

T H E C O O R D I N A T O R

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY GROUPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MARCH, 1952

COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Two names were suggested to fill the coming vacancy in the Program Committee -- Fred B. and "Mac" McS. Fred B. was elected.

The Coordinating Chairman instructed the Program Committee to stop the use of last names at the Wednesday night meetings. This was suggested by Al. R.

The procedure of selecting and electing our Delegate to the A.A. General Service Conference at New York was given, in part, to each Coordinator of each group, to be read to his respective group. Friday night, Monday, March 14th, at seven o'clock a meeting of the committeemen will be held to elect a delegate for the New York meeting.

This non-controversial method has been devised for the selection of State Committeemen and Conference Delegates. It will be seen that this method carefully avoids political troubles. No delegate, so chosen, could possibly consider himself a political victor. He will feel himself a servant and not a Senator.

It is required that each member of his or her group vote, by written ballot, and that he or she vote only at his or her respective group.

This meeting to be held at Congregational Church at Sixth and A Streets.

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The following report was given to your Coordinator by Stanley G.:

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE ACTIVE

"This committee has been very active, despite the fact that Tom B. has been under the weather and Dr. M. has been out of the city. Chairman George and Committeeman Stanley G. assisted by our secretary, Elva, have had several meetings with Public officials, looking to the formation of a City-County Committee for Education in Alcoholism and the eventual establishment of a Public Clinic for Alcoholics similar to the one so successful in San Francisco. In addition, two new A.A. groups have been formed by this committee in local industrial plants with encouragement of the management and with A.A. members as leaders and counselors. A meeting is set for this week with the officers of the labor unions in these plants so that the support of both unions and management will be assured."

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Sorry, we forgot one other thing brought up at the Coordinating meeting. Only alcoholic members of groups are to vote.

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The Pathfinders have adopted an interesting procedure. Each Sunday morning they have two or three guest speakers from other groups. It makes for a well rounded program, and a most impressive hour and a half of good A.A. Thanks, Eddie.

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If any one of us is remiss in supporting the "Buck-a-Month" just volunteer for a few hours to help in the Central Office. It quickly brings the realization home, of the necessity of supporting the office through which the poor bewildered, and often beaten down alcoholic, comes to learn how he or she may obtain and maintain his or her sobriety. It wasn't so long ago that each of us was at that same "bottom". We maintain our sobriety only by helping another alcoholic obtain his. Progression is action. Have you sent your "Buck" in?

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Wedding Bells for Betty N. and Andy C. Friday, February 29th. May we all wish them great happiness.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Women's Group..\$10.50	Logan Heights....\$10.00	Mission Bay....\$10.00
Coronado..... 5.00	Imperial Beach... 7.00	Linda Vista.... 15.00
Presidio..... 7.00	Fri. Nite Mens... 20.00	Sat. Nite Y.... 15.00
Vista..... 5.50	La Jolla 10.00	20-40 Group.... 3.50
North Park..\$25.00	Associates..\$15.00	

OUR ELEVENTH TRADITION

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One of the longest meetings your Coordinator has ever attended was in progress this past Monday night. It was well attended by your respective Coordinators, as well as most members of the Business Committee and the Public Relations Committee.

Two names were submitted for the job of Secretary of the Wednesday nite meeting, Norma S. and Hazel W. By vote, Norma S. is our new Secretary. And for any who do not realize it, it is a job of responsibility and a great deal of detailed work. Good luck, Norma.

The Chairman informed us that Bud H. resigned from the Program Committee. He will be a real loss to the Committee. It has been thru Bud that we have had some very fine speakers from the Los Angeles area. However, Bud has assured us that he will continue to get us speakers whenever we want them. Thanks Bud, every one of us is appreciative. He has indeed done a very fine job. John G. agreed to finish out the unexpired term of one month.

Roger T. was elected new member to the Program Committee.

Four names were suggested for the Business Committee, Chuck S., Frank H., Pat Mac S., and Brad W. Before the election a slight run down on their qualifications was given by the Group presenting their respective names. By a close vote, Brad W. is now your new member of the Business Committee. This was to fill the seat vacant by the resignation of Fred F. You did a good job, Fred.

