

# NEW FRONTIERS

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER



## The Home Group WHO'S SITTING NEXT TO YOU?

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I know who you are. You are "X" who attends the ABC Meeting at the XYZ Club where AAs meet in Anywhere, U.S.A.

I saw you there the other night at the eight o'clock meeting. I don't know how long you've been sober, but I know you've been coming around for a while because you spoke to a lot of people who knew you.

I wasn't one of them.

You don't know who I am. I wandered into your meeting place alone the other night, a stranger in a strange town. I got a cup of coffee, paid for it, and sat down by myself.

You didn't speak to me.

Oh, you saw me. You glanced my way, but you didn't recognize me, so you quickly averted your eyes and sought out a familiar face.

I sat there through the meeting.

It was okay, a slightly different format but basically the same kind of meeting as the one I go to at home.

The topic was gratitude. You and your friends spoke about how much AA means to you. You talked about the camaraderie in your meeting place. You said how much the people there had helped you when you first came through the door - how they extended the hand of friendship to make you feel welcome, and asked you to come back.

And I wondered where they had gone, those nice people who made your entrance so welcoming and so comfortable.

You talked about how the newcomer is the life blood of AA. I agree, but I didn't say so. In fact, I didn't share in your meeting. I signed my name in the book that was passed around, but the chairperson didn't refer to it. He only called on those people in the room whom he knew.

So who am I? You don't know, because you didn't bother to find out. Although yours was a closed meeting, you didn't even ask if I belonged there.

It might have been my first meeting. I could have been full of fear and distrust, knowing AA wouldn't work any better than anything else I'd tried, and I would have left convinced that I was right.

I might have been suicidal, grasping at one last straw, hoping someone would reach out and pull me from the pit of loathing and self-pity from which, by myself, I could find no escape.

I might have been a student with a tape recorder in my pocket, assigned to write a paper on how AA works - someone who shouldn't have been permitted to sit there at all but could have been directed to an open meeting to learn what I needed to know.

Or I could have been sent by the courts, wanting to know more, but afraid to ask.

It happens that I was none of the above.

I was just an ordinary drunk with a few years of sober living in AA who was traveling and was in need of a meeting.

My only problem that night was that I'd been alone with my own mind too long. I just needed to touch base with my AA family.

I know from past experience that I could have walked into your meeting place smiling, stuck out my hand to the first person I saw and said, "Hi. My name is - . I'm an alcoholic from - ."

If I'd felt like doing that, I probably would have been warmly welcomed. You would have asked me if I knew Old So-and-so from my state, or you might have shared a part of your drunkslog that occurred in my part of the country.

Why didn't I? I was hungry, lonely, and tired. The only thing missing was angry, but three out of four isn't a good place for me to be.

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So I sat silently through your meeting, and when it was over I watched enviously as all of you gathered in small groups, talking to one another the same way we do in my home town.

You and some of your friends were planning a meeting after the meeting at a nearby coffee shop. By this time I had been silent too long to reach out to you. I stopped by the bulletin board to read the notices there, kind of hanging around without being too obvious, hoping you might ask if I wanted to join you, but you didn't.

As I walked slowly across the parking lot to my car with the out-of-state license plates you looked my way again. Our eyes met briefly and I mustered a smile.

Again, you looked away.

I buckled my seat belt, started the car, and drove to the motel where I was staying.

As I lay in my bed waiting for sleep to come, I made a gratitude list. You were on it, along with your friends at the meeting place. I knew that you were there for me, and that I needed you far more than you needed me. I knew that if I had needed help, and had asked for it, you would have gladly given it. But I wondered . . . what if I hadn't been able to ask?

I know who you are.

Do you remember me?

Fran D., New Orleans, Louisiana

**"Self-pity** is one of the most unhappy and consuming defects that we know. It is a bar to all spiritual progress and can cut off all effective communication with our fellows because of its inordinate demands for attention and sympathy. It is a maudlin form of martyrdom, which we can ill afford. "The remedy? Well, let's have a hard look at ourselves, and a still harder one at A.A.'s Twelve Steps to recovery. When we see how many of our fellow A.A.'s have used the Steps to transcend great pain and adversity, we shall be inspired to try these life-giving principles for ourselves."

Bill W Letter, 1966

**WHY DO WE NEED A CONFERENCE?**

*The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:*

"We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life.

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services. "We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few.

We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

AA Service Manual; pg 20

# archives

Per the book Pass It On, Marty M. attended her first meeting at the home of Bill and Lois W. on April 11, 1939.



"... my doctor gave me the book 'Alcoholics Anonymous' to read. The first chapters were a revelation to me. I wasn't the only person in the world who felt and behaved like this! I wasn't mad or vicious—I was a sick person...suffering from an actual disease that had a name and symptoms...a disease was respectable, not a moral stigma! But then I hit a snag. I couldn't stomach religion, and I didn't like the mention of God... If that was the way out, it wasn't for me. ...I needed an intellectual answer, not an emotional one. ...I grudgingly plowed through some more of the offending book, and felt more and more hopeless about myself.

