

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



Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new AA's. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all round ball without a drop of alcohol.

- 1) Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.
- 2) Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.
- 3) Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A. member or two or three...
- 4) Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.
- 5) Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.
- 6) If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.
- 7) Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.
- 8) Worship in your own way.
- 9) Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.
- 10) Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."
- 11) Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.
- 12) "Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.





What's going on at Central Committee?

I have had the opportunity to serve at the intergroup level at various times in my sobriety. I have popped in for a couple years and then moved on to other service opportunities. I am back and things are different.

This article is for those who have not had the chance to see or hear about what is happening at your Buffalo Central Office in the past couple of years. Did you know that we have taken control of all inquiries that come in to our office? We no longer have an answering service responding to calls from alcoholics seeking help. Thank you Nightwatch Committee! Did you know that our Central office is located in the revitalized Larkin District? This is now a safe, well lit professional park where people come to have fun after work. Did you know at the last Central Committee meeting we had to pull some of the tables out of the room to make room for the central committee reps in attendance? Did you know we start each meeting with a member of our fellowship sharing their experience with one of our traditions?

We have a reenergized focus on the steering committee and the committees that help coordinate our service work. The Central Committee inventory process has revealed areas where we can better serve alcoholics in our region. We have an influx of younger alcoholics that are standing for positions on our committees and are taking on commitments to corrections, treatment, and public information.

We recently had our first round of nominations for officers, steering committee, and committee chairs. We have many "worker bees" buzzing around 681 Seneca Street and we can always use more. We also need leaders to step up and represent the Zones on the steering committee. We need recovered alcoholics to lead our efforts in bringing our message to treatment facilities, prisoners, and medical professionals.

If you have been a member of an AA group, then you have made your start. Central Committee is a business meeting where we discuss the business of helping drunks, and we have been doing it in some pretty innovative ways while learning and growing in service and knowledge of our traditions. It's not too late. Please consider stopping by the next Central Committee meeting to join the growing service opportunities in Buffalo Intergroup.

-Randy H.
Carry the Message Group

FORGIVENESS

When I was preparing to make my list in the eighth step I realized that there was more than just making columns of the immediate, maybe's, and never. The step says that we have to become willing to make these amends, and I did know that meant that I would have to forgive them in order for the process to begin. I know today that forgiveness is act of love and tolerance as we humans make mistakes. I know for me personally this idea of growing up in public has been a difficult one to say the least; I still find that things come out of my mouth before I have a chance to get them back. I then have to practice the tenth step in order to make things right. I was told early on in sobriety that I could not ask for forgiveness unless I could practice it first.

This is the time of year when we must ask ourselves if there is anyone that we have in our life that truly needs forgiveness, and we should do our best to practice giving that forgiveness to them. I used to hear when I was young that God forgives those that ask, and that was all you had to do. I used that information as though I could do anything that I wanted and as long as I ask God to forgive me everything would be fine. I know today that there is more to forgiveness than just asking. I know that I have to try and make things right the best that I can, and I have to stop doing whatever it was that put me in the position to ask. I also know today that I when I am ask to forgive it is not for me to judge anyone it is only to show them the same tolerance and patience that I have sought for myself. I hope that I am able to be the person that God wants me to be today.



In December of 1934 Bill Wilson was in Towns Hospital for the last time. During his hospitalization, Bill had a dramatic “**spiritual experience**” described by him (page 63 of Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age):

“My depression deepened unbearably and finally it seemed to me as though I were at the bottom of the pit. I still gaged badly on the notion of a Power greater than myself, but finally, just for the moment, the last vestige of my proud obstinacy was crushed. All at once I found myself crying out, ‘If there is a God, let Him show Himself! I am ready to do anything, anything!’ Suddenly the room lit up with a great white light. I was caught up into an ecstasy which there are no words to describe. It seemed to me, in my mind’s eye, that I was on a mountain and that a wind not of air but of spirit was blowing. And then it burst upon me that I was a free man. Slowly the ecstasy subsided. I lay on the bed, but now for a time I was in another world, a new world of consciousness. All about me and through me there was a wonderful feeling of Presence, and I thought to myself, ‘So this is the God of the preachers!’ A great peace stole over me and I thought, ‘No matter how wrong things seem to be, they are still all right. Things are all right with God and His world.’”