Andy C., Secretary of the Pathfinders Club brought out the fact that the Pathfinders were not an A.A. group. They are a rehabilitation center for men alcoholics. As such, they survive on donations, alone. Most of the men processed thru there are completely without funds. The Pathfinders try to help them through the first period of regaining their sobriety, find jobs for them and then turn them over to A.A. As well as financial help, they need men's clothing or women's clothing that can be exchanged for men's. They have a coffee bar that in itself is quite an output of money. Those fellows are greatly appreciative of any help, no matter how small. There have been some very fine A.A. members that have come to us via the Pathfinders Club. Have you been down there lately? A visit there leaves you in complete admiration for the work being done on "Skid Row", as they refer to it. Their Board is made up of Ben S., Pat Mc S., Jim P., Andy C. and Chuck H.

The Road Camp meeting at Minnewawa has been changed from Sunday to Saturday at 7 P.M. Because of the small attendance of the local men who go there to conduct the meeting, they thought Saturday a better night. The Program Committee has received a letter from the Secretary of that group and as soon as it is acted upon, we'll give you more information.

Bill T. was asked to reserve a date at Flynn Springs for our Annual Picnic this summer. The way time flies in this new way of life, it will be here sooner than we realize.

The meeting was then turned over to Tom B. He is the Chairman of our new Public Relations Committee, made up of the following members: Grace C. (representing the Business Committee), Stanley G., Dr. M., Larry F. and Tom B.

Their theme of operation is "Attraction, not Promotion". The basis for all activities being the 10th and 11th Traditions of A.A. Each group has been requested by this Committee to submit two or more names of volunteer speakers to be used upon request. These speakers in turn, when requested, to explain A.A. to those outside our organization that are interested.

It is amazing to this writer to know the great interest the public is showing in A.A. This is all information that we have been asked to convey to clubs, business organizations, churches, schools and many, many more centers of activities.

The Committee will give a report once every two months to the Coordinating Committee.

The Business Committee is going to send a letter to the Secretary of each group explaining in detail the functions of our Central Office. As a result, each of us who has the privilege of being a member of this great program will realize that it costs money to keep those doors open for the man who follows us. Let's not forget, were it not for the support of those before us, those doors wouldn't have been open for us. So very little to give, one buck a month, to give a sick man or woman a reprieve of life. If you don't have a strip of "Buck a Month" coupons, ask for one from your group secretary, or at the Central Office.

The saying is "It is better to give than to receive". In our particular cases, we receive only when we give. This needs 100% cooperation, let's give it.

Grace C. lost her father last week. Our heartfelt sympathy to her and her family. Mr. Wodman was the last of the Pioneers. What a tremendous span of living he had.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MONTH OF MARCH

Kindly Light Group. \$30.00	Coronado Group...\$ 6.00	20-40 Group.....\$10.00
A.A. Women Group... 10.40	La Jolla Group... 10.00	Mission Bay..... 10.00
Ocean Beach Group.. 5.00	Mission Hills.... 5.00	North Park Group. 25.00

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JUNE 4, 1952

Good news for us all. We are privileged to have Bill's wife, Lois, and Helen B. from New York visit us June 27th. Lois W. who needs no introduction to us in A.A., will speak to our A.A. Associates Friday night, June 27th at the Congregational Church, 6th & A Streets. Lois, our number One Associate will be gratefully received--and has a tremendous message for our own dear associates. Helen B. who is the General Secretary of our New York office, will be our guest speaker the same night, June 27th, at Craftsman's Hall. By special arrangement, Tom B. has called our regular meeting of Wednesday night, June 25th, to be postponed to Friday night, 8:15, June 27th, so we in A.A. can have the extreme pleasure of hearing this very fine speaker, Helen B. Helen has been in A.A. for eight years and is a sincere and strenuous worker as is shown by the job she holds down at New York headquarters.

After the Friday night meeting the Associates will meet with us at Craftsman's Hall for a social hour. Then we may all have the privilege of meeting our own Lois W. So that no one will miss the opportunity of participating in this wonderful occasion, be sure that every one in your respective groups knows of this change in the meeting. Remember NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, but that meeting to be held the following Friday night - Craftsman's Hall, June 27th.

Now to Business.

A letter was read by our Chairman, Herm J., from the Conference Committee, that we set aside the proceeds from the meetings of May 27th and the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving for the New York Foundation. These two nights to be known as Foundation Nights. This suggestion was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Earl Z. was elected new member of the Program Committee.

