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# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Fourth International Convention being held this week in Toronto, Canada, marks the 30th year of growth for the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Approximately 14,000 AA members are expected to attend. However, nearly a half million other AA's all over the world will be in Toronto this week, if only in spirit, to share their most humble and profound gratitude.

A significant honor has been accorded to Orange County AA and Al-Anon by the invitations extended to Chuck C., of

Laguna Beach, and Theresa G., Dana Point.

Chuck will be one of three speakers in the closing spiritual meeting of the Convention, sharing honors with a Catholic Priest and a Protestant Minister. The subject will be "God as we understand Him".

Theresa has been chosen to be a panelist in the Al-Anon Panel meeting.

It is both timely and appropriate that June 27th through July 4th has been chosen by the General Service Conference as "A.A. WEEK"!

## NEW LOCATION FOR OFFICE

At the June Meeting of the Intergroup Association Service Board a motion was proposed, discussed, voted upon and passed which will move the Central Office to a new and more appropriate location, effective early in July.

The move is not radical, either in terms of distance or dollars.

Geographically the new office is next door to the north of the old location; 523 N.

Grand Ave.

Financially, a prudent \$10.00 per month more rent.

The assets accruing to this move are countless as a personal visit to the new facility will demonstrate. Plan your visit for an evening so it will serve the two-fold purpose of allowing you to answer the phones while you tour the office.

# ORANGE COUNTY CALENDAR

## ALL GROUP

### A.A. MEETING

8:30 P.M.

Hosting Group  
Huntington Beach

FOURTH OF JULY  
EBELL CLUB  
625 FRENCH ST., SANTA ANA

GUEST SPEAKER  
Marian C. (L.A.)

Wed. Participation Let's celebrate our independence from alcohol along with those in Toronto. It is fitting that this 30th Anniversary of A.A. coincide with Independence Day!  
**COME ONE!! COME ALL!!!**

All Proceeds above expenses go to your Orange County AA Central Office!



## HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY

### KAUAI

SUNDAY- JULY 25TH  
SANTIAGO PARK, SANTA ANA  
4 P.M. ON.....

FOOD AND PLENTY OF IT!!!  
Adults- \$1.50 Kids- 75c

ENTERTAINMENT  
HAWAIIAN PUNCH- COFFEE!!!!  
(Ticket enclosed in Lifeline) Call Betty A. for information (494-0472) Also  
Wear your grass skirt- your loud shirt and lets go Hawaiian!!  
Your C.O. (542-7217)

#### ORANGE COUNTY AA INTERGROUP MASTER CALENDAR

- AA WEEK- June 27 - July 4th  
 JULY 4 - All Group Meeting  
 JULY 25 - Hawaiian Picnic  
 AUG. 1 - All Group Meeting  
 Founder's Day- 24th AA  
 Anniversary Orange Co.  
 AUG. 13-14 - 15 - 8th International Conference Young People AA  
 SEPT. 5 - All Group Meeting  
 OCT. 3 - All Group Meeting  
 OCT. 29-30-31 - So. Calif. Convention  
 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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#### NEWPORT-BALBOA GROUP #1 THURS.

The following members celebrated their  
 AA Birthdays Thursday, June 24th:

Elsie S. 6 yrs.	Clarence P. 4 yrs.
Bill H. 3	Bobbie B. 10
Harold W. 7	Bob C. 10
Swen B. 17	Phil H. 18
Gene A. 3	Marie W. 7
Gene M. 6	Gene S. 7

CONGRATULATIONS!

#### COSTA MESA SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP

The following members celebrated their  
 AA Birthdays Sunday, June 27th:

Elsie S. 6 yrs.	Gertrude S. 6 yrs.
Butch F. 3	Peggy O. 14
Keith	Phil H. 18
Nancy C. 12	Jeanne S.
Jim M.	Betty S. 6
Swen B. 17	Bill H. 3
Henry W. 6	

#### ORANGE-TUSTIN GROUP

The following members will celebrate  
 their AA Birthdays Tues., June 29th:

Jayne P.	3 yrs.
Henry W.	3
Don G.	6
Joe R.	11



# 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 takes place in Toronto in July, and the Eighth International 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 wishing 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 unforgettable experience in an invitation to inspiration and fellowship.

