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ORANGE CO. INTER-GROUP THANKSGIVING DINNER SUN. NOV. 7TH



6:30 P.M. SHARP!!!!

TURKEY & ALL THE
TRIMMINS!!

EBELL CLUB OF SANTA ANA
625 N. FRENCH ST.

DONATION
\$3 PER PERSON

GET TICKETS NOW !

It is important that those of you who want to attend this Thanksgiving make every effort to get your tickets as soon as possible as we will be unable to sell any tickets at the door. We understand that there are some of you who cannot say in advance that they are going, but we are obligated to let the caterer know how many will be there much sooner than a restaurant would require. He is unable to have extra food

on hand for people who want to come at the last minute. SO WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SELL ANY TICKETS AT THE DOOR THIS TIME!!!!!!!

The Dinner will precede the regular All-Groups Meeting, and for this naturally, there is no charge. Judge Richard H. of Ventura will be the AA Speaker. The meeting is hosted by the Intergroup. Tickets are available at Central Office.

(For your convenience you can mail your check to Orange County Central Office, 523 N. Grand Ave., Room "K", Santa Ana, Cal. and your tickets will be mailed to you!)

ORANGE COUNTY A.A. CALENDAR

ALL GROUP A.A. MEETING



AND THANKSGIVING DINNER

DINNER - 6:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 7TH

GUEST SPEAKER

MEETING- 8:30 P.M.

EBELL CLUB

JUDGE RICHARD H.

Intergroup Hosting

625 FRENCH ST., SANTA ANA

(Ventura)

ALL PROCEEDS ABOVE EXPENSES GO TO YOUR ORANGE CO. CENTRAL OFFICE!!!

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP MASTER CALENDAR

OCT. 29-30-31	So. Calif. Convention Bakersfield	DEC. 31 -	New Years Eve Party
NOV. 7 -	Thanksgiving Dinner & All-Group Meeting	JAN. 2 -	All Group Meeting
DEC. 5 -	All Group Meeting	FEB. 6 -	All Group Meeting
		FEB. ? -	Fourth Anniversary Central Office Combined Dinner & Meeting

NEXT G.S.O. MEETING - OCT. 24TH

GROUP NEWS

Beginning November First, all groups now meeting at the Unitarian Center, 1130 N. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, will meet at the new Canyon Club, 1945 Broadway. This includes the following:

- Monday, Stag(C) Nov. 1st
- Monday Laguna
- Al-Anon Daytime Nov. 8th(noon)
- Tuesday, Book Study Group Nov. 2nd
- Thursday, Beginners Nov. 4th
- Friday, Under Forty Nov. 5th
- Sunday, Speakers Nov. 7th-11AM
- Family Discussion Nov. 7th

The new club is located 1 4/10 from Pac. Coast Highway. All meetings above at 8:30 PM unless indicated.

Beginning November 5th the Friday Ebell Club One Hour Speaker Group will meet at the Lounge of the Community Club-house, 1104 West Eighth St., Santa Ana. Meeting will begin at 8:30 P.M. as usual.

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EASTGATE GROUP.....MONDAY

The Monday Eastgate Group which has been meeting at the Bixby Patton School has moved to the Wakeham School, Chapman Avenue, West of Highway 39, Garden Grove.

G.S.O.

ELECTION OF NEW YORK DELEGATE

The next G.S.O. meeting will be held Sunday, October 24th at the Alana Club in Anaheim. The address is 202 W. Broadway, corner Lemon. The time: 1:30 P.M. Election of a delegate to N.Y. for Panel 2 will take place. BE SURE YOUR GROUP IS REPRESENTED IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

14th ANNUAL SO.CAL.

CONVENTION

OCT. 29-30-31
Bakersfield, Cal.
REGISTER NOW!

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B. P.
C. T.
D. H.
E. T.
F. O.
G. T.
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and
POD P.

Blood Needed!

ORANGE COUNTY A.A. BLOOD BANK

Gene H. of San Clemente will undergo open heart surgery at St. Vincents Hospital in L.A. on September 28, 1965, and will need a large quantity of blood.

Clyde W., recently moved from Tustin to Garden Grove, has already received 18 pints of blood which must be repaid to the Long Beach Veterans Hospital.

YOUR BLOOD BANK IS DEPLETED. DONORS ARE BADLY NEEDED TO HELP THESE TWO MEMBERS.

