

# 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



## Every Journey Begins With the First Step...

Every Journey begins with the first step as does the journey to recovery. Without the First Step we could not identify ourselves as alcoholic, nor would we be inspired enough to get through the next eleven Steps. For me, it was very important to become aware of the experience, strength and hope out of the Book.

While reading the *Big Book* I could identify myself in the pages when I answered the Statements in the last paragraph of the Preface.

The first one pertains to **Experience**, "Yes, that happened to me."

The second statement, *the book says, is more important*, "Yes, I felt that way." *In my mind* this pertains to **Strength**. For whenever I feel something or wherever I truly want something, I am motivated to make it happen and it usually does.

The third statement is the **Hope** *the book says, is most important*, "Yes, I believe this Program can work for me too." Every line in the book I can put an E, an S or an H. This solidifies to my innermost self that I am truly alcoholic and therefore in need of a spiritual experience to conquer my alcoholism.

This fact, which I become more and more convinced of with each identifiable sentence, will help push me through the Steps to the end. Even after their completion, the desperation of knowing that I am "First Step qualified" will keep me steadfast in taking Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve on a daily basis. In this way I will continue to: take inventory, seek knowledge and power, and practice Principles in ALL my affairs.

We are bound together by our common solution — Indeed we are, however and more importantly we are also bound by our common problem, Alcohol. This is also the strength of Alcoholics Anonymous.



## inventory was ours, not the other man's"

p.67 Alcoholics

Your Steering Committee has spent considerable time looking at the Central Committee inventory. At our recent Thanksgiving Eve special meeting to determine next steps resulting from the inventory we decided to focus on three main priorities:

- Meeting Space
- Outreach
- Communication

The recordings that resulted from the inventory identified concerns and opportunities to better serve AA in these areas.

Right now we are looking at options for our meeting space. As the Steering Committee researches what resources may be available we will keep group representative updated at our monthly meetings.

We have determined that outreach will require a plan, a long term plan that engages the trusted servants of our fellowship. As a small group works within the steering committee to develop this plan our group representatives will also be able to look forward to updates on this front.

Finally, as we look at the issue of communication the steering committee has identified the opportunity and willingness to bring information to the groups directly through quarterly informational meetings that will be hosted in zones throughout the inter-group area. This is an exciting time to be involved in the Central Committee. Service opportunities are available for those willing and responsible.

### **Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depend upon A.A. unity.**

"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."

Our whole A.A. program is securely founded on the principle of humility--that is to say, perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we each see ourselves as we really are--"a small part of a great whole." Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why A.A. Tradition can confidently state, "Our common welfare comes first."

"Does this mean," some will ask, "that in A.A. the individual doesn't count too much? Is he to be swallowed up, dominated by the group?" No, it doesn't seem to work out that way. Perhaps there is no society on earth more solicitous of personal welfare, more careful to grant the individual the greatest possible liberty of belief and action. Alcoholics Anonymous has no "musts." Few A.A. groups impose penalties on anyone for non-conformity. We do suggest, but we don't discipline. Instead, compliance or non-compliance with any principle of A.A. is a matter for the conscience of the individual; he is the judge of his own conduct. Those words of old time, "Judge not," we observe most literally.

"But," some will argue, "if A.A. has no authority to govern its individual members or groups, how shall it ever be sure that the common welfare does come first? How is it possible to be governed without a government? If everyone can do as he pleases, how can you have aught but anarchy?"

The answer seems to be that we A.A.s cannot really do as we please, though there is no constituted human authority to restrain us. Actually, our common welfare is protected by powerful safeguards. The moment any action seriously threatens the common welfare, group opinion mobilizes to remind us; our conscience begins to complain. If one persists, he may become so disturbed as to get drunk; alcohol gives him a beating. Group opinion shows him that he is off the beam, his own conscience tells him that he is dead wrong, and, if he goes too far, Barleycorn brings him real conviction.

So it is we learn that in matters deeply affecting the group as a whole, "our common welfare comes first." Rebellion ceases and cooperation begins because it must; we have disciplined ourselves.

Eventually, of course, we cooperate because we really wish to; we see that without substantial unity there can be no A.A., and that without A.A. there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. We gladly set aside personal ambitions whenever these might harm A.A. We humbly confess that we are but "a small part of a great whole."

