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CLASS "B" TRUSTEE ELECTION

Nominee From No. California Selected By Five GS Panels

By Cliff J., Chairman-Delegate

General Service Comm., Int. Panel Two

As was requested by correspondence from the General Service Board, New York City, a meeting was held in Fresno, Calif., on January 6, attended by General Service delegates from all five panels within the State of California.

Purpose of the gathering was to determine a nominee from this state which will be submitted to the Nominating Committee and Board of Trustees, for selecting a Class "B" Trustee on the Board. Opening for a trustee came about as the result of a realignment and the addition of two Class "B" and two Class "A" Trustees to the Board.

Procedures

At the April Conference to be held in New York City, this Trustee will be selected by the Board of Trustees recommendations, plus approval by Third Legacy procedures of the Nominating Committee, and finally by the Conference, itself.

The person selected as Trustee from the Pacific Region will represent a broad territory covering California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska.

Tentative selections from these states will also be submitted and considered by the Board and Committee and the decision and selection will be announced at the New York City April Conference.

Milestone

This is a "first" in the history of AA in Northern California inasmuch (continued on page eight, col. one)

Speakers for "Show Case" Meetings Set

Anita Day Hubbard, the "Good Neighbor" of the S. F. Examiner, is one of a fine array of speakers that will appear during February at the All-Groups meetings sponsored by S. F. Inter-County Fellowship.

The open sessions—called the "Show Case Meetings"—are held every Friday throughout the year at Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Here's the line-up:

FRIDAY, FEB. 1 — Lois H., 12th Step Study Group of Burlingame, and Earl C., Burlingame Group.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8 — Myrtle G., St. Mark's Group, Santa Clara, and Cliff H., San Jose's Sunday Morning Breakfast Group.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15 — Bud C., Van Ness Group of S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, and Bill J., Santa Monica.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22 — Bill L., Surf Group of S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, and Anita Ray Hubbard will share the Washington's Birthday rostrum.

Visitors to the Golden Gate Avenue meeting place consider it the finest in the West. Complete with elevator service to the meeting floor, it boasts excellent acoustics, cushioned seats, fine public address system, air conditioning, and coffee bar. Coffee is served before each meeting and after the meetings close.

Valentine Dance At SF Alano Club

The month of February at the Alano Club of San Francisco, 414 Grant Avenue in Chinatown, will be a fun month, Bus D., program director, announces. Here's the line-up:

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 — Groundhog Day Dance with prizes, surprises, fun, frolic, and the "Jumpin' Jacks."

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 — Valentine's Day Dance. Bring your favorite "Valentine" and trip the light fantastic to the music of the "Jumpin' Jacks." Door prizes plus fun galore.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23 — February Birthday Party for AA's. This is a fine, old traditional party when members who have an AA birthday are recognized and appropriately saluted with fanfare and fun. Visitors are welcome. Bring the whole family.

Marysville NCC CONVENTION Mar. 2-3

A complete program including H & I workshops, AA and Al-Anon business sessions, Alateen meetings, and all data pertaining to the Marysville NCC Convention will be detailed in the next issue of GOOD NEWS—off the press, the last week in February. Watch for it!

TV Explores S.F. Skid Row

Alleys, saloons, pawn shops and flop houses are the setting for KRON-TV ASSIGNMENT FOUR's documentary two-part study of one of San Francisco's most pressing social problems, "Skid Row" which was seen on Channel Four on Monday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. and again on Monday, January 14, at the same hour.

For this unusual news special, ASSIGNMENT FOUR crews ate, drank and rode the police wagons, with the men of the area bounded by Market, Folsom, Third and Seventh Streets.

A former editor of a major metropolitan newspaper told the story of his recent life on "Skid Row." The ex-newsman, now in the Salvation Army's alcoholic rehabilitation program, detailed methods of pan-handling, explaining how "cocktails" were made from shoe polish, canned heat, gasoline and shaving lotion, and describing the day-to-day life of the Skid Row dweller.

The "comb-out" as "Skid Row" residents term it—the daily police roundup of drunks from streets and alleys—was photographed by KRON-TV cameras riding with a San Francisco Police Department patrol wagon making its rounds. The cameras then followed the arrested men through the "shake-down" and booking process into the drunk tank.

On one program Southern Station's Officer Emmett Simpson, a veteran of many years on the Skid Row beat, was seen, along with several residents of the "Row."

