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Panels One and Two Set Plans For Conference

District Committee Members and General Service Representatives of Coastal Panel One, and Interior Panel Two of the Northern California General Service Committee, have set an active agenda for the forthcoming Spring Conference of the Northern California Council of AA, set for Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, in Stockton, Calif.

General Service sessions have been set as follows:

Saturday, Mar. 21—Registration of General Service Representatives. From 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. a General Service Workshop is slated. This will be a panel-type meeting devoted to a discussion of questions which will appear on the agenda of the General Service Conference to be held in New York City, in April.

Cliff J., Sacramento, former delegate from Panel Two, will serve as Panel Moderator. Panelists from Coastal Panel One will be Nina S., San Francisco, and Dave M., San Carlos; from Panel Two, Pauline H., Modesto, and Jack McL., Chico, Calif.

Saturday, Mar. 21—General Service Open Meeting, from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. Jim A., San Francisco, will be chairman of a session highlighted by the appearance of two dedicated AA members.

First speaker will be Mary Jane S., Torrance, Calif., formerly of Venezuela. She was for eight years in the South American country where, with the assistance of the General Service Office, started an AA group.

Speaker two will be Cliff W., Whittier, Calif., the first trustee from the West Coast to serve on the General Service Board.

All General Service Representatives are requested to appear at the highly important panel meeting, and urged to bring a friend.

17th Annual Conference of NCC at Stockton, March 21-22

Some 1500 members of AA, their families and friends are expected to attend the 17th Annual Conference of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous. The two-day conference, slated for Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, will be held in the Civic Auditorium, Stockton, California.

Central "Big" Meeting Lists Fine Speakers

Central All-Groups Meeting, sponsored by S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, has an attractive program scheduled for the month of February at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco.

Myrl G., program chairman, has arranged the following roster of top-flight speakers:

Friday, Feb. 7—Ethel C., Sunnyvale Group, Santa Clara; and Dr. Jack Gordon, M.D., chairman, the Alcoholic Committee of the County Medical Ass'n., and Assistant Chief of Medicine, Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco.

Friday, Feb. 4—Ray B., member of Westlake Group, Daly City, and active in H & I work, and Salvation Army; and Jim M., Carmichael, Area Representative, Board of Trustees, General Service Board.

Friday, Feb. 21—Jean and Al L., recently moved to S. F. from San Diego

Friday, Feb. 28—June R., San Mateo, a member of S. F. Fellowship; and Dr. A. Lamont Smith, Staff Lecturer, University of California's Department of Criminology. Dr. Smith has worked with Austin McCormack for many years.

The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the Coffee Bar is in service at 7:30 p.m. Meetings start promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Stan W., NCC Secretary, said, "Present plans and programming gives promise that it will be the high point in AA activities in Northern California for 1964."

Keynote speakers will be Father Dunston M., Houston, Texas, and Nonie J., Burbank, Calif. Additionally, the H & I Committee, General Service, Alanon and Alateen are arranging outstanding programs.

HOTEL LIST

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is doing a magnificent job of cooperating with the Conference committee in providing lists of motels, hotels, restaurants and other conveniences.

Replacing the traditional conference breakfast, a new feature will be introduced—a Conference Dinner—scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21, in the Stockton Scottish Rite Auditorium. Details concerning the Conference Dinner, the menu, and seating arrangements will be found elsewhere in this edition of GOOD NEWS.

CONFERENCE DINNER

Stan W. emphasized that the dinner and brief entertainment program does not replace or interfere with AA's traditional Open Public Meeting, taking place the same evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium where all functions pertaining to registration, business session, workshops will occur.

A Registration Form is also included in this issue of GOOD NEWS and the Conference Committee strongly urges that all interested persons planning to attend, will be wise in making reservations immediately.

Breakfast OUT- Dinner IN-At NCC Conference

A new feature will highlight the Saturday session of the NCC Conference taking place in Stockton, Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22.

Stan W., NCC Secretary, said the Northern California Council had unanimously voted to sponsor a Conference Dinner instead of a Conference Breakfast at this particular Conference.

The dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at the Scottish Rite Temple, 33 West Alpine Avenue, in Stockton.

Tariff, at \$4.50 per person, including tax and tip, offers the following sumptuous menu:

Shrimp & Crab Cocktail
Relish Plate
Roast Beef
Baked Potatoo
French String Beans
Tossed Salad
Dutch Rolls & Butter
Apple Pie with Cheese
Coffee, Tea, or Milk

The Conference Chairman emphasized that the Conference Dinner, which includes a short program, will in no way replace the big Open Meeting which is definitely slated for 8:30 p.m. Saturday, in the Civic Auditorium, Stockton.

It also emphasized that the sale of tickets will be restricted to 600 diners. Tickets will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. For dinner reservations, use the Conference Dinner Reservation Form, found elsewhere in this edition of GOOD NEWS.

No orders will be accepted after March 10.

DUTCH FLAT

Dutch Flat, located in Placer County, is reported by the National Automobile Club to have been one of the important mining towns in the 1850's.

FIRST TO CLIMB MT. SHASTA

Captain Pearce made the first recorded ascent of Mount Shasta in 1854, according to the National Automobile Club.

Central California AA Office Seeking a Salaried Secretary

Applicants are being invited to present their qualifications for an impending opening in the headquarters office of the Central California Fellowship of AA for a position as Secretary. Appointment will be made March 15, 1964, but all applications should be submitted well in advance of that date, if possible.

Qualified applicants should fill out the application below, and when completed, mailed to Central California Fellowship, c/o Public Information Chairman, 4544-14th Avenue, Sacramento 22, Calif.

DUTIES

The position of Secretary will entail the usual duties connected with a Central Office. The qualifications, as such, are flexible due to the necessity of performing the varied functions of the operation. It would be advisable that the applicant have some proficiency at typing and also a background of basic bookkeeping. However, these prerequisites might feasibly be offset by other pertinent qualifications. Potential applicants should not let this deter their submitting an application.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Although this is essentially a "One Man Office", all applicants may rest assured that there will be ample and competent volunteer help where needed. As would be expected in an office of this size, the Secretary would be the main contact with the public, so it is mandatory that the person selected has the ability to present AA at this level in a satisfactory manner. The ability of the Secretary to expedite the activities of the AA Fellowship in an unbiased fashion, as well as presenting AA to the public cooperatively and realistically, is the quality most valuable in determining the final choice.

SOBRIETY

It is assumed that all potential applicants would realize the necessity of possessing a length of continuous sobriety. This sobriety must, naturally, include wide experience in all phases of AA. A knowledge of the various activities of AA, including Public Relations, Entertainment activities, Hospital and Institution, and General Service would prove most valuable to the person selected.

ABILITY

The primary duties of the Secretary would fall into the categories

of handling Twelve Step Calls efficiently, effective relations with the public, and, above all, conducting the operations of the Central Office with impartiality. All applicants must possess the ability to organize effectively, and past experience in this category will be a factor in the selection.

DEADLINE

All applicants are urged to submit their applications as soon as possible, so that arrangements might be made for personal interviews prior to the March 15 deadline. At that time, all applicants will be expected to be ready to answer all questions that might be asked of them pertaining to their experience, salary, and condition under which they might be expected to operate the Central Office.

S.F. Alano Club

The San Francisco Alano Club, one of the major social centers of AA life, located at 414 Grant Avenue, in downtown San Francisco, lists the following activities for the month of February:

Saturday, Feb. 1—Surprise Dance with lashin's of fun and surprises. Door prizes, and, of course, The Jumpin' Jacks.

Saturday, Feb. 15 — Valentine's Day Dance. Enjoy St. Valetines Eve with the danceable music of The Jumpin' Jacks. Door prizes, too.

Saturday, Feb. 29 — Monthly AA Birthday Party. This is the party given in honor of all members who celebrate their AA birthday in February. Come and participate in an enjoyable evening. Dance, coffee and cake for all.

Panel 2 Names Committeemen

General Service Committee, Northern California Interior Panel Two, held a meeting January 11, at 1755 34th Street, Sacramento.

