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## 8TH ANNUAL S.F. FELLOWSHIP PARTY Banquet Plans Shape Up

Reservations for the Eighth Annual Banquet and Dance — sponsored by San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship of AA — and celebrating the 24th year of AA in San Francisco and the 27th anniversary of the founding of AA, are already in brisk demand.

The plush affair, being held in the swish, smartly refurbished Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Palace Hotel, is firmly set for Saturday, October 27, starting at 7:30 p.m.

If it hasn't already done so, via seven prior annual banquets, this party should forever banish the ghostly fear "that members of Alcoholics Anonymous are a bunch of down-at-the-heels Skidroguish characters incapable of rising above their drinking-days environment."

An impressive roster of civic and business leaders, prominent members of the judiciary, clergy and medical profession will be seated at the Speaker's Table including Right Reverend James M. Pike, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California; Chief Administrator Sherman P. Duckel, Chief of Police Thomas Cahill, Sheriff Matthew Carberry, Dr. Ellis Sox, San Francisco Health Director; Dr. Alfred Auerback, chair-United Community Fund Alcoholism Committee; former San Quentin Warden Clinton Duffy, Judges Leonard Thomas of San Rafael, and William Cox of Vallejo; AA freind Bob Flippin, Judges Frank Rose of San Mateo, Emmet Daly and Gerald Levin of San Francisco; Dr. Nevitt Sanford and Dr. W. M. Jellinek, both executives of Stanford University's Center for Human Relations, and Cliff Engle, KFRC's chief announcer.

His Excellency Joseph E. McGucken, Archbishop of San Francisco said he would be in Rome to participate in the Ecumencial Congress

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### D-E-A-D-L-I-N-E

Deadline for copy that individuals or groups, Fellowships, etc., want published in GOOD NEWS should be in the mail not later than the 20th of the month for appearance in the next issue. We usually go to press on the last day of each month. Send double-spaced, typed items to William J. Scanlon, 2517 Mission Street, San Francisco, 10. (Keep this memo handy for future reference.)

## S.F. Alano Club Sets September Social Activities

The autumn months are here and with them comes renewed social burblings-out on most all levels of society. In the forefront of our S.F. AA circles, The San Francisco Alano Club has listed these Fall socials starting in September at its 414 Grant Avenue clubhouse.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 1** — Labor Day Dance. Fun and frolic with the "Jumpin' Jacks. Door prizes, of course.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 15** — Monthly "Surprise Dance." A night of gimmicks, prizes, surprises. The "Jumpin' Jacks" will provide the danceable tunes.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29** — The September Birthday Party — for all AA's whose birthday occurs in September. This affair is a real funfest.

## Vallejo NCC Conference October 6-7

The Fall Session of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous has been set for Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, and will be held in the Veterans Memorial Building, Vallejo.

This is the Fortieth NCC Conference and its impact on Vallejo, one of the most historic communities in California, should be significant. With Mare Island, one of the Navy Department's most important installations on the West Coast, immediately adjacent, Vallejo is noted on the state's statistics as one of the fastest growing areas — both in industry and population — on the rapidly expanding map.

General chairman of the Fall Convention is Rawson M., with co-chairmen Warren T., Carl S., and Hazel L., shouldering the heavy spadework and broad responsibilities.

### Guest Speaker

On Saturday, October 6, registration opens at 9:20 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. in the Green Room, an AA meeting is slated with John M., Fremont, as principle speaker and Cecile P., Santa Rosa, serving as chairman.

At 1:00 p.m. a General Service Public Meeting will be held in the Main Auditorium. Speaker is Jules P., general service delegate from Los Angeles. Lloyd S., Santa Clara, and Cliff J., Sacramento, will be co-chairmen of the G. S. session, and Stan W., Fairfax, will conduct a

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## S.F. Cops Soft Ball Perpetual Cup 785 ATTEND ANNUAL PICNIC

The picnic at Adobe Creek Lodge on Sunday, August 5, attracted a crowd of 785 AA members, their families and friends, according to Bus D., picnic committee chairman. Included in these figures were 125 children between the ages of 6 and 12, and 64 babies or children under 6 years.

The crowd started arriving quite early, in fact by 10 a.m. the bingo game was going in full swing, and ran until 6 p.m. After people had a chance to eat the many wonderful lunches in evidence all around, the program started with games for the children which ran from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Two 'main events' featured the afternoon. The 1464 Club of San Francisco put on the play "Casablanca" which was originally given last May at their club house, 1464 Valencia Street, and starred many club members.

