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# Lifeline

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"We may be one drink  
away from a drunk, but  
we're 12 STEPS away  
from the first drink!"

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*7th Annual*  
TRADITIONAL  
*A.A.*  
MEETING  
EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 10TH

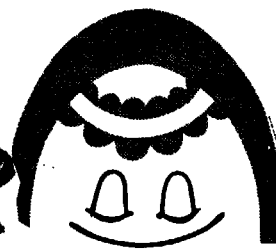
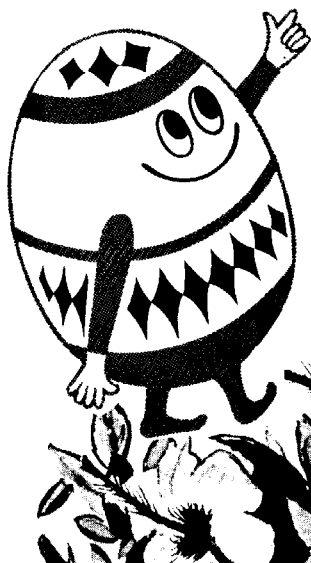
1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

TUSTIN CIVIC CENTER

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TUSTIN

SPEAKER- *Chuck C.*  
LAGUNA BEACH

REFRESHMENTS



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OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

# 2,000 AA's Hear Bill In Chicago Address Early AA, Service Conference Theme of Talk

## Older Members Extend Groups Third Legacy

Alcoholics Anonymous is more than a program of physical recovery from alcohol. It is a program of action. We should as individuals act on as well as believe in the 12 steps just as groups must act on as well as believe in the 12 traditions. The goal of all our endeavor is individual service, with the group functioning as an overall society or service. These were the highlights of a talk given in Chicago by Bill W., co-founder of AA, before approximately 2,000 members in Medinah Temple, Feb. 12, 1951. Extremely bad weather held down attendance but those who were there left the meeting with a resurgence a faith in themselves and a renewed zeal in the ideals of AA.

Talks to each of us.

Bill, as all who have heard him agree, is a speaker whose words reach out across the vast auditorium as though he were speaking to each of us individually. His hopes and aspirations become ours as he talks not to us, but with us. Tall, lanky, with a yankee twang, he spoke for more than two hours of early AA struggles, of the growth of the movement from adolescence into manhood, of the third legacy which he offered us in behalf of the older members, himself and Dr. Bob.

"For all of us," said Bill, "There came an hour of decision when we had to decide which way our lives were to go from then on. For all of us there came the realization of hopelessness, when we, as individuals had reached the end of the rope and turned to a source outside ourselves for help.

"Wives, too, had their hour of decision, whether to give up or continue with the hopeless sick one to whom they were married. The group had its hour of decision, when it had to decide the ultimate course that must be followed for the good of the group as a whole."

Bill drew heavily on his personal history a story heard before by many in the aud-

ience, but a story always new when he tells it, for it is that personal story from which sprang the movement as we know it.

Recalls trip to Akron

He told how, while drunk in a basement apartment in Brooklyn, a friend came to him, declined a drink, and told Bill there was a way out—God. He recalled his own agnostic scoffing, his later hope and his spiritual experience in Townes hospital in New York.

He told again of his subsequent trip to Akron, of the hopelessness of his business quest, of his meeting with Dr. Bob and of the raising of hope in Bob, or Smithy as Bill always called him. Bill chuckled as he recalled that Dr. Bob, sober a few days, called a hospital, told the head nurse that he and a fellow from New York had a new cure for alcoholism and asked for a drunk to work on: how the nurse replied tartly, "I hope Doctor you've tried it on yourself."

They found their first prospect in that hospital and sobered him up. And with three persons then sober came a realization they had a group. Not an AA group, for those three were nameless, floundering, with only an idea. But thereby was raised hope, hope that an idea might spread to other sick alcoholics, a hope that within a few months was to result in groups in Akron, Cleveland, New York City and elsewhere.

A New Realization

Then, three years later, came a new realization. With a hundred people in varying degrees of sobriety it suddenly dawned on these pioneers that the idea worked. They had something. But if they were to spread the word of what they had found they must have a book to recount their experience.

Those were the years of struggle. The idea that outside financial help might endanger the movement never occurred to them. Bill recounted this period, bringing many laughs as he told how one scheme after another failed— even to getting aid from John D. Rockefeller. But outside friends did help, more morally than financially, and the book—Alcoholics Anonymous— was finally launched.

Then came the story by Jack Alexander in the Saturday Evening Post in 1941. Pleas for help and requests for information swamped the tiny cubicle of an office set up in New York and groups started to spring up everywhere.

This was a decisive turning point. A. A. moved out of its infancy and into adolescence.

The following nine years Bill described as our teen age period, during which we grew by leaps and bounds. In some years membership gained by as much as 50%. With growth came problems. Meetings moved out of the front parlor into halls. Service centers had to be set up to handle inquiries and take care of the problems of those within the organization. With this growth came the need for financial support beyond that of passing the hat.

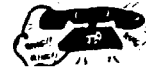
This period, too, saw the evolution of the 12 traditions as a correlary to the 12 steps— a guide to group conduct just as the 12 steps are a guide to individual conduct. These 12 traditions grew out of group successes, out of trials and troubles, bickerings, feuds, efforts of individuals to secure personal power and prestige, misguided contacts with the public, and a host of other problems.

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# ORANGE COUNTY A.A. CENTRAL OFFICE



## ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FINANCIAL STATEMENT THRU 2/25/77

| INCOME:                        | FEBRUARY            | YEAR TO DATE      |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS            | \$ 2,562.00         | 5,277.95          |
| INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS       | 123.00              | 161.00            |
| LIFELINE                       | 423.00              | 980.00            |
| LITERATURE SALES               | 7,513.81            | 14,385.72         |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME           | 61.14               | 480.89            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>            | <b>10,682.95</b>    | <b>21,285.56</b>  |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>           |                     |                   |
| INSURANCE                      | 99.64               | 199.28            |
| GROUP INFORMATION              | 84.75               | 189.04            |
| MAINTENANCE, REPAIR & SUPPLIES | 104.25              | 225.49            |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE          | -0-                 | 35.97             |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                | 34.82               | 143.20            |
| OPEN HOUSE EXPENSE             | 277.50              | 277.50            |
| POSTAGE & PERMIT MAILING       | 88.35               | 235.95            |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION             | 148.45              | 157.00            |
| RENT                           | 307.20              | 616.40            |
| SALARIES                       | 2,675.50            | 5,404.26          |
| TAXES, PAYROLL                 | 174.87              | 254.00            |
| TELEPHONE, OFFICE              | 368.00              | 747.40            |
| TELEPHONE, T.A.B.              | 159.27              | 291.91            |
| UTILITIES                      | 19.50               | 170.23            |
| LIFELINE EXPENSE               | 522.91              | 1,034.71          |
| COST OF LITERATURE SOLD        | 6,556.37            | 12,587.50         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>           | <b>\$ 11,621.38</b> | <b>22,281.79</b>  |
| <b>NET GAIN OR (LOSS)</b>      | <b>(938.43)</b>     | <b>(1,282.28)</b> |
| CASH ON HAND.....              | 50.00               |                   |
| CASH IN CHECKING.....          | 2,057.11            |                   |
| CASH IN SAVINGS.....           | 1,181.26            |                   |
| ACCTS/REC LITERATURE.....      | 5,039.51            |                   |
| INVENTORY AT COST.....         | 11,934.57           |                   |
| PREPAID EXPENSE.....           | 752.16              |                   |

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Jeanne and the Lifeline Gang;  
Thanks for the second chance to renew  
my subscription! I wasn't working when  
it ran out last year, and I've had enough  
time to really miss it!