Then the miracle happened—to **me!** It isn't always so sudden with everyone, but I ran into a personal crisis which filled me with a raging and righteous anger. And as I fumed helplessly and planned to get good and drunk and **show them**, my eye caught a sentence in the book lying open on my bed: "We cannot live with anger." The walls crumpled—and the light streamed in. I wasn't trapped. I wasn't helpless. I was \*free\*, and I didn't have to drink to "show them." **This wasn't "religion"—this was freedom! Freedom from anger and fear, freedom to know happiness and love.**

I went to a meeting to see for myself this group of freaks or bums who had done this thing. To go into a gathering of people was the sort of thing that all my life ... had left me feeling an uncomfortable outsider, needing the warming stimulus of drinks to join in. **I went trembling into a house in Brooklyn filled with strangers . . . and I found I had come home at last, to my own kind.**

That was the beginning of a new life, a fuller life, a happier life than I had ever known or believed possible." from the Personal Stories section in the chapter named "Women Suffer Too" on pages 227 & 228 of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Marty M. went on to found The National Committee for Education on Alcoholism, Inc., which eventually to become the National Council on Alcoholism. She was successful in communicating the three tenets of its core message:

1. Alcoholism is a disease, and the alcoholic is a sick person;
2. The alcoholic can be helped, and is worth helping;
3. Alcoholism is a public health problem, and therefore a public responsibility.

These ideas are readily accepted today, but were *revolutionary and contrary to the beliefs held about alcoholism* at that time. **Marty M. dedicated herself to bringing to light the nature of alcoholism to a suffering world.** She passed on the insight that had changed her life in so many ways, so that others might also know the freedom she had found.

Submitted by David C. of Orchard Park Step

**Note from your Area 50 Archives Committee – on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we hope you'll join us in a celebration of both past and current history in the making shared by Bob W. of Westfield Massachusetts at the Infant of Prague in Cheektowaga NY at 921 Cleveland Avenue for a delicious breakfast made by our own trusted servants. The full current archives display will be on hand along with other local archives – and we sure hope to see you!**

## 4th STEP:

*"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."*

### Share your Experience, Strength and Hope

Please submit your announcements by the **12th**  
for next month's issue  
Articles can be submitted at any time

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### **Heard @ a Meeting**

My forgetter is broken  
and my rememberer  
can't remember how to fix it!!

### **IN MEMORIAM** **Things We Can Not Change**

*To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones*

Steve S.: Fredonia Discussion Group

George H.

Dan J.; Lakeshore Group; 41y

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

**Alexander**  
 Augustine C. 19y  
 Greg F. 22y  
 Vicki B. 26y  
 Ron B. 30y  
**Acceptance/Welcome**

Darleen L. 4y  
 Tiffany T. 5y  
 Linda C. 5y  
 Imca S. 6y  
 Craig K. 6y  
 Julia W. 7y  
 Joseph O. 10y  
 Harold S. 21y  
 Bob W. 24y  
 Chuck D. 41y  
**All Is Well**  
 Larry F. 6y

**Amherst Snyder**

Tony B. 22y  
 Dee C. 33y  
 Marty M. 36y  
**Big Book Lockport**

Laurie H. 13y  
**Courage Group**

Kathy M. 17y  
 Marie D. 23y  
**Eyeopenetr South**

Scott S. 1y  
 Bev S. 1y  
 Steve G. 1y  
**Fireside**

Bryan K. 7y  
**First Step**  
 Mark N. 2y  
 Robert M. 9y  
 Jerome K. 11y  
**Golden Slipper**

Donna K. 6y  
 Paul H. 24y  
 Jerry B. 28y  
 Kurt K. 35y  
**H.A.N.D.**

Tom K. 9y  
**Harmony**  
 Serena H. 2y  
 Phil M. 13y  
 Sam B. 17y  
 Tony B. 27y  
**How It Works**

Kirk D. 2y  
 Bob H. 5y  
 Carl S. 18y  
 Bob W. 24y  
 Phil K. 27y

**Ironhorse**

Justin G. 1y  
 Carissa S. 2y  
 Jerry M. 2y  
 Scotty S. 33y  
 Mike H. 43y  
**Just For Today**

Paul C. 22y  
 Dave M. 28y  
 Nick 35y  
 Rita F. 43y  
**Kensington**

Dick B. 34y  
 Rita F. 43y  
**Lakeshore**

Walter W. 8y  
 Greg H. 28/y  
 Terry B. 30y  
 John B. 30y  
**Lockport #1**

Laurie H. 13y  
**Main & High**

Larry H. 29y  
**Marching Forth**

Kay G. 31y  
**Marilla**

Shirley 30y  
**North Buffalo**

Sherri F. 3m  
 Brian E. 3m  
 Brittany W. 3m  
 Gary L. 3m  
 Forest P. 6m  
 Christian R. 6m  
 Herb N. 4y  
 Katie S. 7y  
**Orchard Park Step**

Mary P. 5y  
 Rioli B. 8y  
 Mary B. 10y  
**Purpose**

Ashley W. 1y  
 Kevin C. 16y  
 Harold S. 21y  
 Dick B. 34y  
 Jack G. 39y  
**Sunday Morning Breakfast**

The Grove

**Renaissance**

Don K. 2y  
 Harold S. 2y  
 Caitlin H. 3y  
 Velvet J. 3y  
 Bob M. 5y  
 Ann J. 10y  
**Remember When**

