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Two Southland Guest Speakers

Oakland Hosts Summer Conference June 11-13 Banquet at Lake Merritt Hotel

The Summer Conference of the Northern California Council of A.A. will be held at the Oakland Municipal Auditorium, #10-10th Street, the weekend of June 11-13, 1971, according to Max McD., Council Secretary.

The Oakland Conference Committee, headed by Claude S. and George P., Co-Chairmen, anticipates an attendance of 2,000 or more for this event which has a full two day program, Saturday and Sunday, and a kick-off meeting Friday Night with Eneas 'Red' K. of San Francisco, speaker.

Two well known Southern California members will be the Guest Speakers. Norm A., Monrovia, will make the keynote address Saturday Night, and Mary R. of Encino will speak Sunday Afternoon. These two meetings are open to the public, as are all other conference sessions.

Included on the Saturday program are a banquet at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Merritt Hotel, an Al-Anon Luncheon at 12 noon in the Lake Merritt Sail Boat House, and a Unity Meeting at 2:45 p.m. on The Twelve Traditions, with twelve well known members speaking, one on each tradition.

Lowell R. Lester, Inside Sponsor at Sierra Conservation Center, Jamestown, will be Guest Speaker for the Hospitals and Institutions Meeting at 1:00 p.m., Saturday. The H & I workshops are scheduled for Sunday Morning at 9:30.

Both Al-Anons and Alateens will have programs during the two days, and "The Young People in A.A." will hold their own meeting Saturday Afternoon at four o'clock.

All meetings will be held at the Municipal Auditorium. A buffet will be available all during the conference. There will be dancing and other activities after the meeting Saturday Night.

The Oakland Alano Club, 319-14th Street, will hold Open House all during the weekend.

Spanish Groups To Join A.A. Meeting Of The Air

More than 300 members of the Inter-County Fellowship have participated in the Monday Night A.A. Meeting of the Air since the program was started over KQED-FM in San Francisco, the radio coordinating committee has announced.

The live, hour-long program is heard every Monday at 8 p.m. over KQED-FM, which is 88.5 on the dial and has a potential listening audience of close to 4 million persons.

Starting Monday, May 3, the Spanish-speaking groups of the San Francisco Fellowship will conduct the A.A. radio meeting on a permanent basis the first Monday of every month.

Groups wishing to participate should contact the Central Office of the Inter-county Fellowship, or Leo L., program co-ordinator.

"AS BILL SEES IT"

This is new title to Bill's Book originally called "The A.A. Way of Life." The new title is considered more descriptive of its contents. The book also has a colorful new jacket. The price is \$3.15 to groups and \$3.50 to individuals.

Friday All Groups Meets Inter-County Fellowship

A husband & wife team from Burlingame, Richard and Jackie H. will be among the seven out-of-town speakers who will address the Friday Night Central All Groups Meetings held at 8:30 p.m. in the Starr King Room of First Unitarian Church, Geary & Franklin Streets, San Francisco.

The schedule of speakers and host groups follows:

May 7—Bill H., Azure Acres, and Donna H., San Mateo; Host Group, Home Fire Beginners.

May 14—Duane T., San Mateo, and Frances C., S.F. Fellowship; Hosts, St. Patricks.

May 21—Richard & Jackie H., Burlingame; Host Group, Panhandle.

1464 CLUB CLOSED PROPERTY IS SOLD

The 1464 (Valencia) Club in San Francisco has been forced to close. The property which housed the club has been sold, and the new landlord has other plans for the location.

There are no plans at present to reopen the Club at any other spot, as far as we know.

May 28—Ken K., Hayward, and Connie C., Redwood City; Pacifica Coastside, Hosts.

Coffee is served both before and after every meeting. There is plenty of parking space.

NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

By GRACE A.

FRESNO ROLLS OUT RED CARPET FOR G.S. DELEGATE

The monthly Inter-Group meeting on Saturday, May 8th, will be devoted to General Services, Bob B. of Redding, California Northern Interior Area Delegate, will make a report of the New York GS Conference last month.

The meeting will be held in the Church of St. Francis, Ninth and Lowe Streets, with Annette F., Alternate Delegate, as Chairman. Clyde D. of El Monte will share the speaking honors.

