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## Sacramento Reaches Out To Welcome NCCAA

The Sacramento Steering Committee implemented a wonderful plan to reach out to AA's throughout the area by manning a Sacramento Conference table at our Summer Conference in Oakland. There were sign-up sheets at this conference so that AA's from anywhere could volunteer their service to NCCAA.

A newcomer from my home town of Vacaville shared how excited she was to be able to read at a marathon meeting. The committee in Sacramento has given many of us a reason to stay sober until October, just so we can participate!

In my own early sobriety it was a dreaded service commitment that forced me not to drink until I finished setting up that meeting. And you know what happened then? I forgot that I wanted to drink, because for a couple of hours I got out of myself long enough to again become grateful. Service has always worked for me.

The NCCAA Steering Committee thanks the Sacramento Committee for their brilliant idea. You will now be seeing a table hosted and staffed by the Committee of the following conference at every NCCAA Conference. They will share information and ask for volunteers to serve.

*It is fitting that the articles in this issue of the Good News have a common thread—Service, Service, Service.*

Our Chairman, Ray K.

sends the Council's love and thanks for the hard work of the Oakland Committee which paid off in a wonderful conference. He also asks for willing AA's to serve in the positions of Intergroup/Central Office and Zone Chairs from your respective counties.

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Frank B. has written on Tradition Six which encourages us to be cooperative and helpful, but to remain true to our Primary Purpose, carrying the AA message to the suffering alcoholic.

CNCA's Delegate, Bob Kosloff gives us a personal glimpse of a first time Delegate's General Service Conference experience. Bob shares his gratitude and experience which made "getting involved" the central part of his recovery program from the very beginning of his sobriety.

We also have the year's financial report from our new Treasurer Clem Te Nyenhuis. While NCCAA is doing OK financially, we hope you remember that the conferences depend not only on the very nominal registration fee of \$5, but on the 7th Tradition Baskets to try to remain self-supporting.

And last, but not least, Diane Olsen, our Archivist has put together a very detailed history of NCCAA, it's origins and contributions to AA in both Northern California and to the beginnings of the General

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## Greetings From The Chairman's Desk

Here we are again, winding down the year, our 50th. Where has the time gone? It's been a great year for NCCAA and for myself. We have had lots of great things happen so far this past year. Our Summer began with a wonderful conference in Oakland at the Oakland Convention Center. Let's give a hearty round of applause, and thank you in a big way to Georganne, James, and the entire Oakland Committee for their fine effort, and for all the work that they put out for this very successful conference in Oakland.

Already the air has a hint of Fall in it, and Sacramento is coming upon us during the first week in October. I hope you have all registered for Sacramento. This promises to be a well attended conference, and we

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certainly have a terrific lineup of speakers. I am sure you have seen the fliers. It's going to be a great time at the DoubleTree (formerly the Red Lion).

Boy, I can't believe how time is flying, Christmas is around the corner, then a new year, and it's Spring again and time to head on down to Monterey! Michael J. is promising a terrific Conference in 1998, and the committee will be having their first meeting in December. We have a great lineup of speakers for Monterey! Friday night starts off with Johnnie H. from Long Beach, followed by Kristy K. from San Jose on Saturday afternoon. Cece C. from Canada is our Saturday night speaker and on Sunday morning we will hear from

Penny P. from Walnut Creek.

Again I would like to mention if any of you out there in "Sobriety Land" have any favorite speakers, and would like to see and hear them at our conference, please submit a tape to either me, or Terry D. or Tape Librarian.

I would also like to remind

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everyone to please adhere to the Committee Guidelines as those are the directions that we follow. From our experience this has worked very well.

We are constantly looking to fill any open slots as Zone or Intergroup Chairs. If that position is open or someone would like to step down in the spirit of rotation, we ask you to get involved and become a part of NCCAA so that you can carry the message back to your Districts and Groups about the Conferences. I have been talking to members of AA all over Northern California, and you would be surprised at the members that do not have any idea about NCCAA, or what it is, or what it stands for.

