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The Celebration Continues:

"Grape Festival" Lodi

October 13, 14, 15 2017





Al-Anon/Alateen Participation

Give 'it' To Keep 'it' - What is 'it'?

- LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS - 413 E. LOCKEFORD ST, Lodi, CA 95240 -

October 13, 14 & 15, 2017

AA Schedule Friday, October 13		Al-Anon/Alateen Schedule Friday, October 13		
2:00 PM	Registration Opens	2:30 PM	Meeting	
3:30 PM	Early Bird Meeting	3:30 PM	Meeting	
5:30 PM	Al-Anon Panel Recovery with Service	4:30 PM	Spanish Meeting	
8:00 PM	Open Speaker Meeting	5:30 PM	Al-Anon Panel (AA Room) Recovery with Service	Toni M./ Steve W.
Saturday, October 14		Saturday, October 14		
9:30 AM	General Service	9:00 AM	Concept 4—What's that about?	
11:30 AM	Group Delegates Open Business Meeting	11:00 AM	Taking it to those who can't come to us—Institutions Panel	David B.
1:00 PM	H & I Panel	1:00 PM	Alateen Speakers	
3:30 PM	Young People's Meeting	2:00 PM	Guest Speaker—Past Trustee	Karen R.
5:30 PM	Spanish Speaker Meeting	3:30 PM	Fun Time—Family Fun Game	Connie I.
8:00 PM	Open Speaker Meeting	5:00 PM	Spanish Meeting	
10:00 PM	Dance Following Drawing	6:00 PM	Meeting	
Sunday, October 15		Sunday, October 15		
9:00 AM	All A.A. Services Panel Meeting	No Al-Anon Activities Today This Event Abides By The NCWSA Requirements for Alateen Safety		
10:30 AM	Open Speaker Meeting			

Fellowship - Panels - Speakers - Marathon Meetings

PRE-REGISTRATION - \$20.00 (PER PERSON) - AT THE CONFERENCE - \$25



PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS Sept 30th 2017

HOTEL CONFERENCE PRICE CUT OFF IS Sept 15th 2017



Future Conferences

- ❖ Lodi October 13, 14, 15 2017
- ❖ San Ramon March 30, 31, April 1st, 2018 (Easter)
- ❖ Modesto, June 8, 9, 10 2018
- ❖ Fresno October 5, 6, 7 2018

NCCAA chair report three part series

Hi everyone! I would like to thank both areas and Hospital and Institution for their continued support to NCCAA. My term is up in March 2018 so I wanted to start talking about my experience as NCCAA chair and what the last four years have entailed. I'll be sharing my experience in a three part series that so you may start thinking about if you're interested. Although the chair for NCCAA has their basic job duties, they have the flexibility to give specific jobs to their officers. Understand that every chairperson has done things differently over the years. Reading the Purpose, Structure and Functions handbook is a great way to start, along with reading our rich history of NCCAA. I've appreciated the communication for the last three years that we have had between both areas (06) and (07) Hospital and Institution, along with all the other service entities within Alcoholics Anonymous and hope that it will continue in the future.

Time and commitment

So having been going to the conferences and participating at all levels since Fresno March 1987, I've had the honor of seeing all the behind the scenes inner workings. So I wanted to give those that may be new to NCCAA that are thinking about taking this responsibility an idea of what the chair does. This is a TWO year commitment, with the opportunity to serve a second term. Remember that you also pick your secretaries/ officers that will be working with you for those two years. That's six people Interior secretary, Coastal secretary, Young People's secretary, Good News editor, Archivist and Webmaster. You have to have those members picked within 30 days. The treasurer position is an elected position by the body on alternating years. Although you don't know if you will be elected or not, it's a good idea to start thinking and asking people if they would be interested. I found it very helpful for NCCAA that I strategically geographically picked those officers around Northern California. Those members I asked prior to election to see if they would be available, be committed, have working knowledge of the Traditions and that they have no other commitments in Alcoholics Anonymous that would interfere with them focusing on NCCAA. Getting flyers out in Northern California is very important. (My opinion only) picking your friends just from your local area may not be a good idea. It's a good idea to make sure that your weekends are open. When I made myself available I made sure that I had no other service commitments and was able to give all my time available to NCCAA. You will have six steering committee meetings a year. Three at the Stockton Alano Club and three at the conferences per year. There will be at least two planning meetings per month and sometimes three per month depending on when the host committee starts to meet. You will have to do a walkthrough for the conference sights prior or during signing of contracts and another walkthrough at some time with the host committee.

