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## PROGRAM

**THIRTY-NINTH CONFERENCE — SUMMER SESSION**  
**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS**  
**ANONYMOUS**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY — JUNE 9-10, 1962**  
**240 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1962

- 9:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION OPENS.
- 11:00 A.M.—A. A. Meeting — Chairman: John N., Alameda  
Speaker: Kay G., San Francisco.
- 1:00 P.M.—H & I Committee Public Meeting  
Chairman: Pauline H., Modesto  
Speakers; Fr. Paul Redmond, Soledad Facility.
- 2:45 P.M.—H & I Hospital Committee Workshop  
Moderator: Bud T., Sacramento.
- 3:45 P.M.—A.A. Group Secretaries — Work Shop  
Moderator: Ruth G., Sacramento Central Office.
- 5:00 P.M.—H & I Committee — Institutional Workshop  
Moderator: Chriss C., Martinez.
- 6:00 P.M.—DINNER RECESS.
- 8:30 P.M.—PUBLIC A.A. MEETING — NOURSE AUDITORIUM  
Chairman: Walter McK., Sacramento  
Invocation: Rev. James Golden, Church of the Advent.  
Address of welcome.  
SPEAKER: Ben W., Los Angeles Fellowship.
- 10:00 P.M.—Dancing — 240 Golden Gate Avenue.
- 11:00 P.M.—A. A. Meeting — Chairman: Win S., Eureka  
Speaker: Preston B., San Francisco.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1962

- 9:00 A.M.—General Service Delegates Meeting  
Chairman: Art D., Panel 2 Alternate, Sacramento  
Reports: 1962 New York General Conference  
Leo M., Fort Bragg, Panel 1 Alternate  
Cliff J., Sacramento, Panel 2 Delegate.
- 10:45 A.M.—Northern California Council Business Meeting  
Chairman: Errol W., Secretary, Santa Rosa  
Discussion of New Areas and Districts, etc.
- 1:30 P.M.—PUBLIC A. A. MEETING — NOURSE AUDITORIUM  
Chairman: "Bill" K., Menlo Park  
Invocation: Rev. Vincent Morgan, Serenity House  
SPEAKER: Eddie F., San Salvatore, Central America.
- 3:00 P.M.—CONFERENCE ADJOURNS.

**NOTE** — Nourse Auditorium, Hayes and Franklin Streets.  
Co-Chairmen: Jim A., San Francisco & Lee A., San Rafael.

#### FOR EARLY ARRIVALS

Friday, June 8th, 8:15 P.M.—Central All Groups Open Meeting  
240 Golden Gate Avenue.

FOR INFORMATION — YUkon 2-4473 or at the Information Desk.

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## Nevit Sanford to Speak Here Friday, June 22

All-Groups Central Meeting—otherwise known as the "Big Meeting" — held each Friday in downtown San Francisco at 240 Golden Gate Avenue again "struck oil" by engaging Dr. Nevit Sanford, director, Institute for the Study of Human Problems, at Stanford University.

Dr. Sanford was selected for the post by Dr. John Philp, director, California's Alcoholism Program, to carry on the great work originally launched by Yale University's School on Alcoholism. Dr. Sanford "inherited" Yale's voluminous studies and library on alcoholism, and additional was given a substantial grant of money from a national fund.

Remainder of the June program, announced by Myrl. G., program chairman, is as follows:

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1**—Myrtle N., Women's Lighted Lamp Group, and Harley Hudgins, Downtown Group.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8**—Ruby and Lee M., husband-and-wife team from Oakland Fellowship's Orinda Group.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15**—Anne M., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, and Bill G., Surf Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22**—Harry A., Los Altos Group, will share the platform with Stanford University's Dr Nevit Sanford.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29**—Casey P., Santa Rosa Group, Errol W., secretary of the Northern California Council of AA.

It is recommended to those who have not attended a meeting at 240 Golden Gate Avenue on any Friday at 8:15 p.m., to give themselves a treat. The third floor meeting room is considered one of the finest AA meeting places in the West. Comfortable seats, air conditioning, excellent acoustics, and an elevator to the third floor makes an ideal local for an AA gathering.



## Sacramento AA Annual Banquet 'Went Over Top'

The banquet committee arranging affairs for the Fifth Annual Banquet and Dance sponsored by the Central California Fellowship on Saturday, May 12, expected an attendance of 200.

It almost blew a gasket when the affair caught on and mushroomed to 450. But it turned out beautifully. Henry F., chairman; Ruth G., Sacramento Central Secretary, and emcee, Walter McC., Group Three, Sacramento, are to be congratulated along with a hard-working committee of gals and guys who did a remarkable job of making every one of the 450 happy.

