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LIFELINE TO CONTINUE!

Representatives from 34 Groups were in attendance at the May 26 Orange County Intergroup Meeting to decide the fate of your newspaper, Lifeline, and to elect five new members to the Central Office Service Board.

The Intergroup voted unanimously for the continuance of Lifeline, and also to pay any and all of its expenses out of the General Fund. Bob C., publisher, announced that sizeable contributions from two anonymous donors had enabled Lifeline to acquire ownership of equipment formerly leased- thereby reducing costs by \$31.70 per month.

Before the election of the new board members, the Intergroup thanked the retiring chairman, Warren S. and the board members, Ellery S., Ways and Means, Franz S. Treas., Bill M., Public Relations, Andy G., Traditions, for their past years service to the AA Central Office and the Intergroup.

Results of the election of the New Board are as follows:

Members to serve one year:
Bill B., Allan O., Odene S., John G.,
Member to serve six Months:
Julie H.

It was announced that the Intergroup Meeting place will be changed beginning June 30 to the California Federal Savings Bldg., 600 No. Euclid, Anaheim. This location is offered to the Intergroup free of charge and gratefully accepted.

It was decided that the names of Groups in attendance should be published in the Lifeline for your information.

Those Groups represented were:

Anaheim: Sunday Beginners,
People's Choice
Friday Participation

Buena Park:
Friday

- Corona del Mar:
Rebel Group
- Costa Mesa:
Sunday Night
Monday Stag
Tuesday Participation
Friday Women's
- Fullerton:
Thursday Stag
Sat. Speakers
- Garden Grove:
Belfast Belles
Belfast Stag
Wednesday Serenity
Saturday Speaker
- Huntington Beach:
Wednesday Participation
- Laguna Beach:
Sunday Family
Monday Stag
Tuesday Study
Wednesday South Coast
Friday Under 40
Thursday Beginners
- Midway City:
Friday #1
Fifth Tradition
- Newport Beach:
Wednesday Luncheon
Thursday Speaker
- Orange:
Tuesday Orange-Tustin
Friday Friendly
- San Clemente:
Friday
- Santa Ana:
Sunday Patio
Wednesday Speaker
Wednesday Discussion
Friday Friendly
- Wandering Groups:
Saturday

There are 78 Groups Listed in your Orange County AA directory. If your group is not on the above list, ask your secretary. Your Intergroup needs your voice and your opinions. Next Meeting of the Orange County Intergroup will be June 30, 8:00 PM, California Federal Savings Bldg., 600 No. Euclid Ave., Anaheim.

The new Central Service Board held its first meeting Monday, June 1,, at the Central Office. Election Of Officers was held with the following results: Bob C., Chairman; Odene S., Vice-Chairman; Allan O., Treasurer; John G., Communications, Jim H., Public Relations; Bill B., Institutional; and Julie H., Ways and Means. Jim M. (non-voting) Secretary; Jeanne T., Lifeline editor and non-voting member. A motion was passed to invite Andy G. to remain on the board as the Guardian of the Traditions-non-voting honorary member.

While the meeting was in progress the phone rang 6 times proving to the members there that there is a crying need for volunteers to man the office phone from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. Also it was pointed out that there had been no one in the office on Saturday mornings on a regular basis for a long time. Up to that time the office had been open from 9:00 AM to 1:00PM which made it possible for those group secretaries to acquire Literature and Books for their groups. A plan is being formulated for presentation to the Intergroup. In the meantime if you want to help, give Jim a call and find out when you are needed.

This was a special meeting to acquaint the new board with some of the problems at hand and to elect the various offices to be filled. The regular Board meeting will be held as usual - this month June 22, Monday at 8:00 P.M.

GENERAL SERVICE REPORT - 1964

REPORT OF GSR ASSEMBLY MEETING MAY 24, 1964

From Ellery S.

Districts 6 and 12 Workshop: Consensus concerning 1964 Conference Agenda.

1. Electoral procedures for Regional Trustees. Consensus- This appears to have worked smoothly- we know of no objections to it after it was tried- we approve of it- give this branch new system a good trial before thinking of changes. Conference agreed.

2. Whether to have GSR's receive mailings: Consensus- The GSR's are vital in the communication link between individuals and GSC. They should definitely receive the mailings. But so should the Groups. That gives us two good chances to reach the membership when one chance might break down. The Exchange Bulletin is too valuable to be restricted in order to save money- it is the best use that money can serve. But extra effort at the local level and the New York level can cut costs by keeping the mailing list current. We pledged to do our part.

Conference nevertheless decided to experiment with mailings to GSR's only in certain areas, and evaluate later how this worked out.