Tara M. 17y  
 Debbie M. 23y  
 Kate B. 27y  
 Jim B. 30y  
 Dick G. 40y  
**Rise & Shine**

Isim R. 2y  
 Martin J. 4y  
 Lynn L. 4y  
 Irge S. 5y  
 Willie S. 7y  
 Dameon D. 7y  
 Stephen C. 8y  
 Nelson H. 8y  
 Elber L. 14y

Dave T. 6m  
 Joseph K. 6m  
 Greg W. 9m  
 Joey G. 1y  
 Tina A. 2y  
 Tom C. 5y  
 Ed P. 15y  
 Sue S. 34y  
**Sheridan**

Jesse D. 3y  
 Caitlin H. 3y  
 Cherie W. 3y  
 Mark H. 23y  
**Spiritual Progress**

Erica 1y  
**Sunday Morning Breakfast**

Andy H. 2y  
 The Grove

Pete H. 1y  
 Mark O. 2y  
 Ginny 27y  
**Thruway**

Steve C. 4y  
 Fred S. 29y  
 Bryant G. 31y  
**Williamsville**

Stacy D. 3m  
 Dan Z. 5y  
 Ryan L. 18y  
 Kate C. 23y  
 Al McC. 46y



### Many Paths to Spirituality

Sharing from A.A. members, which presents a wide range of spiritual experience.

### GROUPS CELEBRATING

**Attraction-47y**  
**Casting-43y**  
**Cheektowaga- 60y**  
**East Amherst- 43y**  
**First Step; 46y**  
**Lewport- 59y**  
**Purpose- 42y**  
**Ray of Hope- 36y**  
**Serenity on the Lake- 18y**  
**Victory Women's-12y**  
**Welcome- 45y**

Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the 12th

END OF BUSINESS DAY 4:30 PM of the month previous

In the late stages of our drinking, the will to resist has fled. Yet when we admit complete defeat and when we become entirely ready to try A.A. principles, our obsession leaves us and we enter a new dimension-freedom under God as we understand Him

Bill W. Letter 1966

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**PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED :-)**

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**IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.**

## MEETING CHANGES

- **Sober Trails; No Longer Met on. Monday's , American Legion, Rt. 438, Irving.**
- **New Group: Position Of Neutrality:** Thurs. Noon, Northern Erie Services Bldg, 2282 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo 14216 Open Discussion.
- **Depth& Weight has expanded to having a Big Book Study. Tuesday's 8:15 PM.** 45 Dalton St., N. Buffalo, 14223. Open Discussion.
- **Step Action II group has changed it's name an start time.** Will now be Thurs. On Walnut and starts at 7PM. **Open Discussion.** Clubhouse, 344 Walnut St., Lockport 14094
- **New Group: I Am Responsible;** Saturday's, 7PM, OD.; United Methodist Church, 221 Morgan St., Tonawanda, NY 14150.
- **Grace Point Group,** Friday's 7PM; **NO LONGER MEETS**, 39 Kenmore, Kenmore 14226.
- **Open Mind Group, No Longer Meets.** Wed., 8 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 695 Elmwood @ W. Ferry, Buffalo.
- **Common Problem Group, No Longer Meets.** Wed. 8PM, Christ the King Church, Main St @ Lamarch, Snyder.
- **New Group: North Evan's Men's Disc.; Saturday's, 9:30AM. The Wesleyan Southtown Campus, 2063 South Creek Rd** (GPS: 2063 Shadagee Rd., Eden,) North Evans)14057 @ Rt 20.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~ Mar 31, **Envelope System Meeting;** FRIDAY, 4:00 PM, Tim Horton's 1750 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
Tonawanda

~ Apr 2 5: **Committees that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM**  
**St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St., Buffalo 14203**  
**Steering Committee** (4:30 PM)  
**Public Information Committee meeting**  
**Treatment Facilities Committee**  
**Nightwatch Committee**  
**Followed By**  
**Central Committee Meeting @7:00 PM**  
**St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St., Buffalo 14203**  
**( hosted by Questions & Answers Group )**

~ Apr 2 **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 5:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office. 681 Seneca St., Buffalo  
~ Apr 3 **Convention Committee Meeting**, 6:00PM, Warehouse: 803A (753:mapquest) Walden Ave , Buffalo, NY 14211  
~ Apr 14, **Archives Committee Meeting; 2nd SATURDAY**, 10 AM, Buffalo Central Office, Work night's; 2nd & 4th Monday's.  
~Apr 15 **General Service Assembly**: SATURDAY 12 Noon, The Hope Center, 781 Maple near N. Forest, 14221. ( Hosted by Eyeopener & Hope Center)

## COMING EVENTS

~ Apr 9, **54th Annual Serenity Palm Sunday Breakfast**; The Saturn Club, 977 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, 14209. Doors open at 9am, breakfast served at 9:30 am, Speaker at 11 am. Tickets \$15. PRESALE TICKETS ONLY. NO TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR OR AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR. (There are a limited number of tickets that will be available to ensure that everyone is able to view and hear the speaker).

