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ORANGE CO. INTER-GROUP

ALL-GROUP A.A. MEETING MOVES TO SANTA ANA EBELL CLUB....

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to get the regular meeting place, St. Callistus Church Auditorium for the monthly Intergroup All-Group A.A. Meeting scheduled for May 2.

With the help of Vic W., Hank W., and our Higher Power we obtained the Santa Ana Ebell Club for our regular monthly meetings. Since the new place is more centrally located we decided to hold all meetings there in the future.

The Santa Ana Ebell Club is located at 625 French Street, Santa Ana. The new time will be 8:30 P.M. instead of 8 P.M.

At this time we wish to thank Father Gallagher, George and Betty A. for their cooperation and assistance during our 4 months at St. Callistus.

The Orange-Tustin Group will host the May 2nd meeting with Dick W. as the guest speaker.....Bill B. (Chairman Orange County Intergroup)

THE MEETING

IS THE

KEY

TO

AA



In a few postwar years a Churchill can turn out five volumes of magnificent history while carrying on a heavy program in Parliament and painting

credible pictures at Chartwell. Another man lives the life of a recluse and after his death from malnutrition the police find a large fortune in his shabby apartment. The human mind can rise to great heights or it can be twisted into frightening shapes.

Something had happened to our minds, else we wouldn't have drunk and acted as we did. Our process of recovery requires a healing of the mind as well as of the body. Physical sobriety can come quickly and in many cases is achieved upon first contact with AA. Mental sobriety usually takes much longer. This should not surprise us for the treatment of mental conditions is usually a long, drawn

out process compared with the rather brief hospitalization for most physical surgery. The danger to the newcomer is that his physical sobriety may deceive him and lull him into complacency. Like the miser he does not realize how far he has strayed from reality, how twisted his thinking still is.

So often do we hear in meetings, "You have to change your thinking". Most AAs who have been sober for a reasonable period see a gradual change in their own thought processes, the acceptance today of principles and conclusions that seemed anathema a month or a year ago. Hence we might admit, "Anything I say is strictly my own opinion—today! Next week or next year I may have different views." It is inevitable that our thinking must change and develop if we are to grow and progress in AA.

Our thinking changes through the technique of the meetings. We are indeed fortunate that the meeting came to be the principal channel for the AA message. AA did not necessarily have to take that form.

It might have become a \$50 correspondence course. Or a consulting service at \$5.00 a visit and then training courses that would produce other licensed consultants. But the founders decided against such methods and somehow the meeting assumed its present important place in the program.

In a large measure the meeting is the key to AA's phenomenal and unexpected success. The meeting is a much more effective persuader and convincer than a book or pamphlet. It is practically impossible to learn to swim by reading a book or to drive a car, run a large corporation, converse fluently in a modern language. You have to get into the water, sit behind the wheel, beat your way up the economical ladder, live among foreigners and listen to the music of their inflection and cadence. AA is like that in many respects. The meeting has a two-fold effect upon those who attend with an open mind and the right attitude. First of all it makes a direct intellectual appeal. The AA member sits in the audience and listens. He is not on the psychiatrist's couch and does not have to say a word. He can admit anything and everything to himself but he need not tell anyone in the world about it. At least not tonight. He may agree with the speaker or think silently to himself, "That's the bunk. It is really like this..." In his act of agreement or disagreement he is beginning to think creatively about alcohol, himself and AA. His process of mental recovery is under way.

Over a series of meetings cases are cited, principles enunciated, philosophies evolved. Clashes of opinion may occur but they are provocative of thought. Which of the two views is correct? An answer may occupy a member for days but during that period he will be thinking in a way and in an area completely new to him. His errors, prejudices, resentments fade and shrivel in the light of group therapy. It is the action of mind upon mind in the meetings, open or closed, that provides the mental exercise and experienced guidance which the fogged mind needs for recovery.

The great contribution of the meeting, however, is probably not intellectual at all. It is more indirect, more subtle. The

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late Justice Brandeis once said that he was convinced that good health was contagious just as disease was contagious. Surely conditions of the mind are even more contagious than those of the body. We know how moods, gloom, laughter are contagious. Someone asks you, "What is the name of that tall man?" You 'catch' forgetfulness and cannot recall a name that is on the tip of your tongue. Mental sobriety, too, is contagious and can be contracted at an AA meeting. The new member whose thinking is twisted is thrown in with others well along the road

to recovery. He somehow "catches on" just as a boy "gets the hang" of swimming by splashing around in water with companions who can swim.

It is difficult to define mental sobriety, though you can recognize it when you see it. It includes a solid grounding in AA, a sane outlook on life, a reasonable amount of serenity, and in fact a fair share of all the fruits of the AA program. It can be had at the AA meeting and it is one more testimonial to the truth of the statement, "The best things in life are free."

.....Anonymous- Scarsdale N.Y. 1952
The Grapevine -

Answer The Call!