Of course the host committee chair and you will figure those dates out together. Giving an annual report at the Area Committee meetings for Coastal and Interior and H&I I found was very important. Communication between these A.A. service entities is vital. Having a laptop or pc is a must and a printer. You will receive emails daily from steering committee members, officers, hotels, host committee chairs, members and outside entities. The chairperson is on the speaker selection committee and calls the speakers that are chosen along with sending confirmation letters out. Staying in contact with the speakers from the time they confirm till the conference is very important. Sometimes they lose your contact information, forget the dates, double book the weekend they are speaking, or life situations happen and forget to call you if they can't speak. The chairperson puts the flyers together for all the conferences with the help of San Mateo central office, who currently does our printing for NCCAA. They also print our Purpose, Structure and Functions handbook and history Pamphlets which we order for every conference. The chairperson puts the program together for all the conferences. Working with Al-Anon and the Spanish liaison to NCCAA making sure their information is put together for their flyers and the program. Currently I have the officers doing a specific meeting at the conference, where they get the moderator, readers for the specific meeting and putting together the all services panel. In the past the chairperson did it all. Also staying in contact with both areas and H&I and getting their panels together for the program. I have been asked to participate in speaker meetings, conferences and panels to talk about NCCAA. The chairperson takes the minutes at the Group Delegates meeting and has those minutes available at the next conference. One of the officers takes the minutes of the Steering Committee meetings. The chairperson runs the six steering committee meetings. Have working knowledge of the Traditions and Concepts helps. My experience is that I spend about 20 hours a week between phone calls, texting and emails. I average driving 500 miles a month on weekends. Depending of course where you live in conjunction to the conference sights. Some months I have driven over 1000 miles. Having a reliable car or riding with other officers helps. My first sponsor and my service sponsor shared with me early in sobriety that it's an honor to be of service at any level in Alcoholics Anonymous. I want to encourage anyone that's interested in this position. My experience is that you are the face of NCCAA, doing this out of your heart and love for NCCAA future has been my guiding grace.

Thanks Shaun NCCAA chairperson



Sharon S	July 5, 1989
Beth M	July 5, 1994
Tom E	July 10, 1998
Rosemary A	July 13, 1959
Jose D	July 17, 2000
Paul P	July 18, 2007
Basil M	July 19, 2012
Ann Q	July 21, 2001
Kim M	July 22, 2005
Victoria S	August 1, 1996
Bill R	August 1, 1981
Richard M	August 2, 1994
Kent D	August 8, 1988
Dale M	August 13, 2006
Bob A	August 14, 1984
Gary H	August 27, 1979
Julie S	August 27, 2001
Diane O	August 30, 1974

C.J. R	September 2, 1982
Lilly N	September 7, 1999
Mary F	September 19, 2001
Jennifer D	September 20, 2015
Lorraine M	September 21, 1980
Mark V	October 1, 2011
Randy G	October 7, 1988
Bruce M	October 10, 1993
Gwen R	October 14, 2016
Killy H	October 16, 2002
Gino H	October 16, 1985
Richard W	October 17, 2004
Frank S	October 17, 1988
Irene E.	October 22, 2014
Dale M	October 24, 1983
Mike P	October 24, 2000
Rich S	October 27, 1992

Updated NCCAA History Booklet Available!

As part of the celebration of NCCAA's 70th Anniversary, the NCCAA History Booklet has been updated to make the information more current and to reflect more recent history of NCCAA. The Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous was an early pioneer in finding ways for our local fellowship to communicate and support each other. Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder, Bill W., was himself involved in the development of NCCAA and encouraged Northern California members to work together in organizing NCCAA events and conferences. The Hospital & Institution (H & I) Committee was becoming more organized at the same time, and H & I organizational meetings were often held in conjunction with NCCAA conferences - this practice often still takes place today. Recently, there has been an increase in Al-Anon participation and Spanish-language members. Efforts have been made by our current officers, and Steering Committee to encourage this participation and there are now liaisons to the Steering Committee from Al-Anon and Spanish-language members. The officers of NCCAA encourage participation and serve the fellowship in determining the direction of NCCAA's future. Please pick up a copy of the updated NCCAA History Booklet at the next conference

NCCAA legacy: OK Posey The first “Good News” editor

OK POSEY DIES IN SANTA ROSA

Oliver Kendall Posey, dedicated member of the Fellowship of AA for 19 years, is gone from our sight and hearing into the Big Meeting.

A sad group of about fifty men and women met on Saturday, February 18, at the Eggan and Lance mortuary Chapel in Santa Rosa for the funeral services, which were as brief and simple as O.K. himself would have wished.

