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THE COORDINATOR

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JANUARY 6TH, 1954

The first Coordinating Council of 1954 was called to order by your new Chairman, Jack A. We are very happy that Jack was elected to this responsible job, for his ability and devoted service to AA have been amply proved by his work on previous committees. Good luck, Jack! The meeting opened with the reading of the 12 Traditions by Ed S. Also present were Bill K., new Chairman of the Business Committee, Paul E., new Chairman of the Program Committee, and Hugh M. representing the Public Relations Committee. After the reading of the December financial report of the Central Office, Bill K. stated that we were starting this year with several hundred dollars less than last, and that unless we all accept our responsibility towards keeping the office going the situation may become very precarious.

Bill also announced that through the City Manager several locations had been inspected as possible places for the Wednesday night meeting, and that the only place that would probably fill our needs was the Blind Recreation Center on Upas Street. The Co-ordinating Committee was polled and on a 12-2 vote it was decided we would retain our present meeting place at Craftsmen's Hall. Bill also mentioned the fact that practically no volunteer help has been available at the Central Office recently, and hoped that the situation would improve.

SPECIAL REMINDER: THE GROUP REGISTRATION CARDS FOR THE NEW YORK OFFICE MUST BE IN NEW YORK BEFORE JANUARY 14TH IF YOU WANT YOUR GROUP TO BE LISTED IN THE NATIONAL A.A. DIRECTORY. IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DUE TO THE FREQUENT CHANGES OF SECRETARIES ALL GROUPS LIST OUR CENTRAL OFFICE AS THEIR MAILING ADDRESSES.

Joe C. of El Cajon is the new member of the Program Committee. Next month a woman will be elected to this Committee so please have your delegate bring the name of your choice to the Coordinating meeting.

FOUNDATION DONATION: We are very happy to report that the total contributions to the New York Foundation for 1953 totalled $772.92. This included both donations sent through our Central Office and those sent direct to New York by the groups. This is slightly higher than last year and we can feel proud that San Diego is doing its part.

When we accept our responsibility to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, we sometimes overlook the fact that there is more than one way of doing 12th Step work. The Public Relations Committee reports that much help is still needed in their institutional program. Three or four men are needed for the Tuesday night men's Jail meeting; three or four more who are willing to do road camp work are badly needed. Volunteers are also needed for both Men's and Women's Psychopathic Ward meetings - these are held on Mondays around 1:00 P.M. and if you can give this time, you will be doing a valuable form of 12th Step work. The Beginners' Meeting on Sundays at 6:00 P.M. at the YMCA is set up thru February but we need additional volunteers for later in the year. An alcoholic couple, or a man and woman working as a team, lead these meetings for one month at a time and it is a gratifying experience for you, as well as providing great assistance to the new member. If you have any time (whatever became of the time when we were drinking?) to give to this important work, call the Central Office and leave your name and phone number - our Public Relations Committee will contact you and do the rest. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 8:00 P.M. at the Alano Club and they ask that all members interested in any phase of the above institutional or beginners' meetings attend. Again, we can't emphasize too strongly that this is a vital part of our AA work.

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY. The outgoing and incoming members of the San Diego Area Assembly of the General Service Conference met at the Alano Club on December 10th and elected the following:

Chairman:	Fred G.	Alternate:	Bud H.
Delegate:	Jim B.	Secretary:	Rosa B.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th at 8:00 P.M. at the Alano Club. All group representatives are expected to attend, and if your group has not yet elected a representative, be sure and do so. The man or woman should be one who is interested in the growth and future of AA as a whole. This Assembly has no voice in local matters but is the contact Group with the New York Foundation and AA all over the world. Every group should participate in this Assembly.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: December was a very social month in San Diego AA. It started out with a bang when the 20-40 Group held their regular dance on December 5th. This was a thoroughly enjoyable party - good music, good food and good fun. These dances are held every month except when the 20-40 Group feels they might interfere with other major AA activities, such as the picnic, Women's Dance, banquet, etc. Their next dance will be on Saturday, February 6th at the Wednesday Club, 6th and Ivy Lane AND the music this time will be furnished by our own San Diego AA orchestra. They also play at the Saturday Night Open House at the Alano Club every week, except when other dances are scheduled. Come in and hear how good they are.

On December 12th a committee composed of AA's and Associates sponsored a Christmas Bazaar at the Alano Club and the proceeds, $186.00, were evenly divided between the Central Office, the Program Committee (for the Wednesday night meetings), and the Christmas festivities at the club. The beautiful dual-control electric blanket was won by those popular newly-weds, Bud C. and the former Betty R. The Bazaar committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make this occasion pleasant - and productive.

On December 14th, the Mission Hills Group celebrated their 5th Anniversary with an open meeting and a beautiful birthday cake. Dr. Robert Kaplan, psychologist, was the guest speaker.

On December 16th our wonderful Associates Group gave their annual Christmas party and provided lots of talent. Dud C. on the piano, Oscar with his gee-tar and Sally L. with her sweet and hot sax brought down the house. The meeting closed with a beautiful baritone rendition of the Lord's Prayer by our own Joe M. It was very gratifying that Mildred M. won the turkey, and we know her seeing-eye dog Julie is probably pounds fatter by now.

On December 25th the gaily decorated Alano Club was the scene of the annual "Christmas dinner on the house" for the members and their families. Several of the Pathfinders were also guests of the Club and presents galore were piled under the huge, bedecked tree.

Then of course, came New Year's Eve and the BIG DANCE. Chairman Jim B. and his committee did a terrific job on this party. Games of skill were most ably handled by that old "barker" Bill K. and his committee, and all present agreed that the music and the food were super. All of his friends congratulate Mike C. who won the handsome electric roaster and stand. When do we eat, Mike? The "Little Red Riding-hood" doll, donated by member, Tess L. was won by the fair guest of Irving R. It was really a super party - the boys all wearing their Christmas neckties (plus other garments, of course) and the gals done up in their best bib and tucker rainment. Did you ever notice how many good-looking gals we have in San Diego AA?

Your Coordinator this month is being put out by a couple of pinchhitters, so forgive us any mistakes or omissions. Your regular editor, Helen G., who has worked so hard and so long on this task and who has done such a splendid job with it, has been very ill. She is convalescing slowly but surely, and we hope will soon be back in the thick of things. In the meantime, her doctor wants her to get plenty of rest and we would like to ask her many friends to make their telephone inquiries brief and confined to the hours between 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. AA's probably give the phone company more business than any other association in the world, but long conversations can be tiring when one has been as ill as our Helen. Get well soon, Madame Editor - our prayers are with you.

A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the Year
'Give me a light that I may fare forth safely into the darkness.'
And he replied 'Put thine hand into the Hand of God,
And that shall be for thee better than a light and safer than a known way.'"

A HAPPY AND SOBER NEW YEAR TO ALL AA'S EVERYWHERE.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1953

Associates.....	$88.25	Ramona Group.....	$10.00	Coronado Group....	$10.00
Fri. Nite Mens'	40.00	La Jolla Group....	10.00	Mission Bay Group	10.00
North Park Gr..	45.00	Del Mar Group.....	10.00	Golden Hills Gr...	5.50
Womens Group ..	10.00	Mission Hills Gr..	10.00		
El Cajon Group	2.00	Chula Vista Group	15.00	TOTAL.....	$265.75

DONATIONS FROM BAZAAR TO CENTRAL OFFICE -- $62.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW YORK FOUNDATION - MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1953

Coronado Group	$20.00	El Cajon Group ...	$ 2.00
Saturday Nite Y Gr.	12.00	Sunday Nite Y ...	12.00
North Park Group...	40.00	Del Mar Group	5.00

TOTAL -- $91.00

TOTAL FOR 1953 -- $672.92

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THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER OF YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE IS BELMONT 9 - 1366

Chairman, Jack A. opened the regular meeting of the Coordinating Committee with the reading of the 12 Traditions by Howard D.