3. Should Class A Trustees rotate? Consensus - This question deserves a thorough discussion, based on plenty of information, including the report from Dr. Norris and the Board. Take no action now, but explore the problem this year.

Conference decided to defer action at this time.

4. Whether there is a better way to evaluate our membership figures.

Consensus- Some of us question sincerely how desirable it is to strive for an accurate census. But on the question itself, we feel that no system which adheres to our principles will be more than barely adequate. Still, there are possibilities for improvement. We favor trying to sponsor a greater feeling of Group loyalty. We would like to impart the idea that an AA can attend any and every meeting he chooses, yet he should have one group to which he be-

longs and to which he gives full support. Cards put out by Clare M. for distribution to groups state the case eloquently. We are requesting that a sample be sent to you, Tom, for examination.

Conference has a committee studying this question.

5. Advisability of using proxies at AA Assemblies.

Consensus- Outside of Institutional Groups, No. This is not a democratic legislature with strict voting. It is an assembly striving to arrive at God's Will for us. For a GSR who does not make the effort to attend, a proxy would seem unwise. For a GSR unable to attend there is an alternate. But for Institutional Groups, we approve of any such device which can help the groups to realize they are an integral and intimate part of AA. Our consensus uncovered no objections to proxies for any and all Institutional Groups for all matters voted on.

Conference agreed; voted against proxies for regular AA groups.

6. Strengthening our sponsorship for the "early bottom" prospect.

Consensus- Following God's will for us to the best of our ability cannot be improved upon. If ego causes us to be "tough" on a prospect rather than understanding, the tenth step is in order. Our consensus brought out that for the younger prospect, our vigorous young peoples movement needs much wider publicizing. It has worked wonders, and all young prospects should give it a try, although for some of them it will not be the answer. For many, a young sponsor may be more helpful than an old timer.

I didn't get any specific information on Conference action regarding items 6, 7, or 8. I'm not even sure about item 4.

7. How past Delegates serve our area.

Consensus- That's an easy one. They attend our assemblies and give us the benefit of their experience whenever asked. We don't believe there are significant differences of opinion on this issue, and suspect the question has been inserted largely to encourage

former Delegates to continue helping and to make the GSR's aware of their help and availability. Our own District workshop was very enthusiastic about the program when a past Delegate talked to us about his functions at the conference.

8. How outside Groups can best cooperate with Institutions.

Consensus- In this area, where we have very active Institutional Committees, we interpret this question to mean: How can the Groups help the Institutional Committees to receive the support and understanding they need from the AA membership at large?

These suggestions are made: (1) That each group set aside one meeting every now and then to be devoted to a program of the Institutional Committee, where members of that committee explain it's purposes and needs, perhaps with talks from graduates of Institutional Groups. (2) That 2 or 3 times a year each group set aside its collection for the purchase of literature for use by the Institutional Committee. (3) That groups adopt the policy, when one of their members dies, of using the donations to purchase Grapevine subscriptions to go to Institutional Groups.

All our best wishes to you, Tom, for the wonderful job you are doing.

Ellery S.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF A.A.

Based on reports to GSO., Spring, 1964

	Groups	Members
United States.....	7,033	122,483
Canada.....	1,075	15,410
Overseas.....	1,690	32,071
In Hospitals.....	514	11,417
In Prisons.....	644	27,753
Internationalists....	---	300
Lone Members.....	---	(720)*
Totals	10,956	209,434

(Including "non-reported" members, actual membership is estimated at more than 350,000,.)

* These members included in Area totals.

A.A. GROUPS IN INSTITUTIONS (Waneta N.)

Latest tabulations provide the following box score on A.A. in Institutions:

- 644 Groups in Prisons
- 514 Groups in Hospitals
- 72 Institutional Committees
- 610 Hospital and Prison Sponsors
- 143 Prison and Hospital A.A. Publications

A questionnaire was sent to all A.A. Groups in prisons and hospitals in February of this year as part of an over-all survey to determine if and how G.S.O. service to Groups in Institutions can be improved.

The last survey was reported to the General Service Conference in 1958. Today, 5 years later, the needs are practically the same: more participation by Groups and members in the surrounding areas, and especially the need for more literature to circulate to their inmate member.

Highlights from the new study:

(1) New members are brought to the Group by their own request, and there are very few requirements for admission other than the desire

to do something about their drinking problem.

(2) All types of meetings are held, chaired for the most part by inmate members, with outside members in attendance. The attendance of prison officials at meetings is diminishing.

(3) A surprising number of Groups are not affiliated with an Institutional Committee.

(4) A great many arrangements are being made for A.A. sponsorship after release.

(5) A majority of Groups handle their meetings in much the same manner as Groups outside institutions.

Letters from individual prison and hospital sponsors, accompanying the completed questionnaire, pleaded for help in interesting other AA members in this AA work.

