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NCC CONFERENCE SET HUNDREDS TO ATTEND

EUREKA, from the Greek, heureka, "I have found it"—the exclamation attributed to Archimedes upon discovering a method of determining the purity of the gold in King Hiero's crown. Hence, expressing a discovery. It is the motto of the State of California.

Some 1200 AA members, their families, and friends, will discover, or re-discover Eureka, the capital of the Lumber Empire of Northern California, when they gather there Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, for the mid-Summer NCC Conference of AA, hosted jointly by the Humboldt and Del Norte Counties of Alcoholics Anonymous.

That the "discovery" will be to everyone's liking, is a foregone conclusion. Shirley D., Fortuna, and Win S., local chairmen, emphatically

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state that everything is in readiness to present one of the best conventions, to date.

Guest Speakers

The two-day Conference meetings will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Building in downtown Eureka, with Public Open Meetings on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at Redwood Acres, the fairgrounds, at the edge of the city.

Keynote speaker at the Saturday evening Open Meeting will be Duke P., of the South Pasadena-San Mateo Group in Southern California. Duke is a veteran member of AA. He joined the organization in Akron, O., "birthplace of AA," 23 years ago. He has been associated with AA in Toledo, Buffalo, Boston, New Orleans, and New York, and in 1953, was one of the speakers at the Yale Summer School of Alcoholic Studies.

H & I Speaker

Tom C., Medford, Ore., former Delegate from Oregon to the General Service Committee, New York,

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Alameda Group Plans Birthday

The Island Fellowship Group of Alameda is making plans to celebrate its Fifth Anniversary Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9. Jack I., secretary, S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, is scheduled to speak at the Saturday night meeting on June 8. The meeting starts at 8:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Center, 1828 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda.

The Group reports their 5th annual Easter Sunday breakfast was well attended, with about 75 AA members and their families sharing ham and eggs with all the trimmings.

The Island Fellowship meets every night of the week except Friday. Saturday night meetings feature outstanding AA speakers. Scheduled to appear during May are the following:

SATURDAY, MAY 4—Eneas K., San Francisco.

SATURDAY, MAY 11—Walter McG., New York City.

SATURDAY, MAY 18—Paul G., San Rafael.

SATURDAY, MAY 25—Jim OT., San Francisco.

Celebration For S.F. All-Groups

A gala party and dance is part of the festive plans that will celebrate the Seventeenth Anniversary of the S.F. Central All-Groups Meeting, Friday, May 10, starting at 7:00 p.m. at 240 Golden Gate Avenue.

"After the Wine, The Roses" is the title of a speakers' program starting at 8:30 p.m. Short, five-minute talks will be delivered by four Marin County members of AA, four from Peninsula groups; and four from San Francisco County.

The sixty-minute speaker program will be followed by an anniversary dance and party, featuring the melodies of the "Jumpin' Jacks," and a buffet. Throughout the evening coffee and snacks will be served.

The All-Groups meetings were started in 1946 at the Golden Gate Avenue site. Meetings have been held every Friday night, without a break, for 17 years.

Folsom Change

The Folsom Group announces that its meeting place has been changed to a new location at 408 Wool Street. Percy S., secretary, said this is in a classroom, next door to their former meeting place.

Intergroup Meeting

Mt. Shasta will be the site of an Inter-Group Meeting, Saturday, May 4, jointly sponsored by Dunsmuir and Mt. Shasta (Calif.) Groups of AA.

The one-day session will be held in St. Anthony's Hall on Pine Street in Mt. Shasta. It will be highlighted by a Pot-Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Cliff J., Sacramento, will deliver a report on World Service illustrating his talk with a GSO film. Floyd B., Roseville, is slated for a hard-fisted AA talk.

Art S., Dunsmuir, and Bob B., Mt. Shasta, are co-chairmen of the Intergroup Meeting.

5-Day School On Alcoholism

The California School on Alcoholism, a five-day seminar, will be held on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, June 17-21, under the joint sponsorship of the School of Public Health; and University Extension, University of California, Berkeley; and with the Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, State Department of Public Health.

It is expected to be of prime interest to public health officers, medical personnel, social and welfare workers, educators, nurses, enforcement and correctional officers, judges, lawyers, clergymen, and personnel officers.