The Rev. William M. Bowen of the Presbyterian Church of the Roses officiated. Floral tributes filled all one end of the chapel.

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Francisco in various capacities, including managerial chores in two departments, but at the time of his death, he was on the staff of the Santa Rosa Herald.

These are the bare facts of a life that became immeasurably enriched—even as yours and mine—when he “came to believe”, and thereafter gave himself whole-heartedly to the Fellowship.

OK was the founder of GOOD NEWS, AA’s only newspaper, while he was secretary of the San Francisco Fellowship. He was active for many years in the Northern California Council, in various positions of trust and responsibility, including the Secretary. While he was secretary, the Council took over sponsorship of GOOD NEWS from the San Francisco Fellowship. He was also secretary-manager of the first Alano Club, when its quarters were upstairs at 143 Bush Street, San Francisco, California.

He was not the first named, but he was actually the first to serve Northern California as delegate to New York in the beginning days of the Third Legacy in 1950.

Few are the groups in this area where he had not made a pitch; probably there are no institutions in Northern California where he had not appeared as chairman or speaker. The number of committees of which he had been chairman or

member, the total time he had devoted to Twelfth Step activity of one sort or another, are simply beyond calculation.

So we met in Santa Rosa to honor the memory of O. K. Posey and then went our separate ways, back into lives that will be a little empty without him and far richer because of him.

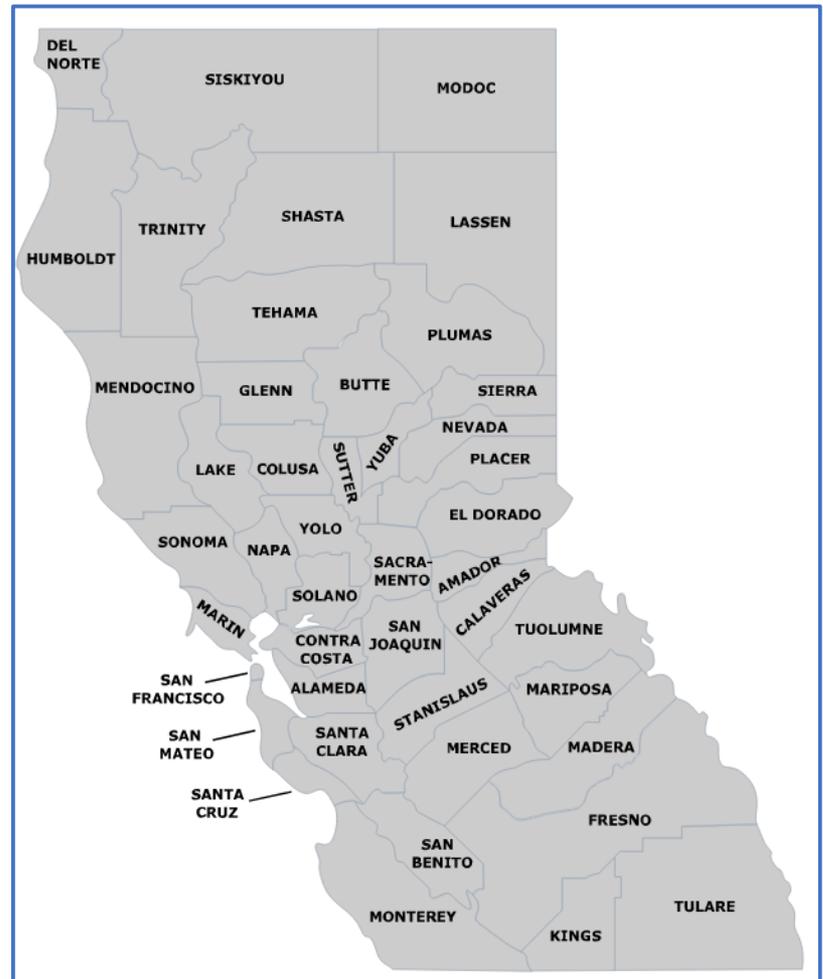
O. K. Posey was a member of the Press and Union League Club of San Francisco and the Newspaper Guild.

Survivors include his widow, Katherine Winters Posey; two daughters, Lavon Herrick and Joan Lantz of San Francisco; two sisters, Lucy P. Booth of Santa Rosa and Eleanor Ewing of Princeton, N.J., and four grandchildren.

O. K. Posey was born in Rushville, Indiana, 70 years ago and educated there and in Indianapolis, the state capital, where he broke into the newspaper business. He was a reporter, copy reader and/or editor of daily newspapers from coast to coast in a career that spanned half a century.

