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Tradition 6 - An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose

THE EARLY history of Alcoholics Anonymous includes classic examples bearing directly on the formation of the Sixth Tradition: the offer made our co-founder Bill W. to ally himself with a hospital as an "AA counselor"; those education binges when we succeeded in confusing the public (and ourselves) as to just who we were and what it was we were trying to do.

That's the past. What about today?

This Tradition was brought into focus for me when a newcomer I was sponsoring became fascinated with it. He read the chapter in *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and then started asking questions--as I should have when I was a newcomer.

I was so fogbound for years after coming in that, even though I heard and read about our policy of non-affiliation, there seemed to be no question but that AA was tied in with hospitals and prisons. Every time I went, trembling, to visit or to speak at an AA group in an institution, I was strongly aware of the courtesy and the kind familiarity on the part of the authorities. In my mind, their attitude translated into affiliation. If I'd had a sponsor in the beginning, this and many other matters might have been gotten into a truer perspective.

"What about the AA boat ride?" asked the newcomer. "Isn't that a case of AA endorsing an outside enterprise?"

A local AA group was sponsoring a boat ride on the river for recreation, to raise funds to defray group expenses, and also to make a contribution to our local intergroup. Was AA endorsing the line that owned the sightseeing boat? No. The group was simply paying for use of the boat, as it does for meeting quarters. The misunderstanding in the newcomer's mind was the result of hearing the activity constantly referred to as "the AA boat ride."

What is a newcomer to think? And if those of us who have been around for a while keep repeating such terms, what will we eventually think ourselves?

We still hear references to "AA clubs." Our early experience with them and with AA groups that meet under the same roof had a lot to do with the forging of the Sixth. When I came into the Fellowship in 1960, I started attending meetings at the Old 24th Street Clubhouse. It had just moved to its new home, one block south, on 23rd Street. I was told it was an AA clubhouse. That was the way I thought of it and the way I spoke of it. It was a long time before I understood that it was actually a clubhouse for AAs.

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The present-day newcomer didn't get the distinction. "Isn't that all just a lot of semantics?" he said. "You know what people mean when they say that."

No, I don't always know what people mean if they don't tell me. So I explained that the term "AA club" would imply AA *ownership*-thereby involving AA in "problems of money, property, and prestige." That's why it has been found wise to incorporate clubs for AAs as separate entities, *not* owned by any group or collection of groups. If a group wants to meet in such a clubhouse, it pays rent as it would to a church or a civic hall.

The Sixth Tradition alerts us to the dangers of the *appearance* of affiliation. A few years ago, an AA group in my area was obliged to move from quarters it had occupied for many years. Against the recommendation of several of its

members, the group voted to move into a center for drug rehabilitation. The rehab center was advertising to encourage the use of its facilities by civic and social groups. The group did not affiliate with the center but did hang its AA sign directly under the drug program sign. The impression of affiliation, if not endorsement, was created.

At least, the group did not change its name and take the name of the rehab center. Our General Service Conference has reminded central offices and intergroups, as a guideline, that it is a good idea for new groups *not* to name themselves after the facility or institution where they hold their meetings. Too often, impressions endure longer than facts.

"Tell me," the newcomer said, with a touch of defiance in his voice, "how an AA group might finance an outside enterprise."

I remember an AA member's soliciting groups for bail money for an AA friend of his who had been arrested and charged with a serious crime. Only an insignificant amount was raised, because there were enough informed members around to resist having their AA groups finance the bail bond business. Without the Sixth to guide them, however, even that handful of members might have viewed the bail-out action as a charitable one and set aside their groups' primary purpose.

"Are you saying that we have to be on our toes all the time? That we have to watch everything we think and say?"

Yes, and what we write, too. A friend of mine once innocently sent AA members a note that concerned a local intergroup activity but was written on his company business letterhead. There were no repercussions, but the impression could very easily have been created that the intergroup office and his office were affiliated.

The number one intent of our Traditions, of course, is to guide our groups and our Society as a whole in the ways of unity. And they serve a further end as well. For example, another aspect of this Tradition is the opposite of endorsement, namely, criticism. How easy it would be for the AA movement to point out to the proliferating alcoholism rehab programs just where we think they are going wrong. It also happens that criticism is one of the gravest of my old character defects. It is still the easiest thing for me to criticize a fellow AA for not working the program the way it *should* be worked; to criticize a group for not running its meetings the way I think they should be run; to criticize the operation of our General Service Office.

"You make it sound like the Fourth Step," the newcomer said, and he visibly drew back. "You make it sound just like taking inventory."