This is Great and Wonderful news to us all; but it is also worthwhile to remember what Bill said of **spiritual awakenings** in the Twelve and Twelve on page 106.

“Maybe there are as many definitions of spiritual awakening as there are people who have had them. But certainly each genuine one has something in common with all the others.”

*“When a man or a woman has a spiritual awakening, the most important meaning of it is that he has now become able to do, feel, and believe that which he could not do before on his unaided strength and resources alone. **He has been granted a gift which amounts to a new state of consciousness and being.** He has been set on a path which tells him he is really going somewhere, that life is not a dead end, not something to be endured or mastered. In a very real sense he has been transformed, because he has laid hold of a source of strength which, in one way or another, he had hitherto denied himself. He finds himself in possession of a degree of honesty, tolerance, unselfishness, peace of mind, and love of which he had thought himself quite incapable. What he has received is a free gift, and yet usually, at least in some small part, he has made himself ready to receive it.*

A.A.'s manner of making ready to receive this gift lies in the practice of the Twelve Steps in our program.”

Respectfully submitted by Dave C., Orchard Park Step



12th STEP:

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

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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or mail to:

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Heard @ a Meeting

“We all know who’s inventory we take in AA, right?”

An alcoholic, a coke addict, and a meth addict are in a car. Who’s driving?
Answer: The police.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance/Welcome

Brian M. 3y
 Jill S. 4y
 Marlene G. 5y
 Kat P. 6y
 Colleen 10y
 Patty R. 26y

Alexander

Rob A. 2y

Cold Springs

Gigi P. 45y

Courage Group

Chris B. 13y
 Sue S. 26y
 Patty K. 32y

Eyeopener

Tim K. 3y
 Tina 3y
 Dave H. 3y
 Jimmy O. 3y
 Jesse S. 4y
 Lisa Z. 4y
 Brian H. 4y
 Mike E. 5y
 Mary G. 5y
 Heather K. 5y
 Dan C. 6y
 Jeff F. 7y
 Vilma 8y
 Christine J. 10y
 DeeDee 16y
 Miles 19y
 Ned 21y
 Larry 24y
 Butch 25y
 Tim C. 26y
 Earl G. 32y

Eyeopener South

Karen M. 21y

Fireside

Lisa A. 1y
 Jim M. 8y
 Katie S. 20y
 Pam 28y
 Bill G. 36y

First Step (NF)

Brad M. 1y
 Jessica W. 1y
 Barry L. 31y
 Gene O. 55y

Friends Of Bill W.

Kat P. 6y
 Chuck K. 8y
 Coleen B. 11y

Harmony

Brittany M. 4y
 Joe R. 5y
 Carl M. 8y
 Odell H. 10y
 Judy T. 24y

Helping Hand

Diane T. 7y

Holiday Village

Gary F. 4y
 Joe T. 10y
 John L. 16y

Holland

Keith J. 2y
 Chris P. 27y
 Mike S. 31y

How It Works

Andrew 1y
 Argo 1y
 Patrick 6y
 Art B. 30y
 Dennis D. 35y

Ironhorse

John R. 3y
 Dale G. 5y
 Sally W. 9y
 Toni P. 30y

Kensington

Louis M. 5y
 Mary B. 10y
 Mel L. 43y

Lewport

Roy A. 5y
 Mark N. 12y
 Tony P. 15y
 Mike N. 24y

Lockport#1

Rodney C. 9y
 Randy W. 15y

Lockview

Katie J. 3y
 Randy C. 6y
 Tony C. 12y

Main & High

Tom C. 17y

North Buffalo

Jake F. 3m
 Tom B. 6m
 Justin D. 1y
 Maggie W. 1y
 Dan L. 2y
 Jacob H. 2y
 John S. 2y
 Kevin H. 2y
 Brian M. 3y
 Chris L. 4y
 Ashley S. 4y
 Elina N. 4y
 Dave McN 4y
 Mara M. 5y
 Herbert S. 7y
 Paul B. 8y
 Mille T. 28y
 Bill K. 28y
 Judy S. 28y

Renaissance

Kim R. 5y
 Ann J. 8y
 Patrick R. 9y
 Raj G. 28y

Remember When

Patti H. 4y
 Antonio McC 5y
 Yolonda B. 9y
 Arthur W. 16y
 John N. 38y

Rise & Shine

Juanita G. 2y
 Dora J. 4y
 Joe O. 7y
 O'Dell H. 10y
 Liz B. 13y

Sheridan

Tim T. 1y
 Elina 4y
 Jackie H. 15y
 Debbie F. 29y

Step It Up (Wehrle)