Ricky S., chairman-delegate, Panel Two, said the session was called for the purpose of electing General Service Representatives and District Committeemen for 1964-65, and also to discuss General Service business on the agenda which included "Monthly Sharing Contribution Plan", conference-approved literature, duties of General Service Representatives, and plans for upcoming meetings.

Elected were:

- District 211—Edith C., Redding
- District 213—Not represented
- District 215—Jack M., Chico (Mon)
- District 217—Tom S., Woodland (Mon)
- District 219—Ed F., Marysville
- District 221—Wesley L., Mamie Stephensen Memorial Group, Weimer City
- District 223—Walter B., Big John Memorial Group, Sac.
- District 225—Bill W., Group Three Sacramento.
- District 227—Jean M., Rancho Cordova.
- District 229—Bud T., North Sac.
- District 231—Not Represented
- District 232—Not Represented
- District 234—Shirley E., Ninety & Nine, Modesto
- District 241—Esther S., Friday Fresno
- District 247—Alex M., Porterville (Fri.)

Rick gave much credit for the capacity meeting to the liberal assistance given by Cliff J., Sacramento, outgoing delegate; Harold M., alternate-secretary, Broderick; and Pat S., treasurer, Paradise.

Jim M., Carmichael, the AA Trustee from the Pacific Region, gave informative talks on the sharing plan, and approved literature. The duties of a general service Representative were clearly outlined by Joe L., Sacramento, and Bill G., of San Francisco, was present with Avice A., secretary., Jim A., treasurer., Bertha and Ony, all of Coastal Panel One.

Blind Man, Seeing-Eye Dog Attend Public Speakers Meet

A young man and wife with a six-months old baby, and two blind men, one with a seeing-eye dog were in the vanguard of a crowd of 347 that overflowed the auditorium of the Pope Avenue School, Sacramento, last January 17, at a meeting sponsored by the Third Friday Public Speakers Group of Sacramento.

Don L., program chairman of the rapidly-flourishing Third Friday Public Speakers Group, in a moment of justifiable exuberance concerning the success of the gathering, said this:

"Just imagine! A blind man came to hear, to listen, and through his seeing-eye, to see the truth of this AA way of life. What a thrill!"

Elated over repeated successes of this type of Public Speakers gatherings, the group is enthusiastically planning its next meeting slated for Friday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m., at the Dyer-Kelly School, 2236 Edison

Avenue, Sacramento.

Guest speaker for this session is Sybil W., a widely-known former San Francisco AA member, who, for almost a decade has been the Central Secretary in the headquarters office of Los Angeles Fellowship.

Thomas Kelly, an official of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, will be the guest non-alcoholic speaker. In the division of DMV handling 502's Kelly is considered an expert on "what makes a drunken driver" and other forms of maniacal behavior which makes our highways unsafe.

New Latin Group

Central California Fellowship now has a Latin American Group. It meets each Tuesday from 8:00-9:30 p.m in the Mexican Center, Sixth and W Streets, Sacramento. Meetings are conducted in the Spanish language, Leo R., acting secretary, said.

Yuba City Group

The Yuba City Group has moved to a new meeting place. Hereafter it will meet in the Mid Valley Savings & Loan Building, next door to the Yuba Post Office.

Please mail this order, with your check to:

Treasurer, NCC-Dinner, -166 Geary Street Room 84
San Francisco California, 94108

Check enclosed for \$.....

Send Tickets for Conference Dinner

(Name)

(Address)

(Town)

(Group)

(Please do not write below)

Date Mailed

Ticket No. Order No.

PROGRAM — 17th A

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF AA — CIVIC AUD

FRIDAY, March 20, 1964

6:00 — 12:00 P.M. Open House

AA Midtown Group, 248 E. Poplar St., Stockton

8:30 - 10:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Chairman: Paul G., Midtown

Speaker: Kim M., Stockton Discussion

SATURDAY, March 21, 1964

9:00 A.M.

Registration Starts

10:00—11:30 A.M.

General Service Workshop, Main Auditorium

"Questions on Agenda 1964 General Service Conference".

