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ORANGE COUNTY A.A. 24TH ANNIVERSARY

Reprint from Lifeline- August 1963.....
LEST WE FORGET.....

Twenty-two (now twenty-four) years ago,
THERE WERE NO A.A. MEETINGS IN
ORANGE COUNTY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is hard to imagine even when AA is
now at our very doorstep.

Just a short walk or drive in any direction,
and there's an AA meeting. We can pick
and choose as to the time of day or night,
size or type; large or small, closed or op-
en, old or young, stag or mixed, skidrow,
or penthouse, speaker or participation,
discussion or study, jail or hospital.....
80 or more groups within our reach.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? SOMEONE had to
do the leg work.. SOMEONE had to want
to help others and themselves in order to
lay the groundwork for the blessings of AA
we now share.

WHO DID ALL THIS? We call them Foun-
ders, although they would probably scoff
at the title.

But SOMEONE DID DO IT, and that's the
point!

There were ten men who formed the first
group. Irving A., Lee H., Stan S., Jack
S., Jerry M., Mel T., Wayne H., Cliff
W., Howard S., Otto, and our own Andy
G.

Jerry M., Lee H., and Stan S., are gone,
but the valuable contributions they made in
establishing Orange County AA will live
in perpetuity."

We will present some of these "Founders"
at the 24th Anniversary AA Meeting,
Sunday, August 1st, at the Ebell Club,
625 N. French St., Santa Ana. The big
event starts at 8:30 P.M., and the guest
speaker will be Andy G., who will also be
celebrating his 25th year of A.A. sobriety.

Let's all turn out to help Andy celebrate
his 25 years and to help ourselves celebrate
our 24- also to say thanks to those first
members who built a pathway for us to
follow.

FOUNDERS' MEETING SUN. AUG. 1ST



ORANGE COUNTY CALENDAR

24th ANNIVERSARY

FOUNDER'S DAY MEETING



8:30 P.M.
 Hosting Group
 Intergroup Ass'n.
 Orange County

AUGUST 1ST
 EBELL CLUB
 625 FRENCH ST., SANTA ANA
 COME ONE! COME ALL!

GUEST SPEAKER
 ANDY G.
 (Corona del Mar)

LET'S ALL HELP BLOW OUT THE 49 CANDLES ON TWO BIG BIRTHDAY CAKES!!!!!!!!!!!!
 All proceeds above expenses go to your Orange County AA Central Office!

ORANGE COUNTY AA INTERGROUP MASTER CALENDAR

- AUG. 1- 24th AA anniversary
Orange County
All-Group Meeting
- AUG. 13-14-15- 8th International Con-
ference Young People
in AA
- AUG. 15 - Picnic (Pearson Park-
Orange)- Sponsored by
Al-Anon Groups of
Anaheim. All Welcome!
- SEPT. 5 - All Group Meeting
- OCT. 3 - All Group Meeting
- OCT. 29-30-31 - So. Calif. Convention
Bakersfield
- NOV. 7 - Thanksgiving Dinner and
All Group Meeting
- DEC. 5 - All Group Meeting

- DEC. 31 - New Year's Eve Party
- JAN. 2 - All Group Meeting
- FEB. - All Group Meeting
- FEB. 27 - Disneyland Dinner- Fourth
Anniversary Central Office.



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ST. CALLISTUS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS GROUP

The speakers for the month of August are
 as follows:

- Aug. 4 - Charles T.
(Sherman Oaks)
- Aug. 11 - Chuck C.
- Aug. 18 - Frank & Bonnie
K. (L.A.)
- Aug. 25 - Helen R.
(L.A.)

NEWPORT-BALBOA GROUP #1 - THURS.

The following members celebrated their
 AA Birthdays Thursday, July 28th:

- Kay V. 4 yrs. June W. 4 yrs.
- Nelson K. 4 yrs. Anne P. 7 yrs.
- Carol T. Fran R. 1 yr.
- Al W. 4 yrs. CONGRATULATIONS!