The new member of the Program Committee is Pat R. She is extremely active in several groups and we know she will do a fine job with this. Next month, a man's name is to be submitted for the Program Committee, so please have your delegate bring the name of your nominee.

DON'T FORGET THE 20-40 DANCE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th at 8:00 PM AT THE WEDNESDAY CLUB, 6th & IVY LANE. MUSIC BY OUR OWN A.A. ORCHESTRA! DANCING --- REFRESHMENTS -- GAMES FREE INVENTORIES

OUR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Speaking of money - have you ever heard the remark that when you dry up an alcoholic you dry him up all over - particularly in the pocket book? This isn't really true - A.A. is one of the few organizations ever to exist on an entirely self-supporting basis - declining all contributions from outside sources. On the other hand, you can't blame people for being slightly annoyed when they go to meeting after meeting, and listen to endless "pitches" for money. The Coordinating Committee, who have the responsibility of seeing that we remain self-supporting, is most anxious to receive all suggestions to improve this situation.

In A.A. we have four definite financial obligations - to our local group, the Central Office, the Foundation and our General Service Conference. At the Group level, we seem to do pretty well - hardly ever does a group fold up for financial reasons. At the Central Office - not so good. The deficit at the office for January was $109.92 - in other words expenses were that much over receipts.

Now, there are two ways of handling the cost of our office -- as individuals and as groups. THE BUCK-A-MONTH plan was devised to give us the personal opportunity of contributing - and if every member did this, it would take care of everything. However, last year, less than 200 members signed up, and less than half of these followed through for the entire year. Your Coordinator will have BUCK-A-MONTH booklets and the little pamphlet "There are no Dues or Fees, But .." and you can do your share by subscribing and FOLLOWING THROUGH.

GROUP DONATIONS are our other source of revenue for the office. However, we don't do a heck of a lot better along these lines. The number of groups making donations was 13, in both December and January - which means that only half the groups are carrying their share of the load.

The question was asked at the meeting of what would be a suggested yard-stick for donations. This isn't an easy question to answer but the Chairman said that if everyone who could would cooperate, the figures, roughly speaking, would be something like $1 per individual per month, $1 per registered member per group per month, $2 per year per member for the N Y Foundation (the International Headquarters) and $1 per group per month for the General Service Conference. This is by no means a directive, but only passed on as general information. There are some smaller groups who have tough financial going, and we have many members who are in the same position. Perhaps a better yardstick would be to give what you feel you want to, and can afford.

One constructive suggestion for groups was that when possible, they budget a definite amount each week just as they do for donuts and coffee, and if this were done as a matter of routine by the secretary, it might eliminate some of those obnoxious "pitches" about money.

If you have any ideas on this subject please pass them on to your Coordinator for our next meeting.

Your delegate was instructed by a unanimous vote of the Committee to ask your group to double the amount of your last donation to the Central Office, if possible, in an attempt to offset the deficit in January. If we are to keep the door open for those who still do not know about A.A. we are going to have to apply the very First Tradition of AA - OUR COMMON WELFARE SHOULD COME FIRST; PERSONAL RECOVERY DEPENDS ON A.A. UNITY, and this applies to the support of our necessary obligations as well as carrying the message.

INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS: The Public Relations Committee wishes to thank the large number of members who turned out for their meeting of January 12th. The following committees have been set up and if you wish to devote some time to this work, contact the following.

MEETING	DAY	CONTACT	PHONE
VIEJAS GRADE HONOR FARM		Chet M.	Chula Vista 751-W
CAMP MINNEWAWA:		Dick C.	BE 9-7370
CAMP ELLIOTT:		Central Office	BE 9-1366
MEN'S PSYCHOPATHIC WARD:	Mondays 1:00 PM	Russ B.	AC 2-4520
WOMEN'S PSYCHO. WARD.:	Mondays 1:00 PM	Central Office	BE 9-1366
MEN'S JAIL:	Tuesdays 7:00 PM	Bill H.	BE 2-0254
WOMEN'S JAIL:	Thurs. 7:00 PM	Thelma H.	BE 2-0254

BEGINNERS' MEETING: This very fine meeting (open) is held on Sundays at 6:30 PM. During the month of February the meeting will be conducted by Joe M. and Eunice D. and should be very rewarding to all.

MEETINGS IN ENCINITAS: The Encinitas Women's Group meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM at 1275 Santa Fe Drive, and they would very much like to have the help of the women from San Diego. There is a closed meeting for men and the same night at St. Andrews Church, Encinitas and they too would welcome visitors. Phone Enc. 3173 for additional information.

"TO CARRY THE MESSAGE" - to those who still suffer is the second part of our 12th Step. In addition to attending meetings and participating in the support of our Central Office, there is always the ever-present need for direct contact with the new man or woman. We may not always help them but we Always are helped ourselves. IS YOUR NAME ON FILE AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE AND THE PHONE ANSWERING SERVICE FOR THIS VITAL WORK?

There is also another way of doing 12th Step Work - and of helping ourselves at the same time. From time to time, there is a drop in attendance at some of the meetings, and it would be a fine thing to gather up a few carloads of A.A.'s and visit these groups to give them a lift. The delegate from GOLDEN HILL GROUP (Thurs. night, Lutheran Church, 25th and E) has particularly asked that we give them this kind of help.

NEW MEETING: A closed meeting for men only is now being held every Tuesday night at 8:15 at 1000 Prospect St., La Jolla (over Morrie's Bar & Grill). All men in the area are cordially invited.

We also wish to remind you that there is a daily daytime meeting at 1223 12th Street, Mondays through Friday at 1:00 PM, Saturdays, 2:00 PM.

Vivian D. announces that the Women's Rehabilitation Project has been closed and that the balance on hand will be turned over to the Central Office for rehabilitation Purposes.

BIRTHDAY CAKES: Occasionally a member does not register with a group, or a card is misfiled in the office and some birthday boy or girl is overlooked! If you have a one, five, ten or other birthday cake due, our Wednesday Night Secretary, Dorothy W. asks that you check with the office a week or so before the big day to make sure your date is on file. Will Group Secretaries remind their members of this, too?

AN ALCOHOLIC IS A PERSON WITH BOTH FEET FIRMLY PLANTED IN MID-AIR.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1954

Womens Group ..	$10.00	Del Mar Group.....	$10.00	Imperial Beach	$ 5.00
North Park Gr..	65.00	National City Gr..	10.00	Mission Bay Gr.	10.00
20-40 Group....	15.00	Sat. Nite Group...	10.00	Spring Valley Gr.	10.00
Fri. Nite Mens'	30.00	Coronado Group....	10.00	Chula Vista Gr.	10.00

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MARCH 3rd, 1954

Chairman Jack A. opened the 100th regular meeting of the Coordinating Committee with the reading of the 12 Traditions by Wayne M.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE The new member of the Program Committee is Frank S. of the Friday Night Men's Group. Frank did a swell job with the Beginners' Meeting and will be a valuable addition to the Program Committee. Good luck, Frank. Next month, be sure and have your delegate bring a woman's name for nomination to this Committee.

BUCK-A-MONTH RESPONSE In February the coordinating delegates were asked to assume the responsibility of personally contacting the members of their groups regarding the Buck-a-Month. They certainly have been working like beavers (and busy ones, too) for the response has been very good. This is the one way we can all make our personal contribution towards keeping the door open for those who DON'T YET KNOW. If you haven't signed up yet, please try to do so, and if you have, please try to follow through for the entire year. We all know there may be some better way of keeping the office going, but this is the best we have right now and the cooperation of every member is important.

The office advises that if you wish to receive a receipt for your contribution to the Buck-a-Month, be sure and put your name and address on the first coupon, and at least your name, on subsequent ones.

12th STEP CALLS

The attention of the Committee was called to the fact that we are not doing the best possible job in covering calls received by telephone, and it was suggested that a volunteer committee meet with the office secretary with the idea of setting up zone contacts, who would be available at all times, and who in turn, would pass the calls on to members in their areas. Chet M., Jay L. and Jessie M. volunteered at the meeting and any member who wishes to share in this work is asked to contact the office, and leave his or her name. Your Coordinating Delegate can give you further details of the discussion and this job is a very important one - you wouldn't be here yourself unless there had been someone available when you needed them. One of the most important steps of our program is TO CARRY THE MESSAGE to those who still suffer. Call the office and give this project your cooperation!