Actual courtroom hearings were included in the second episode which had appearances by Judge Andrew Eyman, Presiding Judge Bernard Glickfeld, and Capt. Stanley Davey, who heads the Salvation Army's Harbor Lights Mission.

In its personal-experience approach, resulting in exclusive motion picture footage of an area and problem never seen by most viewers, "Skid Row" was an unusually effective documentary report in the award-winning ASSIGNMENT FOUR series.

WORDS ALONE ARE FUTILE...

This is my tribute to many fine AA friends, and especially to a wonderful woman, a devoted wife, and a splendid mother.

A girl who, some two and one-half years ago, was ready to give up everything she held dear, and then found AA sobriety and a new way of life.

And, in the course of so doing, allowed me the privilege of meeting, courting, and finally marrying her some 15 months ago.

Patricia Doane died last night and part of me died with her. For she loved me as I loved her—deeply and devotedly.

For some reason beyond the comprehension of mere man, the God we love and understood, chose this time to take her from us.

Words alone cannot express the grief I feel down deep inside, and my only consolation, at this time, is our little girl and a memory of 15 wonderful months that I shall always carry in my heart.

Let no man or woman ever say to me that marriages in AA—based on love and our philosophy—does not work; or that we don't gain many dear and close friends that will go to any length to help us in a time of need.

So, to the many, many of you who have been on the 'phone, constantly, with offers of help, I can only say that "she knew you—she loved you."

Wherever God has taken her I know that she is looking down with a smile of love and compassion. And, to you, My Dear, my love goes with you; and someday I shall be with you again.

Ruth Mullen Dies

A cornorary attack felled one of Al-Anon's most devoted and able women. Ruth Mullen, wife of the late Jim Mullen, suddenly passed away and with her death a noble husband-wife team ended; a dual association that embraced surpassing activities in AA and Al-Anon in San Francisco and Northern California.

Jim Mullen was co-founder of Surf Group. Eddie F., of El Salvador, the prompting force. The living room of the Mullen home served as Surf's meeting place for many months. Jim served in many capacities, chairman, speaker, steering committee leader, Twelve Step calls—the works.

Alongside of Jim at every step of the road was the faithful, hard-working Ruth. When Jim died, meetings continued to be held at the modest Mullen residence with Ruth setting the place, a ready coffee pot in hand.

She was an indefatigable worker in the Al-Anon vineyard. Her kind words, her good deeds, her know-how will be sorely missed.

But she has joined her Jim where she always wanted to be.

Group Disbands

The Citrus Heights Group of the Central California Fellowship of AA (Sacramento) has disbanded until further notice.

In Memoriam

Carl Wachsmuth, 61, member of the Burlingame Wednesday Group, died January 3. Mr. Wachsmuth had most recently been acting as co-secretary of the San Mateo County Central Office.

Well known and beloved by all who knew and worked with him, he will be remembered by many for his good works, and kindnesses, and sadly missed by all.

H and I Fund Drive In Monterey Area

The Hospital and Institution Committee came up with a novel idea for fund raising. They held a special drive among members to collect Blue Chip Stamp Books.

These were then redeemed for some fine gifts which were, in turn, raffled off at the last Intergroup Meeting in Santa Cruz.

The committee happily reported it was able to realize over \$75.00 to swell its H and I fund which it expends on hospital and institutions work.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank those who bought raffle tickets and special thanks to the women who contributed Blue Chip books.

All-Groups Of Peninsula Set February Talks

Enthusiasm continues at a high level—and participation equals the enthusiasm—at the Peninsula All-Groups meetings held each Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Episcopal Church Auditorium, Baldwin and El Camino, in San Mateo.

Probably one of the major reasons for high attendance, said John F., program chairman, is the fine roster of speakers that consistently “carry the message.”

The February speakers, are:

SAT., FEB. 2 — John K., San Carlos Group. Host group is Palo Alto.

SAT., FEB. 9 — Stan W., Fairfax Group with South San Francisco serving as host group.

SAT., FEB 16 — Blackie S, Ambassadors Host group is the Palo Alto Wednesday Night Group

SAT., FEB. 23 — Dwight B., Pacific. The Sunday Burlingame Group will act as host group.

Stan M., outgoing secretary of the Peninsula All-Groups received a rousing “Thank You” from the gang at a recent celebration. His wife, Marie, was present for the occasion and took some of the bows for ably assisting her able husband.

New secretary is Bernie F., Palo Alto Group. He will have as his assistant Don of the San Bruno Group. Both are highly popular and equipped with AA knowhow.