WHAT PRICE SOBRIETY? YOU RANG? WE DID INDEED, DID YOU ANSWER THE CALL? IF YOU CAN'T SEND A BUCK, AT LEAST SAY "HELLO"!

Not many of us would care to put a price tag on our sobriety. Few of us could, even less of us would.

Unfortunately, sobriety is not for sale. It is, however, a marketable item and Alcoholics Anonymous is the sole distributor. We all know sobriety isn't sold; it is given away in unlimited quantities to whoever honestly wants it.

We have an excellent sobriety manufacturing facility here in Orange County. Comprised of over 70 groups, it grinds out thousands of 24 hour periods of sobriety every day. The production capacity increases with every 12th step call. But in order to operate at full capacity we must market all we produce. simple economics.

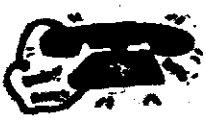
The Orange County Central Office is the focal point of our marketing organization

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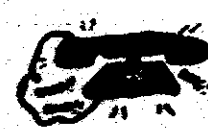
and unhappily it requires a few bucks to run it, even when we give our product away. A conservative estimate indicates that there are about 1,500 A.A. members in Orange County. One dollar per month per member would give us a comfortably solvent Central Office and put a sizeable dent in the operating costs of the New York World Service Office.

If sobriety were an item we could bottle up, set on a shelf with a price, any price it would be a red hot item down at White Front. To date, sobriety is not for sale, but it can be bought... FOR SOMEONE ELSE. The price is the same as one bottle of wine per month or one six pack of beer. A small price to pay for the sobriety of someone who still suffers and its not a bad group insurance contribution...Bill T.

NUMBER OF PLEDGES	ANSWER THE CALL	
	AMOUNT PLEDGED PER YEAR	PAYMENTS RECEIVED
3 @ \$10 PER YEAR.	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
12 12	144.00	33.00
1 15	15.00	5.00
1 18	18.00	10.00
4 24	96.00	6.00
2 36	72.00	8.00
6 60	360.00	25.00
2 120	240.00	20.00
1 240	240.00	-0-
32	<u>1,215.00</u>	<u>137.00</u>



YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RECEIPTS	GENERAL FUND			YEAR TO DATE
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 293.77	503.31	608.88	1405.96
ANSWER THE CALL	X	6.00	131.00	137.00
OTHER INDIVIDUALS	15.00	15.00	22.00	52.00
ALL GROUPS MEETINGS	1.79	31.03	5.92	38.74
COFFEE CANS	5.00	3.50	4.00	12.50
LIFELINE	40.50	36.50	28.50	105.50
DISNEYLAND DINNER	X	111.38	X	111.38
TOTAL RECEIPTS	356.06	706.72	800.30	1,863.08
EXPENSES				
JANITOR	15.00	15.00	15.00	45.00
LIFELINE	1.20	26.11	10.68	37.99
POSTAGE	14.00	9.00	57.45	80.45
RENT	75.00	75.00	75.00	225.00
REPAIRS	X	X	35.00	35.00
SALARY	300.00	300.00	300.00	900.00
STATIONERY & PRINTING	16.55	X	93.79	110.34
SUPPLIES	.99	10.27	11.48	22.74
TELEPHONE	88.79	120.59	99.65	309.03
UTILITIES	6.92	22.93	6.30	36.15
MISCELLANEOUS	42.50	X	32.60	75.10*
TOTAL EXPENSE	560.95	578.90	736.95	1,876.80
NET GAIN (LOSS)	(204.89)	127.82	63.35	(13.72)
BANK BALANCE END PRIOR PD.	812.43	607.54	735.36	812.43
BANK BALANCE END CURRENT PD.	<u>607.54</u>	<u>735.36</u>	<u>798.71</u>	<u>798.71</u>

*NEW YEARS EVE 1964 EXPENSES 17.50
 ALL GROUPS MEETINGS EXPENSES 7.60
 DEPOSITS ON HALLS 50.00
75.10*

LITERATURE FUND

NET WORTH END PRIOR PD.	576.06	598.63	589.89	576.06
NET WORTH END CURRENT PD.	598.63	589.89	605.59	605.59
NET GAIN (LOSS)	<u>22.57</u>	<u>(8.74)</u>	<u>15.70</u>	<u>29.53</u>

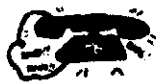
COMMENTS.

THIS IS THE FIRST MONTH SINCE MAY OF 1964 THAT GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE EXCEEDED \$600.

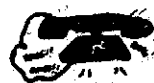
37 Groups contributed during March as against 19 in January and 34 in February.

13 of the 37 have contributed during each of the three months and 10 made their initial 1965 donation in March.

The All Groups Meeting of April 4th netted the General Fund \$97.74 and the raffle showed a profit of \$12.65 which was offset in part by the cost of pamphlets distributed free of charge.



YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE



<u>GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS:</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
<u>ANAHEIM:</u>		
SUN. A.M.	\$ 20.00	50.00
SUN. P.M.	X	X
MON. STAG	X	20.00
TUES. STAIRWAY	X	X
WED. PEOPLES CHOICE	X	X
WED. WOMENS	X	X
THURS. PIONEERS	X	50.00
THURS. HACIENDA	X	30.03
FRIDAY	X	X
<u>BUENA PARK</u>		
TUES.	10.00	35.00
FRI. A.M.	2.50	3.50
FRI. P.M.	10.00	20.00
<u>CORONA DEL MAR</u>		
MON. WOMENS	X	X
FRI.	55.16	130.16
<u>COSTA MESA</u>		
SUN.	30.00	30.00
MON. STAG	5.00	20.00
TUES.	X	X
FRI. WOMENS	15.00	25.00
SAT. AFTER HOURS (DISBANDED)	X	9.33
SAT. FIFTH A DAY	X	X
CYPRESS	16.75	26.75
<u>FULLERTON</u>		
TUES. RECOVERY	X	X
THURS. STAG	X	15.00
SAT.	X	X
<u>GARDEN GROVE</u>		
MON. DAYLIGHT	42.82	42.82
MON. EASTGATE	25.00	25.00
WED. BELFAST BELLES	5.00	5.00
WED. BELFAST STAG	X	54.00
WED. SERENITY	10.00	20.00
WED. SPEAKERS	X	X
THURS. WOMENS	5.00	5.00
FRI. TODAY	10.00	10.00
SAT. SPEAKERS	67.50	97.50
<u>HUNTINGTON BEACH</u>		
MON.	X	10.00
WED.	9.00	22.00
<u>LAGUNA BEACH</u>		
SUN. FAMILY	16.00	48.00
MON. STAG	20.50	40.50
TUES. NOON-A-TICKS	X	X
TUES. STUDY	X	X
WED. SOUTHCOAST	X	X
THURS. WOMENS LUNCH	X	X
THURS. BEGINNERS	10.00	14.95
FRI. UNDER FORTY	15.00	30.00

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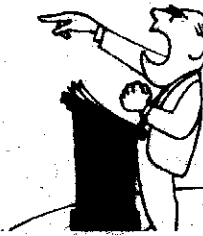
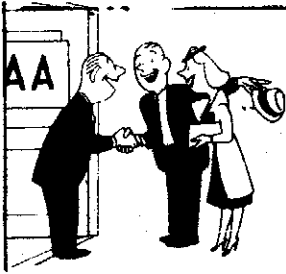
<u>LA HABRA</u>		
SUN. BREAKFAST	5.00	25.00
FRI.	10.00	10.00
<u>MIDWAY CITY</u>		
FRI. #1	32.00	57.00
FRI. FIFTH TRADITION	X	X
<u>NEWPORT-BALBOA</u>		
TUES. TRADITIONS	X	X
WED. AA-ALANON LUNCH	22.12	54.38
THURS. #1	X	X
SAT.	X	X
<u>ORANGE</u>		
TUES. ORANGE-TUSTIN	8.35	47.04
FRI.	5.00	18.00
<u>SAN CLEMENTE</u>		
WED. WOMENS	X	5.00
FRI.	X	X
<u>SANTA ANA</u>		
MON. ALANO Q. & A.	10.00	10.00
SUN. A.M. ALANO C.	X	5.00
SUN. VILLA	X	X
MON. VILLA WOMENS	X	X
MON. EL MODENA 63	X	X
TUES. OUR WAY	10.00	20.00
WED. MENS STUDY	10.00	10.00
WED. SPEAKERS	X	X
WED. DISCUSSION	X	X
THURS. RESEARCHERS	X	X
FRI. PARTICIPATION	X	X
FRI. EBELL SPEAKERS	X	X
FRI. FRIENDLY	X	X
SAT. BEGINNERS Q. & A.	5.00	5.00
STANTON	X	9.50
<u>WANDERING GROUPS</u>		
MON.	10.00	30.00
SAT.	25.07	87.41
<u>WESTMINSTER</u>		
SUN.	X	X
TUES. WOMENS HARMONY	7.50	17.50
THURS. FAMILY	X	10.00
WHITTIER-LAORCO	X.	6.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
G.S.R. WORKSHOP	12.00	29.00
INTERGROUP	17.30	41.28
ORANGE WOMENS (DISBANDED)	19.31	19.31
TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	608.88	1,405.96

STATISTICAL REPORT

	MAR.	YEAR		MAR.	YEAR
SPEAKERS	11	20	VISITORS	119	352
ALANON	21	55	NEW INQUIRIES (self)	50	72
LITERATURE	24	123	NEW INQUIRIES (another)	44	96
PUBLIC INFORMATION	116	366	12 STEP CALLS (man)	40	131
MEETINGS	89	295	12 STEP CALLS (gal)	20	51
6 INTERGROUP CALLS	122	345	TOTAL CALLS	656	1,906

ORANGE COUNTY A.A. CALENDAR

ALL GROUP A.A. MEETING



8:30 P.M.