Unless its existence is a big secret, I  
haven't found a publication in this area  
that equals the excellence and variety I  
found in the Lifeline.

And I want to keep in touch with Orange  
County AA and all my buddies there who  
helped me help myself when I was newly  
sober a year and a half ago!

Today I am teaching English at the local  
state college. Today I am almost finished  
with my dissertation, the last thing I  
have to do for the doctorate. Today I am  
sober. Today I am quietly excited by the  
possibilities each day brings. None of  
this was true sixteen months ago, I was  
drunk, ready to give up everything, un-  
able to cope, and couldn't see one good  
thing about myself or about life. This  
great change in my life, through sobriety,  
was caused by the workings of my  
Higher Power through AA. No doubt  
about it!

So, yes! Here's my three bucks! Keep  
that Lifeline comin'!

.....Darlene L.-formerly of  
Costa Mesa- now of Long Beach.

### MEETING FOR CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS.....

Jack M., Office Manager, will hold  
the second orientation meeting to those  
volunteers who wish to work at the C.O.  
answering the phone.

It will be held Thursday, April 21st at  
7 P.M. at the Central Office.

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# GROUP NEWS

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:30PM  
UNLESS OTHERWISE  
INDICATED

**ANAHEIM WEDNESDAY SPKR.**  
Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 6- George Mc ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 13- Bill P. ( Newport Beach )  
Apr. 20- Fred J. ( Irvine )  
Apr. 27- Jerry H. ( L.A. )  
.....Armand P.

**ANAHEIM SATURDAY SPEAKERS**  
Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- Chuck D. ( Santa Ana )  
Apr. 9- Chuck & Lee C. ( Bev. Hills )  
Apr. 16- Mary C. ( Orange )  
Apr. 23- Tom H. ( Los Alamitos )  
Apr. 30- John F. ( Capistrano )  
.....Bob W.

**BUENA PARK FRIDAY SPEAKERS**  
6711 Beach Blvd.  
The speaker for the 3rd Friday, Apr. 15,  
will be Bob L. ( Glendale ).  
.....Bob S.

**BUENA PARK SUNDAY SPEAKERS**  
Teen Center, 8150 Knott Ave.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- Chuck D. ( Santa Ana )  
Apr. 10- Doris E. ( San Gabriel )  
Apr. 17- Dave D. ( Laguna Niguel )  
Apr. 24- Mary & Roy B. ( Garden G. )  
.....George D.

**COSTA MESA FRIDAY SPEAKERS**  
Alana Club, 2040 Placentia.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 1- Sue M. ( Orange )  
Apr. 8- Chuck H. ( Fullerton )  
Apr. 15- Fred J. ( Irvine )  
Apr. 22- Mary C. ( Hawthorne )  
Apr. 29- Tom W. ( Dana Point )  
.....Carl McC.

**COSTA MESA SUNDAY SPEAKERS**  
Oddfellow's Hall, 2476 Newport, 8PM.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- Debby C. ( Sherman Oaks )  
Apr. 10- Jim D. ( La Habra )  
Apr. 17- John A. ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 24- Helen Louise Y. ( L.A. )  
.....Ken L.

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY SUNDAY SPKRS.**  
Community Center, 10200 Slater, 8PM.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- Bill McG. ( Hunt. B. & Long B. )  
Apr. 10- Otis W. ( Huntington Beach )  
Apr. 17- JoAnne A. ( Villa Park )  
Apr. 24- 5th Anniversary Meeting.  
.....Chris M.

## NOTICE!!!!

**FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING  
OF THE  
FOUNTAIN VALLEY SUNDAY  
SPEAKERS GROUP.....**  
SUNDAY- APRIL 24TH - 5:30 - 9:30 PM.  
Potluck- 5:30PM ...Meeting- 8:00PM  
Speaker: Clancy I. (Venice)  
**ALL WELCOME!!!**

**FULLERTON MONDAY SPEAKERS**  
Hospital, 101 E. Valencia Mesa Dr.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 4- Ruth M. ( Bellflower )  
Apr. 11- Muriel Z. ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 18- Cindy A. ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 25- John McA. ( Fountain Valley )  
.....Fran S.

**FULLERTON WEDNESDAY SPKRS.**  
Alana Center, 705 Harbor Blvd.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 6- Sue M. ( Orange )  
Apr. 13- Phil P. ( Newport Beach )  
Apr. 20- Wally H. ( Fountain Valley )  
Apr. 27- Pat & Phillip H. ( Garden Grove )  
.....Frank E.

**FULLERTON SATURDAY SPEAKERS**  
Oddfellow's Hall, Lemon & Amerige.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- Ed L. ( Brentwood )  
Apr. 9- George Mc. ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 16- John F. ( San Juan Cap. )  
Apr. 23- Charles J. ( Covina )  
Apr. 30- Marion C. ( L.A. )  
.....Bob Le M.

**FULLERTON SUNDAY SPEAKERS**  
Alana Center, 705 Harbor Blvd. 10:30AM  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- Jack R. ( Fullerton )  
Apr. 10- Mel A. ( N. Hollywood )  
Apr. 17- Don P. ( Lakewood )  
Apr. 24- Matt C. ( L.A. )  
.....Richard P.

**GARDEN GROVE SAT. SPEAKERS**  
Alana Club, 9636 Garden Grove Blvd.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- Paul H. ( Fullerton )  
Apr. 9- Connie W. ( Anaheim )  
Apr. 16- Norm A. ( City of Commerce )  
Apr. 23- Clancy I. ( Venice )  
Apr. 30- Ira Y. ( Costa Mesa )  
.....Don S.

**GARDEN GROVE MON. WOMEN**  
9596 Garden Grove, Rm. #210, 8 P.M.  
The speaker for the first Monday, Apr. 4th  
will be Joanne H. from Garden Grove.  
.....Ellen Van T.

**GARDEN GROVE THURS. SPEAKERS**  
Alana Club, 9636 Garden Grove Blvd.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 7- Ruth M. ( Bellflower )  
Apr. 14- Ed M. ( Garden Grove )  
Apr. 21- Bob P. ( Garden Grove )  
Apr. 28- Chuck C. ( Laguna Beach )  
.....Jerry R.

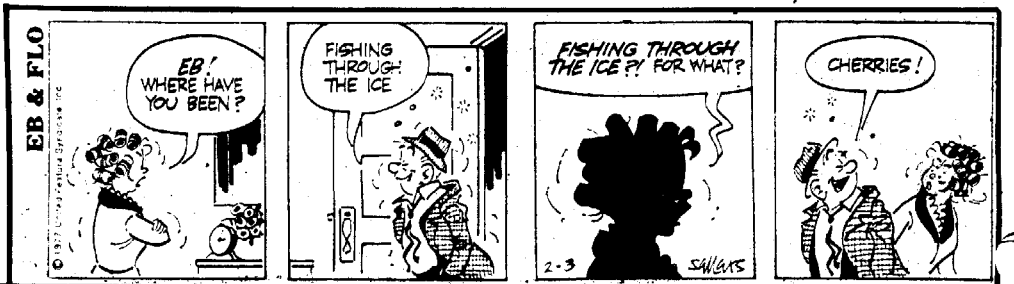
**GARDEN GROVE SUN. SPEAKERS**  
Alana Club, 9636 Garden Grove, Noon.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- Fred & Inez G. ( Anaheim )  
Apr. 10- Mary & Roy B. ( Garden Gr. )  
Apr. 17- Dottie G. ( Newport Beach )  
Apr. 24- Grace J. ( Fullerton )  
.....Joe D.

