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NCCAA - 70TH ANNIVERSARY!

Welcome to the Celebration!

2017 NCCAA Conferences will be very festive this year as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of NCCAA! To help celebrate this important anniversary, we have wonderful activities and speakers planned for all our conferences in 2017.

Starting in Foster City in March, we will be having for the first time in our memory an Al-Anon speaker in the Main room at 5:30pm on Friday. On Saturday night in the Main room we'll be having a Spanish-language speaker for the first time ever at 5:30pm. The Spanish community will have translation into English available for those who are not Spanish speakers. These are great developments for NCCAA and an indication of our greater unity and efforts to include a variety and diversity of shared experience.

We want to thank Bonnie, our Al-Anon liaison, and Juan, our Spanish-language liaison to our Steering Committee and for their great efforts in attending our monthly planning meetings and putting together programs with the local committees for our recent conferences. This has enhanced our A.A. community and the experience at NCCA Conferences!

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NCCAA 70th Annual Spring Conference – Foster City

March 10, 11 & 12 2017

Friday 8:00 PM

Sandy H. – Port Charlotte, FL

Saturday 3:30 PM

Shannon M. – Sacramento, CA

Saturday 8:00 PM

Lyle P. – Atlanta, GA

Sunday 11:00 AM

Erica S. – Millbrae, CA

Upcoming Conferences

Sacramento

June 9, 10 & 11, 2017

Lodi

Oct 13, 14 & 15, 2017

San Ramon

March 30, 31 & April 1, 2018

Another theme throughout this year's NCCAA Conferences is our strong link to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Our Summer Conference will have Joel C. (Pacific Regional Trustee) as our Sunday morning closing speaker in Sacramento. For the Lodi conference in October, we will be having Greg T. (General Manager - General Service Office) speaking on Sunday morning. We are very pleased and grateful that Joel and Greg will be able to join us this year!

Just a reminder that 70th Anniversary Commemorative items will be available at all of our conferences this year. As agreed upon by our conference delegates in Santa Rosa in 2016, we are offering T-shirts, coffee mugs, and commemorative chips for sale to help celebrate our anniversary and to help with reaching our local fellowship. There is also an updated version of our NCCAA history booklet available starting in Foster City!

Celebrating our anniversary is a time for reflection on NCCAA – its history and importance to our local fellowship. This is also a time for us to consider our future. We encourage you to join us as we make decisions about the future of this important event, and to carry on the legacy of NCCAA's founders!

**Become an NCCAA Delegate
for your Home Group!**

Did you know?
Sign-up is now available online @
<http://norcalaa.org/>

BIRTHDAYS!

January Birthdays

Gina V	1/01/1980
Doug P	1/02/1995
Rodger M	1/03/2006
Michael C	1/05/2008
Gavin W	1/13/2003
Clem te N	1/15/1974
Harriet B	1/16/1994
Steve C	1/20/2001
Michael B	1/22/1983
Pat G	1/28/1988

February Birthdays

BJ J	2/03/2010
Peggy B	2/04/1977
Dennis F	2/05/1984
Karen C	2/05/1992
Debbie D	2/08/1976
Karen Y	2/10/2002
Mac Mc	2/12/1984
Gabriela R	2/20/1984
Becky D	2/26/1971
Linda B	2/26/2005
Jerry L	2/28/1991
Robert G	2/28/1998

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Here are a few ways to get involved:

- Become a Delegate to NCCAA & help make decisions affecting NCCAA's future!
- Bring NCCAA to your AA Community – have an NCCAA conference where you live!
- Become a Reader or Chair for an NCCAA meeting or Panel!

Go to www.norcalaa.org for more info!



Updated NCCAA History Booklet Available!

As part of the celebration of NCCAA's 70th Anniversary, the NCCAA History Booklet has been updated to make the information more current and to reflect more recent history of NCCAA. The Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous was an early pioneer in finding ways for our local fellowship to communicate and support each other. Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder, Bill W., was himself involved in the development of NCCAA and encouraged Northern California members to work together in organizing NCCAA events and conferences. The Hospital & Institution (H & I) Committee was becoming more organized at the same time, and H & I organizational meetings were often held in conjunction with NCCAA conferences - this practice often still takes place today. Recently, there has been an increase in Al-Anon participation and Spanish-language members. Efforts have been made by our current officers, and Steering Committee to encourage this participation and there are now liaisons to the Steering Committee from Al-Anon and Spanish-language members. The officers of NCCAA encourage participation and serve the fellowship in determining the direction of NCCAA's future.