Beverly 51y

Sunday Morning

Breakfast

Joy P. 22y
 Dave K. 27y

The Journey

Chris S. 2y
 Sara E. 2y
 Dave P. 3y
 Jeff M. 3y
 Brandy Z. 3y
 Dale M. 4y
 Tim 7y
 Megan Z. 8y
 Randall L. 12y

Thruway

Richard O. 1y
 Joe M. 9y
 Cy D. 29y

Victory Women's

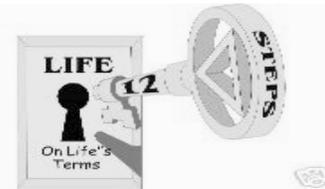
Molly C. 9y

WE

Michelle 5y
 Teresa 8y

Williamsville

Thomas S. 9m
 Micheal P. 1y
 Brandi S. 1y
 Jeremy C. 1y
 Micheal A. 1y
 Frank P. 5y
 Brian C. 22y



GROUPS CELEBRATING

Abbott Men's; 33y
Achievement; 43y
Cayuga Wake Up Call; 12y
Coldspring; 55y
Georgetown; 20y
Intoxicated on Life; 41y
Sally; 27y
Saturday Nite Sober; 15y
Sober Winners; 27y
Sobriety on Saturday Night; 21y
Sunday's @ 8; 15y
Tri-Step; 24y
Wilson; 37y



Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the 12th

END OF BUSINESS DAY 4:30

of the month previous

Recovering Alcoholic

An alcoholic desperate enough to look for something else, hopeless enough to try something else, and fortunate enough to be blessed with something else.

**IT WORKS IF YOU WORK IT...
 IT WON'T IF YOU DON'T!**



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

- **Elmwood Group** will now meet daily at **1:00 pm & 4:00 pm. only** 2590 Elmwood Ave. Kenmore NY 14217.
- **Marilla Group** will **NOT** meet on **Dec. 25th(Christmas)** 8PM, Marilla Methodist Church, S-1910 Two Rod Rd., Marilla 14102
- **New Group** starting January 1st, 2016, **Depth & Weight Group**. Friday's, 8:00 PM, Open Speaker, Kenilworth United Church of Christ, 45 Dalton Dr. @ Decaunter, Buffalo 14223
- **Thankful Group**; Friday's at 2 PM, **will NOT** meet on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. Senior Center, 101 King St. East Aurora 14052. **Also** when **school** are closed they also will not meet.
- **We Don't Know Group** no longer meets on **Tuesday's**. **Thursday's** does still meet; but **needs support**. 12:15 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St., Buffalo 14210.
- **Angola Early Bird**; now meets on **Monday's & Thursday's**. 7:00 AM, Most Precious Blood School, 192 Prospect Ave. (off Lake) 14006.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ~ Dec 6, **Central Committee Meeting**, **SUNDAY**, 7 PM, Buffalo Central Office (Hosted by Carry The Message Group).
- ~ Dec 6, **Steering Committee**; **SUNDAY**, 5:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Nov 11, **Convention 2016**, 6:00 PM. Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Dec 12, **Archives Committee Meeting**; **2nd SATURDAY**, 10 AM, (I think it will be at the convention, but not confirmed at the time of print).
- ~ Dec 14, **Public Information Committee meeting**, **2nd-MONDAY**, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what do not, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office.
- ~ Dec 19, **Special Needs Committee Meeting**, **3rd-SATURDAY**, 3:30PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
- ~ Dec 20, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, **3rd-SUNDAY**, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
- ~ Dec 21, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, **3rd-MONDAY**, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street. Please, if you or your group is taking a meeting into a treatment facility, could you please send a rep to this meeting?

