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Redding Conference Big Success: Sacramento Is Ready For October Meet

Well, here we all are back from Redding, safe and sound, I hope. The speakers were all great---Ken D. from La Mesa, California opened the festivities on Friday night, Penny P. from Walnut Creek, California hit the Young People Saturday afternoon, while Conway H. from Sea Island, Georgia wowed us on Saturday night. On Sunday morning Polly P. from Fountain Valley, California really knocked our sox off just before she grabbed her purse and ran off stage to catch a one o'clock flight for home. (The airline wouldn't cooperate). The weather man and H.P. did cooperate, however, by having great weather for Redding for the whole weekend with temperatures in the 70's and low 80's. We've been there when it was 115 degrees in the shade, and no shade!

The committee worked hard to make this one a success.

Thanks a bunch, Guys and Gals! We Love you a bunch!

SACRAMENTO

The committee for the Sacramento Conference is hard at work under the co-chairs of Tina H. and Bev C. Their committees are chosen and operational and meeting on a regular basis.

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EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Hi guys and gals. My name is Ron J., an alcoholic from Sunnyvale (formerly Menlo Park) and your new GOOD NEWS editor. By the Grace of God, the A.A. Program and loving people like you, I have not found it necessary to take a drink or smoke funny cigarettes or get into trouble since Mar. 19, 1979.

As I sit here in front of the blank screen of my PC I am asking myself, "What the Hell have I got myself into this time?" It is evident to me that, like most of us, I must ask for help. Lots of it! Please send articles and other things you would like to have in YOUR GOOD NEWS. It's YOUR newsletter--Let's make it interesting.

I was taken to my first NCCAA Conference in 1980 at San Jose and immediately fell in love with conferences. What a wonderful crowd of SOBER people having a wonderful time, I thought!

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1990 SEATTLE CONVENTION

Final plans are finishing for the convention in Seattle, July 5th thru the 8th. We hope everyone will be paying us a visit at our "Hospitality Suite" hosted by NCCAA and CNCA at the convention in July. The suite will be located at the Carlsbad Room (Sixth & Seneca in Seattle) and we look forward to saying "Hi" to AA's from around the world. There will be a bulletin board for messages and lots of fellowship.

Those who have signed up to be hosts will have received their scheduled times by now. NCCAA Chairperson, Marie C. with her assistant Carole V. are working on final scheduling plans with CNCA's Alan S. We will have one of the largest hospitality suites available due to NCC's early request (free of charge). We ask that hosts bring treats to share and we hope to have the hotel set up a coffee bar in the vicinity of our room. If you have any questions call Marie C. at (707) 447-6345 or Carole V. at (707) 449-4188.

Please stop by and see us, plan to meet old friends, and make some new ones, too, as we show the world some Northern California AA hospitality.

---By Carole V. Vacaville, CA--

ROTATION

The long form of Tradition Nine recommends rotating leadership for each group. In General Service outgoing DCMs and GSRs may be replaced by new, trusted servants. However, at a regular election where there is every opportunity for presenting all available candidates, they may be voted in again. The following excerpts from an address by former, non-alcoholic trustee BERNARD SMITH, amount to a statement on rotation:

"Some day this tradition that no one should serve as chairman (of the Board) for an indefinite period may prove more valuable than we appreciate today. Certainly it is in keeping with the expanding, unwritten body of tested tradition....that while AA is important to the existence of the individual, no individual must be vital to the existence of AA. (Reprinted from Pages 281-282 of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age* with permission of AA World Services, Inc.). And yet rotation does not exclude past servants from all roles. Consider the following, for example.

"It is true that AA has in past delegates a mine of experience that may not be getting used...