COSTA MESA SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP

The following members celebrated their
 AA Birthdays, Sunday, July 25th:

- Ray B. 1 yr. Fran R. 1 yr.
- Art S. 3 yrs. June W. 4 yrs.
- Al W. 4 yrs. Rose J. 6 yrs.
- Merle F. 11 yrs. George T. 17 yrs.
- Jeanne T. 17 yrs. La Verne R. 8 yrs.

POTLUCK PICNIC

The five groups that meet at the Santa Ana
 Alano Club held a potluck picnic Sunday,
 July 11th at the Orange City Park.

Groups participating in this happy event
 were: Santa Ana Alano Discussion, Ques-
 tion and Answer Panel Discussion, Alano
 Speakers, Santa Ana Study, and the
 Alano Participation. A good time was had
 by all.

A.A. CALENDAR

(CONTINUED)

ANAHEIM

OLD-FASHIONED

A.A.

PICNIC

B.Y.O.L.
(This time it means LUNCH)



SUNDAY - AUGUST 15
NOON TO 5 P.M.
PEARSON PARK - ANAHEIM

GAMES - FUN

NO ADMISSION
CHARGE

SPONSORED BY THE ANAHEIM AL-ANON GROUPS

OPEN TO EVERYONE!!!! COME ONE! COME ALL!!!

FROM ALANON



ALANON ROUND - ROBIN



HOSTING GROUP
GARDEN GROVE
TUESDAY GROUP

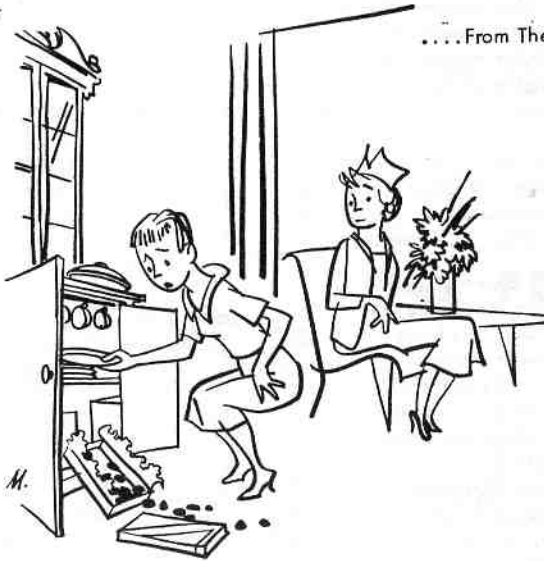
TUESDAY - AUGUST 24TH
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
PENN & EUCLID STS.
GARDEN GROVE

8:00 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS
Anne C., Secretary

TOPIC: " What were you like ? What happened ? What are you like now ?"
THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING. ALL AA'S AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!

To Lee & Bert



....From The Grapevine

"Ever since he joined AA, Bert's been hiding CANDY all over the house!"

HOW MANY MEETINGS DO I NEED?

Abraham Lincoln was once asked how long a man's legs should be. The classic answer was, " Long enough to reach the ground ". AA members don't have to attend any set number of meetings in a given period. It is purely a matter of individual preference and need.

Most members arrange to attend at least one meeting a week. They feel that that is enough to satisfy their personal need for contact with the program through a local group.

Others attend a meeting nearly every night, in areas where such opportunities are available.

The friendly injunction, "Keep coming to meetings", so frequently heard by the newcomer, is based on the experience of the great majority of AA's who find that the quality of their sobriety suffers when they stay away from meetings for too long. Many know from experience that if they do not come to meetings, they may get drunk - and that if they are in regular attendance they seem to have no trouble staying sober.

Newcomers particularly seem to benefit from exposure to a relatively large number of meetings (or other AA contacts) during the first weeks and months in a group.

By multiplying their opportunities to meet and hear other AA's, whose drinking experience parallels their own, they seem to be able to strengthen their own understanding of the program, and what it can give them.