### The Program

The dinner menu was excellent. Served cafeteria style, the crew of waitresses provided the guests with coffee and dessert at the table which were attractively decorated with spring flowers.

Dr. Hal S., from Claremont, Calif., made a splendid talk. Jean M., Placerville, read Chapter Five; Jack McL., Chico recited the Twelve Steps; and Art D., Stockton, rendered the Twelve Traditions.

### Prominent Guests

The list of guests read like a "California Who's Who's." Among them were State Senator Albert S. Rodda, Judges Leonard M. Friedman, Joseph G. Babich, and William M. Gallagher.

Other prominent in state and county civic, and public affairs were: Leroy W. Wolter, C. E. Halderman, R. E. Ellsworth, A. B. Harrington, Sheriff John Mysterly, Sheriff Michael N. Canlis, Sheriff Larry Gillick, John P. Corey Laurence R. Kirk, Mrs. Evelyn Mitchell, Arpad Kertesz, Stan Atkinson, Colonel C. R. Elliott, Fred G. Olson, C. W. Hosier, Jr.; Austin W. Matthis, M.D. and William Ballou, M.D.

### Did You Know?

The mid-Summer Conference of NCC in San Francisco, Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, is the first Conference held in the City by the Golden Gate since 1954.

## Woman Expert on Alcoholism at Al-Anon Club

Avenue Al-Anon Club's meeting of Wednesday, June 20, at 8:30 p.m., will be highlighted by the appearance of Mrs. Mary Clark, executive director, Monterey Peninsula Council on Alcoholism, Inc.

Having spent 11 years in the field of alcoholism and has made extensive studies on the disease, Mrs. Clark is expected to bring new insights into many phases of compulsive drinking when she talks before the group.

Avenue Al-Anon meets in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.

Chairman of this particular meeting will be a member of Pacific Grove Al-Anon. AA members and friends are cordially welcome.

## Marin Group Changes Site

Effective Sunday, May 27, the San Francisco-Marin Breakfast Group announced that it has changed its meeting place from the Edgewater Inn to Sabella's Restaurant, Marin County.

At their first meeting in the new location, Jack I., secretary, S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, was speaker. Meetings for June are as follows:

**Sunday, June 3—Jim W.; Sunday, June 10—Jim O'T.; Sunday, June 17—John F.; Sunday, June 24—Dan B.**

To get to Sabella's by car from San Francisco, turn right at the end of Richardson's Bridge at the Paradise Drive turn-off, and continue straight ahead through the underpass.

Sabella's is offering the group an excellent menu, fine service, lower prices, and complete privacy. Breakfast (which is optional) starts at 11:00 a.m., with a discussion meeting starting at 12:30 p.m. Meeting concludes at 1:30 p.m.

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR SECRETARIES

It has been said that "THE LIFE OF A GROUP DEPENDS ON THE LIFE THE SECRETARY PUTS INTO IT!" and I believe that those of us who have seen Groups grow and fall, come and go, will agree 100%. It seems that a Secretary who is familiar with his or her duties and shows an active interest in serving, usually is the Secretary of a Group that is alive, alert and always well attended. On the other hand, a Secretary who does not realize the responsibilities and is indifferent, usually has a weak and commonplace Group that is failing in our main objective:—helping the sick alcoholic achieve sobriety.

I believe each and every one of us wants to do all we possibly can to "carry the message" and are willing to serve to the fullest limit of our ability. Why, then, do we have Group failures? It seems to be the concensus of opinion that all Secretaries are anxious to do a good job but due to lack of understanding of their own duties, the responsibility of the Group in the A. A. structure and the necessity of promoting unity, both within the Group itself and in its relationship with other Groups throughout the world, they fail to do the good they want to do.

In order to help Secretaries gain an understanding which will give them in information needed to better serve their Groups, the Northern California Council is planning a workshop designed to give them the answers to their problems. This meeting is part of the San Francisco Conference and will be held:

TIME: 3:45 P.M., Saturday, June 9th.

PLACE: 240 Golden Gate Avenue.

MODERATOR: Ruth G., — Sacramento

Ruth has the experience and knowledge to make this meeting interesting and informative. For better service to your own Group, for the advancement of A. A. we hope all Secretaries can attend.