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Dec 9, **Main & High Annual Christmas Vigil**, 5-9 PM. Dinner/ Fellowship & Speakers; Please bring a dish to share. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main St., Buffalo, 14209.
- ~ Dec. 14, **Coldspring Group 54th Anniversary**; Eating Meeting, 8:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share. Monday. St. Mariah Church, 400 Northampton St., Buffalo
- ~Dec 24, **Friends of AA Annual Christmas Vigil**; 292 High St, Moot Senior center. 3PM until ? **Donations of toys accepted**. Speaker's (Open Mic Style) 6'ish., Food & Dancing. Santa for the kids!
- ~ Feb 13, **Any Age Blizzard Ball**, \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Doors will open at 6 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, Speaker at 7:30 PM, followed by dancing until midnight.
- ~ Feb. 26- 28, **Women's Farewell Retreat**; St. Columban Center, 6894 Lakeshore Rd., Derby, NY. Registration \$155. Flyer in this mailing.
- ~ Apr. 30, Women **of AA Spiritual Day Of Sharing**, St. Columban Center, 6894 Lakeshore Rd., Derby, NY. Registration \$55. Flyer in this mailing.

12th STEP: "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

12th TRADITION: " Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principals before personalities."

12th CONCEPT; The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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



IMPORTANT WOMEN'S RETREAT/ DAY OF SHARING ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

St Columban Center is being sold & closing May 31. Future use of the property is unknown. We have been told we will need to hold future retreats elsewhere. So we do not intrude on the Spring Stella Niagara Retreat:

A farewell retreat is planned & scheduled for Feb 26-28, 2016 at the Columban Center. Registration forms are in with the December New Frontiers and **can also be found on the Buffalo AA website under events.** Mail back ASAP to be included in this special event!! Contact person: Marilyn / retreatnewsaa@gmail.com.

A very limited number of service scholarships will be available based on donations. Home groups -please consider sponsoring a woman for scholarship. FYI-The facility increased their prices so we had to also.

FYI: The Men's retreat will be as planned in May -price increase planned.

The Women's Day of Sharing is rescheduled for Saturday, April 30th. Don't miss out!!!

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Central Committee Minutes 11/1/2015

Meeting was opened by Diane (Chair) at 6:59 with the responsibility statement followed by the serenity prayer. Jill (Depth and Weight) Identified as a new representative.

Purpose of Central Committee was read by Matt, AA Preamble was read by Jesse (Three Legacies), The Twelve Traditions was read by Steve (Orchard Park Step).

There was a brief discussion of the 11th Tradition by Sean C (Step Action) and next month the 12th tradition will be discussed by Zach F.

A motion to accept last month's minutes was brought by Debi (Iron Horse)

Present were 23 groups (Zone 1 – Giving Group; Zone 2 – Acceptance, Brass, How It Works, Questions and Answers, Renaissance, Step Action, Zone 3 – Abbott Men's, South Buffalo, Thruway, Tuesday Women's Discussion; Zone 4 – Action Group, Orchard Park Step; Zone 5 – Lockport #1; Zone 6 – Carrying the Message, Changing our Ways, We-Women's; Zone 7 – Fresh Start; Zone 8 – Achievement, East Amherst, Eye Opener, Williamsville, Women making the Effort)

Committee Reports:

Envelope System: We received \$ 460.00 in donations this month, an increase of \$55 over last year. This figure includes two new monthly donors. An envelope system brochure was included in the registration packet for the Fall Convention at the beginning of this month.

In my opinion, I feel this position can be eliminated. This is based on the following factors: the executive secretary runs the credit cards, of which there is, currently eight monthly donors, develops and prints the letters, has stated it would be easier to maintain in QuickBooks and QuickBooks compiles and prints a more efficient year end receipt. I agree with this and would like to present a motion on the floor during new business.

The motion would read "The position of envelope system chair would be abolished as of December 2015 with the executive secretary assuming the responsibility and the financial chair reporting the income effective January 2016. Also, each group rep would make an announcement at their meeting and ensure that brochures are in the racks or available when a member expresses interest."

Steering Committee: 5 Zones were present (1,2,3,4,6) The inventory Meeting was a success and the next meeting will be on November 25th. Hope committees are working on theirs (???) . The Co-Chair resigned, and Randy from Zone 6 will speak about our interpretation of the bi-laws regarding the vacancy. (Debi)

Financial Report- October 2015: Amounts rounded to the nearest \$1.00 except balances. **Total Income:** \$8,673. Literature sales were \$3,271. Group contributions were \$4,554. **Total Expenses:** \$8,435. **Monthly Net:** Positive \$238. The year to date is a negative \$11,898. **Asset Account Balances:** **Checking Account:** \$18,070.47. **Petty Cash:** \$3,000. **Prudent Reserve:** \$28,136.90 with the regular interest bump of 48 cents. **Inventory:** \$13,106.03, with purchases in October of \$1,140. **Corrections Committee:** Balance is \$1,630.45. Contributions were \$265 and expenses were \$304. **Treatment Committee:** Balance is \$917.60. Contributions were \$155 & expenses were \$283. **Group Accounts Receivable:** Balance is \$511.66 from 7 groups. Of that, 5 with \$420.32 are current to 30 days, 2 with \$91.34 are over 30 days.