ANNUAL PICNIC The annual picnic this year will be sponsored by the 20-40 Group -- details later. They will want and need your help to make this a success, and they can find a job for everyone who wants to work on the picnic.

INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS Public Relations report that some help is still needed for Camp Elliott (Monday nights--call Central Office for information); Minnewawa (Saturday nights--call Dick C.--BE 9-7370); Men's Jail Meeting (Tuesday nights--call Bill H.--BE 2-0254.)

NEW ADDRESS: THE GOLDEN HILL GROUP is now meeting at the Parochial School, 24th & Market, Thursdays at 8:15 P.M. and would appreciate visitors. Smoking permitted.

LA JOLLA STAG MEETING: This new group, for men only, meets Tuesdays, 8:00 P.M. at 1000 Prospect Street (over Morrie's) La Jolla. All men welcome.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT MEETINGS: (Men's, Women's and Associates) are now back on their regular schedule at All Saints Church, 6th & Pennsylvania, 8 P.M.

EAST SAN DIEGO GROUP would greatly appreciate visitors from other groups and a trip there (Thursdays, 8:00 P.M., 4037 39th Street) will be good for you and for them.

DAYTIME MEETINGS are held at 1223 12th Street, Mondays through Fridays at 1:00 P.M., Saturdays, 2:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE There will be a meeting of the entire Conference Committee on Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30 P.M. at the Alano Club. This will be the last meeting of this Assembly before the Delegate goes to New York and it is important that your Group representative attend. If you have any suggestions or requests or questions for the Delegate to bring to New York, please instruct your representative to bring them to the meeting on April 7th.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

BIG ANNIVERSARY DANCE ---- 20-40 GROUP ---- BIG ANNIVERSARY DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH, 1954 -- WEDNESDAY CLUB, 6TH & IVY LANE -- 8:00 P.M.
The Fourth Anniversary Dance of the 20-40 Group will be celebrated - with a Gala Evening. Refreshments, games and free prizes. Fun for all. You can't afford to miss this party! DANCE MUSIC BY OUR OWN SAN DIEGO A.A. ORCHESTRA.

Julie, the seeing eye dog, says better late than ever, and through her mistress Mildred, reports that her Christmas turkey was wonderful!

The following is reprinted by request:

I am your friend, and my love for you goes deep. There is nothing I can give you which you have not got; but there is much, very much, that, while I cannot give it, you can take.

No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find peace in today. TAKE HEAVEN! No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present little instant. TAKE PEACE!

The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach is Joy. There is a radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see, and to see, we have only to look. I BESEECH YOU TO LOOK!

Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging the gifts by their covering, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering and you will find beneath it a living splendor, woven of love, by wisdom with power.

Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the Angel's hand that brings it to you. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, or a duty, believe me, the Angel's hand is there: the gift is there and the wonder of an overshadowing Presence. Our Joys too, be not content with them as Joys. They, too, conceal diviner gifts.

Life is so full of Meaning and Purpose, so full of Beauty - beneath the covering - that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage then to claim it: that is all! But Courage you have; and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending through an unknown country, Home.

And so, at this time I greet you. Not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem and with the Prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks, and the shadows flee away.

From a letter written by FraGiovanni, A.D. 1513

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEB., 1954

Associates Group.. $30.00	Ocean Beach Group.. $10.00	North Park Group $30.00
National City.... 5.00	Carlsbad Group 5.00	Womens' Group... 10.00
Mission Hills.... 10.00	Chula Vista 15.00	12th Street Gr.. 6.00
Fri. Nite Mens'.. 107.65	Golden Hills Group 18.00	20-40 Group 15.00
East San Diego .. 5.00	Mission Bay Group.. 20.00	Del Mar Group... 20.00
La Jolla 10.00	Spring Valley 10.00	Coronado Group.. 10.00

CONTRIBUTIONS - NEW YORK FOUNDATION

Del Mar Group $5.00	12th Street Group.. $3.00
Spring Valley 5.00	Individual Members 7.00

THERE ARE 25 GROUPS IN THE CITY - IS YOUR GROUP LISTED ABOVE?

JUNE 14, 1954

"UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT"--Pardon the employment of that trite phrase but this is the initial issue of your AA COORDINATOR under the co-editorship of Alan H. and Jim B. "Under New Management" is frequently used to convey the idea that things are going to be better wherever such a notice is displayed but alas, such is not the case here. Although your new editors have an interesting and experienced-filled newspaper background, they fully realize the futility of trying to surpass or to produce a COORDINATOR equal to the splendid and consistently fine job done by your former editor, the inimitable Helen G. We accept the responsibility of producing the COORDINATOR each month, knowing full well that comparison will result in severe criticism. But bear with us...we will strive to reach the perfection so easily gained by Helen. The cooperation of every person associated with AA will help us immensely...so pass along any and all worthwhile information...it will receive proper prominence in your COORDINATOR.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHRONICLES -- The Committee, moving with dispatch and precision, under the able leadership of Jack A., dispensed with a full and important May calendar in short order. Here's what happened; Bill B. was elected Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for the ensuing six months. Bill succeeds Jack A. in this important post. Jack A. was given a rising vote of thanks for his splendid job as chairman.

Russ B. and Jack A. were elected to the AA Business Committee. Dorothy W. was elected to succeed herself as Secretary of the Central Group (Wednesday Nite Meeting).

Ralph H. of the East San Diego group was elected to the Program Committee. With the exception of the Secretaryship of the Central Group, every post was hotly contested...and THAT'S GOOD.

VARLIE'S VARIETIES or the AA PICNIC -- Harry V. the capable Chairman of your AA Picnic advises that everything is shaping up nicely and has furnished the COORDINATOR with this pertinent information.

THE TIME -- Sunday, August 1st.

THE PLACE - Oakridge Park, near El Cajon. Direction map on back of admission tickets.

THE PRICE - Adults $1.50. Children from 6 to 12--75¢, under six... no charge.

AMPLE SPACE----------AMPLE SHADE----------AMPLE PARKING

THE PROGRAM -- Delightful Barbecue Beef Dinner with all the trimmings. Prepared the nite before by Sheriff's Captain Tom Isbell.

There'll be dancing, bingo, and other table games..plus softball, horse shoes and lots of fun.

Two big raffles with top prizes of portable radio and electric broiler. Door prizes for adults and the kids.

WHAT A DAY.....WHAT A PROGRAM.....DON'T DARE MISS IT !

W A R N I N G

In order to SAVE MONEY and to SERVE A BETTER DINNER no tickets will be sold after Thursday, July 29th. We must know that far in advance what the attendance will be. Don't wait...buy your tickets now!

WEDNESDAY NITE WISDOM -- The constantly increasing quality of our Wednesday Nite speakers is being reflected in increased attendance. Hats off to the Program Committee and its Chairman, Paul E. If every member of AA would make it a point to attend at least two of these Wednesday Nite meetings a month we would have consistently larger crowds which always improves the quality and spirit of the meeting. Plan to do so. Here is the Wednesday Nite Meeting programs for the remainder of June---

June 16th.....Chet Rudd, Los Angeles banker and prominent civic leader. Chairman Paul E.
June 23rd.....Bud H. and another to be announced later.
June 30th.....Speakers from Women's Group. Dorothy W., Chairman.

Attend the Wednesday Nite Meetings for the remainder of this month...there's a lot of good AA on the bill of fare. 8:15 P.M., Craftsmen's Hall on Center St., just off University.

"PINS UP GIRLS"--During June, the ever-popular Friday Nite Women's Group, is enjoying the leadership of Helen G. who has this say, "We are particularly anxious to have every member of this group who has earned her AA pin to attend not less than two meetings during the month. Your presence lends great inspiration to the new girls and

I am certain their presence will give you renewed AA spirit. Be sure and join us at least twice this month". There you have it girls...get out...show up with PINS UP. Friday Nite, 8:15...6th and Pennsylvania.