- Bill W.—Editorial on the First Tradition, The Grapevine,



Bill W. died at 11:30, Sunday, **January 24, 1971**, at the Miami Heart Institute, Miami Beach, Fla., after a long illness. He had been treated for emphysema since 1968. At death he was 75 years old.

After a private funeral service, burial will be in E. Dorset, Vt., where he was born on November 26, 1895. These arrangements followed Bill's wishes. A.A. groups around the world will hold memorial meetings February 14, 1971, honoring Bill's work as co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, author of basic A.A. books, and chief architect and articulator of the Fellowship's principles. Bill's last public appearance was at the Spiritual Meeting, July 5, 1970, in Convention Hall, Miami Beach, which closed the 35th Anniversary International Convention - the 5<sup>th</sup> in A.A. history.

He had gone to Florida anticipating a full speaking schedule, but virus pneumonia necessitated a short hospitalization, and physicians allowed him only the one token convention appearance.

That Sunday morning, the tall, slender and somewhat weary white-haired man was wearing a bright orange-colored jacket as a salute to the A.A.'s of his host state.

As he pulled himself to his feet, a throng of 11, 000 men, women, and children jumped to their feet applauding and cheering. Many wept." (from Box 459 Vol. 16 No.2 Memorial Issue, January 1971)

So many years had passed since that last drink on December 11<sup>th</sup> 1934 when Bill gulped from that fourth bottle of beer on the railway station platform before he hustled to Towns Hospital for another sobering up by Dr. Silkworth (from page 64 of the Bill W. documentary by Robert Thomsen). His efforts to provide the direction of the three legacies of Unity, Recovery and Service via the Big Book, then the Twelve and Twelve, the Service Manual and the hundreds of Grapevine articles now influence the lives of over two million alcoholics who recognize and value Bill's dedication and service

Submitted with deep regard and appreciation for Bill  
David C. of Orchard Park Step Group

NOTE from Lila, your archives committee chair: Thank YOU to the inquiries about if scouring thrift stores for AA and other alcoholic documentation (books, pamphlets, etc.) is still of value (YES) – and for being willing to donate some interesting finds! SECOND EDITION Big Books are of particular importance – please email us if interested in why those are of particular historical importance ([ARCHIVES@AREA50WNY.ORG](mailto:ARCHIVES@AREA50WNY.ORG)). As always, we are so grateful for your assistance! Shout-out to Pat S. of the Sheridan Group for her old group related documentation donated at the Main & High Christmas Vigil! THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THE UNKNOWN NEEDS



## 1st STEP :

**"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."**

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Alcoholics Anonymous WNY/NF intergroup Service Area

### Elimination of the Envelope System Chairperson

Transfer of the job duties as outlined in Section 4.07 to the Executive Secretary position.

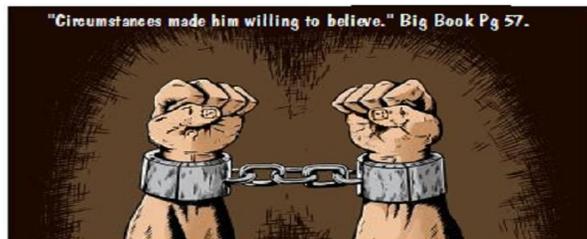
My proposal is based on the following factors:

- 1.) As we attempt to move towards using credit/debit cards as a source of donation, the chair does not do these, the Executive Secretary runs the cards and keeps the information in a safe place.
- 2.) The software program, QuickBooks, which we use to keep our financial records, provides an alternative way to track the donations. Currently they are tracked on an Excel spreadsheet, the totals are entered into QuickBooks and the receipts are on Word.
- 3.) They above mentioned method is more accurate, efficient, and we are able to produce a more professional appearing year end receipt.
- 4.) The Executive Secretary organizes the mail before the chair even opens it.

## Heard @ a Meeting

"My prayers are usually brief  
and to the point. '  
**Help!**  
is one I use often."