Moderator: Cliff J., Sacramento

Panelists: Panel 1, Nina S., San Francisco

Dave M., San Carlos

Panelists: Panel 2, Pauline H., Modesto

Jack McL., Chico

1:00—2:15 P.M.

General Service Open Meeting, Main Auditorium

Chairman: Jim A., San Francisco

Speakers: Mary Jane S., Torrance

Loner for 8 years in Venezuela

Cliff W., Whittier

Former Trustee General Service Board

2:30—3:45 P.M.

Hospital & Institutions Public Meeting, Main Auditorium

Chairman: John M., Oakland

Guest Speaker: Mary Lou McAthee, Director of Nurses,
San Joaquin General Hospital.

4:00—5:00 P.M.

Northern California Council Business Meeting, Main Aud.

Chairman: Stan W., Fairfax

Election

6:00—8:00 P.M.

Conference Dinner

Scottish Rite Temple 33 W. Alpine Avenue, Stockton

(Tickets must be purchased by March 10, 1964)

8:30—10:00 P.M.

A.A. Public Meeting, Main Auditorium

Toastmaster: Art D., Stockton

Chairman: Kay G., San Francisco

Invocation: Rev. Peter N. A. Barker, St. Luke's Episcopal
Church, Stockton

Address of Welcome: Frank Fargo, City Manager, Stockton

Chapter 5: Jewel D., Studio Group, Stockton

Traditions: Bill B., Midtown Group, Stockton

Guest Speaker: Father Dunston M., Houston, Texas

10:30—1:00 A.M.

Dancing to the Music of the "Jumpin' Jacks". Main Aud.

10:30—12:00 P.M.

AA Meeting, Room 278

Chairman: Rollin W., San Francisco

"Participation Meeting".

10:30—??

Open House, AA Midtown Group, 248 E. Poplar St.,
Stockton

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SYMPOSIUM, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA — MARCH 21-22, 1964

SUNDAY, March 22, 1964

- 9:30—10:30 A.M. Hospitals & Institution Workshops
Hospitals, Room 278
Chairman: Preston S., San Jose
Institutions, Room 279
Chairman: K. P. Budd, Fresno
- 10:45—12:00 A.M. Secretaries Meeting, Main Auditorium
Moderator: Sybil W., Los Angeles Intergroup Secretary
Panelists: Intergroup Secretaries from all Intergroup Offices
on Pacific Coast.
- 1:30—3:00 P.M. A.A. Public Meeting, Main Auditorium
Chairman: Nic N., Oakland
Invocation: Father Alan McCoy, St. Mary's Catholic Church,
Stockton
Chapter 5: Jeanette P., 20-40 Group, Stockton
Traditions: Irv H., Tee-Shirt & Sweater Group, Stockton
Guest Speaker: Nonie J., Burbank

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

ALANON AND ALATEEN PROGRAM

SATURDAY, March 21, 1964

- 9:00 A.M. Registration starts
- 9:30—10:30 A.M. Alanon Workshop, Room 279
"Secretaries Meeting"
Vi C., Sacramento Emylee M., Santa Clara
Anna H., Modesto Eleanor B., Stockton
Kathleen A., Danville
- 11:00—12:00 A.M. World Service Assembly, Room 279
1:00—2:30 P.M. Alanon Meeting, Room 279
"Interpretation of the 12 Steps"
1. Danville 5. Stockton 9. San Jose
2. Sacramento 6. San Francisco 10. San Jose
3. Sacramento 7. San Jose 11. Vallejo
4. Sacramento 8. San Jose 12. San Mateo
- 3:00—4:00 P.M. NCC Alanon Business Meeting, Room 279
(1) Finances (3) World Services
(2) Handbook (4) San Francisco Alanon Office
- 3:00—4:00 P.M. Alateen Meeting, Room 278
Host: Stockton Group

SUNDAY, March 22, 1964

- 11:00—12:00 A.M. Alanon Speaker Meeting, Room 279
Chairman: Virginia P., San Jose
Speaker: Jackie J., San Jose Area

All Meetings will convene and Adjourn on time.