~ Apr. 28-30, **Women of AA Annual Spring Spiritual Weekend** at Stella Niagara - Lewiston. Come for a weekend to share sobriety with fellow recovering AA women through speakers, small groups, spiritual advisors and meditation. Information & Flyer on website.~May 6, **7th Annual Area 50 Archives Breakfast** in a celebration of both past and current history in the making shared by Bob W. of Holyoke, Massachusetts at the Infant of Prague (921 Cleveland Ave Cheektowaga NY) for a delicious breakfast made by our own trusted servants. In Bob's service effort as the US-Trustee-At-Large, he traveled the world to spread the effort of AA to Every drunk who needs a Solution. I was particularly interested in his part on the committee created to form our current Big Book when he was a delegate. The full current archives display will be on hand along with other local archives & doors open@9am, breakfast starts at 10 sharp! Tickets can be found at these sellers homegroups: Lovejoy Group, Lockport #1, Thruway Group, Depth & Weight, Williamsville Group, North Buffalo Group, Lake Shore Group, Ironhorse, Beginners Group (NFalls), Allegany Lifeline, Winners Circle, Morganville, Grove Street, Daily Reflections, Sisters & Brothers and many more! NO TIX SOLD AT DOOR so get them while they are available

~ May 19-21, **NY North Al-Anon Family Groups Spring 2017 Assembly/Convention W AA Presence**, Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyer on website; www.buffaloaany.org.

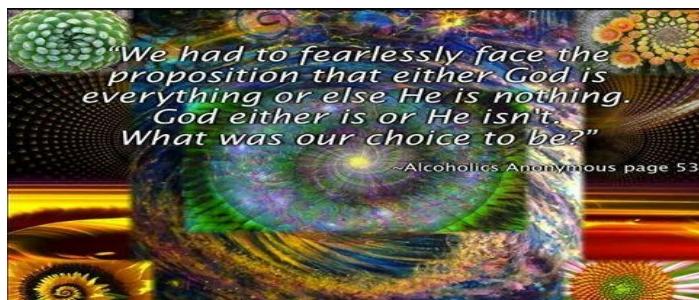
~ Nov. 3-5, **76th Buffalo Fall Convention**. Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyers & info will be posted when they become available.

**4th STEP:** "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

**4th TRADITION:** "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

**4<sup>th</sup> CONCEPT:** At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

*Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.....Executive Secretary*



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!

ENVELOPE SYSTEM  
HELP ENSURE AA'S FUTURE  
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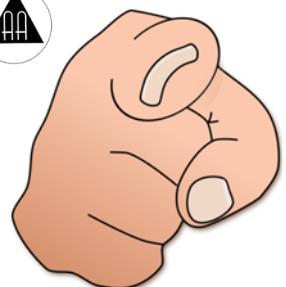


### NIGHTWATCH

Will your group help?

Sign up for One Month!

Everyone  
had a first  
contact.



You can be  
someone's



## **Central Committee Minutes February 5, 2017**

Meeting was opened up at 7:00pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and the Responsibility Declaration. Then Mike read the preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous, Sue read the Twelve Traditions and Kate read the purpose of Central Committee. The meeting was then

turned over to Dennis K who gave a talk on the Third Tradition. Join us Next month to Hear Guy from the Grove Group Talk about our Fourth Tradition. Motion to accept last month's meeting was made by Pat and Seconded by Guy. Thirty Seven Groups were represented at the meeting and break down by Zones as follows. Zone 1 – Main and High. Zone 2 – Acceptance, Depth & Weight, Easy Does It, The Grove, How it Works – Men's Discussion, Liberty Women, North Buffalo, Questions and Answers, Renaissance, Sober Train, Three Legacies. Zone 3 – Abbots Men's Discussion, Buffalo, Cayuga Wake up Call, Cheektowaga, Matt Talbot, South Buffalo, Thruway. Zone 4 – Tuesday Men's Discussion. Zone 5 – Golden Slipper, Lock City, Lockport #1, Lockport Ladies, Twin Cities Group. Zone 6 – Changing Our Ways, Derby Group, Going to Any Length, Lakeshore. Zone 7 – Fresh Start. Zone 8 – Achievement, Amherst Snyder, Fireside, High Noon, Lighten Up, Williamsville, Women Making the Effort

### **Committee Reports**

**Envelope System** – On Friday March 3, 2016 the Envelope Committee met. Attending was Pat. G. Pete P. Al D. & Diane D.

1. Diane is following through with a printer for an estimate on creating a "remittance envelope"
2. Al will purchase a rubber stamp which says: "one time Donation" so Diane and Pat can add it as a choice in our already printed purple brochures.
3. We continue in our mission to 'carry the message' to home groups about how the envelope system works.
4. If you would like us to come to your homegroup to do a presentation please ask us after this meeting.  
Or If you would like to do your own presentation just ask me for the Presentation Envelope.
5. Our next meeting is at 4:30 on Friday March 31 at Tim Horton's 1750 NFB. near Ridge Lee.

yours in service, Pat G

**Treatment** - The treatment committee is currently responsible for bringing the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous into 6 facilities. With the help of 35 groups, there are collectively 11 "TFC meetings" a week going on at these facilities.