"Circumstances made him willing to believe." Big Book Pg 57.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**Acceptance/Welcome**

Joe L. 1y  
 Genie F. 4y  
 Micheal A. 6y  
 Thomas R. 10y  
 Judy 12y  
 Ellen H. 16y  
 Jim G. 29y  
 Jack C. 31y  
 Alice B. 36y

**Alexander**

Joseph P. 6m  
 Dave S. 12y  
 Tim B. 12y  
 Brian H. 26y  
 Dean S. 29y  
 Mary T. 30y

**Central City Café**

Carol B. 23y

**Cold Springs**

Bob P. 39y

**Courage**

Louise F. 3y  
 Andy S. 21y  
 Pat M. 27y

**Eyeopener**

Matthew 3y  
 Adam F. 4y  
 Henry J. 4y  
 Dan 4y  
 Joe 5y  
 John B. 5y  
 Rob B. 5y  
 Jerry R. 6y  
 Mike B. 6y  
 Sue M. 6y  
 Mary Lou 6y  
 Chris M. 7y  
 Susan B. 8y  
 Anne 9y  
 Mark R. 9y  
 John L. 9y  
 Gregg N. 11y  
 Jeff 13y  
 Gregg N. 15y  
 Art B. 26y  
 Dave G. 28y  
 John S. 29y  
 Len S. 30y  
 Lou B. 33y  
 Mary 44y

**Eyeopener South**

Lea M. 6m  
 Jason W. 6m  
 Joan C. 6m  
 Glenys B. 1y  
 Fran G. 4y

**Fireside**

Scott M. 3y  
 Lynn G. 6y  
 Becky B. 11y  
 Mike M. 15y  
 Bob S. 19y

**First Step**

Robert H. 10y  
 Audrey M. 12y

**Fresh Start**

Silvia W. 15y  
 Ralph W. 21y  
 Tyrone H. 24y

**Friends Of Bill W.**

Dale B. 2y  
 Don M. 3y

**Golden Slipper**

Melissa G. 17y

**H.A.N.D.**

Chris R. 7y

**Harmony**

Heather V. 2y  
 Tina J. 2y  
 Larry G. 3y  
 Kelly B. 3y  
 Andre G. 5y  
 Wakeen B. 7y  
 Que A. 8y  
 Jesse M. 16y  
 Verbie P. 18y  
 Kevin J. 25y  
 Gene H. 31y

**Holiday Village**

Patty H. 3m  
 Ashley 1y  
 Larry G. 3y  
 Connie H. 3y  
 Cindy I. 10y  
 Carla H. 13y

**How It Works**

Jason 1y  
 Kevin J. 5y  
 Mike M. 5y  
 Eric 8y  
 Bill 8y  
 Max 10y  
 Scott 12y  
 J.D. 13y  
 Mike M. 14y  
 Roger 26y  
 Walter 19y  
 Dan 24y  
 Frank 30y

**Ironhorse**

Paul D. 8y  
 Kurt S. 10y  
 Sheilla D. 39y

**Lakeshore**

Mitchell A. 6y  
 Scott T. 34y

**Lewport**

Cherie B. 23y  
 Shawn D. 34y

**Lockport#1**

Ray J. 1y  
 Freddy B. 1y  
 Steve C. 12y

**Lockview**

Arthur H. 2y  
 Kenny R. 3y  
 Mark B. 3y  
 Bernie F. 5y  
 Mark W. 5y  
 James R. 5y  
 Brian K. 10y

**UP Step**

Adam B. 3m  
 Josh V. 3y  
 Mary H. 16y

**Renaissance**

Robin G. 3m  
 Teresa W. 3m  
 John M. 6m  
 Don K. 9m  
 Lud P. 9y  
 Lorraine A. 16y  
 Pete B. 17y  
 Rick C. 21y  
 John I. 24y

**Rise & Shine**

Keith W. 1y  
 Carlos A. 1y  
 David T. 2y  
 Andre G. 5y  
 Brian N. 12y  
 Eddie I. 13y  
 Gary C. 14y

**Rural Is**

Mark G. 20y

**Sheridan**

Pam 1y  
 Nicole B. 2y  
 Mary Jo C. 2y  
 Chris B. 5y  
 Lori H. 10y  
 Garry S. 27y  
 Patricia Mc 28y  
 Larry Z. 31y