Treatment – Thank you for allowing me to serve as your TFC chair for the past two years, it has been an honor. Thanks to all of your support we have been able to carry the message in a number of facilities, but the work has just begun!

We need groups to cover:

The Renaissance House meeting, Wednesdays at 8pm, men only

The 4th Sunday, ECMC Rehab meeting at 3:45 pm

We also need speakers for the 2016 at 291 Elm, Thursday's at 6pm.

In December, we plan on holding elections for positions in the treatment facility committee. We meet the third Monday of the month at 6pm at Central Office. Please email buffalotfc@gmail.com to contact us. Nadav W. TFC Chair

Corrections: No Report

Central Office: TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS ;AA Call's: 398, 12-STEP: 8,ALANON: 4,VISITORS: 107,VOLUNTEERS: 5, Email's:247 ,Website Hit's; 92,191/ of them 6,715 Unique Visitors, Number of visits:14,387;

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OFCONTACTS FROM ARE: Friends Of Bill W.-2

Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 2

The carpets in the main rooms of the office have been cleaned by Chem-Dry. I have also wiped down the entire vinyl base.

I have a new pamphlet created after the Central Office Seminar for both **Nightwatch** and **12 Step Work**. Please take them back to your home groups and let's get our heartbeat lifeblood of the program flowing again. I also have an idea for approval for the "Envelope System Revitalization" that I will be presenting under new business.

I have **new Group Update forms** also created from the Seminar prepared to go out with the next mailing. It is important that these be filled out and returned to the Central Office. Please be sure to include all Contact information requested including Email address!

Please write **separate checks** for Central Office, Treatment & Corrections contributions.

Reminder if your **group is not meeting** during the holiday's please let the central Office know so we aren't sending someone to a closed meeting.

Reminder that November is **Gratitude Month...**The **Envelope System** is a terrific way to put your gratitude into action :)

Reminder that I will be away From November 18-Dec2. I will be collecting the **Credit Card** payments **for the Envelope System on November17th** instead of the last Wednesday of the month. Volunteers will man the office, mail contribution receipts will be sent out after I return.

PIC – -We just created an informational pamphlet about what our committee does to send out to places we are interested in reach out to and places we may have already contacted but have yet to hear back from

-Drafted a "thank you" letter to send out to places we have done presentations at, needs some revision before we actually start sending it out or using it in the future

-Bringing AA literature to put in the Wiegel health center at Buff State

-Still looking for people to help volunteer with giving presentations even if they can't commit to joining the committee

-No upcoming presentations as of now

Night watch – No Report

Past Convention – No Report

Current Convention – No Report

Area 50 Liaison – Proposed budgets for 2016 were submitted by the finance chair. These will be voted on at the next assembly. The NYS information workshop chairperson will be voted on at the next meeting. New dates for next year's Area Assemblies will be voted on at the next assembly. The next Area Assembly will be held on November 15th at 12pm at Hamburg Town Hall. Zach F.

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(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

Archives – We thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you this past month. In October we have attended and/or reported just two intergroup within Area 50, since GenWyo didn't meet and I could not make it to the Niagara Intergroup which is held at the same time as NYPenn mtg. We participated in the planning meeting of the Buffalo Fall Convention and attended the Cataract City Spring Convention planning meeting in Niagara Falls. Our archives committee had weekly work nights on Mondays.

In October, we had a panel at the Buffalo Fall Convention as well as the usual room where we did a full display, showed movies and talked and started a new type of archives helper. Saw many friends and heard some GREAT leads! As usual for the twice-yearly events in the NYPenn Intergroup, we displayed at their Day of Learning where I was a panelist and our former chair Wally E. did his second lead as a Delegate-Elect for Panel 66 as their wrap-up speaker. We displayed at the Buffalo Central Corrections Committee's Day of Sharing at the Hope Center in Williamsville (Buffalo), and on the 29th displayed at the Beginners Group Anniversary in Niagara Falls. We will also be displaying at the Sunday Morning Breakfast meeting on Nov 8th and the Easy Does It's Anniversary on Nov 14th as well as the Main & High Christmas Vigil on December 8th.

