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## Kent T. To Keynote Conference

### No. Hollywood Member To Speak Sunday

#### San Francisco-Napa Speakers Share Honors Saturday

San Francisco, host to the December Conference of the Northern California Council, are expecting a record turnout for the first conference held in this area in two years. Pete B., general chairman, expresses confidence that this will be a conference long to be remembered by all who attend.

The conferences are reaching the stage where it is difficult to pick out the highlights. All the sessions are so interesting and so full of real down to earth A. A. that no one should miss any one of the sessions.

#### Secretaries Meeting

The conference will open on Saturday December 5th at 10:00 a.m. when the secretaries of the council will meet for their meeting. This meeting has always proved to be highly informative to any one who attends. It is to be pointed out at this time that all sessions of the conference are open to all members of A. A. and to any other interested parties.

Registration of the 3rd legacy delegates will also start at 10 a.m. Saturday. Tables will be set up in the lobby for this purpose.

#### Election

Promptly at 1:00 p.m. the General Service Conference, or 3rd Legacy, delegates will meet for their session. The first hour will be consumed by the selection of committeemen and election of officers

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### S. F. CONFERENCE PROGRAM DECEMBER CONFERENCE

#### Northern California Council of AA

Time: Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th, 1953  
Place: California Hall, Turk and Larkin Sts., San Francisco

#### Saturday Morning

- 10:00 a.m.—Registration of 3rd Legacy Delegates.
- 10:00 a.m.—Secretaries' Meeting, Cliff E., San Jose, Chairman;  
Dorothy W., San Rafael, Moderator.

#### Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00 a.m.—Third Legacy Meeting, Floyd B., Roseville, Chairman.  
Election of committeemen Panel No. 2, Election of Officers  
Panel No. 2—General Discussion.
- 1:00 p.m.—Al-Anon Council Meeting. Andy A., Oakland, Chairman.
- 3:00 p.m.—Recess.
- 3:30 p.m.—Institution and Hospital Committee, Stan H., San Francisco,  
Chairman, guest speaker, C. J. Fitzharris, Associate Warden  
Soledad State Prison.

#### Saturday Evening

- 8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting, Bill T., San Francisco, Chairman.  
Invocation, Rev. E. A. McLaughlin.  
Welcoming Address—Max G. Funke.  
Estelle D., Golden Gate Group, S. F., speaker.  
Bill K., Napa Group, speaker.
- 9:30 p.m.—Dancing. Games, Refreshments.

#### Sunday Morning

- 9:30 a.m.—Registration of Council Delegates.
- 10:00 a.m.—Al-Anon Council Meeting, Andy A., Oakland, Chairman.
- 10:00 a.m.—Group Discussion, Council Delegates, Joe M., San Mateo,  
Chairman, Homer T., of Monterey, Moderator.
- 11:50 a.m.—Report of Council Secretary.

#### Sunday Afternoon

- 2:00 p.m.—AA Meeting, Tom O., of Nevada City, Chairman.  
Invocation, Rev. Harold Ramsburg.  
Guest speaker. KENT T., of North Hollywood Group.

All meetings will convene and adjourn on schedule.  
Refreshments, Coffee and, will be served throughout all conference sessions.



## THIRD LEGACY MEETING TO BE INFORMATIVE

Saturday, December 5, will be a big day in San Francisco from the standpoint of the Third Legacy. Panels 1 and 2 will meet jointly in California Hall, Turk and Polk streets, at 1 p.m., in conjunction with the quarterly sessions of the Northern California Council.

The day will be of particular importance to Panel 2, embracing the groups in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, and the Sierra. It will elect a new Third Legacy Committee to succeed the original committee named in 1951, and a new delegate to New York to succeed Floyd B. of Roseville, who will complete his term of office next April 1.

Notices sent out by the chairman, Floyd, and the secretary, Vic M. of Sacramento, announce that the three districts included in the panels—Nos. 1, 2 and 11—will elect four committeemen each. From the twelve named, the group delegate will elect the new chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Because of experience gained in the last few years, it is anticipated that the election will not consume much time. At its conclusion, Panels 1 and 2 will meet under the co-chairmanship of Floyd and Chairman OK P of Panel 1, to discuss matters of the Third Legacy. Group delegates of both panels will be asked to instruct their delegates to New York on how to represent them on the following questions:

1. Should AA publish a pamphlet titled "Are Slips Necessary?"?
2. Should AA accept the offer of the publishing rights of the book of meditation known as "Twenty-four Hours a Day"?
3. Should each group name a member who is willing to become the mail contact of his group with the New York Service Headquarters for the entire year of 1954?

Preceding the afternoon session, the group delegates of two Panel 1 districts will meet at 11 o'clock to name new panel committee members.

District 2A, embracing Napa County, Solano County except the valley portion, and Contra Costa County, except Lafayette - Walnut Creek, will name a successor to

Jim L. of Vallejo, who has moved to Arizona for his health.

District 7, embracing the San Francisco groups north of Market Street and west of Van Ness Avenue, will elect a successor to Julian B., who has found it necessary to resign because of the pressure of his increasing AA activity.

Tables for the registration of group Third Legacy delegates from both panels 1 and 2 will be set up in the hall on the first floor of California Hall, and registration will start at 10 a.m.

## KENT T. TO KEYNOTE CONFERENCE

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for Panel No. 2. These committeemen and officers to take over on April 1st. Following this election Panels No. 1 and No. 2 will meet jointly in general discussion. This meeting will recess at 3:00 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m. the meeting of the Hospital and Institution Committees will be held in the main auditorium. This meeting is described more fully elsewhere in this issue.

The Al-Anon Council will also meet on Saturday afternoon.