From The Conference Digest- 1964
Fourteenth Annual General Service
Conference of A.A.



MY NAME IS CHARLIE AND I'M AN ALCOHOLIC!

I've said these words many times in the last year and every time I say them they take on new meaning. To me these words represent a passport to a new world, one that is full of love, understanding and the chance to be of service to my fellow man.

I am a patient at Atascadero State Hospital. When I arrived here I had reached the end of my resources. I was bankrupt physically and spiritually and there didn't seem to be any way I could change things. After being here only a short time I was introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous and for the first time I realized that the illness that eventually led to my commitment to this hospital was not hopeless. For the first time in many years I was temporarily relieved from the pressure of meeting the world headon. I had an opportunity to enter into a realm of introspection and self-analysis. I began to think about my past and future. I discovered how I had rationalized my failures and blamed others for my mistakes. Someone once said that when we are a bit scared, the salutary effect of our illness is particularly marked. For only when the way straightens and the gate is narrowed do some people discover their souls, their God, their life work.

For me, this is the way it has worked. Now I have a choice as to what path I will take. Through the fellowship of A.A. I have learned of a way of life I never knew existed. The men and women who have shared their experience, strength, and hope with me are living examples that this way of life is its own reward and this program does work. Their warmth and understanding has made me "want what they have and willing to go to any lengths to get it".

Oh, there have been times when I seem to forget what my old way of thinking can do. I start to indulge in feeling sorry for myself but the miracle is that as soon as I recognize what I'm doing and quit trying to run the show I feel better.

Now I know the meaning of friendship. I have the ability to love. You A.A. members have given me so much and asked for nothing in return. I am very grateful for this opportunity to say thankyou and as the Big Book says, "Maybe we will meet again as we trudge the road of Happy Destiny. May God Bless You And Keep You 'Til Then".

.....From Charlie M.

I'M ANN AND I'M AN ALCOHOLIC!

I've been on the A.A. program for 10 months. My first 6 months of sobriety I received in the Orange County jail. It was while I was confined there that A.A. came to me every Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. The girls on the Institutional Committee were Godsent to me.

From the very first meeting I knew in my mind and my heart that I wanted the peace of mind and happiness that I saw in these girls each week. They all had been in just as bad a predicament as I while they were drinking. I thought to myself, "They did it and so can I". I'm so grateful to all of these girls on this wonderful committee and hope that someday God will give me the opportunity to go into jails and hospitals with the A.A. message. I know it works!

.....Ann M.

WHAT A.A. MEANS TO ME!

As to all of us sober alcoholics I believe first of all it means peace of mind. That kind of peace of mind that most of us never knew in the hinterland. That simple kind that means you may answer the telephone without sweating and wondering which creditor is there threatening you again, answering the front door, without first peeking between the drapes to see if it is the neighbors complaining or the police to see you about something you did while in your alcoholic mind. Being able to walk down any street without crossing over because you've seen someone ahead that you either insulted or borrowed money from on your last drunk. This to me then is the greatest thing. I know I have reached a point in my life where, if I am going to be of any use whatsoever to myself, my family, and society I must follow the 12 Steps and live them to the best of my ability.

Alcohol put me in a California state prison once and because I would not seriously absorb the A.A. message that was given me there, put me in the Orange County jail for five months recently, with the threat of going back to prison hanging over my head for another 4 1/2 years. If I just would have given a little thought and attention to the AA members, who went out of their way, in time and money, to visit me and other inmates, my life would probably have taken a somewhat different course. They say we must reach the very bottom. That can be the gutter, literally or it might be a three story home on the bay with a private pier etc.

Wherever it is, high or low, we reach it and then and only then, be we in a filthy dirty pair of jeans or a \$300 suit from Wilshire Blvd., will we of our own accord and willingness walk through that door to the first meeting and be met and welcomed by fellow drunks who have taken all of these steps before us and reached a state in their lives which has brought them the peace of mind of which I speak.

I say I believe and I can only conjure on this, if I would only have taken the Institutional Groups more to heart and just given them a chance to get through to me and lived a better life. These people, who give much more than their time and money because most of the state institutions are a great distance from us here, also give their heart and souls and offer to the inmates a way of Life that will make their present surroundings a thing of the past, and to stop, as the saying goes, "giving their lives to the state on the installment plan". Yes, even this may be done on the "Do it now pay later plan." These men and women of the Group are few in number but very very large in heart. They can use help, this I know because in their visits to the institutions where I was, it seemed like the same few were carrying the load for all the rest that are in the Program. If there are any of you who might read this short article and wish to help in this way—just call your Central Office, or better still attend the regular monthly meeting of the Institutional Committee and you just might be able to give someone the peace of mind which I now have and it might not take as long for that person to achieve it as it did me.