Reminder to Committee Members that the next Archives Breakfast (last Saturday: April 30, 2016) with Gail L. of Akron, Ohio doing her presentation will sell out fast. Pre-flyers are coming out and posting on webs all around the area. Our effort toward gathering ORAL HISTORIES from the long-time members is in serious need of help from kind, caring individuals. If you are or know of someone who is interested in the stories of those whose recovery has helped shape this area, please know you are welcome to join us on the second Saturday of each month. We had donations in October from the Lovejoy Group, as well as Hamburg's Sobriety Men's Discussion Group and Ironhorse! Please note we are a financially autonomous committee with our only resources being group contributions and special events. We receive NO funding from ANY unorganized part of AA for ANYTHING. We rely upon your group and/or individual support to fund our archival work, pay rent for the repository, and participate in archival activities. Note that no funds are used to get members to events and each member pays their own way into events except out of area issues – donations are used ONLY for rent and archival efforts as approved by the entire committee and are protected by the multi-signature checking account. Please send any contributions to: Area 50 Archives Committee, c/o Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. We thank you for your continuing support. We would love to see you at our monthly committee meetings the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am right in this room! Your higher power may show you a way you can help that we've never realized – so please consider attending if your sobriety is the gift mine has been.

Archives displays for your group anniversary or special event with hopefully a 30 day minimum advanced notification are GREAT!!!! Sharing the history of AA crucial and capturing the interest of our primary purpose at YOUR MEETING may assist your PRIMARY PURPOSE efforts more than you can know. And the usual reminder to all AA members of these 8 counties of Western New York – throw NOTHING group-related away without considering your archives committee and your unborn alcoholics to come.

Special Needs – No Report

Recap

Steering Committee – Holly M. asked steering committee reps to step up to introduce themselves to the members of the zones they represent.

Financial– Joan D asked what is the reasoning behind us being around \$11,000 in the red. Chip stated that costs are up and contributions are down and there is no plan in place to address this. Terri stated that some of it is by design because we had a surplus last year and didn't raise the literature price to match an increase from NY. Which raised costs by \$1 we only raised costs by \$.5. Joanne stated that this is not a new phenomenon and happens regularly. Sue B. mentioned that the prudent reserve is not a slush fund.

We collected \$44 in seventh tradition basket.

Old Business

None

New Business

*Sue B. brought a motion that the position of Envelope Chair be abolished and taken by Executive Secretary. The motion was seconded by Holly M (OP Step). In discussion was requested that this be tabled until next month to be brought back to the groups.

*Randy discussed some interpretation of the bi-laws pertinent to the resignation of the Committee Co-Chair. The issue identified is that the Chair must have been elected and served for one year as Co-Chair immediately preceding their term as Chair. There was much conversation around this with a great deal of intelligent banter. Anthony (Eye Opener) asked about whether the chair could serve an extra year and was told that it is explicitly forbidden.

*Nominations for Co-Chair – None

Zach F (Three Legacies) stood for Co-Chair and was unopposed thus elected.

Diane (Williamsville) Stood for Financial Chair and was unopposed thus elected.

Sean C. (Step Action) was railroaded into standing for recording secretary despite an eloquent speech about his great-grandmother running every year and getting trounced just so no one ran unopposed.

Envelope System – request to table pending vote to abolish this position.

Jesse (Three Legacies) Stood for Treatment Chair and ran unopposed thus was elected

No one stood for New Frontiers and thus it will stay with the Executive Secretary.

Christian (Abbott Men's) Stood for Night Watch chair, and was unopposed (sigh) thus was elected

Corrections Election has been tabled.

GSA Liaison – Tabled

Steering Committee –

Zone 2 – No one stood and it was tabled

Zone 3 - No one Stood and it was tabled

Zone 7 – No one stood and it was tabled

Zone 8 – Anthony (Eye Opener) stood and was elected.

Next Month's refreshments will be provided by Carry The Message

The discussion of the 12th tradition will be provided by Zach F.