For registration forms, housing forms, banquet 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!!!!

## G.S.O.

A.A. TO VOTE ON A CHANGE IN ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the 1966 General Service Conference our Delegates will vote on a proposal to change the composition of the General Service Board. For some time there has been discussion of a suggestion to change the structure of the Board, which presently consists of 10 Class A ( Non-alcoholic ) Trustees and 9 Class B ( AA ) Trustees. As reported in the Early Bird edition of the 1965 Conference Digest, the Board has now presented a unanimous recommendation to change its structure. When the details of the plan have been made public, it can be studied and discussed in AA Groups throughout the world. The General Service Representatives will bring the thinking of their Group to their Delegate to help him when the plan comes up for a vote at next year's Conference.

This news was part of the report presented by Tom A., our Delegate, at the last General Assembly of G.R.'s at the Alana Club in Anaheim. Before Tom left for the 1965 Conference he had given us a list of items

which would be discussed there. This provided an opportunity for each G.S.R. to get the ideas of his Group. In our Newport Harbor District #6, these ideas were then pooled at the workshop Potluck held jointly each month with Laguna's District #12, so that they could be passed on to Tom A. The conference agreed with many, but not all of the ideas.

Some of the highlights of Tom's report:

In connection with the 30th Anniversary Convention, 3500 letters were sent out to the press earlier this year. The advertising Council will announce AA Week- June 27th to July 4th. There are eight times as many groups as in 1954. While services have been greatly expanded, the cost per group has been considerably reduced.

Where the Monthly Sharing Plan was introduced the number of groups contributing increased 20%. It was decided to adopt the plan throughout the United States and Canada. Our Area had already voted to use the plan for our contributions.

There was almost unanimous agreement to reject the suggestion that the term of del-  
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egate be extended to 3 years. There was more discussion that ex-delegates be permitted to attend the Conference, but this too was voted down.

The item concerning AA Family Groups drew the greatest amount of discussion. It was emphasized that the General Service Office had great difficulty determining whether contributions should go to AA or Al-Anon. The consensus ultimately reached was that Non-AA's should not hold office in regular AA Groups, and conversely, that groups which included non AA's as regular members (eligible for office) should not carry AA in their name. In the discussion on the progress of cooperation between AA and Al-Anon, representatives of G.S.O. requested that a clear distinction be drawn between matters concerning AA and those concerning Al-Anon in any correspondence with the office.

It was brought out that Young People's Conferences had been wonderfully successful in one area and had had financial problems in another. Tom presented a favorable report in our area, where an International Conference will be held in August. The subject of special Beginner's meetings unfortunately received little discussion. The usual format of these was found to be discussions of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

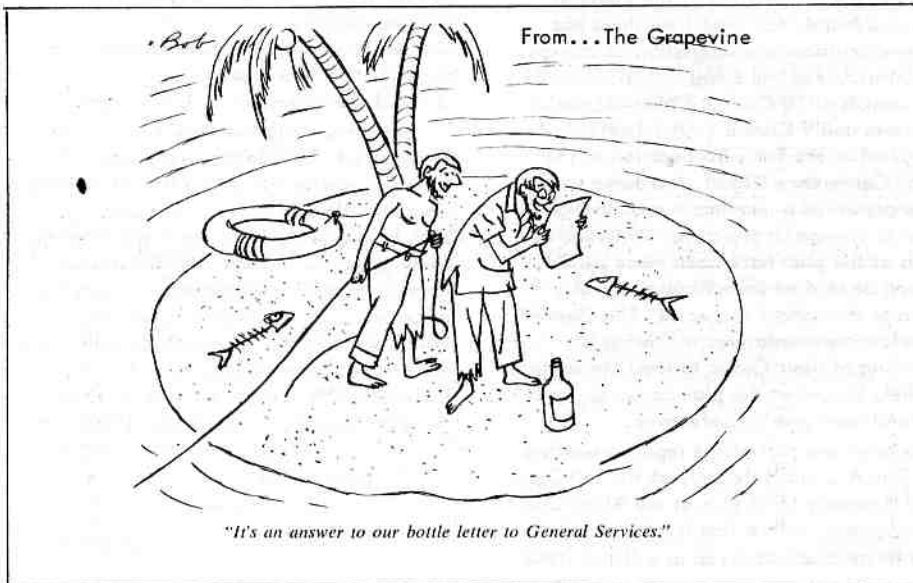
Concerning the value of the Grapevine in carrying the message, AA's were urged to take a copy along on 12 Step calls, particularly where there might be difficulty in having the prospect identify with the caller. It was recommended that more emphasis on General Service in the Grapevine would be good. The idea of presenting Grapevine subscriptions for AA Birthdays was mentioned.

