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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Steering Committee

The meeting was held at the usual time for an NCC Conference, 11 A.M. on Saturday. First up was the old business to be taken care of: Dianne J., NCC's treasurer, gave a financial report for the first six months of 1989, as well as a statement from the Oakland Conference. Copies of these reports were available at the meetwell as ing, as reprinted in this issue of the Good News. A report was given by George M. from San Jose. He said San Jose was ready, and proud to be hosting the next NCC Conference. The San Jose Conference will be held March 9 - 11, 1989. Anne K. spoke about the meeting that was planned, regarding the revision of the Purpose and Structure Booklet. Anne stated that no one showed for that meeting, so further meetings were scheduled.

New Business that was brought to the floor: There was a suggestion to raise registration fees from \$3.00 to \$5.00. The second suggestion was

to require registration badges for admittance into the dance. Both these issues were taken to the floor at 2:30, at the open Delegates meeting, and both were passed by the delegates. Although the five dollar registration was approved, it will not go into effect until after the San Jose Conference

GOOD NEWS BUSINESS

In Stockton, I notified the steering committee of my intention to rotate as Editor of the Good News. In March, 1990, I will edited the Good News three years, and will, at that time, rotate. The Good News has been a wonderful experience for me, but, in the spirit of rotation, I would like to allow others an opportunity to serve in this capacity. I will be bringing you one more issue of the Good News following this one.

I would like to take the opportunity now to thank the people who worked with me to help bring you the Good News. The two people who have been with me almost from the beginning adding their

knowledge and expertise to the production of the Good News are Ron J. and Dianne J. they have both been a support and an asset to making the Good News happen. Frank B., Marion L., Herb J., and Don S. have all contributed articles, and Frank continues to do so. Jim J., John H., George M., and Andy have all helped with the print-ing and publishing.

Many people involved in NCC have promoted the Good News and helped to increase subscriptions and others know about the Good News. Others still have contributed by sending articles they have read, to help keep the Good News interesting. Some too, have contributed labor to help in the folding, labeling and mailing of the Good News. To all of those I may have missed, I apologize. The Good News is the product of service and I thank-you for the opportunity to serve.

I will continue to be involved in NCC, and hope to see you all in San Jose. Have a very Merry and Sober Christmas, and a Joyous New Year. Paula Douglas

THE HISTORY OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL

Part 3 of "History" by Dean K. Past Delegate Calif. Northern Coastal

At its inception, membership in the Council was limited to AA members only. The Council held quarterly sessions, which were devoted primarily to group business, new approaches to AA, and renewal of old acquaintances. The Fall quarterly meeting then was considered the Council's "Annual Conference". However, in 1951 it was determined to change the annual conferences to open meetings so that AA members, families and friends all could attend. Immediately attendance at these annual meetings picked up to 2,500 or as many as 3,000 on occasion. The core of the Council still consisted of two representatives elected from each group which wished to participate, and this was considered steering committee.

The 5th Annual Conference of the Council was held March 15-16, 1952 at the Governors Hall, the State Fairgrounds at Sacramento. The purpose of this meeting was two-fold. Firstly was the organization of Panel 2 of the General Service Conference, which consisted of AA groups in the interior commu-

nities of Northern California (primarily Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley), and the election of a Conference Delegate from that Area. Secondly, was to hear an important speaker, Father Ralph P. (also known as Father John Doe, author of the widely read "Golden Books"). Father P. had joined AA in 1943 in Indianapolis, and in 1947 the archbishop of the Catholic Diocese of Indianapolis released him from all parish work so he could devote his full time to AA. A second important speaker was Marian M., a member of the New York Headquarters Office staff, who Bill W. had recommended when he was in San Francisco in 1951. Marian had recently suffered a serious illness and had been granted a special dispensation by her doctor to appear and speak at this 1952 Annual Conference.

Once again, admission tickets were required for the principal meeting on Saturday night, March 15th. Although these tickets were not "sold", there was a contribution expected. This was held in the Main Ball Room of

Governors Hall at the Fairgrounds. The meeting was chaired by Floyd B., of Roseville, and the invocation was given by Dr. Robert Ferguson, pastor of the Fremont Presbyterian Church of Sacramento, a staunch friend of AA. This meeting was followed by a reception and buffet supper in the nearby Little Theater.

The Sunday morning session also was held in Governors Hall. It opened with the registration of delegates, i.e., the author-ized representatives of the groups in Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley. the time of At registration these representatives also were to signify whether or not they would be available for service on Panel 2, or as Delegate to the New York Conference. The meeting was chaired once more by Bob R., of the West Portal Group of San Francisco. Bob was invited to act in that capacity because of his experience in conducting the organization meeting of Panel 1 in San Francisco in March 1951. Marian spoke once more on the third Legacy and the general services performed by the New York Office. Floyd B., of Roseville, was elected as the first Conference Delegate from Panel 2.

An interesting highlight of the NCC was the Fall Conference held in 1955 Watsonville. Because of insufficient housing in hotels and motels, the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce persuaded non-alcoholic citizens to open their homes to members for housing, and this created situations which never existed before, nor since.