Nearly every alcoholic, at one time or another, has tried to stay sober "on his own". For most, the experience has not been particularly enjoyable, or successful.

So long as attendance at meetings helps him to ensure the alcoholic's sobriety, and helps him to have fun at the same time, it seems to be eminently good sense to be guided by the experience of those who keep coming to meetings.

.....Pathfinder- Brisbane-
from The Outlook- Auckland
New Zealand.

...From The Grapevine

TWELVE STEPS - UP OR DOWN

Persons who attain sobriety by thorough use of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous often wonder what happens to comrades who suddenly-- or so it seems-- revert to drunkenness. This is not a sudden thing, this so-called slip. There are steps down that lead back to the sodden level of drunkenness, the same as those going up. One transcends these 'up' steps gradually by sincere, honest and intelligent effort. Yet it is accomplished step by step, the same as the ascendance. When we start to travel this 'down' pathway, if we observe, we can see:

1. We became cocky- over confident
 2. We omitted contact with our Power greater than ourselves
 3. We neglected our 12th Step Work
 4. We forgot our personal inventory
 5. We assumed grudges- nursed resentments
 6. We missed meetings- too busy - out side interests - lazy
 7. We lost contact with AA Fellowship
 8. We nurtured self-pity with all its soul sickness
 9. We lost humility- recognized our own will- power
 10. We ceased to seek help for our human problems either from AA or our Higher Power
 11. We sought through selfish thinking and self-pampering meditation to rationalize an excuse for 'just one drink'
 12. Having cast aside all the principles of the 12 Steps upward, we became 'social drinkers' (temporarily)
-From The Path- Atascadero State Hospital Group of AA.



"You wait there!"

LETTERS

FROM A GRATEFUL ALCOHOLIC.....

Last night I was asked if I would write a note for the "Lifeline" telling others how the fellowship of A.A. has helped me thru my recent experience of surgery and illness. I had been wondering how I could thank all my good friends for the many kindnesses shown not only to me but to my husband and children as well. What better means than the "Lifeline"!

We in A.A. believe we are a part of a large, loving family, but only in times of illness or need do we fully realize just how much this A.A. family means to us.

You gave me courage when I was frightened; you gave me faith and hope when my mind was full of doubt; you gave me your love which is the greatest gift of all. This love was shown in the numerous cards and phone calls, in the visits to the hospital and my home, in the flowers sent to me, and in looking after Bill and our girls. To each of you, my deepest and warmest "thank you". Where but in AA would you find this kind of fellowship!

My doctor is quite amazed by my excellent recovery. I haven't told him about AA but I'm certain it has come about by knowing that others care. Little did I realize just how important our meetings are until I was unable to attend them. I now know they are the dearest things in the world to me. Without them I am nothing, and with out you they wouldn't be. It is truly miraculous when we can take our so-called "misfortune" and from it see all the good things and the many blessings which have come about only as a result of it. This is what you have taught me to do.

Again I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.

.....Nancy T.

MANANA ?

I remember how amazed a Spaniard was to hear me say that in America many of my friends were looking forward to retirement so they could begin doing some of the things that they had been kept from doing by the sheer demand of their present jobs. "Dias Mio!", he exclaimed, "What a way to live!" What if they do not make it to retirement? What are they doing with to-

MOVES

Wayne and Jo S. have come home to Orange County, having moved from Long Beach to Santa Ana this month. Wayne has the unique honor of being a native of this county, and also one of the first AA members. Wayne will lead the 24th AA Anniversary Meeting, Sunday, August 1st. For those of you who don't know, he was instrumental in establishing the L.A. Central Office, and has been acting as Coordinator of our own Orange County Central Office for the past year.

WELCOME HOME !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TO MISSISSIPPI

AA and the Orange County Institutional Committee have lost one of their most active members to the State of Mississippi. Bud G. left July 26th with Gene F. to live in that state and to do Institutional work. Seems that most of 'em have moved out here.