.....Gene M.

I AM NOT AN ALCOHOLIC!

The reason that anyone can see that I am not an alcoholic is quite obvious. First of all, I am only 23 years old and I don't need to drink. Why, I can take one or two drinks and stop, if I want to: so let me explain to you.

Oh, sure, I used to get drunk and not know what I was doing; but hell, that was way back when. Most of it was when I was in high school. Just like all the regulars, I took a nip now and then; but, being one of the leaders, I had to take more than anyone else, so that's what it was all about.

Yeah, and that hitch in the navy; O well, everyone expects a sailor to drink and try to make out with all the women. And how about that jazz a guy has to go along with, or else his company or outfit will get a bad name? Anyhow I stopped drinking when I got married, and I didn't drink for 2 1/2 yrs. That proves that I am not an Alcoholic.

The time I started drinking often was when my wife and I separated. And then I only drank because I was out looking and it was expected of me. Sure I got drunk a few times but that was because I did my drinking sitting down, and when I would get up, it hit me all at once.

So there you have my story, and you can see that I am not an alcoholic. So, now you ask me, "Why do I go to A.A. meetings"? Well I went once, just to see what the meeting was like. I heard a little sentence in the first paragraph of the fifth chapter, which says: Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not give themselves to this simple program; usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being honest with themselves." I am not one of those people. I shall be honest with myself, realizing that being honest is my first step to becoming a useful citizen. Practising being honest with myself and others is my second step, and working A.A. is my third step. I realize that while I was married I worked my own little light A.A. However, I had defects in my character that I can dissolve with A.A. I have never liked myself when I was drinking and cannot remember ever doing a decent thing while I was drinking.

Not long ago, someone asked me if I was able to take one drink and quit (we were trying to determine whether or not I was an alcoholic). I told him that I did not know; that I had never wanted to quit after one drink. Of course I can say, "I am not an alcoholic"; but deep down inside, I think I may be and I don't want to find out the hard way. In all honesty, I believe I am an alcoholic, and I know that I need the A.A. way of life, and that is good enough for me.

....."A Sociable Alcoholic"
From The Messenger—Calif. Institution for Men—Chino

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GENERAL FUND

	MAY 1964	YEAR TO DATE
RECEIPTS:		
DONATIONS: GROUPS	693.05	2,596.40
INDIVIDUALS	220.00	422.50
COFFEE CANS	22.35	56.25
SPECIAL EVENTS	x	278.61
TOTAL RECEIPTS	935.40	3,354.76
EXPENSES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	X	166.37
CONFERENCE	X	85.00
GIFT (J.H.)	3.69	40.07
INSURANCE	X	55.00
JANITOR SERVICE	15.00	75.00
LIFELINE	30.99	110.99
MEETINGS	15.00	80.50
POSTAGE	13.00	69.00
RENT	75.00	375.00
SALARY	250.00	1,250.00
STATIONERY & PRINTING	7.80	39.48
SUPPLIES	5.06	28.75
REPAIRS	16.35	35.91
TELEPHONE	87.01	458.83
UTILITIES	1.57	43.16
TOTAL EXPENSES	520.47	2,913.06
NET CASH INCREASE	414.93	440.70
CASH IN BANK END OF PRIOR PD.	321.16	295.39
CASH IN BANK 5-31-64	736.09	736.09
PETTY CASH	25.00	25.00
GENERAL FUND NET WORTH 5-31-64	761.09	761.09

LITERATURE FUND

	MAY 1964	YEAR TO DATE
CASH IN BANK	85.69	85.69
LITERATURE INVENTORY	441.47	441.47
NET WORTH	527.16	527.16
NET WORTH END OF PRIOR PD.	505.46	468.13
NET WORTH INCREASE	21.70	59.03

STATISTICAL REPORT

	MAY 1964	YEAR TO DATE
OFFICE CALLS- PHONE AND PERSON		
NEW INQUIRY	19	127
PUBLIC INFORMATION	50	286
LITERATURE	11	62
GROUP MEETINGS	21	242
INTERGROUP ACTIVITY	82	402
OFFICE VISITORS	105	570
ALANON	11	70
SPEAKERS PROVIDED	1	13
12TH STEP CALL COMPLETIONS	47	260
TOTAL CALLS	347	2,032