The soft-ball game between teams representing San Francisco and Oakland East Bay Fellowships, played for possession of the Perpetual Trophy Cup which has been in the East Bay for three years, was won by San Francisco by the score of 19 to 11. This was quite a game.

Umpired by George G., the game had everything; a double play, a suicide squeeze bunt, a number of home-runs including two by Ron B., son of Sigrid H. whose husband, Bill captained the San Francisco team, and many substitutes for tired players. Two girls, Jane C., who pitched the last three innings for San Francisco, and Sue S., in the

outfield enlivened the activity.

The Jumpin' Jacks played for dancing from 3:30 'till 6:00 p.m. Coffee, hot dawgs and soft drinks were served by the committee on a 'kitty' basis.

The door prize drawing at 4:45 p.m. saw six prizes, including a ten piece camera set and a six transistor radio won by the following lucky ones: Ed C., 1464 Club; Eugene B., West Portal Group; Charles N. (son of Myrtle); Venus, 1464 Club; John B., Oakland Alano Club, and Ann C., non-alcoholic spouse of John C., oldest member of the San Francisco Tuesday Downtown Group.

Some items of interest: sizeable delegations were present from San Jose area (75 or more), San Bruno area including Pacifica, Brisbane and South San Francisco (65), the 1464 Club of San Francisco (50) and The First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street, San Francisco (36).

John O. from the Havenscourt Group in Oakland had 12 in his party, his wife, 2 daughters and their husbands and SIX grandchildren.

## "Young in Heart" Conference Set For S. Carolina in May-June, 1963

Last June over 800 A.A. members, their families and friends, from all parts of the United States and Canada attended the Fifth International Conference of Young People in A.A. at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Dennis A., the Fifth Conference Chairman, wrote us:

"This Conference proved, beyond doubt, that the young people of A.A. today are not trying to segregate themselves or break away from A.A., as once was feared, but they are utilizing their energy to further the cause of A.A. in general and to carry a message of hope to young alco-

holics who may be wondering if they are too young — or if there is a place for them in A.A."

Next year the Sixth Conference will be held in Columbia, South Carolina, May 31-June 2, 1963. The theme will be "The Young and the Young-in-Heart." For details write to: Sixth International Conference of Young People, Drawer X, Tyron, North Carolina. "Red" B., Chairman of next year's conference, extends an early and warm welcome to all.

(reprinted from AA Exchange Bulletin)

## September Meetings Set By Vallejo Group

Hazel L., secretary, Vallejo Fellowship, has come up with the fine series of meetings for September. Roster is as follows:

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 1**—Ed Y., San Francisco.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8**—Bill M., San Francisco.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 15**—Jennie K., San Pablo.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 22**—Dr. Earl M., Fairfax, giving his famous "Blackboard Talk."

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29** — Les N., San Pablo.

Vallejo conducts meetings every night (Sunday excepted) at its clubhouse, 820 Marin Street (side entrance). It holds a special meeting each Thursday at which a hot luncheon is served.

The Al-Anons meet each Thursday at 820 Marin Street, side entrance, at 8:30 p.m.

Hazel reports that at one recent Saturday meeting it played host to visitors from Woodland, Dixon, Vacaville, Oakland, Richmond, El Cerrito and Albany.

Its remarkable growth may be measured by these facts: 18 years ago when AA got started in Vallejo, it boasted 6 members. Today, it counts its members in the several hundreds and has been responsible for aiding groups getting airborne in Napa, St. Helena, Martinez, Fairfield and other nearby communities.

Vallejo plays host to the NCC Fall Conference Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7.

## Vallejo First Step House to Seat Officers

A new group of officers were elected by members of Vallejo's First Step House, and have taken office, as of July 10. The trio are Darrell A., chairman; Arnold W., treasurer, and Don T., secretary.

Closed informal discussion meetings are held each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. and a family-type group meeting is held Fridays at 8:00 p.m.

First Step House is located at 519 Virginia Street.

## UNIQUE PICNIC IDEA SPURS INTEREST IN EASTBAY OUTING

The East Bay Intergroup Picnic will be held Sunday, September 16, at Castle Rock Park. Located 5 miles from Walnut Creek in Contra Costa County at the end of Oak Grove Road, it is easy to find and easy to get to.

Plans for a big time are well under way. They include games and prizes for the younguns, an inter-county ball game, free pop, hot dogs, and coffee. Swimming and all other facilities including barbecue pits are included in the price of admission. Admission is 50c for adults and 25c for kids. The Park gets that.

Plans will be met by the sale of picnic tables to Groups. At \$2.50 per table, they will be grouped and serve as a focal point for the groups. Food arrangements are then a group or individual affair. Group contributions for tables may be sent to the Central Office, 237 E. 14th Street, Oakland, California.