**HUNTINGTON BEACH FRIDAY**  
College View School, 6582 Lennox.  
The speaker for the first Friday, Apr. 1st,  
will be Angie S. from Orange.  
.....Ann P.

**BARNEY'S BROADS  
8TH ANNIVERSARY  
MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY - APRIL 20TH - 8:30 P.M.  
CIVIC CENTER  
2000 Main St., Huntington Beach  
Speaker: Father Barney  
ALL WELCOME! ...Refreshments

**LAGUNA BEACH SAT. SPEAKERS**  
Canyon Club, 1945 Broadway, 8 P.M.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- Noonaticks ( Corona del Mar )  
Apr. 9- Torrance/Lomita ( Torrance )  
Apr. 16- Aero Space ( Long Beach )  
Apr. 23- Angie & Friends ( Orange )  
Apr. 30- Long B. Mother Group ( Long B. )  
.....Nancy O.

**LAGUNA BEACH SAT. SPEAKERS**  
Hosp., 31872 Coast Highway, 8 P.M.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- Mary H. ( Balboa Island )  
Apr. 9- John Mc. ( Fountain Valley )  
Apr. 16- Casey S. ( Balboa Island )  
Apr. 23- John N. ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 30- Cindy A. ( Laguna Beach )  
.....Mary Lou M.



**LAGUNA BEACH  
TRADITIONAL A.A.**

**MEETING**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

APRIL 10TH - 12 NOON- 1:30 P.M.  
Continental Breakfast- 11AM - 12 Noon  
SPEAKER: Tom M. ( Pasadena )  
Canyon Club, 1945 Broadway, Laguna B.  
(Sponsored by the Sunday 2PM Group )  
Regular 2 PM meeting will be held as  
usual.

**LAGUNA NIGUEL SUN. SPEAKERS**

Crown Valley Sch. at Adelanto. 8PM.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- Skip R. ( Carls bad )  
Apr. 10- Dodie G. ( Newport Beach )  
Apr. 17- Fred S. ( Newport Beach )  
Apr. 24- Ann W. ( L.A.)  
.....Jim K.

**LA HABRA MONDAY SPEAKERS**

142 E. La Habra Blvd.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 4- Shirley S. ( Anaheim )  
Apr. 11- Chuck C. ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 18- Keith C. ( Tarzana )  
Apr. 25- Sober Alcoholic.  
.....Diane V.

**NEWPORT BEACH TUES. SPEAKERS**

Church, 3209 Via Lido Soud.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 5- Frank O'R. ( Santa Ana )  
Apr. 12- Bob H. ( Tustin )  
Apr. 19- Pat R. ( Pasadena )  
Apr. 26- Participation  
.....Sandy S.

**NEWPORT BEACH THURS. SPEAKERS**

Ebell Club, 515 W. Balboa Blvd.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 7- Ungrateful Bud  
Apr. 14- Basil Von B. ( Orange )  
Apr. 21- Kathleen L. ( L.A.)  
Apr. 28- Jim R. ( Malibu )  
.....Archie B.

**NEWPORT BEACH SAT. HOAG HUT**

Hosp. Conference Center, 301 Newport.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- John H. ( L.A.)  
Apr. 9- Ancel C. ( Torrance )  
Apr. 16- Clancy K. ( Costa Mesa )  
Apr. 23- Bob S. ( Villa Park )  
Apr. 30- Monte S. (Female) ( Burbank )  
.....Fred S.

**ORANGE MONDAY SPEAKERS**

Friendship Club, 2191 Orange-Olive Rd.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 4- John McA. ( Fountain Valley )  
Apr. 11- Carolyn O'R. ( Santa Ana )  
Apr. 18- Eddie R. ( Venice )  
Apr. 25- Keith M. ( San Juan Cap.)  
.....Vera J.

**ORANGE FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

Children's Hosp. Aud., 1109 La Veta.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 1- Holt H. ( ? )  
Apr. 8- John F. ( San Juan Cap.)  
Apr. 15- Bob G. ( Costa Mesa )  
Apr. 22- Diane G. ( Huntington Beach )  
Apr. 29- Art H. ( Tustin )  
.....Don Y.

**ORANGE SUNDAY SPEAKERS**

Hosp., 401 S. Tustin, 8 P.M.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- George M. ( La Habra )  
Apr. 10- Bill S. ( Anaheim )  
Apr. 17- Bob M. ( Buena Park )  
Apr. 24- Art H. ( Tustin )  
.....Charlie C.

**SAN CLEMENTE FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

202 Aragon, Church.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 1- Ed & Gloria F. (Redondo B.)  
Apr. 8- Surprise  
Apr. 15- Doris ( Laguna Niguel )  
Apr. 22- Ken C. ( Laguna Niguel )  
Apr. 29- Bob E. ( Dana Point )  
.....Betty J.

**SANTA ANA MONDAY SPEAKERS**

Step House, 525 N. Grand Ave.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 4- Rick B. ( Garden Grove )  
Apr. 11- George M. ( La Habra )  
Apr. 18- Fred D. ( Irvine )  
Apr. 25- Jerry C. ( Yorba Linda )  
.....Daryl

**SANTA ANA MONDAY SPEAKERS**

Alano Club, 2112 N. Main St.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 4- Humble Jack ( Tustin )  
Apr. 11- Ruth M. ( Bellflower )  
Apr. 18- Bill S. ( Anaheim )  
Apr. 25- George S. ( Costa Mesa )  
.....John S.

**SANTA ANA FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

Alano Club, 2112 N. Main St.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 1- Clint H. ( Pacific Group )  
Apr. 8- Chuck N. ( Santa Monica )  
Apr. 15- Mary Ann K. ( W.L.A.)  
Apr. 22- Bob C. ( Pasadena )  
Apr. 29- Jerry I. ( Santa Monica )  
.....Tom V.

**SANTA ANA SATURDAY SPKRS.**

Villa, 1605 E. 4th St., 2 P.M.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- Phil P. ( Newport Beach )  
Apr. 9- Betty H. ( Santa Monica )  
Apr. 16- Jeannie T. ( Bev. Hills )  
Apr. 23- John A. ( Laguna Beach )  
Apr. 30- Lois R. ( Fullerton )  
.....Norma H.

**ALL TUSTIN GROUPS  
8TH ANNIVERSARY**

FRIDAY- APRIL 1ST - 8:30 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH  
1221 Wess Ave.

Speakers: A.A. & AI-Anon (For this  
special meeting only) ...  
Refreshments - Coffee - Fellowship

**TUSTIN SATURDAY SPEAKERS**

Hosp. 14662 Newport Ave. 8 P.M.  
Speakers:  
Apr. 2- Tom H. & his Newport Friends  
( Newport Beach )  
Apr. 9- Bruce G. & The Valley Group  
( Panorama City )  
Apr. 16- Phil P. & the Court Rejects  
( Everywhere )  
Apr. 23- John Mc. & a Bunch of Alkies  
( Fountain Valley )  
Apr. 30- Dodie G. & Pacific Group  
Friends ( L.A.)  
.....Frank C.

**TUSTIN SUNDAY SPEAKERS**

Civic Center, Main & Centennial, 7:30PM  
Speakers:  
Apr. 3- Mike C. ( Tustin )  
Apr. 10- Red A. ( Buena Park )  
Apr. 17- Ruth M. ( Bellflower )  
Apr. 24- Norm A. ( Monrovia )  
.....Dick M.

**NEW GROUPS**

**ANAHEIM**

A new group which meets on Tuesdays,  
11:30AM, Alana Club. 202 W. Broad-  
way has been started.