**Springville New Life**

Mark F. 1y  
 George S. 32y

**Sunday Morning**

**Breakfast**  
 Colleen E. 6m  
 Jerry F. 5y  
 Norm K. 31y

**The Journey**

Gary P. 2y  
 Brian S. 2y  
 Joel L. 2y  
 Alycia B. 2y  
 Morgan M. 8y  
 Anna M. 13y  
 Joey L. 15y  
 Verbie 15y  
 Elvi Jo 20y

**Thruway**

Bernadette S. 17y  
 Pat M. 27y

**WE**

Sally 3y  
 Dawn M. 3y  
 Elise 4y

**We Care**

Bernedette S. 18y  
 Jim L. 34y

**Williamsville**

Kristen B. 3m  
 Ken B. 9m  
 Ruby 1y  
 Jesse 1y  
 Dave B. 1y  
 Jim S. 2y  
 Matthew 3y  
 Sydney 5y  
 John G. 5y  
 Krystyna C. 13y  
 Ken H. 25y  
 Paul M. 31y  
 Lou 33y



**GROUPS CELEBRATING**

Central City Café: 9y  
 Daily Reprieve: 16y  
 Early Rising Obliging: 14y  
 It: 25y  
 Life Today: 25y  
 Main and High: 18y  
 New West Side on Serenity: 17y  
 Second Chance: 15y  
 Solidarity: 10y  
 Somerset: 29y  
 Starting Over : 22y  
 Tuesday Men's Disc.: 28y  
 Try Again: 23y  
 Williamsville: 63y

*Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup>*

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



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

**BUFFALO CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
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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

- Common Bond Meeting, No longer Meets.** Northtown Plaza, Tuesday's 8 PM, 3163 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda 14150
- Dawn Of Hope Group; Needs Support.** Fellowship of Gods Word Church, 116 Broad St. @ Seymour, Tonawanda City) 14150. Tue. & Thurs.; 7:30 PM.
- The Absolutes** will be adding a **5:30 PM** meeting, Monday through Friday. 1463 E.. Delevan Ave, Buffalo, East, 14215.
- 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 **Dec. 25th (Christmas)**, 8 PM, 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. @ Decanter, 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 Personally through the ENVELOPE SYSTEM**

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ~ Jan 3, **Central Committee Meeting**, **SUNDAY**, 7 PM, Buffalo Central Office (Hosted by Questions & Answers Group).
- ~ Jan 3,, **Steering Committee**; **SUNDAY**, 5:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Jan 9, **General Service Assembly**, **SATURDAY**, **12 Noon.**, Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg, 14075.
- ~ Jan 9, **Archives Committee Meeting**; **2nd SATURDAY**, 9 AM, Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Jan 11, **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.
- ~ Jan 16, **Special Needs Committee Meeting**, **3rd-SATURDAY**, 3:30PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
- ~ Jan 17,, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, **3rd-SUNDAY**, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
- ~ Jan 18, **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?
- ~ Jan 21, **2016 Convention Committee Meeting**, **3rd Thursday**, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office

# COMING EVENTS

- ~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! ~Dec 31, **Tri-County Group Annual New Years Eve Party.** St. Joseph's RC Church, 67 East Main St., Gowanda. doors open at 7:00, Speaker at 8:00 food and Fellowship 9:00-?. Please bring a dish to share.
- ~ 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 19-21, **Men of AA Spiritual Retreat**, St. Columban Center. 6894 Lakeshore Rd., Derby, NY. Registration;\$140.00.
- ~ Feb. 26- 28, **Women's Farewell Retreat**; St. Columban Center, 6894 Lakeshore Rd., Derby, NY. Registration \$155. Flyer in this mailing.
- ~ Mar 18-20, **Cataract City Convention**, Sheraton Inn at the Falls, 300 Third St., NF, 14305. Registration &20, Plus Dinner, \$55.Flyer on the website.
- ~ Mar 20, **Serenity Group 53rd Anniversary Breakfast**, 9:00 am, Saturn Club, 977 Delaware Ave, Buffalo 14209., Amherst, NY 14228. Breakfast Served 9:30 am. Speaker; 11:00 am. \$15.00 per ticket, **Pre-Sale Tickets only.** The speaker portion of the breakfast/ meeting is open after 11:00 am .
- ~ Apr. 30, Women **of AA Spiritual Day Of Sharing**, St. Columban Center, 6894 Lakeshore Rd., Derby, NY. Registration \$55. Flyer in this mailing.