SUNDAY - MAY 2ND

GUEST SPEAKER

Hosting Group
ORANGE-TUSTIN

EBELL CLUB
625 FRENCH ST., SANTA ANA

DICK W. (Capt. M.)
(Hollywood)

ALL PROCEEDS ABOVE EXPENSES GO TO THE ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE!

A.A. WOMEN'S BANQUET

WEDNESDAY - MAY 19TH - 7 P.M.

KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

Sponsored by

Donation \$3

GARDEN ROOM

Garden Grove Thursday
Women's Group

For tickets call: Mary R. - 539-8897

Ginny H. - 871-2355 - Ruthie B. - 5394016

Roberta S. - 539-0705 - Colleen D. - 897-2882

DEADLINE - MAY 5TH!!!!!!!

GROUP NEWS

SANTA ANA EBELL CLUB FRIDAY SPEAKER MEETING (1 Hour Meeting)

Speakers for the month of May are:

MAY 7 - Carol & Ruth A. L.A.

MAY 14 - Herb B. L.A.

MAY 21 - Ben W. L.A.

MAY 28 - Howard H. L.A.

ANAHEIM PIONEERS GROUP (WED.)

The Anaheim Pioneers Group will host the next AA-All-Groups Meeting to be held June 6th at the Santa Ana Ebell Club. The speaker has not as yet been announced.

COMBINED AA-AL-ANON MEETING

MAY 28TH - 8:30 PM

6711 Beach Blvd.

Buena Park, Calif.

Speakers

CHUCK & ELSA C. - Laguna Beach

Proceeds to go to OCCO and GSO

Buena Park Friday Night Group (Hosts)

GROUP OF THE MONTH

ORANGE-TUSTIN

Meets at 124 S. Orange, Orange,
Assistance League Hall. Tuesdays 8:30 PM.

The Orange-Tustin Group had its first meeting, Feb. 27, 1963 at the home of Tommy S. It was a Closed A.A. Group, and moved its location each week to the different homes of its members. Founders include Edna G., Verne M., Hal H., Herb and Mary H., Coco M., Barbara P., and Tommy S.

Later the group moved to the Presbyterian Church and became a permanent Group. In April it made its final move to the Assistance League Hall, Orange, where it meets at this time. All meetings are participation except for the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

At this time Jane P. is the secretary.

NEWPORT-BALBOA GROUP #1 THURS.

The following members will celebrate their AA Birthdays Thursday, April 29th:

Bill McB. Marcial M.

John B. Doris S.

Harvey S. Bill B.

Slim W. Del B.

Frank M. Dave G.

Wally F. Mitche H.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mailbox

MY LIFE IN AL-ANON IS A PLEASURE.....

"I drifted through a tormented existence before I found Al-Anon. My father was an alcoholic, so I had a very early start becoming a nothing. Without a mother or any schooling, I was quite confused by the time I married, early in my teens. Since the guy I married was well on his drinking way, I was well on my way to the insane life I led. Insane, stupid, mixed up, anything you like, I was. They haven't found a word to fit what I was like. To top it off I had self-pity, fears, worry and temper; these are just a few. By the time I found Al-Anon, I was ready and willing.

Most of these things are in the past now. I was so desperate when Al-Anon came into my life it had to be my answer and it was. Finding my Higher Power gave me life, new excitement and a warm glow; I could feel my heart being educated and my twisted mind thinking straight again. This was the beginning of my new life with Al-Anon and my God. I'm learning many things now on how to live and be happy; how to love for free, without strings attached, just for fun, without expecting anything in return.

Gratitude is at the top of my list. Each lesson I learn, one day at a time, I find more to be grateful for. The next thing on my list that I've learned is how to turn things over to God, how to let go absolutely. When my Higher Power is running my life this releases me to be free to receive the serenity to do the things necessary to educate my heart and grow along spiritual lines.

I have many things yet to learn, a long way to go. But now I know I can enjoy life while learning. Living a day at a time is so much easier than living a lifetime in a day. Once in my life there was no laughter, only tears. Now laughter and smiles are a part of me. Add the light touch, keep it simple and life can be fun. Just for today I have a god to guide me, a family that's fun, many friends to love and enjoy. There have

IN MEMORIUM

Heartfelt sympathy to the Families of
DORIS YOUNG Anaheim
JOE YAW Anaheim
TED HOULE Laguna Beach
JOHN MOORE Corona del Mar
TOBE SCOTT Milford, Ill.
VIRGIL SCHEIER Garden Grove

INTERESTED IN HEARING HOW A.A. AND ALANON IS USED IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD?