**GARDEN GROVE**

A new meeting is now being held on  
Mondays, 7:30 AM, Discussion, Alano  
Club, 9636 Garden Grove Blvd.

**NEW LOCATIONS**

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**

The Monday Womens Group which met  
at 8PM has moved to Civic Center Caf-  
eteria, 2000 Main St. (for Bartlett Ave.)

**STANTON**

The Closed Men's Study, which met on  
Tuesdays on Village Way has moved to  
Santa Ana, 1426 S. Oak St.  
The Participation Meeting which met at  
the Hooker School, Fridays, has moved  
to the Civic Center, 2000 Main St.

**DISBANDED**

The Placentia Spanish Speaking Group  
which met on Fridays on Atwood has  
disbanded.

# INTERGROUP COUNTY CALENDAR

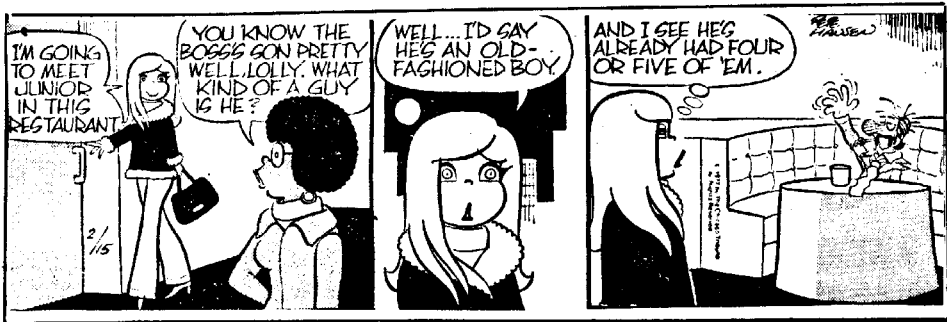
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|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| EASTER SUNDAY |           | O. C. Anniversary AA | Aug. 21st       |
| A. A. MEETING | Apr. 10th | So. Cal. Convention  | Oct. 14, 15, 16 |
| Annual Picnic | June 5th  | Alk-A-Thon           | Nov. 19-20th    |

## 59 GROUPS REPRESENTED AT MARCH INTERGROUP MEETING!

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| <p>Anaheim:- Mon. Study<br/>         Brea:- Mon. Disc.- Thurs. Disc.<br/>         Buena Park:- Sun. Spkr.<br/>         Costa Mesa:- Sun. Spkr.-Mon. Disc.-<br/>         Tues. 12&amp;12-(Club) Sun. Noon-Mon.<br/>         Beg.-Tues. Women Disc.-Fri. Noon-<br/>         Sat. Midnite.<br/>         Dana Point:- Part.<br/>         El Toro:- Wed.<br/>         Fountain Valley:- Sun. Spkr.- Wed.<br/>         Fullerton:- Tues. 8PM Part.-Sat. Spkr.<br/>         (Club) Fri. Topic Disc.<br/>         Garden Grove:- Mon, Th, Fri, Women-<br/>         (Club) Mon. 8PM Men- Thurs. Noon<br/>         Study- Thurs. Spkr.-Fri. 10:30 Women-<br/>         Sat. Spkr.<br/>         Huntington Beach:- Mon. 8PM Study-<br/>         Tues. We Care Tues. Barney's- Wed.<br/>         Part.-Thurs. Noon- Fri. Downtowners-<br/>         Fri. Lennox-</p> | <p>Irvine:- Fri. 8PM Disc.<br/>         Laguna Beach:- Wed. Southcoast- Thurs.<br/>         Noon Women-(Club) Thurs. Beginners-<br/>         Sat. Spkr.<br/>         Orange:- Tues. Walnut Disc.-Fri. El<br/>         Modena. -(Club) Thurs. Beginners- Fri.<br/>         11PM- Sat. 2PM.-Sat. Podium Part.<br/>         Placentia: Mon.<br/>         San Clemente:- Mon. Disc.<br/>         Santa Ana:- Tues. Disc.- Fri. Spkr.-<br/>         (Club)<br/>         Stanton:- Sun. 1PM Spkr.- Tues. Spkr.-<br/>         Wed. Part.-<br/>         Sunset Beach-<br/>         Tustin:- Sun. 7:30 Spkr.- Mon. Mens<br/>         Stag- Tues 4th Step- Wed. Women-<br/>         Wandering Groups:- Fri.- Sat.<br/>         Yorba Linda:- Wed.<br/>         Is your group represented? If not!<br/>         Why not?</p> |
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## ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE STATISTICAL REPORT... FEBRUARY 1977

| CENTRAL OFFICE                                 | FEBRUARY     | YEAR TO DATE  |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| REQUEST FOR SPEAKERS (SCHOOLS & COLLEGES)      | 19           | 32            |
| INFORMATION ON AL-ANON                         | 77           | 148           |
| MAIL, LITERATURE & INFORMATION                 | 101          | 209           |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION                             | 609          | 1,213         |
| REQUEST FOR MEETING: TIME & PLACE              | 816          | 1,538         |
| A. A. MEMBERS CALLING C. O.                    | 902          | 1,709         |
| NEW INQUIRY ABOUT SELF                         | 123          | 263           |
| NEW INQUIRY ABOUT ANOTHER                      | 266          | 540           |
| 12 STEP CALLS : MALE                           | 140          | 326           |
| 12 STEP CALLS : FEMALE                         | 123          | 268           |
| <b>TOTAL CALLS CENTRAL OFFICE</b>              | <b>3,176</b> | <b>6,246</b>  |
| <b>TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE (T.A.B.)</b>    |              |               |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION CALLS                       | 193          | 400           |
| AL-ANON INFORMATION                            | 70           | 154           |
| REQUEST FOR MEETING: TIME & PLACE              | 482          | 990           |
| CROSS CONNECT: MALE                            | 91           | 192           |
| CROSS CONNECT: FEMALE                          | 80           | 172           |
| <b>TOTAL CALLS TO T.A.B.</b>                   | <b>916</b>   | <b>1,908</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL CALLS CENTRAL OFFICE &amp; T.A.B.</b> | <b>4,092</b> | <b>8,154</b>  |
| VISITORS TO CENTRAL OFFICE                     | 1,080        | 1,966         |
| <b>TOTAL CONTACTS</b>                          | <b>5,172</b> | <b>10,120</b> |



# Blood Needed!

INTERGROUP HILITES.....  
 The March Intergroup meeting was well attended. The most important announcement was that of the need for blood for the Orange County Intergroup Blood Bank which is available to all members of AA and their families. A tentative date has been set for a blood donation drive- May 27th. If you care to participate in most important need, call your Central Office (556-4555) for the time and place.  
 Rush H., Public Relations, announced that a meeting of those people interested in speaking at schools and colleges etc., will be held April 18th, 7 PM, at the Central Office for orientation.  
 Frank A., advised that a Group Relations meeting will be held, April 26th, 7 P.M. at the Central Office. All AA members interested are asked to attend.  
 Cliff W., Institutional Director, announced the fifth annual Statewide H. & I. Conference to be held in Fresno, May 6, 7 & 8th. Also invited more people to get interested in Institutional work.  
 It was hoped that Lifeline subscriptions could be increased by more announcements at meetings about it.

## FRESH AGENDA

TIME: 8:00 P.M. MONDAY APR. 25  
 PLACE: Orange County Central Office  
 2712 S. Grand, Santa Ana.