The Central Office will get game proceeds and kitty. The emphasis is on making the picnic a social success and something everyone will want to continue as an annual get-together where all A.A.'s and Groups will participate and enjoy themselves.

The Picnic Committee hopes this will answer any questions — and perhaps stir up a few suggestions. They will be welcomed by the Picnic Committee and should be sent to the Central Office of the Eastbay Fellowship.

## Invitation From Tasmania Groups

Doug G., secretary, Hobart Intergroup in Kingston Beach, Tasmania, Australia, writes:

"It was suggested at a recent meeting of the group representatives of AA in Hobart area that I write and ask if you would put a notice in the AA Exchange Bulletin that we would welcome visits from AA's on business trips, and cruises if they can fit Tasmania into their itineraries and also give us due notice of their proposed dates of arrivals and departures.

Just write: Secretary, Hobart Intergroup, 106 Roslyn Avenue, Kinston Beach, Tasmania, Australia."

## San Jose - Santa Clara Groups to Picnic Sept. 16

Alpine Lodge is the site selected by the Santa Clara Inter-Groups for their big annual AA Picnic, set for Sunday, September 16.

Among the features of the all-day outing are swimming, games, prizes, and surprises—dancing to the music of the "Jumpin' Jacks"—and something real extra, a genuine Indian Dance put on by members of the Santa Clara Group.

Alpine Lodge is located in San Jose at 2300 Canoas Garden, just one block off Almaden Road in San Jose.

The park will open at 9:00 a.m. with admission price for adults at \$2.00 per person; children under 13 years of age will be admitted free.

## Dunsmuir Group "Coming to Life"

A letter from Charlie L., Secretary of the Dunsmuir Group tells us, "We are coming to life again and hope to have an active and healthy group soon. At our next meeting we are discussing the possibility of having 6 subscriptions of GOOD NEWS mailed to the group for anyone who would care to read them. Am enclosing my personal check for \$1.20 for a one year subscription to GOOD NEWS for Art and Bobby S.

"Art and Bobby, formerly of San Luis Obispo, are now permanently located at 403 Oak Street, here in Dunsmuir, 'phone CEdar 5-2767, and want to welcome any of their friends passing through, as well as any AA's who want to stop and visit for a spell. Meetings at their home, Thursday nights, 8:00 p.m. Daylite time.

Sincerely in AA—Charles

## Dr. Ellis Sox Will Speak at S.F. Meeting

The four Friday meetings sponsored by S.F. Inter-County Fellowship — the Central All-Groups Open Meeting — for the month of September will feature an interesting array of speaking talent from the ranks of AA plus the learned comments from a noted member of the medical profession.

Dr. Ellis D. Sox, Director of Public Health for the City of San Francisco, will review the problem of alcoholism as it affects the public welfare at the September 21 meeting. The other three programs will be equally informative. The entire month is as follows:

**Friday, Sept. 7**—Margaret P., Los Gatos Group, and Reverend Richard B., Palo Alto Friday Group. Stan W. is chairman.

**Friday, Sept 14**—"Bus" D., Travelers' Group, and Tom O., secretary, Oakland-Eastbay Fellowship. Harriet H. is chairman

**Friday, Sept 21**—Charles R, San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship will share the rostrum with Dr. Ellis Sox, M.D., and Bennie D., will do the introductions.

**Friday, Sept. 28**—"Moraga" Joe C., Vallejo Fellowship, will be on the platform with another worthy speaker whose identity is unknown as we go to press. The chairman is Barbara B.

The Central All-Groups Meetings are held in the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, starting at 8:15 p.m. The meeting hall is noted for its padded seats, fine acoustics, air-conditioning, and elevator service.

The coffee bar is open from 7:00 p.m. and arm-length AA plus coffee and doughnuts after the meetings has generated ever-growing attendance at the so-called "Show Case" meetings.

## N.Y. Annual Banquet

The annual AA Dinner, celebrating Bill's 28th Anniversary, will be held Saturday, October 6, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. Tickets at \$9.00 per person, includes tax and tip.

## Group for Deaf Mutes Started

A group for alcoholic deaf mutes has been started in Los Angeles, according to Sybil, secretary, L. A. Central Office. She recently wrote GSO, New York City, stating, "As a result of your letter regarding Mrs. W. M., a deaf mute, a group has been formed which fits her special needs, and is doing fine."

**Sybil stated that a dedicated member of the Los Angeles area has been working with others in that category, and, at long last, enough people are interested, to start meeting in homes.**

She added, "If you know of anyone who might be interested, please refer them to us as we need lip readers as well as those who use sign language. Our good AA friend, Herman R., is performing a most important task in getting this group started."