We met 3/5/17 at Central office there were 17 members representing 13 groups. We discussed the start of our new commitments at Turning Point and Reflections. The meeting at Turning Point will be on Tuesdays at 8 starting March 14 all members of AA are welcome to attend this meeting. The committee will be bringing a meeting into Reflections starting in April, the facility has asked that only groups coming through TFC come in. Multiple members from the committee attended NERAASA where we discussed how we can better help Alcoholics, in Treatment facilities, with other members of AA from all over the northeast region and will be implementing many of those ideas and the excitement for service to our committee and into the facilities we are responsible for.

Over the next year or two we would like to approach every group, currently holding a commitment through us, with an informational presentation at their business meetings. Also from now on all Groups interested taking a commitment with us will be given this presentation.

The presentation can be downloaded a head of time from the Central Committee web page in the forms section.

Outside of joining our committee, there are a few areas where AA members, and groups, can be of service through treatment.

1. Individuals may take a speaking commitment at Horizon Village Terrace House on a Thursday at 6pm.
2. All groups who currently have commitments through the Treatment Committee can, and should, send a representative to our monthly committee meeting to inform us about anything more we could be doing to be of service to them, and also to allow us to inform their groups, through them, about anything pertinent to their continued Twelfth step work through TFC.
3. Any group that is interested in taking on a commitment at one of our facilities is more than welcome to contact us and we will do what we can to fit them in. Groups are currently bringing meetings into ECMC, Salvation Army, Turning Point, the V.A., and Reflections
4. Area Treatment is forming a Bridging the Gap program for all of Area 50. At this moment any member willing to help clients leaving Treatment Facilities "bridge the gap" between treatment and AA can sign up on the new "Bridging the Gap Volunteer Form" found on the Area 50 web page. [www.wnyarea50aa.org](http://www.wnyarea50aa.org). We will be approaching facilities next month to get this program started.

Thank you to all groups and individuals who are involved in this vital 12<sup>th</sup> step work. To get involved, or if there are any issues you need to contact us about, please email us at [buffalotfc@gmail.com](mailto:buffalotfc@gmail.com) or come to our monthly meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 4/2/17 at St. Michaels Church 5:30pm.

Your's in service, Jesse S. Treatment Committee Chair

**Steering** – The Steering Committee held a Quorum and still need Zone Reps from Zones 1 & 7

Respectfully – Alan D

**Finance** – Diane Gave a Rundown of current finances and projected future finances for 2017

**Corrections** – Met on 3/5/2017. There were 10 people in attendance. 1 new member joined. We took in 9\$ last month. Lynn is our new secretary. The Committee had the pleasure of having some AA's that take meetings into the state facilities join the committee meeting tonight. They gave us an update on how the prison meetings are going and requested a large amount of literature. 1 as Bills sees it, 1 case soft covered Big Books, 6 large print Soft Cover Big Books, 10 Soft cover 12 and 12s. Sue P is also getting a case of full size soft cover Big Books for the Alden Holding center. Within the upcoming Committee meetings we are going to talk about ideas on how we connect more with people who bring meetings into state facilities and how to make applying for state clearance more appealing and known to AAs in our area. The Last few months we got the Erie County and Alden Holding Centers up to snuff, so state will be our next focus. If your Home-group would like a presentation to find out more about corrections or if you individually would like to get a hold of me, my number is ..... Thank you, Shannon G

## *New Frontiers ~ April 2017*

(Central Committee Minutes Continued... )

**Central Office** – TOTAL CALL's INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS ; AA Call's: 432, 12-STEP: 11, ALANON: 6, VISITORS: 141, VOLUNTEERS: 4, Email's: 404, Website Hit's: 96,238/ of them 8,319 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 17,924; Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 0. We sent out the Newsletter via online sign-up to 73 person; of them only 33 were open : ( GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: A Vision For You-6, Brass-2, Courage-3, New Westside-1 \*Reminder, If a group goes a year without a contact person, they will be removed from the schedule. **A VISION FOR YOU-6 has been announced for well over a year and will be removed from the next printing of the schedule.**

A reminder that all our deadline dates are the "12th" like everything else in AA. 12 Steps, 12 Traditions...deadlines are the 12th :) I had one person come in, but would like a few more Volunteers... I specifically am looking for volunteers to be available for days I am sick or on vacation. They would need to come in a few hours to train. It involves answering the phone and filling literature orders. Currently I only have 2 volunteers to be able to call, of them one is a snowbird.

*Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.*

**Nightwatch** – Met on Sunday March 5. Night Watch commitments are available starting in August if any new groups are interested in taking a commitment. Group Reps please see me after the meeting if you think your group might be interested.

Raeanne F

**PIC/CPC** – ECMC commitment is covered and going well. Talked about Library Literature. Flyers still being hung up at local community boards. PIC/CPC Work books and suggested pamphlets ordered. Still looking for more members if interested get in touch with me or show up to the committee meeting. 716 573 5388 email [buffalopicpc@gmail.com](mailto:buffalopicpc@gmail.com)

Randy

**Current Convention** – We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting on 2/6/17. All Committee members introduced themselves and the position they held. The Committee voted on a theme, it is "Willingness is the Key." We also voted on the colors which will be Black and Dark Grey. Our next meeting will be on 3/6/17 at the central office. If anybody has any suggestions good, bad and or indifferent please contact me at 7168666612. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous! Your 2017 BFC Chair

David G

**GSA Liaison** – Nick B.

Hosted by the Thru way group.

