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ELECTION... ..

The Orange County Intergroup Association will select three members to the Central Service Board, at the next regular meeting WEDNESDAY- November 30th, 8:00 P.M. at the Lincoln Savings and Loan Building, 17th & Bristol Sts., Santa Ana.

It is of great importance that your group be represented in this election. It is also important that the people selected will be able to have the time to devote to the work that has to be done if we are to do a successful job of handling the business of A.A. in Orange County.

At the October meeting of the Service Board Harry M. resigned, and Dean H. of Fullerton was appointed to fill out his term of office. Ed S. was then elected as the new Chairman of the Board. Olin D. was retained to handle the office from 4 to 8 P.M. Monday thru Friday - and 9 to 1 P.M. Saturdays. - thereby increasing the phone coverage 20 hours per week. From the number of calls received the move has proved to be a most needed and helpful one.

REMEMBER! THE MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 30TH- 8 P.M.

IMPORTANT!!! SPECIAL NOTICE!!!! DUE TO ILLNESS

**ORANGE CO. INTER-GROUP
THANKSGIVING
A.A. MEETING SUN. NOV. '20
CANCELLED!**

ORANGE COUNTY A.A. CALENDAR

GROUP NEWS

HUNTINGTON BEACH

The new Huntington Beach Friday Night Participation Group which meets at the Lutheran Church, 9812 Hamilton will be known as the 'REBOS GROUP' - "Rebos" is, Sober spelled backwards.

COSTA MESA

A new Sunday Morning Discussion Meeting has been formed. It meets at the Alano Club, 2040 Placentia Ave., at 11:30 AM.

A new Friday Night Speaker Meeting is now being held at the Alano Club, 2040 Placentia Ave., 8:30 P.M. in the Fire-side Room.

LAGUNA BEACH

The Sunday Morning Speaker Meeting has a new format for those of you who like "Breakfast Meetings". The first and third Sundays- breakfast 'til noon. Speaker meeting starts at 12:30 every Sunday.

The Monday Night Closed Women's Group has moved to 2470 Coast Highway.

NORWALK

FRIDAY EVENING GROUP

Carter Hall- Sprout & Clarkdale

The following is a letter received from the group Secretary to the Lifeline;

"Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you for keeping us posted on events, groups, and news. We are sending a contribution and a list of speakers for Nov. and Dec. Be sure and look us up when you come this way.

Yours in A.A.,

Edith B. Secretary

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| November 18 | Cliff W. (Whittier) |
| November 25 | Orville S. |
| December 2 | Norm A. |
| December 9 | Shorty F & K. |
| December 16 | Princess D. |
| December 23 | John E. (Huntington B.) |
| December 30 | Jerry W. |

LITTLE LAKE PARK DISCUSSION GROUP

Pioneer & Lakeland Road, Norwalk.

This meeting is held every Monday evening at 8:00 P.M. and all are welcome as it is an open meeting. . . Leighton C. W.

SANTA ANA TUESDAY NIGHT

SPEAKERS GROUP

The following is the roster of speakers for the months of November and December:

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|-------------|------------------------|
| November 22 | Bill & Ginny H. (G.G.) |
| November 29 | Dr. Hal S. (L.A.) |
| December 6 | John A. (Hollywood) |
| December 13 | Joe P. (L.A.) |
| December 20 | Joe Q. (Anaheim) |
| December 27 | Chuck (Beach) |

We have very good speakers down here at our Group, and I would like to see lots more new faces. Also would like to have anyone celebrate their AA Birthday with us. All are welcome. Please call me at 633-0335 for any and all information.

Thanking you so much, Vera J. (Secy)

CORONA DEL MAR

NOON-A-TICKS

The Noon-A-Ticks Participation Closed Group has moved to the Community Church Hall, 611 Heliotrope, Corona del Mar. 12 Noon.

