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Happy holidays Days



ORANGE COUNTY A.A. CALENDAR

ALL GROUP A.A. MEETING



8:30 P.M.
 Hosting
 Corona del Mar
 Friday Group

JANUARY 2ND
 EBELL CLUB
 625 FRENCH ST.
 SANTA ANA

GUEST SPEAKER
 BOB S.
 (NEWPORT B.)
 (Attorney)

ALL PROCEEDS ABOVE EXPENSES GO TO YOUR ORANGE CO. CENTRAL OFFICE!!!!

1965-1966 ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP MASTER CALENDAR

HOLIDAY EVENTS

DEC. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY-
 I.B.E.W. Union Hall, 9- 1AM
 3222 Bolsa Ave., Santa Ana.

JAN. 2 - ALL GROUPS MEETING
 Bob S., Speaker -

NEXT. G.S.O. MEETING JAN. 16TH
 Alana Club - 202 W. Broadway, Anaheim

FEB. 6 - ALL-GROUPS MEETING

Courtney A., Speaker

FEB. 27 - FOURTH ANNIVERSARY O.C.
 CENTRAL OFFICE- Disneyland
 Hotel- Jimmy B. San Diego,
 Speaker.

GROUP NEWS

BUENA PARK

On Jan. 14, the Buena Park Friday 8:30 PM meeting will be a combined AA- AI- Anon meeting. The speakers will be Myrtle and Glenn J. of Garden Grove. Proceeds of this meeting will be divided between the Orange Co. Central Office and the New York Office.

The Friday Buena Park 8:30 PM meeting will meet as usual on New Year's Eve- followed by a New Year's Eve Party- this will be a pot luck dinner meeting, so bring a "pot luck dish" if possible. The Midnight Buena Park meeting will not be held on New Year's Eve.

SANTA ANA - NEW GROUP

" YOU ASKED FOR IT MEETING"

Those unable to attend AA meetings due to an incapacity, may have a meeting brought to them by calling the Alano Club Santa Ana, 547-9093.

The meetings will be held Saturdays 2:30 PM, at the Alano Club, 512 W. First St. except when requested by someone who cannot attend due to a disability.

ANAHEIM HACIENDA GROUP

The Hacienda Group which meets Thursday nights at the Congregational Church, 515 N. State College Blvd., Anaheim, announce the following speakers for December

Dec. 23 - Eulajeon S.
 Dec. 30 - Marshall B.

ORANGE

The Orange Friday Night Group has disbanded.

CORONA DEL MAR

The Corona del Mar Friday Night Group will host the January All-Groups Meeting. Bob S. will be the speaker at this one.

This Group is one of the top contributors to our Central Office.

LAGUNA BEACH - NEW GROUPS

The Laguna Women's Closed Group invites all AA women to attend a new group which meets Monday nights, 8:30 P.M. at 845 Van Dyke Drive, Laguna Beach.

A new type of participation meeting has been formed for Laguna Beach, Saturday nights at 8:00 P.M. Outside groups will come in and conduct the meeting in which all can participate. Outside members and their groups scheduled for this meeting are:

Dec. 18 - O.B.C. and group.

Dec. 25 - Eddie C. and group (L.A.)

Jan. 1 - Dick W. and group (L.A.)

In addition, for your pleasure, the Canyon Club invites you to a Catered Smorgasbord Dinner- 6 to 7:30 P.M. Saturday nights preceding the meeting. \$1.25 per person, and those who have attended say the food is exceptional. So, there you have it! A good dinner and a new participation meeting...good way to spend a Saturday Night



Hear Ye!

ORANGE CO. INTER-GROUP

NEW YEAR'S EVE

CELEBRATION



NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!!!

LIVE ORCHESTRA
ENTERTAINMENT
BUFFET
DANCING

I.B.E.W. UNION HALL Local 441
3222 BOLSA AVE.,
SANTA ANA, CAL.

9P.M. to 1A.M.
GAMES
PRIZES

DONATION - 2.50 PER PERSON

(Tickets available at your Central Office or contact Betty A.)