All Meetings, Except Conference Dinner (6:00 P.M. Saturday will be held in Civic Auditorium

Snack Bar will be closed during AA Public Meetings (8:30 P.M. Saturday and 1:30 P.M. Sunday).

Support of "Pink Cans" Recommended

A "painless" way of financially supporting one of the most worthy projects of the H & I Committee is by contributing your spare change - pennies, nickels, and dimes — into the H & I "Pink Cans" now found in most groups.

Because, through these "pennies from Heaven" the H & I Committee will be enabled to supply AA literature to hospitals and institutions around Northern California.

Prisons and institutions such as Agnews, Mendocino, Ukiah, Soledad, San Quentin, and "loner" groups are totally dependent upon "Pink Can" contributions for free literature which the Hospital and Institution Committee dispenses free-of-charge to penal institutions and state hospitals.

If your group does not have a "Pink Can" please contact the S. F. Inter-County Fellowship office, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco, phone YU 2-4473. If your group has a "Pink Can", you are earnestly requested to drop a dime into it. It may save someone's life.

DIPLOMATIC JARGON

A diplomat is one who tells you to "go to hell" in such a nice way that you immediately start looking for transportation. (Central Bulletin, Cleveland, O.)

Alanon World Service Assembly

The first meeting since its formation at the Berkeley Conference in October was held by the Northern California World Service Assembly of Alanon in Danville, Calif., January 25.

Serving a comparable function as that of General Service of Alcoholics Anonymous, World Service of Alanon is dedicated to "carrying this way of life to the world". Chief purpose of the Danville gathering was to set up a format or procedure for future meetings; and to develop

ideas and suggestions for activation at the World Service Conference set for April in New York City.

At the Berkeley Conference, Ann O. was elected delegate to New York. John F., chairman; Howard B., alternate delegate; Marge M., secretary; and Virginia C., treasurer.

Next assembly meeting will be held to coincide with the return of the organization's delegate from the New York World Service Conference.

San Bruno Group's Speaker Schedule

The San Bruno Monday Night Speaker-Discussion Group announced that the following speakers will highlight their meetings during February:

Monday, Feb. 3 - Jim A., S. F. Inter-County Fellowship; Monday, Feb. 10, Rollin W., business manager GOOD NEWS; Monday, Feb. 17, Bernie B., S. F. Inter-County Fellowship; Monday, Feb. 24, Stan W., Fairfax Group and former editor of GOOD NEWS.

The group meets at 8:30 p.m. at 618 San Mateo Avenue in San Bruno, Calif. (in Volunteer Fire Department Hall).

Avenue Alanon

An open meeting is being sponsored by the Avenue Alanon Group, Wednesday, February 19, in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be the appearance of Barbara and Bill A., a husband-and-wife AA team from Richmond, California.

Avenue Alanon celebrated its Fifth Anniversary in January. More than 60 Alanon members and AA friends attended the gathering. Father Alfred, OFM., pastor of St. Boniface Parish, was the honored guest and blessed the assemblage to open the meeting.

REGISTRATION \$1⁰⁰

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF AA SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CIVIC AUDITORIUM, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA MARCH 21-22, 1964

Enclosed is \$..... for Registrations to 17th Annual Conference

Name.....
(Please Print) (Show additional names on back)

Address..... Town.....

GROUP..... AREA..... District.....

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Speakers For Peninsula Set

Don M., new secretary of Peninsula All Groups, has assembled an excellent impressive roster of speakers for meetings that will be held each Saturday in February, in the beautiful auditorium of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo California.

Saturday, Feb. 1—Bernie F., Palo Alto Group is the speaker. The meeting will be hosted by Redwood City Group.

Saturday, Feb. 8—Speaker will be Walter H., Menlo Group, with the Palo Alto Wednesday Group doing the hosting.

Saturday, Feb. 15—Betty H., Brisbane Group, will do the speaking chore. The 12th step Discussion Group will be hoste for the evening.

Saturday, Feb. 29—Harriet H., newly appointed assistant secretary of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship will be speaker with the San Carlos Beginners Group doing the hosting.