ORANGE THURSDAY SPEAKERS GROUP

The following is the roster of speakers for the coming weeks:

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|-------------|--------------------|
| November 17 | Eleanor R. |
| November 24 | George & Jeanne T. |
| December 1 | O.B.C. |
| December 8 | Orrin M. |
| December 15 | Claude W. |
| December 22 | Bernice M. |
| December 29 | Felix |

PLACENTIA NEW GROUP

THE "UNMANAGEABLES"

A new Group "The Unmanageables", has been formed in Placentia. It will meet every Monday Night at the Episcopal Church, 1314 Angelina (formerly Cramer) at 8:30 P.M. and will be participation.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

THAT WE HAVE OVER \$1000 IN RESERVATIONS?

THAT PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM AS FAR NORTH AS MONTEREY AND AS FAR SOUTH AS PHOENIX, ARIZONA?

THAT THERE WILL BE A HOSPITALITY SUITE AT THE DISNEYLAND HOTEL?

THAT APPROXIMATELY 24 PEOPLE ARE STAYING AT THE HOTEL FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND?

THAT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE DIXIE LAND BALL WILL BE THE BIGGEST & BEST NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION A.A. HAS EVER HAD IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

THAT A.A. IS THE ONLY GROUP THE DISNEYLAND HOTEL WILL PERMIT TO USE THE FACILITY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE?

THAT THE TIME IS NOW!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY MAILING YOUR CHECK TO THE ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE 523 N. GRAND AVE., SANTA ANA. \$7.50 PER PERSON OR \$75 PER TABLE OF TEN. FORM YOUR OWN PARTY OF 2-4-6-8-10. OR ODD NUMBERS. ALL SEATS RESERVED!!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYER! YOU'LL BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS WE ARE!!!!!!!!!!!!

NEW YEAR'S EVE DIXIELAND BALL

ORANGE CO.

MASTER CALENDAR

- NOV. 26 ANAHEIM ALANA CLUB ANNUAL TURKEY TROT & COSTUME BALL
- NOV. 24 FIRST STEP HOUSE-OPEN HOUSE
- DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE DIXIELAND BALL -Disneyland Hotel- Embassy Room
- FEB. 12 5TH ANNIVERSARY ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE Disneyland Hotel

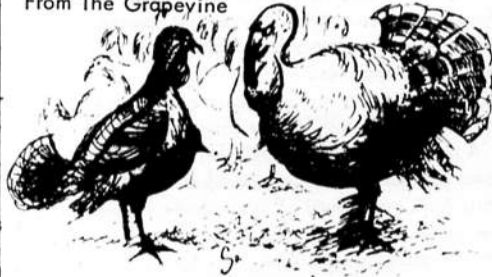
CLINTON T. DUFFY TO SPEAK
Confirmation has been received that Clinton T. Duffy, former Warden of San Quentin Prison, and famous penologist, will be the guest speaker at the Fifth Anniversary Dinner Meeting at the Disneyland Hotel February 12th.

ELECTION...

ORANGE COUNTY INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE

The Orange County Institutional Committee will hold its annual election of officers at the next regular meeting, Sunday, December 11, 6:30 P.M., Honold's Hut, 10781 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT TO THE UNITY OF THIS COMMITTEE!!!!!!!!

From The Grapevine



"Remember — no resentments!"

G.S.O.



TRADITIONS STEER A.A.'S COURSE SINCE 1946

Thousands upon thousands have written G.S.O. about Group problems— and in 95 per cent of the cases of A.A.'s 12 Traditions. Since the Traditions were first proposed by Bill W. 20 years ago, and accepted formally by the movement (as the Second Legacy—Unity)— in Cleveland in 1950 they have been woven into the rich fabric of A.A. life so well that nowadays they are as useful as the 12 Steps (the First Legacy—Recovery), many members agree, and it would take a major A.A. revolution to change any of them.

COULD A.A. DIE?

If wholesale violation of any of them ever occurred, according to one A.A. historian A.A. would perish forever— just as the Washingtonian and Catch-A-Pal movements did before A.A.'s time.

A quick survey of the most common questions we are asked shows these are among the least understood of the Traditions:

NO.7.(Each Group self-supporting).

We are frequently asked about a Group's soliciting or accepting funds from industry, or the public.