Yours in sobriety,  
Errol W., Secretary

Northern California Council



# June Activities at SF Alano Club

June will be a "fun month" at the Alano Club of San Francisco. Three outstanding events have been slated by the Club, located at 414 Grant Avenue. According to program chairman, "Bus" D., a run-down, lists these interesting parties:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**— A Costume Dance. Wear your favorite costume — funny or fancy—or come as you are. Prizes for the most novel dress will be awarded. Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m. to the danceable tunes of the "Jumpin Jacks." Door-prizes too.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**—"Surprise Dance" — our monthly affair at which anything can happen, and usually does. You have to see it to believe it. Fun starts at 9:00 p.m. The "Jumpin' Jacks" will again provide the dance music.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**—AA Birthday Party. In addition to all those who celebrate their AA Birthday in the month of June, there will be a party and dance. Come and heap honors on those that observe the most important birthdays of all birthdays.

## F-L-A-S-H!

Dr. Ellis D. Sox, director, S.F. Health Department, will make the Address of Welcome in behalf of the City and County of San Francisco at the NCC mid-Summer Conference, Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, it was announced by Acting Mayor Harold S. Dobbs.

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### AL-ANON PROGRAM

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1962**

10:30 A.M.—Alanon Workshop: Chairman, Ray C., San Jose.

1:00 P.M.—Alanon Skit Play — Marin County Alanon.

3:00 P.M.—Alanon Business Meeting

Chairman: John C., San Jose, Chairman of N.C.C. of Al-Anon.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1962**

10:30 A.M.—Alanon Question and Answer Meeting

Chairman: Rodda R., San Jose

Panel: Gordon & Priscilla C., Los Angeles

Jean & Delbert M., Placerville

John H. & Minda L., Alameda.

### ALATEEN PROGRAM

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9th, 10:30 A.M.**—Alateen Workshop — —Room A.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1:00 P.M.**—Question and Answer Meeting.

## The AA Name is Protected

Although the May issue of the AA Exchange Bulletin, printed by the General Service Office, New York City, treats the subject with sober restraint and good judgment, GOOD NEWS takes the liberty of joining the Bulletin for purposes of emphasizing why the name of Alcoholics Anonymous must be protected at all levels. Here's GSO's clear explanation; it coincides with ours:

Last month, a TV script titled "Alcoholics Anonymous" was sent to us for comment. We are glad that the local A.A.'s consulted us; it gave us an opportunity to ask that the title be changed. Why?

**Our request was the practical application of a policy recommended by the 1956 General Service Conference. That Conference unanimously adop-**

ted a resolution that no "proprietary right" in, and to , the A.A. name be granted in a title in which the name "Alcoholics Anonymous" forms a part.

The resolution also reaffirmed the traditional concept that a local group handle its own public information service and cooperate in local television programs as long as this cooperation grants no proprietary right" in, and to, the name "Alcoholics Anonymous" and in the use of A.A. historical material.

**In the case of the script mentioned above, the title was changed to "I Am an Alcoholic," since it was the dramatization of the story of an A.A. member.**

We hope that all groups and members who are involved in TV activities will please remember that the name "Alcoholics Anonymous" belongs to the Fellowship as a whole and should not be used as the title for a local TV show.

## Summer Conference Northern California Council

240 Golden Gate Avenue  
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**June 9-10, 1962**

## REGISTRATION CONTRIBUTION: \$2.50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SUMMER CONFERENCE

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## Leo M. To Give Report at NCC Meeting June 10

At a meeting held in San Francisco on Sunday, May 20, S. F. General Service Committee of Area Four — Districts 13-20 — Coastal Panel One — made several major decisions and resolutions concerning forthcoming activities of the Committee, Bill G., Area Chairman, announced.

1. Leo M., Fort Bragg, alternate delegate, who attended the April 25-29 General Service Conference in New York City, will render a report at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, June 10, at the mid-Summer Conference of the NCC in San Francisco

2. Leo will also be asked to give a report to Districts in Area Four in mid-July.

3. A display of General Service literature will be prominently displayed at the NCC Conference.

4. Committee members voted to try and interest groups throughout Area Four in appointing a Grapevine Representative whose chief function would be the solicitation of subscriptions to the monthly AA magazine, The Grapevine, and to keep a more direct contact with the GSO, New York City.

5. It was voted to purchase badges for Grapevine Representatives who wish to wear them during weekly group meetings to attract new subscriptions; it was also suggested that Groups give serious thought to the idea of mailing a Grapevine subscription each month to an active member.

The General Service Committee agreed to try and assist our Fellowship in all possible ways that "together we might be better equipped to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers."

Our first aim — to encourage better attendance at the June Conference in San Francisco; to make better use of the 1962 World Directory by making it available to groups within Area Four; that the AA Exchange Bulletin be made available to groups within Area Four.