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

**FEBRUARY FAREWELL RETREAT:** Feb 26-28 - the Saint Columban Center (Derby, NY) is closing for good as of May 31 (sold to a private developer). Speakers, groups, spiritual advisors & lots of food, fun & fellowship. A limited number of service scholarships will be available based on donations. Home groups encouraged to sponsor a scholarship for a group member. Cost: \$155 (inc. meals & lodging). Registration form on Buffalo AA website under events/ or available via e-mail. Mail back ASAP to be included in this special event!! Contact person: Marilyn / [retreatnewsaa@gmail.com](mailto:retreatnewsaa@gmail.com).  
**April 30<sup>th</sup> -Saturday:** The Women's Spiritual Day of Sharing (mini retreat) is rescheduled due to the closing of the St Columban Center. Registration forms available on Buffalo AA website. Don't miss out!!!

  
**1st STEP:** **"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."**  
**1st TRADITION:** **" Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity."**  
**1st CONCEPT:** **Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.**

## GRAPEVINE Quote of the Day

January 17, 2011

*"When we AAs look to the future, we must always ask ourselves if the spirit which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart ... Though the individual AA is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials. For example, the Twelve Steps of our AA program are not crammed down anybody's throat. They are not sustained by any human authority. Yet we powerfully unite around them because the truth they contain has saved our lives, has opened the door to a new world."*



AA Co-Founder, Bill W., September 1945  
From: "Rules' Dangerous but Unity Vital"  
Heart



**Minutes of Central Committee Meeting; December 6, 2015**

\*Meeting was opened at 7pm by Chairperson with the responsibility statement followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Jeff, the Purpose of Central Committee was read by William, and the Twelve Traditions were read by Corey.

\*Zach F. provided a stirring and well received overview of the AA 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

\*There were three new representatives present: Pat from "Questions and Answers", Felicia from "Friends of Bill W" and Dave from "Lockport Big Book"

\*Next month Debi will discuss the First Tradition

\*Last month's minutes were accepted by a motion from Debi, and a second by Joan

\*There were 23 groups represented: Zone 1-Frontier; Zone 2-Acceptance, Brass, Friends of Bill W, How It Works, Liberty Women's, North Buffalo, Questions and Answers, Step Action, Three Legacies, Turing Point, and Depth and Weight; Zone 3 – Thruway, and Tuesday Women's; Zone 4 – Orchard Park Step; Zone 5 – Lockport Big Book, and Lockport #1; Zone 6 – Carrying the Message, Derby, Lakeshore; Zone 7 – None; Zone 8 – Achievement, Eye Opener, and Williamsville

**Reports**

**Envelope System** (Sue B) - We received \$ 300 in donations comprised of 8 cc & 6 cash/check this month for a total of \$ 6,235 year to date.

This is \$ 290 less than the previous year to date which I contribute to the passing of two consistent donors and the relocation of another.. I would like to thank everyone who has donated this year via the envelope system. I have submitted an amendment to the by-laws eliminating the envelope system chair position.

**Steering** (Debi) - Verbal Only

**Finance** (Chip) - November 2015: First I'd like to thank those who stepped forward last month to serve WNY AA by taking Central Committee positions. Amounts rounded to the nearest \$1.00 except balances. Total Income: \$9,292. Literature sales were \$3,813. Group contributions were \$4,792. 173 groups have contributed to Central Committee this fiscal year; 140 have contributed \$0. We should use this as a measure of "being involved at Central Committee" instead of attendance at our monthly meeting. Total Expenses: \$9,474. Monthly Net: Negative \$182. The year to date is a negative \$12,080. Asset Account Balances: Checking Account: \$17,888.54. Petty Cash: \$3,000. Prudent Reserve: \$28,137.36 with interest of \$0.46. Inventory: \$12,395.00, with purchases in November of \$3,050. Corrections Committee: Balance is \$1,677.45. Contributions were \$50 and expenses were \$3. Treatment Committee: Balance is \$969.60. Contributions were \$55 & expenses were \$3. Group Accounts Receivable: Balance is \$1,153.95 from 7 groups. Of that, 5 with \$1,070.85 are current to 30 days, 2 with \$83.10 are over 30 days. I have recommended to the Executive Secretary that we no longer sell "on account" to one of these groups. Other Comments: There is a chance I will not be able to make the January 2016 Central Committee meeting for my last report. In light of that I have one area that I'd comment on, which is: We are not paying our own way. We are not in trouble in a fiscal or monetary sense. A simple comparison of the \$17,900 in our checking and our \$12,000 loss so far this year, if nothing changes in 2016 it may be an issue. Another example would be to raise our book & literature prices to cover the loss – which would have been an absurd 30% starting last January 1; if we did that we would be covering our expenses. Somehow I doubt anyone would like to pay an extra \$3 per Big Book. In light of that, our balance sheet looks OK, with increases and decreases in areas you are all familiar with. Thank you to the groups supporting WNY AA! Respectfully Submitted by Chip R, Lighten Up Group