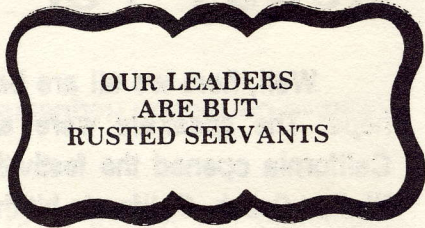
rotation prevents delegates from succeeding themselves, and rather frowns on their returning later as delegates. Now gradually emerging is a role for past delegates that involves them in area activities, but leaves area committees and new delegates free to run their own show. It is suggested that past delegates not hold office as GSRs or DCMs, but find other ways to become involved in area service." (Reprinted from page S-102 of the *AA Service Manual 1989-1990 Edition* with permission of AA World Services, Inc.). Perhaps the classic statement on past servants is the following:

"The elder statesman is the one..who holds no resentment over his reduced status, whose judgement, fortified by considerable experience, is sound, and who, is willing to sit quietly on the sidelines, patiently awaiting developments. They (elder Statesmen) become the real and permanent leadership of AA. Theirs is the quiet opinion, the sure knowledge and humble example that resolve a crisis. When sorely perplexed, the group inevitably turns to them for advice. They become the voice of the group conscience; in fact, these are the true voices of Alcoholics Anonymous. They do not drive by mandate; they lead by

example....our group conscience, well advised by its elders, will be in the long run wiser than any single leader."

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Frank B. (Napa CA)



OUR LEADERS
ARE BUT
RUSTED SERVANTS

SACRAMENTO

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The NCCAA speaker selection committee has chosen some outstanding speakers. They are Bob L. from Glendale, CA for Friday night, Terry F. from Vista, CA for Young Peoples, Ray V. from Flower Mound, Texas for Saturday night and John M. from Dallas, Texas for Sunday morning.

The conference will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1100 14th Street., Sacramento. The adjoining Hyatt Regency will be the host hotel.

This will be the first NCCAA conference to be held in Sacramento in many years because of the high cost of the Conference Center. Lots of support is needed and pre-registration is requested.

How Anonymous Can We Get?

Many of us protect our anonymity by using an initial only. Occasionally, someone raises the art of anonymity to new heights, as a letter written by a G.S.O. staff member shows:

"Dear Marty-- I certainly hope this reaches you, as you did not include your last name (in your letter requesting pamphlets). You need never be reluctant to do this when corresponding with the General Service Office. If you will notice, our return address does not contain the initials 'A.A.' or the words 'Alcoholics Anonymous.' This is done to protect the anonymity of our membership. However, I am sure that an envelope addressed, as this is, to 'Marty S.' tends to arouse more suspicion than one addressed to 'Marty Smith'--or whatever your last name may be."

P.S. The letter must have landed safely; it never came back. Could be the mailperson was a friend of Bill W.

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Please Pre-Register
For Conferences

Bart D. To Retire As Tape Librarian For NCCAA---Marilyn & Phil M. To Take Over

Bart D. of Sacramento announced at the Redding Conference that he would be retiring as Taper and Tape Librarian for NCCAA on the advice of his doctors. Bart has been taping speakers for NCCAA since 1969 and has been invaluable in his service to the Council. When the Chairman has trouble in locating speakers Bart always comes through with recommendations for speakers, and even provided the names, addresses, or phone numbers of these sometimes hard to find people. As the Librarian, Bart has supplied numerous tapes for the Speaker Selection Committee for each conference. He will be "Irreplaceable." We'll miss you, Bart!

Marilyn and Phil M. of Modesto, California were recommended by Bart to replace (?) him as our new Tapers and Librarians. They have been working with Bart for many years so are well versed in the operation. Bart will be involved for a while to help in the transition. Good Luck! .

Officers Approved

Paula D. from Santa Clara and Linda M. from Dixon were chosen by Council Chairman Alex McE. as Coastal Secretary and Interior Secretary, respectively. They were approved by the Steering Committee and obtained final approval from the Delegates at the Open Delegates Meeting at the Redding Conference.

Paula served as the Editor of the GOOD NEWS and did a wonderful job getting our newsletter back on its feet. She will be missed on its staff. Thanks again for a job well done, Paula. In her new position as Coastal Secretary her main functions will be the raffle prizes and public information.