We need members to carry the message of NCCAA to the AA community. So get involved - PLEASE.

*Ray Klepper,  
NCCAA Chairman,  
Anderson, CA*

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Service Conference, itself. This history is presented in two parts, the early years up to 1951, and in our next issue from 1951 to 1975.

I am in awe of NCCAA's rich history and our direct involvement in the General Service structure. Those oldtimer's sole

purpose was to share information so that each AA group, no matter where it was located would be able to carry the AA Message to the suffering alcoholic.

NCCAA continues to follow their example and the guidelines forged through the experience of fifty years of NCCAA's work. These guidelines are steeped in the Traditions and Concepts of AA, as we bring together all service bodies (General Service, H&I, Intergroup/Central Offices) as well as wonderful AA speakers

from all over the United States and Canada. NCCAA continues to be motivated, not by money, property, or prestige, but by our commitment to carry the same AA message given to us by our founders Bill & Dr. Bob and all the other pioneers and "old timers" in Northern California.

However, we will always need willing AA members to participate in our NCCAA Conferences in all capacities. Thanks to some innovative AA's

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If you would like to contribute articles to the Good News, we welcome your participation. The guidelines are as follows: "It (Good News) reports the activities of the Council, Hospital and Institution Committee, General Service, and other articles of interest to AA members. News is written about the conferences for the benefit of members unable to attend. News of activities of the Groups in Northern California may also be included."



## TRADITION SIX: Cooperation, Not Affiliation

Most of us have heard the short form of Tradition Six . . . "An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." Let's hope, too, that many of us have also read, not only the long form of the Tradition, but also the entire essay as well. These are to be found in our 12 and 12. And some of us have taken a step farther by searching the archives to discover more facts about this Tradition.

For example, we have discovered in page 108 of *AA Comes of Age* that "The moment we lent the AA name to any outside enterprise, we got into trouble, sometimes very serious trouble." On page 109, we read the following:

*We say that the more AA minded its own business the greater its general influence would become . . . Therapeutic groups began to spring up . . . They too borrowed from AA, but they made their own adaptations. They worked their own fields and we did not have to endorse them.*

*Today we understand and accept the paradox: The more AA sticks to its primary purpose, the greater will be its helpful influence everywhere."*

*Warranty Five of Concept Twelve declares that "AA is prepared to give away all the knowledge and all the experience it has—all excepting the AA name itself."*

*We mean by this that our principles can be used in any application . . . We simply request that the public use of the AA name be avoided by those other agencies who wish to avail themselves of AA techniques and ideas. In case the AA name should be misapplied in such a connection it would . . . be the duty of our General Service Conference to press for discontinuance . . . always short, however, of public quarreling about the matter.*

*We once thought of incorporating it (the AA name) everywhere . . . thereby availing ourselves of the legal means to step any misuse . . . But after several years of deliberation, our General Service Conference decided against such a course . . . Those early Conferences believed that the power to sue would be a dangerous thing for us to possess*

*It was recognized that a public lawsuit is a public controversy, something in which our Tradition says we may not engage."*

For the sake of emphasis, let us recall the following from page 157 of the 12 and 12: "In no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We of Alcoholics Anonymous could not be all things to all men, nor should we try."

And, from page 190 of the same source, let us close with the statement: "While an AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An AA groups can bind itself to no one."

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Frank B., Napa, CA

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from Sacramento, we will be able to give many more members the opportunity to serve NCCAA.

I would also like to thank and recognize my good friend Karen Z. from Vacaville. She is responsible for the high quality of printing and graphics you have enjoyed in the Good News. Together, with many more of our local AA's who always come to help when I ask, we have enjoyed the challenge of publishing your Good News. Thanks to NCCAA for allowing all of us to serve.