If you are, then come and join in the meetings at the Eighth International Young People in A.A. and Alanon Conference, which is to be held August 13-15 1965 at the Edgewater Inn, Long Beach. All speakers and Committeemen are under forty years of age, but all members of AA and Alanon are cordially invited to attend.

WE NEED YOUR GROUP'S HELP!!!!!!!

In order to have another successful conference, we are appealing to all of the Groups for help. We will need helpers and cookies for the Hospitality Room, plus we would like to make an appeal for Group donations to help defray many of the initial Conference expenses. Suggestions for raising money for the Conference are: Speaker Meetings, Dinners, Luncheons and similar functions.

Registrations will be \$1 per person as it has been in the past few years. You do not have to be "under 40" to register. Registration blanks will be mailed to all Groups at a later date.

The first Conference meeting will be held April 30th at the Maywood City Hall, 4319 East Slauson, Maywood, Calif. The Meeting will start at 8:30 P.M. Please send in the name of your group Representative on the form provided to Racheal Woodrum, 8439 Venus Drive, Buena Park, California, and plan to attend with your "Rep".

been a lot of changes made, but the change of my attitude made all this possible. I have found all this in Al-Anon. I'm so grateful. This is why my life is now a pleasure."June H..San Clemente
.....Al-Anon Family Group Forum



FROM ALANON

ORANGE COUNTY

ALANON ROUND - ROBIN

THURSDAY - MAY 6TH - 8:30 P.M. ALL WELCOME!
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
838 N. EUCLID AVENUE
FULLERTON



Subject: "To practise these principles in all our affairs."

Refreshments- Coffee

Fullerton Al-Anon Groups
Hosting

Alateen

OPEN MEETING
FRIDAY- MAY 21ST - 8:30 PM

CORONA DEL MAR YOUTH CENTER
5TH & IRIS AVENUES
CORONA DEL MAR

ALATEEN SPEAKERS.....
COSTA MESA SEARCHERS GROUP.
Costa Mesa

AL-ANON GUEST SPEAKER.....
THERESA G.....

Laguna Beach Monday Group

REFRESHMENTS-
ALL WELCOME! BRING YOUR FRIENDS

WELCOME HOME LUNCHEON

Fleurette E. and June S. were cohostesses at a recent Potluck Luncheon, April 11th, honoring Rene M. who returned home after a six month's stay in South Carolina. The event was held at the home of Fleurette E. and the guests included: Lyda H., Jean McL., Winnie P., Lola S., Fern R., Barbara M., Betty D., Arva M., Betty V.

VACATION

Lola S. and Betty V. have returned home after a most enjoyable vacation in the Hawaiian Islands.

ALANON ROUND-ROBIN GREAT SUCCESS.....

Approximately 100 people attended the Round-Robin which was held Thursday, March 25th at the Corona Del Mar Youth Center. The Corona Del Mar Tuesday Study Group hosted the meeting in which 13 Orange County Al-Anon Groups participated.

The subject was the Twelve Steps and the meeting was chaired by Arva M. of the Corona Del Mar Group.

Those participating were: Opening Prayer, Eileen H.; Traditions, Jane W.; Deadly Enemies, Betty D.;

Step 1. Ruth, Anaheim Sunday Night.

Step 2. Gloria, Buena Park.
Mybritt, San Clemente.

Step 3. Bill C., Anaheim Tuesday.

Step 4. Chris L., Costa Mesa Alateens.

Step 5. Connie, Anaheim Thursday.

Step 6. Anna, Fullerton.

Step 7. Wanda C., Garden Grove.

Step 8. Pat C., Huntington Beach.

Step 9. Pat M., Laguna Monday.

Step 10. Deane A., Laguna Thursday.

Step 11. Gladys F., Newport Thursday.

Step 12. Ray M., Santa Ana.

Wanda H. led the assembly in the closing prayer after which refreshments were served by the committee: Arva M., June S., Willie P., Eileen H., Gloria P., Betty D., Jane W. and Jerry C.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Marion C., Laguna Monday Group, was honored recently with a Birthday Party given by her daughter, Nell G., at her home in Newport Beach.



From.. The Grapevine

" ABOUT PROFANITY "

A great number of AA members when speaking and telling of the drunken past, undoubtedly feel the need to punctuate their talks and sprinkle the conversation with profanity. In our new way of life we need to strive to clean up our conversation as well as our lives and thoughts. Someone wrote the following reasons why they curse:

1. It pleases my Mother.
2. It is a fine mark of manliness.
3. It proves I have self control.
4. It indicates how clearly my mind operates.

5. It makes my conversation so pleasing to everybody.
6. It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding.
7. It impresses people that I have more than an ordinary education.
8. It makes an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement.
9. It makes me a very desirable personality among women, children, and respectable society.
10. It is my way of honoring God.

One of the things we alcoholics are trying to do is regain the respect of others. There is no better way to start than to clean up our conversation.