Following is a schedule of Bloodmobile stops where you may present yourself as a donor. **BE CERTAIN TO HAVE YOUR BLOOD CREDITED TO THE ORANGE COUNTY A.A. BLOOD BANK.**

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

November 15	Monday	Newport Harbor Post #291 215 15th St.	
Call KI 2-1137 for appointments		Newport Beach, Cal.	3:00-7:30 PM.
November 17	Wednesday	Santa Ana Community Clubhouse 1104 W. 8th St.	
Call KI 2-1137 for appointments		Santa Ana, Cal.	2:00-6:00 PM.
November 19	Friday	San Clemente Community Clubhouse 111 N. Calle Seville	
Call 492-3282 for appointments		San Clemente, Cal.	3:00-7:30 PM.
December 15	Wednesday	Santa Ana Community Clubhouse 1104 W. 8th St.	
Call KI 2-1137 for appointments		Santa Ana, Cal.	2:00-6:00 PM.
December 19	Sunday	Carpenter's Union Local #2203 608 W. Vermont	
Call 525-3543 for appointments		Anaheim, Cal.	10:00-2:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: For your convenience definite appointments are requested.

Donors may also go to LONG BEACH BLOOD CENTER- 319 W. Broadway.

HOURS: Mon. and Tues. 3:30 - 7:30 PM.
Wed. and Thurs. 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Telephone HEmlock 7-2921

LIFELINE

BY WAY OF EXPLANATION

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the September issue of Lifeline was late this month. We wish to thank all our subscribers and those members whose meetings were not given the publicity they deserved, for their patience and understanding. Particularly the Orange County Institutional Committee who hosted a very fine All-Groups Meeting, and The Newport Balboa Alanon Group who celebrated their 5th Birthday by hosting the Orange County Round Robin.

We will make every effort to have the Lifeline to you around the 20th of each month. Copy should be in by the 15th, unless it is urgent! Send all copy and news to Your AA Central Office, 523 N. Grand Ave., Santa Ana. In particular please keep us informed as to Group changes.



TWENTY QUESTIONS AN AL-ANON
CAN ASK HERSELF OR HIMSELF....

RASH JUDGEMENT

A fable tells of an ancient Persian King who wanted to discourage his four sons from making rash judgements. At his command, the eldest made a winter journey to see a mango tree. Spring came and the next oldest was sent on the same errand. Summer followed and the third son went. When the youngest boy had returned from his autumn visit, the King called them together to describe the tree.

The first said it looked like a burnt old stump.

The second disagreed, describing it as lovely in lacy green.

The third declared its blossoms were as beautiful as the rose.

The fourth said all were wrong. "Its fruit was like a pear."

"Each is right," the king said, "for each of you saw it in a different season."

And so it is when we view another's actions. We should withhold judgement until we are certain we've seen "The tree in all its seasons."

.....submitted by Dorothy M. at the Laguna Monday Alanon Meeting.

Beginning November 8th, the Laguna Monday Daytime Group will meet at the new Canyon Club, 1945 Broadway.

The Costa Mesa Searchers Alateen Group now meets at the Episcopal Church, 2043 Orange Avenue, Costa Mesa.

17. Since your mate stopped drinking, have you found that you have more difficulties with your self than with your partner?

18. Has your life changed significantly since you came to Al-Anon?

19. Have you recently taken an inventory of yourself, remembering to list credits as well as debits?

20. Have you come to realize that YOU are the only human being about whom you can do anything?

1. You can admit intellectually, that you are powerless over alcohol; but have you accepted this fact?

2. Did, or do you, resent being married to an alcoholic?

3. Can you see your situation realistically?

4. Can you recognize yourself reverting to old patterns of self-pity and reverse the trend you are taking?

5. Do you sometimes feel or show superiority over your alcoholic mate?

6. Are attitudes of superiority, resentment, etc., affecting others in your family?

7. If past incidents come up, can you respond without bitterness - perhaps even with humor?

8. Have you stopped focusing all your thoughts and attention on your alcoholic partner?

9. Have you REALLY Let go - Let God?

10. Are you waiting for your mate to work the program before you begin?

11. Do you catch yourself trying to control, manage and direct those about you?

12. Recalling past incidents, can you see progress in your attitudes of CALMNESS, OBJECTIVITY, UNDERSTANDING, and SILENCE at such times?

13. Do you think your attitudes (hostility, protectiveness, etc.) MAY have prevented your alcoholic from seeking help earlier?

14. Do you feel that resentments hinder your emotional and spiritual growth?

15. Supposing you sense resentments in your mate, how many of your own have you kept warm, covered up and tenderly preserved? It takes time and energy to nurse a grudge.