**Treatment** (Nadav) - I would like to thank all the groups and individuals that participate in carrying in meetings on a regular basis. This month we will have elections at our regularly scheduled Business meeting on the third Monday of the month at 6pm. We have many positions opened. These can range in responsibilities from sending reminder phone calls on a weekly basis to bringing meetings in regularly. We are especially interested in getting people involved that have not previously participated in AA service. This is a fulfilling way to give back to AA and to grow in your sobriety.

Over the past two years I have had the privilege of serving as the TFC chair. Thanks to you we have increased the number of AA meetings throughout Buffalo. The work you have done has and continues to help people get sober and find peace. I would like to especially thank Jesse S. for his love and tolerance as he co-chaired the committee with me. We are fortunate to have him step up as the next chair.

**Corrections** (Christine) - First I would like to apologize to the body for missing November's meeting. I was not feeling well and unable to attend. In the future if I am unable to make a meeting I will have a member of the committee attend to give our report. Since, my last report our committee has put on our Day of Sharing and attended Area 47s Correction Connection. Both were very successful events. The day of sharing had over 50 participants and the feedback from our fellowship has been not only positive but enthusiastic. The results of this event were very encouraging for the committee. It has sparked interest in the fellowship which is always what we shoot for in committee work. As a committee we are very happy with the turn out Next, we attended Area 47s Correction Connection which allowed our committee to have some face to face time with administrators at Attica, Wende, and Albion correctional facilities. We now have access to online state facility applications meaning no more printing! We can email any AA member a copy of the blank application which you can then type individual information into and email back to the committee. This will be a much more direct and efficient way to communicate. Our next goal is to start facilitating informational presentations for groups at their business meetings. We have reached out to the treatment committee and Jessie S has provided us with their presentation model. We believe this will save us time as well as aiding us in developing a clear and effective presentation for groups. If you are an IR rep the committee asks that you please inform your group that our committee is interested in coming out to group to share information about corrections service. If you're interested please see me after the meeting

**Central Office** (Terri) - TOTAL CALL's INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS ;AA Call's: 405, 12-STEP: 6,ALANON: 6,VISITORS:

110,VOLUNTEERS: 5, Email's:261 ,Website Hit's; 94,221/ of them 6,578 Unique Visitors, Number of visits:14,830; 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

Reminder ; Please write separate checks for Central Office, Treatment & Corrections contributions

**PIC/CPC** (Kristen) - Verbal Only

**Night Watch** – No report

*New Frontiers ~ January 2016*

(Central Committee Minutes Continued... )

**Past Convention** (Alan) – Verbal Only, Report Enclosed in mailing.

**2016 Convention** (Sue) - I am pleased to announce that are first meeting will be at The Hope Center, 781 Maple at Forest on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Please mention this at your home groups. Anyone interested in being on the Convention committee are welcomed. Please attend your input is needed and appreciated.

**GSA** (Zach F) – No Report

**Archives** (Lila) – Verbal Only

**Special Needs** (Pat) – Verbal Only

**Recap**

**Envelope System** – What electronic communication is in use to share information  
None

**Steering**

How often does GSA want to meet at each Intergroup?