## Two Newshens and One Newsmen Added To "Good News"

To get wider news coverage on a broader front, three new correspondents have been added to the news staff of "Good News."

Bea T., will do a reportorial job in the Watsonville-Salinas area and Millie B., formerly of S.F., but now residing in Eureka, will serve as correspondent on the big Eureka-Crescent City-Ferndale area in and around the California-Oregon border.

Bill A. of Santa Clara has accepted the news-gathering responsibility for the burgeoning San Jose area.

Urgently needed are newsmen and women who will cover such areas and districts as Stockton, Fresno, the Coast Line area along Highway One in San Mateo County, and down through Monterey—or wherever AA news originates. Santa Cruz and the mushrooming Pacifica area needs coverage, as do other uncovered communities.

This is an open invitation to all embryo (and professional) reporters and writers to send AA news to Good News, 166 Geary Street, room 79, San Francisco, 8.

## Husband-Wife To Highlight Avenue Alanon

'Tis been said the program of AA is a paradox.

Further, it has been said (and heard) at meetings, to wit, "when my husband was drinking, I hardly ever addressed one word to him except when necessary. He hardly ever talked to me. This went on for 20 years, or more."

So, here we have a talking combo—a team—consisting of husband and wife who will appear on the same platform and smilingly talk and talk; debate all sorts of things that husbands and wives should talk about, and thereby bring about that rare and wonderful commodity known as Communication.

Cy and Juliet K—he of AA, and she of Alanon—will share the rostrum at the Avenue Alanon Club, Wednesday, September 19, at 8:30 p.m., in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

AA and Alanon members, and their friends, are cordially welcome.

## Beacon Group of Pacific Grove Hold "First Tuesdays"

The Beacon Group of Pacific Grove, the lovely little seaside hamlet adjoining Monterey, now emphasizes its "First Tuesday" Open Meetings.

Joe L., Sacramento, is the guest chairman for Tuesday, September 4. On Tuesday, October 2, guest chairman will be Dick B., Stockton. Last August 7, Jarvis McG., Watsonville, led a very excellent meeting.

Beacon Group also schedules a Family Meeting for alcoholics and their family members. These are held on the Third Tuesdays of each month. All other Tuesday meetings are "closed," and this variety has generated a slow but steady increase in attendance.

The group which originated in the Beacon House, now meets in the parish hall of the Episcopal Hall, 461 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove Calif.

## GROWTH OF AA IN S. AFRICA IS INCREASING

Last December, Cliff B., of the Rye-Harrison Group in New York, traveled over 10,000 miles to South Africa to be the guest speaker at the Bantu Group's first anniversary meeting. "It was a most unique experience," he wrote. "I spoke through two interpreters into both dialects. The sincerity of these people and their faith in us 'over here' is overwhelming, all because of our interest in them, financially and otherwise. I treasure the memory of how beautiful man's love for, and faith in, his fellow man can be."

**Cliff has asked that we explain that members of the Mamaroneck and Porchester Groups, as well as his own group, were among the more than 60 A.A.'s who chipped in to make up the donation that started the Bantu Group's printing fund. The story of how A.A.'s in America and South Africa cooperated with G.S.O. to get pamphlets printed in two Bantu dialects was reported in the May "Exchange Bulletin."**

In South Africa, A.A.'s in the Bantu Group continue to carry the A.A. message to others. Last month, Dirk of Westonia Group, in the Transnaval, wrote us: "I attended a meeting of the Cliff B. Bantu Group. What a wonderful surprise and what open minds. I certainly learned a lot. I hope soon to start a group for our Bantu people here at the Lebanon Gold Mine." And as the Bulletin goes to press, Eve, on the overseas desk, has heard that this second Bantu Group is now going strong.

(reprinted from August AA Exchange Bulletin)

## All-American Cat

Alice G., Hemet, Calif. (who made the August Grapevine with her quickie poem "By the Inch it's a Cinch") writes, to wit:

"Did you hear about the All American Cat? He made 48 yards in one night!"

## "Mud Flats" Prefers "Cottage Group" to Big Hall Variety

"Home Groups" — meetings in private homes, often called "cottage groups" in the Southeastern United States, have more or less been frowned upon in California.

However, the opposition to this type of group seems to be lessening and quite a few have started up during the last few years.

One of the most recent is the relatively new Mud Flats Group of Watsonville now meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Friday at the home of Stella and Jarvis McG., 745 Trafton Road Watsonville.