A meeting has been called for 2 P.M., Sunday, June 27th, at the Alano Club. Purpose of meeting is to organize a committee for the 1954 Women's Dance. All women members of AA please come.

FOUNDATION FACTS -- Jim B., San Diego AA delegate to the New York General Service Conference, reports the major resolutions and suggestions resulting from the meeting. Here they are:

1. Group discounts on the AA book will be discontinued until the New York office financial reserve equals two years operating cost. Effective June 30th.
2. The name of the ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION will be changed to AA GENERAL SERVICE BOARD.
3. There will be an AA 20th Anniversary Convention during 1954. Time and place to be announced later.
4. The group representative to the San Diego area assembly shall be the contact with New York, instead of the group secretary as heretofore. He will be so named in the next AA Directory.
5. To make an intensive effort to increase local subscriptions to the Grape Vine thru group bulk orders.
6. To continue operation of the General Service Conference in the same manner.

BAKERY DEPARTMENT NOTES -- A lot of deserving guys and gals are not receiving their AA Birthday Cakes on schedule. Although precautions are taken to avoid such incidents, it continues. However, it can be prevented. Here's how...anyone having a 1, 5 or 10 year cake coming up or past due, should contact Dorthy W. at JU 2-2904 or the Central Office advising them of your AA birthday date. So, check your sobriety date...make certain your cake will be ready on one of the most memorable dates of your life.

COMMENTS ON THE "CO" -- Elva (God love her) departs on July 2nd. Howard S. takes over the secretaryship of the Central Office on that date. Bon Voyage Elva...Happy Landings, Howard. AA gets an even break on the deal...A BIG LOSS...A BIG GAIN. Incidentally, Howard S. was selected to manage the Central Office from a field of 11 applicants...speaks well for Howard.

BILL WILSON'S VISIT -- On his recent San Diego visit, Bill's time was definitely limited, so much so that his only AA activity was a brief appearance at the Alano Club. However, the word got around and hundreds of AA members were there to pay their respects. This lovable founder of AA is truly radio-active as was evidenced by the tremendous upsurge of spirits among those present. Bill autographed many of the "big" books as well as numerous copies of the Twelve Traditions Book. He promises more time on his next visit to San Diego. IT WAS NICE HAVING YOU HERE, BILL...HURRY BACK.

QUICKIES -- Fred G. succeeds Bill K., as Chairman of the AA Business Committee...Bill K. and Dudley C. step down from the Business Committee to make room for Russ B. and Jack A. The Pacific Beach Group, 951 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, meets at 8:00 P.M., on Saturday nites, NOT 9 P.M. as erroneously announced...The Golden Hill group HAS NOT changed its name, just its meeting place, now at 24th & Market, 8:00 P.M., on Fridays...The Pathfinders did right well with their May Party, $385.00 worth to be exact. Another big event scheduled for August 21st...NOTE TO GROUP SECRETARIES--How's your supply of AA literature, particularly the "big" AA book. Keep plenty on hand...DEFINITIONS: Doughnuts are pregnant Cherri-Oats...The 20-40 group entertains again on June 19th, Wednesday Club House, music by the AA Nightmares (What's in a name? They're all Stallions)...The La Jolla group is back at their old stand, Women's Club House, Silverado & Prospect, Thursday, 8:15 P.M. ...Start Thinking! Next month you must select a woman for the Program Committee, also a member for the Coordinating Committee...How about that Sponsor-Baby switch between Clara S. and Modelle A. at the cake awarding recently, cute eh?... The Canadian boys, off HMS Ontario, created quite a sensation among the female element of the Alano Club. Better watch our next door neighbors...Made your "Buck-A-Month" payments?...There must be more but damnit we're tired.

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Linda Vista Gr. .. $10.00	La Jolla Gr. $10.00	El Cajon Gr. ... $ 5.00
Coronado Gr. 10.00	Mission Hills Gr. ... 10.00	20-40 Gr. 10.00
North Park Gr. ... 50.00	Chula Vista Gr. 20.00	Mission Bay Gr. 10.00
Vista Gr. 10.00	Spring Valley Gr. ... 10.00	Ocean Beach Gr. 10.00
Associates Gr. ... 15.00	Golden Hills Gr. 5.00	Womens Gr. 10.00
12th St. Gr. 2.00	Sunday Nite "Y" Gr. . 13.50	Rolando Gr. 5.00
National City Gr. 10.00		La Jolla Mens' Gr. 5.00

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Central Meeting .. $78.49	Spring Valley ..... $ 5.00	Imperial Beach . $14.00
12th Street 1.00	Sunday Nite "Y" 4.50	Anonymous 1.00
North Park 5.00	Golden Hills 4.00	

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COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHRONICLES -- Jack A. pinch hit for vacationing Chairman Bill B. who is allegedly fishing in some distant spot. The acceptance of his letter of regret was the first order of business. Following the group roll call (there was a good turn out) Fred G., Business Committee Chairman, gave forth with a financial report that was both encouraging and discouraging....it is amazing to know that only one-half of the County groups support the Central Office....sure room for improvement here....how about it? Chairman Fred outlined 3 major changes in the CO financial set-up which will result in more efficient operation and substantial savings. Detailed financial report can be obtained from your group Coordinator.

A brief report from the Program Committee outlined an interesting series of Wednesday Night meetings. With attendance and collections up....the Committee is going all out to maintain the fine quality of speakers that has been so evident in recent weeks. The Wednesday Night meeting should be a "must" on your list of meetings to attend. Make it a point to be there.

Progress report on the AA Picnic indicated a brisk interest but a reluctant group of ticket purchasers. There is a great day in store for everyone.... so PULLEEZE get your tickets NOW....remember none sold after July 29th.

The Mission Hills Group submitted for consideration the formation of a AA BLOOD BANK. Details of their plan will be outlined and explained by your group Coordinator. You are requested to give this matter serious consideration and either accept or reject the plan before the next Coordinating Committee Meeting in August.

Jeanne Bruce was unanimously elected to the Program Committee....Coordinators were urged to encourage payment of the Buck-A-Month commitments which have been lagging lately. Have you paid yours?

AA PICNIC BULLETIN

It's the AA Play-Day -- Presenting a program designed to give you and your family a fine day of relaxation, fun and food. Guaranteed never a dull moment....Games for the kids and the oldsters....Door prizes for the young and old....Valuable Raffle prizes,...AND FOOD OUT OF THIS WORLD. Don't be a square, drop around. Here's the dope!

TIME: All Day, Sunday August 1st.

PLACE: Oakridge Park at Suncrest. 7 miles from the center of El Cajon. How to get there, maps on back of all tickets.

PRICE: Buck and a half for over 12's. Six bits for 6 to 12. Bring a bottle for any younger ones.

TRANSPORTATION: Mike C. is forming a transportation pool. If you have room for a couple or more....or if you have no transportation....just phone Mike at CY 8-3149 he'll get you there and back.

WARNING: You MUST purchase your tickets before July 29th. None will be sold after that date. This is an economy move....support it by getting your tickets RIGHT NOW. Your group Secretary has them.

SEE YOU AT OAKRIDGE PARK, SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

PROGRAM COMMITTEE POINTERS -- Judging from the comments of the coffee and doughnut trade, our Wednesday Night meetings are really on the beam. The caliber of our speakers has been the very best and according to Paul Evans, Program Chairman, this standard will be maintained. Fine speakers are programed for the remainder of July. Here is the schedule:

August 21 -- Jessie Mc. is Chairman of this meeting and her speaker is top secret....she won't tell anybody. We'll go along with the gag....you come to the meeting.

August 28 -- Walter Mayo, Top Executive of Hughes Aircraft Company of Los Angeles. Advance agents say he is great. Ralp H. is the Chairman.