Additionally, they brew the best pot of coffee which they invite all comers to share.

Paradise Group Sets Anniversary

The Sixth Anniversary of the Paradise Family Group, Paradise, Calif., will be celebrated Saturday, February 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the Paradise High School Auditorium.

Principal speaker of the meeting, which will be open to the public, will be Dr. Ed P., Veterans Home, Yountville, Napa, Calif.

The committee in charge of the birthday observance has arranged an interesting celebration following the meeting.

H&I BROADSIDES

By the Chairman of the Hospital and Institution Committee, NCC

WE WOULD LIKE to comment on the H & I Committee meeting held January 20, in Stockton. Considering the freezing weather coupled with dense fog, the only adequate word that comes to mind to describe the session is “fantastic.” Packed with persons representing all areas of Northern California, the term “fantastic” seems the correct word to describe the zeal, unselfishness, and dedication which prompted these wonderful people to brave a nasty night of travel in order to foster better H & I services. This is “service to Mankind” in action.

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IT IS RELIABLY established that all H & I areas are doing an excellent job. It is the writer’s opinion, however, that bouquets are in order for Area Seven, and should be honored as “The Area of the Year.”

Impossible to mention all names that have contributed to Area Seven’s honorable niche, let’s say that through the leadership of Tommy L., Area Chairman, that good things are humming. Through the combined efforts of Tommy and other dedicated members of the unit, Area Seven has contributed more to the H & I Literature Fund than has been donated in the past seven years. Further, the members of Area Seven cover their respective assignments with high purpose and aplomb.

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MARYSVILLE IS JUST around the corner and the H & I Committee feel that again we’ve hit the jockpot for speakers at the afternoon meeting of H & I. We present for your approbation:

F. W. “Bill” Forden, AA sponsor and deputy superintendent, Correctional Training facility, Soledad, Calif. None of us need a so-called “profile” on Bill. He is one of the best friends we are privileged to know and associate.

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Additionally, Bill S., now serving as chairman, Area Four, a resident of Stockton, will share the Speaker’s Rostrum with Mr. Forden. The writer will be chairman of this particular meeting.

Sunday morning will see our Committees working on both Hospital and Institution “Workshops.” These are places to bring your gripes, grievances or orchids, whatever the case may be. These two meetings will be in session at the same time. We’ll try to arrange them closely enough so that “commuting” can be easily done.

Hazel L., our friend from Vallejo, will moderate the Hospital Meeting, and we hope to have John M. preside over the Institutions sessions.

Island Fellowship Sets Feb. Meetings

Island Fellowship of Alameda continues its top notch programs every Saturday that features outstanding speakers. Group meets at their Fellowship Center, 1828 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda. Meetings set for February, are:

Sat., Feb. 2 — Perry B., San Leandro.

Sat., Feb. 9 — George O’H., Los Altos.

Sat., Feb. 16 — Barbara B., Walnut Creek.

Sat., Feb. 23 — Tom A., Sunnyvale.

The meetings are open and commence at 8:30 p.m. Plenty of coffee and refreshments available.

Interior Panel 2 Schedules Meeting

A General Service meeting of all District Committeemen and Group Representatives will be conducted by California Interior Panel Two Sunday, February 10, at 1755 34th Street, Sacramento.

The meeting which starts at 1:00 p.m. is of vital interest to all persons connected with General Service, Cliff J., chairman, said.

He pointed out that the Spring NCC Conference of March 2-3 in Marysville, will emphasize General Service, and the Sacramento session, will serve as a “briefing” for the business to be handled on the Convention agenda.

Romance "Busts Out" Everywhere

Dan Cupid, the imp that romps in a Bikini, armed with a bow and a fistful of arrows which he pegs at unwary people, was on the loose in the hills and valleys of Santa Cruz and in Watsonville this past month.

Hunting was good. His aim was unerring.

His first shaft hit the target on December 6 when Chuck S. of the Santa Cruz Group took as his bride the lovely, and much loved Louise B., also of the Santa Cruz AA unit. The marriage was solemnized by Reverend Bullard in a rustic chapel in the Ben Lomond hills.

Chuck is well known in Northern California AA circles. He is secretary of the Santa Cruz Monday Night Group and also serves as reporter for the NCC.

The Little White Church in Soquel was the scene of Dan's second foray, when on December 9, another active worker of the Santa Cruz Group was married to Miss Elsie Ann Scriver in a simple but lovely ceremony that took place in the parsonage.