.....The Questers Bulletin..Chino, Cal.

PERSONALITY

A healthy personality doesn't mean a "perfect" person, one without problems who is never disturbed by any emotions. It is not a person who is "well adjusted", as we like to say, measuring someone who accepts whatever exists and has no criticism of present day society. The Healthy Personality- as I see it- recognizes and faces the life tasks and problems that come before him. He copes with these

tasks self-confident and courageous, and with generosity and respect for others, he responds with feelings that are appropriate to his stage of development, he carries into the future a minimum of "unfinished business" and dated emotions" from childhood.

.....Messenger, Calif. Inst. for Men
Chino, California

" WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY? "

So you've been around for many years, helping to spread A.A.

You've worked like hell since you first came in, but

WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?

I heard your pitch, it was kind of long, you really told them how

You worked the steps in 41, but

HOW ARE YOU WORKING THEM NOW?

Do you still get up from your soft, warm bed when someone is in trouble?

Do you grab your hat and your A.A. book and get there on the double?

Or have you forgotten the early times when you were sort of new,

Maybe you've been around so long that A.A. is old hat to you.

Maybe you're one of the Senior Saints, sober and satisfied,

And you've forgotten when you were sick and when you damn near died?

Maybe I shouldn't bring it up, maybe you're too blase,

But just for the hell of it, Mister, what did you do today?

Have you been around so cock-eyed long you leave it to Harry or Sam,

'Cause you're not your brother's keeper and you don't give a damn?

Maybe tonight the fights are on or you're going to the old ball game,

So what the hell, if the guy is sick, he has only himself to blame.

Well, Mister, you have a perfect right to work your own A.A.

And you know you'll do it your way, no matter what I say.

But, tonight, before you go to bed, just look in the glass and pray

That you and the Lord know the answer to "WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?"

.....Compliments of Chit Chat Farms, Wernersville, Pa.

H & I NEWS . CONTINUED

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

The Intergroup Institutional Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous invites you to attend the next meeting at the ALANO CLUB - 109A S. Central in Glendale - Sunday, May 16.

Business Meeting - 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.
POT LUCK FROM 3:30 - 6:00 PM.

For information on what to bring and where to bring it, contact Carolyn B. - Area code 213 - HO 53892 - 6400 Franklin Blvd., Apt. 4, Hollywood 28, Calif.

This is to be the first combined social activity of the Intercommittee so it is hoped that many of you members will attend if only to find out just what is being done and what is hoped for in the future by this by-monthly get-together. Communication, coordination, and correlation of efforts under the continued growth of Institutional-type A.A. presentation becomes more vital each day. Help to establish and maintain good solid programming by meeting with your fellow committee workers and sharing your experiences and problems. Besides, if 'that B ___ Gal' prepares the party-- you'll be nuts if you don't attend!

..... Sounding Board, L.A.
Institutional Committee

"RELATED FACILITIES"



THE VILLA

THE VILLA WILL MOVE IN MAY!!!!

The Villa will be moving to their new location at 1605 East Fourth St., Santa Ana, corner of Eastside and Fourth Sts., the latter part of May.

The 'gals' are hoping that some help will be forthcoming in this move.

So come one, come all, and help if you can. They'll really appreciate it.

Call KI 2-9114 for time.....Thanks!

HELP WANTED AT THE VILLA!

ASSISTANT HOUSE MOTHER

Live In - Cook

Help Zoe with the gals and the house.

Must be AA woman..... Salary

2 Days off per week.

Contact above number for information.

MATT TALBOTT GROUP

The Matt Talbot Group will host a ham dinner to be served at St. Callistus School Garden Grove Blvd. and Lewis St., Garden Grove on Sunday, May 16th, 1965 from noon until 5 P.M.

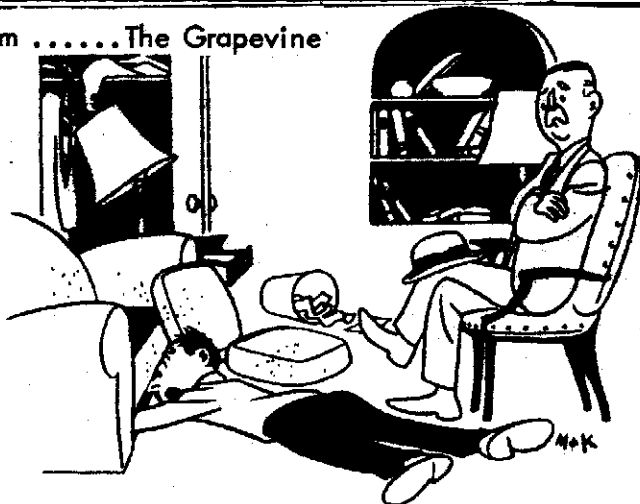
Donation \$1.00 Door Prizes
Bob Campbell at the
Hammond Organ.