Once per year

How many zones do not have representation on the Steering Committee presently

Three – Zones 2, 3, and 7

**Finance** – The 7<sup>th</sup> tradition raised \$55.37 tonight

**Old Business**

Kristine (Three Legacies) Stood for chair of Corrections and was voted in unanimously

Randy J (Three Legacies) Stood for the position of GSA Liaison and was voted in unanimously

Alan (Brass) Stood for Zone 2 steering committee rep and was voted in Unanimously

**New Business**

Sue B brought to the floor a proposed amendment to the bi-laws which would eliminate the position of Envelope Chairperson, and was seconded by Joan D.

During the discussion period related to this proposal, it was stated that the Executive Secretary is the only person who can access credit card information which is currently the primary responsibility of this position

William (Questions and Answers) stated that at his home group they put the envelopes in the literature rack and that seems to work  
Maureen D (Amherst Snyder) requested to be the editor of the New Frontiers, a position which was listed as open previously, the Executive Secretary stated that there are only two pages available for content and having a second person would just slow things down. After some conversation it was decided that Maureen will serve as a proof reader for the New Frontiers moving forward

After intense discussion, some of it quite heated, the following schedule for 2016 was decided upon, as well as the groups that will be providing Snacks

1/3 – Questions and Answers

2/7 – Three Legacies (it is understood that this is Superbowl Sunday but given the alternative of Valentine’s Day, this was deemed the lesser of two evils)

3/6 – Acceptance

4/3 – Step Action

5/1 – Depth & Weight

6/1 – Lockport #1

7/10 – Friends of Bill W

8/7 – Brass

9/11 – Williamsville

10/2 – Carry the Message

11/6 – Orchard Park Step

12/4 – Derby

Holding the meeting on Jan 3 despite the New Year’s holiday was brought to vote by Susan (Liberty Women’s) and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat (Thruway) the vote was 19-0 for

Sue B brought a vote to move the February meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup> and was seconded by Diane. The vote was 8 for and 10 against. The minority opinion was given that no one will show up for that meeting due to the super bowl and that Valentine’s Day would largely be celebrated on Friday and Saturday, for me I believe that every day is Valentine’s Day.

Though no votes were changed and the motion was defeated

Rae Anne (Steering Committee) brought a motion to form an Ad Hoc position to work with GSA regarding their request for a GSA meeting to be held at the Buffalo Central Committee. The vote was 13 for, none opposed, and 2 abstentions. Tina (Step Action) stood for the Ad Hoc position

At 8:48 a motion to close was brought by Dennis D and seconded by Joan D. who was sitting very close, some might say too close. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.