Neva D. is chairman of the annual picnic committee. The picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 13th. This year Carl C. has offered the facilities of his sister's Ranch Home for all the fun and games.

Public Information Co-ordinator Grace A. has announced extensive plans for activity in the San Joaquin Valley, with Newspapers, Radio, Television, and Speakers Bureau Media. George D., Opal B., Carl C., Irene H., Annette F., Larry S., Tom G. and Eunice Mc. have been appointed to the Public Information Committee.

The Annual Open House at Miramonte this year will honor K.B.B. on his 24th birthday. KBB has spent many hours with the Miramonte group, and they plan to show their appreciation this way.

Ted R. is acting as Secretary of the Oakhurst Sunday Night Group which meets at 7:00 p.m., and is preceded by a no-host get-together dinner.

Annette F. and Frank W. were asked to speak to Health Education classes at Fresno State College, Shirley Y. and Lloyd M.

Brisbane Breakfast Bunch Fetes First Anniversary

Gene D. of Myrtle Dale Lodge, Calistoga, will be Guest Speaker at the Sunday Morning Brisbane Breakfast Bunch meeting May 23rd, celebrating the First Anniversary of this Breakfast Group.

The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the 23 Club, Cafe Dining Room, Brisbane. Breakfast is from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; fine food, served HOT at reasonable prices.

"Come and hear a dynamic speaker, and help us celebrate our first year of 'Carrying the message!'"

spoke to the ninth grade classes of Madera High School.

The new Alano Club is expected to announce the date of the Grand Opening any day, now.

Reno Hosts 14th Young People's A.A. Conference

The three legacies — Recovery-Unity-Service — will be the theme for the 14th Annual International Conference of Young People in A.A. in Reno June 18, 19 and 20.

One day will be set aside for each legacy. Friday's will be Recovery. Saturday will be Unity, and Sunday will be Service.

Saturday's Unity speaker meeting will have four speakers of different nationality. The Sunday Service meeting will be a memorial to Bill W., co-founder of A.A., and the late Gene Mc., a helper of the young.

Panel discussions will be held on such subjects as: A.A. in the Institution, What is Sponsorship and is it Dying Out, and Alcohol vs. Narcotics. Alanon and Alateen will have separate speaker and discussion meetings.

In announcing the agenda, Richard L., chairman, said:

"This conference is for all members of A.A. regardless of age. We must have Unity. We need the older members of A.A., and the older members of A.A. need

SACRAMENTO CCFAA "BY-THE-WAY"

The Annual Banquet, "The biggest event of the year in CCFAA", celebrating the Fourteenth Anniversary of Central California Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, will be held Saturday Night, May 8, 1971, at The Coconut Grove, Franklin Boulevard and Fruitridge Road, in Sacramento.

Walter O'K., Radio and TV Celebrity, will be the Guest Speaker. Tickets are \$5.00 each, and should be purchased in advance from your group secretary or Central Office, as none will be sold at the door.

There will be no General Services or CCFAA Group Delegates Second Saturday meetings this month. The Hospital & Institutional Committee of Area 4 North will hold a meeting at the Billois Club, 2225 'T' Street, Sacramento, at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon of May 8th.

The H & I meeting, is open to all members of A.A., especially those who would like to become active in carrying the message to sick alcoholics in hospitals and institutions, according to Ed O., Area 4 N Chairman.

The Second Saturday Speaker Meeting for June is being planned at the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, June 12th. The H & I and Group Delegates' meetings will be held in the afternoon, with dinner about 6:30, and the meeting at eight o'clock.

George L. who has put on many a fine Ham 'n Bean dinner in the past, is starting another, in cooperation with Cleo M. and Co-Chairmen Patty K. and Howard K. for June 12th. (also Papa Feliz) It will cost \$1.50 per person. (More details next month).

us."

There will be a western-style barbecue Saturday, followed by a steer-roping exhibition and a night dance.

For reservations and information, write Conference Committee, P.O. Box 698, Reno, Nevada 89504.