ALCOHOLIC SLIP by Dr. Silkworth

The alcoholic "slip" is a relapse. It is a relapse that occurs after the alcoholic has stopped drinking, and started on the A.A. program of recovery. "Slips" usually occur in the early stages of the alcoholic's A.A. indoctrination, before he has had time to learn enough A.A. technique and A.A. philosophy to give him a solid footing. But "slips" may occur after the alcoholic has been a member of A.A. for many months, or even several years. It is this kind, that is of a mind to turn away his own realization of the fact that alcoholism is a disease. He deliberately grew over-confident. He decided not to follow directions. There is no more reason to charge the one - "slip" to alcoholic behavior than there is to charge a second heart attack to cardiac cases which have recurred. The alcoholic "slip" is not a symptom of psychotic condition. The patient simply didn't follow directions. For the alcoholic, A.A. offers the better directions. A vital factor, or ingredient of the preventative, is sustained emotion. The alcoholic who learns some of the technique of the mechanics of A.A. but misses the philosophy or the spirit may get tired of following directions--not because he is alcoholic, but because he is human. Rules and regulations irk almost everyone, because they are restraining and prohibitive, as well as negative. The philosophy of A.A., however, is positive and provides ample sustained emotion - a sustained desire to follow directions more to the letter and voluntarily.from The Path
Atascadero State Hospital Group of A. A.

12th Step Call

Caller- "Please help me".
Office worker- "OK, I'll send a couple of the girls out to see you."
Caller- "OK, but don't let the neighbors know know."
Office worker- "For all you know your next door neighbor may belong to A.A."
Caller- "Oh no! They couldn't. They don't drink!"

Olin D.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE- 1964

	APRIL	YEAR TO DATE	APRIL	YEAR TO DATE
ANAHEIM				
SUN. AM SPEAKERS	X	\$ 24.00		
SUN. PM BEGINNERS	X	X		
MON. STAG	X	20.00		
TUES. STAIRWAY	X	20.00		
WED. PEOPLES CHOICE	10.00	40.00		
WED. WOMENS	X	X		
THURS. PIONEER	20.00	50.00		
FRI. PM	X	15.00		
SAT. 20-40	X	15.00		
BREA WOMENS		X		
BUENA PARK				
TUES. PARTICIPATION	X	10.50		
FRI.	20.00	39.00		
CORONA DEL MAR				
MON. WOMENS	X		X	
FRI.	X		X	
COSTA MESA				
SUN. PM			5.00	20.00
MON. STAG	X		X	X
TUES. PARTICIPATION			40.00	40.00
FRI. WOMENS			14.83	72.85
CYPRESS			35.00	55.00
FULLERTON				
TUES. RECOVERY			5.00	5.00
THURS. STAG	X		X	15.00
SAT. SPEAKERS	X		X	50.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE - MAY - (CONTINUED)

	MAY 1964	YEAR TO DATE		APRIL	YEAR TO DATE
GARDEN GROVE			ORANGE		
MON. DAYLIGHT	9.00	41.62	TUES. ORANGE-TUSTIN	10.00	138.37
MON. EASTGATE	X	10.00	FRI. FRIENDLY	X	10.00
WED. SPEAKERS	120.66	120.66	INTERPRETATION(DISBANDED)	X	14.51
WED. BELFAST BELLES	X	20.00	SAN CLEMENTE	50.00	100.00
WED. BELFAST STAG	25.40	73.40	SANTA ANA		
WED. SERENITY	X	20.00	SUN. PATIO	15.00	75.00
THURS WOMENS	10.00	20.00	SUN. AM ALANO	X	10.00
FRI. WOMENS BRUNCH	X	X	SUN. VILLA	X	X
FRI. WOMENS TODAY	5.00	20.00	MON. VILLA WOMENS	X	X
SAT. SPEAKER	15.00	75.00	MON. 63 GROUP	X	X
HUNTINGTON BEACH			TUES. OUR WAY	X	X
MON.	X	X	WED. MENS STUDY	X	X
WED.	5.00	20.00	WED. SPEAKERS	X	X
FRI. MARINERS	9.57	9.57	WED. DISCUSSION	X	X
LAGUNA BEACH			THURS. RESEARCHERS	X	X
SUN. FAMILY	16.00	80.00	FRI. PARTICIPATION	X	10.00
MON. STAG	5.00	5.00	FRI. EBELL SPEAKERS	X	X
TUES. STUDY	X	X	FRI. FRIENDLY	X	25.00
TUES NOON-A-TICKS	X	X	FRI. EL MODENA	X	X
WED. SOUTH COAST	80.00	400.00	SAT. BEGINNERS Q&A	10.00	50.00
THURS. WOMENS LUNCH	X	X	STANTON	X	10.00
FRI. UNDER 40	X	X	WANDERING GROUPS		
THURS. BEGINNERS	16.00	20.00	MON. SOBRIETY	10.00	10.00
LA HABRA			SAT.	43.01	228.93
SUN. BREAKFAST	6.00	34.35	WESTMINSTER		
FRI. SPEAKER	X	60.00	SUN.	X	18.60
MIDWAY CITY			TUES. WOMENS HARMONY	5.00	25.00
FRI. #1	20.00	20.00	THURS. FAMILY	X	X
FRI. FIFTH TRADITION	20.00	116.23	SUNSET BEACH -SAT.	X	X
NEWPORT BEACH			MISCELLANEOUS		
TUES. TRADITIONS	X	X	G.S.R. STUDY	5.45	30.05
WED. LUNCHEON	5.87	31.82	INTERGROUP	31.24	91.94
THURS. SPEAKER	X	20.00	MATT TALBOT	X	5.00
SAT. SPEAKER	X	X			
			TOTALS	\$ 693.05	\$ 2596.40