The Coordinators were requested to bring the names of their respective nominees for the following positions, to be elected at next meeting: Two new members for the Business Committee (2 years sobriety); Secretary for Wednesday night meeting to fill unexpired term of three months.

Norma S. feels forced to resign this job, due to illness in her family. We will miss her enthusiasm on stage every Wednesday nite. A hard job, very well done, Norma.

It was also suggested by Chairman of the Program Committee, that the sobriety term be increased from 6 months to one year for eligibility to serve on Program Committee. This is to be decided on by the groups at next Coordinating meeting.

Three members of our Public Relations Committee were present, Stan G., Dr. M. and Tom B. They gave us an idea of what has transpired this past month. A reporter on our local paper is going to run a series of articles showing the cost to the taxpayer, of maintaining one alcoholic per year--thus proving the advisability of the City and County to establish and maintain an alcoholic clinic. This type of rehabilitation has been successfully adopted in many cities. After medical help has been given then we, as individuals, carry the message of A.A. to these sick people. It is 12 Step work done on a larger basis.

Your Coordinator has some very startling statistics in regard to the disease of alcoholism compiled by Jim B. which I should like to publish in this edition but space doesn't allow it. However, you shall have it next month.

Our Chairman of the Council, Herm J., has filled his term in office. We shall all miss his very capable manner of handling our meetings. Thank you, Herm.

He has a new and very big job now as Chairman of the Picnic Committee. Remember July 13th is the date - Flynn Springs is the place. This is one of our biggest events of the year. The whole darn family can participate. See you there!

A.A. Picnic Committee: Eunice D., raffle tickets; Bud H., distribution and collection of tickets; Bill T., food; Chauncey D., Wheel of Fortune; Joe M., entertainment - dancing; Tutt F., public address system.

A.A. lost one of its best friends this past month--Little Jimmy P. What he lacked in stature he more than made up in heart and good-doing. "The good that man does, lives after him", is doubly true in dear Jim's case. He willed to the Central Office his worldly effects, as well as his example of a man who lived the 12 Steps, truly.

Your Coordinator has increased its publication so that every one may have a copy.

Don't forget, Wednesday Nite Meeting of June 25th will NOT be held until Friday night, June 27th, Craftsman's Hall, 8:15. The opportunity of hearing both Lois and Helen is a rare one and no one should miss it.

Let's be "with" our program, not "on" it!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MONTH OF MAY		
20-40.....\$10.00	Presidio.....\$ 5.00	Golden Hill....\$ 5.00
Mission Bay.. 10.00	National City..... 16.00	Rolando..... 5.00
Ocean Beach.. 20.00	Kindly Light..... 10.00	Chula Vista.... 15.00
Coronado..... 12.60	Friday Nite Men's... 25.00	Mission Hills.. 10.00
Sunday Nite Y 15.00	Solar Employees..... 5.00	Women's Group.. 5.25
La Jolla..... 10.00	Vista..... 10.00	A.A. Women's Gr.15.00

Stan G. announces--Alano Club Annual Bazaar, afternoon and evening, Saturday, June 14, Everybody come!

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1952

Don't forget the 7th Annual Women's Group Dance, Saturday, September 13th. The gals have a truly gala affair planned for each of you, and, bring your friends.

Your Coordinating Council met and enacted the following: Mac M. and Morty M. were tied in votes for new membership to Program Committee. The Coordinating Chairman gave the deciding vote to Mac M. and he is the new member, as of October 1st. Good luck, Mac!

Three names were suggested for chairmanship of our Annual A.A. Banquet: Harry V., Ben E. and Herm J. Harry reported he could not accept because business would not allow him the time. Herm J. was elected. There is a great deal of work attached to the compliment of this job. However, our Herm thrives on it, so good luck, Boy, and be assured you will have the support of every one of us.

Tom B. gave a report from the Public Relations Committee, of which he is chairman. He read a letter which will be brought to each Group by your Conference Delegate, that was the finest your Coordinator has ever heard. When we dry up, do we also get an acute case of "short memory"? Or, having got the new life, new hope, and new security A.A. has allowed us, do we become indifferent to the thousands still sick and groping that are to follow? Only by supporting our Foundation are we privileged to keep what we have received and leave that door swinging behind us for the sick man to come thru to this new pattern of living. Let's not forget "There, but for the Grace of God, go I."