16. Recognizing that some of us become extremely independent during the drinking days, do you now include your mate in plans in an effort toward a more normal life?

The Mid-Timer

Have you begun to feel comfortable in your sobriety? Is it becoming habit-forming? Have you been group secretary at least twice, and are you looking forward to your first area meeting as GSR? Do you feel much older and wiser than the current crop of newcomers, and yet can't identify with those "remember when-ers" with the long gray beards who have been sober for eons? Relax, chum, there's nothing wrong with you. You're a mid-timer!

We mid-timers have much to be grateful for. Not too long ago we were wishing we didn't have the shakes; now we not only don't have them, but its becoming increasingly difficult to remember what they were like. Not too long ago we were asking some guy who looked like he never had a drink how to stay away from one; now we not only know how, but we are telling some other poor guy with the shakes how we did it. We wondered if the program would ever work for us; now we know that it has.

Before you get too carried away with your success, I might as well tell you that you have reached a crisis period in your recovery. Are you going on fewer Twelfth Step calls lately? Is it easy to miss a meeting occasionally? Did you pass up that last chance to speak, simply because you wanted to see a TV program? You have "mid-timers let-down."

A mid-timer has a much better chance of staying sober than a newcomer. But don't be misled by mere statistics. Remember, you got to be a mid-timer only by hard work, and you'll never get to be an old-timer by goofing off. Don't let that old enthusiasm wear too thin, because if it ever breaks you may be in real danger.

We have spent the last few years finding out how to stay sober, during which time we have learned that participation is as important as education. We may think we know all about the program, but at this stage knowledge alone is not going to suffice. We still need the fellowship, the giving, the sharing. Complacency is our enemy and could destroy us.

How, you ask, is it possible to keep the old enthusiasm sharp? Well, for one thing, ask not what AA can do for you; ask what you can do for AA. Seriously, we have spent the last years mastering a set of principles for our own use and benefit. A selfish program, we called it.

Well, maybe the time has come to think of helping AA as well as ourselves. After all, AA is growing and changing all the time (slowly, I'll admit) so why not have a hand in it?

"How?" you ask. Well, this depends, of course on where you live. If AA is well-organized and well-oiled in your area, chances are you are already one of the important cogs. But if AA in your town is new and faltering, or old and sick, you're really in business. Help start a group.

Help start an intergroup. Organize an institutions committee. Organize a speakers committee.

Or, if you're interested in twelfth stepping 45,000 people all at once, do what I do. Write articles for the Grapevine. (Amen-Ed.). J.S.C., New Hartford, Conn.

Note: One of the "old-timers" with eons of sobriety suggested we run this even tho it is currently running in the October issue of Grapevine. We agree. If you've read it pass it on to some other mid-timer, it may help him too. (It's nice up here on "Cloud Nine"). Ed.



ALANA CLUB DANCE NOV. 13

ANAHEIM

"RELATED F CALENDAR



TURKEY TROT COSTUME PARTY
MEETING - 8 TO 9:30 P.M.
PARTY 9 - ON
ALANA CLUB- 202 W. BROADWAY - ANAHEIM
ADMISSION \$1.00 PER PERSON
DOOR PRIZES
PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME



FOOD.....COFFEE.....
HAM :::TURKEY::::: BAKED BEANS:::::
LIVE MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT
DANCING GAMES
SPONSORED BY THE ALANON GROUPS OF ANAHEIM.....

THE VILLA BENEFIT costume ball NOV. 19



FRIDAY
8:30 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
AT THE ANAHEIM BOWL- 1925 LINCOLN AVE.
ANAHEIM
THEME: " GINGHAM AND JEANS "



DOOR PRIZES
FOOD
M. C.
EDDIE C. (L.A.)

DANCING ENTERTAINMENT
DONATION \$2.50 PER PERSON



BENEFIT THE VILLA- 1605 EAST FOURTH ST. SANTA ANA

CILITIES"

LAGUNA BEACH

CANYON CLUB

OF EVENTS



Opens NOV. 1

Open House.....

NOVEMBER 6TH - SATURDAY

OPEN HOUSE PARTY &
BUFFET
6:30 P.M.

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING NO ADMISSION CHARGE

NEW LOCATION - 1945 BROADWAY, LAGUNA BEACH (1 4/10 mi. from Coast Hywy.)

MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING
SAT. NOVEMBER 20TH

8:30 P.M.

SPEAKER - CHUCK C.