Correctional, legal, medical, sociological, psychological, educational, and personnel aspects of the problem will be covered under the following broad headings:

Metabolism of Alcohol, Biological Effects of Alcohol, Diagnosis of Alcoholism, Incidence and Distribution of Alcoholism, Causation of Alcoholism, Official Agencies and Alcoholism, Drinking and Driving, Non-Official Agencies and Alcoholism, Treatment of Alcoholism, and Current Research in Alcoholism.

Fee for the five-day seminar is \$40.00. Registrants will be housed in new residence halls on the Berkeley campus. Program brochure is now available. Write to Conference Department, University Extension, University of California, Berkeley.

Old Timers Party Is Eastbay Plan

A gala Anniversary and Old Timers Party is being planned by the Oakland Alano Club, 319 14th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Lewie H., secretary of the Eastbay unit, said the affair is set for the last Saturday in June—June 28—with something very elaborate “in the mixer.”

Lewie said the club's entertainment committee welcomes the popular “Jumpin' Jacks” as their Saturday night music-makers. Plans are afoot for one Saturday night dance to be “Hawaiian Night.” Date for affair will be announced soon.

GS Coast Panel Set for Eureka NCC Convention

The General Service Committee of Northern California Coastal Panel No. One has set its agenda for the NCC Convention taking place in Eureka, Calif., Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2.

The GS Committee lists the following major meetings for Saturday, June 1:

9:00 a.m.—Registration of General Service Representatives.

10:00 a.m.—Workshop. Joint participation of Panels One and Two. This is a panel-type meeting with a pair of members from each panel, to serve as follows:
From Panel One, Mildred H., and Jim A.

From Panel Two, Art D., and Rickey S. Moderator will be Harold M., Sacramento.

1:00 p.m.—General Service “open meeting.” Public invited. Dave B., chairman.

(a) Brief reports to be rendered by Bill G., Delegate from Panel One, and Cliff J., Panel Two. Report will cover recent visit to New York Worldwide General Service Conference.

(b) Guest speaker will be Tom C., Medford, Ore. Tom was Oregon's Delegate to the New York G. S. Conference in 1954-55. The speaker has wide experience in AA Fellowship, and General Service activities.

District Committee Members and Representatives are urgently requested to register for the group they represent at the Eureka Convention. If it is impossible to attend, it is equally important to ask the group to appoint an alternate.

The Big “Bust Out”

Some 150 members, friends and guests recently gathered in the new meeting place of Stockton's Midtown Group. The walls were busting at the seams, so great was the crush of admiring visitors. And, the visitor's vests and girdles were busting their seams, so delicious were the platters of spaghetti served as part of the all-day festivities. Selah.

3rd Anniversary For San Pablo

San Pablo Friendly Fellowship celebrates its Third Anniversary Friday, May 24, at the Fellowship's meeting place, 14451 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, Calif.

Plans are in the mixer for “something special” in the way of a birthday party, the San Pablo program chairman announced, saying “we hope all AA members and their friends will visit us on May 24.”

Speaker program for May is listed, as follows:

FRIDAY, MAY 3—John M., In Between Group.

FRIDAY, MAY 10—Al A., Island Fellowship, Alameda.

FRIDAY, MAY 17—Will C., San Leandro.

FRIDAY, MAY 24—Jim O'T., Anniversary Party Guest Speaker.

FRIDAY, MAY 31—Bill F., Hayward.

Alano Club Has Busy May Dance And Party Plans

The San Francisco Alano Club has scheduled a colorful array of activities during the Merry Month of May, it was announced by Bus D., program chairman.

SATURDAY, MAY 4—Annual Spring Dance. A night of fun and frolic with the “Jumpin' Jacks.” Door prizes.

SATURDAY, MAY 18—Monthly Surprise Dance. The “Jumpin' Jacks” will also provide danceable tunes for this affair, too, which includes “surprises and prizes. Door, natch.

SATURDAY, MAY 25—Monthly AA Birthday Party. This is the very eventful party when all members who are celebrating an “AA Birthday” are duly honored. Cake and coffee, too.

Colusa Closes

The secretary of the Colusa (Calif.) Group said that circumstances beyond the control of the group forced it to discontinue meetings. Colusa will integrate with other nearby groups.

More About NCC at Eureka

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will be featured speaker at a General Service meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Bob Flippin, Correctional Councillor in the Psychiatric Department of San Quentin Penitentiary, and sponsor of the San Quentin AA Group, will be principal speaker at an Open Meeting, also on Saturday afternoon, being held under the auspices of the Hospitals and Institution Committee of NCC. Sharing honors with Bob, will be Joe C., known far and wide as "Moraga Joe."