All meetings begin at 8:30 p.m., but plenty of good coffee, arms length AA, plus good fellowship is available before and after meetings.

"Biggest Ever"

All of Hawaii's AA population can point with justifiable pride to the wonderful turnout and enthusiasm that was demonstrated at the Island's Second Annual State Convention held last November.

Of the 316 known AA members in Hawaii, some 200 attended the convention held Friday and Saturday, November 8-9. This is a percentage of 68% and GOOD NEWS doffs its hat to Honolulu Intergroup for a splendid two-day session.

H & I BROAD-SIDES

By WALTER Mc C.,

In the January issue of Good News, you read about Harriet H., Chairman of Hospitals for approximately the past twelve years, resigning to take over as Assistant Secretary of the San Francisco Fellowship. Like so many AA members I have had the privilege of working with Harriet over the years in H & I work and there seems to be a void in trying to find a person with all of her many qualifications.

Her years of active sobriety since 1945. This year in itself tells a better story of her activity far better than mere words from my feeble pen. Just think of the many AA members that have participated in H & I work through her example, the many patients in hospitals that are sober and living a full, wholesome life, having met her in some hospital. Through her H & I activity, a lot of AA has "rubbed off" on so many of us.

WORK GOES ON

So Harriet has now taken over new responsibilities as Assistant Secretary at the San Francisco Fellowship—but she will still be opening the door for the "sick alcoholic who still suffers". So the story of H & I ever grows as Harriet moves on to make room for another AA member who is grateful and wants to "carry the message".

MOVING FORCE

Action being the "Magic Word", "Rotation" being the moving force that gives each of us the initiative to show our gratitude through participation in Hospital and Institution Work, ever reminding us of our primary purpose; not only to "Carry the Message", to remember that we are but trusted servants—we do not govern. We are not leaders.

Only grateful that through Alcoholics Anonymous we found Sobriety—Sobriety in its fullest sense; all that the Word encompasses. (Find a Funk and Wagnall's Dictionary). Sobriety in the sense of being synonymous with Serenity which comes from being grateful and taking an interest in other alcoholics.

DEDICATED PEOPLE

In NCC, H & I Work, we have many such dedicated people like Harriet. Since July we have had a complete turnover in new faces on the H & I Steering Committee, due mostly to the continuous prodding of Bud C., of Haywood, for rotation.

Rosalie R. from San Francisco, a real active member replacing Millie B. as Secretary and Treasurer. Then Tom A. of San Jose Chairman of Institutions with three new Regional Chairmen: Bill S. of Sacramento; John M. of Oakland; and Chris C. of Redding—all people dedicated to H & I work; all of it started by attending either a hospital or institution as guest speaker; then over the years working as a Contact Chairman; then onto an Area Chairmanship, and attending the conferences and the H & I Work Shops.

ON TO STOCKTON

Which reminds me that the NCC conference is in Stockton March 21 and 22. The H & I Speaker Meeting has been wellplanned through the efforts of your Steering Committee. The first speaker is that lovable personality, one of the "Four Horsemen", Jack H. of Palo Alto. The second speaker is Miss Mary Lou McAthee, Director of Nurses of San Joaquin General Hospital, a person who has true compassion and understanding of the Alcoholic and realizes the important part the AA members can contribute in cooperating with the Hospitals.

See you all in Stockton!

New Hope Party

A capacity crowd gathered at the Industrial Club, Tuesday, January 28, to celebrate New Hope Group's Fifth Anniversary.

Sam P., chairman of the affair, introduced Jack I., secretary, San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, who delivered an inspiring message.

A colorful coffee, cake and ice cream party followed the meeting. The Industrial Club is located at 3198-16th Street, corner of Guerrero Street, in San Francisco.

University to Study Drivers Who Drink with Brewery Grant

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 27—Research into drinking and driving, especially as related to accidents and fatalities, will be undertaken by the Center of Alcohol Studies of Rutgers, The State University, with a grant of \$35,000 from the United States Brewers Association, Inc.

The grant, covering the first year of a five-year program, was announced jointly today by Dr. Mason W. Gross, Rutgers' president, and Henry B. King, president of the USBA.