On December 14 at the lovely ranch home of Stella and Jarvis McG., Watsonville, Bea T. (your Good News reporter) and Pete R. (your Good News cartoonist) were married in Watsonville in ceremonies that were solemnized by the words of Reverend Al Chandler.

Virtually all AA members of Watsonville, Salinas, and Monterey Bay who were not laid up—who were able to crawl or limp—attended these nuptial rites that was a sort of "community" ceremony with AA's from miles around arranging and taking part in the affair which apparently resembled one of those old Early California marriages that history tells us about.

Attendance Zooms

The Sunday Nite Open Meeting, sponsored by San Mateo County Inter Groups, is rapidly becoming a highly popular meeting with attendance "zooming," according to Joe M., an active member of the unit.

Meeting is held every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Recreation Hall, 850 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame, Calif.

A Lot of Dough...

Tolerance J., chairman Food and Coffee Supplies Committee, writes GOOD NEWS, to wit: "As we will need plenty of cakes for the NCC Conference in Marysville, March 2 and 4, will you please put a Box Ad in your paper, something like this,

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Will each group make it a point to bring several cakes to the Marysville Conference? We need 80 cakes or more.

Okay! We put in the Box. Will you gals make the 80 cakes?

Vallejo Schedules Speaker-Meetings

Vallejo Fellowship has scheduled a varied and interesting roster of speakers for their February and March meetings. Vallejo boasts "there is a meeting every night in the week except Sunday." Meetings are held at the Fellowship's headquarters, 820 Marin Street, side entrance. Meetings start at 8:30 p.m.

SAT., FEBRUARY 16 — A. G. Haner, a non-alcoholic graduate of Yale, will lecture on compulsive drinking trends.

SAT., FEBRUARY 23 — Al S., Novato Group.

SAT., MARCH 2 — Ralph W., San Jose Fellowship.

SAT., MARCH 9 — Estelle R., South San Francisco Group.

SAT., MARCH 16 — Moe F., Broderick, Calif.

SAT., MARCH 23 — Ken B., Concord, Calif.

SAT., MARCH 30 — Joe C., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship. The Al-Anons meet at the same address, each Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Lost and Found

BRACELET—Found at our Annual Banquet held Saturday, October 27, at Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Owner may claim bracelet by describing same to finder. Write P. O. Box 706, Fort Bragg, Calif.

Novato Holding 8th Anniversary

Novato Group celebrates its Eighth Anniversary on Saturday, February 16, at the Community Hall, corner of Machin and Delong Street, Novato, with a party-meeting starting at 8:00 p.m.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be a brief description of the history of AA in Novato. Speaker of the evening is Bill G., Surf Club of San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, and the new GSO delegate to New York from Panel One.

Coffee will be served from 7:00 p.m. More coffee and plenty of good refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Novato in Marin County, extends a cordial welcome to all Northern California AA members, and their friends to attend the anniversary party.

Dunsmuir Holds A Christmas Party

Amid the first snow flurry of the season, Dunsmuir and Mt. Shasta Groups of AA played host to members and children from Redding, Yreka, Dunsmuir, Mt. Shasta, and Klamath Falls, Ore., at a gala Christmas Party held Saturday, December 15.

The lovely affair was held in the recreation hall of the Methodist Church of Dunsmuir with "Robbie" Smith serving as overall chairman. More than 75 AA members and kiddies enjoyed a grand turkey and ham buffet arranged by Mrs. Smith.

The buffet, held at 6:30 p.m., was followed by a meeting at which Art S., Dunsmuir, was chairman. A member of each group attending said appropriate seasonal remarks, after which Santa presented gifts to everyone.

The new Dunsmuir and Mt. Shasta Groups are showing notable growth and making many new friends in Northern California.

Mrs. Smith and her husband, formerly of San Francisco and San Luis Obispo, are taking active part in the affairs of AA in Dunsmuir and welcome all of their old friends to stop by as they pass through.

General Service Panels 1 and 2 Set NCC Plans

Northern California General Service Committee Panels One and Two have completed plans for participation in the Spring NCC Conference at Marysville, Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3.

Meetings scheduled for the GS Committee are, as follows:

SATURDAY, MAR. 2, 9:30 A.M. —

Registration for District Committee Members and GS Representatives.

SATURDAY, MAR. 2, 10:30 A.M.—

General Service Workshop. Joint discussion of Panels One and Two. Five California Delegates will be present.