Infant of Prague Church. March 4 2017

Concepts 3,4,5 were covered.

3-Annetted L.

4-Sue B.

5-Kelly F.

Our area delegate Wally E. Attended NERAASA, along with several other committee chairs and area50 AA members. Much knowledge and wisdom was gained. The New England area provided a different perspective that was welcomed.

The pre conference to organize our area 50 conscience we will be trusting our delegate Wally E. to take to the world conference in NYC, will take place at the Hope Center April 15. This is a great opportunity to have our voices heard world wide!

Treatment committee is ready to go live with bridging the gap. Over 100 AA's are registered for the service. We will be discussing what facilities to start the bridging the gap program with at the intergroup level.

Special Needs committee, needs a signer and a Spanish speaking member. A call for action to any groups that currently do not currently have handicap accessibility.

Grapevine committee is now fully self supporting. Through literature sales at AA functions.

Ad hoc committee was started to implement rebuilding the service structure in area 50. This directive has been named Turn on The Lights Phase 2.

Yours in service Nick B. Lockport #1

### **Recap Questions**

Treatment – Reflections meeting recap? – Reflections meeting is Sunday at 8pm and if your group is interested we have one open slot to fill. Can we combine "Bridging the Gap contact list with the 12<sup>th</sup> step call List? – Yes that is something we have discussed but not yet implemented.

Corrections – none

Central Office –

PIC/CPC – Can I have copies of the PIC/CPC flyers to hang? Yes of Course.

Current Convention – none

GSA Liaison – Grape Vine Info? I can get you in touch with Heidi for my Information

Accessibility – none

Archives - none

### **Old Business**

Motion for Secret Intergroup Facebook Page – Up For discussions.

Main Points - Who is Monitoring this page? What is the purpose? And who is constructing this page?

Teri – It would be run and administrated by the steering committee, it's another forum to release information to the groups and members of AA in the Area, It would be an invite only website as well as be interactive so that AA members can post and comment.

Motion made by Tim B to table this motion until a Clear and well planned scope is outlined seconded by Mike. Motion to table passes 20 for 6 against.

New group to be added to the Schedule - The north Evans Men's Discussion Group, Closing meeting, Saturday Morning, 9:30 Am

All In favor none apposed motion passes

### **New Business**

84 dollars in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions tonight, we want to thank Sobertrain for providing the snacks this month.

Announcements -

Dawn of Hope Meeting is no longer a meeting anymore.

April 15 Hope Center at noon, Area Assembly is meeting so please come on out and help us discuss the motions being brought up at the conference. Your voice is part of the AA voice so come on out and voice it.

Motion to close brought on by the body and seconded by all.

## New Frontiers ~ April 2017

Cash Flow Statement	Jan-17	Feb-17	
Beg Bal Cash on hand	11,967.00	17,903.68	
<b>Contributions</b>			<b>YTD: 2017</b>
Groups	5,811.55	6,511.86	12,323.41
Joint Meeting	50.00	56.56	106.56
Envelope System	1,415.56	506.83	1,922.39
New Frontiers Subs	23.00	50.00	73.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,880.99	4,706.60	8,587.59
Literature Sales Tax	300.51	295.74	596.25
Literature Postage	49.66	37.56	87.22
Sales+/-	(2.07)		(2.07)
Archives Room Rent			-
Com. Meetings	8.00	39.00	47.00
Mail/Misc.	25.00		25.00
Tax Returns			
Transfer from PR			
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)			
Conventions/Day of Sharing	3,561.32		3,561.32
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>15,123.52</b>	<b>12,204.15</b>	<b>27,327.67</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Building Rent/Utilities	1,489.41	1,489.41	2,978.82
St.Michaels Rent	35.00	35.00	
Payroll Gross	2,824.62	2,824.62	5,649.24
Employment Taxes	264.10	264.10	528.20
Unemployment Surchar	(2.40)	309.60	307.20
NYS Sales Tax			-
Insurance			
State Ins Fund(Travelers)			
Health	623.30	625.39	1,248.69
D&O Insurance	1,080.00		1,080.00
Liability	856.00		856.00
Postage	371.57	206.51	578.08
Phone/internet	138.63	137.97	276.60
Accounting			
Paychex	224.52	119.56	344.08
Advt			
Talking Phone Book			
Dex Media	182.80	184.10	366.90
website			
Local Edge			
Yellow Pages			
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine			
World Services Inc		2,300.60	2,300.60
Hazeldon	618.24		618.24
Printers			
Medallions	222.23	304.64	526.87
Petty Cash			
Office Supplies	50.30	76.13	126.43
Copier leasing	(209.00)		(209.00)
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	322.00
Bank Fee's including credit c	256.52	84.15	340.67
literature returns reimbursement			
GSA Host			
Convention			
CO Seminar			
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>9,186.84</b>	<b>9,122.78</b>	<b>18,309.62</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>5,936.68</b>	<b>3,081.37</b>	<b>9,018.05</b>
<b>End Balance</b>	<b>17,903.68</b>	<b>20,985.05</b>	
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>20,903.68</b>	<b>23,985.05</b>	
PRUDENT RESERVE	23,143.04	23,143.40	
Assets: Literature & Medallions	13,544.02	11,046.99	
Literature Receivable(outstanding)	722.62	581.35	
Removed from Stock	286.30		
<b>Corrections Facilities</b>	<b>2,260.75</b>	<b>2,767.15</b>	
Contributions	509.40	60.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	
Expenses		347.50	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>2,767.15</b>	<b>2,476.65</b>	
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>	<b>541.60</b>	<b>443.60</b>	
Contributions	185.00	375.28	
Expenses	280.00	280.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>443.60</b>	<b>535.88</b>	

**Intergroup wants to express our appreciation** for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a **special thank you** to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.