I know my sobriety has been enhanced by this job. I still struggle with some of my most flagrant character defects, particularly procrastination. I hope by the time I rotate I will have gotten a little better in that area, too. I hope to see you at the Sacramento Conference October 3, 4, & 5. I know we will have a great time.

*Your hopeful and grateful Editor  
Carole Dorsey, Vacaville*

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### CALENDAR OF NCCAA CONFERENCES

**1998 CONFERENCES**  
**MONTEREY - March 13, 14, 15**  
**SAN JOSE - June 5, 6, 7**  
**MODESTO - October 2,3,4**

**1999 CONFERENCES**  
**FRESNO - March 12, 13, 14**  
**OAKLAND - June**



## SPECIAL SECTION: NCCAA History -- The Early Years

*Editor's Note: In our continuing effort to share our NCCAA history, our NCCAA Archivist, Diane Olsen has compiled the following history of our early years. We will be printing the second part of this history in our next issue. I hope you find the articles as compelling as I did. Diane has also unearthed some historical "tidbits" which will use in both this and future issues. We would love to have further contributions of historical information to print in the Good News. Please send them to us.*

After Bill Wilson's visit to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1943, a lasting friendship and productive correspondence developed between him and Nic Nickerson of Oakland, Nic had a brother and sister who lived in Washington, D.C. Each year he made at least one trip East to visit them; and while there, he visited Bill and Lois at their home in New York State. Much of their correspondence concerned Bill's plan for what later developed into the General Service Conference.

Late in 1946, Bill wrote to Nic, suggesting a division of North America into four sections from which delegate representation could be developed to facilitate contact with Headquarters Office in New York. Bill suggested that the south West Quadrant consist of California, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Hawaii and the North West Quadrant include North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and the provinces of Western Canada. Nic was a member of the San Francisco Group, and he discussed Bill's suggestions with the San Francisco and Oakland Central Committees. They tried to contact representatives in parts of the South West Quadrant, but the AA members in Southern California were non-responsive.

At this time, many requests for information about group operation and personal please for help were pouring into the San Francisco and Oakland post office boxes. In fact, there was a problem solving/solution meeting at the Oakland Alano Club in early 1945. In attendance were the representatives from the approximately thirty active groups in Northern California. In June 1946, Oakland opened its first Central Office; and in January 1946, the San Francisco Central Office was established. Out of the discussions that began in 1945, a decision was made to form some sort of informational organization for AA groups in Northern California. Among those involved in these discussions were: From San Francisco - John Carey, Fred Catz, Ray Holgate, Bob George, Pete Bowers, Les Fountain, Don Holbrook and Clarence Rossi (Clarence was San Francisco Mayor Rossi's son); From Oakland - Nic Nickerson; From Alameda - Ed Agnew; From Marin County - Horace Beverly; From Palo Alto - Dave Davenport; From Sacramento - Sacramento - Ray Parker and Vic Solari.

The result of these discussions was an

organizational meeting which was held March 23, 1946, at the Oakland Alano Club, 423 15th Street. It was attended by representatives of most of the 145 existing AA Groups in Northern California. With Bill's good wishes, this organization was named the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA). The mailing address was the San Francisco Central Office, and Clarence Rossi of San Francisco was the first Secretary-Treasurer.

At the Council's third meeting in Sacramento on September 14, 1947,, representatives from AA groups in Reno, Nevada asked to be included; so the name was then changed to Northern California and Nevada Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NC & NCAA). After Nevada elected its first Delegate to the General Service Conference in 1955, the Reno groups withdrew from the Council and our name reverted to its original name: the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA).

### Early General Service in Northern California

When plans for finalizing the General Service Conference were made in late 1950, Bill asked half of the areas in the U.S. and Canada to elect a

Conference Delegate for Panel One which was to meet in New York City in April 1951. Members of the NC & NCAA decided that the Council was the proper forum from which to elect our Delegate, so they planned their 1951 Conference to include the election of a Panel One Delegate from the Western half of Northern California. [Because of Northern California's large population, it was

decided to have two Northern California (Panels) Areas, one for the West and one for the East.] Since Bill had announced that he would visit the West Coast in early 1951 to attend the elections in Los Angeles and in San Francisco, the Council requested that he be the keynote speaker on this occasion. Bill accepted and plans were laid for the 1951 NC & NCAA conference to be held at California hall in San

### HISTORICAL TIDBIT

From the programs that have been found of the early conferences, some interesting tidbits have surfaced.