Entertainment

Following the Saturday night meeting, a big Conference dance will be held in Veterans' Memorial Hall with San Francisco's "Jumpin Jacks" providing the music. An AA meeting will be held at 10:30 p.m. while the members are "tripping the light fantastic." This special meeting is scheduled for those that do not care to dance.

On Sunday afternoon, a second Open Public Meeting is slated. Highlight of this session will be the appearance of Betsy and Bob R., members of the North Hollywood Group, who are scheduled to do a husband-and-wife "pitch." They are highly rated in AA circles as outstanding speakers.

The Conference Committee urges immediate action be taken to obtain Reservation Tickets to the Eureka conclave. Hotels and motels, although plentiful in and around Eureka, will be taxed to the utmost in handling the large expected crowd.

The Committee also emphasizes that June starts the heavy tourist season; that lodging accommodations should be made immediately. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of Eureka hotel-motel availabilities.

"Et Tu, Brutus"

Harold "Kingfish" W., Modesto Group No. One, writes to say that he's recovering from a double hernia operation. That makes Bill S., editor, Good News, and the "Kingfish" members and brethren of the "Royal Society of Fugitives From the Sawbones' Scalpel." Ye Ed is recovering from a double hernia hemstitching job, too.

PROGRAM — NCC CONFERENCE — EUREKA

JUNE 1 & 2, 1963

FRIDAY, MAY 31

- 5:00- 7:00 P.M.—Buffet Dinner
Alano Club, 2237 Second Street
- 8:00-10:00 P.M.—A.A Meeting, Eureka Friday Night Group
Alano Club, 2237 Second Street
Chairman: Bea P.
- 8:00-10:00 P.M.—A.A. Meeting, Eureka Closed Group
(Note: This will be an OPEN Meeting)
Serenity House, 1800 J Street
Chairman: Beverly H.
Guest Speaker: Harriet H., San Francisco

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

(All meetings at Veterans Memorial Building
except 8:30 P.M. meeting)

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration starts
- 10:30-11:30 A.M.—General Service Workshop
Chairman: Harold M.
Panelists: Art D., Stockton; Ricky S., Redding;
Jim A., San Francisco; Mildred H., Livermore
- 1:00- 2:30 P.M.—General Service Meeting
Chairman: Dave B., Alameda
Conference Report: Bill G. and Cliff J., Delegates
Guest Speaker: Tom C., Medford, Oregon, former Delegate
to General Service from Oregon
- 2:45- 4:15 P.M.—H. & I. Open Public Meeting
Chairman: Harriet H., San Francisco
Guest Speaker: R. B. "Bob" Flippin, San Quentin
A.A. Speaker: Joe C. (Moraga Joe), St Mary's College
- 4:30- 5:30 P.M.—Secretary's Meeting
Chairman: Helen G., San Jose
- 8:30-10:00 P.M.—Open A.A. Meeting
Redwood Acres
Chairman: Kenna T., Ukiah
Invocation: Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Farrell, Dean of
Humboldt-Del Norte Counties, Santa Rosa Diocese
Address of Welcome: Henry Terheyden, Mayor, City of
Eureka
Chapter 5: Jack S., Under 40 Group, Eureka
Chapter 3: George W., Rio Dell Fellowship Group
12 Traditions: Merle L., 60 Minute Discussion Group,
Eureka
Guest Speaker: Duke P., South Pasadena-San Marino
Group (originally with Akron, Ohio, Group)
- 10:00 ? —P.M.—Dancing, Games, etc.
Veteran's Memorial Building
- 10:30-11:30 P.M.—A.A. Meeting
Veteran's Memorial Building
Chairman: Terry P., Tradition Group, Eureka
A.A. Speaker: Virginia S., San Jose
A.A. Speaker: John F., Lakeport

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

(All meetings at Veteran's Memorial Building
except 1:00 P.M. meeting)

- 9:15-10:15 A.M.—H. & I. Workshops
Chairmen: Hospitals—Estelle R., So. San Francisco
Institutions—Joe E., Eureka
- 10:30-12:00 P.M.—Northern California Council Business Meeting
Chairman: Virginia S., San Jose
- 1:00- 2:45 P.M.—Open A.A. Meeting
Redwood Acres
Chairman: Frank F., Salinas
Invocation: Rev. W. Barton Kendrick, Rector, St. Francis
Episcopal Church, Fortuna
Chapter 5: Mary S., Eureka Closed Group
Chapter 3: Connie P., Eureka Women's Closed Group
12 Traditions: Bill H., Arcata No. 1 Group
Guest Speakers: Betsy & Bob R., North Hollywood Group
(Husband and Wife)