### Saturday Evening

Festivities Saturday evening will start at 8:00 p.m. when Chairman Bill T., opens the A. A. meeting. Bill will introduce Rev. E. A. McLaughlin who will offer the invocation. Max G. Funke, representing Mayor Elmer E. Robinson, will give a short address of welcome. Estelle D. of the Golden Gate Group in San Francisco will share speaking honors with Bill K., of the Napa Group. Both of these speakers are two of the finest heard in this area.

At the close of the meeting, the chairs will be removed and the covering taken off the floor and a huge dance will be held. Engaged for this dance is a professional Eight Piece Dance Band. They will furnish the music that will make us all regardless of age want to trip the Light Fantastic. During the course of the evening the drawing for the Door Prizes will be held. There are three of these prizes:

- 1st. \$100.00 Defense Bond
- 2nd. \$50.00 Defense Bond.
- 3rd. \$25.00 Defense Bond.

Games and other forms of entertainment will be available to those who do not wish to dance.

## S.F. Central Meetings

The program committee announces the following speakers for the Central Open All-Group meetings for the Month of December. These meetings are held at 240 Golden Gate Ave., every Friday Night at 8:15 p.m. and are open to all interested parties.

Dec. 4—Dr. Percy Poliak, Chief Psychiatrist, San Francisco Hospital; Max S., San Jose.

Dec. 11—Jo McF., Loomis.

Dec. 18—Tom O., Nevada City.

Dec. 25—Dr. Harry Rathbun, Professor of Law, Stanford University.

Following the meetings refreshments are served in the basement lounge.

### Sunday Morning

Sunday morning the sessions will be resumed with registration of council delegates scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. the meeting of the Council Delegates will take place in the Main Auditorium. This will include the Group Discussion which will conclude the actual business sessions of the conference. These discussions of Group Problems have always been looked forward to, by the writer, as in his opinion that is when we see the Traditions of A. A. at work.

At 11:50 a.m. the secretary of the Council will make his report to the delegates. The morning sessions will close promptly at 12 Noon. The Al-Anon Council will also meet on Sunday Morning. Their activities are reported elsewhere in this issue.

### Closing Meeting

Promptly at 2:00 p.m. Sunday Chairman Tom O. will introduce the Rev. Harold Ramsburg who will offer the Invocation. Tom will then introduce the keynote speaker of the Conference, Kent T., of the North Hollywood Group. Kent has long been a member of the North Hollywood Group and has been associated for several years with the Beginners Group there. He should have a stirring message for all.

Following Kent's talk the meeting will be closed in the usual manner of all A. A. meetings and the curtain will be drawn on another Northern California Conference.

Refreshments, Coffee and, will be provided throughout all sessions at the bar adjoining the Main Auditorium.



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## Are We Doing Our Part?

As this is being written (two weeks before conference opening) only three (3) groups in the entire Northern California Council have sent in their proceeds from the sale of contribution tickets.

These conferences are one of the best ways that can be devised for "carrying the message". Through these conferences the general public gets an insight into what this program of Alcoholics Anonymous actually is. They are able to see gathered together, in one group, from one to two thousand people, who, were it not for this program, would be an expense to the community, in addition to the misery, unhappiness and filthiness that is, and is caused by, the practicing alcoholic.

These conferences are a lot of work for the area that sponsors them. In addition to the work they entail a lot of expense. The area that sponsors the conference does not make money on them. If there happens to be a surplus, it is not kept by the committee but is turned into channels whereby the "message" may continue to be carried. Actually then by supporting the conference, financially and by your attendance at the meetings you are doing 12th step work in a big way, and incidentally in a very pleasant way. If you have never attended a conference we urge you to do so. You will witness for yourself, "grass roots" A. A.

At the September Conference less than fifty (50) percent of the groups supported this activity. Imagine what would have happened if you as a beginner in A. A., had asked for help and advice from A. A.'s and more than half of the people you talked to had turned their backs and walked away. Think it over.

# GROUP DIRECTORY

Northern California Institutional and Hospital Committee, 2631 Fulton Street, Berkeley, Calif.

## ALAMEDA

See Oakland-East Bay  
Alameda Alano, 1348½ Park Street, meets Monday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 P.M.

Alameda Fellowship meets at AA Center, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue; Mondays at 8 p.m., discussion and beginners; Tuesdays at 8 p.m., rebound group; Wednesdays at 8 p.m., discussion; Fridays at 8:30 p.m., regular group meeting; second Friday of month, open; Center open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Saturday, Open Meeting at 8 p.m.

## ANTIOCH

P. O. Box 728

Meets Wednesday nights at First Congregational Church

## AUBURN

P. O. Box 192

## BENICIA

221 E. O Street, Dalton Manor

## BERKELEY

See Oakland-East Bay  
College Bay Group meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 2345 Channing Way.

Northbrae Group meets Mondays at 8 p.m., Community Church, the Alameda and Solano Avenue.

## EL VERANO

Meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Valley of the Moon Rest Home (for alcoholics only), located on San Francisco-Glenn Highway near township of El Verano. If you have difficulty ask for Rombergs Dairy—400 ft. East. Phone Sonoma 5044. Open.

## BURLINGAME

P. O. Box 553

Meets Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Rear of Recreation Center. Two blocks East of S. P. Depot.

## CARMEL

P. O. Box 2255

See Monterey Peninsula

## CARMICHAEL

Suburban Group meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Marvin Marshall School, Kenneth and Gunn Roads (open).

## CASTRO VALLEY

See Oakland-East Bay

## CHICO

P. O. Box 205

Family Group meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Ides Hall, 14th and South Broadway.

Closed Group meets Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. at Chamber of Commerce, 513 Main Street.

## CONCORD

P. O. Box 502

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at 2137 Concord Boulevard.