SATURDAY, MAR. 2, 1:00 P.M. —

General Service Open Public Meeting.

1. Lloyd S., Past Delegate, Panel One, will introduce Bill G., newly elected Delegate who will serve the Panel for the 1963-64 term.
2. Cliff J., Delegate, Panel Two, will show a 20-minute film dramatizing the world-wide services extended by our GSO, New York City.
3. Clyde D., Delegate, Southern California Panel One, will outline the structure of General Service, using a chart designed for this purpose.

All General Service Representatives are urged to register the group they represent. If possible, Representatives should bring a friend. Matters will be on the March 2-3 agenda that will likewise appear on the GSO Conference of April, this year, in New York.

Anonymity Break

Joe R., a newcomer to California, now residing in Modesto, writes Good News to inquire about a break in anonymity where, in a recent edition of the publication, under "Banquet Tapes" one of the tapes was listed as done by "Queen for a Day" Jack B.

Anonymity is a sacred commodity in California, Arizona, or elsewhere in AA. Whenever a so-called "anonymity break" occurs in Good News, it is done with the express approval of the concerned individual.

HURRICANE KAREN . . .

Island of Guam AA Group Survives

Hurricane Karen struck the Island of Guam last November with violent force leaving a wake of destruction. Chuck and Mary Y., known to many in local AA circles, had gone from California to Guam to live some months before the 100 mile-an-hour Big Wind smote the little Pacific island. Here's Chuck and Mary's brief account.—Editor.

EDITOR:

Having just finished reading every item appearing in the January issue of GOOD NEWS, I feel a bit homesick. Homesick for all our good AA friends back there in California.

Since Karen hit Guam, only six of us have been able to get together and have just one meeting. All of us have been subjected to long, and very tiresome hours of working in an attempt to restore this island to somewhat liveable conditions.

Our little center, known as the Island of Guam Fellowship, just does not exist, since Karen decided to include it in her 90 percent destruction of the island.

I am certain that each of us in our small group here have learned through the teachings of AA, that we must accept the things we cannot change. I know that each of us said a little prayer, in our way, to our God, as we understand Him, on that night of November 11, 1962.

I know when this terrible thing hit us, it was asked that if it be His will, we be protected, and I know that our prayers were answered. The destruction was indescribable, and some members left homeless, but there is one thing that each of us are very grateful and thankful for—and that is—we are still sober, thank God.

Two months ago tonight it happened. Sorry it has taken so long to let all of you know that we are Safe, Sound and Sober.

Island of Guam Fellowship
13 Anae Lane,
Navy 926
FPO San Francisco, Calif.

Avenue Alanon

A special open meeting has been scheduled by the Avenue Alanon Group for Wed., Feb. 20, at 8:30 p.m., at St. Boniface Church Auditorium, 133 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco.

Featured speakers for the event will be Margaret and Kal K., well known AA couple.

The meeting is open to Alanons, AA members, their families and friends, Murrel S., program chairman, announced.

New Group Starts At Emerald Lake

A new group, the Emerald Lake Group of Redwood City, got off to a good start last fortnight, when 20 members dedicated the new headquarters.

Emerald Lake elected Joe C. as its secretary, and Eileen R., treasurer. Weekly meetings will be held Wednesdays starting at 8:30 p.m.

The group meets in temporary headquarters located in St. Mathias Church, Community Center, Oak Noll near Canyon, in the Emerald Lake section of Redwood City.

Monterey Peninsula Agog with Christmas

The Christmas spirit was abroad in the land especially in the Monterey Bay area where it demonstrated itself with several Open House buffet dinners.

Salinas Groups were hosts at a gala afternoon and evening affair on December 24, with lots of turkey, baked ham, and all the good things that go to make up a real, happy Christmas Day.

Some 75 sober families shared the food and fun throughout the day and evening. The meeting, held that night, was well attended.

Monterey reported that some 50 people shared a turkey and ham buffet in the Fellowship House on Alvarado Street. They all left stuffed like Christmas stockings plus good fellowship, good talk, and fun.

Profit & Loss

Coroner: What were your husband's last words?

Wife: He had just said, "I don't see how they can make a profit on this stuff at two dollars a fifth."

ALATEENS AND AL-ANONS HOLD JOINT MONTEREY BAY MEETING

By Bea R., Salinas-Monterey-Watsonville
Correspondent

Treated to a surprise that proved a very pleasant one were those lucky AA and Al-Anon members that attended the December 29 meeting of the Monterey Bay Intergroup. Because from start to finish the program was refreshingly different.