Next Central Committee Meeting will be December 6th

Motion to close was brought by Christian and seconded by Debi at 8:10

New Frontiers ~ December 2015

Cash Flow Statement	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15
Beg Bal Cash on hand	23,419.75	23,570.64	19,054.01	16,789.41	17,832.62
Contributions					
Groups	3,737.68	3,438.53	4,233.69	3,874.77	4,553.91
Joint Meeting	46.00	42.50	50.50	53.00	62.05
Envelope System	655.00	684.00	250.00	425.00	460.00
New Frontiers Subs	35.00	60.00	13.00	-	13.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,738.68	4,361.75	3,340.03	3,247.11	3,271.45
Literature Sales Tax	247.81	286.22	179.83	215.02	216.40
Literature Postage	11.89	11.85	12.34	27.11	18.36
Sales +/-		140.00	(140.00)	304.97	54.61
Archives Room Rent		240.00		260.00	
Com. Meetings at CO	39.00	2.90	30.00	21.00	23.00
Mail/Misc.	50.00	30.00		-	
Tax Returns					
Transfer from PR					
Income Transfer to Corrections/Treatment					
Gratitude Month (NOV)					
Conventions/Day of Sharing					
Monthly Income	8,561.06	9,297.75	7,969.39	8,427.98	8,672.78
Expenses					
Building Rent/Utilities	1,219.19	1,283.79	1,283.79	1,283.79	2,567.08
Payroll Gross	2,635.68	4,287.42	2,769.24	2,769.24	2,769.24
Employment Taxes	201.64	328.00	211.86	211.86	211.86
Unemployment Surcharge					
NYS Sales Tax (ANNUAL)					
Insurance					
State Ins Fund(Travelers)	(2.40)	(3.60)	(2.40)	(2.40)	(2.40)
Health	590.42	590.42	590.42	590.42	590.42
D&O Insurance					
Liability					
Postage	289.43	613.39	300.00	444.14	6.10
Phone/Internet	123.82	123.87	247.63	2.84	126.82
Accounting	1,150.00				
Paychex	107.70	171.50	107.70	107.70	117.65
Advt					
Talking Phone Book					
Dex Media	173.00	173.00	174.25	174.25	174.25
website					
Local Edge					
Yellow Pages					
Literature Expenses					
Grapevine					476.00
World Services Inc	1,226.80	1,839.76	3,424.20	343.84	
Hazeldon		418.95			664.47
Printers		2,991.15			
Medallions	78.49			315.61	
Petty Cash					
Office Supplies	189.70	136.85	551.19	216.16	302.59
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00	209.00	209.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00
Bank Fee's including credit cards fee's	56.90	58.68	66.11	56.38	60.85
literature returns reimbursement					
Seed \$\$\$					200.00
CO Seminar		431.20		500.94	
Transfer to Corrections/Treatment			140.00		
Transfer to Corrections/Treatment					
Monthly Expenses	8,410.17	13,814.38	10,233.99	7,384.77	8,434.93
Monthly Income (Loss)	150.89	(4,516.63)	(2,264.60)	1,043.21	237.85
End Balance	23,570.64	19,054.01	16,789.41	17,832.62	18,070.47
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Balance	26,570.64	22,054.01	19,789.41	20,832.62	21,070.47
PRUDENT RESERVE	28,134.80	28,135.48	28,135.96	28,136.42	28,136.90
Assets: Literature & Medallions	12,327.52	14,773.75	15,914.49	14,169.15	13,106.03
Literature Receivable (outstanding)	550.70	415.41	446.51	567.83	511.66
PIC Removed from Stock				82.48	
Corrections Facilities	1,694.55	1,348.85	1,565.85	1,612.85	1,669.85
Contributions	265.40	220.00	50.00	60.00	264.60
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Expenses	606.10				301.00
Balance	1,348.85	1,565.85	1,612.85	1,669.85	1,630.45
Treatment Facilities	1,445.60	1,524.60	1,346.60	1,213.60	1,045.60
Contributions	82.00	105.00	150.00	115.00	155.00
Expenses		280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Balance	1,524.60	1,346.60	1,213.60	1,045.60	917.60

YTD: 2015

38,801.08
480.00
5,770.00
419.00
37,891.46
2,396.64
139.42
337.64
500.00
218.65
165.00
-
-
-
87,118.89