It was agreed that Anonymity and the 11th Tradition were as important now as they were in the early days. Concerning the role of the General Service Conference in A.A., it was brought out that the Conference had helped to integrate the groups in different areas. The fact that more older members are coming out of "retirement" and becoming active again can be partly attributed to the influence of the Conference.

A new film on General Service and AA World-wide will soon be available, but each Area will have it for only a few days. Our districts will be alerted when the film is due to arrive, so that it will be available as widely as possible.

Concerning registration for the Convention. The number had reached 6000 at the time of the conference, and they expect an attendance of 15,000.

.....Ellery S. Committeeman  
District #6.



# Cunning, Baffling, Powerful"

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

by Jim M. GSO Trustee.....

Central California Fellowship

Again writing in mid-air, returning from Portland, full of many memories. Having participated in Oregon's first State Al-Anon Meeting, attended Saturday night by over 450, and subsequently being put "On the Spot" at a breakfast the next morning via a question and answer format, we feel even more optimistic about the future of A.A. Why do we say AA's future? Because of the personal recognition, shared by many others, of the impact and importance of Al-Anon growth directly on our AA Fellowship, whether the individual might accept that effect or not.

Seeing the competence, enthusiasm, and dedication which was so evident in the handling of this State Meeting, may we again suggest that we of AA open our eyes and see Al-Anon for what it has really become. To do otherwise would be foolhardy.

Al-Anon is no longer a fledgling group of non-alcoholic mates. Its rate of growth, numerically, far surpasses that of A.A. It is no secret that they closely parallel AA in Services provided, objectives, and accomplishments. Their World Service Conference is now in its 5th year. All indications point to our recognizing Al-Anon as a "force", so to speak, to be reckoned with.

Certainly, the counterpart of the current non-alcoholic mate has been with us from the very inception of AA, as an influential and active entity long before the formal fellowship of Al-Anon was instituted. Al-Anon today is as "organized and stable" as AA considers itself to be. To fail to recognize its effect on our members, old, current, and newcomer would seem to invite imminent disaster.

Let us consider only 3 very obvious facts. First, we in AA have contact with the alcoholic from an average of possibly one and one half hours a day assuming that he or she attends a meeting every single night. This, obviously is not prevalent, so it

even increases the odds. However they are subjected to the overall relationships with their mate, on Al-Anon or not, for about twenty-two and one half hours.

( We know all alcoholics know this to be true). Some of us may be egotistical enough to profess that our small portion of activity with the alcoholic can, and does, offset or counteract the tremendous influence of the mate. This is not basically very realistic, it would seem.

Rather, should we not be concerned over what type of relationship is dealt to the newcomer, particularly by the Al-Anon member? We have no desire to make any change in Al-Anon, whatsoever, but would it not behoove us to know what they really stand for, really try to do, and really convey to their alcoholic mates? It appears that far too many of our membership do not understand Al-Anon as it is functioning, with only a surface knowledge of what it is, and what it is not, what it can and cannot do. AA's responsibility lies in making a conscious effort to understand Al-Anon in all phases. Probably the best reason advanced is in the interest of those newcomers of the future who have non-alcoholic mates to be included in the overall picture, one way or the other.