NEW LOCATION FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Some of you who have been in Orange County for any length of time are probably wondering why the New Year's Eve party is not meeting in the Costa Mesa Women's Club this year as it has for the past umpteen years. I know that it has been there for 13 years, how long before that I wouldn't know about. However it has been traditionally the Orange County New Year's Eve Celebration for a long time. Betty A. reserved the Women's Club last January for this year- even to the extent of paying a deposit. It was all set. Then in October Jim M. in the central office received a call from the club offering to return our deposit because they had leased the building out, and it would not be available to us. Naturally, we resisted this offer. Since we had made our reservation in good faith in plenty of advance notice, it would seem that they should honor a contract. However, in AA we have ceased fighting anything and everybody, and since there seemed to be nothing we could do about it, we went about looking for another location. I happened to be attending an electrical show at the Santa Ana Armory with my husband, George, when the thought occurred that the armory might be a good spot for our party. I asked about the set-up and it was suggested that the I.B.E.W. Union hall would be even better. It was suggested to the union's business manager that someone wanted to rent the hall for New Year's Eve. He said, "I should say not! We're not renting that hall out for any big drinking blowout." When he was

told that A.A. wanted it, he immediately said, "Now that's different. If it's AA, sure you can have it. I'll have to present it to the board, but I'm sure there won't be any problem." The board unhesitatingly OK'd the deal and that's where we'll be this December 31st. I.B.E.W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 441) Hall, 3222 Bolsa Ave., Santa Ana. (Between Harbor and Fairview). Our Higher Power is really looking in on this one. It's costing us about half of the rent of the Costa Mesa Club last year. We also want to thank the Clubs for not scheduling other New Year's Eve celebrations this year in order that full attention will be given to our Orange County Gala.

This is UNITY IN ACTION.....

SO, COME JOIN US! LET'S SEE THE NEW YEAR IN TOGETHER!!! ONCE AGAIN THANKS TO THE COOPERATION OF THOSE AA MEMBERS WHO WANT TO BUILD UNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY, IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT WE WILL ALL BE TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE AT ONE TIME!.....Ed.

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LETTERS

If you missed last years party, you missed a goodie. It was expressed particularly in a letter received from Pasadena as follows: "I want to thank each and every one of you for the most fantastic and wonderful New Year's Eve Party I have ever been to in my entire life. The whole thing was too wonderful to even describe. The decorations were beautiful and so festive. The live music was an absolute joy. There seemed to be a tune for both the young and the old and I really had a ball. The games were such fun. The food was excellent and the turnout of people made it a bangup party. I have had the good fortune to have been at these parties in the past so I feel qualified to say, "Never, never has there been anything like this given before". Give my personal thanks to all of those who were responsible for going to all of the work that a thing like this entails to contribute to my happiness. It was the frosting on the cake for a lovely Christmas, and I can tell you right now that I can hardly wait for next year to come. I will never forget it. I am sure you will have everyone in Pasadena there next year as I have been on the phone for two days since my homecoming telling everyone I knew about it." "By the way, a wide-eyed newcomer who had been to her first meeting that night, and then the party afterwards said to me, 'Is this for real? You mean I can really have this kind of fun in AA?' Need I tell you my answer?" "God bless each and every one of you for this coming year and for all the wonderful work you are doing."...Dorothy C.W. Pasadena

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THANKYOU!

I personally wish, at this time to thank all you AA members and friends who joined with us in our endeavor to make Christmas Day a little happier for those still confined in institutions. Through the purchase of the Christmas cards, we will be able to have candy and cigarettes for not only the AA members in these institutions, but for all other inmates as well. Due to new rulings by officials in Orange County, the AA Groups are no longer able to limit their Xmas gifts to inmate AA members. All must share, so even those who do not share our problem, will at least know that "Somebody Cares;" that "somebody" being AA. Only through your help has this been possible.

Again thankyou.

John L.

Retiring Director-Orange County Institutional Committee

LLOYD D. ELECTED DIRECTOR OF C.C. INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE....

At the regular business meeting of the Orange County Institutional Committee, the following officers were elected:

Director- Lloyd D.
Co-Director- Les H.
Secretary- Mary C.
Treasurer- Millie S.

A special vote of appreciation was given the retiring officers for their efforts during their terms of office.

MEMORIUM



Heartfelt Sympathy to the Family and Friends of

GENE HANDLAN
Passed Away Dec. 12.
San Clemente, Cal.