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FELLOWSHIP

Alcoholics Anonymous

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SACRAMENTO 20, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE: 452-5065

May 12, 1964

Orange County Intergroup
225 1/2 North Broadway
Santa Anna, California

Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for the desk set and the scroll that was presented to me. I shall treasure them always, both for their tangible value and for what they represent - friendship!

I just have to be a bigger, better and more whole person for having had the experience of association with you for the four years I resided in your midst. If I have left a little part of me there, I am grateful for this, too. Be assured I am by far the richer for the exchange.

May God bless each and every one of you in your endeavor to help yourselves by helping each other.

Sincerely,

Johnny Hilliard
Johnny Hilliard

ORANGE COUNTY CALENDAR

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONVENTION
San Bernardino ----- October 16, 17, & 18

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE ANNUAL AFFAIR!

Register right now! You will be helping in an important way. Even if you can't go, your dollar will wind up doing 12th step work with the General Service Office in New York.

Planning to stay in San Berdoo while it's going on? It's a good idea to get the reservations in now. AA Headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn, and there are only 105 rooms set aside for us on a first come, first served basis. The Housing Registration Forms list 26 other hotels and motels to choose from for as little as \$3 per night on up. Wondering why the rush? The Convention has to make an advance payment of \$2000.00 to hold the rooms, in addition to paying the bills which are starting to roll in. If you can swing it, you can help your Convention by picking up the Registration Forms and the Housing Forms and sending them in. They are now at the Central Office. But nobody needs to worry if he hasn't got the dollar for registration- the Convention is open to any AA who wants to attend.

That is the most important part of the message we got at the Second General Assembly Meeting to prepare for the Convention. At the 1st meeting, in San Bernardino in January, plans were just starting to shape up. The committee heads were introduced and the dates and places of the future meetings were set, but there wasn't much else to report on. For the second meeting, held in Burbank, we had a full agenda. Tickets for the special events aren't ready yet, but the menus and other items have been planned. The banquet starts at 7 PM, with doors open at 6:30; there will be no waiting around in line to get in. There is a strict limit of 1000 tickets, and the dinner will feature prime rib and Danish pastry. All meetings will be held at the Orange Show Grounds,

(50,000 parking spaces available), at the Kaiser Dome for AA and the Swing Auditorium for Alanon.

At the Third General Assembly Meeting held in Santa Barbara, the most important thing to stress was the need for early registration to allay the expenses which must be paid in advance as reported before. Tickets for the special events still were not available but were expected to be ready for the next meeting- which will be held Sunday, June 14, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Coffee and Chat- 1:00 PM, Meeting at 2:00 PM.

More help is needed. Try to get to this next meeting. You can help by signing up to put in 2 hours typing names on badges or passing out packets to registrants during the convention. Leave your name, address and phone number with the Central Office. If you want, take your pick of hours between 8 AM and 10:30 PM Friday, Saturday and part of Sunday. With enough names, 2 hours apiece will be sufficient for each volunteer.

Secretaries, Gr's and Gsr's: Registration forms are at the Central Office in envelopes of 25; also room reservation sheets, and a few fliers. Please ask each registrant to check the yellow and pink copies of the form before sending them in to be sure the names and other information are legible. Tom T. and his committee are off to a good start. With our help the 1964 Convention will be a great success.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

.....Ellery S.

The Lifeline wishes to take this opportunity to thank Ellery S. for his contributions to this newspaper, without which some of the most important news would never have been reported

Over sixty-five people enjoyed a day of golf at the recent Tournament, held at the Willowick Country Club, May 31st. There were thirteen foursomes and trophies were given for low net.

Winning members include: Betty W., Mary D., Lillian B., Marian H., Tom W., Glenn J., Al D., and Hank O.

Buffet was served after the match, and it was decided to make this event an annual affair. Those responsible for the success of this tournament were Bob T., Bob C., and Dottie N.