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All meetings will convene and adjourn on schedule. Refreshments will be served all day Saturday and Sunday at Veteran's Memorial Building

ROOSEVELT ASKS GROUP AID TO OFFSET 1963 DEFICIT

Archibald B. Roosevelt, national treasurer of Alcoholics Anonymous, appealed to the more than 10,000 AA groups in the U.S., Canada, and overseas, to help defray an expected operating deficit in 1963.

The sole surviving son of the late President of the United States Theodore Roosevelt, and a non-alcoholic director of AA's General Service Board, Mr. Roosevelt pointed out some financial hurdles that may be easily overcome by group effort. Said he:

As this letter is written, the number of A.A. Groups—in the U.S. and Canada, in prisons and hospitals, in foreign countries—has passed the 10,000 mark. This tells us that our beloved recovery program will be available to still more thousands of alcoholics in the years ahead.

AA growth increases the demand for General Services. This year more than 1,000 new Groups will need help—free starting literature, much shared experience through letters. Foreign Groups will need pamphlets priced in line with their low economies. Mailing and Board meeting costs will go up to keep pace with a growing A.A.

A.A. growth make the problem of self-support of G.S.O. one that we must all face. New Groups are less able to carry their share—A.A. must count on older Groups to pitch in beyond their share. Here is a brief budget picture for 1963:

1. General Services, carried on at the 1962 rate, will cost\$303,000
2. Contributions, estimated at the 1962 rate, will total\$274,000

That leaves a minus of...\$ 29,000

If the sale of books and pamphlets continues to increase, some publishing income can be used to offset the red figures (before the balance goes into the Reserve that has been set up to guard A.A.'s future).

Groups can prevent this service deficit by doing something about Spring contributions. The yardstick most frequently used is a Group share based on \$3.00 per member annually—usually taken from the Group treasury and often added to through the contributions of members.

When you set up your Group's

share of G.S.O. support, remember the needs of new Groups—remember A.A.'s in institutions and overseas who may be having hard sledding. Remember, too, that General Services is 12th STEP WORK worldwide.

Akron Observes "Founders Day"

Akron, O., "Birthplace of AA," will celebrate the 28th Annual AA Founders Day observance with a two-day program Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16.

The celebration, sponsored by the Akron Area AA Intergroup Council, will be held at two locations: Akron University's Memorial Hall, and the Sheraton Hotel. Main features of the two-day affair are, as follows:

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2:30 P.M. — AA Amateur Actors Guild Play, Sheraton Ballroom.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 8:30 P.M. — Founders Day meeting at Akron U. Memorial Hall. Guest speaker is John R. K., Milwaukee, Wis. A dance and floor show follows the meeting. A 24-hour Open House will be conducted by the Arid Club at 975 E. Market Street.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 9:00 A.M. — Memorial Service for Dr. Bob, AA Co-Founder.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 9:45 A.M. — Founders Day Breakfast at Sheraton Hotel. Guest speaker is Dr. Leslie A., Olean, N.Y.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 10:00 A.M. — Open House at St. Thomas Hospital.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 10:30 A.M. — Sunday Morning Group at Arid Club, 975 E. Market St.

No registration fee is required to attend any of these functions. For special hotel rates, write AA Intergroup Office, 41 S. High Street, Akron, O. The 'phone is BL 3-8181.

Rutgers Sets 4-Week Study on Alcoholism

NEW BRUNSWICK—Applications are now being accepted here for the 21st annual session of the Summer School of Alcohol Studies.

The summer school, a unit of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, is a four-week-long program dealing with problems relating to the use of alcohol. It is designed primarily for educators, clergymen, physicians, social workers, nurses, correctional officers and others engaged in the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

The school has four main objectives:

1. To examine within the context of the biological, psychological and social sciences, historical and contemporary functions served by the use and non-use of alcoholic beverages in Western cultures.

2. To identify and assess individual and group attitudes toward social drinking.

3. To analyze the impact of excessive drinking and alcoholism on the individual and on social institutions, and to evaluate the community responses elicited by this impact.