Linda M. has been the Young Peoples Coordinator for the past term and did an outstanding job in getting excellent speakers for the Young People. Linda's main functions will be to mail conference materials to the delegates and to take minutes of Council meetings. Good Luck to the both of you!

FLETCH SEZ

Hi Gang,

Hey, it's good to be back in "The Good News". You might not think so, and wife #1 definitely doesn't think so as she has to correct my spelling and type this drivel, but I think so. Now, from what my sponsor says that's all that matters, right? Well, I think that's what he says..

It's a couple of days after the Redding Conference, and I've just come from a new AA meeting in Shingletown. That's a lovely little town halfway between Redding and Lassen National Park. They have a great group up there and as far as I could see they only made one mistake--Yep, they asked me to chair their meeting. Now I ask ya. What else can an alkie that's spent three days with good friends at a conference and four days just sitting in the pines choose for a subject except gratitude? Why, do you know, if my job didn't consider Election Day a holiday, I'd have been at work! What, me grateful for my job? You bet, and

plenty more stuff I don't deserve, too. I remember when I first crawled through the doors of an AA meeting and somebody said they were grateful just to be alive, I wasn't too sure. If you feel that way maybe I can help. Just take a minute or two and think how nice that Redding Conference was. You know those speakers don't get there by themselves, and all that stuff doesn't move from one conference to another by itself, and set itself up too. Yep, I don't know about the rest of you alkies, but I'm real grateful for the folks that make it happen---Hope to see you in Sacramento!! Fletch----

ROUND-UP

The 4th ANNUAL GOLD-COUNTRY ROUND-UP will be held at the Calvaras County Fairgrounds in Angels Camp on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 7, 8, and 9, 1990. Registration will open at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and is \$6.00 per person. There will be a BBQ dinner (Steak!) available on Saturday night prior to the Speaker's Meeting, for an

additional charge. All the free coffee you can drink is included in the registration, along with the The Speaker Meetings and Marathon Meetings. There will also be a Snack Bar open throughout the Round-Up. Contact: Chairman, Gold Country Round-Up, P.O. Box 335, Angels Camp CA, 95222.

---by KATE C. Arnold, CA---

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

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What an inspiration the speakers were to a new-comer! I particularly liked the Hospitality Rooms where I met and shared with others from all over the State. When I went back to my home group in Menlo Park I found not many were as impressed as I was. I couldn't even find out where or when the next conference would be held.

Then I found the GOOD NEWS. What a joy that little box with "Coming Attractions" was! Now I could plan my vacations around these conferences, get away for 4 or 5 days, three times a year and come back to work refreshed and newly inspired and ready to go again.

After hanging around NCCAA Steering Committee meetings for a while, I finally became a group delegate, then a Central Office Representative, and then a Zone Chairman. Now I find myself Editor of the GOOD NEWS and in need of lots of help. Please bear with me--I'm told that it gets better.

COMING EVENTS

- July 5 - 8** **1990 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**
"55 YRS-ONE DAY AT A TIME"
Seattle, Washington
Registration: \$55/person

- July 19 - 22** **29th ANNUAL DESERT ROUNDUP/AA**
Marriott Desert Springs Resort
74-855 Country Club Dr.
Palm Desert, CA
Registration: \$15/person

- Aug. 17 - 19** **Pacific Regional Forum**
P. O. Box 459, Grand Central
Station, N.Y., N.Y. 101640371
Held at: Town & Country Hotel
San Diego, CA

- Sept. 7 - 9** **4TH ANNUAL GOLD COUNTRY ROUNDUP**
Calvaras County Fairgrounds
Angels Camp, CA

- Oct. 19 - 21** **NCCAA 43RD ANNUAL FALL CONF.**
Sacramento Convention Center
Sacramento, CA
Registration: \$5/person

FUTURE CONFERENCES

SACRAMENTO	OCTOBER 19-21, '90
FRESNO	MARCH 1991
OAKLAND	JUNE 1991
REDDING	OCTOBER 1991
MONTEREY	MARCH 1992
SANTA ROSA	JUNE 1992
SAN JOSE	OCTOBER 1992

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