INTERGROUP PICNIC AT NEWPORT DUNES

Sunday, July 19, is the date set for the A.A. Orange County Intergroup Picnic, to be held from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Newport Dunes, in Newport Beach. Bring your own lunch...coffee will be provided. Admission to the park is Adults- \$1.00, Juniors-(13- 17) 75¢, Children-(12 and under) 25¢. There will be no tickets sold...pay at gate. See you there!

SPAGHETTI DINNER SUCCESSFUL!

Approximately 150 people enjoyed the fine spaghetti dinner held recently at St. Callistus Church in Garden Grove. Many thanks go to Father Gallagher who donated the hall, and to those people who worked so hard to make the event a success, George and Betty A., Fay S., Helen S., Betty W., Edith F., Bob e., and wife, and Nora C. A check for \$120.66 was happily turned over to the Orange County Central Office by the Secretary, George A., of the Wednesday Night Speakers Group who sponsored the dinner as a benefit to the office.

Garden Grove Wed. Night Speakers Group announces the following speakers:
June 17,- Don R. Hollywood (TV)
June 24.- Mary D. Encino
July 1.- Helen R. Los Angeles
July 8.- Chuck C. Laguna Beach

STAG BARBEQUE

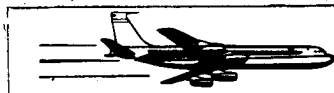
On May 23, fifteen men from the Fullerton' Stag Group traveled 183 miles to the ranch of Ivan M. for a barbeque and an A.A. Meeting under the stars. They spent the night in sleeping bags and got up Sunday Morning to a breakfast at which you could have anything you wanted as long as it was pancakes.

.....From O.G.H.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Cliff C. upon the death of his brother., Melville Aberdeen Cross in Waubauskene, Ontario on April 20, 1964.

Linda Jean C., daughter of Bob and Dorothy C., will be married Saturday, June 20, to George P. at St. Michaels Episcopal Church in Anaheim. A reception will follow at the parent's home. Happiness to you both!

Dottie and Harry M. left Thursday, June 11, for an extended vacation in France.



"I just drink enough to keep my wife looking fuzzy!"

ALANON ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTORY

MAY 1964

All Meetings are 8:30 P.M. unless otherwise indicated.

SUNDAY

Anaheim Sunday Night Beginners, ALANA CLUB, 202 West Broadway.

Open AA-Alanon Speaker Group, 7:30 P.M., THE VILLA, 1668 E. Fourth St., Santa Ana.

MONDAY

Huntington Beach Group, 8 P.M., 11th and Orange, METHODIST CHURCH BUNGALOW

Laguna Beach (Open), 12 Noon, (3rd Mon. Speaker), CANYON CLUB, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road.

TUESDAY

Anaheim Group, 202 West Broadway, ALANA CLUB.

Corona del Mar Group, 611 Heliotrope Ave., COMMUNITY CHURCH.

Garden Grove Group, AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 13041 Euclid, 8 P.M.

Fullerton Daytime Group, 10 A.M., 736 W. Amerige.

San Clemente Group, 1 P.M., 119 Estrella, COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

WEDNESDAY

Westminster Group, 8 P.M., 7720 Westminster, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Costa Mesa Group, 946 Wallace Ave.

Women's Open AA-Alanon Luncheon Group, 1st Wed. of each month, 12 Noon, VILLA MARINA RESTAURANT, 1045 Bayside Drive, Newport Beach.

THURSDAY

Anaheim Group, 202 W. Broadway, ALANA CLUB.

Fullerton Group, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 838 North Nichols.

Newport Harbor Group, 11:30 A.M., 3001 Donnybrook Lane, Costa Mesa.

Laguna Beach Open Study Group, 255 Bluebird Canyon Drive., (Behind Danny's Coffee Shop- Coast Highway).

Westminster Family Discussion Group, 14072 Olive St., BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH NURSERY.

FRIDAY

Buena Park Group, 8439 Venus Dr., WOMEN'S CLUB.

Buena Park Eleventh Hour Group, 8439 Venus Dr., WOMEN'S CLUB, 11:10 P.M.

SATURDAY

Santa Ana Group, 7:30 P.M. 225 1/2 No. Broadway.

ALATEEN ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTORY

All meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise indicated.

MONDAY

Garden Grove Alateens, 11231 Chapman Av. Alateen Searchers Group, 271 Rose Lane., Costa Mesa.