Dr. Selden D. Bacon, director of the Alcohol Center, and Dr. Leon A. Greenberg, director of the Center's laboratory research, will serve as principal investigators in the new study.

KNOWLEDGE LACKING

"The lack of knowledge about drinking and driving is one of the most striking of all our ignorances," Dr. Greenberg said. "There is a great inadequacy of relevant facts."

He said studies have been restricted almost entirely to an analysis of drinking or driving accompanied by death or disaster and that, as a result, there has been a tendency to consider all drinking and driving as leading to these consequences.

There have been studies of the effects of alcohol on individuals doing a variety of mechanical tasks under laboratory conditions with and without measured doses of alcohol. But there has been almost no study of driving, or of related drinking, which considers how people feel and act in every day situations rather than as test subjects consuming measured doses.

"It seems very likely," Dr. Bacon pointed out, "that of the tens of millions of Americans who are both drivers and drinkers, a great many have one or two drinks at a friends house, a restaurant, a club or some place other than their residence. Presumably a great many of the people drive home after drinking."

"We would like to know more about the patterns of relations between drinking and driving," Dr. Bacon said. "Are certain types of drinkers or drivers responsible for most of the accidents? Are there particular kinds of circumstances in which these accidents are most likely to occur?"

The Center also wants to explore the attitudes of various segments of the public, including law enforcement officers, about drinking before driving and their attitudes about controls.

It hopes to conduct studies in jurisdictions where relevant control laws are different in order to gain measurements of any consequent differences in drinking and driving or in enforcement activities. States which recently have passed new laws on this subject would be studied to determine the effects of such changes.

UNFILLED GAPS

"There are large gaps in our knowledge of drinking and driving which must be filled before realistic solutions can be developed," Dr. Bacon said. "We do not expect to come up with final answers. Our purpose is to develop relevant knowledge and make possible greater understanding which will be available to policy makers, educators and administrators."

Paradise Group 7th Anniversary

Paradise Family Group of AA was activated in February, 1957, by Bob C. and Lou H. with the wonderful help of their groups in the area. Bob and Lou are still very active in the group and the results of their efforts is quite evident by the many, many members who have shared their experience, strength and hope.

On Saturday, February 29, a special meeting has been arranged to commemorate the founding of the group. It will be held at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Intermediate School, on Pearson Road, Paradise, California.

Paradise Group has been able to schedule one of California's most outstanding AA speakers for the occasion. He is Glen C., San Jose, who will be remembered by many for his activity in Southern California AA. His 17 years in AA has provided him with a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Members of Paradise Family Group cordially invite AA friends throughout the area to join with them on Saturday, February 29, to help the Seventh Anniversary ceremonies.

Proceeds from the affair will be devoted to Paradise's favorite AA services: GSO, the C.C. Fellowship, and Hospital and Institution Committee fund.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The annual meeting for district committee members, general service representatives and others interested in general service will be held under the auspices of the General Service Committee, Northern California Coastal Panel One, as follows.

DATE: Sunday, February 16, 1964

PLACE: Aiano Club — 70 South E Street, Santa Rosa

TIME: 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Registration of Area Chairmen, District Committee Members and GSRs.

(A nice buffet luncheon will be served during registration).
Chairman - Delegate Bill Garrison will preside.

1:00-1:15 p.m.—Roil Call of Area Chairmen

1:15-1:25 p.m.—Treasurer's Report

1:25-1:40 p.m.—Duties of GSRs — Joe L., Sacramento

1:40-2:00 p.m.—Birthday Plan

2:00-2:15 p.m.—Coffee Break

2:15-2:40 p.m.—Importance of Area Meetings.

2:40-2:50 p.m.—Grapevine Chairman — Jim W., San Francisco.

2:50-3:00 p.m.—Listing Chairman — Carolyn G, San Jose.

3:00-3:30 p.m.—Monthly Sharing Plan

Representatives who cannot attend please ask an alternate to be present. It is most important that each group be represented.

Mark your calendar and make your plans now to be present Sunday, Feb. 16th in Santa Rosa.