STATUS OF YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

| | 1965 | | STATISTICAL REPORT | |
|------------|------|------|--------------------|-----------|
| | NOV. | YEAR | NOV. | YEAR |
| SPEAKERS | 1 | 48 | NEW INQ. | |
| ALANON | 17 | 189 | SELF | 65 648 |
| LITERATURE | 18 | 267 | ANOTHER | 28 441 |
| PUB. INFO. | 76 | 1140 | 12 STEP CALLS | |
| MEETINGS | 109 | 1151 | MAN | 32 485 |
| INTERGP. | 117 | 1271 | GAL | 25 270 |
| VISITORS | 97 | 1254 | TOTAL CALLS | 585 7,163 |



"RELATED FACILITIES"

Christmas NEW YEAR'S
Open House 

CANYON CLUB

1945 BROADWAY, LAGUNA BEACH

The Canyon Club will hold Open House Christmas Eve- Christmas Day- New Year's Eve- New Year's Day;.....

ALANA CLUB

202 WEST BROADWAY, ANAHEIM

The Anaheim Alana Club will be open 24 Hours around the clock- Christmas Eve- Christmas Day- New Year's Eve- New Year's Day! Free Buffet!

ALANO CLUB

512 WEST FIRST ST., SANTA ANA

The Santa Ana Alano Club will hold Open House Christmas Eve, Christmas Day- New Year's Eve, New Year's Day! All Welcome!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!



.... From The Grapevine

"I'm worried about my nephew—he ought to get in touch with those AA fellows."

Blood Needed!

OUR BLOOD BANK IS DEPLETED! GIVE A PINT OF BLOOD FOR CHRISTMAS!
Following is a schedule of Bloodmobile stops where you may present yourself as a donor.
BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR BLOOD CREDITED TO ORANGE CO. AA BLOOD BANK!

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| December 19 | Sunday | Carpenter's Union, Local #2203 | |
| Call 525-3543 for Appointments | | 608 W. Vermont, Anaheim | 10:00 AM-2:30PM |
| December 23 | Thursday | Elks Club# 1959 | |
| Call 542-1137 for appointments | | 804 Ocean Ave., Huntington Beach | 3:00 - 7:30PM |
| January 11 | Tuesday | Woman's Club | |
| Call 525-3543 for Appointments | | 6711 Beach Blvd., Buena Park | 3:00 - 7:30PM |
| January 14 | Friday | V.F.W. Hall | |
| Call 525-3543 For Appointments | | 805 E. Sycamore, Anaheim | 1:00 - 5:30PM |

PLEASE NOTE: For your convenience definite appointments are requested.

Donors may also go to LONG BEACH BLOOD CENTER- 319 W. Broadway

| | | |
|--------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| HOURS: | Mon. & Tues. | 3:30 to 7:30 PM |
| | Wed. & Thurs. | 1:00 to 5:00 PM Telephone HE 7-2921 |



MIRACLE FROM ALANON



CAME TO BELIEVE

It was nearly Christmas. Temperatures were way below zero in Northern Michigan, snow banks high, and alcoholism had taken its toll in our family. My husband had lost his job and funds were exhausted when he left for California to find a new beginning.

One evening, just three days before Christmas Eve, I sat alone at the kitchen table. The children were tucked in their beds and feeling the weariness of number seven, soon to arrive, I looked down at two green stamp books wondering how they could bring Santa Claus to six little children who believed so much! Fearfully and with a very saddened heart, I prayed that God would show me a way.

The next morning a letter arrived from my parents saying that they would be driving north to spend the Christmas holiday, so the children and I would not be alone. They knew my husband had left for California, but that was all. I was terrified! How could I ever let them know!

Then the miracles of Christmas began. A businessman who knew my husband had gone and assuming we would be joining him soon, called and asked if I would be selling his golf clubs. Of Course! - it was an answer! I sold them for fifty dollars. Immediately I planned and shopped for a series of festive, but conservative meals, bought some coal for the furnace, and went to the five and ten store to choose several small gifts for the children. While I was out the hairdresser in the neighborhood called the children in and gave them hair-cuts. Before returning them home she bought each a new pair of shoes. Soon after a dear friend invited the older children to join them for a tree cutting and they returned with a beautiful Christmas tree. When the mail arrived that day one of the Christmas cards had enclosed in it twenty-five dollars and was signed, "For the children- from Friends".

Christmas Eve arrived and so did Mother and Dad. With them came boxes of Christmas baking from an aunt, a box of apples from a cousin, and an assortment of gifts from a friend of Mother's whom each year chose the Grand-children of one of her friends to remember on Christmas.