It was suggested that your Coordinating Committee instruct the Business Committee to adopt the three following procedures: (1) That our Central Office handle only literature sponsored by our General Service Office in New York; (2) That the policy of our Conference Committee be printed on the back of this Coordinator. (If there is a question in your mind of just what our Conference Committee is doing and what it is, this will quickly dispel it. Let's get informed.); (3) That we increase our donations to the Foundation to at least \$400.00 this year, this to come from our fund of the Central Meeting. Let's not shame our delegate when he goes to New York this year by being way short of our share, as we were before.

Incidentally, it costs our New York office \$1.00 per year per member to operate, Jim B. informed us.

The Silver Strand Group in Coronado needs some support. It is a closed meeting for men, Friday nites at 194 Prospect Place in Coronado. Pay them a visit and help both them and yourself.

There is a new Industrial Group meeting at the Y.M.C.A. Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. This is a wonderful thing for you boys and gals that work nites.

Have you ever danced sober? If not, you have a remarkable experience in store for you this Saturday, September 13th, eight o'clock, War Veterans Memorial Building, Zoo Avenue, Balboa Park. If you feel a little old around the edges, like your Coordinator, then you can indulge in the games Grace C. and Norma S. have set up for you. Wonderful door prizes, prize waltz and, gals, if you are "handy" in the kitchen, decorate a cake and win yourself a prize. In any event, don't miss this outstanding "Social Contribution" of the year. See you there!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1952

Chula Vista Gr.....	12.25	La Jolla Group....	20.00	Sunday Nite Y Group	8.50
Golden Hills Gr....	5.00	F Street Men's Gr.	5.00	Anonymous Group ...	69.00
Mission Bay	5.00	20-40 Group	5.00	Linda Vista Group..	25.00
Imperial Beach Gr..	10.00	Rolando Group	10.00	Friday Nite Mens Gr	35.00
Coronado Group	7.00	Lakeside Group ...	10.00	Spring Valley Gr...	5.00
Associates	15.00	Presidio Group....	10.00	North Park Group...	35.00
Tue. Nite Womens Gr	10.00			Solar Employees Gr.	5.00

THE TEST

If you are tempted to reveal a tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass, before you speak, three gates of gold
These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?" Then, "Is it needful?" in your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last it passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear what the result of speech may be.

-- Beth Day.

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Suggested Third Legacy Plan for the San Diego and Imperial Counties, to be known as the:

SAN DIEGO AREA ASSEMBLY
GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

- PURPOSES:
1. To carry out the Third Legacy Plan.
 2. Create closer unity between local groups and the General Service Headquarters of A.A. in New York, which include the Alcoholic Foundation, the Grapevine and the A.A. Central Office.
 3. To assist in formulating international A.A. policies and programs.

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS: Each participating local Group shall have one member in the Assembly, to be selected by ballot vote of the Group's regular members. This assembly member should be an older, active A.A. Each group reserves the right to change its member for cause. Term of office: Two years beginning March 1, 1952 to coincide with election of Delegate to New York Conference.

PARTICIPATING GROUPS: All A.A. Groups in San Diego and Imperial Counties which contribute annually to the GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE: Shall consist of nine (9) Committeemen selected by assembly members as follows:

- DELEGATE (Chairman) TO N.Y. CONFERENCE.
- CO-CHAIRMAN (who shall also be Alternate Delegate)
- SECRETARY-TREASURER
- SIX COMMITTEE MEMBERS with duties as delegated by Assembly Members.

(A) The offices of Delegate, Alternate, Secretary-Treasurer shall be selected by a two-thirds majority of the Assembly. If no two-thirds majority be reached after five ballots, the three top names shall have a sixth ballot, the one receiving the majority shall be elected. The Delegate Secretary-Treasurer cannot succeed himself.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Area Assembly shall have no voice in local A.A. matters. The Assembly shall promote closer unity with the N.Y. International A.A. Office (General Service Headquarters) in order to give local Groups a better understanding of the functions and problems of these services.

(Note:) Our founder, Bill, hopes that in the near future these Assemblies will dictate the policies and elect the members of the Alcoholic Foundation.