Following the formal opening by Don F., chairman, of Santa Cruz, Chapter Five was read by Bob S., and a recitation of the 12 Traditions by Morrie W., the entire program was then turned over to a four-party panel of Al-Anons. And, for a change, we dried-out Old Soaks had an opportunity to hear first hand how the other half lives. It was really interesting, enlightening, and best of all, real fun.

Birth of Alateens

To start the program, little Sherrill M. of San Jose told us how The Alateen groups were born in Pasadena in 1957. How it grew and spread up the coast and how these wonderful kids of ours group together in an effort to learn to adjust to our new way of life and to fit themselves into it in order to make home a more pleasant place for us as well as themselves. She related with charm and simplicity her experiences in learning to control her behavior and to try to understand and become a part of this new family life.

Sherrill was followed by Kay B. who told how Alateens came to San Jose in February, 1961, and shared with us her experience and struggles to learn to have patience, self control and understanding of her family's efforts to rebuild their lives and to make a home of a shambles that all of us have left in the wake of our illness.

These kids of ours are fabulous!
The "Martyr"

Third on the panel we were really given a treat when we shared the story of the awakening of one of our busiest and dearest Alanon women. Jean S. the happy wife of our just past delegate Lloyd, of Santa Clara. Jean did a grand job of keeping happy and light a really serious subject as she told how after years of playing second fiddle to a bottle she found herself playing second fiddle to a bunch of meet-

ings of drunks. Her success in finding a place for herself in Lloyd's new life and in rediscovering herself was mirrored in her happy face and her ability to laugh with us at the days when she used to pace the beach here in Santa Cruz with suicide on her mind because she felt so sorry for that 'poor martyred woman' who after years of hunting up and sobering up and straightening out the masses of a drunken husband she now found herself a lonely widow to a sober husband who chased sobriety alone even as he had chased the bottle.

Know Yourself

She told how with the help of a friend she began to know herself a little and to realize that she too had some characteristics that needed overhauling if she planned to live in any peace with this 'new' Lloyd. She shared with us the time she found it necessary to seek someone with similar problems and to offer her strength and hope to another person, the slow and painful beginning of Alanon in Santa Clara County and let us see in her happiness the growing and glowing success that Alanon of today has come to be in our area.

Drunken Women

Finally we were given a short look at the other side of the coin when John C. of San Jose let us know a bit of what it is like to be the husband of not one but two alcoholic wives. He told how, lonely and confused, he came to Alanon and found a way to live in peace. How the twelve steps and twelve traditions have come to add up for him to twenty-four hours a day and that since he has to have time out to sleep he has learned to break it into half-hour periods to allow time for all the living he finds to do in the program.

Eastbay New Year Party Proclaimed A Marked Success

"The Biggest Event in 18 Years."

That's the way the Eastbay Intergroup's New Year's Banquet and Dance is being described by the capacity of AA members and friends that participated.

Every table was filled; every table was garlanded and beautiful to behold. The food was plentiful, done to a gourmet's perfection, and served by a corps of smiling serving ladies.

From the start, the event was bathed in an aura of warmth and friendliness. This spirit pervaded up to "lights out." The music and entertainment was excellently performed, and the Alateens who did the "Twist" almost outdid the Bleeding Deacons who did the "Rheumatism Glide."

Space in this edition of GOOD NEWS does not permit mention of all the wonderful guys and gals that made this a splendid affair.

This is a blanket "Thank You" from the Banquet Committee to these dedicated people.

Watsonville Open House at Christmas

From our every-busy Watsonville-Salinas-Monterey Bay correspondent, the newly-married Bea R., we learned that the Yuletide was celebrated by many AA's in the Monterey Peninsula.

Bea writes, "It's wonderful to be sober alcoholic and have a place to go on Christmas Eve for fun and frolic." She went on to report that Mae P., Watsonville, held Open House on Christmas Eve where warmth, laughter and the spirit of fellowship prevailed.

Mae's daughters, Ann and Sue, greatly helped to make the affair a lively and lovely affair, Bea said.

Refreshments and entertainment were served by Alcoholics this time and it was real good to see the Gals out front being waited on for a change.

As we "Alkies" face the New Year I think we can truly raise our voices in a hearty toast of love and gratitude to these fabulous families of ours.

God Bless all Alanons and Alateens wherever you are.