Please pick up a copy of the updated NCCAA History Booklet at the next conference in Foster City!

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AA's of North Set to Hear Bill W.

Time Table for March 20-21

TUESDAY, March 20—Fourth Annual Northern California-Nevada Conference of AA at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; principal address by Bill W. at War Memorial Opera House, Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue, at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 21—First meeting of the San Francisco Assembly (Panel 1) of the General Service Conference of AA's at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, at 9 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Dance To Be Held By Alano Club

The first of a series of anticipated social events for the Alano Club has been set for Saturday night, March 17—St. Patrick's Day. Dancing will be in the basement auditorium at the club's new address, 111 O'Farrell Street, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be by Mel Pope's orchestra.

Pat L., formerly of the San Francisco Fellowship, now in the hotel business in Los Angeles, visited friends here early in the month. He was in fine health and spirits and, like Mark Twain, said recent reports of his tragic end were a bit premature.

Three Important Sessions Arranged; Chief Address to Be Tuesday Night

Hundreds of members of Alcoholics Anonymous, their relatives and friends, from Nevada on the east, Taft on the south, and Redding and Eureka on the north, will gather in San Francisco Tuesday, March 20, and Wednesday, March 21, for the largest mid-week meetings of AA ever held in Northern California. They will come primarily to hear Bill W., surviving co-founder of their society of recovered alcoholics. Incidentally, they will link sessions of two groups set up within the parent body—the Fourth Annual Northern California-Nevada Conference and the first biennial San Francisco Assembly (Panel 1) of the General Service Conference.

The highlight of the sessions will be an address by Bill on "AA History; Our Third Legacy" at the War Memorial Opera House, Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue, at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, March 20. Admission will be by ticket only, no seats reserved.

At Other Sessions

Bill will arrive here near the end of a nation-wide tour, during which he is assisting in setting up a new body within AA—the General Service Conference. This conclave, to be held in New York April 20, 21 and 22, will be composed of delegates from half of the AA centers of the United States and Canada. The remaining half of the territory will be represented in 1952. From here he will go to Vancouver, B.C., for the last stop of his tour.

He will come here from Los Angeles, where he will speak Saturday night, March 17, and Sunday night, March 18.

Tuesday afternoon he will attend the Fourth Annual Northern California-Nevada Conference from 1 to 5 p.m. in California Hall, Polk and Turk streets. He will make the closing remarks at that session.

N.C.N.C. Program

The Tuesday afternoon program will be open to AA's only, including two official delegates from each group in the area. It will include a program yet to be announced. The chairman of the Tuesday afternoon meeting will be Jack F. of Santa Cruz.

For the Tuesday night program at the Opera House the chairman will be Ed A. of Alameda and an invocation will be delivered by Dr. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland. Bill will be the only speaker. Admission to that meeting will be by ticket only. No seats will be reserved.

(Some fifty ushers will be provided—
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Bill W. Visits NCCAA to Help With Selection of First Area Delegates!

As our two General Service areas CNCA (06) and CNIA (07) prepare for the 67th General Service Conference this April in New York, it's a reminder of NCCAA's role in the election of our first Area Delegates.

Bill W. traveled around the country to help inform AA groups of the plans for the first General Service Conference, and to assist in the elections of the delegates to that first conference.

As NCCAA already had a structure in place that allowed members from around Northern California to get together and communicate, it made sense that NCCAA organized the events to hold the elections. Bill W. attended, and addressed NCCAA members in San Francisco, when Nic N. from Oakland was selected as the delegate for Panel 1. Later Floyd B. from Roseville was selected as the Panel 2 delegate.

Below is information on this year's upcoming Pre-Conference events for CNCA and CNIA.