HISTORIC A.A. MINNA STREET GROUP MOVES

The end of an era in efforts to help the suffering Alcoholic South of Market Street in San Francisco ended April 30.

After 45 years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul closed the doors of its service center at 235-239 Minna Street, where A.A. "South 'O the Slot" was an institution.

A.A. started on Minna Street in the heart of "Skid Row" when the city's first Fellowship meetings were organized, and thousands of men went to meetings there over almost half a century.

Society heads say that possibly as many as a million impoverished men — most of them with a drinking problem — have been through the center since it was opened.

During the depression, as many as 250 men slept there every night, were fed, clothed, counseled and told about Alcoholics Anonymous.

Possibly the largest framed Serenity Prayer in the Nation was a fixture at Minna Street. The story goes that the huge, gilded frame held a canvas of a nude that hung over the famous Press Club bar.

The artist, angry over something, removed the painting from the club. Somehow, the nude ended up on Minna, and an A.A. artist painted her out and substituted the Serenity Prayer.

The A.A. meetings every Saturday on Minna Street are continuing at the Society's new center at 1175 Howard Street (between 7th and 8th Streets).

SAN MATEO FELLOWSHIP SPRING DANCE-BUFFET

The San Mateo County Fellowship will hold its Spring dance and buffet on May 21.

The hot buffet will be served at 7 p.m. Harvey E., Woodland Fellowship, will speak. Dancing will follow to the tunes of the

Calendar of Coming Events

May 7-9, 1971—Pocatello, Idaho State Spring Assembly St. Joseph's School Hall.

May 8, 1971—Sacramento, Calif., — CCFAA Anniversary Dinner. Walter O'K. of Radio and TV, Guest Speaker.

May 15-16, 1971—Sedona, Arizona Roundup, sponsored by Serenity Acres Group. Cowboy breakfast Sunday, 8 till 11 a.m. \$1.50.

May 22, 1971—"Calistoga Roundup" California Northern Coastal Area Post-Conference Assembly, Napa County Fair Grounds. Area Delegate's Report on New York Conference.

June 4-6, 1971 — Palm Springs, Calif. — Eleventh Annual Desert A.A. Roundup; banquet, floorshow and dance. Box 539, Palm Springs, Calif. 92262.

June 11-13, 1971—Oakland, Calif. — Northern California Council Summer Conference.

June 18-20, 1971—Reno, Nevada. 14th International conference of Young People in A.A., P.O. Box 698, Reno, Nevada, 89504.

June 20, 1971—East Bay Fellowships Annual Unity Picnic—Hidden Valley Ranch Park, near Mission San Jose.

June 24-27, 1971 — Fort Worth, Texas — Texas State Annual A.A. Convention.

June 26, 1971—San Francisco Central All-Groups 25th Anniversary Meeting — St. Mary's Cathedral, Gough and Geary Streets. (No meeting Friday Night, June 25th).

July 2-4, 1971—Seattle, Washington — Pacific Northwest Conference, Olympic Hotel. Chairman, 3114½-14th South, Seattle, Wash. 98144.

"Dry Notes."

Donations are \$4 per person. For information, call the San Mateo Central Office, 344-6811.

Bill's Last Message

(When the late Bill W. was too ill last year to attend his 36th A.A. Anniversary Banquet, sponsored by the New York Intergroup on Oct. 20, (1970), he wrote a message for his wife Lois to read to the assembled guests. Since it turned out to be his last written A.A. message, it is reprinted here, in full:)

"My dear Friends,

"Recently an A.A. member sent me an unusual greeting which I would like to extend to you. He told me it was an ancient Arabian salutation. Perhaps we have no Arabian groups, but it still seems a fitting expression of how I feel for each of you. It says, 'I salute and thank you for your life.'

"My thoughts are much occupied these days with gratitude to our Fellowship and for the myriad blessings bestowed upon us by God's Grace. If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a Fellowship and most vital to our continuity, I would say, 'the concept of anonymity.'

"Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival: the spiritual and the practical. On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level, anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes.

"A.A. must and will continue to change with the passing years. We cannot, nor should we, turn back the clock. However, I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard. As long as we accept our sobriety in our traditional spirit of anonymity, we will continue to receive God's Grace.