### Overhead

At a meeting: "From now on, if I can't say anything nice about the guy, to hell with the s.o.b."

## Alano Club and First Step Home Staying Open LATE

The S. F. Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, at the gateway to San Francisco Chinatown, will stay open later than its usual closing time (1:00 a.m.) on Saturday, June 9, to accommodate out-of-towners and friends attending the NCC Conference, and particularly the Saturday night sessions at Nourse Hall. Free coffee will be served continuously . . . sort of "Open House."

The First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street, San Francisco, will also welcome AAers and friends attending the NCC Conference. Visitors will be cordially welcome on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, June 9-10.

## Wall Street Group Talks About AA — Not Stocks, Bonds

Mae J., until her recent marriage was widely known in the Sacramento area as Mae D., returned from New York City and a visit with the General Service Office.

While in Manhattan Mae was invited to the Wall Street Group where she gave a short talk. Surprisingly, reports, the people of the Wall Street Group are no different than those say, in Carmichael or Chico. Just plain ordinary Americans with an alcoholic problem — and doing something about it.

They didn't offer to give Mae a ticker tape shower, but a young fellow named Barry S., who attended some meetings in and around San Francisco, had some nice things to say about GOOD NEWS and "wished N.Y. had a newspaper like it."

And a nice lady, Gladys B., of Brooklyn, N.Y. gave Mae a check for a year's subscription to GOOD NEWS.

Mae will tell about her N.Y. visit at the mid-Summer Conference in San Francisco, Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10.

## GROUP CHANGES

During the past month the following new groups have been organized in the San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship:

**PACIFIC AL-ANON** — now meeting on First and Third Fridays at the Baptist Church, 610 Edgemar Avenue, Pacifica. Time 8:30 p.m.

**SAN CARLOS AL-ANON**—Every Wednesday at the Church of the Epiphany, corner of Cedar and Arroya. Time: 8:30 p.m.

**SANTA ROSA BREAKFAST GROUP** — meets in Hotel Santa Rosa every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. is optional. It's a Family Group meeting.

**SANTA ROSA SUNDAY AFTERNOON GROUP** — Meets at the Alano Club, 70 South "E" Street. A Family Group, it meets at 3:30 p.m.

During the past month, the following groups moved:

**SAN RAFAEL SATURDAY NIGHT GROUP** — Moved to Trinity Lutheran Church, Woodland and Lindaro.

**SAN RAFAEL TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP** — Also moved to Trinity Lutheran Church (same address as above).

**SANTA ROSA SERENITY GROUP** —Moved to the Alano Club, 70 South "E" Street. No change in meeting night — Thursday.

**SAN CARLOS GROUP** — Moved to Church of Epiphany, Cedar and Arroya. Time: 8:30 p.m.

The Young Ideas Group of San Francisco went on the Inactive List.

## New Secretaries

The following new secretaries have assumed the job of guiding their respective clubs for whatever tenure of office the individual club specifies or is the custom:

Leonard S., Napa Wednesday Night Hospitality; Jack N., Press Club, S.F.; Herb G., St. Francis Mens, S.F.; Bird C., Midtown, S.F.; Aleche McC., Monday Downtown, S.F.; Pat H., Westlake, Daly City; Wayne E., Menlo Sunday Afternoon Open End, Peninsula; John G., Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County; John T., Alanon, S.F.; and Sonya O'R., Peninsula Women's.



## Success Marks Reactivation of Yountville AA

More than 100 AA members and friends attended ceremonies at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville, Napa County, which marked the first anniversary of the reactivation of the AA group in the beautiful Veterans facility in the lovely Napa Valley.

Chaplain H. Marlow Link, who has spearheaded the reactivation movement said the recently-held gathering was a "huge success."

**Stan W., Marin County Fellowship, made the keynote address, and Ernie B., S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, was master of ceremonies. Others who spoke were: Bud C., Richmond; Red K., Harriet H., and Millie B., San Francisco; Dave B., Oakland; Hazel L., Vallejo; Adam J., Sonoma; Orpha M., and Brownie E., representing Napa Groups.**

Rube S. of the Veterans Home Group, served as chairman secretary, and Rollin H., also of the Home Group read Chapter Five of the "Big Book."

The Commandant of the Veterans facility presented a huge birthday cake traditionally inscribed with a "Happy Birthday" decoration. Chaplain Link closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer in the traditional AA manner.

## Going to Seattle? Northwest AA is Having a Picnic

District Ten, which embraces AA activities in and around the Everett-Seattle area, is holding its Tenth Annual Picnic, Sunday, June 3, at Legion Park, Everett, Washington, just north of Seattle.