### TOPICS FOR MEETING:

1. Is there a need for zoning the Orange County Intergroup Association?
2. How does your group feel about announcing outside enterprise activities at meetings? At what time are they announced?
3. What are the methods your group uses in coping with responsibilities placed upon it by government agencies and outside commercial agencies?
4. How does your group get it's members interested in Service?

Please come and share your ideas and experiences with these topics.

.....The F.R.E.S.H. Committee

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DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE-APR. 12TH!

Group contributions have always fallen short in supporting the General Service Office. The income from the books, pamphlets and Grapevine have always made up the difference.

Past Conferences gave approval for an increase in the cost of books and pamphlets but they did not increase the cost to the membership until 1975. Then in 1976 Conference Finance Committee recommended that there be a reduction in the cost of the Big Book and the price was reduced by 60¢. The bulk discounts for literature purchased by AA groups and offices liberalized and the distribution of free literature increased. This was all done in anticipation of increased group support through contributions. Without your support they cannot keep the cost of AA literature down.

It was suggested that we encourage a broader base of group support upon our return from the Conference. Frankly I did not quite know how to do this. As I have mentioned before "Let It Begin With Me", so since June of 1976 I have increased my contribution to my home group weekly.

Brand new people should be encouraged, as I was, when I was new, not to make a contribution. They always announce "New people please do not contribute." They do not seem to do this anymore.

The membership, a few years ago were interested in their group's financial affairs. Today it doesn't seem to be that way. My home group always had two people count the collections. There was a monthly reporting of the disbursements to the membership. This is only done by a few groups today. Most groups have only one person responsible for these decisions.

A number of years ago groups would count the number of members they had and multiply by \$3.00 and this would be the amount they would send to G.S.O. each year. This is not done too much anymore. We used to use small world banks with G.S.O. on them, this isn't done as much. Some members would send G.S.O. their \$3.00 each year. Some would send a dollar for every year that they were sober.

Even if there are plenty of other functions going on should we have special meetings where all the proceeds go to G.S.O.? The Harbor Area for many years have continued having their "Traditions Banquet", and all the proceeds go to G.S.O. yearly.

California has a membership of 62,000. The only state close to that is New York with 21,000. Yet California reports \$1.35 per member per year. We are the lowest contributor per capita in the United States. Maybe, because we are so far away from the General Service Office, yet Oregon and Washington each contribute \$3.70, so that couldn't be it. I thought it must be in the reported membership on the group cards that had to be wrong. Is there an unrealistic approach to prudent wealth and power throughout our fellowship? Is there funds in bank accounts far beyond the suggested amounts recommended?

There are meetings in clubs in the Mid-Southern California Area and the records indicate non-support to the fellowship financially as well as physical to the services, is at an all time high at these meetings.

How about the group conscience in your meeting or group, is it effective or totally non-existent? Is there a difference between an informed group conscience, an uninformed one? Do we really know the meaning of trusted servants, and their responsibilities? Do we really understand our three legacies, Recovery, Service and Unity? Do we really understand the difference between principals and personalities? Are the traditions when read at meetings to be endured rather than something to learn, understand and live by?

Maybe we should attempt to have a Regional Forum in this state, where members of the General Service Board and staff could come and report to you and describe the services and responsibilities of the G.S.O. and Staff.

I have written my thoughts and observations in this article, perhaps I've offended someone, this was not the purpose or intent. After the Conference this year I was encouraged to come back and broaden the base of group support so that our society could remain healthy and sound.

The cost of all the services to each member in our fellowship is \$12.16 per year. That is slightly over 4¢ a day. It is your responsibility if Tradition seven means anything to you, to see that they receive it.

They use to announce in all the meetings, "If you're new please do not contribute", I would like to make that announcement. If you're not new I would like to ask you to consider what I have said, and if you can, help to bring about a change that could affect our future.....Jerry F., Delegate

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#### FIFTH ANNUAL HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE.....

The fifth annual statewide Hospital & Institutional Conference for members of Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Alateen and the various Professional fields involved in treating alcoholics or dealing with them in confinement will be held in Fresno at the Sheraton Inn on May 6, 7 & 8th. This promises to be the best ever in that we are learning from our previous conferences to deal with the primary issue of carrying the message to those confined. If you are connected with a Hospital or Institution, involved in H&I work in the fellowship, or just interested in what takes place at one of these functions, obtain your registration by donating \$1.00 to your H & I Representative and plan on spending that weekend in Fresno. Though this is planned to be a working conference, there will still be time for some relaxation, and a dance is scheduled to follow the main meeting Saturday night, May 7 from 10:30 PM to 1:00 AM, Sunday morning. Interested parties may obtain further information by writing to; Fifth Annual H & I Conference, P.O. Box 4154, Fremont, Cal. 94538. Headquarters Hotel is: The Sheraton Inn, 2550 West Clinton, Fresno, Cal. -Phone (209) 486-3000.....Cliff W. Director Orange County H&I.

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## SHARING

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### Problems Serve Purpose

But these same problems, so violent on the surface, served their purpose. For they gave the movement the answers to what is right and what is wrong. Finally in the late forties, these were set forth in the 12 steps of tradition. As this growth was going on a small overall group was functioning in New York— the Alcoholic Foundation—made up of alcoholics and non-alcoholics, the latter the outside friends of AA who have done much to help us steer a proper course. In the hands of the Foundation were entrusted the guardianship of the 12 steps and 12 traditions, the Works Publishing company which prints the Big Book and other AA literature. In their hands was placed our only official periodical— the Grapevine. There had to be someone to sign contracts, make decisions, handle the small national funds.

### Foundation Little Known

These were the functions of the Foundation. But to most AA's the members were unknown. The only link between the foundation and the general membership was one composed of two men—Bill and Bob.

Two years ago, when Bill learned that Dr. Bob was incurably ill with cancer, he realized how fragile a link this was. And so, he and Bob evolved the plan of a general service conference. They reasoned that AA was then passing out of its adolescence or teen age period and was now coming of age. The hat-passing, parlor meeting days were gone; the joy of those early intimacies had to be given up for the overall good of the movement; that "government," negligible though it was, needed to be supplanted by a plan in which all of AA could have a voice. Thus evolved the plan for the general service conference. This scheme was to give voice to all sections of the country, with each state and province to be represented.

### Pays Tribute To Chicago

Bill paid tribute to the Chicago group where the idea of a central service group was pioneered and where it has functioned smoothly since AA was started here nearly 12 years ago. The Chicago plan of operation, with its setup committee and

later its rotating committee and its central or downtown office, has had a profound affect on growth and unity of AA, he said.

The general service conference will function in somewhat the same way that the Chicago group functions. The biggest difference will be the scale of operations. While the conference will act in an advisory capacity only to the Foundation, it will provide a link into every part of this country and Canada and will establish a pattern for strengthening those links as we continue to grow.

This, Bill asserted, is vital to the continuation of AA, and must supplant the present fragile link, which since the death of Dr. Bob last November, rests only in himself.

"And I am highly perishable guy," he added.

"We are not big business," Bill said. "True we ship out three tons of literature every month from the New York headquarters. We handle the problems of 120,000 AA's in 30 countries. We answer thousands of inquiries yearly. Certain chores must be done for the group as a whole. To provide these service facilities requires an overall control, with no government and a maximum of service.

"Our movement, which has grown from that handful of nameless drunks of 15 years ago, to the Alcoholics Anonymous we know throughout the world, is now of age. Our services have gone far beyond those first simple ones of Annie, (Dr. Bob's wife, now dead) and Lois, (Bill's wife) who whipped up cake and coffee in the kitchen while a few of us in the parlor argued how we could dry up the world.