At the December 1952 Conference, held at the Carpenter's Union Hall in San Rafael, a meeting of the non-alcoholic wives and other relatives to form an auxiliary of NCCAA took place in one of the side halls. At the same time, in another meeting hall, Dr. Harry Rathburn of Stanford University spoke about "AA Potential." There were numerous non-alkies participating in our early conferences!



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Francisco. Because of the importance and urgency of this particular business, it was necessary to have the Conference as soon as possible, so the Conference was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 and 21, 1951.

This was the first Northern California Council Conference that was not held on a weekend. It was publicized in the first issue of the *Good News* in January 1951, and hundreds of AA members dropped their business affairs and traveled many miles in order to participate.

The members of the committee who planned the Spring 1951 Conference were: Ed Agnew, Alameda – Chairman; Bob R., Chairman of the San Francisco Central Committee; Fred Catz, San Francisco and Marin Counties; Ed N., San Mateo; Nic Nickerson, Berkeley; Jack F., Santa Cruz; Kay P., Secretary of the Council.

Tentative plans for this Fourth Annual NC & NCCA Conference included four afternoon speakers who would discuss the four phases of the AA Program: Admission, Inventory, Spiritual, and Carrying the Message. The speakers were to be followed by the election of representatives to the Council by the different districts and then with closing remarks by Bill W.

The conference actually took place in three parts: (1) the Conference itself was held Tuesday in California Hall where a record number of 300 AA's attended; (2) an address by Bill, (attended by approximately 2,900 AA's, relatives, and friends) on *AA History – Its Third Legacy*, was held at the War Memorial Opera House Tuesday evening; and (3) the very first meeting of Panel One of the General Service Conference was held in California Hall Wednesday, morning.

Fifty-two of the ninety-six AA groups in the Western half of Northern California were represented; and more than a hundred other AA's were present as observers, many from Panel Two [Eastern half of Northern California] which would meet the following year.

At the Wednesday Assembly, Bill spoke in detail of the plans for and the need for a General Service Conference. Nic Nickerson, of Berkeley, a pioneer in the San Francisco Group and founder of the first AA groups in the East Bay, was elected the Panel One Delegate. The first General Service Conference was held in New York City on April 20, 21, and 22, 1951.

The new General Service Assembly formed a committee of nine, representing all districts in the area. The members were: Chairman (Delegate) - Nic Nickerson, Berkeley; Treasurer - Ray H. of the Pacific Heights Group, San Francisco; Secretary - Paul

Gardener of the Sea Cliff Group, San Francisco;  
District 1 - North of San Francisco, including Santa Rosa – Louise McAllen of San Anselmo;

District 2 - Eureka, North of Santa Rosa – Nellie Long, Eureka;

District 3 - San Francisco – Rita Callahan of the Analam Group;

District 4 - East Bay – Bill Stearns of the Piedmont Group'

District 5 – South of San Francisco, including San Jose – Martin Kellogg of the San Jose Group;

District 6 – South of San Jose – Jack Fraser of the Santa Cruz Group.

The next significant Conference of the Council was held September 8 and 9, 1951, at the Monterey County Fairgrounds Auditorium. The five Peninsula AA Groups – Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Cypress and Seaside – were outstanding hosts and upward of 400 AA's attended.

The opening event was an open house and dance in the Pacific Grove Women's Club on Saturday night, September 8. Regular sessions, which began Sunday morning at the fairgrounds, featured an afternoon address by Mickey Agnew, a member of the Nolano Groups of the East Bay, a group of non-alcoholic spouses of AA members. Mickey was the first non-alcoholic wife to be asked to appear on a Council program.