That is pretty much what the Traditions come down to--an ongoing inventory of the who, why, what, when, and where of groups and of AA as a whole. The Sixth is warning us against a natural tendency to embrace all manner of causes, noble or ignoble. It warns us to be aware of our limitations: AA cannot be everything to everyone. It reminds us to be ever on guard against three major shortcomings: (a) the crusader's ardor, (b) the one-sidedness of the zealot, and (c) perhaps the villain of the piece, the savior complex.

"None of that is going to happen to me," said the newcomer, as he walked away, "now that I know about it." I sincerely hope not. I've been done in by all three!

W. H.
Manhattan, New York



https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-timeline

1935

The meeting at the gatehouse

Henrietta Seiberling, daughter-in-law of the founder of the Goodyear Rubber Company, invites Bill to the Seiberling estate, where she lives in the gatehouse (right). She tells him of the struggle of Dr. Robert S., and the meeting of the two men takes place the next day – Mother’s Day, May 12, 1935. In the privacy of the library, Bill spills out his story, inspiring “Dr. Bob” to share his own. As the meeting ends hours later, Dr. Bob realizes how much spiritual support can come as the result of one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic.



Henrietta Seiberling, and the Seiberling Estate Gate House

6th STEP

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

We heard that Alcoholics
are
Good Actors...



Artists, too!!

If this describes You...

**the Buffalo Fall Convention
NEEDS your skills!**

Contact Claudia P. at 757-869-4158

AA Wisdom

It's the first drink that gets you drunk.
It's the last one that gets you sober. -John R. New York

It doesn't matter how crowded the meeting is
if you're sitting in the front row. -Marco D New York

If you don't want to end up behind bars,
don't sit down in front of them. - Pat P Calgary Canada

Some days I see life as a glass that's half-empty;
Other days, I see it as half-full.
On other days, I am grateful that I have a glass.
-Michael S New York

IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones
Chris R.; Williamsville Group; 32 years
Our thoughts and prayers are with you

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance/Welcome

Kevin B. 2y
 Bob D. 8y
 Joan D. 40y
 Mary Jo 48y

Alexander

Rob A. 2y
 Jose O. 16y
 Sam F. 26y
 Marty C. 27y

All Is Well

Joe G. 3y
 Alan Y. 5y
 John Mc 16y

Amherst/Snyder

Doc C. 5y
 Marty P. 24y
 Dave L. 30y
 Whitey D. 36y

Any Lengths

Christopher B. 6m
 Ric S. 1y
 Chris F. 2y
 Mary Jo S. 36y
 Bob H. 37y

Boulevard Women

Diane S. 1y
 Eileen S. 5y

Carry the Message

Randy H. 16y

Coldsprings

Christina D. 25y

Courage Group

Pete F. 31y
 Roger H. 35y
 MaryJo S. 36y
 Donna F. 36y

Easy Does It

Natalie g. 2y
 Paul R. 4y
 Meghan M. 6y
 Bob D. 8y
 Corey M. 12y
 Jose G. 29y
 Marbara M. 34y
 Harriet G. 36y

Eyeopener

B.J. 1y
 Marry Ellen D. 1y
 John W. 2y
 Mary Beth S. 2y
 Amy C. 3y
 Robert W. 3y
 Joe D. 3y
 Dave B. 3y
 Stephanie D. 3y
 Karen M. 3y
 Mike B. 3y
 Andy S. 4y
 Jeff S. 4y
 Stevie D. 5y
 Jim K. 6y
 Nisha P. 8y
 Julie M. 12y
 David V. 16y
 Peter S. 16y
 Mary C. 22y
 Mike T. 22y
 Iron John 23y
 Peter M. 24y
 Bernie B. 25y
 Michael W. 32y
 Bob 32y
 Sandy S. 36y
 Tim W. 43y

Eyeopener South

Craig H. 1y
 Stan K. 2y
 John Y. 2y
 Scott W. 3y
 Kipp M. 6y
 Peter F. 7y
 Charlie H. 12y
 John O. 30y
 Alan H. 39y

First Step

Alex S. 1y
 Mel G. 2y

Fireside

Lydia C. 2y
 Robin G. 5y
 John S. 31y

Fresh Start

Renee B. 2y

Golden Slipper

Scott W. 8y
 Dave B. 28y

H.A.N.D.