GOOD LUCK, BUD & GENE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NEW HOME - Newport Beach

Emmajane and Tom R. are moving into their new home this month. Happy House-Warming!!!!!!!!

VISITORS

Bernie and Mary S. now living in San Jose are visiting at the home of Ray M. in Huntington Beach. Glad to see them back if only for a short time.

SYMPATHY

Word has been received of the death of George Terry, former AA member in this county. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Darlene and Bill B. in the loss of their father. Also our prayers and best wishes go with them as they move to their new home in the state of Oregon. We will miss them.

day?"

"Time", I said, "They are waiting for time".

"Caramba!" Should not today be as good as tomorrow? Does it not have the same number of hours as the days we are looking for in the future?"

We may say, "Manana", but if we do, it is only because we wish to be free to live today.

.....Submitted by Loyd W.



STATUS OF YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE



CENTRAL OFFICE NOW IN ITS NEW LOCATION

For those of you who did not receive the Lifeline last month, the Orange County Central Office has moved to its new location. The new office is next door to our old location in the new building north 523 N. Grand Ave., Suite "K" upstairs. The phone number is still the same - 542-7217.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES - CENTRAL OFFICE!

Due to the moving of the Central Office, combined with the absence of Jim M., the regular secretary-manager, there has been some confusion in handling the literature and books after the regular office hours. Several months ago the Intergroup voted to have the secretary lock up the literature supply when he leaves, as it was not fair to expect him to assume the responsibility of the material when he is absent. Therefore, the Service Board voted to leave a limited supply of literature out for people who came to the office after hours, if the volunteer workers would assume the responsibility for the material. In addition Jim M. urges any group wishing to pick up literature after 5 P.M., or on weekends, to call the office during his regular hours and he would be glad to package the material for them and have it available to be picked up at their convenience.

The Service Board also wishes to welcome the following new groups that have assumed the responsibility of the phone service for the following times:

Monday-5-8 P.M.-Alano Speakers
(Santa Ana)

Wednesday 5-8 PM-Midway City #1

Thursday 5-8 PM-Under Forty Laguna B.

Saturday 1-5 PM - Noon-A-Ticks "

Help is still needed for Friday and Saturday evenings -5-8 PM. Six months of sobriety is desired for anyone working on the phones. Remember that when you are on the phone at the Central Office you represent AA to the people who call in..

YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE GRATEFUL?

PROVE IT!

.....Bob T. Chairman Volunteer

Services

NO FINANCIAL REPORT THIS MONTH

Since our secretary-manager has been on vacation this past month there will be no financial report in this issue. However, look for a full report in the August issue.

WE GOOFED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We wish to apologize to the Belfast Stag Group for the mistake we made in their contribution to our Central Office General Fund. It should read- \$ 144.07 for the year. Sorry!!!!

THANKYOU

We wish to thank Lee and Bert R. for their faithful service to the Lifeline in handling the addressing and mailing for the past 6 months.

Hank W. has consented to take over this job on the Lifeline Staff.

HAWAIIAN LUAU GREAT SUCCESS!!!!!!

Many people were responsible for the big successful picnic held Sunday, July 25th, at Santiago Park in Santa Ana. Much credit should be given to Betty A., Ways & Means Chairman, Susan M., Food, Odene S., Entertainment, Chuck, Art Work and Posters, Bob T., Phyllis A., Jim S., Bob C., Jan Y., Dave Y., and especially Jim B., for the Wonderful barbequed beef and ham.... also to those who donated food, a special thankyou. Although the picnic was not intended to be a fund raising event, we have just learned that approximately \$ 165 was turned over to the C.O. as profit from this happy affair.

It is important to note that Bert R. saved the day in getting the coffee urn and making the everloving coffee. Imagine any AA function without Coffee!!!!!!!!!!

TORONTO MEMBERSHIP REPORT!.....

At the Toronto Convention the Official U.S. Membership report states that there are now 350,000 AA members in this country.