The last NCC Conference held in a smaller community was in 1968 in Santa Cruz. An amusing sidelight

of this Conference was that the host hotel, where the Conference was held, put on an bartender additional and two additional cocktail waitresses for the Saturday night dinner. After about 45 minutes of no business, the bartenders closed down the bar, and the cocktail waitresses began helping serving dinner in the hotel dining room.

Beginning about 1971 the numbers in attendance at the NCC Conferences became so large that it no longer was possible to hold Conferences in the smaller communities. This was not only because of lack of hotel and motel facilities, but the fact

that the auditoriums or convention centers could not hold the crowds. About time discussion at the NCC business meetings began to center on reducing the number of Conferences each year from four to three, and limiting the cities in which the Conferences would be held to those cities having adequate hotel and convention facilities. After considerable discussion Conferences then were reduced to three each year, and a city bidding for a future Conference must insure that there are adequate facilities for presenting the Conference.

LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

For forty years I lived in my head, and spoke the language generated from what I saw as my most powerful tool ... my brain. I relied on that power and basked in the glory of its accomplishments. I had notions that the language of my heart, specifically my feelings, must be kept out of the way and concealed in order to allow my head to be in control. A road block lay between my heart and my head.

This roadblock, which I myself constructed between my heart and my head caused me much pain and frustration ... there was a void in my life that only alcohol could fill. Alcohol's power to numb pain became my highest power until the day I realized it had taken control of my life.

It is in Alcoholics Anonymous that I have had the awesome experience of traveling from my head to my heart, and learned to speak the language of the heart. It is in these rooms that I discovered that God resided in my heart, and it was there I found love, joy, laughter, along with the realities of pain and sorrow that I had hidden from for so long. The language of my heart uses fewer words ... it feels more than it speaks, it listens more than it preaches, it touches the hearts of others without a single word ... it is only comfortable with truth. It is through this language that I feel alive today; I am a participant in life rather than an observer. I speak to my fellows and my God with the language of my heart, and am most grateful to have been given this second chance. Kathy K. (Central Bulletin, Cleveland, OH.)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1/1/89 TO 6/30/89

Balance on Hand as of 12/31/88	\$4,034.21	
Fresno Conference Income Dakland Conference Income	\$18,737.17 13.893.83	
Committee Business Meeting	8.00	
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00	
Adjustment for Expenses Paid in	'88 845.28	
TOTAL INCOME		\$34,484.28

EXPENSES

Chairman, Expense Advance	\$329.25	
Coastal Secretary's Expense	128.80	
Treasurer's Expense to 4/89	48.84	
Treasurer's Expense 4/89 to 6/89	88.00	
Phone Expense	150.59	
S.F. Central Office (2 quarters)	140.00	
Fresno Conference Expenses (1989)	8,644.86	
Oakland Conference Expenses	8,651.50	
Purpose and Structure Pamphlets	241.07	
"Good News" (2 quarters)	150.00	
Stockton Conference Treas. Advance	300.00	
NCCAA Sign	100.00	
Stockton Conf. Auditorium Deposit	250.00	
Printing, Stockton Conference	1,340.26	
TOTAL EXPENSES	e Fires	\$20,563.17
BALANCE ON HAND AS DE 6/30/89		\$17 955 32

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OAKLAND CONFERENCE - JUNE 1989

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INCOME		
Pre-Registration	\$949.18	
Registration	7,113.00	
Total	8.092.18	
Raffle	1,341.20	0+ 022300
Literature	285.50	Sonoray
Marathon (English)	1,013.60)
Marathon (Spanish)	77.6	
General Service Meeting	43.32	
General Service Workshop	31.20	
H&I Meeting	32.7	
Early Bird Meeting	59.74	are a life in the
Friday Speaker Meeting	621.59)
Saturday Speaker Meeting	1,450.74	
Sunday Speaker Meeting	513.80)
Young People's Meeting	317.34	La Festion
Local Committee Meeting	13.10)
TOTAL INCOME		\$13,893.
EXPENSES		
Printing	1,922.54	
Mailings	344.54	
Speaker Comm/Travel	906.20	
Speaker Dinner	783.30	
Speaker Lodging	348.45	
Insurance	1,285.65	
Band	200.00	
Convention Center	6,602.00	
Security Guards	1,245.00	
Raffle	378.32	
Registration	708.28	
Flowers & Decorations	323.34	
Books & Literature	205.90	
TOTAL EXPENSES	203.70	\$15,253.50
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GOOD NEWS

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Articles of interest to our readers are welcomed and may be mailed to the editor at:

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December 10 for January-February
February 10 for March-April
April 10 for May-June
June 10 for July-August
August 10 for September-October
October 10 for November-December

FUTURE CONFERENCE SITES:

- STOCKTON—October 13, 14 and 15, 1989.
- · SAN JOSE-March 9, 10 and 11, 1990.
- REDDING-June 1, 2 and 3, 1990.
- SACRAMENTO—October 19, 20 and 21, 1990.
- FRESNO--March, 1991.
- OAKLAND-June, 1991.
- OPEN-October, 1991.
- MONTEREY—March, 1992.
- OPEN-June, 1992.
- · SAN JOSE-Fall, 1992.