4. To provide opportunity for professionals and others responsible for control and alleviation of problems associated with alcohol to expand their perceptions and techniques through lectures, seminars, demonstrations and library resources.

Fee for the four-week residential session, which will be held during July, is \$300. Candidates for admission are advised to write before April 1 to Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers, The State University, 35 College Ave., New Brunswick, N. J.

Avenue Alanon

June and Fred—she an Alanon member, he from Ambassador Group—will be the featured "team" at the Avenue Alanon meeting, Wednesday, May 15, at 8:30 p.m.

The open meeting will be held in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

House In Order

The S.F. Women's Rehabilitation Foundation has taken possession of a 14-room home at 255 Tenth Avenue, San Francisco, on February 20, and on April 21, it has "open house" to show off its refurbished Stepping Stone.

Although Margaret K., former executive director and board member, resigned because of illness, a corps of volunteers went ahead with a vast amount of work—painting, scrubbing, landscaping—to get the premises into proper shape. Much furniture and furnishings were donated by friends to add to the attractiveness of the homelike Stepping Stone.

The Foundation plans to continue a limited fund drive, but said, "we'll not conflict with our friends in this field who have been raising money for similar purposes such as the S.F. Council on Alcoholism and the United Community Fund."

Stepping Stone's 'phone is SK 1-5921.

"One Day In The Life" of Volunteer

A typical day at the Al-Anon Family Group office, 166 Geary Street, is one of variety and satisfaction.

Today we were able to direct three distressed people to Al-Anon meetings in San Francisco. For two of these persons it was their first contact with Al-Anon. For the other, an Al-Anon just moving here from another City, we were happy to answer questions about Al-Anon in San Francisco, remarking over a cup of coffee that Al-Anon certainly made us all "sisters under the skin."

Answering the phone; an out of town call requesting a speaker for an Al-Anon meeting in May; another call from an AA friend asking for Al-Anon help for a new family in a Northern California town where they knew no one.

Made memo of Board meeting for members and volunteers to be held at the office April 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Four o'clock; closed the office door and turned the key; it has been a good day.

Dr. Jellenek to Talk at Peninsula Meeting, May 25

A fine list of stellar speakers are scheduled to appear at the All-Peninsula Group during the month of May, John F., program chairman, announced. Among scheduled speakers are Dr. E. M. Jellenek, formerly of the Yale School of Alcoholic Studies, an associate with the World Health Organization, and now at Stanford University. Dr. Jellenek speaks Saturday, May 25.

The other speakers on the agenda, and the Host Groups sponsoring them, are:

SATURDAY, MAY 4 — Wayne E., Menlo Group. Hosting is San Carlos Group.

SATURDAY, MAY 11 — Bennie D., Kansas City. The host group is San Bruno.

SATURDAY, MAY 18 — Giny B., Palo Alto Group. Menlo Women's Group will do the hosting.

SATURDAY, MAY 25—Dr. Jellenek (see above) who will be hosted by Pacifica Group.

All-Peninsula Group meets in the auditorium of St. Mathews Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real in San Mateo. The active group meets every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and plenty of hot coffee and arms-length AA is available before, and after, every meeting.

May Speakers At All-Groups

In addition to a gala Anniversary Party scheduled for Friday, May 10, the All-Groups Meetings, sponsored by S.F. Inter-County Fellowship each Friday at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, lists the following:

FRIDAY, MAY 3 — Rosalie and Walter R., from the Industrial Club of S.F., will make a husband-and-wife "pitch."

FRIDAY, MAY 10 — Celebrating the 17th Anniversary of All-Groups meetings. Twelve persons from San Francisco, Peninsula, and Marin County AA units, will deliver 5-minute talks. (see Page One story).

FRIDAY, MAY 17 — Katy B., Unity Group, Alameda, and John K., San Carlos Group, will share the speaker's rostrum.

Eureka Hotels

There is no shortage of motel and hotel accommodations in Eureka—for normal traffic—even at the height of the tourist season.

But, bear in mind that the AA Conference occurs June 1-2. Eureka will be deluged with hundreds of persons seeking food and lodging—over and above the normal tourist season—which happens to commence June 1.

The Humboldt County Motel-Hotel Association issues a single-page brochure listing 13 hotels and motels. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$10.00 (one person); \$5.00 to \$12.00 (two persons, one bed); \$7.00 to \$16.00 for twin bed rooms. Most have "family units" ranging from \$2.00 to \$26.00.