"We are now movement - a fellowship. On behalf of the older members Dr. Bob and I have bequeathed to you two legacies— the 12 steps for your personal conduct, and the 12 traditions for your group conduct. Now I bequeath to you in the same way your third legacy— the general service conference.

"We are slowly building our cathedral of AA life. On the broad floor supporting us all lay the 12 steps. In the 12 traditions we have seen the walls slowly rise. And now, in the general service conference we are adding the roof and the spire which we call 'service', rising into the heavens as a beacon light to the millions who still suffer, and pointing always to God."

From "Here's How" Chicago, March 1951  
Submitted by Fern L. Santa Ana.

## WHO AM I ?

I am more deadly than the shell from a howitzer, I ruin without killing; I tear down homes; I break hearts and I wreck lives. I have no respect for the truth or justice, no mercy for the defenseless. You will find me in the pews of the pious, and the haunts of the unholy. I am wily cunning and malicious. I gather strength with age. I feed on good and bad alike. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea, often as innocent.

### I AM GOSSIP!!!!

Am I guilty? Sometimes! More often than I like to admit. I speak of love-- and then put down my brother! I talk of "carrying the message" and end up carrying tales! I take the age-old AA saying "some are sicker than others" and turn it from an expression of compassion into an expression of contempt. I sit in judgement on the other guy's sobriety, and then wonder why at times my own seems to be at a standstill. Can I do better? Of course I can. If I try! One day at a time I will try. If we all tried, then our way of life would be as God meant it to be... a program of love, tolerance and joy. I am sure of one thing. I have been both the perpetrator and the recipient of gossip. And I hurt more from being the perpetrator than I ever hurt being the recipient. Am I guilty? Sometimes--but God----with Your help--I'll try!!!

.....Filing Cabinet, Salt River Intergroup...H.A.L.T.-Lake Tahoe.

### ACCEPTANCE . . .

Accept those around you as they are, with all their faults: if you cannot remedy their defects, endure them. View them as you do physical blemishes; in the course of time you will get used to them and you may even become attached to what once used to irritate you. Lincoln's homeliness has endeared him to posterity as much as the great qualities which have made him the idol of his people... Th Art of Worldly Wisdom... From Here's How, 1951 - Chicago.



G. EMERSON

"Your wife has my sympathy—  
I don't understand you either!"



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HAM-EGGS -PANCAKES-COFFEE  
DONATION \$ 1.80

MEETING FOLLOWING BRUNCH-2PM!

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EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

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LIVE BAND MUSIC!!  
9P.M. - MIDNIGHT

PRIZES!

# DANCE

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2191 ORANGE-OLIVE ROAD, ORANGE.

4TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE AND CELEBRATION

APRIL 15TH AND 16TH----- FRIDAY NOON TO SATURDAY NOON- FRIDAY 8:30 MEETING' AT CLUB!

SATURDAY ANNIVERSARY DANCE

FEATURED SPEAKER; EDDIE C. (AZUSA)

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Speaker Meeting 2:30P.M. - Coffee & Doughnuts

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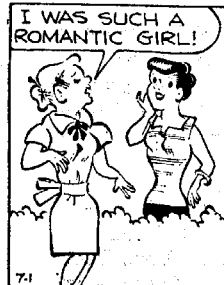
EVERY THIRD SATURDAY OF MONTH

6PM - 8PM

NEXT DATE: APRIL 16TH

(Meeting Follows)

Donation: \$2.50 per person



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS - FEBRUARY 1977.....

|                        | FEB. | YEAR |                           | FEB. | YEAR |
|------------------------|------|------|---------------------------|------|------|
| ANAHEIM                |      |      | HUNTINGTON B.             |      |      |
| FRI. 8PM STUDY         |      | 15   | WED. PART. MAINST.        | 25   | 25   |
| FRI. SPKR. HOSP.       | 42   | 42   | THURS. NOON DISC.         | 30   | 30   |
| TOTALS                 | 42   | 57   | FRI. PART. REBOS          |      | 80   |
| ANAHEIM ( CLUB )       |      |      | FRI. PART. LENNOX         | 52   | 52   |
| MON. 12 NOON DISC.     |      | 30   | TOTALS                    | 275  | 574  |
| MON. MENS STAG         | 25   | 25   | IRVINE WED. BEG.          |      | 30   |
| TUES. Q&A SPKR.        | 60   | 60   | LAGUNA BEACH              |      |      |
| WED. SPAN.SPKR.        | 5    | 5    | MON. WOMEN                | 54   | 54   |
| SAT. SPKR.             |      | 40   | TUES. 12:30 WOMEN         | 35   | 35   |
| TOTALS                 | 90   | 160  | FRI. YNG PEOPLE           | 326  | 326  |
| BALBOA MON. STUDY      | 15   | 15   | SAT. SPKR. HOSP.          | 100  | 100  |
| BREA THURS. DISC.      | 28   | 28   | TOTALS                    | 515  | 515  |
| BUENA PARK SUN. SPKR.  | 15   | 15   | LAGUNA BEACH ( CLUB )     |      |      |
| CORONA DEL MAR TUES.   |      | 60   | SUN. 2PM DISC.            | 20   | 20   |
| COSTA MESA             |      |      | MON. MENS STAG            |      | 50   |
| MON. 8PM DISC.         | 24   | 24   | TOTALS                    | 20   | 70   |
| TUES. NOON COLLEGE     | 30   | 30   | EL TORO MON. STUDY        |      | 75   |
| TUES. GRANGE           |      | 5    | LAGUNA NIGUEL FRI.        |      | 180  |
| THURS. MEN PITCAIRN    |      | 7    | LA HABRA                  |      |      |
| TOTALS                 | 54   | 66   | SUN. STUDY                | 10   | 10   |
| COSTA MESA ( CLUB )    |      |      | MON. 10:30 WOMEN          | 10   | 10   |
| SUN. 7:30 DISC.        |      | 15   | WED. MENS STAG            | 13   | 13   |
| DANA POINT TUES. PART. |      | 70   | FRI. SPEAKERS             | 150  | 150  |
| FOUNTAIN VALLEY        |      |      | TOTALS                    | 183  | 183  |
| SUN. SPKR.             | 60   | 60   | LA MIRADA WED. WMN.       | 10   | 20   |
| WED. PART.             | 72   | 72   | LOS ALAMITOS WED.         |      | 10   |
| TOTALS                 | 132  | 132  | MISSION VIEJO             |      |      |
| FULLERTON              |      |      | WED. 9:30 WOMEN           | 30   | 30   |
| TUES. PART. CHURCH     | 30   | 30   | WED. NITE DISC.           | 30   | 80   |
| THURS. MENS STAG       |      | 30   | TOTALS                    | 60   | 110  |
| THURS. BOOK STUDY      |      | 70   | NEWPORT BEACH             |      |      |
| SAT. SPKR.             | 84   | 84   | TUES. STAG                | 4    | 4    |
| TOTALS                 | 114  | 214  | WED. OAKWOOD              | 30   | 30   |
| FULLERTON ( CLUB )     |      |      | THURS. EBELL SPKR.        | 60   | 120  |
| SUN. 10:30 AM SPKR.    |      | 19   | SAT. HOAG HUT SPKR.       | 150  | 300  |
| WED. SPKR.             | 49   | 49   | TOTALS                    | 244  | 454  |
| THURS. 11:30 AM STUDY  | 24   | 24   | NEWPORT BEACH ( CLUB )    |      |      |
| FRI. 11:30 AM PART.    |      | 37   | SUN. 11:30AM DISC.        |      | 30   |
| FRI. TOPIC DISC.       |      | 18   | MON. 10:30AM WMN.         | 20   | 20   |
| TOTALS                 | 73   | 147  | TOTALS                    | 20   | 50   |
| GARDEN GROVE           |      |      | ORANGE                    |      |      |
| MON. NOON DAYLITE      |      | 15   | 6PM SUN. PART.            |      | 30   |
| WED. SERENITY          | 20   | 55   | TUES. WALNUT DISC.        |      | 50   |
| WED. BELFAST STAG      |      | 18   | WED. DISC. HOSP.          | 60   | 60   |
| THURS. BEGINNERS       |      | 10   | FRI. PART. (La Purissima) | 10   | 10   |
| TOTALS                 | 20   | 98   | FRI. SPKRS. CHOC          |      | 120  |
| GARDEN GROVE ( CLUB )  |      |      | TOTALS                    | 70   | 270  |
| SUN. 7:30 STUDY        | 12   | 12   | ORANGE ( CLUB )           |      |      |
| TUES. 8PM PART.        |      | 70   | SUN. 7:30 DISC.           | 15   | 15   |
| WED. 8PM BOOK STUDY    |      | 25   | MON. SPKRS.               | 25   | 50   |
| THURS. 12:30 STUDY     |      | 12   | THURS. BEGINNERS          |      | 20   |
| THURS. SPKR.           | 50   | 50   | FRI. 11PM DISC.           | 20   | 40   |
| FRI. 10:30 WOMEN       | 112  | 112  | SAT. 2PM DISC.            | 40   | 40   |
| TOTALS                 | 174  | 281  | TOTALS                    | 100  | 165  |
| HUNTINGTON BEACH       |      |      | PLACENTIA                 |      |      |
| MON. 8PM STUDY         | 33   | 33   | MON. PART.                | 60   | 60   |
| TUES. 1PM WOMEN        | 52   | 97   | FRI. SPAN.SPK.            | 10   | 10   |
| TUES. DISC. CHAPEL LN. | 9    | 41   | TOTALS                    | 70   | 70   |
| TUES. WE CARE          | 74   | 194  | SAN CLEMENTE ( CLUB )     |      |      |
| WED. 1PM WOMEN         |      | 22   | SUN. 10:30AM DISC.        |      | 5    |