NO.5. (primary purpose is to carry the message) and NO.6.(no endorsement, financing, or lending of A.A.name to outside enterprises). Many book publishers want our "endorsement," and many institutions would like to claim they are "endorsed by A.A.." There are no such things as "A.A. hospitals, farms, club-houses, or retreats"— although of course many A.A. members cooperate in such worthy enterprises.

NO.10.(staying out of public controversy and legal disputes). Many lawmakers want A.A. on their side in political debates. Some professional alcoholism scientists want A.A. approval of their theories and therapies. Even when many think these are all good things, A.A. has found it pays not to get on one side or the other in such matters, but just stick to carrying A.A.'s message.

NO.2.(Group conscience is our only authority), and NO. 12. ("principles before personalities"). Most Group disoutes and arguments yield to the wisdom of these Traditions. A.A. harmony (NO.1.) seems to be too important for us to let it die.

The biggest miracle of all, is that BY FAR MOST A.A. MEMBERS ALWAYS OBSERVE THE TRADITIONS SCRUPULOUSLY, EVEN WITHOUT KNOWING IT!

Look at each one, and decide for yourself— during November, Traditions Month—where AA and you— would be if there were no TRADITIONS.

.....AA Exchange Bulletin—October—
November, 1966— N.Y. G.S.O. —

IT'S MIAMI IN '70!

It's still a few 24 hours away, but A.A.'s can begin planning right now to join in the Fellowship's great 35th Anniversary Year International Convention in Miami, Florida U.S.A. in 1970.

Delegates at the 1966 G.S. Conference unanimously favored the famous resort city, and the Convention Committee has made it official. Details on reservations will come in plenty of time—but we've tracked down this much for you: average high temperature at convention time will be 86o, with average low at 77o.

Nobody who was in Cleveland in '50, St. Louis in '55, Long Beach in '60 or Toronto in '65 needs to be told about the place of International Conventions in A.A.life.

NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday— January 15th— Alana Club
202 W. Broadway— Anaheim.

25¢

REMEMBER! 25¢ WORTH OF
RESPONSIBILITY WILL BUY
YOUR SHARE OF AA'S FUTURE!

Our experience has taught

us'-

One Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

Two For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority . . . a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants . . . they do not govern.

Three The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Four Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Five Each group has but one primary purpose . . . to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Six An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Seven Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Eight Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Nine AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Ten Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Eleven Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Twelve Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

....From The Grapevine 1956 5

FOR THESE THY GIFTS...

I AM THANKFUL
to be released from alcohol,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to be bound by the responsibilities of
sobriety.

I AM THANKFUL
to be bound by the responsibilities of
sobriety,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
for the returning possession of my own
sanity.

I AM THANKFUL
for the possession of a little sanity,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
for the hope of an eventual and infinite
peace of mind.

I AM THANKFUL
to turn my back on despair,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to turn my face toward hope.
I AM THANKFUL
to be free from the undefined fears with
which I travelled dark yesterdays,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to walk in the shadow of known fears today.
I AM THANKFUL
to be concerned about my honesty
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL

to be honest with myself about my dishonesty.
I AM THANKFUL
to shed the prickly cloak of my resentments,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to take on the warm mantle of gratitude.
I AM THANKFUL
to lose my cankerous and cantankerous
jealousy of the gift of others,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to gain a free and glowing appreciation of
those gifts.

I AM THANKFUL
to be released from the spiteful envy of the
talents of others,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to be desirous of even meagerly emulating
those virtues.

I AM THANKFUL
to be divorced from the complex and in-
secure dissemblings of deceit,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to be encumbered by the simple and se-
cure demands of truth.

I AM THANKFUL
to be unfettered from the pain of pride,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to walk straight in humility.
I AM THANKFUL
to silence the voice of the braggart in my
wishful thought,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
to speak the value of a proper worth in
my secret soul.

I AM THANKFUL
to be freed from an insecure sense of per-
sonal inadequacy,
BUT I AM MORE THANKFUL
for a proper sense of self-reliance.