*Bill W. wrote of Intergroup Offices, "Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill"*

*"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet*

### 7TH TRADITION CHALLENGE

"Now that we are sober in A.A., the word 'support' has to do with sharing, people, self-respect, gratitude, and what we are privileged to give - not take - in material terms."

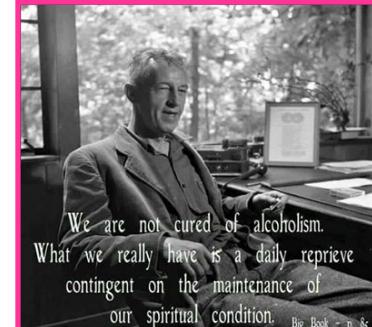


We are self-supporting through our own contributions ~ Many of our branches are suffering from lack of support (GSO, Area, H&I, Central Office). How much does one drink cost? If it were not for Alcoholics Anonymous, we'd be drinking plenty!

Drop the cost of one drink into your home group's basket when it comes by . . . you can't afford not to!



..Income to Expenses...we ended **2016** in the **RED !!!**



We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. Big Book - p. 83

**Concept IV:** At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
- What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

**New Frontiers ~ April 2017**

**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017**

GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR
5 7 Clans		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 12 Steps/12 Traditions	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
1 4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
4 A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Abbott Corners		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Abbott Men's	75.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00	
2 Acceptance/Welcome		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4 Action		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Albion Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Albion New Beginnings		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
All Is Well	125.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
8 Amherst Snyder		81.63		0.00		0.00
6 Amsdell Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Any Length	30.00	60.00		0.00		0.00
4 Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 As Bill Sees It		150.00		0.00		0.00
8 Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
5 Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Attraction	50.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
6 Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Beginning In Sobriety II		75.00		0.00	25.00	
8 Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Big Book Lockport		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Big Book Study		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Blasdell Saturday		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Boulevard Women	25.00	25.00		0.00		0.00
2 Brass		5.00	5.00		0.00	0.00
7 Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Buffalo Creek	35.00	35.00		0.00		0.00
3 By the Wayside		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Carry the Message		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
Castile		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Cayuga Wake-Up Call		125.00		0.00		0.00
3 Caz Manor		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Caz Manor Sunday		125.00		0.00		0.00
7 Central City Café'		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Cheektowaga		75.00		0.00		0.00
6 Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Cold Spring		20.00		0.00		0.00
1 Commitment		140.00		0.00		0.00
Contemporary Women	2.00	2.00		0.00		0.00
1 Complainers		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Courage		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Daily Reflections		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Dawn of Hope		260.00		0.00		0.00
2 Depth & Weight		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Derby		174.00		0.00		0.00
6 Derby Lunch		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 East Amherst Traditions	84.00	84.00		0.00		0.00
4 East Aurora		200.00		0.00		0.00
2 Easy Does It	100.00	130.00	30.00	60.00	100.00	130.00
6 Eden		25.00		0.00		0.00
4 Ellicottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Express		1326.00	1326.00		0.00	0.00
8 Eyeopener	940.74	1155.97		0.00		0.00
4 Eyeopener South		1073.50		429.40		0.00
8 Fireside PM		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Fireside		145.00		0.00		0.00
5 First Step (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Fresh Start		75.00		0.00		0.00
1 Friday Night Lights		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