The choice is wide and varied. To be certain that your accommodations are secured, the Conference Committee suggests that the Humboldt County Hotel-Motel Association be contacted. The address is 2646 Broadway, Eureka. Ask for their free hotel-motel brochure.

Early Birds Meet

Preceding the Eureka Conference the night it officially opens, are these three "Early Bird" affairs: Buffet Dinner at the Alano Club, 2237 Second Street, Eureka, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; AA meeting, Eureka Friday Night Group, 2237 Second Street, Eureka, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Eureka Closed Group will hold an OPEN meeting, Friday, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Serenity House, 1800 J Street, Eureka. Harriet H., San Francisco is guest speaker. Beverly H., is chairman.

FRIDAY, MAY 24 — Neil C., Parkside Group, and the Reverend Thomas E. Lacey, pastor, St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church of Redwood City.

FRIDAY, MAY 31 — Margaret D., Tuesday Night Palo Alto Downtown Group, and Joe B., San Carlos Group.

All meetings start at 8:30 p.m. Coffee bar is open from 7:00 p.m. until "lights out."

The Picnic

Please read this thoroughly, and carefully. it may change your entire way of living . . . for one day.

The time again draws near to bring you word of the big, gala once-a-year All Northern California AA Picnic.

So, Hark, all fun-lovers and picnickers, the following is for you:

A new picnic grounds has been selected for your comfort and pleasure. It is the beautiful and exciting Blackberry Farm, located at 21975 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino, Calif.

The date: Sunday, August 11, from 9:00 a.m. 'til ???

Plans are completed for the biggest, most colorful outing ever held. Included are . . . complete 9-hole golf course . . . dancing to the music of the "Jumpin' Jacks" . . . floor show . . . adult games . . . children's games . . . swimming pool . . . door prizes . . . coffee . . . hot dogs . . . soda pop . . . secluded picnic area for 1500 . . . paved parking area.

Tickets will be available shortly with complete map on each ticket. Posters with red arrows to point the way.

Don't forget! Sunday, August 11, Blackberry Farm. For a Real Big Day!

Cordova Group

The Cordova Group of Sacramento (Calif.) would like friends and visitors to know they now meet at a different hour. Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: same, at St. John Vianney's Church Hall.

DON'T YOU DARE . . .

**Make a Date for
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
WHY?**

**Why, it's the date of our
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AA PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 at
BLACKBERRY FARM
Cupertino, Calif.**

**Make Your Plans Now . . .
Bring Your Family
Your Group . . . Your Gang
. . . Bring Everyone . . .**

H & I Broad-Sides

SAN QUENTIN

After approximately 21 years, the guys in the joint finally took over their own meeting and this was one of the finest meetings it has been the writer's privilege to attend. The group members at "Q" handled the meeting from chairman through all speakers and there was never a dull moment.

Everybody is looking forward to more of this type meeting and Bob Flippin assures us that they will be set up at intervals in the future. According to our count, 42 from the alleged free world were in attendance and this is good, but not good enough. Out of a potential of 90 guests allowable we wind up with 41.6 percent, and we can do better if we really give it a try.

EUREKA CONFERENCE

Reno may have the reputation but we hit the "Jack-Pot" more than anybody. Can you imagine a better program for the Saturday afternoon public meeting than have our good friends Bob Flippin and Moraga Joe teamed up as guest speakers? Chairman for the afternoon will be one of our favorite gals, Harriett H. of San Francisco. Know her?

Sunday morning at 9:15 the Hospital and Institutions workshops will convene and you will be in for a very pleasant hour of open discussion on how to improve the service we try to render.

Moderator for the Hospital meeting will be Estelle R. of South San Francisco who has served on this committee long and well and has a terrific message in her own right.

You, or many of you, will be pleasantly surprised to meet the moderator for the Institutions workshop, Joe E. of Eureka. Joe is our Area Chairman in Area No. 10 and is living proof that people can and do make good in a big way.

The NCC Secretary's Report

Spring Meeting of the Group Reporters was held in Stockton, Sunday, April 7. The session was well attended and action was taken on a number of matters. Following are the highlights:

The proposed NCC Brochure was submitted for consideration. Area chairmen, present at the meeting, were furnished with copies for the groups in their area. They are responsible for delivery to their groups. Area Chairmen, not present, will receive a supply for the groups they represent.