This Monterey Conference was chaired by Walter Harbo of Santa Rosa. Our Delegate, Nic, raised the question of the future relations between AA and the growing Family Group movement; and this was the principal point of discussion. Nic announced the need for material support for the New York office and the *AA Grapevine*; and he revealed that Bill Wilson and Bernard Smith, the non-alcoholic Chairman of the General Service Board were going to visit the San Francisco Bay Area on October 29 and 30, 1951.

They were coming to accept the **Lasker Award**, to be conferred by the American Public Health Association at its 79th Annual Convention at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco on October 30, 1951.

The year 1951 marked the Sixth Annual Presentation of the Lasker Awards by the American Public Health Association to individuals and groups for outstanding contributions in research and for distinguished service in the field.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE)

Diane Olson, NCCAA Archivist,  
Cupertino, CA



**NCCAA 1997 Financial Statement**

As of 6/30/97

	Spring 1997 Fresno	Summer 1997 Oakland	Fall 1997 Sacto	General 1997 Committee
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Pre-Registration	1,940.00	1,135.00	265.00	
Registration	7,400.00	5,761.12		
Free Drawing	2,284.00	2,049.01		
7th Tradition, Marathon Meetings	507.00	422.99		
7th Tradition, Speaker Meetings	2,356.00	2,635.47		52.00
Snack Bar/Concessions	4,691.00			
Miscellaneous Income	0.00			
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	19,178.00	12,003.59	265.00	52.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Convention Center	2,731.00	6,677.00		
Insurance	1,125.00	1,126.00		
Printing	1,666.00	1,219.55	1,224.00	
Flyer distribution/mailing	190.00	137.65	30.00	
Flowers and Decorations	302.00	299.77		
Sign Language Interpreter	200.00	225.00		
Free Drawing Expenses	335.00	487.31		
Dance Band	300.00	350.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses/Badges	102.00	178.45		
Snack Bar/Concessions Expenses	1,855.00			
Speakers Travel	1,437.00	950.00		
Speakers/Officers Lodging/Rooms	1,648.00	2,044.66		420.83
Speakers/Officers Dinner	546.00	521.37		
Committee Travel	1,754.00	1,254.55		629.00
Committee Misc Expenses		68.00		401.96
Committee Phone Expenses		229.42		261.06
Committee Mailing Expenses				234.39
Committee Printing Expenses				75.29
Good News Expenses				300.00
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	14,191.00	15,768.73	1,254.00	2,322.53
<b>PROFIT OR (LOSS)</b>	\$4,987.00	(\$3,765.14)	(\$989.00)	(\$2,270.53)

**RECONCILIATION**

Bank Balance 12/31/96	12,753.31			
Prepaid '97 Expenses	5,530.00			
NCCAA Total Cash Assets 12/31/96		18,283.31		
Spring Conference Totals		4,987.00		
Summer Conference Totals		(3,765.14)		
Fall Conference Totals (to 6/30/97)		(989.00)		
Committee Totals (to 6/30/97)		(2,270.53)		
Pre-Paid Future Conference Expenses		0.00		
		=====		
<b>BANK BALANCE 6/30/97</b>		<b>\$16,245.64</b>		



## California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA) Delegate

### A First Time Delegate Shares His New York Experience

**I** have been told from my very first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous that a central part of recovery is to GET INVOLVED. You told me to show up early to meetings, help with the coffee, stay after the meeting and to help put the chairs away and clean up the meeting room. *By getting active, you told me, I would feel "part of" AA, and not just like a visitor.*

It may have taken me awhile to actually listen to what you had to say, but eventually I caught on and started my AA service journey. Currently I serve as the Panel 47 Delegate for California Northern Coastal Area to the General Service Conference.

