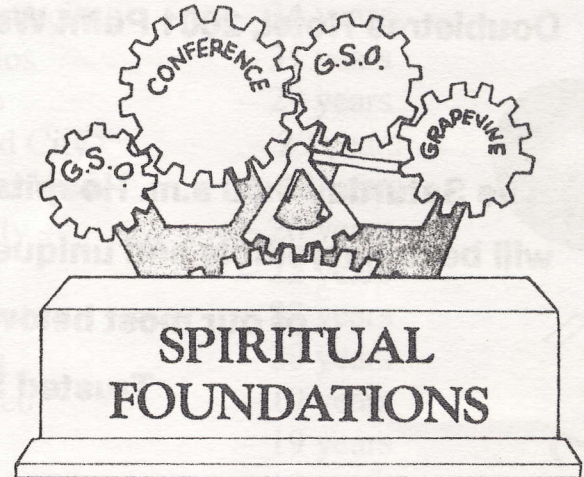
The Twelve Concepts for World Service

How Bill W. explained the spiritual principles that undergird
A.A.'s structure and how the parts work together.

This is a pamphlet about the Concepts; it is NOT the Concepts themselves. They are found in the book *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*, and should be read by every "trusted servant." (A condensed version, in mimeographed form, is also available from the General Service Office on request.)

As A.A. grew up, it began with the groups—first only a few, then hundreds and then thousands. Very early an Alcoholic Foundation, later renamed The General Service Board, was formed to be responsible for our affairs. And with Dr. Bob's death and Bill's facing up to his own mortality, a General Service Conference assumed the leadership which had fallen to the co-founders. Meanwhile, a tiny publishing operation and service office had grown in size and importance to the Fellowship, and a monthly journal, the *A.A. Grapevine*, was being published.

Which of these entities was supposed to do what? Little wonder there was confusion! What was their relationship? Who was in charge? What were their

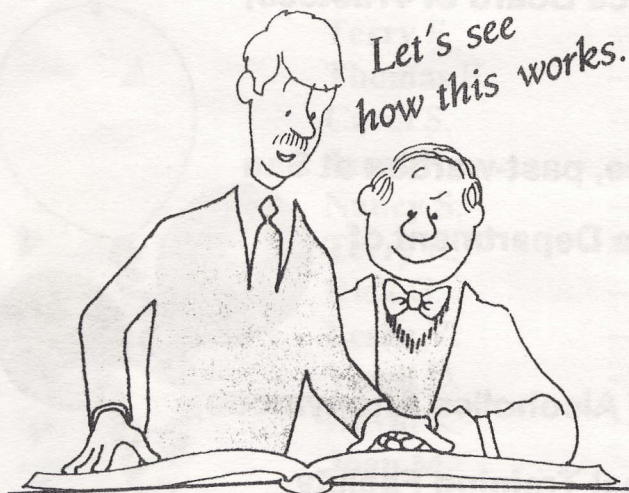


responsibilities—and what were their rights? Bill W. himself sometimes took part in the pulling and hauling that took place, and so he saw the need to "reduce to writing" his concepts of the "why" of the whole structure, the lessons to be drawn from experience, the relationships and, above all, the spiritual principles.

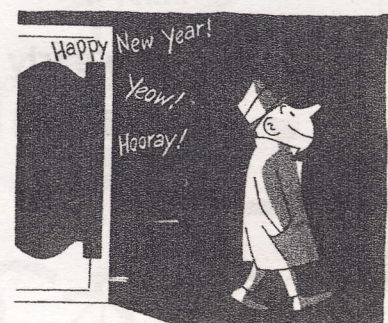
As Bill set them down, the Twelve Concepts are a potpourri: Concepts III through V, IX and XII deal with spiritual principles; the remainder, though they have spiritual overtones, are devoted to describing the relationship of the various service entities and how they work together.

What follows in this pamphlet is an illustrated introduction to the Twelve Concepts. If it is answers or guidance you are seeking, go to the Concepts themselves.