"And so—once more I salute you in that spirit and again I thank you for your lives. May God bless us all now, and forever.

Bill"

(Box 4-5-9)

"THE LINK"

(California Northern Coastal Area
of General Service)

Next Stop: The Napa County Fair Grounds at Calistoga, in the Howard Butler Exhibit Pavilion. The Date: Saturday, May 22, 1971, from noon "ad infinitum", and the occasion, a Post-Conference Assembly to hear a report of Delegate Jim A. on the April General Service Conference in New York. A full afternoon and evening program is planned (see page 5).

Other highlights of the event include an Ask-it-Basket Panel Presentation, a Buffet Supper, an Open A.A. meeting in the evening, and dancing.

Eddie C. of Alhambra will be Guest Speaker at the evening A.A. meeting, and Jim M., Past Delegate-Trustee from Carmichael, will address the opening meeting at 2:30 p.m.

The Delegate's Report is the "raison d'etre" for the assembly. On April 3rd we convened at El Cerrito to discuss an agenda of topics vital to A.A. Delegate Jim A. reported the results of this assembly to the April, 1971, Conference in New York, and he will report back on the New York Conference, presenting to us an abstract of the World A.A. conscience.

The natural beauty of Calistoga's surroundings should promote relaxation and serenity, making it an ideal vacation or weekend spot, according to Bill M., Host Committee Chairman. The committee includes District 60's GSRs, the Santa Rosa Fellowship, and Gene D. of Myrtle Dale in Calistoga.

MAY THE ROAD rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again . . . may God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Redding Conference — March 13-14, 1971

INCOME

Registration			
Pre-Conference		\$ 56.00	
Conference Table		386.00	\$ 442.00
Collections			
Saturday—8:30 p.m.		\$373.46	
Saturday—10:30 p.m.		21.85	
Sunday—1:00 p.m.		195.65	590.96
Miscellaneous			
Raffle		\$299.50	
Snack Bar		387.13	
Literature		41.35	
Banquet		627.00	1,354.98
Total Income			\$2,387.94

EXPENSE

Banquet	\$627.00	
Speakers	428.17	
Auditorium Rent	300.00	
NCC Secretary & Conf. Comm.	289.29	
Printing	287.70	
Snack Bar	300.64	
Dance Band	135.00	
Mailing, Raffle & Literature	158.79	
Publicity & Tapes	42.84	\$2,569.43
Net Loss		\$ 181.49

(Coca-Cola & Flower bills not in yet)

Respectfully submitted,
Max L. McD., Secretary, NCC

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

January 1, 1971 to March 31, 1971

Donations		Disbursements	
Area 1	\$ 66.50	Contracted Bank Bal.	\$ 700.00
2	144.88	Librarian—Literature	\$1550.00
3	47.41	Printing & Stationery	37.12
4	664.03	Returned Checks—Postage	137.72
5	225.00	Reserve for Literature	350.00
6	292.33	Petty Cash H & I Office	25.00
7	166.60	A. B. Dick Co.	114.50
8	40.00	Telephone	47.70
9	124.75	To S. Faustman, Conf. Spkr.	20.00
10	15.00	Cash Reserve for Schedules	350.00
11	76.91		
12-13-14	141.14		
Total Donations	\$2004.55	Total Disbursements	\$3332.04
Bal. Jan. 1, 1971	1750.00	Bal. April 1, 1971	422.51
	\$3754.55		\$3754.55

PROGRAM THE CALISTOGA ROUND-UP

California Northern Coastal Area Spring Assembly
Napa County Fair Grounds — Calistoga
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1971

