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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 Conference 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, Question 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

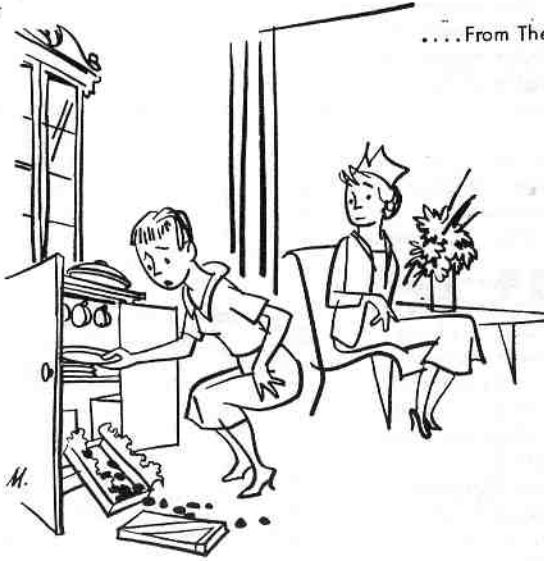
TUESDAY - AUGUST 24TH  
AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
PENN & EUCLID STS.  
GARDEN GROVE

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.



# 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.

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" SOMEBODY CARES"

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# JULY 1965



" Guardian of our Traditions"

## ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTORY

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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.