Originally, Mud Flats Group rotated from home to home but they've now settled to this one location. Averaging about a dozen in attendance, Mud Flats is a small, discussion type meeting.

## Belgian Group Wants U.S. Correspondents

The Poulseur Group, a new group recently started in a suburb of Liege, Belgium, would like to correspond with North American AA's. Arthur, the secretary, said he's interested in an exchange of ideas about meetings and sponsorship, especially from suburban groups in small communities.

Arthur understands English and can translate letters to share with his group, but would like French correspondence, too.

Address him care of the General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York City, 17. Eve will send it on.

## Jeanie's Not Well

With the upcoming Annual AA Banquet, many members will recall Jeanie S. (Mrs. Clayton S.) who did the table decorations on a number of successive years.

Jeanie moved to La Jolla several years ago. She's suffering from a bad case of Bursitis (in England they call it a "Frozen Shoulder") and cannot very well write.

She'd love to hear from some of her old buddies. Write her some Get Well Cheer-Ups. Address: 867 South Coast Blvd., La Jolla, Calif.

# OBSERVATIONS

By Leo M., Alternate Delegate,  
General Services Conference

After visiting several areas, and giving my reports on the last General Service Conference held in New York, I observe the following: I hope and pray to God that he makes me the instrument of power and wisdom whereby I can convey the facts of our First Tradition to those groups who still insist on "standing alone."

The outstanding fault and reason for not being able to follow the First Tradition on AA Unity is the avoidance what the Twelfth Tradition teaches us.

Those individuals who guide their group, and I mean just that, are placing personalities above principles. On a recent visit to one of our more distant areas, I was appalled at the disunity.

### Professional Balkers

Only three groups were represented out of more than a dozen. After a little inquiry, I learned it was due to the "progressiveness" of ONE individual, who is probably trying a bit too hard, but striving to do just a little more than his immediate requirements for his personal sobriety, in carrying the message, than some of our old complacent members ever dared.

So, anything this individual does (or suggests) the Old Bleeding Deacons are going to work against. According to the Old Bleeders, "we are not Alano Clubs, First Step Houses, Serenity Houses, Hospitality Houses, Conferences, Conventions, NCC Meetings Central committees" or anything that may take a buck or two from the treasury — or cost a few gallons of gas.

I think these people are sick — sick with a disease that is not rare in AA circles — and that is the disease of "complacency." It's catchy. It usually grips Old Timers and a lot of new timers who think "Deacon John cannot do any wrong," and follow in his footsteps. Thank God, there is help for them also. All they have to do is begin studying and following the Twelve Traditions.

Before we use the Fourth Tradition as a cloak to justify the attitudes taken, be sure you take it as a whole. It would be too easy just to accept "each group should be autonomous." It also states, "except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole." We are affecting AA as a whole whenever there is disunity.

We alcoholics, know better than anyone else, the disunity that was spread by our drinking. So, let's get with it and be in harmony with everyone and everything that has value and is useful. Our lives depend upon our wonderful program of AA. It channeled us back again into society from which we had been cast out.

### Practice Tradition Twelve

With the help of the Twelve Steps we gained sobriety, happiness, contentment. So, let us take hold of our Twelve Traditions and spread harmony between our groups. I am indeed, grateful, for my recent meeting in San Francisco. The attendance was good, the interest shown was extremely gratifying. This type of interest makes my job of rendering these reports a joy. I am grateful to Bill G. for making all the arrangements and thus guaranteeing a very nice meeting.

My next meeting was in San Jose, and that was a great turnout. Thanks to Zella D. for her efforts in making this meeting a huge success. Thanks to Lloyd S., our General Service Delegate, for his capable hand in participating with us.

Most of all, thanks to all of you who came to hear me. See you next month.

## "Togetherness"

Elsewhere in this edition is a news item regarding the Mud Flats Group of Watsonville settling in one permanent location in the home of Jarvis McG., Watsonville, after roaming from home-to-home for weekly meetings.

The "Cottage" or "Home" type meeting usually gives a feeling of "closeness" between members that

is often missing with groups that meet in a large "hall," observes Jack G., of the Gay Aridians of Monterey, who sent along the Mud Flats item.

Mud Flats is also the group to which Pete R., our talented Good News cartoonist belongs. And, some of us may remember that AA itself was "born" in a small Brooklyn "cottage" or "flat." Togetherness or closeness may be an asset.

## BREAKING OUT OF ISOLATION

### One Of The Signs of "Growing Up"

By John F., San Carlos Group

In gratitude to, and for our San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, an article in the April 1962 issue of *The Grapevine* (with the Serenity Prayer on the cover) has an article on "Fellowship," and is a reminder that in growing up we should take another look at our First Tradition which states, "Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends on AA Unity."