The committee chairmen handling the outdoor affair has extended a cordial invitation to AA members in Northern California to attend.

Bay Region AA members who are planning a vacation to include the Seattle World's Fair can include this swell picnic on their agenda.

Additional data may be obtained in Seattle from the Seattle Inter-Group office, MA 3-3909.

## H&I BROAD-SIDES

By the H & I Publicity Chairman

**AFTERNOON SPEAKER** — Let's take another look at our afternoon speaker who shares the limelight with "Culley" at the Hospital and Institution Committee session, Saturday, June 9, one of the highlights of the NCC Conference in San Francisco.

He is Reverend Paul Redmond. Born in New Haven, Conn., he graduated from public schools and did a hitch in the U.S. Navy as a radio-man. A graduate of Providence College and Catholic University, he completed graduate work at Columbia U., and was ordained into priesthood in 1930. From 1930 to 1946 was Catholic Chaplain in the Marine Corps and served with the "Marine Raiders."

Now retired with the commission of Captain, USN (Ret) Father Redmond has served numerous appointments and assignments from former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, and currently under President Kennedy. He was a state director of the American Cancer Society, 1950-58, and he now is active in the California Correctional Facility, Soledad. Since this "Sky Pilot" seems to know his way around and probably can tell a great story; we are, personally, looking forward with keen interest to his appearance at the NCC session on Saturday afternoon, June 9. You should, too!

SECRETARY - TREASURER —

Millie B., who has been secretary-treasurer of the H and I Committee since its reorganization, is leaving us. Henceforth, she'll make her home in Eureka. Thanks to her dedication to the H and I committee work, great things were accomplished during her regime. We'll sorely miss Millie.

**By a great stroke of good fortune we have an immediate replacement for Millie. Her successor is Marc A.— a gal we have all learned to love. A member of San Rafael AA, Marc has been active in the many facets of H & I work. Welcome to our bosoms!**

**BACK TO SOLEDAD**—A fragrant nosegay — a bouquet — should be bestowed on some of the many persons who make AA work so well.

For instance, Lawrence E. Wilson, superintendent; Lieutenant E. M. Hampton, our AA "sponsor" at Soledad; F. W. "Bill Forden, deputy superintendent; W. G. McGinty, correctional officer, and other good men and women. Our humble thanks.

**ERRORS, ERRORS, ERRORS** — In the May issue of GOOD NEWS we inadvertently mentioned a person whom we referred to as "Barney P." Since we've only known the guy for years and we know his name is Casey . . . and not "Barney" we humbly beg Casey's pardon and are wondering how dumb a columnist can get.

## AA Can't Accept "In Memoriam" Contributions

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous discussed the acceptance of "In Memoriam" contributions received by GSO, New York City, from non-AA donors.

The following resolution was passed by the Board at its January meeting: "That the Board reaffirm the policy that GSO cannot accept "In Memoriam" contributions if they are not from AA's, but that GSO may suggest that such contributions be sent to local or national organizations aimed at helping the alcoholic."

## The Picnic

The Picnic Committee of the San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship that is planning and sponsoring the Annual AA Picnic at Adobe Creek Lodge, Sunday, August 5, reminds one and all that "you have a date." Keep Sunday, August 5, free of any entanglements. You can't afford to miss the "colossal" All-Northern California AA Picnic.

Adobe Creek Lodge has everything. Comfort and coolness, dancing, swimming (five pools, each with life-guard), ball game, door prizes, fruit punch, fresh coffee, hot dogs and soda, children's games, adult's games, good parking, lots of picnic area, bingo and a FLOORSHOW! !



## DOWN MEXICO WAY

This article is by Fred and Juana H., now making their home in Guadalajara. Before going South of the Border, they were affiliated with Eastbay groups, and more recently with the 1464 Club of San Francisco —Editor

### May Day in Guadalajara!

They flock in to the city by the hundreds of thousands. All downtown traffic blocked off for the duration of a huge, colorful parade. Army, high school cadets, and all school children participating. Pupils in uniforms indicate which school they represent. A three-hour procession of pageantry.

Flags, banners, bunting, and music galore. Continuous pounding of drums all day long . . . a monotonous dull rhythm. To the unaccustomed ear it is deadly. And "sensitive" souls rush to the nearest tavern to drown out the hubbub.

Naturally, the churches are enthusiastically behind these festive occasions. All bells toll at once. Every church attempting to outdo the other in volume of sound, tonality, and decibel.

The evenings are delightfully festive with street dancing and numerous concessions in every plaza — with the usual games of chance. While a great part of the world appears to be in a confused state, we would say Guadalajara, Mexico, is quite at peace with the world.