The retiring Chairman and Secretary will conduct the meeting of the incoming Assemblymen until a Chairman and Secretary have been elected; they will then turn the meeting records over to them and will have completed their term of office.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE:

- Chairman-Delegate Tom B. *Arnard*
- Co-Chairman -- Alternate Jim B. *Arnold*
- Secretary-Treasurer Marian P. *Atton*
- Grapevine John L. *Long*
- Conference Finance Ben E. *Leaton*
- Foundation Finance Marty H. *Herbert*
- Policy Rusty H. *Arman*
- Agenda Harry S. *Simpson*
- Literature Bill T. *Thompson*

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OCTOBER 8, 1952

Ed. S. has had to resign from the Business Committee because he cannot attend, owing to the early time of the meetings. Jim H. was elected to that job by a large majority. Good luck, Jim!

The new member to your Program Committee is Monty M. by a unanimous vote.

Your Coordinating Committee has asked for a vote on a possible amendment to the By-laws. The two issues being: to increase the time of sobriety from six months to one year for members of Program Committee; secondly, the required length of sobriety to be one year for the Secretary of the Central Meeting (if she be alcoholic). This to be voted on by the individual groups so that their respective Coordinators can vote, with their sanction, at the November meeting. This is important and should be done by each group.

Barney A. has asked that each group announce the new place and time of the Beginners Meeting. It is now held at Craftsman's Hall, Wednesday night at 6:30. This is a vitally important meeting to the newcomer. Take your new Baby to at least one of these meetings and let him get a foothold on this wonderful, life-saving program of ours. It lasts only an hour, then you can all stay for the Central Meeting. We certainly owe this much to our new members.

"Do not be angry with others because they are not as you would have them be, for, remember that you are not as you would have yourself be"

... Thank you, Rosa B.

All plans have been completed for the first Southern California Conference at Long Beach, November 22nd and 23rd. Meetings will be held in the Long Beach Auditorium. Special emphasis will be laid on A.A. in Industry; other meetings to be devoted to Club Houses, Rehabilitation, Family Groups and Women. They have set up a very interesting schedule and a most informative one. Next month more details will be in your Coordinator and in the meantime, Jim B. has some printed forms of the whole outline I'm sure he'd be glad to share with you. We are really growing in A.A. in our great Southwest. It will surely be a wonderful opportunity for each of us to attend.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the Groups registering for an active account of our members in A.A. At the time this was requested a suggestion was made that, if the member wanted to, he could pay a dollar to the Foundation at that time. As most of us know, the upkeep of the main office in New York is maintained by A.A. as a whole. It is estimated to cost one dollar per member per year. That, goodness knows, is a small enough average. What difference does it make how we contribute that amount? The dollar, when registering, was just a suggestion to make it easier on us. God knows we should be grateful enough to walk to New York and lay it on the desk at the Central Office. Why is it, because we are alcoholics, we rely on that old bromide - "no one can tell an alcoholic to do anything"? Believe me, we were glad enough to be told how to get and stay sober. Tom B. spent one whole evening telling us the workings of our Central Office in New York and the tremendous responsibilities of our A.A. Foundation. It is good to remember the problem of alcoholism is nationwide and not a problem confined to San Diego County. This is a great privilege we are allowed to share in; it's not a tax we are compelled to pay. If there is any who do not know of this far-reaching means of help to the thousands of sick people coming behind us, let your Coordinator in your group know. If you want some of its many duties printed, your Coordinator will be glad to put it in this paper. Remember the door into A.A. swings both ways. Let's keep it active with the oil of gratitude.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1952			
Solar Group	\$ 5.00	Presidio Group	\$ 5.00
Coronado Group ...	10.00	Associates Group	15.00
Ocean Beach Gr. ..	20.00	Women's Friday Nite Gr.	10.00
National City Gr..	10.00	North Park Group	50.00

Our Annual Banquet will be November 5th at the House of Hospitality. Chairman Herm J. said we shall have an unusually fine dinner to be selected and supervised by Paul E. Does that mean Steak, Paul? As I understand, Fred B. is going to provide some really fine entertainment acts. Bud H. has arranged a most interesting speaker from Los Angeles -- one who expounds good A.A. with a touch of humor. We will soon have tickets available and this is one event that, if you don't get your ticket as soon as they are obtainable, you just don't get to go. The reservations are limited because of seating capacity. Don't be left on the outside of this most important affair.

The growth of A.A. has come so gradually and thru such material mediums as to pass unrecognized, even by us, for the moral miracle that it really is. Instead of suspending the natural laws by direct intervention, God, in His wisdom has selected a group of men and women as the purveyors of His goodness. He went, not to the proud and mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went to the humble, the sick, the unfortunate - He went to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of this world.