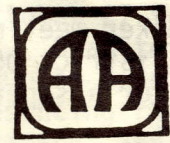




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BAY AREA BEAT

Well, as those of you who were there well know, the Marriott Hotel is one swell place to hold a Conference.

On behalf of the Northern California Council, I would like to thank all those who helped make this Conference a success. Of course, the real success was due to the great response of those in attendance. I have to be honest and share with you that financially, there were doubts that we would break even. This is something we anticipate when holding a Conference in a hotel such as Marriott's. Expenses will naturally be higher than they are at fairgrounds or Civic Auditoriums. It's true that when we are in a hotel, we pay for services we usually provide ourselves. But it was a Conference to remember! I hope you're looking forward to our next NCC Conference. The dates are October 12, 13 and 14, and the location is the Redding Civic Auditorium.

I would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions to make our conferences better, or any other ideas you would like to share with the NCC. You

can address your letters care of the S.F. Inter-county Fellowship, or we can talk in Redding. Everything is progressing smoothly for Redding. I hope to see you there...

Jim M.

NCC Secretary

P.S. August 19, Delegates Sharing Meeting in Hayward was very informative, thanks to Catherine S. of Stockton, Jack Y. from Zone "D" and others. Watch for another one. Better yet, all past, present AND FUTURE delegates get behind the plan for a definite Saturday Lunch-Delegates Sharing session at the Redding Conference.

Remember: Early Conference Registration, and early (by Sept. 15) motel reservations result in reduced rates for all of us.

J.M.

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Polite Prayer

The polite part of speaking with God is to be still long enough to listen.

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As autumn approaches, we can reflect on the summer just past and the wonderful sharing that transpired in Santa Clara; and we can prepare for Redding in October, where we will make new friends and see old ones and again experience the thrills of the conferences.

And speaking of AA get-togethers, the 7th Annual Round-up held in August at the Nugget in Sparks, NV., was just marvelous. Sponsored by Nevada General Service, the program participants included several Bay Area AA members, among them Diane O. from Saratoga (CNCA's alternate delegate) and Diane M. of San Bruno. Both did an excellent job!

August 18th was the date of the San Mateo County Love & Service Ice Cream Social held in So. San Fran. On the agenda were two panels, The Ask-it-Basket, a traditions play, raffle and two films: "March of Time" and the current film on the AA General Service Office, "Your G.S.O. Today". Sustenance for the attendees was provided by the potluck dinner and FREE ice cream. This lovely event was topped off by Lois J. of Novato (CNCA past delegate) who shared at the

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BAY AREA BEAT (Cont.)

8pm speaker meeting. Hats off to District 05, San Mateo, for a super sharing session!

The ARA First Step Home, a co-ed recovery house in S.F., is the site of the Sunday Breakfast Meeting, every Sunday at 12 Noon, which is preceded by the BEST breakfast in town (\$3.50 donation). If you crave good AA fellowship, a good AA meeting and superb food, tear yourself away from the football games on the tube and scoot on down to 1035 Haight St. We'll see you there.

There are mucho more fall activities planned in the Bay Area, but no space to list them all here. (And I thought sobriety was going to be boring?! No Way!). Enjoy Redding and God Bless!

Lynn B.

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CONTRA COSTA CORNER

Contra Costa County is preparing for the 18th Anniversary Party of the Service Center. The Theme is "Celebration of Gratitude" and as I remember the last few anniversary parties, a good time will be had by all - so remember the date - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 10AM to 10PM at the Pleasant Hill Recreation Center on Taylor Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. They are having a breakfast this year and the great chicken dinner plus pot luck. There will be AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen speakers plus the main speaker will be Gunther N. of San Francisco. SOUND

FUN? JOIN US!

Being the Zone "C" chairperson for NCCAA promises to be very rewarding and lots of work, so I am finding out. Several of the other Chairpeople did offer help and advice at the GREAT SUMMER CONFERENCE. Possibly some of you out there could lend a few ideas on "HOW TO GET AA MEMBERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING DELEGATES". Zone "C" covers a lot of territory, including Contra Costa County, and I only find 19 Delegates from my county. Maybe the title "Delegate" scares members or maybe they do not understand that each group is entitled to have two delegates to represent them at the Northern California Council of AA. I just know that with all of the skills and know-how we have among our AA members, something is there to interest everyone. HELP, HELP, HELP!

Many Thanks and AA Love
Betty H., Zone "C"

COASTAL AREA

"LINK"

Here are the main headings of the 1985 Conference agenda topics: Will the Hand of AA Always be There? The Six Warranties. Beyond Tradition Seven, Group Responsibility. Fifty Years of Caring and Sharing. The GSR, The Key Role. (The phrase, agenda topics, is inevitably tied in with such terms as conscience and authority.)

