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Election

The office of Council Chairperson will be up for election at the Monterey Conference.

It is recommended that the Council Chairperson have a minimum of five (5) years continuous sobriety and a service background.

The Council Chairperson should have time available to perform the duties of conducting the business of the council and presenting three conferences each year.

Approximately 40 hours per month

Blast From the Past Continues

Last year was the 50th anniversary of the NCCAA Good News Letter . With help from many and the input of the council we had a very exciting and better than expected rise in subscriptions

We were only going to print the "Blast from the Past" articles during the anniversary year , but the response was overwhelming to continue it for a least a few more issues.

We have been selecting articles form issues spanning the decades that NCCAA been in existence. If there are any articles you would like to see published please feel free to come buy the Good

News Table at your next conference and go through the of old news letters and choose one.

The information available to choose from is wide and varied. There are past conference speaker lists, reprinted grapevine articles and the one about the third edition coming out.

O'Well enjoy yourselves in Monterey. And don't forget to see Steve M. our outgoing Chairperson and thank him for the wonderful 4 years of service to our conference he participated in.

NCCAA 55TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

Monterey Convention Center

March 29,30,&31 2002

Friday March 29	8:00 pm	Jerome S.	Corona Ca.
Saturday March 30	3:00 pm	Carina H.	Kelseyville Ca
Saturday March 30	8:00 pm	Ken D.	Ventura Ca
Sunday March 31	11:00 am	Nick McC.	San Ramon Ca

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Blast From the Past—Second Helping Published Jan-Feb 1985

A Nevada Friend Writes

During the early days, when A.A. was just getting its start on the West Coast, five of us sat around a poker table at the old Bush Street Alano Club in San Francisco, discussing group problems and how to cope with them. This was in 1946, before the suggested Traditions were published, and many groups around the country had their own rules and bylaws (and like Bill W. once said "If A.A. had accepted only a few of these rules and bylaws, most of us wouldn't have been eligible for membership).

I mentioned a group problem we were having in the Reno group. The others Dave D. of Palo Alto, and Bob Ray H. and Fred K. of San Francisco, related that their groups had experienced the same problem and told how they handled it. We got together next Sunday at the same place and continued to discuss problems and how to solve them. Others joined us and we began to hold these sessions once a month. By exchanging these group problems, we hoped to achieve some unity within the fellowship on the West Coast.

Ray H. of San Francisco made a trip to New York to talk with our co-founder Bill W., about forming the Northern California Council of A.A. The first meeting of NCCAA was held in San Francisco. At the second council meeting, several of us from Reno and Northern Nevada attended and it was suggested that Nevada become part of the Council. I was elected the Nevada Representative.

At the next council meeting suggested that the council should publish its own newsletter to let the groups know what the council stands for, its purpose, the date and location of meeting, etc. OK P., one of our members and a newspaper man was selected as editor. He later located a printer with his own printing office and the newspaper was a reality. Ads run in the first issue resulted in the selection of the name "GOOD NEWS" and it is still "GOOD NEWS"

In the years following the formation of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, we have seen a lot of changes and a lot of growth, which reinforces the fact that Tradition 12 is the spiritual foundation of all of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities,

Ken B. Reno Nevada

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Thanks again to the Redding Committee for a great conference in October. We look forward to returning in 2003.

We ended the year over our prudent reserve, so for the first time in many years we'll be sending a contribution to GSO. Your support made that possible.

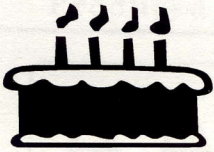
Again, in Monterey we face the challenge to prove how many rooms we fill for both Friday and Saturday nights. The Convention Center will be taking a very close look to ensure we meet our room commitments. Please help us stay self-supporting.

We need to get the word out about the Conference and invite newcomers so more can experience the thrill that so many of have experienced at the Monterey Conference. Did someone invite (or railroad) you to go to your first Conference? Isn't it time to return the gift by inviting (or railroading) someone to come along?

Modesto wants us to mention that Al-Anon will have meetings on our flier for the Modesto Conference and we'll be deciding who will be our Chairperson for the next two years at the business meeting on Saturday afternoon. All groups can send two (2) delegates, so be sure your group is represented. Many County Chair people, Central Office and Intergroup Representatives have rotated from the Steering Committee and no one has taken their place. Be sure your area or committee has someone representing you on the Steering Committee.

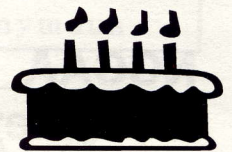
What are we going to be changing over the next two years to serve the groups in Northern California? Get involved and you can let us know what your groups need.

Steve M.



January 2002

Butch W. Aptos 12 years
 Kat M. Alameda 17 years



Birthday

February

Marveta C. Turlock 30 years

Club

The Birthday Club celebrates Birthdays every quarter. If you would like to be on the birthday list please come by the Good News table at your next conference and find out How. There is no charge. Next issue

April - May - June

Calendar of Events

Mar 29 - 31	55 th NCCAA Annual Spring Conference – Monterey Ca.
April 5 - 7	30th Annual ACYPAA - Modesto Ca
April 12-14	14 th Annual Big Island Bash Kailua-Kona Hawaii
May 23 - 29	ICYCAA - Louisville Kentucky
June 28 - 30	30th Annual H&I Conference - Santa Rosa Ca
July 5 - 7	55th NCCAA Annual Spring Conference

Letter from the Editors

It's time to select our new Council Chairperson at the Monterey Conference. We would like to thank Steve M. for all his support and contributions to our conferences during his time as our Council Chairperson. Steve has been a part of this conference for many years and we are looking forward to many more years of participation.

As we all have recovered from the holidays it is now time to turn our attention to the upcoming conferences this year. The Local Conference Committees are gearing up for their Conference at home, the steering committee has many things to do. The tape selection committee is hard at work picking future speakers and confirming dates with our speaker for this years. It takes a lot of people and time to keep this conference going. And I only touched the tip of the iceberg of all those involved.

So as you can see now as in the past we need your help to keep the message of Alcoholics Anonymous alive and out their. I heard a statement last year during a funeral for the September 11th Firefighters. "That which we do for ourselves, stays with ourselves. That which we do for others, is immortal" So remember that when we carry the message in any manner, we have done for others such as others have done for us.

In Love and Service,

Carina and Rich H.

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