## EUREKA

Meets at Club, 111 G St., Mondays at 8 p.m., beginners; Wednesdays at 8 p.m., open; Fridays at 8 p.m., closed men's group; Family Group meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at homes of members.

Henderson Center Group, P. O. Box 643  
Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Hospitality House, 1715 Henderson St.

## FAIRFAX

Tamalpais Group meets Thursdays 8:15 p.m. at Fairfax Community Church, See San Francisco.

## FOLSOM

P. O. Box 446

Folsom Family Group meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.

Meetings at 8:30 p.m. at 3500 Illinois Street unless otherwise designated.

SUNDAY—Family, at different homes. Phone Club for address.

MONDAY—Open.

TUESDAY—Beginners. Also Honor Farm Group helpers depart from Club at 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—Closed.

THURSDAY—Closed Stag, at 1119 S Street.

FRIDAY—Open.

SATURDAY—Public.

## FORT BRAGG

P. O. Box 149

Telephones 2843 or 2863

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., at Presbyterian Church Social Hall, visiting AAs, phone us and we'll arrange special meetings at any time; we're lonesome.

## GARBERVILLE

Meets Thursdays 8:00 p.m.—Social Hall, Community Presbyterian Church. All Meetings Open.

## GILROY

Box 85, Rt. 2

## GLEN ELLEN

Rt. 1, Box 34B

Meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at Mountain Vista Farm.

## GRASS VALLEY

P. O. Box 12

Gold Quartz Group meets Friday's at 8 p.m. at Women's Improvement Club, 217 South Church Street.

## GRIDLEY

P. O. Box 611

## GUSTINE

P. O. Box 244, Newman

## HAYWARD

P. O. Box 173, San Lorenzo

See Oakland-East Bay

## HANFORD

P. O. Box 572

Meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m., at Women's Club; Family.

Central Valley Group, P.O. Box 310; meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at Lacey Hall, 231 West Fifth Street; first Tuesday closed, rest open.

Lakeside Group, Rt. 3, Box 435, meets Sundays at 8:30 p.m. at Guernsey.

## HEALDSBURG

Healdsburg Group meets Fridays, social hall Federated Church, 217 Fifth Street; 8 p.m. Open.

## HOLLISTER -

## SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

P. O. Box 841, Hollister

Meets Monday evenings at First and Jefferson Streets, San Juan Bautista, next to the Firehouse.

## KINGSBURG

P. O. Box 183

Meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m., across from S. P. Depot.

## LAKEPORT

Lake County Group meets Thursdays at 8:15 at Women's Civic Club, opposite Courthouse. Open.

## LIVERMORE

Meets Wednesdays at 791 South "T" St.

## LOS GATOS-SARATOGA

P. O. Box 662, Los Gatos

Meets Fridays at 8 p.m. at American Legion Hall, 123 East Main Street; closed, except First Friday Open.

## MARTINEZ

P. O. Box 906

Meets Fridays at 8 p.m. at Contra Costa County Fellowship Club, 12 Wharf Road.

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# Northern California Group Directory

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## FRESNO

Central Committee, P.O. Box 131.  
Downtown Group, P.O. Box 143.  
Alano Club, 3010 Tulare Street.  
Telephone 6-2588.

## MARYSVILLE

P. O. Box 1652

Phone 2-2627

Phones 2-2882 and 2-2627

Meets Mondays, 8 p.m. at 406½ Third Street; closed.

Family Group meets Fridays 8 p.m., 406½ Third Street.

Nolono Group (non-alcoholic) meets Mondays at 8 p.m.

## MERCED

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Women's Club, 707 Twenty-second Street; first and third Wednesdays closed; secretary's phone 2515, Atwater, California

## MENLO PARK

P.O. Box 642

Phone DA 2-1622

Meets Mondays and Saturdays  
See San Francisco

## MILLBRAE

Meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Community Church, 360 Chadborne Avenue; See San Francisco

## MILL VALLEY

P. O. Box 306

Meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Marin County Beginners' Group meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

See San San Francisco

## MODESTO

P. O. Box 1141

Alano Club, First and G Streets  
Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1707 Eye Street.

Harmony Group — P. O. Box 1814  
Meets Thursdays at 8:00 P. M. at 324 Parry Ave., Modesto.

Saturday Night Group meets at 8:00 p.m. at 706 First Street, Social.

## MONTEREY PENINSULA

Central Telephone Answering Service, Monterey 2-8041.

Carmel — P.O. Box 2255

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at All Saints' Church Hall, Ninth and Lincoln Streets; closed; first Monday at month, open.

Cypress — P.O. Box 1208

Meets Tuesdays, 425 Van Buren St., Logan Hall, 8 p.m. Closed.

Monterey-Pacific Grove—P.O. Box 1454

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Monterey House of Four Winds, Calle Principal, closed; Fridays at 8 p.m., at Pacific Grove Women's Civic Club, Grand Avenue between Lighthouse and Central Avenues, except third Friday; closed; lat Friday open.

Seaside — 131 Ord Grove

Meets Saturdays at 8 p.m., at Stratton Hall, 521 Cedar St. Seaside—All meetings Open.

Non-Alcoholic Family—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m., at 135 Franklin Street, Monterey.

Gay Arians of Puma Aloha. P.O. Box 609 Monterey. Meets Saturdays at 8 p.m. at 31 Via Descanso. Open.

## NAPA

P. O. Box 354

Meets Thursdays at 8:00 P. M. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Annex, Third and Patchett. First Thursday, Family; Third Thursday, Open; rest closed. Alano's meet same building, same time.

## NEVADA CITY

Meets Sundays at 11 a.m. in the county jail at the Nevada County Courthouse.

## NORTH SACRAMENTO

P. O. Box 132

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Women's Tuesday Club, 225 Oakmont Street, closed except second Wednesday of each month, which is open.