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Julie and Joe Move; Watsonville Grieves

A pair of stalwarts of the Watsonville Group moved last month to San Bruno thereby causing much lament in the AA community.

Julie and Joe served Watsonville Group unselfishly and well for three years until circumstances caused the couple to tender their goodbyes.

A surprise Farewell Party was highlighted by a presentation of a beautiful pencil portrait of the couple's small daughter. Julie cut a "gratitude cake"; the AA gang joined in singing nostalgic old songs, "barroom harmony."

The Alateens gave up their meeting to permit the Going Away party.

Fresno GS Unit To Hold Feb. Meeting

At a date yet to be set in February, committee members of General Service in Fresno will sponsor a gathering, it was announced by Jess F., Fresno General Service committeeman.

Highlight of the gathering will be a sound film of GSO plus a talk by Jim M., on world-wide AA services. Jim is California nominee to the General Service Board.

Placerville Exodus

Abby and Wes W., and Jean Bob M., all from AA and/or Al-Anon groups of Placerville, have recently moved to areas within the Central California Fellowship (Sacramento). This is a distinct loss to the Mother Lode groups.

Vallejo Growth

AA in Vallejo has come a long way since it started 19 years ago with six members.

Our correspondent and statistician, Hazel L., does a bit of justifiable bragging when she points out that in 1962, Vallejo Fellowship held 360 meetings that were attended by 5663—or an average of 16, plus, per meeting.

Tea for Three

The Sunday Nite Group of Gridley plans to attend the Marysville NCC Conference "enmasse." The entire group will establish a "hospitality house" to which an invitation to come in and have a java and arms-length AA, is extended all comers. Gridley's Sunday Nite Group consists of three members.

Birthday for Jack

Chico members recently hosted a dinner meeting at Mandy's Pancake House to celebrate the 18th AA birthday of Jack H., an honored "elder statesman" of Chico Group. Following the affair, Jack left for another cancer treatment at the Hospital of Good Hope, Southern California.

Conference Breakfast

Marysville-Yuba groups are planning one of their famous annual Conference Breakfasts at the March 2-3 Marysville NCC Conference. The ham-and-eggs affair is slated for the Athletic Club, Elmer B., breakfast chairman, said.

Bartender Job

A job paying \$100.00 per month for part-time bartender work at the Sacramento Alano was recently made vacant by the resignation of Marty, manager of the club. It may be filled by the time GOOD NEWS goes to press, but if not, apply at the Club, 2225 T Street, Sacramento.

Stockton Midtown

Effectively immediately, Stockton Midtown Group has moved to a new meeting location at 1001 North California Street, directly opposite Stockton, Calif.

'65 Convention Is Underwritten

The Thirtieth Anniversary International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, set for July 2, 3 and 4, in Toronto, Canada, reached its first goal last December 8, when "a guarantee fund" was set up.

The fund is to be used in underwriting any deficit in the operation of the convention.

The fund, amounting to \$13,000.00, will be held in financial institutions in Canada and the United States, and will be touched only if convention expenditures exceed revenue from registrations.

If not needed, the sum will be returned to those participating: to individual AA's and groups in Canada and to the General Service Board of AA.

The "guarantee fund" is not to be confused with advance registrations which will not be available until 1964.

Hospital Stretch

Last July, Clayton J., brother of Cliff J., Sacramento, was in a car-train collision. Injuries, including crushed ankles, broken hip, and ribs has confined him in Oakland's VA Hospital since the bad accident. Expected out by New Year's. Clayton, his release date has been postponed. Notes or cards from AA's will help keep high the old morale. Hospital address: 13th and Alice Street, Oakland, California.

Velma at UC Hospital

Still waging a valiant battle against cancer, Velma Ives L., Sacramento, entered U.C. Hospital, Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, for further surgery. In cases like that of Velma's an earnest prayer is often as vital as a skilled scalpel.

Steilacoom Card

The staff of Good News acknowledges with much appreciation a Christmas Card received from "The Retrievers" of Steilacoom, Wash. The staff takes this opportunity of returning our sincere "Thank You" to the 19 signers of the thoughtful card.

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5 PANELS SELECT GS MAN

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as the nominee comes from Northern California. The last time a nominee was submitted from California was in 1935 when Cliff W., Whittier, was the final selection of the Board.