Fellowship is an Art (the title of *The Grapevine* article) — and breaking out of our isolation is one of the signs that we are growing up.

What is fellowship? Is it a complex art? Does it exist in any particular organization? Where and how can I find it? You can find it in AA and yes, it is an art that you have to grow into — in fact you will need a certain amount of growth or maturity to understand the word "fellowship."

#### Failure

If two (or a dozen) persons who have been strangers suddenly let the wall between them break down and feel as one, almost exhilarating experience occurs and it is called fellowship.

Yet there is hardly any activity which is started with such tremendous expectations and which fails so regularly as that of fellowship. One way to avoid this failure is to become aware that fellowship is an art. Like any art, if we want to learn the how of fellowship, we must master its theory and practice and make them our main concern.

The deepest need of man is to overcome his separateness, to leave the prison of his aloneness, and to achieve union transcending his individual life.

#### Fulfillment

How to fulfill these needs depends upon the stage mankind or individuals have reached between emotional infancy and maturity. I think all will agree that an alcoholic is at a point between these two.

Fellowship is an attitude which determines a person's relationship to the world as a whole, not just toward one person. If a person's "fellowships" is with only one other person, or only a few, and is indifferent to the rest of mankind, this is not fellowship but an enlarged

egotism. If I am mature, I love the world, I love life.

#### HEALTHY CONFLICT

It is frequently thought that fellowship means the absence of conflict. But many destructive conflicts are often only disagreements on superficial problems. Usually we make much of them in an attempt to avoid facing the real differences. Real conflicts are not destructive. When honestly faced, they lead to clarification from which both persons emerge with more strength and knowledge. Deep fellowship does not try to avoid basic issue.

The main condition for achieving mastery of the art of fellowship is overcoming the infantile outlook. The opposite of this outlook is what we want, the ability to see people and things as they are, not as they are distorted by our desires and fears.

The insane person or the dreamer fails completely in having a mature view of the world. But all of us see the world through some degree of distortion (infantile outlook).

#### BASIC FAITH

Faith is an indispensable quality of any worthwhile friendships. Having faith in another person means to be certain of the unchangeability of his fundamental attitudes — of his love. In the same way, we have faith in ourselves. Only the person who has faith in himself is able to be faithful to others.

If we behave towards others as we want them to behave towards us then our S.F. Inter-County Fellowship will glow with hope. If we prove by our deeds that Truth is stronger than Lies; that Goodwill outlasts Hatred and Suspicion, life becomes interesting, strong, challenging. So Love Thy Neighbor and let's Fellowshipship.

## GS Committee Holding Major Session Sept. 16

An important Pre-Conference General Service Committee meeting will be held Sunday, September 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Alano Club of San Francisco, 414 Grant Avenue.

Under the auspices of the San Francisco-Peninsula Groups of Areas Three and Four, the agenda covers the following subjects:

1) To review plans for the General Service Meeting scheduled for October Conference in Vallejo.

2) "Why General Service?" Brief summary of our Third Legacy by Stan W., Fairfax, former delegate to the N.Y. General Service Conference from Panel 1.

3) Importance of District committee members in keeping their groups informed on G.S. matters — local and world-wide.

4) Panel One to select a new committee in December '62 to serve in 1963-64. The importance of our present committee planning for this event, will be explained.

5) Open discussion on matters concerning G.S.

General Service representatives and district committeemen are especially urged to attend, but since this is an open meeting, any member of a group is invited, Bill G., G. S. chairman, Area 4, announced.

## Updated Public Information Data

"Cooperating but Not Affiliation" is the title of the new, enlarged edition of "Cooperation — Yes: Affiliation — No." This edition includes the report of the 1960-1961 General Service Conference Study Committee on A.A.'s Relations with Outside Agencies. It is priced at 25c a copy.

The new pamphlet explains how individual A.A.'s, groups and service committees can cooperate with the various agencies that are also trying to help alcoholics and their families. You can give it to the professional people who ask A.A. for help — or you can use the question and answer section in group discussions.

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## Al-Anons and Alateens Set Major Meetings

The vital contributions to the AA "way of life" will be clearly defined at a series of sessions planned by the Al-Anons and Alateens at the NCC Fall Conference, Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, at Vallejo.

Al-Anons Group Workshop at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 6, in the Red Room, Lois D., Chico, chairman; Virginia C., Modesto, co-chairman.