On the West Coast, he worked in 1910 on the old San Francisco Sun, later on the Call-Bulletin and other northern California papers including the Sacramento Bee. In the East, he worked in New York, Newark, and Philadelphia.

When he came into AA, he turned away from the daily newspaper grind because he wanted more time to devote to the Fellowship. He worked for Ad Litho Press in San
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I was reviewing the archived issues of “Good News” at the NCCAA website, looking for material that might interest you, our readers. Now you may wonder why I would find this OBITUARY from the first page of the April 1961 edition, to be so interesting. O.K. Posey not only was the first editor of the GOOD NEWS, he was the originator of this small newsletter. Posey was born in Indiana in 1891 and worked in the newspaper business for over 50 years in various capacities. But as the article says when he “came to believe” he gave his all to AA serving in many capacities. He was very prominent in the early years of the San Francisco fellowship. He was the founder of “Good News” while working at the, which was AA’s only newspaper at the time. If you peruse the archives you will see that this little

paper was a means to communicate for the whole region. It was published every other month and it is full of the history that is the base of our current fellowship. I urge you to take a moment and visit our history through the “Good News: archive at the NCCAA website: <http://www.handinorcal.org/>. (If you subscribe to the online version of this newsletter this is an active link.), the website for the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee. I urge you to explore that site. There you will find an interactive copy of the map on this page. This map will tell you how to get involved with the various institutions in the NorCal area.

Information from your Northern California Hospital and Institutions Committee



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA **HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE**



To All H&I volunteers and interested A.A. members

Coming soon to an Area near you...

2017 FALL H&I GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday October 8th, 2017 11AM-3PM

Featuring: coffee, doughnuts and a complimentary lunch

Agenda items:

- *2nd vote to approve changes to Policy Manual*
 - *Approval of 2018 budget*
- *Open forum for questions & suggestions*

Rocklin Community Center
5460 Fifth Street, Rocklin, CA 95677
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If you're an H&I volunteer who's never been to a General Committee meeting, here's your chance to see how we operate at the NorCal level and to participate and have your voice heard. If you're considering joining our committee to help us carry the message of A.A. to the alcoholic who's confined, here's a great chance to learn more about H&I.

~ All are welcome ~

~ All current H&I members are eligible to participate and vote ~

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H&I Liaison Report to CNCA 06 Area assembly for 9/23/17

- Three members of our committee will be attending the 1st National Corrections Conference in St. Louis in November, sharing NorCal H&I's 75 years of experience carrying the message of AA to the alcoholic who's confined
- Our new website has been up and running for a few months; allowing us to be more transparent and accountable. Our financial statements are posted monthly, our Policy Manual is available for download and we have links to the CNCA & CNIA contact pages. Please take a look at our new look and contact us if you have any questions or comments.
- We've experienced a significant drop in contributions since the recent funds distribution, so please let your groups know that we still need Pink Can contributions to support our committee and to keep the literature available to the alcoholic who is confined.
- We have new labels for our Pink Cans, which say "to support the service of the Hospital & Institution Committee" rather than "to provide Literature...". Please contact your local H&I committee, either through your H&I Rep or through the website if you need some.
- Our next General Committee meeting will be 10/8/17 in Rocklin, CA – address on website.
- Two items for our collective conscience will be voted on:
 - Changes/updates to Policy Manual; passed first vote in June so this will be the final vote.
 - FYE 2018 budget
- Any A.A. member is welcome to attend the meeting, and any H&I volunteer or H&I Group Rep is eligible to cast a vote. We are actively looking for a person to fill the CNCA liaison position and appreciate your patience. Respectfully submitted,
Karen Czujko, NorCal H&I General Chair
Jim Vorderstrasse, NorCal H&I PI Chair



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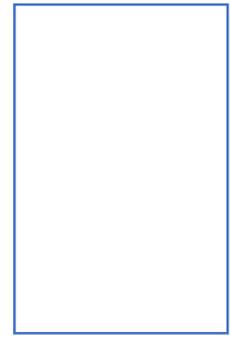
In the summer of 2015 I had an opportunity to attend an AA meeting in Athens Greece. This was my first experience outside of the US. The meeting room was similar to meetings here in NorCal. Of course the slogans on the wall are similar to American slogans. "Only is Today" is the direct translation of the plaque in the upper left hand corner of the picture above. To the left below the saying is 90 days; 90 meetings. And to the right is my favorite: "Slowly, slowly".



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