Now, what has this to do with AA. Certainly we are enjoying the fruits of AA here. We don't miss a thing. Many of you reading this article have visited Mexico in your own hectic drinking days. Did you get past Tijuana? Or you may have laid up in a room at the Continental Hilton, Mexico City. Or the Fenix, here in Guadalajara. Then, mostly unconscious or blind to everything around us — return to our neighborhood bar — bragging about being an "expert" on Mexico.

How I look back to the days when the "convention bug" had me; when as a labor delegate attending union conventions in all parts of the U.S. I remember hardly anything else about any of the cities excepting a hotel room with the adjoining bathtub filled with ice and beer.

The Mexicano Grupo Tajatio can be just as festive as it is serious about its AA meetings. A few nights ago it honored me by celebrating my AA birthday. Since there are no "big shots" in AA it was both gratifying as well as an humbling ex-

perience to hear all the complimentary remarks made in my behalf. But most of all I seemed to represent to these people that my years in AA was a "living symbol" that the program works.

**Thirty five members and friends attended, enjoying the cake; the interesting meeting, the fellowship. After which we all adjourned to a Guadalajara night club (owned by the only woman member of the group) where a banquet was spread for Juana and me. We ate and danced far into the night. Everything was "on the house."**

The lone woman member of the Tapatio Group, until my wife, Juana, came to the city — did all this for us. Hospitality with a capital "H." You can imagine the warm friendship that now exists between these two women.

We are indeed grateful to Bill S., editor, GOOD NEWS, who encouraged us to continue writing about the progress AA is making in this wonderful Mexican city — Guadalajara.

## Conference Data

Registration and some business sessions of the mid-Summer Conference of the NCC, Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, in San Francisco will be held at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue (site of the Central All-Groups Meeting each Friday night).

The public meetings where guest speakers will deliver talks will be at Nourse Auditorium (seats 1200) at Hayes and Franklin Streets. Note to out-of-towners: use public bus for transportation. More convenient, cheaper, faster. No parking problem.

## Historic Phone Call - "Heard 'Round World"

A Picture reproduced in the May issue of the AA Exchange Bulletin — taken in the lobby of the Mayfair Hotel, Akron, Ohio — records the spot where a historic decision for AA's future was made.

Here, 27 years ago this month (May), Bill W., co-founder turned away from the first drink to make a phone call that led to the other co-founder, the late Dr. Bob, and to the chain of recovery that now extends around the world.

### "I was licked"

Bill tells of it this . . . "In May of 1935 a party of us went out to Akron, fighting for control of the (little machine tool) company. I could already see myself as its new president. But when the chips were down the other side had more proxies and our side got licked.

My new found acquaintances were discouraged and left me in Akron's Mayflower Hotel with only ten dollars in my pocket.

### "I'll Get Drunk"

They departed on Friday. On Saturday, Mother's Day eve, I was pacing up and down the hotel lobby, wondering what I could do. The bar at one end of my beat was filling up rapidly. I could hear the familiar buzz of conversation in there. Down at the other end of the lobby I found myself pausing before a church directory. Then I was seized with a thought, I am going to get drunk, Or no, maybe, I won't get drunk, maybe I'll just go into that bar and drink some ginger ale and scrape up an acquaintance.

**Then I panicked. That was really a gift! I had never panicked before at the threat of alcohol. Maybe this meant my sanity had been restored.** I remembered that in trying to help other people I had stayed sober myself. For the first time I deeply realized it. I thought, **'You need another alcoholic to talk to. You need another alcoholic just as much as he needs you!'** (Picture and quote are from the book, "A.A. Comes of Age," available from GSO.)



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### ISLAND OPEN HOUSE

A two-day celebration, Saturday, and Sunday, June 2-3, will mark the Fourth Anniversary of Island Fellowship Group of Alameda, Calif. Open house will be observed both days and a good speaker will be on the podium Saturday at 8:30 p.m. A buffet will be served from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday.

### Do You Read and Write in Italian?

Art K., Trail, British Columbia, writes: "Enclosed is a letter written in Italian by one of our members, Giovanni S. He has been sober since he came to the Trail Group about four years ago.

But he has had a hard time expressing himself in English and is anxious to correspond in Italian with other Italian-speaking AA members. I hope you will be able to find a suitable pen-pal for him."