That Christmas Eve Mother took the children to the Christmas program. I stayed home with our little girl who was running a high temperature. I'm sure Mother and Dad knew in their hearts, but bless them, they let me walk in dignity.

As I sat with my little one in my arms watching the tree lights flicker on the abundance below, gratitude flooded my heart - for I "Came to Believe" through the miracle I had seen.

A Blessed Christmas to All!

.....Anonymous



CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN?

Christmas is for children?
Not the way I think of it.
It's just as much for grown-ups
As for children, every bit.
I like the noise of Christmas, -
Each happy, cheerful sound,
The sparkling decorations,
And glad greetings all around.
But then the children can't be skipped
'Cause they're important too.
They add zest to festivities
And make old things seem new.
We couldn't do without them, -
Once we were young as they.
Oh, Christmas is for everyone
'Cause God planned it just that way.

.....Deane A. Laguna Beach Alanon



ANAHEIM - GROUP NEWS

The new Round Robin Secretary is Helen A. of Anaheim. Any groups wishing information regarding dates etc., should contact Helen. The first Round Robin of 1966 will be held January.

BUENA PARK *

On Jan 14, the Friday 8:30 PM meeting will be a combined AA-Al-Anon meeting. The speakers will be Myrtle and Glenn J. of Garden Grove. Proceeds of this meeting will be divided between the Orange Co. Central Office and New York.

Elsie Q. has been chosen Program Chairman for Al-Anon for the Convention to be held in Santa Monica in October, 1966. She has also been elected to the Service Board of the L.A. Intergroups for Alanon.

CORONA DEL MAR

The Tuesday Night Group is no longer a study group.

On January 11th, 1966, Celia B., the New York Delegate to World Service will be the speaker at the Tuesday Night Group.

COSTA MESA

Neil P. of Huntington Beach is now an Al-Anon Sponsor of the Costa Mesa Alateen Searchers Group.

LAGUNA BEACH

The Monday Laguna Group is having an Extra Special Holiday Speaker Program this month. It will be held at the Canyon Club on Dec. 27th at 12 Noon. Allen, who led the Alateen meeting in Bakersfield at the Convention, will be the speaker, together with his two brothers, his Alanon Mother and AA Father, thus presenting a full family picture of the Program. All are invited to attend this meeting.

A County meeting of World Service was held at the home of Elsa C., Committee-man for District 12, on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 1965. Districts 11 and 12 were represented, but no representation from District 10. This meeting was held for clarification of Charter points discussed at the World Service Assembly held in Maywood in November.

The Thursday Newport Harbor Group will have a \$1 Christmas gift exchange at the regular meeting December 23rd.

Lucille K. of Newport Harbor Group has been elected to the Service Board of the L.A. Intergroups for Al-Anon.

The South Coast Friday Night Group will have a special Christmas Meeting, starting with a pot luck at 5:30 P.M., Dec. 17 followed by a look at the Harbor's Boat Parade, with a Speaker meeting at the usual time, 8:30 PM. This will be held at the usual place, the home of Lola S., 225 Kings Place, Newport Beach. Call 642-1819 for further information. \$1 gifts will be exchanged.

SAN CLEMENTE ALATEEN GROUP

The first meeting of the newly formed San Clemente Alateen Group will be held on Tuesday, January 4th, 7:30 P.M. at 422 Calle Festatorito, San Clemente. Sponsors for this group are Theresa G., Alanon, and Frank H., AA. All teenagers are welcome to attend.

SANTA ANA

The Friday Night Group which formerly met at the Villa has changed its location and its night. They have moved to the home of Vi C., 2058 S. Garnsey, 8 P. M. WEDNESDAY Nights, still in Santa Ana.

CONVENTION

A vote of thanks should be given to Dot M. of Newport Beach for the wonderful job she did in setting up the Literature Booth for Alanon at the Bakersfield Convention. Also to her husband, Harry, who built the racks for the literature, and who was generally helpful all around.

We of the Lifeline Staff are happy to announce that June S. of Corona del Mar has been elected to serve as Al-Anon reporter from the Al-Anon Intergroup to the Lifeline. This will make it possible for news of all Al-Anon Group activities to be relayed to you from all parts of Orange County by way of Lifeline. Thanks to all of you Al-Anons for your help, and especially to June for accepting this responsibility.Ed.

LIFELINE

We thought a word relative to the subscription increase would be in order, not that we have received any complaints; not thus far at least... anyway here goes, what follows is not a rationalization nor an excuse, but simply an explanation of the increase in rate.