At the discretion of the Board and Nominating Committee, the person selected to fill a seat on the Board of Trustees, serves for a four-year term. He or she is required to attend quarterly meetings; participate in decisions and discussions affecting world-wide AA; in matters pertaining to policy, finance, literature and the many facets of AA activity affecting the welfare of members throughout the world.

Fresno Meet

At the January 6 session, held in Fresno, tentative nominees from the five panels within the State of California, had already been selected by their respective panels. A brochure containing the nominee's qualifications and AA experience had been distributed to each Area, or Panel Delegate, for review. General Service Delegates from each of the five State panels, attended.

Delegates were Fritz H., San Diego; Joe B., Redondo Beach; Clyde D., Inglewood; Bill G., San Francisco, and Cliff J., Sacramento. Inglewood Joe was selected to serve as chairman of the session.

Trio Named

Names of panel selections were thoroughly discussed and separately evaluated. The three candidates submitted to the meeting were Dr. Earl M., Mill Valley; Chuck C., Laguna Beach, and Jm. M., Sacramento. Each was given serious consideration in the light of business experience, GS activity, experience in all phases of AA, and the prerequisites specified as necessary in preliminary correspondence with N. Y. headquarters. Since three and one-half hours were consumed in covering qualifications, the seriousness and thoroughness of selection, is evident.

Sacramento Man

Final selection was won by Jim M., Group Three, Sacramento, as the nominee from California. Jim hardly needs introduction to AA in North-

ern California. He has been active in most AA circles in the northern part of the state and is, by no means a stranger to Southern California. He did considerable work with the DMV in the southern half of California, and is highly thought of by the staff in New York. He is one of the former delegates who has kept in close contact with N.Y. and maintained his activity in GS work since he was delegate to N.Y. from Panel Two, in 1957.

Since his coming into AA in 1951 (he originally entered via the old Virginia Group of Vallejo) Jim is well versed in most facets of AA and its works. Moving to Sacramento in 1952, he successfully served in many capacities including a two-year stint as general secretary of his group. Under his guidance the Sacramento groups have expanded to nine units with, and 150 members.

He has been active in H and I work, particularly with institution activity at Folsom, and has been a steady participant in NCC since 1952.

Jim was active in GS work almost from its inception and represented Panel Two in New York City at its April Conference in 1957.

Alanon, Too

Jim's qualifications, in addition to an extensive business career, is further enhanced by his wife's interests in Alanon. Marge has been active in this vital AA-affiliate activity since 1952, and has been a frequent speaker at NCC Conferences. Presently, she is committeeman for World Services of Alanon.

Speaking for Panel Two of General Service, we feel grateful and highly honored that this selection of Jim, has been made from our area. Those of us who have known Jim over the years, feel that he will serve us and the State of California with dignity, sincerity and dedication.

If the final choice of Board names Jim as Trustee, we know him to be a member of AA—a person of stability, conservatism, and principle—and we have confidence in his ability to represent California in the manner we wish.

**A Milestone!
Jim M. Wins
GS Nomination**

As the result of a meeting of five California panels of the General Service, held in Fresno, January 6, Northern California achieved a "first" when Jim M., Sacramento, was unanimously chosen by all five panels as state nominee to the N. Y. Board of Trustees. Following letter is explanatory:

Hazel, R.,
General Service Office,
P. O. Box 459
Grand Central Station,
New York City, 17.

Dear Hazel:

We had our meeting of five California delegates for the purpose of submitting a nominee as our choice for a Class "B" Trustee from our state.

Three names were submitted for consideration. They were Jim M., Chuck C., and Dr. Earl M. In the discussion of these men and their qualifications, and pursuant to Third Legacy procedures, our unanimous decision was Jim M., Sacramento. Please find resume enclosed.

We are having another meeting of the five delegates on March 2, 1963, in Marysville, Calif., and we shall appreciate receiving resumes of the nominees from the other states in the Pacific Region by March 2, if possible.

Sincerely,

Cliff J., No. Calif., Panel Two
Bill G., No. Calif., Panel Two
Clyde D., So. Calif., Panel One
Fritz H., So. Calif., Panel Two
Joe Ba., So. Calif., Panel Two

Salinas Tape Meet

Members and friends who showed up at a Sunday morning meeting of the Salinas Group held December 30, were given a special treat.

The great talk given by Jack B., of the Beverley Hills Group, at the Annual Fall Banquet sponsored by S. F. Inter-County Fellowship at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, was heard from a tape recording.

Virginia of the Salinas AA unit, rented the tape from the AA Tape Library, and was hostess for the taped meeting.