- 1:00 p.m.—Registration & Hospitality Time
2:30 p.m.—Sharing Session on Service Themes
Chairman—Stan W., Fairfax—Past Delegate
GSR Speaker—Helen K., Oakland
GUEST SPEAKER—Jim M., Carmichael
Past Delegate—Past Trustee.
3:50 p.m.—Coffee Break
4:10 p.m.—Ask-it-Basket with G.S. Panelists.
Moderator—Stan W., Fairfax.
The Panelists:
Bertha B., Walnut Creek
Jane B., Oakland
Jim J., Vacaville.
5:15 p.m.—Buffet Supper.
7:00 p.m.—Delegate's Report to the Membership
Chairman—Norm W., San Francisco
Twelve Traditions, Florence M., Graton
Speaker—Jim A., Area Delegate.
"Communication — The Key to A.A. Growth."
8:30 p.m.—A.A. Open Meeting
Chairman—Kay J., Santa Clara
Fifth Chapter—Doug C., San Francisco
GUEST SPEAKER—Eddie C., Alhambra, Cal.
10:30 p.m.—Dancing to the "Dry Notes"

BILL'S FULL NAME

Upon his death, Bill's full name was revealed by A.A.'s General Service Board to public news media for the first time. This may have been one of the best kept secrets of modern times — particularly remarkable in this celebrity-conscious, publicity-seeking age of famous personalities.

Informed opinion had long recognized that Bill's anonymity probably could not be maintained in public news accounts of his death. So the Board arranged this particular exception to the Tradition: Bill and Lois concurred.

The Board furnished the news media with accurate obituary information and photos. This action might actually emphasize the importance of A.A.'s traditional anonymity.

NEVER RECEIVED SALARY

Bill was never paid a salary for his A.A. work. A complete account of all his A.A. financial transactions is kept on file at

CONTRA COSTA SUNDAY BREAKFAST IN CONCORD

The new Sunday Morning Contra Costa Breakfast Group, announced last month as meeting in Walnut Creek at 1300 Boulevard Way, now meets at the Holiday Inn in Concord, just off Highway 680, at the Concord Avenue Exit, 1777 Diamond Boulevard. The first meeting at the Inn was April 11th, Easter Day. Breakfast at 10:30 a.m. runs from \$1.30 up!

Speakers for the five Sundays in May are Frances L. and Dr. Gill (2nd and 9th) both from San Francisco; Sylvia M., Richmond; Truman H., Glen Ellen, and Jane O'T of San Francisco (16-23 & 30th)

GSO for the membership to see. It shows Bill was paid only the usual author's royalty for his writing. The royalties revert to the Board upon the death of Bill's heirs.

(Box 4-5-9)

Annual Unity Picnic East Bay Fellowships

The AA Service Centers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties will hold their Annual Unity Picnic at Hidden Valley Ranch Park, near Mission San Jose, on Sunday, June 20th, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. according to Jim M. of the Contra Costa Service Center in Walnut Creek.

Also participating are the Southern Alameda County Service Center in Hayward, the Oakland-East Bay Central Office and the newest Center, just opened within the last year in Livermore.

The picnic is a popular event for the benefit of the four Service Centers. Maps on how to reach the park will be found on the back of the picnic 'fliers' being distributed to all groups. Adult admission is \$1.00.

Hidden Valley Ranch provides ample facilities for barbecues, dancing, baseball, horseshoes and other games for both adults and children (with proper supervision). There will be door prizes as well as prizes for the winners of the various games.

There is also a snack bar serving sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks, snowcones, candy, etc. Members may bring their own picnic goodies.

The management **does not** allow dogs in the park area; no pets! Also, ladies and men and boys with long hair **MUST** wear bathing caps in the swimming pool. Caps may be purchased at the park if necessary.

S.F. 25th Anniversary Time And Place Change

The 25th Anniversary Meeting of the San Francisco Central All-Groups will be held on Saturday, June 26th, in St. Mary's Cathedral at Geary and Gough Streets. There will be no meeting on Friday, June 25th.

The dates given in the April Calendar of Events, June 5-6, 1971, are NOT correct. It was a mistake!

ARA Has New President Rollin W. Steps Down

By LEO L.

Rollin W., for 16 years editor and business manager of Good News, has stepped down as President of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association and executive officer of the association's First Step Home at 1035 Haight Street.

Rollin, president of ARA for 12 years and First Step Home executive officer for 8 years, declined to run for re-election to the ARA's board of directors at the annual membership meeting on April 14.

A life member of the association, Rollin was persuaded by the board members to continue as consultant to ARA and the home, a co-ed recovery house founded by A.A. members.

