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A NEW BEGINNING

Isn't that what sobriety is when we come to the fellowship? A new beginning, taking the first step, then the second and third and on toward's the twelfth till we understand the promises and experience their fulfillment. "We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness." pg 83 from our Big Book.

Hi, my name is Gloria P. and I am an alcoholic and your new Editor. I am most grateful for this opportunity to be your trusted servant. It has been demonstrated so many times that the quality of my sobriety is in direct proportion to my willingness to serve. Thank you JoAnne, for perceiving my willingness.

And now for the footwork. Because of the lateness of the June Issue, a decision was made to combine June and July in one issue. We are hoping to get the GOOD NEWS to you before the San Jose Conference. If we make it please stop by the GOOD NEWS table, offer your suggestions and perhaps your assistance as part of the staff. There are openings in the news, subscriptions and distribution departments. If you are unable to attend the conference or this paper gets to you after the conference do write and offer your services to:

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I wish to thank JoAnne for being the Editor for the past two years and for laying out such a joyous path for me to follow. With the Grace of God and each and everyone of you as participants, we will trudge this road of happy destiny together.

Your Trusted Servant,
Gloria P.



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 1980

It is estimated that more than 30,000 persons will attend the 45th Anniversary International AA Convention in New Orleans July 3-6, 1980. This will be the largest gathering of its kind ever held anywhere in the world. Meeting concurrently will be Al-Anon and Alateen. The Hyatt-Regency is AA's headquarters; the Hilton and Rivergate Center for Al-Anon and Alateen.

The Convention opens Thursday night, July 3, with a giant Mardi Gras parade in the Rivergate Convention Center. This will be followed by a get-acquainted Ball featuring New Orleans jazz and a special young people's "Crayfish Craw" at the Marriott Hotel.

On Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, a variety of alkathons, workshops, panel discussions and special interest meetings are scheduled from 8 AM to 2 PM the next day. Among the alkathons will be the Pacific Regional Alkathon, headed up by George D. Pacific Regional Trustee, and featuring speakers from Hawaii, Alaska, and Nevada. Among participants from Northern California in the workshop panels will be Dean K, past-delegate, Oakland, on Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Trisha G., Novato, on the Grapevine panel. Participating in the all-California alkathon will be Frank P, San Mateo. There will be a total of 170 meetings with participation by 510 speakers. One marathon will run 24 hours a day. The Superdome and Rivergate Convention Center will be the sites for many of the meetings but ballrooms and local hotels also will be used for meetings.

On Friday, July 4, the Superdome will host the largest AA meeting ever held. Speakers will be AA members from Springfield, Mass., Arlington, Va., and Johannesburg, So. Africa. Giant TV screens are strategically located throughout the auditorium so that all will be able to see and hear. On Saturday the Convention will present its Big Show in the Superdome. This will feature the New Christy Minstrels, the Olympic Marching Band, the Harmonicats, and comedian Glen Ashe. Sunday morning will conclude with the big Spiritual Meeting in the Superdome. Lois Wilson will be present. Speakers will be from Winnipeg, Los Angeles, and London.

The Saloon doors swung open. A cowboy rushes out, takes a running jump and lands in the gutter.

"What's the matter with you fellow? asked a bystander. "Did they kick you out or are you just plain drunk?"

"Neither," says the cowboy, but I'd like to know who the son of a gun is that moved my horse!!!

MYRTLETOWN ALUMNI AA GROUP

The Myrtletown Alumni AA Group will celebrate its ninth (9) anniversary Saturday, July 26, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. in the Colonnade Room of the Eureka Inn, 7th and F Streets, Eureka, California. Guest speaker will be the group's sponsor, Gene D. of Calistoga California.

The Myrtletown Alumni Group does not celebrate the birthdays of the individual members, but instead has a first class celebration once a year for the entire membership. Everyone is welcome. There will be birthday cake, coffee, free door prizes (no admission charge) and live music. Please help celebrate.

Thank you, Butch H, Anniversary Chairman

- CELEBRATE, 1. to praise or honor publicly; to extol
 2. to proclaim
 3. to have a convivial good time

Webster's New 20th Century

add the word SOBRIETY to all three of the above
 and don't we really have something to celebrate?

30TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The 30th annual meeting of the General Service Conference of A.A. (U.S. and Canada), held April 20-26, began with a keynote address, "Participation: The Key to Recovery", by retiring trustee Cecil ("Cec") C., Prince Albert, Sask. One of the chief effects of Conference Advisory Action this year was a recommendation that A.A. literature, published by AA World Services, Inc., still will be "Conference approved" by tested methods used over many years. However, Guidelines and other such service materials from GSO (used chiefly to answer questions asked over and over) will continue to be produced without undergoing the long and often difficult procedures needed for Conference approval. Although the monthly issues of the AA Grapevine are not, themselves, Conference approved, the concept of the Grapevine has been approved by this body. Highlights of Conference proceedings included:

Agenda - Recommended that the theme for the 1981 Conference be built around "AA" Takes its Inventory - General Service Conference Structure"; and that there be a "What's On Your Mind" session for the full Conference.

Cooperation with the Professional Community - Recommended that AA's talk in person rather than videotaping their talks for use in treatment facilities; but that if videotapes are used, the anonymity traditions should be strictly maintained on such tapes.

Correctional Facilities - Recommended emphasizing cooperation with correctional administrations and courts, pre-release outside sponsorship, and referrals to AA meetings through local committees.

Grapevine - Recommended that AA Groups make every effort to introduce newcomers to the Grapevine as a tool for sobriety.

Literature - Recommended adoption and adaptation of a pamphlet from Great Britain, "A Newcomer Asks"; also approved the manuscript of the book, "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers".

Public Information - Recommended that the film "AA - An Inside View" be released for general distribution to the public.

Report & Charter - Recommended that the "AA Service Manual" include additional material on the role of the Alternate at all levels of service.

Treatment Facilities - Encouraged the distribution of Guidelines for AA Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field in treatment, institutional, and other facilities where they apply.

Trustees - Recommended that owners or operators of treatment facilities not be excluded from serving on the General Service Board solely because of their occupations.

Conference Delegates in Northern California presently are appearing, upon request, to give a full report of Conference actions. If your Delegate has not made such report in your community, contact Naydene B, Modesto, or Lois J, Novato. Later this year the Final Conference Report will be available upon order from GSO (see your AA Literature Form).

The Hindu Guru was explaining to his pupils how everything was of God, the flowers, the animals, and man. The pupil left elated. As he was going down the road he saw an elephant approaching from the other direction. He thought, "If the elephant is of God and I am of God, then there is no need for me to fear or to move off the road."

As the elephant approached, the driver on top of the elephant rang a bell and shouted "Move out of the Way". The pupil kept going straight ahead till the elephant picked him up with his trunk and threw him out of the path into a ditch.

All torn and disheveled, the pupil returned to the guru and asked why such a thing happened. The guru explained, "My son, yes, you are of God and the elephant is of God, but did you not hear the voice of God speaking thru the driver telling you to move out of the way?"

Moral - We first have to listen in order to intuitively know
and
God works through people.

TRUTH CAPSULE

Be thankful for bad luck. Without it, you'd have to blame yourself.

- Franklin P. Jones

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- June 13th
8:30 PM Park Street Group's 30th anniversary
1348½ Park Street, Alameda
- June 13-15 33rd Anniversary Annual Summer Conference,
Northern California Council of AA,
San Jose Convention Center Park & Market
San Jose, Ca

Registration begins at 3:30 pm Friday for AA,
2:00 PM Friday for Ala-Non and Alateen
- June 27-29 33rd Annual Pacific Northwest Conference
Ashland Hills Convention Center
Ashland, Ore.
For advance registration send to:
PNC
BOX 1971
Grants Pass, Ore. 97526
- July 3-6 **INTERNATIONAL A.A. CONVENTION**
45TH ANNIVERSARY
"THE JOY OF LIVING"
NEW ORLEANS JULY 3-6 1980

(See News Release Page 2)
- Aug 2
9:30-3:30 Sixth Annual Alateen Mini-Conference
Los Altos Unity Methodist Church
655 Magdalena, Los Altos, Ca. The public is
invited \$1.00 registration fee includes
workshop, film and play. Bring your
own bag lunch.

And for those of you who will not be making the scene in New Orleans over the Fourth of July, remember your first Fourth of July meeting and how you appreciated it being there.

Never regret falling on your face. At least you're moving in the right direction - - - - forward.

P.S. I put the above in for me. Thank you for your patience and tolerance. I believe and love to share with the newcomers that "THE BEST IS YET TO COME"

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