A.A. RETREAT

The Annual Non-Sectarian A.A. Retreat for men will be held at Valyermo over the week-end of June 4-5-6. Sponsored by the Matt Talbot Group.

For information contact Fred K., George A., Ed Z., or call your Central Office. (542-7217).

FromThe Grapevine



"I'll get you a drink, George, as soon as I remember where I hid the bottle."

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MONDAY

Huntington Beach Group, Oddfellow's Hall, 226 N. Main, 8 P.M.

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

Costa Mesa Searchers Alateen Group, 7:30 PM, 271 Rose Lane.

TUESDAY

Anaheim Group, 202 W. Broadway, Alana Club.

Corona del Mar Study Group, 520 Larkspur Ave., Corona del Mar.

Garden Grove Group, American Legion Hall, 13041 Euclid.

San Clemente Group, 527 1/2 El Camino, Road, 1 PM.

WEDNESDAY

Anaheim Alateen 4A Group, 202 West Broadway, Alana Club. 7:30 PM.

Westminster Group, 8 P.M. 7720 Westminster, Presbyterian Church.

Women's Open AA-Al-Anon Luncheon Group, 1st Wed. of ea. mo., 11:30 AM, Villa Marina Restaurant, 1045 Bayside Drive, Newport Beach.

THURSDAY

Open AA-Al-Anon Couples Group, First Congregational Church, Sycamore and State College, Anaheim.

Anaheim Group, 202 W. Broadway, Alana Club.

Fullerton Group, First Presbyterian Church 838 N. Nichols.

Newport Harbor Group, 1936 Terrecita Lane, Newport Beach, 11:30 A.M.

Laguna Beach Open Study Group, Canyon Club, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road.

Westminster Family Discussion Group, Blessed Sacrament Church Nursery, 14072 Olive St.

FRIDAY

Buena Park Follow-En Group, 6711 Beach Blvd.

Buena Park Eleventh Hour Group, 11:10PM 6711 Beach Blvd.

Santa Ana Group, The Villa, 1668 E. Fourth St.

SATURDAY

Santa Ana Group, 225 1/2 N. Broadway, 7:30 P.M.

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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.

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SUNDAY

- Anaheim Beginners Participation Group, 202 W. Broadway, Alana Club.
Anaheim Speakers, 11 A.M., Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway.
Costa Mesa Speakers, Oddfellow's Hall, 2476 Newport Blvd.
Laguna Family Discussion, Canyon Club, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road.
Open AA-Al-Anon Speaker Group, The Villa, 1668 E. Fourth, Santa Ana. 7:30PM.
Laguna Sun. Speaker Group, 11AM, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road, Canyon Club.
Santa Ana Alano Discussion, 11 AM, 512 W. First St., Alano Club.
Westminster Group, 7:30 PM, Sigler Park, Chestnut and Westminster.

MONDAY

- Question & Answer Panel Discussion Group 512 W. 1st St., Santa Ana, Alano Club, 8 P.M.
Anaheim Stag, (C), 202 W. Broadway, Alana Club.
Corona del Mar Womens Group, (C), 611 Heliotrope, Community Church Hall.
Costa Mesa Stag, (C), 514 W. Hamilton, 8 PM, First Step House.
Eastgate Group, Bixby Patton School, 6891 Santa Rita, Garden Grove, 8 PM.
Elements of AA Steps and Discussion Group, Womens (C), The Villa, 1668 E. Fourth St., Santa Ana.
El Modena Group "63", 225 1/2 North Broadway, Santa Ana.
Garden Grove, (C), Legion Hall, 1 PM, 13041 Euclid Ave.
Laguna Beach Stag, (C), Canyon Club, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road.
LAORCO Women's Study Group, (C), 15215 East. Janine Drive, Whittier.
Sobriety Wandering Group, Discussion. Call your Central Office for location each week. (542-7217).
12 Steps & 12 Traditions Group, 7:30 PM., 209 First 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 PM, (E. of Harbor).
Harmony Group, Womens (C), 1 P.M., 7801 Bolsa, Westminster, Peek's Terrace Room.
Laguna Beach Book Study Group, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road, Canyon Club.
Newport Beach Traditions Group, 3209 Via Lido Soud, St. James Episcopal Church Recreational Hall.
Noon-A-Ticks Participation Group, Canyon Club, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road, 12 Noon.
Recovery Group, Church of Religious Science. 136 E. Witshire, Fullerton.
Stairway Group, 202 W. Broadway, Anaheim, Alana Club.
Orange - Tustin Group, 124 S. Orange, Orange, Assistance League Hall.

WEDNESDAY

- Anaheim People's Choice, (Speaker), 202 W. Broadway, Anaheim, Alana Club.
Anaheim Women's (C), 1 PM, Alana Club 202 W. Broadway.
Belfast Belles, (C), Hall of St. Anselm Church, 9710 Belfast Ave., Garden Grove.
Belfast Stag, (C), Hall of St. Anselm Church, 9710 Belfast Ave., Garden Grove.
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, Woman's Club, St. Ann & Gleneyre, Laguna Beach.
St. Callistus Wed. Speakers Group, 8PM, St. Callistus School, Garden Grove & 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 No. Broadway, Santa Ana.