It is hoped that each Group will consider this proposal, either approving it, or making suitable recommendations at the Eureka Conference. We wish possible.

During the past year, procedure of the NCC has been restricted by a motion passed in San Francisco. It was the opinion of this meeting that we should not be restricted or limited in any way by the action—or lack of action—by any other segment of AA.

Therefore, it was moved and passed that NCC should be free to follow any plan that would promote the welfare of AA in Northern California as long as such plans do not violate our traditions.

The Secretary suggested that NCC consider the idea of two assistant secretaries. One from the Coastal Region and one from the Valley Region. He feels that a closer relationship between the Groups and NCC will result from a more intimate contact in the two regions. This procedure will also provide a nearby consultant for local Conference Committees. Response seemed favorable to the proposal and it was suggested that definite action be taken upon it at the Eureka Conference.

The meeting accepted the invitation offered by the Santa Clara County Groups to hold our Summer Meeting at the Alano Club, 1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose, on Sunday, July 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Your Secretary,
Errol W.

Gay Aridians Set Honolulu Meeting

Jack G., sparkplug of the jet-propelled Gauy Aridians, flew off on Monday, March 25, via yet for Hawaii. The perepatic Aridians,

noted for holding sessions here, there, everywhere—expect to hold a capacity meeting in Honolulu—on Saturday, April 20.

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Sacramento 6th Annual Dinner & Dance Shapes Up

Chuck C., Laguna Beach, will be keynote speaker at the Sixth Annual Dinner Meeting and Dance, to be held under the auspices of the Central California Fellowship of AA, Saturday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bishop Armstrong High School, Sacramento Blvd., and 22nd Avenue in Sacramento, Calif.

An elaborate dinner is planned which will be followed by a dance. Music will be provided by "The Retreads" under the baton of Ernie B.

General Chairmen of the big affair are Henry F., and Jim Z., aided and abetted by Mary S., reservation chairman; Grace A., Altua Village, charged with culinary preparation; Mercedes M., food and decorations; George B., and Tom, in charge of tables; Jim of Group Three in charge of the Coffee Bar, and Dick P., public relations, and Master of Ceremonies for the dinner-dance.

All seats at \$3.50 are reserved. Each table will seat 12 persons, and groups are invited to reserve a table for their own unit. Write CCF of AA., 4544 14th Avenue, Sacramento, 20, Calif.

Great BOM Clubs

These Buck-of-the-Month Clubs are wonderful. The BOM Club of Central California Fellowship reports it has 91 members which helps CCF meet its office expenses. It reminds one of Edith S., Buck-of-the-Month chairman of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship who, down through the years, has faithfully and patiently kept her BOM Club alive and flourishing. They're wonderful!

Azure Acres Sets "Mixer" Meeting

The Sunday Afternoon Azure Acre AA Group, and the Tuesday Evening Azure Acre Alanon Meeting—both of Sebastapol—are combining forces for a joint meeting, Sunday, May 26, at 3:30 p.m. on the grounds of Azure Acres, Sebastapol, Calif.

Bennie D., Redwood City AA Group, and Juliet K., Avenue Alanon Group of San Francisco will be guest speakers. Plenty of hot coffee, lots of AA, and perhaps, cake and sandwiches. (The Alanon gals usually provide the latter).

Azure Acres is 3½ miles out of Occidental, and 4½ miles from Sebastapol. AA members and families can make a lovely outing by stopping off at Occidental where they serve those noted "family style" dinners.

8th Annual Retreat For Women Alcoholics

Women alcoholics are invited to attend the Eighth Annual Retreat at the Cenacle Retreat House for Women, 5340 Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, Calif.

The Retreat starts Friday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. The Retreat Master is an AA member, and will bring a wealth of experience and understanding to the 3-day session.

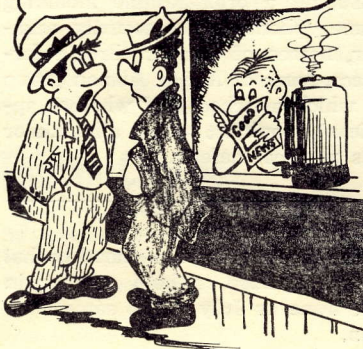
A fee of \$20.00 covers the expenses of the Retreat but financing can be arranged for those who are unable to raise the fee. Contact Sister Loring at IVanhoe 9-3669 for reservation and further information.