SUBJECT- " SERVICES A CLUB RENDERS"!



From The Grapevine



Our Social Life Before AA

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"Try it. It's an excellent table wine."

CENTRAL OFFICE STATISTICAL REPORT



	SEPT.	YEAR		SEPT.	YEAR
SPEAKERS	2	44	NEW INQ.		
ALANON	11	155	SELF	65	478
LITERATURE	17	226	ANOTHER	38	377
PUB. INFO.	91	956	12 STEP CALLS		
MEETINGS	90	922	MAN	37	393
INTERGP.	130	1058	GAL	23	210
VISITORS	76	1062	TOTAL CALLS	580	5881

YOUR TREASURER'S LAMENT

Orange County Intergroup's Central Office will be four years old next February. It is a going concern, filling very real and varied needs not possible by individuals. Currently it is solvent. That is, its bills are paid and has cash enough on hand to operate for about 45 days should all income cease. I suppose, as AA goes, this could be considered unusually healthy. But from a business point of view, this is a meager buffer against fluctuations and/or emergencies.

A point of more concern to me is the nature of our income. Only 66% is from group support by contributions. The Office has two main functions: to aid the alcoholic who wants help, and to service the groups and individual members in many ways.

(The first 8 months shows the Central Office will handle over 8000 calls for help or information in 1965.) How could a few individual members be listed and reached; how could they individually be equipped with answers, information and referrals for a volume like this? How about their telephone bills? And literature? And speakers? And 'Where is a meeting'? And etc.?

34% of income has come from 'special

events', Answer the Call (small, and individual contributions (quite small)). Income from special events is unpredictable, has been negative, and could be disastrous. Also, your Board members get their share of complaints and snide remarks about these Intergroup dinners, dances, picnics. They are a lot of work, and should not be necessary. So far they are 34% worth.

Many groups support Intergroup (which set up and runs Central Office) generously. Many support it to the best of their ability. Some disregard, and a few even resent it. Again, in AA this is their privilege. (In this case, to me, a doubtful one.)

Responsibility was the keynote of the recent Toronto convention. AA growth and unity in Orange County depends on individual and group responsibility towards their common aims and needs.

I personally, look forward to the time when we will have dinners, dances, or what have you just because we want them. Not because we need them for our unified existence. Harry M., Treasurer, Central Service Board.





YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	SEPT.	YEAR
<u>ANAHEIM</u>		
SUN. AM	0	50.00
SUN. PM	0	0
MON. STAG	25.00	65.00
TUES, STAIRWAY	0	0
WED. PEOPLES CHOICE	0	0
WED. WOMENS	0	28.00
THURS. PIONEERS	0	50.00
THURS. HACIENDA	0	86.99
FRIDAY	0	10.00
SATURDAY	50.00	120.00
<u>BUENA PARK</u>		
TUES.	20.77	80.00
FRI. AM	6.00	27.50
FRI. PM	34.23	108.45
<u>CORONA DEL MAR</u>		
MON. WOMENS	0	0
FRI.	50.00	280.17
<u>COSTA MESA</u>		
SUN.	0	90.00
MON. STAG	0	25.00
TUES.	0	10.00
FRI. WOMENS	17.00	99.31
SAT. AFTER HOURS (DISBANDED)	0	9.33
SAT. FIFTH-A-DAY	0	5.00
CYPRESS	20.05	116.19
<u>FULLERTON</u>		
TUES, RECOVERY	20.00	82.00
THURS. STAG	30.00	65.00
SAT.	0	80.00
<u>GARDEN GROVE</u>		
MON. DAYLIGHT	50.00	92.82
MON. EASTGATE	0	70.00
WED. BELFAST BELLES	0	15.00
WED. BELFAST STAG	0	167.57
WED. SERENITY	0	70.00
WED. SPEAKERS	0	0
THURS. WOMENS	4.00	14.00
FRI. TODAY	10.00	60.00
SAT. SPEAKERS	0	197.50
<u>HUNTINGTON BEACH</u>		
MON.	0	25.00
WED.	5.00	43.00
<u>LAGUNA BEACH</u>		
SUN. FAMILY	32.00	129.00
MON. STAG	0	60.50
TUES. NOON-A-TICKS	10.00	55.00
TUES. STUDY	0	10.00
WED. SOUTHCOAST	50.00	90.00
THURS. WOMENS LUNCH	0	0
THURS. BEGINNERS	0	14.95
FRI. UNDER FORTY	0	60.00