Wednesday Evening Discussion, 625 N. Grand, Santa Ana, Conference Rm. 8 PM.

THURSDAY

Couple's Group, First Congregational Church, 515 N. State College, Anaheim.

Cypress Group, Lincoln & Valley View, VFW Hall, 8 PM.

Fullerton Stag Group (C), 736 Amerige.

Garden Grove Women's Group (C), 1 PM, Faith Community Church, 9621 Bixby St.

Laguna Beach Beginners, Canyon Club, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road.

Newport #1 Speaker Group, 515 Balboa, Ebell Club.

Pioneer Group, Speaker, Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway, Anaheim.

Researchers Group, (C), 225 1/2 North Broadway, Santa Ana, 8:15 PM.

Seal Beach, Broadway at Ocean, Saint Ann's Church.

Westminster Family Group, Discussion, Nursery of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 14072 Olive St.

Women's South Coast Luncheon Group, (C) 12:30 PM, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road,

San Clemente Women's Luncheon Group, 12:30, (C), Call 542-7217 or 492-6096.

FRIDAY

Alano Participation Group, Alano Club, 512 W. First St., Santa Ana.

Anaheim Participation Group, 202 West Broadway, Alana Club.

Buena Park Group, 6711 Beach Blvd.

Buena Park Midnight Group, 6711 Beach Blvd., 11 PM.

Corona del Mar, (C), 611 Heliotrope, Church Hall.

Costa Mesa Women's, (C), 1 PM., Bay & Orange, Episcopal Church.

El Modena Group, 225 1/2 N. Broadway, Santa Ana. 8:15 PM.

Fifth Tradition Group, Boy Scout Hut, Hazard & Newland, Midway City.

Garden Grove Today Group, Womens (C), 10:30 AM, Honold's Hut, 10781 Garden Grove Blvd.

Garden Grove Women's Brunch, (C), 10:30 AM, 9282 Lampson.

La Habra Speaker, Lemon & Erna.

Laguna Beach Under 40 Group, Participation, 21162 Laguna Canyon Road, Canyon

Club.

Midway City Group #1, Hazard & Newland, School Auditorium.

Orange Open Discussion Group, 225 N. Grand Ave., Orange, Episcopal Church Guild House.

San Clemente Group, Speaker-Participation, 100 Trabuco.

Santa Ana Friendly Group, The Villa, 1668 E. Fourth, Santa Ana.

Santa Ana One Hour Speaker Group, 625 French St., Ebell Club.

Children Welcome Group, 10 A.M. 8714 Los Altos Drive, Buena Park.

SATURDAY

Beginners Q&A Group, 7:30 to 8:30 PM, 225 1/2 N. Broadway, Santa Ana.

Fifth-A-Day Group, (C), 1:30 PM, Participation, Grange Hall, Victoria and Thurin, Costa Mesa.

Fullerton Speaker Group, 239 S. Magnolia, Exchange Club.

Garden Grove Speaker, 13041 Euclid, Legion Hall.

Newport - Balboa Speaker Group, 15th & Balboa, American Legion Hut.

Sunset Beach Group, Bay & Broadway Sts. Womans Club, 8 PM.

Orange County Wandering Group, 8:15 PM, call your Central Office for location each week. (542-7217).

MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Habra Breakfast, 3rd Sun., 10 AM, Highland Bowl Banquet Rm., Imperial Blvd. West of Harbor.

Indian Family Group, 11 AM, 1st Sunday, Roundhouse, Santiago Park, Santa Ana.

Orange County Intergroup Assn., 4th Tues., Lincoln Savings & Loan Bldg., 17th and Bristol, Santa Ana, 8 PM.

Orange County Institutional Committee, 2nd Sun., Honold's Hut, 10781 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove. 6:30 PM.

Orange County Intergroup All-Groups Meeting, May 2, 8:30 PM, Santa Ana Ebell Club, 625 French St. Santa Ana.

Orange-Tustin Hosting.

Open AA-Al-Anon Luncheon, 11:30 AM, 1st Wed., Villa Marina Restaurant, 1045 Bayside Dr., Newport Beach.

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

Our Group Experience Suggests That....

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. 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.
3. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each Group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other Groups or AA as a whole.
5. Each Group has but one primary purpose...to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. 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 spiritual aim.
7. Every AA Group ought to be self-supporting; declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. AA, as such, ought never be organized but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films and TV.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities.

" The aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it. The Traditions of A.A. disclose a society without organization, animated only by the spirit of service- a true fellowship."

- Bill W.

THE TWELVE STEPS

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol- that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people, wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us, and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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