Lastly, we propose that the Al-Anons are, to borrow a phrase from our Big Book, very much the "cunning, baffling, powerful" part of our "Family Disease". This has no taint of the negative, but rather can be a very positive observation. AA might consider that, in our own interests, we could well benefit by having that "cunning, baffling, and powerful" segment on our side. Only by full understanding of each other's programs, efforts, and problems, can both Fellowships be an aid to both the AA member and the new member of Al-Anon.

We in the Sacramento Valley might be a

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leader in showing this type of cooperative action, keeping in mind that absolute necessity of complete autonomy, and with no thought of amalgamation or consolidation. (I am sure the AI-Anons would not let us in, anyway.)

This subject is of sufficient importance to be on the presentation agenda in N.Y. at the World Conference this month, and hope that all AA's and AI-Anons will be

interested in the outcome of that discussion, and suggested approaches.

One final question. "Stop and ask yourself if your mate had anything important to do with your present sobriety."

.....Jim M. ..Member of the  
General Service Board of Trustees.  
...from "By The Way"-  
Central Calif. Fellowship Publication.

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## H & I NEWS

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### LLOYD D. RESIGNS AS CO-DIRECTOR OF O.C. INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE

Due to pressing personal obligations, it was necessary for Lloyd D. to announce his resignation as Co-Director of the Orange County Institutional Committee at the institutional group meeting held at Honold's Hut in Garden Grove on June 13. Lloyd has worked untiringly, driven thousands of miles, and spent many, many long hours carrying the AA message to men and women who were unable to come and get it for themselves. His resignation was accepted, with regret, by John L., Director of the Institutional Committee. A cake, as a token of our appreciation, was presented by Jeanne T.

Chuck F. was elected to fill the unexpired portion of Lloyd's term. Lloyd has served long and well, the following is a copy of a letter sent to him by the Institutional Committee Director. It seems proper to print it here:

June 13, 1965

Dear Lloyd:

It is with sincere regret that I acknowledge your resignation as Co-Director of the Orange County Institutional Committee. Your tenure of office has been one marked with dedication and service.

On behalf of the Orange County Intergroup, the Institutional Committee, and the hundreds of men and women in California Institutions, I express heartfelt appreciation and gratitude. The fine example you have set will guide and motivate our future actions.

Very truly yours  
John L.

### A.S.H.

#### 11TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL

The 11th Anniversary of AA in Atascadero State Hospital will be celebrated by the Annual Intergroup Meeting to be held at A.S.H. auditorium, July 24, 1965 at 6:30 P.M.

The main speaker will be Herb K. from Compton. A.S.H. is located approximately 300 miles up the coast from Los Angeles on U.S. 101, just North of San Luis Obispo. It is a pleasant drive and Lloyd D. asks all AA members who can possibly make it to attend. Attendance at this event is by invitation and those wishing to go may obtain invitations at the Central Office.

Since A.S.H. is a maximum security institution, it is necessary to fill in the invitation card and mail it to Atascadero so that arrangements can be made for your admittance to attend the meeting.

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#### INTERGROUP OF INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES MEETING....

The Intergroup of Institutional Committees of So. Calif. will hold their next meeting Sunday, July 18th at St. Callistus Church located at Lewis and Garden Grve Blvd., Garden Grove. This will be an open business meeting; coffee at 1:30 P.M. meeting starts at 2:00 P.M. All AA members who are interested in institutional work are urged to attend.

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# Honor Farm

FOR MEN ONLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you are willing to share your experience strength and hope with men who want your help to become acquainted in A.A. there is a very rewarding opportunity for you to become a volunteer sponsor for men coming out of the Orange County Industrial Honor Farm.

Many of these men are self committed for alcoholism. About half of them have never attended meetings or known anything about the nature of their illness, the other half have had varying lengths of A.A. contact. All of them are members of the Honor Farm A.A. Fellowship which has two speaker and one participation meeting each week.