Al-Anon's Speaker Meeting, at 1:00 p.m. in the Red Room, Chairman is Mattie of Vallejo; speaker is Mary Clark, Monterey-Carmel West Coast Co-Ordinator, National Council on Alcoholism. At 3:00 p.m. a Business Meeting headed by John C., secretary, NCC of Alanon, in the Red Room.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m., the Al-Anon's Anniversary Meeting will be held in the Red Room. Speakers are Marge of Sacramento; Esther M., Fort Bragg; Gene S., Santa Clara; and Jules D., San Jose. Andy A., Oakland, is chairman.

The Alateens will meet twice during the two-day conference. On Saturday, October 6, a meeting is slated at 3:00 p.m. in the Green Room. On Sunday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m., a follow-up session will also be held in the Green Room.

### PROGENY

When Rush Zeigler, a retired farmer, died recently at York, Pa., he left 171 descendents—four sons, two daughters, 27 grandchildren,, 70 great-grandchildren and 68 great-great-grandchildren. Zeigler was aged 100.

## H&I BROAD-SIDES

*By the Hospital & Institutions Chairman*

### Interest in NCC Vallejo Conference Soars

These clambakes happen three times a year and it seems that each succeeding conference is a greater thrill than ever before. H. & I. has a most interesting program lined up with guest speakers that will hold the interest of all. Doctor Harry Elkins is a friend of "AA" of long standing. We were privileged to have him visit with us some three or four years ago and we we have remembered. You'll like him. On stage with Dr. Elkins will be Pattie T. of the Island Fellowship in Alameda. Pattie has a rather unique story and, well, we'll let Pattie tell you about it.

### New Librarian Joins H&I Committee

On Sunday, August 19th, the H. & I. clan gathered at 237 East 14th St., in Oakland. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the many people who came from near and far to attend. To us, what with vacation time and all, this near capacity turn-out indicates a real and sincere interest in the welfare of the committee. It's a good feeling to be a member of the team.

We have a change on the service of H. & I. and the people who read "GOOD NEWS" will note that the new librarian for the committee is, "Leonard L., 1316-25th Street, Sacramento, California. It is most fortunate that such a sincere, reliable guy is available. Thanks too for the excellent effort of Tommy H. of Alameda who, through circumstances beyond his control, has been compelled to resign this office but, Tommy will remain active in the committee and, for this, we are grateful.

We understand that there has been a re-alignment of responsibility in H. & I. area ten and we believe that a much healthier climate will result. We will be happy to cooperate with the Central Committee in this area as well as the people whose greater interest is H. & I. Unity is our greatest asset.

### Is Too Much Diversification Good?

We have a question Doctor. It is increasingly evident that more "AA" people are branching out into other fields and that the "BIG 3" is suffering. "BIG 3"? Northern California Council, General Service, and H. & I.

The question is whether or not this diversification is a healthy thing or, are we getting our "AA" mixed up with "AA"? The foregoing is not criticism. It is a question that the writer must answer for, and to himself to determine if this is cause for concern. When we read, and study, the principles and the traditions of our fellowship we can see no other answer than the fact, that all things being equal, we'll surely light on our collective feet.

We again would like to call attention to the readers that this column does not necessarily reflect the unanimous, majority, nor official opinion of the H. & I. committee, however; inasmuch as the writer is a member of "AA" in good standing as of this date he has taken the liberty.

### New Alano Club

The Alano Club of San Jose has located a new site for its clubhouse at 1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose. When in six weeks the new club will be opened, it will have plenty of free parking, dance area, modern kitchen facilities and ample meeting rooms.

When housewarming festivities take place about mid-October, GOOD NEWS will publish further details.

### Success Isn't Rare

"Success is not rare—it is common. Very few miss a measure of it. It is not a matter of luck, or contesting—for certainly no success can come from preventing the success of another. It is a matter of adjusting one's efforts to obstacles and one's abilities to a service needed by others. There is no other possible success. But most people think of success in terms of **getting**. Success begins in terms of **giving!**" (Henry Ford.)

## MORE ABOUT S.F. BANQUET

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during the banquet but had appointed Reverend James M. Murray, general director, Catholic Charities of San Francisco, to attend.

The Banquet Committee is composed of able, experienced AA members from the tri-county S. F. Fellowship, headed by General Chairman John F., San Carlos Group. The Committee-at-large is comprised of Dorothy H., and Stan W., of Marin County; Ted F. and Walt W., San Mateo County, and Sam P., Sigrid H., Roger O'D., San Francisco County

For the past several banquets the superior system of expediting seating has been expertly demonstrated by Hostess Committee Co-Chairmen Barbara B., and Harriet H. Under their know-how, 30 smartly gowned members of the Hostess Committee will quickly seat the diners, directing and guiding them to their proper numbered table and seats, sans noise and confusion.