## OAKLAND - EAST BAY

OAKLAND-EAST BAY INTERGROUP OFFICE: 108 Seventeenth Street; Ph. TWinoaks 3-4300.

ALANO CLUB, 108 Seventeenth Street. NUMBER SEVEN, 416 Seventh Street.

FELLOWSHIP OF ALAMEDA, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

East Bay Inter-Group Institutional and Hospital Committee meets first Friday of each month at 8:15 p.m. at 108-17th Street, Oakland, Open meeting.

ALL MEETINGS AT 8:00 P.M. — UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED

### SUNDAY

Sunday Discussion, 108-Seventeenth Street; 2 p.m.

Sunday Discussion, 416-Seventh Street; 2:15 p.m.; closed.

### MONDAY

Alameda Alano, 1348½ Park Street. Alameda Fellowship, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue.

Dimond, Woodruff and Excelsior Sts. Number Seven, 416 Seventh Street, at 8:30 p.m.; closed discussion.

Northbrae, The Alameda Near Solano, North Berkeley.

Downtown; St. George Hall, 2436 Grove Street.

Piedmont, 3805 Piedmont Avenue. San Leandro, 951 Dowling Boulevard, San Leandro.

Adeline, inter-racial independent, 3265 Market Street.

### TUESDAY

Intergroup, Beginners, 108 Seventeenth Street.

Intergroup Discussion, 108 Seventeenth Street.

Number Seven Beginners, 416 Seventh Street; 8:15 p.m.

Castro Valley, Community Center, Castro Valley.

East Oakland, 7220 Krause Avenue.

### WEDNESDAY

Alameda Fellowship, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue; Rebound Group.

Intergroup Open Meeting, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. Second Wednesday each month.

Daylight Group, 108 Seventeenth St., Oakland, 11:30 a.m.

Nolano (non-alcoholic relatives), 108 Seventeenth Street; first and third Wednesdays.

Number Seven, open meeting except second Wednesday of month, at 416 Seventh Street.

### THURSDAY

College Bay; Church, Room 10; 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

Havenscourt; American Legion Hall, 2714 Havenscourt Blvd.

Alameda Alano, 1348½ Park Street, Lafayette — Walnut Creek; American Legion Hall, Lafayette, at 8:30 p.m.

Lakeshore; 609 Santa Rey Avenue.

### FRIDAY

Alameda Alano, 1348½ Park Street. Alameda Fellowship, 2323 A Santa Clara Avenue; second Friday open.

Franklin, Ninth Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

Hayward, cafeteria room at Hayward High School.

Husband and Wife Group, Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Touraine, 16th and Clay Streets.

### SATURDAY

Alameda Fellowship Open 2323A Santa Clara Street.

## OROVILLE

P. O. Box 426

## PALO ALTO

P. O. Box 12

Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. at Community Center, Middlefield Road.

## PARADISE

P. O. Box 337

Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Community Hall.

## PENINSULA

Peninsula Group meets every Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at 849 San Mateo Drive, San Mateo. All meetings open. See San Francisco.

## PETALUMA

P. O. Box 961

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in Social Hall of First Congregational Church; 5th and B streets.

## PITTSBURG

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Columbia Park Housing Administration Building on Harbor Street near school. Last Tuesday open.

## PORTERVILLE

P. O. Box 1025

## REDDING

1336 Tehama Street

## REDWOOD CITY

P. O. Box 1066

Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton Street; third Thursday open.

See San Francisco

Redwood City Friday Closed meets at 8:15 p.m. at 1031 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. See San Francisco.

## RICHMOND

180 Club, 180 Carlson Blvd.

Open Tuesday, Friday & Sundays 6:30 p. m.

Tuesdays at 8 p.m. San Pablo Group at 2440 Twenty-first Street, San Pablo; open.

Tuesdays at 8 p.m., 180 Group, 180 Carlson Boulevard; closed; also a Nona meeting.

Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Inter-racial, Trinity Parish Hall at Thirty-seventh and Roosevelt; closed; last Wednesday of month, open.

Fridays at 8 p.m., 180 Group, 180 Carlson Boulevard; open.

Sundays at 7 p.m., 180 Group, 180 Carlson Boulevard; open.

## RIO VISTA

P.O. Box 1013

Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Friendly Hall; Union Baptist Church, 3rd and Main Sts. Telephones Rio Vista 4-2894 and 4-1152.

## ROSEVILLE

P. O. Box 255

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Moose Hall, 107 Main Street.

## SACRAMENTO

Alano Club, 2225 "T" Street.

Group 1—Meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. at 3146 N Street; closed.

Group 2, all men — Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m., at 3146 N Street.

Group 3 — closed meetings Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Open meetings Thursdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. All at 2001½ L Street.

Nalona Group, family — Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., at 2001½ L Street.

Oak Park — Meets Tuesdays (closed) and Fridays (open) at 325½ Donner Way.

Group 11 — Meets Mondays at 8 p.m., at 1115-20th Street.

Altum Group — Tuesdays at 8 p.m., closed, Thursdays at 12 o'clock Noon,

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# Northern California Group Directory

closed discussion, Fridays 8 p.m. closed. Saturday night social — Dancing, etc. All at 1115 Twentieth Street.

101 Eye Street Group—Meets Sunday at 10:30 A.M. sharp at 101 Eye Street.

Suburban Group meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Marvin Marshall School, Kenneth and Gunn Streets, Carmichael; open.

## SALINAS

Alano Club, 226 Main Street, Rooms 11 and 16, open evenings during week, and all day Saturdays and Sundays, phone 2-5752.

Uptown Group meets Saturdays at 226 Main Street from 8 to 9 p.m., followed by bingo and refreshments.