Non-Catholic women with an alcoholic problem are just as welcome as Catholics, Sister Loring said.

GET IT MADE?!



WELL.... LOUIE FORGOT... SAYS HE DOESN'T NEED MEETINGS ANYMORE...



BY RETE



Area 7 "Reps" Gently Chide New York GSO

In their best-attended and liveliest meeting so far, district and group representatives of Area 7 decided April 13 topics to be discussed at the General Service Conference in New York should be relayed to groups for discussion earlier.

About 25 representatives from Marin, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties attended the meeting at the Alano Club, 70 South E Street, Santa Rosa.

To a question as to whether topics to be discussed in New York are prepared early enough for discussion by local groups, those at the meeting replied, "No."

The question was one of several put by Paula B. of Santa Rosa, outgoing area chairman. The meeting was conducted by George B. of Corte Madera, incoming chairman.

The meeting was started with showing of a set of colored slides, accompanied by a recorded explanation, describing the General Service Office in New York and its functions in relation to the AA movement worldwide.

Someone asked whether "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" should be printed in a paperback pocket-size edition. Representatives replied, "No," they thought this would "cheaper the book."

They thus took the same stand as has been taken by other AA sessions, which have decided against a pocket-size edition of the AA basic book, "Alcoholics Anonymous."

William G., delegate from coastal panel No. 1 to the General Service Conference, attended the area meeting and said he would take the sentiments of the meeting to the conference in New York in May.

The formation of new districts and the reassignment of former districts were clarified. Three new districts and their committeemen are:

48. Herman B. of San Rafael.

49. Florence M. of Sebastopol.

50. Sonoma Valley remains to be filled.

Districts previously filled are:

33. John McN.

34. George B.

35. Barney D.

A three-minute message **WHO RUNS AA?**

Sometimes, newcomers in A.A. will ask: WHO RUNS A.A.? We are perfectly safe in answering: NO ONE REALLY. A.A. HAS NO "GOVERNMENT" AS SUCH.

But the nearest thing to a boss in A.A. is the Group itself. As a Group, we direct our own activities. And because we want to help other Groups—and because we need more services than we can furnish ourselves—we are part of what is known as GENERAL SERVICES.

The General Service Office or G.S.O. is located in New York, but the direction of it starts right here in this Group. Here we select a G.S.R.—a General Service Representative—who meets with other C.S.R.'s to set up an Area Committee. The committee elects a General Service DELEGATE.

In April, our Delegate will meet with eighty others from the U.S. and Canada to help the Trustees map out their programs for carrying the message worldwide.

General Services is 12th Step work, but on a national and international basis. It helps get Groups started in the U.S. and Canada and all over the world. It helps Groups and Central Offices with their problems of finance, meeting programs, public information and steering committees. It is responsible for publishing and distributing all the books and pamphlets which the Conference approves. It works in a score of ways to help knock out road blocks to A.A.'s growth and progress.

General Services is OUR service office for carrying the message to places, and under conditions, that are beyond the limits of any one Group or Central Office. And just as the direction of General Services starts here in this Group, so does its support. Groups support their General Service Office—their G.S.O.—as they do everything in A.A.—without help from outside the Fellowship.

They do it by sharing G.S.O. costs with twice-a-year contributions—usually figured at the rate of \$3.00 per member per year. Many Groups contribute more—to balance theos who can't carry their share because they are just starting—or because they are in prisons and hospitals, or in low economy countries overseas.

So next time someone asks: WHO RUNS A.A.?

Tell them: NO ONE. WE RUN OURSELVES AND SUPPORT OUR OWN SERVICES.

Attendant Wanted

A coffee bar attendant is wanted by the Billois Club, 2225 "T" Sacramento. This is an Alano Club which seeks an employee with proper qualifications, that includes: reasonable period of sobriety; a member of AA or Alanon; able to handle cash and keep simple records. Job pays a salary.

Submit a brief resume including name, 'phone, social security number, names of two or three references, name of AA or Alanon group to which attached, and whether applicant is subject to any ailments or has physical defects.

36. Kenna T.

The meeting went so smoothly that it was decided to hold another in late June or July at the same location.

Special Meeting

Lincoln Park Group, 31st Avenue and Clement Street, San Francisco, is holding a special meeting Saturday, May 4, at 8:30 p.m. Truman H., Glen Ellen Group, is guest speaker. Chairman is Frank S., Parkside Group.

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