The important function of smoothly moving traffic at the entrance to the Grand Ballroom is under the supervision of Admission Chairman Bernie F., and Table Decorations will again be handled by Evelyn McD., of the Sunset Group, San Francisco.

For several years the lovely floral arrangements done by Evvie under Evvie's supervision has won acclaim from visitors from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii. Aided by Gladys P., her co-chairman, the Harvest Theme decor highlighted by pumpkins and autumn colors will again elicit wide admiration.

Our keynote speaker — stellar celebrity of radio, TV, stage and screen — is widely known from coast to coast. Jack B., hardly needs any introduction in AA circles. A veteran member of the Beverly Hills Group, Jack is an articulate, inspiring talker, and will, in his usually manner hold his audience spellbound with wit, charm, and above all, a forthright AA message.

Get your tickets now. Make reservations through your own group secretary who has Reservation Forms and self-addressed, stamped envelope, or by ordering direct from the Banquet Committee, Room 79, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco 8, California.

## VALLEJO SETS STAGE FOR BIG N.C.C. FALL "ROUND-UP"

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Question & Answer period immediately following.

### Workshops

The H & I Committee has a public meeting scheduled for 2:45 p.m. in the Main Auditorium. Dr. Harry Elkins, M.D., medical director, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic, Santa Rosa, is principle speaker, and Patty T., Alameda, sharing the rostrum with the good doctor. Casey P., Santa Rosa, is chairman.

At 4:30 p.m. and again at 5:15 p.m., the functions of the Hospital and Institutions Committee will be outlined in detail by a pair of members who have been identified with the H & I Committee of AA, since its birth, or nearly so.

Bud C., general chairman, H & I, will conduct an "Institution Workshop," followed by Harriet H., co-chairman, detailing the functions of her duties in a "Hospital Workshop."

### Big Meeting

Piece-de-resistance of most any AA conference is the big Public Meeting, followed by a dance. This one is no different. At 8:00 p.m. Reverend H. T. Ward, O.P., pastor, St. Vincent's Catholic Church will recite an Address of Invocation; Jennie K., San Pablo, will read the Twelve Traditions; Marion T., St. Helena, will recite Chapter Five; and an address of welcome on behalf of the City of Vallejo will be delivered by Judge Wallace W. Cox. Introductions will be made by Bill G., San Francisco, chairman, and thereafter, the stage "belongs" to the guest

speaker Anthony F., Los Angeles. He's rated in AA speaking circles as "plenty good." Dancing starts as soon as the floor is cleared of chairs. No doubt, the "Jumpin' Jacks" will do the orchestra chore.

### Late, Late Show

For those that yearn for additional AA philosophy and learning, a sort of "late, late show" has been inaugurated. A special meeting is set for 11:00 p.m. in the Red Room. Speaker is Jim M., Salinas, with Jess P., Pleasanton, is chairman.

Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. the Northern California Council has scheduled its important business meeting. It will be followed at 10:15 a.m. with a Secretaries Workshop. Tom O., Oakland Central Office secretary will serve as chairman

### For Early Birds

Pastor Ernest Eden Bradley, Community Presbyterian Church, will offer the Invocation opening the Sunday Public AA Meeting. Chairman of this gathering is Eleanor H., Lafayette. Chapter Five will be recited by Millie J., Vallejo, and the Twelve Traditions will be read by Donna B., Vallejo. The principal speaker is Marion F., Los Angeles.

There's Early Birds and Late Birds in AA circles. To cover all bases, Vallejo Fellowship is holding a meeting on Friday, October 5 — an Early Bird Meeting — at 8:30 p.m. at the Vallejo Fellowship Club house, 820 Marin Street, (entrance on driveway). Wayne P., Stockton is speaker.

## "When You Want Speed, Attention, Send a Telegram"

A crowd that attended The Big Meeting sponsored by S.F. Inter-County Fellowship a few Fridays ago at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, waited vainly for Municipal Judge Lenore Underwood to appear.

When at 9:00 p.m. the fidgeting became unbearable, Bud G., who was present did a last-minute substitution for the judge.

At 10:00 p.m., the janitor of the building handed Jack I., central secretary, a telegram, saying: "This arrived at 5:30 p.m. and I forgot all about it. Hope it ain't important."

The telegram came from Judge Underwood, saying, "I regret very much I cannot keep my speaking engagement this evening because I'm temporarily indisposed. I trust you will understand and possibly I could appear on another occasion."

Jack tried to convince the janitor that since he gets a telegram once every decade, he considers telegrams important.