REGISTER NOW!



EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A.

THE EMPHASIS IS ON YOUTH-----

THIS YEAR OF 1965 WILL BE A BANNER
YEAR FOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

The International Conference took place
in Toronto in July, and the Eighth Inter-
national Conference of Young People in
Alcoholics Anonymous is scheduled for
August 13th, 14th and 15th in Long Beach,
California.

As our co-founder Bill W., emphasized at
the 1960 International Conference, the
age of entrance into A.A. lowers with
each passing year. We feel the need for
identification grows with each passing
year.

The Eighth International Conference of
Young People is an A.A. Conference in
its truest sense-- its for all A.A.'s wish-
ing to spare our future members years of

needless suffering.

Your Planning Committee is scheduling
panel discussions, as well as Al-Anon, and
Alateen and A.A. meetings. A banquet,
dance and floor show are scheduled for
Saturday Night.

Please pass the word to join us for an un-
forgettable experience in an invitation to
inspiration and fellowship.

For registration forms, housing forms, ban-
quet tickets and for further information,
please write Post Office Box 8158, Viking
Station, Long Beach, California.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Your Planning

Committee for the

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A.

Registration forms are available at your
Central Office. GET YOURS NOW!!!!
LET'S SUPPORT THESE EARLY BIRDS!!!!

GO - GO - GO !! YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

AUG. 13-14-15



LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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MONDAY

Huntington Beach Group, 226 N. Main,
8 P.M. Oddfellow's Hall.
Laguna Beach Group, Open, 12 Noon,
1130 N. Coast Highway, Unitarian Center
(3rd Mon. Speaker).
Costa Mesa Alateen Searchers Group,
7:30 P.M., 271 Rose Lane.

TUESDAY

Anaheim Group, 202 W. Broadway, Alana
Club.
Corona del Mar Study Group, 250 Colton,
Newport Shores, Newport Beach.
Garden Grove Group, American Legion
Hall, 13041 Euclid.
San Clemente Group 414 S. El Camino
Road, 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Anaheim Alateen 4A Group, 202 W.
Broadway, Alana Club, 7:30 P.M.
Westminster Group, 8 P.M. Presbyterian
Church, 7720 Westminster.
Open AA-AI-Anon Luncheon Group, 1st
& 3rd Wed. of ea. mo., 11:30 A.M.,
Villa Marina Restaurant, 1045 Bayside
Dr., Newport Beach.

THURSDAY

Hacienda Group, First Congregational
Church, 515 N. State College, Anaheim.
Anaheim Group, 202 W. Broadway, Alana
Club.
Fullerton Group, First Presbyterian Church
838 N. Nichols.
Newport Harbor Group, 1936 Teresita
Lane, Newport Beach, 11:30 A.M.
Buena Park Group, 8672 Roosevelt Circle,
10:00 A.M.
Westminster Family Discussion Group,
Blessed Sacrement Church Nursery, 14072
Olive St.

FRIDAY

Buena Park Follow-En Group, 6711 Beach
Blvd.
Buena Park 11th Hour Group, 11:10 P.M.,
6711 Beach Blvd.
Laguna Friday Group, 225 Kings Place
Newport Beach,
Santa Ana Group, The Villa, 1605 E. 4th
St.

" SOMEBODY CARES"

JULY 1965



" Guardian of our Traditions"

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God grant me the Serenity to
accept the things I cannot
change; courage to change the
things I can; and the wisdom to
know the difference.

AA ORANGE COUNTY AA DIRECTORY AA

JULY 1965

All Meetings are open and begin at
8:30 P.M. unless otherwise indicated.