Throughout this pamphlet, wording from the Twelve Concepts themselves (subject to some editing for clarity) is indicated by quotation marks; the rest of the text is either descriptive or explanatory.



VICTOR E.



Something very special is on the Horizon

**The Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous
Summer Conference**

July 7, 8, 9, 2006

Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, CA, Sacramento 95815

**The Saturday 9:30 a.m. Hospital and Institution Panel Meeting
will be an incredible and unique chance to meet and hear three
of our most beloved and valuable
Trusted Servants.**

The Panel will feature

**Jim Estelle, past-warden of several penal institutions,
Class A Trustee--Emeritus with nine years as Trustee and six
years as Chairman of the General Service Board of Trustees;
and**

**Jeanne Woodford, Class A Trustee, past-warden at San
Quentin, and now Secretary of the State Department of
Corrections and Rehabilitation.**

**Sharing with them will be our Friend of Alcoholics Anonymous,
Anthony Kane, Warden, Correctional Training Facility,
Soledad State Prison.**

Come early and support our Trusted Servants.

**This will be a golden opportunity to learn
and to ask questions.**

Sobriety Birthdays 2/1/06 through 6/15/06

Mary W.	—Mountain View	— 46 years
Mary C.	—S. San Francisco	— 34 years
Joe K.	—San Carlos	— 31 years
Peggy B.	—Modesto	— 29 years
M. B.	—Redwood City	— 29 years
Patricia J.	—Mountain View	— 28 years
Terry D.	—Yuba City	— 26 years
Barbara B.	—Capitola	— 22 years
Teri H.	—Sacramento	— 22 years
Robert B.	—Modesto	— 20 years
Laura L.	—San Mateo	— 19 years
Marianne H.	—Winters	— 19 years
Kitty O.	—Sunnyvale	— 18 years
Jerry R.	—Milpitas	— 17 years
Gary S.	—Felton	— 16 years
Phyllis G.	—Redding	— 16 years
Theresa A.	—Paradise	— 15 years
Veronica S.	—Pacifica	— 15 years
Leslie K.	—Modesto	— 14 years
Terry F.	—North Highlands	— 12 years
Thomas E.	—Sacramento	— 12 years
Carol S.	—Palo Alto	— 10 years
Janet F.	—Livermore	— 10 years
Nancy S.	—Sacramento	— 10 years
Terry R.	—Fresno	— 8 years
Rick G.	—Riverbank	— 7 years
Leslie V.	—Huntington Beach	— 6 years
Virgil D.	—Modesto	— 6 years
David K.	—Belmont	— 5 years
Joan M.	—Turlock	— 5 years
Trish C.	—Dublin	— 5 years
Laurie S.	—Sunnyvale	— 4 years
Dale C.	—Hayward	— 2 years
David S.	—Pleasanton	— 1 year

It's a great day to be sober and we're in good company.

Good News Editors notes:



Well, we had another great event in San Ramon. Thanks to the host committee for all the hard work! I have had the opportunity to participate in putting on a number of events over the years in AA and coordinating a multi-thousand participant event is no small task.

The Sacramento committee has been working hard and I am sure you will all have just as good of a time there as in San Ramon.

The H&I panel in Sacramento consists of people who have served our Fellowship over the years. Not because they were saving their own lives, but because they saw the hope the Fellowship provides to people who's lives have become so unmanageable that they had to be incarcerated.

I remember hearing Jim Estelle when he was the new the Chairman of the Board of AA in the early 90's and being so very impressed with the service that a non alcoholic could be moved to give to our Fellowship.

Since that time I have come to realize what a valuable resource some of our non alcoholic friends have been to us over the years. I urge you not to

miss that panel or any of our other great speakers who will be joining us in Sacramento.

This will be the first Conference that our new Chair Doug will be facilitating so be sure to come and give your support. I am sure we all see Joe and will have the opportunity to thank him for the service he has given us over to the past two terms during which he was able to serve.