Rollin was born in Vermont, the family coming to California in 1908. He joined A.A. in San Francisco 19 years ago, after a career in the publishing field in Southern California as chief accountant for the Santa Barbara Free Press, one of the State's leading newspapers.

Rollin was a member of the board of directors of ARA when the association moved the First Step Home from 17th and Sanchez Streets in 1957 to its present location.

In regretfully accepting Rollin's decision to step down, the ARA board of directors noted his many endeavors which helped keep the First Step Home open and successful.

The first came when the board of directors considered a motion to close down for lack of money. Rollin, it was remembered, put up \$1,000. He was joined by the late Judge Orla St. Clair, who gave \$1,000. Doctor Fred Boyes contributed \$500. The \$2,500, later repaid, meant keeping the home open.

Nearly two years ago, the board noted, Rollin was instrumental in obtaining a \$20,000 grant from the Irvine Foundation. That money, together with State McAteer Funds, enabled the association to spend

"PLEASANT VALLEY" LETTER FROM CHICO

"Thanks again to 'GOOD NEWS' for your write-ups about our new group. Please add another copy of GOOD NEWS to our subscription (making a total of three—\$1.80 enclosed). We have had six meetings to date, with a very satisfactory attendance."

Secretary Syd. Van O. goes on to say that they would be happy to have any volunteer speaker who would be willing to go to Chico for a Sunday Afternoon meeting at 2:00 p.m. Contact Syd. at 360 Panama Ave., Chico, Calif. 95926.

The Pleasant Valley Group meets at the new Catholic Church, 566 East Lassen Avenue in North Chico (Pleasant Valley), a beautiful place which will accommodate up to 350. The meetings are open to all, but 'pitches' are confined to A.A. members only.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John Norris' wife, Bea, passed away in New London, New Hampshire, on March 13th. Our beloved "Dr. Jack" is Chairman of our General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, New York City.

Funeral Services were held March 16th, First Baptist Church, New London. If you wish to send a card or note to Dr. Norris, his address is Box 251, New London, New Hampshire 03257.

nearly \$35,000 on electrical, plumbing and structural repairs necessary to comply with city codes.

Eneas K., San Francisco Fellowship, was elected to take Rollin's place on the Board of Directors. A new president to succeed Rollin will be named by the board at its next meeting on May 12.

The First Step Home was founded in 1955. It has always been A.A. orientated, and A.A. principles and traditions have been a key to its recovery program.

Alhambra Man Speaker At Calistoga Roundup

Eddie C. of Alhambra will be Guest Speaker Saturday Night, May 22nd, at the Spring Assembly of the California Northern Coastal Area General Service to be held in the Exhibit Hall of the Napa County Fair Grounds in Calistoga.

The primary purpose of the Assembly is to hear the report of Delegate Jim A. on the New York General Service Conference held April 19-24, 1971. A buffet supper at 5:00 p.m., and dancing after the evening meeting are also scheduled. For full details see "The Link", (also program, page 5)

TWO RETREATS IN MAY AA & AL-ANON WOMEN!

Two Retreats for women will be held during the month of May in the Sacramento Area according to "BY-THE-WAY", the Cenacle Retreat for Women, in Carmichael, and one for Al-Anon Women at Christ the King Retreat House, 6700 Auburn Boulevard in Citrus Heights.

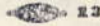
All AA and Al-Anon Women members are invited to a Serenity Retreat at the Cenacle Retreat House in Carmichael the weekend of May 7-9, 1971, from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 3:00 p.m. Sunday; Father John D. (AA member) will be speaker. For further information and reservations, call Sister Patricia Burgoon, (916) 489-3651, or write Box 494, Carmichael, Cal. 95608.

The Retreat for Al-Anon Women in Citrus Heights will be May 28-30, 1971. "Retreat Master" will be Father Jake.

A drunk applied for a job. The girl behind the employment office counter said, "The job's in Florida. Can you pick lemons?" "You betcha", the sot replied. "Wait'll you see my wife."

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Tuesday Downtown Group Fetes 24th Anniversary

The Tuesday Downtown Group, one of the oldest groups in San Francisco, will celebrate their 24th Anniversary May 18th at 8:30 p.m., meeting in the new St. Mary's Cathedral at Geary and Gough Streets.