|                     | FEB   | YEAR  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| SAN CLEMENTE        |       |       |
| MON. NOON WOMEN     |       | 5     |
| TUES. PART.         |       | 5     |
| SAT. DISC.          |       | 5     |
| TOTALS              | -0-   | 20    |
| SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO |       |       |
| THURS.              |       | 200   |
| SANTA ANA           |       |       |
| MON. SPKR 525 GRAND | 20    | 20    |
| WED. LA NUENA LUZ   | 10    | 10    |
| SAT. 2PM SPKR.      | 10    | 10    |
| TOTALS              | 40    | 40    |
| SANTA ANA ( CLUB )  |       |       |
| SUN. TAM DISC.      |       | 5     |
| TUES. NOON DISC.    |       | 30    |
| TOTALS              | -0-   | 35    |
| SEAL BEACH THURS.   | 35    | 60    |
| TUSTIN              |       |       |
| TUES. STUDY         |       | 90    |
| WED. WOMEN          | 25    | 53    |
| THURS. STUDY        |       | 70    |
| FRI. NEWCOMER PART. |       | 100   |
| SAT. VISIT SPKR.    |       | 150   |
| TOTALS              | 25    | 463   |
| YORBA LINDA WED.    |       | 20    |
| WANDERING GROUPS    |       |       |
| MON. NITE           |       | 40    |
| FRI. NITE           |       | 28    |
| SAT. NITE           | 26    | 26    |
| TOTALS              | 26    | 94    |
| MISCELLANEOUS       |       |       |
| F.R.E.S.H.          | 18    | 18    |
| UNKNOWN GROUP       | 60    | 60    |
| MISC. PRIOR MONTHS  |       | 413   |
| WHITTIER WMN. Q&A   | 10    | 2     |
| INTERGROUP MEETING  | 24    | 76    |
| TOTALS              | 112   | 587   |
| TOTALS              | 2,562 | 5,653 |



# SHARING EXPERIENCE.....STRENGTH.....AND HOPE..

## TWELVE THOUGHTS ON SPONSORSHIP

1. The relationship between sponsor and protégé is mutually rewarding. The sponsor is both teacher and pupil. You come to be so interested in your protégé that a hole in his shoes makes your feet cold.
2. You get a thrill when you see your new boy ( or girl ) making the grade. This thrill is heartwarming and lasting. You will never outlive the ability to be so thrilled.
3. Speak up to your own experience, but not beyond it. Do not tell someone else's story. Your own story, told simply without exaggeration or drama, carries conviction. It is the sincerity of the speaker that puts over our message, not the skilled oratory nor the well turned phrase. Only you can tell your story.
4. In 12th step work we carry the message to an alcoholic who is still suffering. We do not carry the alcoholic. Do not confuse 12th stepping with baby sitting.
5. When an infant is learning to walk, the wise mother does not insist on carrying the child. She allows the baby to learn to use its legs.
6. Encourage the prospect to speak. Learn to be silent in seven languages. What he says can be of great importance. In talking about himself he releases tension. The writer finds this most difficult. His friends who know him will understand why.
7. Do not think of yourself as changing your prospective new member. You are only the channel through which the Higher Power operates. Thomas A. Kempis said, "Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish then to be since you cannot make yourself as you would wish to be."
8. Should your efforts be rewarded with success you, being human, will enjoy a great thrill, but always remember the credit belongs to the Higher Power. Remembrance of this will safeguard the sponsor against disaster in those cases where the prospect does not respond. Should we take the credit in successful cases we must blame ourselves when our efforts have apparently failed.
9. No honest effort in A.A. is ever wasted.
10. Responsibility of a sponsor. No man is an island. Always remember from now on you are an ambassador for A.A. Watch your behavior carefully. A slip on your part could cause the death of your protégé. Be especially careful IF dealing with a member of the opposite sex. Beware lest you cause scandal outside your group or about your group. Love is blind- but the rest of your group is not.
11. Do not let fear of making a mistake keep you from attempting a 12th step call. If any man can honestly tell you he has never made a mistake you can bet your bottom dollar that his father could not make the same claim.
12. Expect to be criticized! Ours is a Fellowship of men and women. Some of the criticism may be justified." It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to listen to the singing of fools." Eccls., Chap.7, verse 5. Eamonn Andrews on T.V. recently quoted the late Pope John who in turn was quoting a much earlier Pope on criticism when he said, "Do your best and be happy and let the sparrows twitter." .....Tom T., Birmingham, England via Bristol

## AL-ANON

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APRIL 1, 2, AND 3, 1977

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## ANNUAL WOMEN'S BANQUET

CARING & SHARING....  
FRIDAY - MAY 6, 1977 - 7:30 P. M.  
Knott's Berry Farms Garden Room  
Steak House  
Buena Park, California  
Doors open 7:00 P.M. Donation \$5.00  
Tickets available at Central Office or  
Call: Doris M. 537-4426  
Ellen V. 968-9108  
Colleen D. 897-2882

## PEOPLE

### IN MEMORIAM...

Heartfelt condolences and love to the families and friends of

IRWIN BULL

( Huntington Beach )

ART MARRIOTT

( Corona del Mar )

and to

Bob L., Newport Beach, in the loss of his mother.

Red M., Costa Mesa, in the loss of his mother.

### IRWIN BULL..

Irwin Bull passed away recently after three years of A.A. sobriety. He was very active in the Huntington Beach "We Care" Tuesday Group. Irwin did care, was well loved by the group, and will be sorely missed by all his friends.