INCIDENTALLY--on the matter of speakers for the Wednesday Night meetings maybe you have some suggestions. It is impossible for your program committee to know every good AA speaker; so, if you have someone that could and is willing to speak on that night give his name to the Program Committee. It will be appreciated.

WOMEN'S DANCE -- Can't find out much about this super event other than it is scheduled for September 11th and the various committees are busy as bees getting things in order. No need for concern....this group always comes up with a sterling program. All the dope in the August Coordinator. Watch for it!

VIGNETTE -- A story from the East has reached the ears of your Coordinator. It concerns Bill Wilson and further accentuates his greatness and sincere dedication to the traditions of AA. Not too long ago, from the Halls of Ivy, Yale University requested Bill to accept an honorary Doctor's Degree. Such an honor is bestowed only on the great and is certainly recognition that all men earnestly desire but seldom obtain. Bill did not accept this great honor because it would violate his anonymity and an AA tradition. His refusal was met with a counter offer..could the degree be given to his initials BW. Well, after long thought Bill declined this offer. There you have proof of Bill's greatness for it takes an even greater man to forego what great men strive for. Hat's off to you Bill and thanks to Yale for their recognition and appreciation of your great AA work.

BAKERY DEPARTMENT NOTES -- Dorothy W. is still having cake trouble. Will you guys and gals who are to receive cakes please let her know if you will or will not be present on the designated night. A phone call will do it. JU 2-2904

SHORT SHOTS -- T'was a wonderful letter the Business Committee sent to Elva when she departed from the Central Office....deserved, too. ----- Diogenes with his lantern searched for knowledge but Juanita with her glasses is searching for Joe, seen him lately? ----- With Bingo and a Band the Alano Club, Saturday Nights are becomming a "must" for week-end entertainment....lot's of fun....give it a whirl this Saturday ------ If you aren't acquainted with the wonderful job being done by the Beginners Meeting better take your baby down there next Sunday Night. ------ Bill Bolton is seriously ill at Mercy Hospital and needs blood....can you spare Bill a pint....go to the hospital if you can....but quick. ------ It's a little late to tell you but don't forget the Pathfinder's Membership Dinner, Thursday night, July 15th. ------ Very few items for the Coordinator this issue....whassa matter, can't you write. ------ The sudden outbreak of outlandish sport coats can be traced to an AA member who happens to manage a local clothes emporium....he should be shot. ------ New Name Department "Slips that Pass in the Night"....we hope. ------ A lot of newsy chatter has been omitted but damnit even the Coordinator has a deadline. BOTTOMS UP.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1954

Friday Night Men's Group ...	$45.00	Spring Valley Group	$20.00
Saturday Night Y Group	7.00	La Jolla Group	10.00
Coronado Group	10.00	Mission Hills Group	10.00
Chula Vista Group	15.00	Rolando Group	2.50
Women's Group	10.00	Mission Bay Group	10.00
Associates Group	15.00	20-40 Group	10.00
National City Group	10.00	Imperial Beach Group	10.00
Ocean Beach Group	10.00	Golden Hills Group	5.00
Del Mar Group	5.00	North Park Group	35.00

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Ocean Beach Group	$12.00	Spring Vally Group	$ 5.00
Golden Hills Group	5.00	Del Mar Group	5.00
North Park Group	5.00	La Jolla Group	10.00

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AUGUST 1954

COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHRONICLES --Bill Boland, fresh and sharp from his vacation, presided over his first meeting as Chairman of the Coordinating Committee and his usual good job resulted. Fred G. gave the Central Office operating statement for July and from a financial standpoint it wasn't good...here's why--- INCOME $304.18 ...OUTGO $462.78...JULY DEFICIT $158.60...that's a signal for you to step-up the amount you put in the basket and to keep up your Buck-A-Month payments. Let's keep the CO in the black! A brief report from the Program Committee was given by Dorothy W....details elsewhere in your COORDINATOR.

> Bass B. was elected to the Program Committee nosing out Bill H. in a close contest. Bass replaces Joe C. in this position. Great things are expected from the Reverend.

Ten groups in the San Diego area have approved the tentative plans for an AA Blood Bank...four disapproved...four withheld opinions. This apparent interest led Chairman Bill to appoint Rosa B. as Chairman of a Committee to draft final plans for this enterprise. It will be submitted for group approval later this month. Your comments and suggestions are invited.

> Due to the Labor Day holiday the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee will be held Monday Nite, August 30th. 7:30 o'clock, Alano Club.

Howard S. served as Secretary of this meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE PARAGRAPHS -- Four 5-year cakes plus Walter Mayo accounted for the year's largest attendance at the Central Meeting, Wednesday July 28th. Walter delivered an outstanding AA talk and the guys and gals that got their cakes batted a 1000% also. Surely makes the Program Committee smile when you folks turn-out.. do it every week. Here are the Wednesday Nite programs for August--

> WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4th -- "Pathfinder's Nite"
> Hear the Pathfinder's story from the guys that founded it. Interesting ! Entertaining ! Jim Bratten, Chairman.
>
> WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11th -- "Miller and Rinehart"
> You'll enjoy hearing Don and Pat. Both good solid speakers. Dorothy "T.B." Wiley, Chairman. "Nuff Sed"
>
> WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th -- "The Bolands"
> Bill and his charming wife Jean take over to give you the family slant of AA. Frank Surman, Chairman.
>
> WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th -- "The Vista Howes"
> A delightful couple from a delightful town. You'll love these two. Jeanne Bruce will be your Chairman.

Your Program Committee (in an effort to give you the best AA) puts a lot of thought and planning into the Wednesday Nite Meetings...these meetings merit your presence and certainly AA deserves your support. If you can't make them every Wednesday, never settle for less than two a month. How about it?

PICNIC LEFTOVERS --"Hats Off" to Harry V. and Dorothy W. and their fine committee for the wonderful AA picnic they staged Sunday, August 1st. According to the old timers it was by far "the best ever"! Aside from the difficulty some people had in finding Oak Ridge everything went off smoothly...the food was wonderful...the games profitable...and a dandy time was had by all. The 20-40 Group can be proud...all AA can be proud of this outstanding job. Thanks a million !

PICNIC SIDELIGHTS -- Estimated attendance in excess of 450...Marie and MacNamara won the gate prizes...Dorothy W. sported smart technicolor peddle-pushers, visible from any point in Oak Ridge...Tom M. gave the kids lots of fun and plenty of prizes...The Johnnies and Tommies are in for their share of the credit ...If Tom Isbell can catch criminals like he can barbecue meat then we know why "Crime Doesn't Pay"...Not a word of criticism from anyone and believe you that is a record....see you next year for more of the same !

SPY REPORTS ON WOMEN'S DANCE -- Actually your COORDINATOR is having difficulty in obtaining news on this gala affair, but judging from the size of the Dance Committee there isn't anything that will or could be overlooked to insure its success. Rosa B. seems to have every gal in AA responsible for some part of the dance and that is a success formula in any league. We do know the time and place. Saturday Sept. 18th ...War Memorial Building, Balboa Park. Be there...Dance There...You'll have fun.

HELP NEEDED FOR ROAD CAMP MEETINGS -- AA has had wonderful success with institutional meetings and this phase of our program must not lag. Men are needed to carry on this work..it requires about two hours once a week and is probably the most inspirational work available in AA. Volunteer for this work..get in touch with Bud H., Chairman of the Public Relations Committee...he'll give you the details. This is urgent..please respond.