John F., long time member of San Carlos, will be the speaker for this occasion. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. You are most cordially invited to come share with us.

PENINSULA ALL-GROUPS

Following is the schedule of speakers and host groups for the Peninsula All Groups' Meetings for May:

8th—Ed and Veronica S., Panhandle, S.F. Host group, Palo Alto Tuesday.

15th—Gene D., Calistoga. Host group, San Carlos Awareness.

22nd—Paul G., Central Office Secty. Host group, Westlake.

29th—Margaret D., Palo Alto Wednesday. Host group, Palo Alto Thursday.

Sunset Al-Anon Family 3rd Anniversary Party

The Sunset Al-Anon Family Group will stage their Third Anniversary Party Meeting on Tuesday, May 4th, in the cafeteria of the Holy Name School at 39th

H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

Our regular General Meeting was held Sunday, April 18, 1971 at San Pablo Fellowship, 1426-13th Street in San Pablo. Bud G. of Hercules, Regional Chairman, Northern Coastal Region acted as host. Due to the 30th Anniversary Program of the East Bay Fellowship, the meeting was concluded by 12:15 p.m. The first part of the meeting was devoted to reports by the Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Tape Librarian and reports of the area activities by the Area Chairmen. All areas reported that for the most part everything was going well, although several areas have been experiencing difficulty in securing enough women to cover women's jail facilities. Any women members interested in this type of H and I work, please contact the various Area Chairmen involved.

Upon the conclusion of this portion of the meeting, election of a new General Chairman, effective July 1, 1971 for the coming two years was held. Kim M. of Santa Rosa was unanimously elected. Let's all get behind Kim and make the next two years the best in the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee's history. Larry O. of El Cerrito will replace Kim as Coordinator at San Quentin, May 1, 1971. Congratulations to both of these fine H and I members. Our next General Meeting will be held in Brisbane on Sunday, July 18, 1971—10 to 3 at the Brisbane Community Center with Cecil C. of Brisbane acting as host.

Don't forget the Oakland Conference June 12 and 13, 1971 at the Auditorium in Oakland. On Saturday, June 12, 1971 our Open Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the Main Auditorium and will feature Dr. Gil A. of San Francisco as our alcoholic speaker and Lowell R. Lester—Inside Sponsor, Sierra Conservation Center at Jamestown as our non-alcoholic speaker. Both of these gentlemen are excellent speakers. Jerry G. of San Jose, Regional Chairman, Southern Coastal Region will act as Chairman.

Sunday morning, June 13, 1971, our regular workshops will be held at 9:30 a.m. Herb E. of Fresno, Area IX Chairman will lead the Institution Workshop, and Red L. of San Francisco, Coordinator, San Francisco General Hospital will chair the Hospital meeting.

Some of the Area Chairmen have not yet sent in their schedules for the coming two years to Juanita M., our Secretary. **Let's get with it.** These schedules take time to type, duplicate and assemble. We are behind on this necessary and important part of our work. It is very important that these new schedules be completed as soon as possible.

Don't forget the Institution Conferences which are coming up:

Eighteenth Anniversary of the Folsom Fellowship, May 15, 1971. Contact Bill S., Outside Sponsor for details.

Sixth Anniversary of the A.A. Group at Sierra Conservation Center at Susanville, May 22, 1971. Contact Aaron (Jim) J., Area 13 for details.

Seventeenth Annual Conference at Duell A.A. Group will be held in June, 1971. Date to be announced next month.

Jack F. of Modesto has replaced Woody F. as Area VIII Chairman.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob S., former Area V Chairman, who has been confined at Fort Miley Hospital.

Avenue and Lawton Street.

Guest Speaker for the occasion will be Gene D. of Myrtle Dale Lodge, in Calistoga. The meeting

will start at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments, home-made cookies, cake and coffee will follow. Everyone is invited.

Annual G.S. Conference Nine Trustees Elected

Guided by the theme "Communications: Key to A.A. Growth", 90 delegates, representing groups from every state and province in the United States and Canada, met in New York April 19-24 for the 21st annual meeting of the A.A. General Service Conference (North American Section) at the Hotel New Yorker.