For me, the experience of going to New York City as CNCA's Delegate brought up many emotions. The General Service Conference is currently held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Times Square, in the heart of Manhattan. For the entire ten days that I was there I could not forget that I grew up only a few miles from there. Alcoholism began very early in my life. At fifteen I was graciously "invited" to either leave New York State or go to Juvenile Hall for 10 years for an "incident" that had occurred during a drunken binge. I took the invitation and left New York quickly.

I have always been told that one of the best preparation a new Delegate can do in getting ready for the Conference is to get some rest. Our "days" usually started at 8:30 a.m. and went until 10:00 p.m. We were fed lunch and dinner at the hotel - either to simplify things or to keep us hostage, depending on how you look at it. While the Conference did not actually start until Monday morning, April 14, 1997, most of the 92 Delegates arrived early in the weekend. Besides getting over jet-lag and seeing a little of New York for those who had never been there, there were numerous "un-official" Delegate meetings all weekend. For the Pacific Region Delegates, we decided, as a "bonding experience," to go on a boat cruise around Manhattan Island in the pouring rain in 35 degree weather. While 40 of us cruised on a boat, we got to know each other very well!

The General Service Conference itself is about "doing the business of Alcoholics Anonymous." Through the committee, everything from deciding on the suggested working of sections in pamphlets to recommending a Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is discussed and then forwarded to the entire Conference for "loving discussion" and voting. By informing the Delegates you send to the Conference what your group thinks on specific issues, the process of an "informed group conscience" takes place.

I have the honor while I am Delegate to sit on the Correctional Facilities Committee. These assignments "come out of the hat" after Delegates are elected by their Areas. You have got to sense my Higher Power at work when thinking about the Committee I ended up on. Since I began my AA journey I have done lots of H & I service work. More importantly, however, is all of the "experience" I have with correctional facilities prior to my coming to AA. It is with a

sense of humor and lots of gratitude that I fulfill the task that has been given to me for two years. I also have the joy of serving with an incredible group of Delegates on that Committee from all over the United States and Canada.

That includes, for those of you who were in San Diego at the International Convention, the "GONGLADY" from the Old Timers meetings, who is now the Delegate for Southeastern New York and sits with me on the Correctional Facilities Committee. While there is lots of work to do as Delegate, *it is important to have some fun while doing any service work!*

As I imagine most of you know by this point, we got a lot of work done at the 47 General Service Conference. The most significant to many in our fellowship was the decision to move forward with developing a Fourth Edition to the Big Book. For a drunk like me, who arrived at my first AA meeting "not quite sober," it was with awe and gratitude that I participated in the discussion of something that will affect the AA Fellowship for the next generation. It was a clear reminder to me that we just do not get here from there. *While lots of things have changed in my life since I arrived drunk at my first AA meeting, nothing is more important to me than the simple ability to participate in my own life and to be of service to others.*

There were times during the Conference week that the old alcoholic thinking would creep back into my mind. While surrounded by people who cared about me, I would start to think "What am I doing here - I am not qualified to be here!" Every time those thoughts would begin to gain momentum, other Delegates would be there to get me through. Even my occasional thoughts about "Why would someone in a wheelchair even want to be Delegate?" did not get in the way of those who loved me through the Conference. As Delegate Chairperson of the 1998 General Service Conference, I will have the opportunity of participating yet again in a new and exciting manner!

I know that some in the AA Fellowship see service, and particularly General Service, as merely "politics." I take my cues from our Founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob. It is through service, and specifically efforts to keep all of us well informed about the "business of AA" that we remain unified. General Service has allowed this drunk to explore new territories of my existence and to face myself. I have truly learned what it means for the Home Group to get involved and to encourage its members to get out of themselves for the good of others. *There is a path of service within AA for everyone - General Service, Intergroup/Central Office, Hospitals and Institutions - it is a journey I encourage all of you to take!*

Thanks for allowing this drunk to join you as we all trudge the road toward happy destiny.

*Bob Kosloff, Panel 47 Delegate, Area 06  
California Northern Coastal Area*





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