Wednesday Night Group (P. O. Box 532) meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 226 Main Street.

## ST. HELENA

P. O. Box 90

Meets Wednesdays at 8:00 P. M. at Catholic Church Hall. Last Wednesday of each month, open.

## SAN ANSELMO

P. O. Box 266

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m., at Women's Club.

See San Francisco

## SAN BRUNO

See San Francisco

Meets Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. at 560 El Camino Real.

## SAN CARLOS

P. O. Box 77

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Community Church Center, Arroya and Walnut Streets. See San Francisco.

## SAN LEANDRO

See Oakland-East Bay

## SAN FRANCISCO

CENTRAL OFFICE — 406 Sutter Street, Room 311. Open Monday through Friday, 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.; 2-6 P.M.

TELEPHONE SERVICE — Yukon 2-4473.

Twenty-Four Hour Service, every day. Alano Club, 111 O'Farrell Street.

7 Seas Club, 9 Mission Street.

South of Market Club, 235 Minna St.

Twelfth Step House, 3945 - 24th Street.

All Meetings at 8:15 P.M., Unless Otherwise Noted.

"O" Open to all. "F" Family Groups.

"CI" Closed Meetings for Alcoholics

MONDAY

CI—Crocker-Amazon, 7 Amazon Street.

CI—Midtown, 1771 Clay Street.

CI—Mission, 22nd and Shotwell.

F—Mission-Alanon, 22nd and Shotwell.

F—Polk Gulch, 625 Polk St., Rm. 301.

F—San Anselmo, Women's Club.

CI—Surf, 1578-39th Avenue.

F—San Mateo No. 1, St. Matthews School, Arragon and El Camino Real, San Mateo.

O—Young People's, 1870 Sacramento St.

TUESDAY

CI—Downtown, 566 Bush Street.

O—Golden Gate, 240 Webster Street.

O—Hilltop, St. Joseph's Hospital.

O—Mill Valley Beginners, E. Blithedale and Sycamore, Methodist Church, Wesley Hall 8:30 p.m.

CI—Pacific Heights, 2325 Union Street.

CI—Park-Presidio, 7th Avenue and Geary Blvd. (United Church).

CI—San Bruno, 560 El Camino Real, San Bruno.

WEDNESDAY

CI—Ambassadors, basement of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave.

O—Bienvenido (Spanish Speaking) 2027 Taraval—8p.m.

O—Park Vista, 772 Stanyan Street.

CI—Rebound, 3945-24th Street.

F—San Carlos, Community Church

Center, Arroya and Walnut Streets, San Carlos.

F—San Mateo Family; K. C. Hall, Baldwin Ave. and San Mateo Drive; 8 p.m.

CI—Tiburon-Belvedere, various homes, Telephone GENEVA 5-4661

CI—West Portal, opposite 116 Lenox Way, W. Portal Playground House. (between Taraval & Ulloa)

THURSDAY

CI—Central Beginners, 261 Fell Street.

CI—Daly City, 6231 Mission Street.

O—Laguna Honda, Laguna Honda Home; 7:00 p.m.

CI—Midway, South San Francisco, Lindenville Administration Bldg., 8:30 P. M. Third Thursday, Family

CI—Millbrae, Community Church, 360 Chadburne Ave., 8:30 P.M. Second Thursday, Family.

CI—Mission Day, 3945-24th St., 1 p.m.

F—Ocean Avenue, 30 Ocean Avenue, near Mission Street.

CI—Redwood City, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton St., 8:00 P. M. Third Thursday, Family.

CI—San Rafael — Meets at 8 p.m. at the Red Cross Building, Fifth Street and Tamalpais Avenue.

F—Sunset, 1329-7th Avenue; 8:30 p.m.

O—Tamalpais, private home, San Rafael. Phone GL 3-2140.

F—Van Ness, 1870 Sacramento Street.

FRIDAY

CI—Analan, 111 O'Farrell Street.

O—CENTRAL OPEN—ALL GROUPS, 240 Golden Gate Ave.

F—Family Al-Anon, 240 Golden Gate Avenue.

CI—Parkside, 20th Avenue & Wawona. First Friday Family.

F—Fireside Group (San Mateo No. 2) meets Fridays at 8 p.m. in Community Congregational Church, San Mateo Drive and Tilton Avenue.

F—Mission-Dolores, 439 Guerrero St.

O—Sausalito, Sausalito Yacht Club, Bay Front.

CI—St. Francis Mens, 1870 Sacramento Street; 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

CI—After Hours, 480 Pine St., Alpine Hotel, 2:30 a.m.

O—Fillmore Inter-Racial, Sutter and Lyon Streets; 8:15 p.m.

O—Maritime, 9 Mission Street; 8:30 P.M.

O—South of Market, 235 Minna Street; 7:30 P.M.

O—Twelfth Step Group, 3945 Twenty-fourth Street.

SUNDAY

F—S. F. MarinBreakfast, King Cotton Drive-in (1 mile so. of San Rafael) 10:00 A. M.

O—Sunday Night Open, 625 Polk St., Room 301; 8:15 P.M.

INDEPENDENT

Harbor Lights Women's (closed) meets Fridays at 8 p.m.; in Odd Fellows Hall, 26-7th Street; 3rd floor.

SCOTIA

P. O. Box 11

SAN JOSE

Central Committee, P. O. Box 2

Alano Club, 1274 Almaden Avenue.

SUNDAY

Breakfast Group (open), 10:15 a. m. at Lucca's Cafe, 965 Grant Street, Santa Clara.

MONDAY

Monday Night Group (open), Women's Club, 75 South 11th Street.

West Side Family Group, Bethany Community Church, Winchester Road.

Fellowship Center—2053 Divisadero — Open evenings and weekends.