The seed has been planted, the problem recognized and admitted, and a sincere desire aroused to do something about it; hope has been instilled that A.A. will provide the directions; they are open minded and willing.

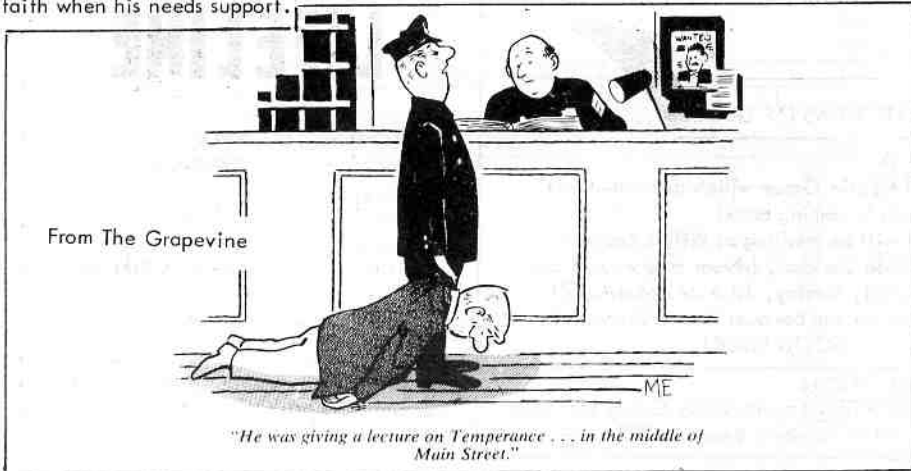
Sponsorship consists of visiting the specific member assigned to you, at any reasonable hour, at the Honor Farm and becoming acquainted. Four visits are available to the sponsor during the last thirty days before the inside member's release. On release the sponsor is expected to help the new member find groups where he feels he gets the help he needs; to be someone he can turn to for suggestions; to share your faith when his needs support.

We do not promise jobs or material assistance of any kind. As a sponsor, your writer has found every case individual; his only solution has been to try and place himself in the other fellow's shoes and ask what he would hope would be done for him. How this is handled is sponsorship.

If you desire to share in this most rewarding of All A.A. activity, turn in your name, address and telephone number to your Orange County Central Office as an Honor Farm Sponsor. Volunteers are requested from every group in Orange County as the men are from all parts of the county and sponsors are desired in their home areas. Group secretaries are asked to cooperate in announcing this need to their members and assisting in forwarding names to the central office.

Each sponsor will be phoned personally before a new member is assigned to him; he will be furnished with the name of the man and his release date; any questions he may have will be fully answered; on his acceptance, his name will be forwarded to the Honor Farm and visiting privileges requested for him to sponsor the specific member assigned to him- from there on our Higher Power must guide us- may He continue to bless us all.

.....George T.



### PHONE VOLUNTEERS

Bob T., Volunteer Service Coordinator, urgently needs volunteers to man the phones at the Central Office on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 8 P.M. Groups not presently providing personnel for this important service are urged to contact Bob at 548-3948. Bob also wishes to take this opportunity to express his thanks on behalf of the Intergroup Association to those of you who have served so willingly in the past months.

### LETTER OF THANKS...

I wish to thank all those members of the Service Board and Intergroup who were so helpful to me during my term in office as your chairman. I am particularly indebted to certain Board members who took over for me during my periods of illness. It has been a great experience and a privilege to serve in this capacity, in AA.

Sincerely,  
Bill B.



"My wife thinks I'm a bowling out."

TRUE THE MAN'S MAGAZINE

### LATE NEWS OF GROUPS.....

#### A.A.

The Patio Group which disbanded last year is coming back!  
It will be meeting at Riffy's Restaurant, 15056 Jackson, (Near Highway 39 and Bolsa), Sunday, 10 A.M. Midway City. Ask for the Banquet Room. Discussion.  
GOOD LUCK!

#### AL-ANON

The Friday Laguna Study Group will now meet in Newport Beach at 225 Kings Pl.

## LIFELINE

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