✓ The groups hold ultimate world service authority, but the active, effective conscience of AA as a whole finds its voice in the

General Service Conference. The groups have final authority; their representatives have operational authority. The Conference listens closely to group opinion. Nevertheless, it possesses a discretionary Right of Decision. It rightfully decides what it will dispose of itself, and what it will refer to the groups, or, more usually, to the GSR's or DCM's, for opinion or guidance.

Despite its "supremacy", group conscience as a totality is limited. It can't always be fully informed. It may not be the best guide in a grave disturbance. Accordingly, trusted leaders should be ever ready to do for the groups what the latter cannot or should not do, at times disagreeing with uninformed or biased group opinion. Ultimate authority is qualified by delegated authority. Group conscience is the ultimate authority. The trusted servant is the delegated authority. One can not function without the other. The essentials for harmony are careful definitions and mutual respect. ✓

In the spirit of fellowship, the Conference refers the above agenda topics to group conscience for opinion and recommendations.

Frank B.

San Francisco

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NEXT DEADLINE

October 10

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous
4/1/84 through 8/1/84

Bank Balance-3/23/84		\$11,996.92
Receipts, Summer Conference	\$12,837.75	
Y.P.'s Donation	225.00	
Pre-Conference Collection	19.00	
Receipts 4/1/84 through 8/1/84		<u>13,081.75</u>
Total		\$25,078.67
Disbursements-4/1/84 to 8/1/84		
Conferences	\$13,530.57	
Returned Check	2.00	
Secretary	770.46	
Good News	450.00	
Delegates Expenses	250.53	
S.F. Central Office	75.00	
Insurance	350.00	
Total	<u>\$15,428.56</u>	
Adjustment to Conference		<u>-22.04</u>
Total Disbursement		<u>15,406.52</u>
Bank Balance as of 8/1/84		\$ 9,672.15
Prudent Reserve		<u>4,500.00</u>
Balance		\$ 5,172.15

FLETCH'S TERRITORY

Hey gang, this old alkie has had a wonderful couple of months, July and August, thanks go to all of you in the fellowship. First those young people, and the young at heart, put on a "Pig Out" to end all pig-outs at Crazy Horse Campground. That's going to be a rough act to follow next year, Jay. Then that fantastic Conference at Santa Clara. If you were there you know what I mean - if you weren't, well you just meet me at the Good News desk in October at the Redding Conference and I'll tell you all about it. All this followed by the Men's Stag Campout at French Meadows. Sorry, gang, I've been sworn to secrecy about what a great

time we had - something about being afraid the ladies might try to crash the doin's next year..(Wife #1 says I don't have to worry about her, she enjoyed the three days while I was gone. Now I wonder what she meant by that?) Oh well, into August -- those folks behind Joe M. at the Central California Fellowship office sure do know how to put on a picnic. Hundreds of us alkies and a lot of love - a fine job, John and Joanne. By the way...the remark was overheard at the end of the day: All these ex-drunks and not one argument - in the old days only half of 'em would have been left standing up, cause we'd have killed the other half...nuff said?

OK, if you've stuck around this far, you deserve to know what's coming

up in the Territory. Keep Saturday, October 27 free by all means. Granite Bay Lakeside group on Douglas Blvd. is presenting the 12th Step Players, after a big pot luck at 6:30. Seems big Lee had a hand in putting this all together.

Here's one, up on "the hill" on Sept. 21-23 there's the Tahoe Fall Festival with alk-a-thons by open fire by the lake...heck, some of our membership can remember living in just such surroundings...and if that's not enough, there's the Conference by the Sea in Monterey on Nov. 2-4 or the Big Roundup in Las Vegas on Nov. 8-11 with a live show on Saturday night. As I recall, that would usually be me by 11:00 P.M. but times have changed I guess, and, once again, thanks to this thing called Alcoholics Anonymous.

Luv ya,
J.P.

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AA CALENDAR - 1984

September

- 8 Alano Club-Anniversary-
Woodland, CA.
- 21-23 Tahoe Fall Festival-
Fallen Leaf Lake, CA.
- 28-30 So. Calif. Conven-
tion - San Diego, CA.
22nd Distr. Convention -
Santa Maria, CA. (date
not yet available)

October

- 12-15 NCC Fall Conference
Redding, CA.
- 28 Duffy-Myrtle Dale Grps.
Oktoberfest, Calistoga,
CA.

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