Early last year it became necessary, due to the postal regulations governing our mailing permit, to create a bonafide mailing list of prepaid subscribers to the Lifeline. We complied with this by asking you to fill out a subscription application. To make it as painless as possible, the rate was set at a nominal 50c per year. Now, once again, the postal regulations enter the picture. The Lifeline is a monthly publication, and as such, must be mailed each month. This is not always possible when we must depend upon volunteers services for the publication. Some people, even alcoholics, are prone to take a downright dim view of being told when, on what

schedule, and against what deadline they will contribute their services- but this has not been a problem thanks to the sincere dedication of our editor, Jeanne T. and our publisher, Bob C.- the problem, and there have been two so far this year, lies in the fact that the equipment upon which the Lifeline is printed is also a free contribution from Mr. C.'s employer. Sometimes this equipment breaks down, and once in awhile the owners become very narrow minded and want to use it themselves; therefor our demands for scheduled printing fall on sympathetic but nonetheless obstinate ears. The \$1.00 per year rate will allow for a contingency fund to be established so that printing and layout may be purchased when, for reasons beyond our control, it becomes necessary in order to comply with governing postal regulations.....Bill T.
(Intergroup Communications Chairman)

"NIGHT BEFORE XMAS"

"Twas the night before Christmas
And all thru the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse.
We reached for the bottles
We'd hid on the shelves,
For those were the presents
We'd bought for ourselves.
We never had money
To spend for a gift.
We needed it all
For that holiday lift.
The tree lights were always
So fuzzy and dimmed,
'Cause we always got stinko
Before it was trimmed.
And all Xmas Eve
The joint would be rocking,
Tho we knew fully well
What we'd find in our stocking,
That regular hangover,
Our Xmas present,
With thoughts of remorse
And a day most unpleasant.
We followed a pattern

That seemed to be right.
Isn't Xmas the time
When people get tight?
That Xmas is past
And a new one draws near.
But with its approach,
We hold nary a fear.
For through AA's pattern
We've found a new way
To know a real Xmas
Truly happy and gay.
The tree will be brilliant,
The lights bright and clear.
And not from a bottle
Will come Xmas cheer.
But straight from our hearts
A true warmth will glow,
Reflected by love
From the friends that we know.
So to you, "Merry Christmas",
Full of genuine cheer,
May the green light be yours
In the coming New Year!"
.....Jeanne T.
Reprinted at the request of Ed Z.

YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

SENDS

Season's Greetings

TO ALL

"Good Morning- Alcoholics Anonymous- May we help you?"

This, or a similar phrase, has greeted some 7000 persons who called YOUR Central Office during the first eleven months of this year.

Almost 700 of these callers asked for, and received help in the form of a visit from an AA member.

YOURS may not have been the voice which answered the phone-

YOU personally may not have made any of these visits- BUT

YOUR contribution to any Group which supports YOUR Central Office made YOU and indispensable party to these services.

YOUR donation is vital to the continued operation of YOUR Central Office.

Why not add YOUR Central Office to your Christmas list?

A very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

.....Jim

ANSWERING THE CALL.....

Last year a pamphlet entitled "Answer the Call" was distributed at the various AA meetings throughout Orange County. The purpose was and still is to provide additional and urgently needed support for the Central Office. Through November of this year the income from Answer the Call has been \$969 - . This \$969 income has kept the Central Office in the black- just barely but nonetheless in the black. Once again this year an Answer the Call

pamphlet will be distributed, in the case of Lifeline subscribers it will be mailed- ANSWER THE CALL- your central office has been established for that express purpose.- "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, and for that: I am responsible."

.....Bill T.

"THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN"

ANSWER THE CALL!

| NO. OF PLEDGES | @ \$ | AMOUNT PER YEAR | \$ | AMOUNT RECEIVED |
|----------------|------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| 3 | | 10 | 30 | 30 |
| 17 | | 12 | 204 | 123 |
| 1 | | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 1 | | 18 | 18 | 20 |
| 6 | | 24 | 144 | 74 |
| 1 | | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 2 | | 36 | 72 | 73 |
| 11 | | 60 | 660 | 271 |
| 2 | | 120 | 240 | 210 |
| 1 | | 240 | 240 | 80 |
| 47 | \$ | | 1,744 | \$ 969 |