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California Northern Interior Area (07) Pre-Conference Assembly

April 8 & 9, 2017
Hosted by District 56
Modesto Center Plaza, 1000 L Street
Modesto, CA

More info at www.cnia07.org

California Northern Coastal Area (06) Pre-Conference Assembly

April 8 & 9, 2017
Hosted by Districts 20 & 08
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Pleasanton, CA

More info at www.cnca06.org

NCCAA
70th Anniversary
Summer Conference

**Northern California
Council of
Alcoholics Anonymous**

Sacramento, CA

Lions Gate Hotel - McClellan Conference Center



3410 Westover Street, McClellan, CA 95652

June 9, 10 & 11 2017


Friday, June 9, 2017

2:00 PM		Registration Opens	
3:30 PM		Early Bird Meeting	
5:30 PM	(Al-Anon)	Sandy C.	Elk Grove, CA
8:00 PM		Open Speaker Meeting	
		Joann L. (Panel 67 Delegate)	Petaluma, CA

Saturday, June 10, 2017

9:30 AM		H & I Panel	
11:00 AM		Group Delegates Open Business Meeting	
1:00 PM		General Service Delegates Report	
		Vikki R. (CNIA 07 Panel 66 Delegate)	
3:30 PM		Young People's Meeting	
		Terry E. (Panel 65 Delegate)	New Orleans, LA
5:30 PM	(Spanish)	Blanca A.	Alviso, CA
8:00 PM		Open Speaker Meeting	
		Chris R.	Ingram, TX
10:30 PM		Dance held in Hotel Ballroom Following Drawing	

Sunday, June 11, 2017

9:00 AM		All A.A. Services Panel Meeting	
10:30 AM		Open Speaker Meeting	
		Joel C. (Pacific Regional Trustee)	San Diego, CA

**Al-Anon and Spanish Participation & Speakers
Fellowship - Panels-Speakers - Marathon Meetings
PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS MAY 31ST, 2017**

PRE-REGISTRATION – \$20.00 (PER PERSON) – AT THE CONFERENCE – \$25

The following hotel is offering special rates for those attending the 70th Annual NCCAA Summer Conference June 9 – 11, 2017 in Sacramento, CA. We have a strong room requirement for this Conference and per the NCCAA Steering Committee; we will only list this hotel. To ensure your reservation, you should register at least 30 days in advance of the Conference, and you **must** mention that you are with NCCAA in order to obtain these rates. **Cutoff Date to receive conference price is May 12th, 2017.**

Host Hotel	Single	Double	
Lions Gate Hotel 3410 Westover Street McClellan, CA 95652	\$109.00	\$109.00	Complimentary Continental Breakfast Free parking, High speed internet Outdoor Swimming Pool, Jogging Path
	Hotel reservations (916) 643-6222 On-line registration: Promo Code: NCCAA		

Please send entire form if purchasing Commemorative Items

T-shirts, Coffee mugs, and Commemorative chips are available for purchase in Celebration of NCCAA's 70th ANNIVERSARY

All Pre-Registration Commemorative Package Orders must be received by May 31st, 2017

Commemorative Package: **Price \$25.00**: Package Includes: (1) T-shirt (1) mug and (1) pre-registration commemorative chip: All orders will be available to pick up at the conference. PLEASE SPECIFY T-SHIRT SIZE
Total Price for Pre-Registration and Commemorative Package is \$45.00 per person.

PRE-REGISTRATION - \$20.00 (per person) - AT THE CONFERENCE - \$25.00

Name: _____ AA Al-Anon

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Please remit with payment to: Treasurer, NCCAA P.O. Box 293586 Sacramento, CA 95829

On-line pre-registration for conference is available at www.norcalaa.org

PRAASA 2017 HELD IN SACRAMENTO!

As this issue of the *Good News* goes to press, there is information on the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) held over the weekend of March 3 to March 5, 2017 in Sacramento! Reports are that at least 1,700 A.A. members from around the Pacific Region were in attendance. CNIA (07) did a fantastic job of hosting this great event!

Those attending got a preview of upcoming NCCAA Conferences as Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel C., and Greg T., General Manager of G.S.O, were speakers at PRAASA. This event is also a wonderful opportunity for discussion of what's important to our fellowship and a chance to get together before upcoming General Service events in preparation for the General Service Conference in April.

“Supporting Our Future” is this year’s theme and this encouraged discussion at PRAASA of diversity, self-support and technology and Alcoholics Anonymous. This was an amazing opportunity for A.A. members to consider issues important to the future of our fellowship, and how we may best carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. CNIA (07) are to be commended and congratulated on this great event!

The discussion of these important topics will continue throughout 2017 at our upcoming NCCAA Conferences – please join us!

45th Annual Hospital and Institution Conference

“Unity through Service”

May 5th, 6th & 7th 2017

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San Jose, CA 95131**

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