13,704.25
29,727.06
2,494.78
2,713.45
342.60
6,138.20
1,111.96
3,035.32
1,266.13
1,150.00
1,137.37

1,732.75
1,059.60
-
834.44
14,915.20
2,117.67
5,095.65
1,203.98
-
2,461.16
2,090.00
1,610.00
733.61
200.00
967.14
140.00

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(11,898.43)

+ 5.57

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 AA 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

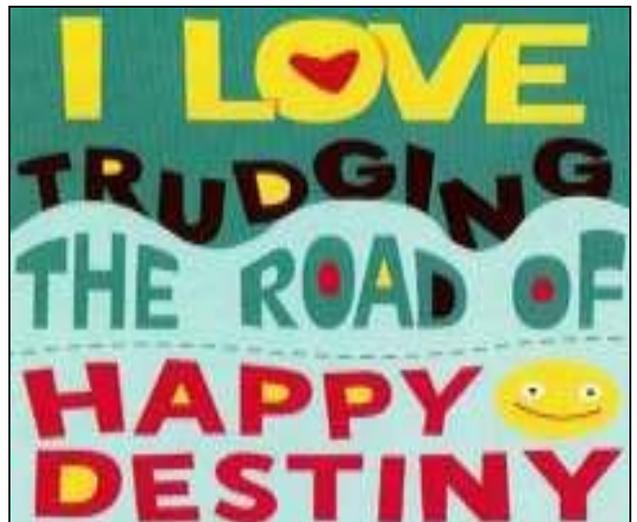


**GOD,
TEACH ME
TO BE A GIVER...
NOT A TAKER.**

Giving, rather than getting, will become the guiding principle. Big Book, 4th edition, p.128

Father feels he has struck something better than gold. For a time he may try to hug the new treasure to himself. He may not see at once that he has barely scratched a limitless lode which will pay dividends only if he mines it for the rest of his life and insists on giving away the entire product.

Big Book, 4th edition, p. 129



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR
			0.00		0.00		0.00
5	7 Clans		40.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		0.00		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	6th Tradition (Youngstown)	15.00	15.00		0.00		0.00
2	AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	A ANONYMOUS		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	A VISION FOR YOU		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners		100.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's	50.00	230.00		0.00	50.00	140.00
2	Acceptance/Welcoming	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		50.00		0.00		50.00
4	Action		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Akron Awareness		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Albion Grapevine		15.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		15.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst/ Snyder	194.00	297.50		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Lakeshore		150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Angola Early Bird		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	30.00	300.00		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)		100.00		50.00		50.00
5	Attitude Adjustment(NF)	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
6	Attraction	50.00	285.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		75.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Saturday		45.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		68.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass	11.75	71.75		0.00		0.00
	Building Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek		140.00		0.00		0.00
	By the Book	44.04	294.04		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside	50.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Canaan House		24.35		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake-Up Call	235.00	685.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor		250.00		200.00		200.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		150.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Café		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga		785.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		50.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Common Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		400.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		30.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		303.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Dawn of Hope		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		340.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		53.47		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		160.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora	200.00	300.00		100.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	300.00	30.00	300.00	30.00	300.00
4	Ellicottville		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Elmwood		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener		1791.70		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener South	411.50	1044.00	164.60	377.60		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		800.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside		263.00		0.00		0.00
6	First Step (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		400.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start	75.00	210.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT		
	OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR	
2	Friends of Bill W.		90.00		0.00	30.00	60.00
3	Gardenville		412.50		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		20.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		1100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		500.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grace Point		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		25.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		119.50		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand	25.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		500.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		350.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		90.00		0.00		0.00
1	H.I.P.		180.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village	500.00	783.00		23.00		23.00
4	Holland		122.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon	80.00	180.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's		605.00		0.00		0.00
1	HUDSON & WADSWORTH		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		55.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		40.00		40.00		40.00
3	Ironhorse	175.00	1369.00		0.00		0.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Just Do It		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		57.77		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lake Shore	100.00	875.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeview	75.00	225.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		58.17		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		500.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women	50.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		25.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP		200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		570.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		200.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		400.80		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy	20.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	20.00
5	Lower River		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		95.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	40.00	390.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot		800.25		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		500.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		25.00		0.00		0.00
5	New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		50.00		25.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		30.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		76.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo		800.00		0.00		0.00

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