We are all looking forward to seeing you there, so be sure to bring Sponsor's sponsee's and your other AA friends with you when you come.

Please be sure to consider submitting articles to the Good News, we would love your input.

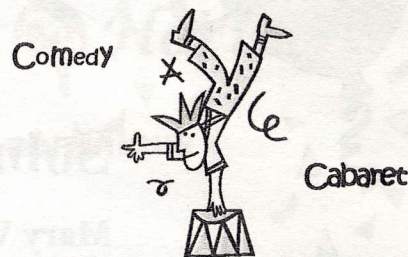


Fire It Off!

You can either mail an article to us at P.O. Box 1476, Felton, CA. 95018 or you can email us at nowenter@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you.

I and my co-editor Jennifer A. will see you there!

Gary Schimmeyer
Editor of the Good News.



Judge: "You're a menace to other drivers and pedestrians, too! I'm going to revoke your license."

Defendant: "Your Honor, you can't. My living depends on this!"

Judge: "So does theirs."
GV 5/70

Henry Hopps, who had barely paid off the mortgage on his house when he went to the bank to mortgage it again to buy a car. With that accomplished, he went back to mortgage the car to build a garage. The bank officer was justifiable upset and demanded, "If I do make the loan, how will you get the money to buy gas for the car?"

"Well, I've got that all figured out." says Henry pompously, "You see, a man who owns his own home with a car and a garage ought to be able to get credit for gas!" GV 5/70

A woman comes into the meeting room and is instantly bear hugged. She pushes away and reaches out her hand to shake. The woman who hugged her says "Keep coming back, those shakes will go away."

NCCAA Yearly Financials 2006

Year to Date Financial Statement				San Ramon 2006		Sacramento 2006		Chico 2006		Committee 2006	
Beginning balance as of January 1, 2006				\$13,376.96							
Income											
Registration	10,448.00			9845.00		1155.00		0.00		-552.00	(Comm 05)
Seventh Tradition	3,192.89			3192.89		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Free Drawing	2,412.00			2412.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Marathons	460.50			460.50		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Donations	0.00			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Concessions	0.00			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Prev Year Income	0.00									0.00	
Total Income		\$16,513.39			\$15,910.39		\$1,155.00		\$0.00		-552.00
Expense											
Hall-Rental	500.00			0.00		0.00		500.00		0.00	
Hall-Security	0.00			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Concessions	0.00			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Donations	0.00 (C)			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Dance/Band	400.00			400.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Free Drawing	371.12			371.12		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Decorations/Flowers	322.00			322.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Sign Lang/Interpeter	400.00			400.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Professional/Insur Fee	500.00 (C)			166.00		166.00		0.00		168.00	Comm 05)
Taxes	10.00 (C)			0.00		0.00		0.00		10.00	
Registration	208.74			71.17		68.78		68.79		0.00	
Flyer-Distr/Mail/Post	18.29			18.29		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Printing-Flyer/Program	1,006.54 (C)			796.54		750.00		0.00		-540.00	(Comm 05)
Speaker/Officer-Dinne	283.58			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Speaker/Officer-Lodgi	1,935.64			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Speaker-Travel	827.40			827.40		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Officer-Travel	413.78			371.78		65.75		0.00		-23.75	(Comm 05)
Speaker-Meals	13.77			30.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Start Up Funds	1,000.00			1000.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Committee-Supplies	38.99 (C)			0.00		0.00		0.00		18.53	
Committee-Postage	98.37 (C)									98.37	
Committee-Mileage	77.50 (C)									77.50	
Committee-Meals	30.00 (C)									30.13	
Exp-Upcoming Conf	0.00 (C)									0.00	
Total Expenses		\$6,232.40			\$4,774.30		\$1,050.53		\$568.79		-\$161.22
Surplus/Loss					\$11,136.09		\$104.47		-\$568.79		-\$390.78
Ending balance as of March 13, 2006				\$22,865.19							

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