### ART MARRIOTT..

Art Marriott was a 15 or 16 year member of A.A. He was active in the Wednesday Southcoast Group, Laguna Hills Group, and Laguna Niguel. He will be missed by those who knew him and loved him.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT....

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all my friends who sustained me in my illness. Your thoughts, prayers, flowers, cards and calls certainly was what made my recovery possible. For this I thank all of you.

Love, Agnes E.  
( Huntington Beach )

LIFELINE  
2712 S. GRAND AVENUE  
SANTA ANA, CA. 92705

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# APRIL 1977

## MEETING DIRECTORY



### A.A. CENTRAL OFFICE

2712 S. GRAND AVENUE  
SANTA ANA, CAL. 92705

TELEPHONE  
**(714) 556-4555**

HOURS:  
WEEKDAYS 8AM - 9PM  
SATURDAYS 9AM - 4:30PM  
SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS 10AM - 4:30PM  
ANSWERING SERVICE  
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MEETINGS ARE OPEN  
AND BEGIN AT 8:30 P.M.  
UNLESS NOTED.  
(C) ALCOHOLICS ONLY  
\* DAYTIME MEETINGS

## A.A. DIRECTORY SUNDAY

**ANAHEIM**  
\*-Spkr., 11AM, 202 W. Broadway, Club.  
-Beginners Part., 202 W. Broadway.  
\*-(C), Disc., 5:30PM, 202 W. Broadway.  
\*-Span. Spkr., 11AM, 202 W. Broadway.

**BUENA PARK**  
-Spkr., 8150 Knott Ave., Teen Center.

**CATALINA ISLAND**  
\*-11:30AM, 108 Metropole.

**COSTA MESA**  
\*-High Noon Part., 2040 Placentia, Club.  
-Spkr., Oddfellow's Hall, 8PM, 2476 Newport Blvd.  
-(C), Disc., 7:30PM, 2040 Placentia.

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY**  
-Spkr., 8 PM, Community Center, 10200 Slater.

**FULLERTON**  
-(C), Disc., 8PM, 204 E. Amerige St., Teen Center.  
\*-Spkr., 10:30 AM, 705 N. Harbor, Club.  
-(C), Disc., 8PM, 705 N. Harbor, Club.

**GARDEN GROVE**  
\*-12 Noon, Spkr., 9636 Garden Grove Blvd  
-Disc., 8PM, Main & Stanford, Church.  
\*(C), Disc., 5:30 PM, 9636 Garden Grove.  
-12&12 Study, 7:30 PM, Alano Club, 9636 Garden Grove Blvd.

**IRVINE**  
-(C), Disc., 7:30PM, UCI Humanities Bldg.

**LAGUNA BEACH**  
\*-Disc., 2PM, 1945 Broadway, Club.  
-Disc., 1945 Broadway, Club.

**LAGUNA NIGUEL**  
-Spkr., 8PM, Crown Valley Sch., at Adelanto.

**LA HABRA**  
-Study, 8PM, 631 N. Euclid, Church.  
-Q. & A., 2PM, 142 La Habra Blvd.

**NEWPORT BEACH**  
\*-Disc., 11:30AM, 204 Riverside, Club.

**ORANGE**  
-Spkr., 8PM, 401 S. Tustin, Hospital.  
-Disc., 11AM, 2191 Orange-Olive Rd.  
\*-Part., 6PM, Hewes & Spring, Church.  
-Disc., 7:30PM, 2191 Orange-Olive Rd.

**SAN CLEMENTE**  
\*-Q & A Disc., 10:30AM, 91 Avenida Del Mar.  
-Book Study, 91 Avenida del Mar.

**SANTA ANA**  
\*-Disc., 11AM, 2112 N. Main St., Club.  
-Open Disc., 7:30 PM, 2112 N. Main St.  
-Span Spk, 7:30 PM, 1301 S. Bristol.  
-Beginners, 7:30PM, 525 N. Grand Ave.

**STANTON**  
\*-Spkr., 1PM, 10936 Dale Ave.

**TUSTIN**  
\*-Participation Breakfast, Civic Center, 10AM, Main & Centennial Sts.  
Spkr., 7:30PM, Civic Center, Main & Centennial Sts.  
-Under 20, 7:30PM, 1201 Irvine.

**WESTMINSTER**  
-Part., 7:30PM, C.C.D1. Bldg., 14072 Olive.

## MONDAY

**ANAHEIM**  
-(C), Stag, 202 W. Broadway, Club.  
-(C), Womens Disc., 202 W. Broadway.  
\*-12 Noon Part., 202 W. Broadway, Club.  
-Book Study, 107 W. Elm St., 8PM.  
-Renew Disc., 829 N. Helena St.

**BALBOA ISLAND**  
-Study, 115 Agate

**BREA**  
-Disc., 8PM, 875 N. Brea Blvd.

**CORONA DEL MAR**  
-(C), Womens, 8PM, 611 Heliotrope, Ch.

**COSTA MESA**  
\*-Disc., Noon, 2040 Placentia, Club.  
-(C), Womens, 8PM, 2040 Placentia, Club.  
-(C), Stag, 8PM, 2015 Charle St.  
-Beginners, 2040 Placentia, Club.  
-Disc., 8PM, 2043 Orange Ave. (cor. Bay)

**CYPRESS**  
-(C), Part., 6441 Lincoln, Church.

**FULLERTON**  
-Spkr., Hosp. 101 E. Valencia Mesa Dr.  
\*-Disc., 11:30 AM, 705 N. Harbor.  
-Book Study, 705 N. Harbor.

**GARDEN GROVE**  
-(C), Women, 8PM, 9596 Garden Gr., Rm. 210  
\*-Disc., 12476 Main & Stanford, 12:30PM, #15.  
\*-Disc., 7:30AM, 9636 Garden Grove Blvd.  
-Eastgate Part., 7271D Garden Grove Blvd., Koll Complex.  
-Disc., Stag, 8PM, 9636 Garden Grove.  
-Book Study, call 556-4555 for location.

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
-12&12 Study, 8PM, 6662 Heil St.  
-(C), Women, 8PM, 2000 Main, Civic Cntr.  
-Disc. 8PM, 8251 Heil St.  
-Big Book Study, 8PM, 18361 Chapel Ln., Main Hall.

**LAGUNA BEACH**  
-(C), Stag, 1945 Broadway, Club.  
\*-Big Book Study, 12:30PM, 1945 Broadway.  
-(C), Women, 428 Park Ave., Church.  
-Disc., 7:30PM, Gleneyre & Park Ave., Library, no smoking.

**LAGUNA HILLS**  
Study, 8PM, Church, El Toro off ramp.

**LA HABRA**  
\*-(C), Womens Disc., 631 Euclid, 10:30AM.  
-Spkr., 142 La Habra Blvd.

**LA MIRADA**  
-Disc., 14407 E. Rosecranz Ave., Ch.

**NEWPORT BEACH**  
\*-(C), Women, 10:30AM, 204 Riverside.  
-(C), Disc., 204 Riverside, Club.

**ORANGE**  
-Spkr., 2191 Orange-Olive Rd.  
\*-Disc., 12 Noon, 2191 Orange-Olive Rd.

**PLACENTIA**  
-Part., 1314 Angelina, Church.

**SANTA ANA**  
\*-(C), Womens Disc., 1PM, 1605 E. 4th St.  
-8PM, Span. Spk., 1301 S. Bristol.  
-Spkr., 2112 N. Main St., Club.  
-Spkr., 525 N. Grand Ave.  
\*-12 Noon Study, 2112 N. Main St.  
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