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GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR
3 Gardenville				275.00		0.00
8 Georgetown				0.00		0.00
Getting Better			185.00	185.00		0.00
6 Gettin With It				0.00		0.00
1 Giving				0.00		0.00
6 Go to Any Length				0.00		0.00
5 Golden Slipper			150.00	150.00		0.00
2 Grace Point				0.00		0.00
2 Grand				0.00		0.00
2 Grand II Joy of Living				0.00		0.00
2 Grateful				0.00		0.00
6 Hamburg				0.00		0.00
8 H.A.N.D.				0.00		0.00
7 Harmony				0.00		0.00
4 Helping Hand			25.00			0.00
8 High Noon				150.00		100.00
8 High View				0.00		0.00
4 Hillbilly				0.00		0.00
1 H.I.P.				0.00		0.00
6 Holiday Village			300.00	300.00		0.00
4 Holland				0.00		0.00
6 Honest Solutions				0.00		0.00
2 Honesty				0.00		0.00
Hope's Horizon				0.00		0.00
2 How It Works/Men's				0.00		0.00
1 HUDSON & WADSWORTH				0.00		0.00
I Am Responsible			24.00	24.00		0.00
3 IF HE WERE SOUGHT				0.00		0.00
Independence (NF)				0.00		0.00
3 Inspiration				0.00		0.00
5 Intoxicated on Life				0.00		0.00
3 Ironhorse			208.00	274.05	0.00	5.00
8 IT				0.00		0.00
3 Just For Today/ Cheektowaga				0.00		0.00
5 Just For Today/ Albion				0.00		0.00
4 Keep It Simple Sister				0.00		0.00
2 Keep On Coming				0.00		0.00
2 Kenmore				0.00		0.00
8 Kensington				0.00		0.00
6 Lakeshore				0.00		0.00
6 Lakeview				0.00		0.00
3 Lancaster Dailey Reprieve				0.00		0.00
Lasalle				0.00		0.00
Lawyer's				0.00		0.00
5 LewPort		50.00		50.00		0.00
2 Liberty Women				0.00		0.00
4 Life Today				0.00		0.00
8 Lighten UP				0.00		0.00
1 Living Clean				0.00		0.00
2 Living in the Solution				0.00		0.00
Living Sober				0.00		0.00
5 Lock City				0.00		0.00
5 Lockport #1				0.00		0.00
5 Lockport Discussion				0.00		0.00
5 Lockport Ladies				100.00		0.00
5 Lockport Tuesday				0.00		0.00
5 Lockview				100.00		0.00
7 Love		10.00	40.00			0.00
7 Lovejoy				0.00		0.00
5 Lower River		100.00	100.00			0.00
1 Main and High		20.00	20.00			0.00
4 Main Street				0.00		0.00
8 Maple				0.00		0.00
3 Marching Forth				25.00		0.00
4 Marilla		35.00	70.00			0.00
3 Matt Talbot				90.00		0.00
6 McKinley Winners				0.00		0.00
5 MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK				0.00		0.00
5 Medina New Life				0.00		0.00
8 Mercy				0.00		0.00
3 Mid-day				0.00		0.00
8 Midnight Discussion				0.00		0.00
2 Morning After				0.00		0.00
3 New Beginnings/St. Vincent				0.00		0.00
5 Newfane Living Sober				0.00		0.00
5 New Freedom				0.00		0.00
5 New International				0.00		0.00
3 New Life		105.00	125.00			0.00
5 New Outlook				0.00		0.00
1 New Westside				0.00		0.00
Niagara Falls Convention				0.00		0.00
Niagara Intergroup				0.00		0.00
5 Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.				74.00		0.00
2 North Buffalo		98.00	196.00			0.00

*New Frontiers ~ April 2017*

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
4 North Java Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 North Java Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 One Day At A Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Open Arms	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open Mind	13.75	13.75	0.00
4 Orchard Park Step	219.27	0.00	26.00
8 Our Meeting @ the VA	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Point of No Return	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Powerless	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Pride	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Primary Purpose	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Principles Bef Personalities	50.00	0.00	0.00
2 Purpose/Tonawanda	150.00	0.00	0.00
2 Questions & Answers	50.00	50.00	0.00
6 Quitting Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
Quo Vadis	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Ray of Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Recovery Near the Gardens	50.00	50.00	0.00
1 Reflections	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Reflections on Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Remember When	30.37	58.13	0.00
1 Renaissance	100.00	0.00	0.00
3 Renaissance Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Rise and Shine	30.00	30.00	0.00
7 Rochester	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Rural is Plural	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Sally	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Saratoga	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Saturday 12 & 12	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Saturday Night Alive	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sat. Nite Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Searching For Serenity	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Second Chance	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Serenity	200.00	200.00	0.00
6 Serenity on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Serenity Sister's	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Setaside	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Sheridan	50.00	0.00	0.00
6 Silvercreek Friendship	235.00	0.00	0.00
5 Simplicity	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sister's & Brother's	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Sober Saturday	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sober Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Sober Train	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sober Winners	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sobriety Men's Disc.	50.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sobriety On The Canal	75.00	75.00	0.00
5 Sobriety on a Sat. Night	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sobriety on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Sobriety Sisters	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Solidarity	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Somerset	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 South Buffalo	275.00	275.00	5.00
3 South Town	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Southgate	30.00	0.00	0.00
4 Southwestern	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Spiritual Progress	40.00	90.00	0.00
4 Springville Sat Afternoon	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Springville Tues. Night	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Springville Wed. Noon	10.00	0.00	0.00
4 Springville New Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Sprout Into Sobriety	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 St. Barnabas	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 St. Mark's	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Stargazers	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Starting Over/By The Book	300.00	300.00	0.00
2 Step Action Group	200.00	400.00	0.00
8 Step It Up (Wehrle)	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Stepping Stones/Will.	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Steps 1, 2 & 3	200.00	200.00	0.00
6 Sunday @ 8:00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sunday Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Sunday's Best	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sunday in Cattarugas	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Sunday Morning Breakfast	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Sunrise Court	140.00	140.00	0.00
8 SUNY Amherst Campus	64.11	0.00	0.00
2 Surrender and Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 TGIF	100.00	100.00	0.00
4 Thankful	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 The Absolutes	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 TheBeginnings Of Recovery	75.00	0.00	25.00
6 The Derby Lunch	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 The Grove	150.00	50.00	0.00
3 The Herd	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 The Journey	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 The New Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 The Noon Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Three Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Thruway	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Thurs. Nite Steppers	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 TnT	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Today	50.00	50.00	0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

**Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.**

- Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
  - Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of loners in Alaska? Of internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
  - Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
  - Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
  - Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths – his lengths, not mine – to stay sober?

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