This was the first such conference not attended by Bill W., father of the Conference idea, who died January 24th, this year. Over 20 years ago Bill proposed that the conference try acting as "the voice of A.A." logical successors to the Fellowship's co-founders, and it has fulfilled this purpose.

A resolution offered by Bill, and adopted at the Twentieth Anniversary Convention of A.A. in 1955, states: "This Resolution authorizes the General Service Conference to act for Alcoholics Anonymous and become the successor to its co-founder." Now, with Bill gone, the Conference is, in truth, the custodian and guardian of A.A.

The General Service Board, meeting immediately after the close of the conference, named nine A.A. and non-A.A. Trustees to replace those who are retiring or rotating from the Board, also the late Bernard Smith.

The non-A.A.'s are John D. Bealer, M.D., Assistant Medical Director of Bethlehem Steel Corp., and Milton A. Maxwell, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Rutgers Summer School of Alcoholic Studies. The New AA Trustees are:

Tom G., General Service Trustee at Large for Canada.

Ralph A., General Service Trustee, Class B.

Don A., Southwest regional Trustee; George G., Pacific Regional Trustee; Jack M., East Central Regional Trustee; Tom M., Southeast regional Trustee, and Robert R., Eastern Canada regional Trustee.

A final conference report will be

SAN FRANCISCO ALANO CLUB EVENTS

ITEM — Due to various circumstances, not the least of which is our desire to 'play ball' with our friends, there will be no dance at your Alano Club on Saturday, May 1st. May we suggest that you attend the A.R.A. Dance Party that night at First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, May 8th—Our first May Dance, with fine door-prizes and dancing fun. Music by the Dry Notes will begin at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 15th—More May Dance Music by the Dry Notes, more fine door prizes, with coffee and fun. The music will start at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 29th—Our monthly "AA BIRTHDAY DANCE" — to celebrate all the A.A. Birthdays in the month of May, a party time, with dancing to the music of big bands on fine recordings.

Come and join your friends, and make new friends at our dance parties. You are in for a pleasant surprise!

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ESPECIALLY FOR NEWCOMERS

Both Meetings held at 1755 Clay St., San Francisco—8:30 pm
Coffee — Refreshments — Arm's Length A.A. after each Meeting

MONDAY BEGINNERS

Speaker Meeting with
Questions and Answers

THURSDAY BEGINNERS

Speaker—Discussion Meeting

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP ANNIVERSARY MAY 28th

The San Pablo Friendly Fellowship, 1426-13th Street, will celebrate their 11th Anniversary on Friday, May 28, 1971. Gene D. of Myrtle-dale Lodge in Calistoga, will be Guest Speaker at the 8:30 p.m. A.A. meeting which will be followed by a buffet supper.

Ray, Jack G. and Silas P., all from San Francisco, will be the Friday Night speakers on May 7, 14 and 21, in that order.

The monthly Sunday Morning Breakfast will be May 2nd; a business meeting on May 4th, and a pot-luck on Saturday, May 8th, complete the activity schedule for this month.

The Al-Anons meet Mondays at 8:30 p.m., the Alateens on Wednesday at 7:30.

ready for distribution about June 15th. It will have complete coverage of Conference sessions including Workshops, Advisory Actions, Ask-it-basket questions and Rosters.

NEW ALANO CLUB AT SOUTH LAKE TAHOE!

The South Lake Tahoe Groups have opened an Alano Club at 1095-4th Street, near the Barton Memorial Hospital according to a letter from Tom C. to GOOD NEWS. Tom also says,

"There are 5 meetings a week held there; evening meetings at 8:00 p.m. and a noon luncheon meeting on Wednesday. Meetings at the Club are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday (noon) and Friday."

Meetings are also held at 895½ Tallac, across from El Dorado Camp Grounds, Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. according to Tom.

These meetings and facilities were started mainly for the benefit of visitors, because the members know how important it is to have something for people to go to, in that environment.

They receive many visitors from the Los Angeles Area. The telephone number for both the Alano Club and AA's is (916) 541-2865.