How about it? If any Italian-speaking (and writing) AA's care to write Giovanni they can address letters to him, c/o Eve, General Service Office, PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York City, 17. (Reprinted from AA Exchange Bulletin)

## "Wine & Roses" Movie-Bound; Has SF Locale

The TV show "Wine and Roses" has been made into a feature film by 20th Century Fox. Originally shown in 1958 on "Playhouse 90," it is the fictitious story of an alcoholic couple — man and wife — and their reaction to the help offered by AA. Jack Lemmon and Lee Remick star in the film version.

### AA Consultants

In San Francisco where the story has its locale, Jack I., and Charles R., were consulted about procedures and "tribal customs" for San Francisco AA meetings.

In Hollywood, where some of the indoor scenes were shot, Ray A., chairman, Los Angeles AA Public Information Committee, was invited to the studio for "on the spot" advice about AA scenes.

### Authentic AA

In 1958, the General Service Office in New York City worked closely with J. P. Miller, author of "Wine and Roses" to acquaint him with AA principles and practices.

GSO said they pleased that Mr. Miller consulted them again, asking for cooperation from California AA's so that the 20th Century Fox version would present an authentic picture of AA meetings in San Francisco.

## A.A. CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 1-3—Fifth International Conference of Young People in A.A. Sheraton Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Write: Fifth International Con., 13 Whitfield Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario.
- 1-3—Sixth Annual Florida State Convention. Azure Tides Motel, Lido Beach, Sarasota, Fla. Write: P.O. Box 391, Sarasota, Fla.
- 2-3—Seventh Annual Four-State Get-Together. Winchester, Virginia. Write: Box 651, Winchester, Virginia.
- 8-10—Oklahoma State Conference. Mayo Hotel, Tulsa Okla. Write: P.O. Box 185, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 9-10—Mid-Summer Conference of Northern California Council in San Francisco. Nourse Auditorium, and Building Service Center. Write: Central Secretary, 166 Geary Street, room 799, San Francisco 8.
- 9-10—Third Annual Nebraska State Convention. Pawnee Hotel, North Platt, Nebraska.
- 15-17—Fifteenth North Carolina State Convention. Queen Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 15-17—Seventh Texas State Convention. Stephen F. Austin Hotel, Austin Texas. Write: Conv. Chairman, 3217 Hampton Road, Austin 5, Tex.
- 16—Twenty-seventh Annual Founder's Day Meeting. Akron University Memorial Hall and Sheraton Mayflower Hotel. Write: Intergroup Office, 41 S. High Street, Akron 8, Ohio.
- 22-24—Mississippi State Convention. Hotel Vicksburg, Vicksburg, Miss.
- 23—New Jersey State Convention. Seton Hall, South Orange, New Jersey. Write: P.O. Box 305, Belmar New Jersey.
- June 29-July 1—Fifteenth Annual Pacific Northwest Conference. Victoria, B.C. Write: P.N.W.C. Committee, P.O. Box 97, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

### JULY

- 6-10—1962 Federal Convention. Kitwe, North Rhodesia, Africa. Write: P.O. Box 633, Kitwe.
- 14-15—Fifth Louisiana State Convention. Capitol House, Baton Rouge, La. Write: P.O. Box 3001, Istrouma Branch, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 20-22—Annual Meeting International Doctors in A.A. Holiday Inn, Moline, Ill. Write: Inkeeper, Holiday Inn of Moline, Moline Illinois.

### AUGUST

- 3-5—Twenty-second Annual Arkansas State Convention. Marion Hotel, Little Rock Arkansas. Write: Conv. Chairman, 1504 Allan, Apt. 2, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Ambassador to Celebrate 10th

The Tenth Birthday of the Ambassador Group will be observed Wednesday, June 13, at the groups meeting place in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Founded by the late Dr. Julian Brandon, Ambassador Group has a remarkable record of good service in the annals of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship. Mrs. Madeline Brandon, the founder's widow, has always been active in the group.

A buffet supper and a special program will highlight the 10th Anniversary celebration.



# Vallejo to Observe 18th Anniversary

Saturday, June 16, will be the Eighteenth Anniversary of AA in Vallejo, it was announced by Hazel L., Vallejo secretary.

For this auspicious occasion, Wayne P., Stockton, will be guest speaker. A special program has been mapped for the event, Hazel stated. She has listed the following meetings for the remainder of the month:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**—Lou. C., Benecia.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**—Tapes will be featured in deference to S.F. mid-Summer NCC Conference.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**—18th Anniversary Party.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**—Jack I., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**—Harry I., Island Fellowship.