SUNDAY

Patio Group, Riffy's Restaurant, 15056
Jackson, 10 AM, Midway City.
Anaheim Beginners Participation Group,
202 W. Broadway, Alana Club.
Anaheim Speakers, 11 A.M., 202 W.
Broadway, Alana Club.
Costa Mesa Speakers, Oddfellows Hall,
2476 Newport Blvd.
Laguna Sunday Speaker, 11 A.M., 1130
N. Coast Highway, Unitarian Center.
Open AA-Al-Anon Speaker Group, The
Villa, 1605 E. Fourth St., Santa Ana.
Laguna Family Discussion, Unitarian
Center, 1130 N. Coast Highway.
Santa Ana Alano Discussion, 11 A.M.,
512 W. First St., Alano Club.
Westminster Group, 7:30 P.M., Sigler
Park, Chestnut and Westminster.

MONDAY

Anaheim Stag, (C), 202 W. Broadway,
Alana Club.
Corona del Mar Women's Group, (C),
611 Heliotrope, Community Church Hall.
Costa Mesa Stag, (C), 514 W. Hamilton,
8 P.M., First Step House.
Eastgate Group, Bixby Patton School,
6891 Santa Rita, Garden Grove, 8 P.M.
Elements of AA Steps and Discussion
Group, Womens (C), The Villa, 1605 E.
Fourth St., Santa Ana.
El Modena Group "63", 225 1/2 North
Broadway, Santa Ana.
Garden Grove, (C), Legion Hall, 1 P.M.
13041 Euclid Ave.
Laguna Beach Stag, Unitarian Center,
1130 N. Coast Highway.
LAORCO Women's Study Group, (C),
15215 East Janine Drive, Whittier.
Question & Answer Panel Discussion
Group, 512 W. First St., Santa Ana,
8 P.M., Alano Club.
Sobriety Wandering Group, Discussion.
Call your Central Office for location
each week. (542-7217).
12 Steps & 12 Traditions Group, 7:30PM,
115 13th St., Huntington Beach.

TUESDAY

Alano Speakers Group, 512 W. First St.,
Santa Ana, Alano Club.
Buena Park Open Participation, Church
of the Good Shepherd, Knott & Crescent.
Costa Mesa Participation, Grange Hall,
Victoria & Thurin, 8 P.M., (E. of Harbor)
Harmony Group, Women's (C), 1 P.M.,
7801 Balsa, Westminster, Peek's Terrace
Room.
Laguna Beach Book Study Group, 1130 N.
Coast Highway, Unitarian Center.
Newport Beach Traditions Group, 3209
Via Lido Soud, St. James Episcopal
Church Recreational Hall.
Noon-A-Ticks Participation Group, 12
Noon, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 428
Park Avenue, Laguna Beach.
Orange-Tustin Group, 124 S. Orange,
Assistance League Hall, Orange.
Recovery Group, Church of Religious
Science, 114 E. Wilshire, Fullerton.
Stairway Group, 202 W. Broadway,
Anaheim, Alana Club.

WEDNESDAY

Anaheim People's Choice, (Speaker),
202 W. Broadway, Alana Club.
Anaheim Women's (C), 1 P.M., Alana
Club, 202 W. Broadway.
Belfast Belles, (C), Hall of St Anselm
Church, 9710 Belfast Ave., Garden Grve.
Belfast Stag, (C), Hall of St. Anselm
Church, 9710 Belfast Ave., Garden Grve.
Huntington Beach Participation Group,
226 N. Main, Oddfellow's Hall.
Santa Ana Study Group, (C), 512 West
First St., Alano Club, 8 P.M.
Serenity Group, (C), Faith Community
Church, 9621 Bixby, Garden Grove, 8PM
South Coast Group, Women's Club, St.
Ann & Gleneyre, Laguna Beach.
St. Callistus Wed. Speakers Group, 8 PM,
St. Callistus School, Garden Grove and
Lewis Sts., Garden Grove.
Stanton Discussion Group, Lion's Club,
Chestnut St., Between Cerritos & Main,
East of Highway 39.
Wednesday Nite Speaker, 225 1/2 N.
Broadway, Santa Ana.
Wed. Evening Discussion, 625 N. Grand,
Santa Ana, Conference Room, 8 P.M.