*Prayer Changes Things.*

New Frontiers ~ January 2016

Cash Flow Statement	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15
<b>Beg Bal Cash on hand</b>	<b>19,054.01</b>	<b>16,789.41</b>	<b>17,832.62</b>	<b>18,070.47</b>
<b>Contributions</b>				
Groups	4,233.69	3,874.77	4,553.91	4,792.28
Joint Meeting	50.50	53.00	62.05	44.00
Envelope System	250.00	425.00	460.00	300.00
New Frontiers Subs	13.00	-	13.00	23.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,340.03	3,247.11	3,271.45	3,812.71
Literature Sales Tax	179.83	215.02	216.40	293.84
Literature Postage	12.34	27.11	18.36	8.55
Sales +/-	(140.00)	304.97	54.61	4.97
Archives Room Rent		260.00		
Com. Meetings at CO	30.00	21.00	23.00	13.00
Mail/Misc.				
Tax Returns				
Transfer from PR				
Income Transfer to Corrections/Treatment				
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)				
Conventions/Day of Sharing				
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>7,969.39</b>	<b>8,427.98</b>	<b>8,672.78</b>	<b>9,292.35</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building Rent/Utilities	1,283.79	1,283.79	2,967.08	1,283.79
Payroll Gross	2,769.24	2,769.24	2,769.24	2,769.24
Employment Taxes	211.86	211.86	211.86	211.86
Unemployment Surcharge				
NYS Sales Tax (ANNUAL)				
Insurance				
State Ins Fund(Travelers)	(2.40)	(2.40)	(2.40)	(38.40)
Health	590.42	590.42	590.42	590.42
D&O Insurance				
Liability				
Postage	300.00	444.14	6.10	4.75
Phone/Internet	247.63	2.84	126.82	123.65
Accounting				
Paychex	107.70	107.70	117.65	107.70
Advt				
Talking Phone Book				
Dex Media	174.25	174.25	174.25	174.25
website				
Local Edge				
Yellow Pages				
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine			476.00	
World Services Inc	3,424.20	343.84		3,050.00
Hazeldon			664.47	
Printers				
Medallions		315.61		214.66
Petty Cash				
Office Supplies	551.19	216.16	302.59	550.01
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00	209.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00
Bank Fee's including credit cards fee's	66.11	56.38	60.85	62.35
literature returns reimbursement				
Seed \$\$\$				
CO Seminar		500.94		
Transfer to Corrections/Treatment	140.00			
Transfer to Corrections/Treatment				
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>10,233.99</b>	<b>7,384.77</b>	<b>8,434.93</b>	<b>9,474.28</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(2,264.60)</b>	<b>1,043.21</b>	<b>237.85</b>	<b>(181.93)</b>
<b>End Balance</b>	<b>16,789.41</b>	<b>17,832.62</b>	<b>18,070.47</b>	<b>17,888.54</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>19,789.41</b>	<b>20,832.62</b>	<b>21,070.47</b>	<b>20,888.54</b>
<b>PRUDENT RESERVE</b>	<b>28,136.96</b>	<b>28,136.42</b>	<b>28,136.90</b>	<b>28,137.36</b>
Assets: Literature& Medallions	15,914.49	14,169.15	13,106.03	12,395.00
Literature Receivable/(outstanding)	446.51	567.83	511.66	1,352.48
PLC - Removed from Stock		82.48		
<b>Corrections Facilities</b>	<b>1,665.85</b>	<b>1,612.85</b>	<b>1,669.85</b>	<b>1,630.45</b>
Contributions	50.00	60.00	264.60	50.00
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Expenses			301.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,612.85</b>	<b>1,669.85</b>	<b>1,630.45</b>	<b>1,677.45</b>
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>	<b>1,346.60</b>	<b>1,213.60</b>	<b>1,045.60</b>	<b>917.60</b>
Contributions	150.00	115.00	155.00	55.00
Expenses	280.00	280.00	280.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,213.60</b>	<b>1,045.60</b>	<b>917.60</b>	<b>969.60</b>

YTD: 2015

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**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

*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*

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM Supporter**

**Would you like to be one?**

The ENVELOPE SYSTEM supporter are AA members who in gratitude pledge to contribute toward the support of Central Office in it's quest to carry the AA message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer in the Buffalo/ Niagara Frontier area. The idea came about many, many years ago, when we remembered that many of us wasted that amount each month during our drinking days. Your contribution (which is Tax Deductible) will help Central Office get through the money problems we are always facing.

**If you are able to join** this worthwhile cause, please fill in the form (located on the website forms or call; 716-853-0388) and send it along with your first contribution.

Yes, please enroll me in the ENELOPE SYSTEM.  
Cardholder Name

Email Address

Phone #  
MasterCard Visa

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Billing Address

3-Didget Code on Back

I authorize AA of the Niagara Frontier to charge my credit card on a *monthly* basis in the amount of \$ .

Signature:

New Frontiers ~ January 2016

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
			0.00		0.00		0.00
4	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	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		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	200.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		230.00		0.00		140.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome		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
5	Albion Grapevine		15.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		15.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst/ Snyder		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	330.00		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		25.00		25.00
6	Attraction		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	25.00	25.00		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		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	20.00	160.00		0.00		0.00
	By the Book	200.00	494.04		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside	50.00	200.00		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		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	150.00	935.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's	50.00	100.00		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	198.00	501.00		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		300.00		100.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	330.00	30.00	330.00	30.00	330.00
4	Ellicottville	25.00	100.00		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
8	Eyeopener	572.04	2363.74		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		1044.00		377.60		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		800.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside	151.00	414.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity	100.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom	200.00	600.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		210.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

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DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
2	Friends of Bill W.	30.00	120.00		0.00		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	320.00	1420.00		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper	200.00	700.00		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		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		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		180.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	125.00	730.00		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	148.86	1517.86		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	100.00	100.00		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	Lakeshore	75.00	950.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		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	250.00		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	200.00	200.00		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		40.00		20.00
5	Lower River	50.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	30.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Manila	40.00	430.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	100.00	900.25		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	50.00	150.00		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	20.00	20.00		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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To your home every month**



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