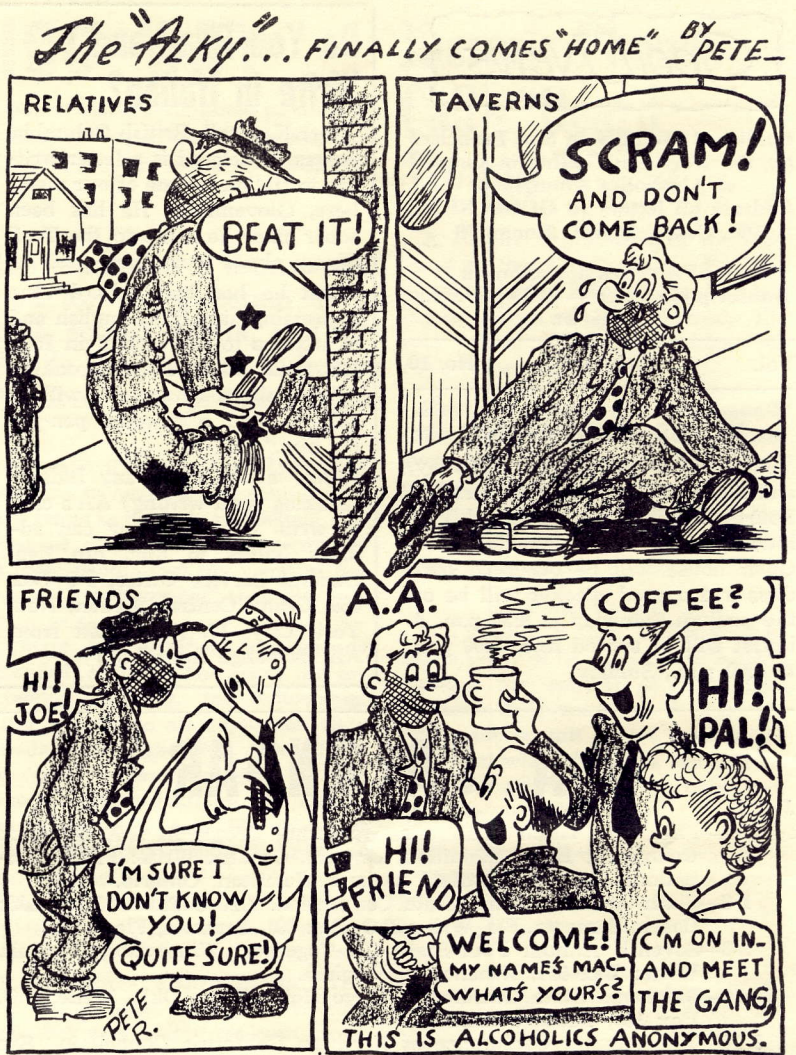
Vallejo conducts meetings every night in the week excepting Sundays. It has a special meeting on Thursday noon. Al Anons meet every Thursday at the AA group meeting place, side entrance.

During the past month, Vallejo Fellowship played host to visitors from many quarters including Alaska, Los Angeles, Fresno and Stockton. It also welcomed Lou C., and his wife, formerly of S.F., now residents of Vallejo.

All Vallejo meetings are held at the Fellowship headquarters, 820 Marin Street, and all meetings start at 8:15 p.m. with the exception of the Thursday noon gathering.

## WEATHER PLUG

The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce will hate the editor of Sacramento Fellowship's "By the Way," but we in San Francisco think he's tops. In giving a run-down in the May issue about the NCC mid-Summer Conference, he says among other things . . . "Then, too, don't forget how wonderful it will be to get away from Sacramento's June heat and enjoy the cooling breezes from San Francisco Bay."



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## AFTER HOURS GROUP

Effective immediately the new meeting place of the After Hours Group will be the 1464 Club at 1464 Valencia Street, San Francisco. They meet at 2:30 a.m. Saturday (that's Friday nite) and those late-to-bedders or Early Risers, who've attended these meetings claim "they have a ball."

Al H., is chairman.

## ANNUAL PICNIC

Sacramento Fellowship's Annual Picnic is slated to hold its outdoor get-together on Sunday, August 12, at Helvetia Park. The picnic area is five miles down the road from Sacramento on the River Road towards Woodland.

## In Memoriam

Members of Surf Group, San Francisco, and the families and friends of Paul Jensen, are paying tribute to his memory. Mr. Jensen, for seven fruitful and active years with Surf Group, passed away on Saturday, May 19, of a heart ailment.

Mr. Jensen was active in Twelve Step work and was a loyal member on the staff of the important AA teleservice, here.

## ELEANOR RESIGNS

As of June 30, Eastbay Fellowship's secretary will be Tom O. He succeeds Eleanor, resigned. Her resignation was reluctantly received by the Fellowship. Her's has been a long, untiring career of aiding Eastbay AA, and beyond.