FROM ALATEEN

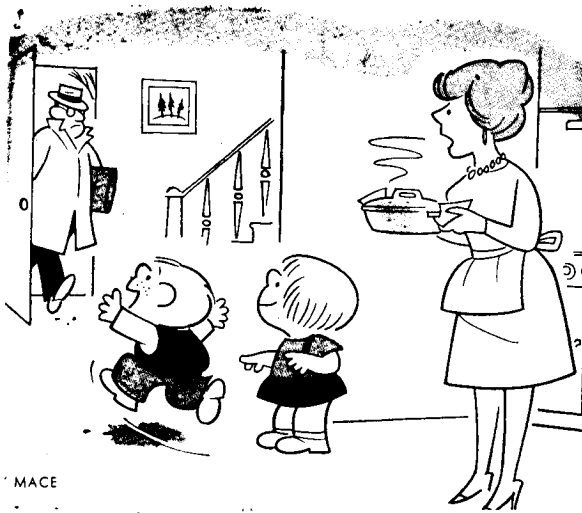
OPEN ALANON - ALATEEN POTLUCK AND MEETING

Approximately 125 members and guests were in attendance at the recent Open-Alanon-Alateen Potluck and meeting held at the Odd-fellows Hall in Costa Mesa. The credit goes to Alanon member Laurel B. of Laguna for the wonderful ease in the organization, and supervision of the food and its serving.

Elsa C. led the meeting with Alateen members and A.A. member, Chuck C. participating. Alateen members participating in the meeting were: Suzanne E., Lester M., Jim M., Ken., Don I., Penney D., Kathy H., Terry M., Mimi M., Josie W., Marie B., Chris L., and Janet W.

Groups sponsoring the event were: Alateen Searchers, Thursday Night Alateen Tustin, Laguna Beach Monday Alanon, and Newport Harbor Alanon.

For those of you who missed this affair due to the late delivery of the Lifeline will be happy to learn that the same affair will be repeated Sept. 15, with Elsa & Chuck again participating. Location to be announced later.



"Now be gentle with Daddy. he's on the wagon."

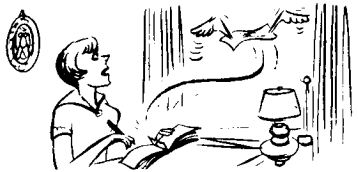
PRIZE WINNER

Alateen member Elizabeth H. won the Calif. State Competition for her essay on the subject of "Alcoholism."

The Alateen Searchers Group has scheduled a weenie roast to be held Tuesday, June 16, 3:00 P.M. to Midnight. at Newport Dunes.

Strange Inventory

"If you were a house, you'd be condemned!"



FIRST THINGS FIRST

A WEEK OR SO back a young Garden Grove bride got a call from the bank informing her she was substantially overdrawn, whereupon she sat down and wrote the bank a check to cover the missing funds.

TUESDAY

Fullerton Alateens, 736 West Amerige Ave.

THURSDAY

Thursday Alateen Group, 251 Costa Mesa St., Apt. A, 7:30 P.M.

FROM ALANON

ORANGE COUNTY ROUND ROBIN

Laguna Beach Monday Alanon Group will host a Round Robin, Friday, August 7, 1964 8:00 P.M. at the Woman's Club, Gleneyre and St. Anne Drive.

Two members from each group will participate. Refreshments will be served later.

12 Steps for an Alanon Candidate

1. I stated I could stop my alcoholic mate from drinking and was master of my life.
2. Believed I was sane and rational in every respect.
3. Decided to run my own life and my alcoholics and be successful in all my undertakings.
4. Made a searching inventory of the alcoholic, the family and of my fellow man, and found them all lacking.
5. Admitted to no one, including myself that there was anything wrong with me.
6. Was entirely ready at all times to blame everything on the alcoholic.
7. Continually told the alcoholic to remove all his shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons that had harmed me and swore never to forgive them.
9. Got even with such people whenever possible, except when to do so would further injure me.
10. Continued to find fault with the world and the people in it, and when I was right promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through nagging, criticizing and pouring out liquor to improve the alcoholic, praying only for him to listen to me and stop drinking.
12. After having had a complete moral, physical and financial breakdown as a result of this kind of living, I tried to tell others how hard I had tried and continued to practise these reasonings in all my affairs.

12 Steps for an A.A. Candidate

1. I stated I could hold my liquor and was master of my life.
2. Believed I was sane and rational in every respect.
3. Decided to run my own life and be successful in all my undertakings.
4. Made a thorough searching inventory of my fellow man and found him lacking.
5. Admitted to no one, including God and myself, that there was nothing wrong with me.
6. Sought through alcohol to remove my responsibilities and escape from the realities of life.
7. Got drunk to remove these shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons that had harmed me, whether imaginary or real, and swore to get even.
9. Got even whenever possible, except when to do so would further injure me.
10. Continued to find fault with the world and the people in it, and when I was right promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through lying, cheating, and stealing to improve myself materially at the expense of my fellow man asking only for the means to get drunk and stay drunk.
12. After having had a complete moral, physical and financial breakdown as a result of this kind of living, I tried to drag those who were dear to me down to my level and practise these reasonings in all my affairs.

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