CI—Redwood City Friday Closed, 1031 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City.

O—Fillmore Inter-racial, 2053 Divisadero.

O—Peninsula Group, 849 San Mateo Drive, San Mateo.

O—Tamalpais, Fairfax Community Church, Fairfax.

TUESDAY

Beginners' Group, Alano Club, 1274 Almaden Avenue.

All-Anon Family Group, Second and Fourth Tuesdays at First Congregational Church, San Antonio Street, between Third and Fourth Streets.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Group, Women's Club, 75 South 11th Street.

THURSDAY

Men's Group, American Legion Hall, Isabel Drive.

FRIDAY

East Side Group (open), Community Church, White Road.

SATURDAY

Saturday Night Group (open), Trinity Episcopal Church, Second and St. James Streets.

Alano Family Group, Alano Club, 1274 Almaden.

## SAN MATEO

P. O. Box 1

San Mateo No. 1 meets Mondays at 8:15 p.m., at St. Matthews School, Arragon and El Camino Real.

Fireside Group (San Mateo No. 2) meets Fridays at 8:00 P.M. in the Community Congregational Church, San Mateo Drive and Tilton Avenue.

Wednesday Night Family, meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m., at K. C. Hall, Baldwin Avenue and San Mateo Drive; See San Francisco.

## SAN PABLO

P. O. Box 572

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at 2440 Twenty-first Street; open.

## SAN RAFAEL

P. O. Box 624

Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Red Cross Building, Fifth Street and Tamalpais Avenue.

Marin - San Francisco Sunday Breakfast, at 10 a.m. at King Cotton Drive-In, one mile south of San Rafael.

See San Francisco

## SANTA CRUZ

P. O. Box 1095

Telephone 3180

Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Women's Club, 306 Mission Street; second Thursday of month, open; last Thursday, family.

## SANTA ROSA

P.O. Box 166

Meets at Harmony Hall, 830 Fifth St., Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m., discussions; Tuesdays at 8 p.m., beginners; Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., discussion and social hour, except last Saturday of month, pot luck supper; open meetings first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m. Hall open every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Burbank Group meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Parish House, Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 626 Cherry St.

## SAUSALITO

P. O. Box 446

Meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at Sausalito Yacht Club, all open.

## SEASIDE

1242 Wanda

See Monterey Peninsula

## SOLEDAD

P. O. Box 421

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 378 Soledad Street.

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## DIRECTORY

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### SONOMA

P. O. Box 181

Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Methodist Church, First Street East.

### SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

See San Francisco

Midway Group, meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., at Lindenville Housing Project Administration Building, on Victory Avenue; third meeting of month, open.

### STOCKTON

P. O. Box 957

Telephone 3-9250

Stockton Group meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at St. John's Church, Miner Street at El Dorado.

Pacific Men's Group meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Camp Fire Girls' Hall, Madison and Oak Streets.

Women's Group (P. O. Box 622) meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at 182 W. Adams St. Beginners' Group meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 182 W. Adams St.

Twelfth Step House Group meets Sundays at 11 a.m. at 238 Main Street.

Hospital Group meets Fridays at 7 p.m. at State Hospital, California and Harding Way; open.

### SUNNYVALE

P. O. Box 593

Meets Tuesday nights at St. Martin's Church; family.

### TIBURON-BELVEDERE

P. O. Box 228, Tiburon

Meets Wednesdays, various homes, Telephone GEneva 5-4461.

See San Francisco

### TULARE

P. O. Box 664

Meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Rankin Hall, G and King Streets; open.

### TURLOCK

P. O. Box 858

### UKIAH

P. O. Box 185

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Palace Hotel. For information telephone 1029-M or 1847-W.

### VACAVILLE

P. O. Box 13

### VALLEJO

Alano Club, 230 Virginia Street.

Capitol Group — P. O. Box 1663;

Meets Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at

401 Amador Street.

100 Group — P. O. Box 526

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 100 Glenn Street; first and third Tuesdays, family meetings; rest closed.

Virginia Group — P. O. Box 188.

Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m., at 230 Virginia Street; beginner's and Family Group on alternating Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

Guilford Hall Family Group meets Thursdays at 8:15 at 638 Georgia Street.

### VISALIA

P. O. Box 1168

Meets Fridays at 8:15 p.m., in East Wing of Municipal Auditorium; open.

### WALNUT CREEK - LAFAYETTE

See Oakland-East Bay

Meets Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. at American Legion Hall, Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette.

### WATSONVILLE

P. O. Box 461

Meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Women's Club, Lake and Brennan Streets.

### WEST SIDE

San Joaquin Valley, see Gustine

### WILLOWS

540 N. Fifth Street

### WOODLAND

P. O. Box 761

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Second Street and Lincoln avenue.

## TO ALL WHO SHARE THE FELLOWSHIP OF A.A.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL WITH A POSTSCRIPT FROM BILL

Our Service Headquarters has always adhered to the A. A. tradition of being "fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." For this, all of us in A. A. have reason to be grateful.

This has been possible because practical problems of finance have been faced realistically. Twice a year your group and other groups in a position to do so have been asked to contribute voluntarily to the support of those services which can best be performed in your behalf by General Service Headquarters. (Many times the annual contributions have not been adequate to support those services. It has been necessary to dip into reserves accumulated from sales of books and other literature.)

With the season of Thanksgiving upon us, our thoughts turn to the special meaning that this period has for all of us in A. A. We count our blessings 'midst the most bountiful of harvests—the golden opportunity to live useful, productive lives.

Our gratitude is expressed in many ways—in family relationships, in Twelfth Step work within the local group and in our willingness to reach out to the unseen, unknown alcoholic anywhere in the world who may at any moment turn to A. A. for help.