QUICKIES -- If the coffee served at the Wednesday Nite Meetings gets any stronger we will be investigated by the Atomic Energy Commission...Byron and Eve G. so seldom attend the Wednesday Nite meeting that it is necessary for them to use their Cadillac headlights to find their way, even in broad daylight. You heard it...we saw it... The AA speaker scheduled for a pitch before the Optimist Club of La Jolla had to give way so that a representative of the Wine Advisory Board could tell them about the evils of wine...how's that for a switch ?.....Nothing has been done about the growing menace of outlandish sport coats but perhaps the explanation could be found where the Turf meets the Surf....any blankets missing ?..It took a lot of horn toot'n for Earl to get his 5 year cake...Christmas came early to the North Park Group, thanks to Mac and a wild whip cream container...ask Eve....We're worried--no report from Golden Hills this month...When women appear in public with curlers in their hair they are about to get a permanent wave...GOODBYE that is...Good pairs to draw to, Helen and Marion -- Jimmy and Chauncey -- Mildred and Julie -- Bill and Kye -- Harry and a Crossword Puzzle -- and Aces if you're lucky..It's good to know that Paul Evans will lead the La Jolla Group during August, he'll make a good Foreign Secretary for AA... Things to Remember, Beginners Meeting....Alano Club Saturday Nite...The Women's Dance ...Buck a Month...Road Camp Meetings...Wednesday Nite Meeting...AND ABOVE ALL DON'T TAKE THAT FIRST ONE.....which about winds up the bits from this end....If you want something to appear in the COORDINATOR pass it along...we like little personal items ...we'll be back again in September, BONUS KNOCK.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1954

Chula Vista Group	$10.00	North Park Group	$35.00
Coronado Group	10.00	Ocean Beach Group	10.00
La Jolla Men's Group	5.00	Pacific Beach Group	5.00
La Jolla Open Group	10.00	Rolando Group	2.50
Linda Vista Group	11.00	Spring Valley Group	10.00
Mission Bay Group	10.00	Sunday Nite Y Group	9.00
Mission Hills Group	10.00	20-40 Group	10.00
		Women's Group	$10.00

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Chula Vista Group	$10.00	20-40 Group	$26.00
Sunday Nite Y Group	4.00	North Park Group	5.00

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CORDINATING COUNCIL CHRONICLES -- The 108th meeting of your council was called to order by Chairman Bill Bolan. The Traditions were read by Rosa Burwell. The financial report submitted by Fred Gardner showed an income improvement but the monthly deficit continues to exceed $50.00. A small increase from each group would quickly put the CO in the black...how about it!

Dorothy Wiley pinch-hitting for Program Committee Chairman, Paul Evans reported everything in readiness for our 14th Annual Banquet (more about this elsewhere in the COORDINATOR). Tickets for this grand affair will be available soon at your group meetings. Make your reservations early...at $3.00 per plate.

The "go ahead" signal was given the Blood Bank program. Fourteen groups approved the idea, eight groups disapproved and nine groups did not vote. Details of program may be obtained from the Central Office. Let's get going with this excellent plan...start today.

There were two nominations for the Program Committee. Chet Martin, of Chula Vista group won out over Mike Carty of the Friday Nite Men's Group. Next month a woman for this committee is to be elected...pick a dandy.

A 14-karat hassel developed when the question was asked as to what committee should be in charge of San Diego's participation in the Southern California Conference. It was heated...it was long...and was temporarily settled by a 13 to 4 vote of confidence for the Public Relations Committee and C.C. Chairman Bill Bolan.

The meeting adjourned with the announcement of the Committee's next meeting... Monday, November 1st, 7:30 P.M. at the Alano Club.

PLAUDITS FOR THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE -- Seldom if ever, in the history of San Diego AA, has its membership enjoyed such fine meetings and speakers as your Program Committee presented during September. The Committee deserves a pat on the back for their splendid job....and another way to show your appreciation is by making the Wednesday Nite Meetings a "MUST" on your schedule. You'll be glad you did.

Another great schedule for Wednesday Nite is on tap for you during October. Here is the schedule:

OCTOBER 6TH

Fred Walker from San Francisco.
Norma Scott from Del Mar.
Jeanne Bruce, Chairman.

OCTOBER 13TH

Asa Bushnell, the Fallbrook Bombshell
ably assisted by Al Ries.
Jessie McGaven, Chairman.

OCTOBER 20TH

Lloyd Miller, San Bernardino.
One of AA great stories.
Ralph Herrick, Chairman.

OCTOBER 27TH

Jack Addington of San Diego.
Second speaker to be announced.
Bass Browning, Chairman.

Plan Now to Attend the

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ALCOHOLICS ANNONYMOUS BANQUET

Veterans Memorial Bldg., November 6th, --- 6:30 P.M.

It's that time again...get out your best bib and tucker and have it ready for the year's outstanding AA affair. Enjoy a wonderful dinner...listen to one of country's best AA speakers....dance afterwards to the music of the AA Nightmares. It's an evening filled with pleasure...staged for your entertainment. Don't let anything keep you away. Get your tickets early...we can accommodate only so many.

TICKETS ARE $3.00 PER PERSON

PASADENA AA TO HOST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE -- Pasadena's beautiful Civic Auditorium will be the site of the annual Southern California AA Conference....to be held Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th. The tenative schedule promises one of the most interesting and entertaining programs yet set-up for this highly important get-together. The daily events get under-way at 9 A.M. and are so arranged to give ample time for visiting and coffee. The high-lite of the Conference will be the appearance of Bob Hope at the big Saturday Nite show. San Diego AA has been awarded one of the feature spots on the program...they will conduct the Saturday nite meeting from 7 till 9 P.M. Chosen to represent San Diego are: Helen Gray, Bill Kern, Jim Burwell, Bill Bolan and Bud Hicks. With this line-up you can rest assured that San Diego will walk off with top honors. Everyone in AA is cordially invited to attend the Conference and those wishing to make a week-end of it should make early reservations at the Hotel Green in Pasadena. For additional information contact Bud Hicks.

CRINOLINES, CAKES and the NIGHTMARES -- Amid surroundings reminiscent of Monte Carlo, a cake baking contest and lower Basin Street...those delightful women of AA successfully tossed their 9th Annual Party last September 18th. It was a gala affair...carefully planned...beautifully executed...and highly profitable. Not only did the "gals" do themselves proud in coming up with a fun-filled evening but their party dresses would make Scarlet O'Hara spin in her grave. Of particular note were the "crinoline petticoats" that gave the women added glamour but kept the lads at a safe distance. Plunging necklines received their deserved attention but made for a rough nite on corns. And the music....well to fully appreciate the splendid effort of the AA Nightmares, you had to be present....for those boys were hot that nite. All in all, it was a grand evening, from start to finish. Orchids to the AA Women.

HAVE YOU NOTICED IT, TOO? -- Maurice Goulet, the gentleman who wowed them at a recent Wednesday Nite meeting observed the lack of hospitality. Strangely, his observation is in accord with many expressions of this nature that have reached the ears of your CORRDINATOR. Actually there has been a noticeable decline in the "get acquainted" spirit that should prevail at all AA meetings. This is a bad situation but fortunately, one easy to correct. Hereafter, when you see a stranger...walk up and introduce yourself...let him know he's welcome. Let's make everyone feel at home. GET AROUND...GET ACQUAINTED...LET'S NOT HAVE ANY STRANGERS IN AA.