From the earliest days, our experience and our recovery program have been offered freely to all who sought it. Our willingness to share has been the measure of our gratitude for the great gift of sobriety.

As you know, appeals for support of Service Headquarters are now being made directly in the name of your General Service Conference. Delegates to the Conference last April were unanimous in adopting this suggestion. Our action, we believe, reflects an overwhelming faith that all the mem-

bers can—and want—to advance the work whose financial support was so closely identified with Bill in the early years.

It is recognized that not all groups are able to contribute to the support of the Headquarters services. To groups that are able to do so, it is suggested that \$2.00 a year per member be set aside for this purpose. If your group is in a position to contribute more—fine!

Names and locations of all groups, together with a record of group contributions, are listed in the annual A. A. Directory. Books for the year 1953 close at midnight, December 31, and no contributions received after that time can be credited in the 1954 Directory which goes to press early in the year. Checks should be made payable to THE ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION. Please show, in a separate letter or memorandum (1) The NAME of the Group making the contribution, (2) the CITY or TOWN in which it is located and (3) the STATE.

Some one has said that gratitude is the one debt that can never be fully repaid. We in A.A. have many reasons to know how true that is.

We also know that the cost of a few drinks per member per year will make it possible to preserve and strengthen the essential services of our fellowship—so that others who still drink, as we once drank, can one day share the sobriety and true Thanksgiving that is ours today.

Sincerely,

The General Service Conference of A. A.

P. S. My sincere thanks and congratulations on Group Contributions thus far this year. A good strong push, such as we always make in the fourth quarter, will, I'm confident, meet our 1953 budget in full. Go to it!

Bill.

### YOUNTVILLE

P. O. Box 181

Meets Tuesdays in Hospital Basement at Veteran's Home, at 8 p.m. Open.

### YUBA CITY

P. O. BOX 819, Phone 2-3670

Meets at Moose Hall, 260 Dorman Ave., Leford Tract, Yuba City. Mondays 8 p.m. Family—Wednesday 8 p.m. Closed.



**SAN FRANCISCO**

The Central Committee of the San Francisco Fellowship voted at their meeting on November 18th to discontinue, effective January 1, 1954, operating under the name of the San Francisco Fellowship Inc. The tentative name for the new entity is the North Coast Fellowship. The reason for the change of operation was to stop operating under the articles of Incorporation issued to the San Francisco Fellowship. In view of the fact that groups in San Mateo and Marin counties are now affiliated with the Central Office in San Francisco it was felt that the name San Francisco Fellowship was inadequate.

The new Peninsula Group and the new Redwood City Friday Closed group asked for affiliation with the fellowship. This affiliation was duly granted by the Committee.

Bill M., treasurer of the conference committee made an earnest request for full support of all the groups for the December Conference.

The Tamalpais Group announced that they now have a permanent meeting place in the Fairfax Community Church where they will meet every Thursday at 8:15 p.m.

Stan H., of Fillmore Inter-racial, told of the opening of the new Fellowship Center. He stressed that the only By-laws that there would be were the Twelve Traditions of A. A. He also announced that effective November 28th, the Fillmore Group will hold their meetings there. The address is 2053 Divisadero St.

Mission Day Group announced that the time of their Thursday meetings had been moved up to 1 p. m. to enable persons who had to be to work early could attend. The attendance has been growing steadily and all who can are urged to attend this meeting. They are held at Twelfth Step House, 3945 Twenty-Fourth St., and are closed

THE EDITOR OF GOOD NEWS WILL WELCOME ITEMS CONCERNING GROUP ACTIVITIES AND WILL PRINT THEM IN SO FAR AS SPACE WILL PERMIT. THE DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE IS DECEMBER 20. DEADLINE FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE DEC. 28.

**SANTA ROSA**

Santa Rosa can be proud of a new A. A. Group which has just been formed in that city. Known as the Burbank Group, they will conduct meetings every Wednesday Night at the Parish House of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. This is located at 626 Cherry Street in Santa Rosa.

The group has registered with the New York Office and the Northern California Council. Errol W., secretary, states that the original membership is eleven. Mailing address of the new group is P. O. Box 753, Lea Annex, Santa Rosa.

A hearty invitation to visit the group is extended to all members of A. A.

**SACRAMENTO**

Bob H., secretary of the Altrum Group, announces that they have discontinued the meetings on Saturday Nights and that Saturday Night is now devoted to a social night. All members of A. A., their families and friends are invited to these socials on Saturday which are held at 1115-20th st., in Sacramento. They enjoy dancing, refreshments and all the things that make up a social evening.

**PENINSULA GROUP**

The new Peninsula Group is formulating plans for a Gala New Year's Eve party and dance to be held at their meeting quarters at 849 San Mateo Drive in San Mateo on December 31st.

An evening of Dancing, Fun, food and all the finest are promised to all who attend. They extend a hearty invitation to all members of A. A., their families and friends to attend. Contribution tickets are \$1.00.

**AGNEW STATE HOSPITAL**

The ninth anniversary of the start of A. A. activities at Agnew State Hospital will be commemorated on Sunday, November 29th, at an hour-and-a-half meeting in the hospital starting at 9:00 a.m. Many A. A. speakers will appear, as will Dr. Rappaport, currently Superintendent at the institution, and recently appointed by Governor Knight as State Director of Mental Hygiene. All A.A.'s are invited, especially "graduates" of Agnew.

**C. J. FITZHARRIS****TO SPEAK AT****H & I MEETING**

Due to circumstances which were beyond his control Clinton Duffy, who was to address the meeting of the Hospital and Institution Committee at the conference on December 5th, has had to offer his regrets at being unable to appear but insists that he wants a "raincheck" for a later date.