SHORT SHOTS -- Redecoration plans for the Alano Club have been approved and work will get underway shortly....Winnie told about something that happened at Del Mar meeting but we still don't know what it was, if you're interested, see Winnie....IT'S EASIER TO RETAIN THAT TO REGAIN....Lib Symington of the New York office made a big hit in San Diego, she's nice people....Earl Zick, alias Glenn Miller badly needs a piano player to round out the Nightmare Band, know of any....The right combination of the world's best planners Burwell, Paxton and Gray....They'll never forget Maurice Goulet's story about the potatoes and why should they....Add great twosomes, Claude and Liz....Howard and Marie....The 20-40 Group needs a meeting place, have any ideas....The Pathfinders will throw a big dinner on the 20th (tenative)....People who spend themselves freely are seldom hard up....Big Boy Hogue really took the cake at a recent meeting, God love him....There must be more but we ain't got it....Away to press, we go....see you next month.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1954

Associates Group	$10.00	Coronado Group	$10.00
Friday Nite Men's Group ...	50.00	Golden Hills Group	12.00
La Jolla Group	10.00	Mission Hills Group	10.00
North Park Group	35.00	Ocean Beach Group	10.00
Pacific Beach Group	15.00	Rolando Group	12.50
Spring Valley Group	20.00	Women's Group	10.00
Sunday Nite Y Group	12.50	20-40 Group	10.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW YORK FOUNDATION - MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1954

Friday Nite Men's Group	$ 5.00
National City Group	13.72
North Park Group	5.00
Rolando Group	10.00
Spring Valley Group	5.00
Sunday Nite Y Group	4.00

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LAST CALL FOR BANQUET TICKETS ------- NONE SOLD AFTER 12 O'CLOCK THURSDAY

Don't Be Late - Get Your Tickets Now - Don't Dare Miss

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL BANQUET OF SAN DIEGO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The man that's cooking the turkeys has gotta know EXACTLY how many will be there to devour his splendid cuisine...that's the reason the door will be slammed come Thursday noon. Don't be on the outside looking in...be inside enjoying --

WONDERFUL FOOD ---- MARVELOUS SPEAKERS ---- DANCING ---- ALL AROUND CLAMBAKE

TICKETS COST ONE ACROSS THE BOARD

COORDINATING COUNCIL CHRONICLES -- The 108th monthly meeting of the Council was called to order by Chairman Bill Bolan. The Traditions were read by Paul Evans. Fred Gardner, Chairman of the Business Committee, reported another deficit in the monthly operation of the Central Office. It was $84.76 for October ... $486.70 for the ten months of this year. A slight increase in group donations to the CO will erase this deficit condition - let's do it in November.

Paul Evans, Chairman of the Program Committee, reported a brisk demand for Banquet tickets and advised that Thursday, November 4th would be the last day of ticket sales. A wonderful dinner program is on tap for San Diego AA. Be sure YOU attend.

The Council has designated the Friday Nite Mens' Group to handle and promote the New Years Eve Dance and Party...An amendment to the by-laws was submitted by the Women's Group and copies of the proposal will be mailed to all group secretaries for group action...Dorothy Wiley and Jane Bush were nominated for the Program Committee...Dorothy was elected.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -- At the December 6th meeting of the Coordinating Council there are many important officers to be elected. Here is the list...give it careful consideration and present the names of capable men and women:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE - (3) Two men, one woman to succeed Fred Gardner, Marty Herbert and Lorraine Bigler. Term of 1 year, 2 years sobriety required.

CHAIRMAN COORDINATING COUNCIL - to succeed Bill Bolan. 1 year term, 2 year sobriety required.

CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE - to succeed Paul Evans. 1 year term, 2 years sobriety required

SECRETARY CENTRAL GROUP - to succeed Dorothy Wiley. 6 months term, 1 year sobriety. An associate is also eligible for this position.

NAME THE RIGHT MAN AND WOMAN....THINK CAREFULLY!

The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be held at the Alano Club, December 6th...7:30 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTICE

THANKSGIVING TRADITION MEETING ..... WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th ..... 8:15 P.M.

SPEAKERS: Doc. W from Ocean Beach, Pat H. from Encinitas,
Jim B. our New York Delegate, and Jean Bruce, Chairman.

This is the annual meeting, which all over the AA world, is devoted to counting our blessing and to remind us of the three legacies of AA...our 12 Steps...Our 12 Traditions... Our General Service Conference. The collection on this Tradition night goes to the New York General Service Office. Please be in attendance.

"MUST MEETINGS" FOR NOVEMBER -- Running true to form your program committee has come up with another schedule of fine AA speakers for November...so good you shouldn't miss a meeting...and don't. Here's the line-up:

NOVEMBER 3

Chuck Coleman and Beverly Kulot, local lad and lassie, with a lot on their minds.

Hazel Wood, Chairman Host: Women's Group

NOVEMBER 10 -- Johnny Sullivan of Los Angeles. He's terrific...good laughs...good AA.
Jim Bratten, Chairman, Host: North Park Group

NOVEMBER 17 -- A speaker from Long Beach, probably Jack White...but definitely from there.
Bass Browning, Chairman, Host: Sunday Nite Group

NOVEMBER 24 -- ANNUAL TRADITION NITE. Conference Committee will conduct program.
Jean Bruce, Chairman, Host: Conference Committee

DECEMBER 1 -- Claude and Booker More from Los Angeles. A great team to see and hear.
Ralph Herrick, Chairman, Host: East San Diego Group

Your program committee strives constantly to bring you the very best speakers and provide interesting and entertaining programs. Show your appreciation of their efforts by being present at the Wednesday Nite meetings. It makes for better AA. Be with us... every week.

AA SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NOTES--Living proof of the Unity and Solidarity of Alcoholics Anonymous was demonstrated by the tremendous turn-out of AA members at the recent Southern California Conference held in Pasadena, October 16th and 17th. The value of these annual get-togethers is attested by the many San Diego AA members that were present. The interchange of ideas and thinking profits every group. And from a social standpoint it is really nice to be among THOUSANDS of genuine understanding friends. Do yourself a favor...plan to attend the next Conference.

San Diego AA played an important part in the Pasadena program...and played it well. We were designated to conduct the Saturday Nite meeting and Bud Hicks was in charge of the program. His choice of speakers was excellent and they won the sincere plaudits of the huge crowd. Dorothy Wiley was superb at readint the steps and her commentary was fine. Bill Kern handled the traditions in his usual splendid manner and Bill Bolan, occupying the top billing, was in top form and his wonderful talk will be long remembered. Jim Bratten also spoke.

THERE'S A NEW LOOK AT THE ALANO CLUB--Hundreds were out for the Alano Club Open House, held Saturday, October 30th...and were generous with their praise for its new look. The Club is to be congratulated for the wonderful job that has been done, it looks fresh, clean and inviting. Many have said it is by far the nicest of all Alano Clubs they have visited. The Club's Directors promise further improvements, not only in appearance but facilities as well. You are cordially invited to visit the club...you are urged to become a member. It's a wonderful place to have fun, to meet old friends and enjoy excellent food. Make it a point to visit the new Alano Club soon...you'll be glad you did.

BIG PARTY COMING UP ! TIME: November 20th. PLACE: Wednesday Club House.
THE EVENT: The ALANO CLUB "NEW LOOK" PARTY
Dancing -- Games -- Coffee -- Cake and a damn good time. 8 'till 12 midnite.
Tickets ONE BUCK. All proceeds applied to Alano Club Improvement Fund.
Even if you can't attend...BUY A TICKET...everybody selling them.

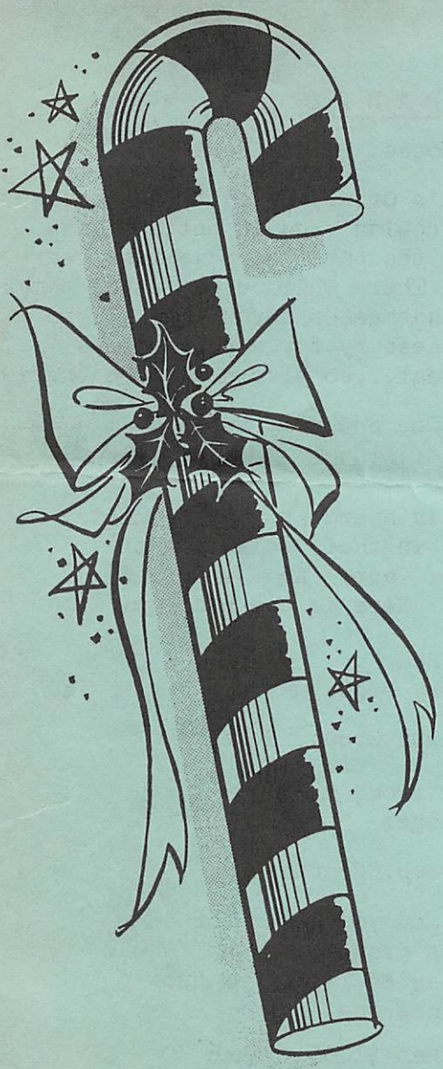
SHORT SHOTS:--Chauncey Dent, the cotton-picker from Camarillo, was in town for a much-to-short visit, hurry back Chauncey, it's nice to have you around...Lloyd Miller, the San Berdoo Samaritan, told a story of AA that should eliminate all "doubting Thomases", that it was a great AA talk is the understatement of the year...It was great to see the smiling puss of Joe Myers around for awhile, you hurry back, too...Bass Browning, alias the Reverend, was really on the beam while conducting his first Wednesday Nite meeting...ADD GOOD PAIRS TO DRAW TOO--Vernal and McNamara...Harry Varlie and Hal Sop... Maureen and Lucille...Al Ries and Ace Bushnell...You are badly needed to assist with the Institution meetings, get your name on the list...it is great 12th Step work...The 20-40 Group has a new meeting place, the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 7th & Robinson, Tuesday at 8:15, Humility "Bill Harmon is the leader...Gotta go now the banquet is Saturday nite. See you there...see you here next month. If you think that "one" won't smell, that's stinking thinking.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1954

Associates Group ..	$15.00	Chula Vista Group ..	$10.00	Friday Nite Mens Gr.	$50.00
Golden Hills Group	12.00	Camp Minnewawa Group	10.00	Imperial Beach Group	10.00
La Jolla Group	10.00	Mission Bay Group ..	20.00	North Park Group ...	40.00
Ocean Beach Group .	10.00	Rolando Group	10.00	Spring Valley Group	20.00
12th Avenue Group .	5.00	20-40 Group	10.00	Fri. Nite Womens Gr.	10.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW YORK FOUNDATION - MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1954

Camp Minnewawa Group ..	$10.00	Friday Nite Mens Group ..	$ 5.00
Golden Hills Group	15.00	Mission Bay Group	10.00
National City Group ...	12.28	North Park Group	5.00
Ocean Beach Group	8.00	Pacific Beach Group	5.00
Rolando Group	10.00	Spring Valley	5.00



The AA COORDINATOR

December 8, 1954

COORDINATING COUNCIL CHRONICLES -- The 109th meeting of the Council was called to order by Chairman Bill Bolan. The AA Traditions were read by Norma Scott.

Fred Gardner, retiring Chairman of the Business Committee, gave a detailed financial report which revealed ANOTHER DEFICIT FOR NOVEMBER IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATION. This month it was $82.25 or a total of $525.95 for the 11 months of 1954. Dig a little deeper during December and let's make up a large part of that deficit. An extra buck from every member would just about do it ... how about it?

The Council gave Fred Gardner, Marty Herbert and Lorainne Bigler, retiring members of the Business Committee, a rising vote of thanks for their splendid AA work.

A proposal to create greater efficiency and better relationship between the CO and the Group Secretaries, was submitted by Howard Sheldon and approved by the Council. Copies of the plan will be given each group.

Paul Evans, retiring Program Chairman, thanked the Council for their splendid cooperation during his tenure as Chairman. It was Paul and his committee that brought the Central Meeting from serious financial straits to a substantial bank balance. The Council recognized this fact and voted thanks to Paul.

Joe McMillan, bubbling with sincerity, explained his unique method of collecting the "Buck-A-Month" committments (available on request) that brought the National City Group the honor of top group in this department. The National City Group contributed over 17% of all "Buck-A-Month" monies. That's a record...congrats to Joe.

Copies of the proposed amendment to the AA by-laws were given to each Coordinator and will be presented for approval or rejection during December.

ELECTION FLASH! Many important offices were to be filled and a number of capable individuals were nominated...here are the winners:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: ---------- Byron Gilchrist.. North Park
Bill Bolan ..... East San Diego
Marion Paxton ... Women's Group

CHAIRMAN, PROGRAM COMMITTEE: --- Helen Gray ..... Women's Group

SECRETARY, CENTRAL MEETING: ---- Vera Creedon .... Associate Group

CHAIRMAN, COORDINATING COUNCIL:- Jim Bratten ..... North Park

Don Miller of the Friday Nite Men's Group was elected to the Program Committee. A woman for the Program Committee is to be elected in January.

The meeting adjourned, to reconvene on Monday, January 3rd, 1955...The Alano Club, 7:30 P.M.

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ATTENTION! A REMINDER FROM THE S.D. AREA ASSEMBLY--- To insure registration in the National Directory, make certain your group registration card reaches the Central Office before December 15th. Your group contact will be your Assembly representative and all New York mail will be directed to him or her. GET THAT CARD IN THE MAIL TODAY!

1954 NEW YORK CONTRIBUTIONS--- The deadline is December 31st for contributions to the New York Office. Please send individual and group contributions to the Central Office; they will be forwarded to New York. MAKE IT QUICK...MAKE 'EM BIG!

NOTE: Due to lack of space in this issue of the Coordinator, CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER will be published in the next issue.

SENSATIONAL! ---------- COLOSSAL! ---------- REAL GEORGE!

Alcoholics Anonymous

GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Friday, Dec. 31, 1954--8 until 1 Hospitality House, Balboa Park

They're cooking up another dandy this year! The Friday Nite Men's Group, named to engineer this affair, have named Jim Hayden as the Skipper and the party couldn't be in better hands. Hayden informs the COORDINATOR the overall program will be along the same lines as last year with several innovations to make the party even more enjoyable. There will be the usual games of skill, raffles and door prizes, with coffee, punch and home-made cakes thrown in. There will be noise-makers, horns, caps, serpentine, and everything necessary for a perfect New Year's Eve. You won't find a better place to usher in the new year...so plan now to be there.

CHARLIE CLARK and his ORCHESTRA ..... TICKETS One and half bucks

PROGRAM COMMITTEE POINTERS -- Week after week, the very best AA is heard at your Wednesday Nite Central Meeting. Your Program Committee has been fortunate in their selection of speakers and increased attendance reflects AA recognition of this fact. Another great schedule is on tap for December...plan to be there...every week. Here is the program:

December 8th .... Barbara and Joe Oldham from Long Beach. Highly recommended. Among the very best.

Chet Martin, Chairman -- Chula Vista Group, Hosts

December 15th ... Joe Parker, another great speaker from Los Angeles. Has a terrific message.

Hazel Woods, Chairman -- 20-40 Group, Hosts

December 22nd ... THE ASSOCIATES CHRISTMAS PARTY...and you're in for a pleasant surprise. Each year this group comes up with a sparkling program and our spies report an out-of-this-world show. Don't miss this one!

BRING A GIFT---not to cost more than $1.00. Each man brings one for a man--each woman brings one for a woman. Everybody leaves with a present. DON'T FORGET.

December 29th ... Tom Barnard will share the program with a speaker to be announced later.

Bass Browning, Chairman -- Mission Hills Group, Hosts

QUICKIES--The Women's Group, God Bless them, contributed $25 to the Alano Christmas Dinner Fund.....The Mission Hills Group celebrated their 6th anniversary on Mon., Nov. 29th.....Hi Fi music makes your dinner at the Alano Club more enjoyable, thanks to Paul and Jackie.....Howard Sheldon, CO prexy, will have new and corrected meeting schedules available shortly.....Help is still needed for the Institutional Meetings, contact Bud Hicks... NOTE! FRIDAY NITE GROUPS: The Episcopal Church, 6th & Pennsylvania, will not be available for meeting on Dec. 17 & 24. Contact your group secretary for alternate meeting place.

ALANO CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER...Again, this year, all members and their guests will enjoy a wonderful Christmas Dinner and the club is picking up the check. Juanita Carney has charge of this Christmas activity and she is your guarantee of a wonderful time. EAT, DRINK COFFEE, AND BE MERRY ON CHRISTMAS DAY--AT THE ALANO CLUB.

The following has appeared in the Coordinator every December for many years and we are happy to print it again as a thought for the New Year:

"And I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the year,
'Give me a light that I may fare forth safely into
the darkness.'
And he replied, 'Put thine hand into the Hand of God,
And that shall be for thee better than a light,
and safer than a known way.'"