Rex N., Northern California Institution and Hospital Committee, chairman, announces that C. J. Fitzharris, Associate Warden in charge of Classification and Treatment, of the Soledad State Prison has agreed to come to San Francisco to address the meeting. Mr. Fitzharris is a long time friend of A. A., having become interested in the program, and was directly instrumental in organizing and sponsoring the Group at Chino, in 1941. He served with Clinton Duffy who was then warden of San Quentin. His contacts with A. A. in San Quentin were unofficial but his interest and support were of inestimable value. He "sparkplugged" the organization of the group at Soledad State Prison and has been sponsor of the Group there since that time.

Stan H., San Francisco H & I chairman, will be chairman of this meeting which starts promptly at 3:30 p.m. He will open the meeting and present Homer T., of Monterey who will introduce Mr. Fitzharris.

**Discussion**

Following the talk by Mr. Fitzharris, Stan H. will again take the rostrum and will conduct the General Discussion which is scheduled to close the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Main Auditorium and it is pointed out that there is plenty of room for all who wish to attend. The meeting is open to any one who is interested. It is noted, however, that only Hospital and Institution Chairmen will be permitted to join in the discussion. This precaution is necessary in order to work with a minimum of confusion.



## AL-ANON COUNCIL MEETING

CALIFORNIA HALL  
SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER 5th AND 6th

**Saturday, December 5th**

- 1:00 p.m.—Welcoming Address, Dorothy W., San Francisco.  
Purpose of Al-Anon Council—Andy A., Berkeley, Chairman.  
Vivian B., San Jose, Guest Speaker.  
Discussion—Mickey A., Alameda, Moderator.
- 3:00 p.m.—Adjourn.

**Sunday, December 6th**

- 10:00 a.m.—Greeting—Andy A., Berkeley, Chairman.  
Shelia N., Berkeley, Guest Speaker.  
Guest Speaker, to be announced.  
Conclusion of Discussion—Mickey A., Alameda, Moderator.  
Plans for March Conference.

12:00 p.m.—Adjourn.

All members of the Al-Anon Groups and any other non-alcoholic persons are invited to attend and join in the activities of the Al-Anon Council Meeting.

## Pioneer Monterey AA Dies

AAs of the Monterey Peninsula and neighboring groups mourned the sudden passing of Bill K., last of the original Monterey Group still active in AA.

They were shocked to learn of his death, within fifteen minutes following a stroke suffered early Sunday morning, November 8, at his home in Pacific Grove. AAs from a wide area paid tribute to his memory at his last rites.

As the original Monterey Group dwindled away one by one, Bill remained on as an anchor to whom newcomers attached themselves. He took part in the extension of the group to a weekly meeting in Pacific Grove, and a couple of years ago aided in the formation of a new group at Seaside. He was one of the founders of and an active worker in the prison group at Soledad.

## S.F. ALANO CLUB

The San Francisco Alano Club, located at 111 O'Farrell St., directly across from Macy's will have "Open House" all day Saturday and Sunday December 5th and 6th. A cordial invitation is extended to all who attend the conference to stop in at the club for a quiet hour and enjoy the fellowship of other members of A. A.

Plans are in the making for some special events to be undertaken during the Holiday Season. Such plans are not developed enough as yet to give any details. Announcement will be made later as to such events.

## All Sessions of NCC Open

All sessions of the Northern California Council are open to members of AA and their families. Tickets of admission are never required.

For the annual conference in March, 1950, and for the two big Opera House meetings in 1951, when expenses were heavy, contribution tickets were distributed. For the annual conferences in March 1952 and 1953, contribution tickets also were distributed, but the holders were served free supper or luncheon.

For the quarterly session held in June, September and December in different cities, the local committees on arrangements have conducted drawings for door prizes, for which numbered tickets have been distributed at nominal cost. The proceeds have been applied to purchase of the prizes and local expenses of the sessions.

The foregoing explanation is made to clear any misunderstanding that might exist.

Anyone that has any questions that they would like to bring up for discussion at the Secretaries or Group Discussion meetings at the December Conference, are asked to please write them in prior to the conference. This makes for less confusion at the meetings and enables the chairman and moderator to review them and set aside any that may involve personalities. Mail them to Secretary, Northern California Council, 406 Sutter St., Room 311 San Francisco 8, Calif.

## FELLOWSHIP

## CENTER TO OPEN

## IN SAN FRANCISCO

A new center is to open in San Francisco. It is to be known as Fellowship Center. The location is at 2053 Divisadero Street. This center is not to be construed as operating in competition with any of the present clubs or social facilities of A. A. in San Francisco.

The center is not to be identified as affiliated with A. A. in any manner. It is purely intended to be a place where anyone may drop into at any time when it is open and have a quiet time for himself to rest or engage in conversation with any other person who may be present. There will be no facilities for food other than a coffee bar. There will be no dues, or badges of any kind, and will be supported entirely by voluntary contributions. The Center is the germ of an idea long carried by many members of A. A. who have felt the need of a place of this sort.

An Advisory Board has been formed and consists of Ernie G., Bill B., Ed G., John H., Si E., Lavonne H., Lew C., and Chet G. Julian C. will serve as legal advisor.

There are facilities included where A. A. groups may hold their meetings and will be available on set nights during the week.

The Center will have its formal opening on Saturday Night November 28th. Fillmore Inter-racial Group, which will henceforth use the Center for a meeting place, will launch the Center with the first meeting at that time. Tentative speakers for this meeting will be: Julian C., O.K. P., Jack I., Fred B., Pete B., Ed G., Paul G., Bill T., Bill B., Secretary of Fillmore Group will be Chairman for this meeting.

All members of A. A. everywhere are cordially invited to attend.

The center at the present time will be open every evening and on Saturday and Sunday all day. Open House will be held on December 5th and 6th during the N.C.C. Conference.