Mike T. 22y
 John B. 23y
 Al K. 25y

Helping Hand

Joe K. 4y
 Diane S. 25y

Holland

Mark S. 2y
 Paul S. 30y
 John O. 31y

How It Works- Men's

Rich W. 1y
 Nick V. 1y
 Jim G. 13y
 Tim M. 13y
 Brian A. 15y
 Kevin S. 25y

Ironhorse

Jim P. 3y

Lakeshore

Angie E. 14y

Marching Forth

Ruth K. 10y
 Audrey P. 11y

North Buffalo

Suleiman 3y
 Kevin R. 4y
 Matthew K. 5y
 Nikolai S. 6y
 Eric H. 7y
 Dan H. 7y
 Rachel C. 8y
 Chuck S. 9y
 Jennifer R. 13y
 Wayne T. 18y
 Bernie B. 25y
 Patricia T. 34y
 Tom C. 36y

Orchard Park Step

Mark J. 4y
 Jenny B. 6y
 Rachel T. 8y
 Gerry S. 30y

Q & A

Nancy P. 1y
 Ed 6y

Remember When

James M. 9y

Renaissance

Fred I. 9y
 Wayne T. 18y
 Neal M. 19y

Rise & Shine

Eli M. 3y
 Gary Z. 3y
 Garrett A. 3y
 Lisa N. 6y
 Anne K. 7y
 Bill S. 7y
 Kim D. 9y
 Kathy J. 11y
 Sharon Z. 11y
 Wanda W. 13y
 Johnathan D. 14y
 Virgil D. 22y
 Walter C. 26y

Sheridan

Frank P. 1y

Sun. Morning Br.

Cheryl P. 14y
 Cookie L. 34y

Swormsville

Rose 9y

The Grove

Paul R. 3m
 Mary S. 3m
 Eric S. 3m
 Jessie L. 6m
 Theresa V. 6m
 Grant R. 9m
 Tom B. Dr 9m

Harry M. 1y
 Dave B. 1y
 Jennifer C. 1y
 Colette R. 2y
 Kimberly L. 2y
 Phillip M. 2y
 Scotty G 3y
 Luis S. 3y
 Jason W. 3y
 Nora P. 4y
 Walter R. 7y
 Bill T. 8y
 Michael M 9y

Thruway

Bob F. 5y
 Megan 6y
 Donna F. 36y

Tue. Women's

Toni 7y

Victory

Carol 3m
 Teresa 9y

We Care

Sherry V. 3m
 John C. 9m
 Nicole E. 1y
 Chris O. 2y

Williamsville

Stacey D. 3m
 Bobby B. 6m
 Mike O. 6m
 Zachary B. 6m
 Jeannie S. 10y
 Sandra W. 22y
 Elizabeth S. 26y
 Debra C. 31y

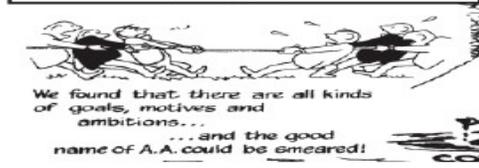


Group Anniversaries

Any Age: 41y
Beginnings Women's: 33y
By The Wayside: 9y
Downtown Men's: 43y
East Amherst Traditions: 9y
Happy Hour: 1y
Helping Hand: 44y
High Noon: 24y
Kenmore: 52y
Lockport Tuesday PM
Lovejoy: 35y
Matt Talbot: 56y
Mercy: 32y
Nia. Frontier Mens: 45y
N. Java Monday: 32y
N. Java Sunday: 32y
Questions & Answers: 16y
Serenity Sandwich: 1y
Spiritual Progress: 30y
Springville Tues Night: 52y
Starting Over (pm)
Sunrise Court: 65y
Victory: 30y



The Sixth Tradition
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PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED :-)

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9:00 AM- 12:30PM, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

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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

- **Midnight Discussion Group on Tuesday's No Longer Meets.** The Hope Center, 781 Maple Road, Williamsville 14221.
- **Room To Grow Group has changed its location** to St. Michaels Parish Hall, 651 Washington St., Buffalo (downtown) 14203. Thursday's 7:30 PM.
- **New Group: Led from the Scene:** Friday's, 8:00 PM, Central Park United Methodist Church, 216 Beard Ave., Buffalo (North) 14214. Closed Discussion Group.
- **Beacon Of Hope Group: No Longer Meets.** Was on Tuesdays, 1:15, 254 Franklin St., Buffalo
- **CENTRAL CITY CAF'E** (Monday's) time in the **printed schedule is Incorrect.** They meet at 1:00 PM NOT 6:00PM.
- **HOPE'S HORIZON** will **No Longer Meet until a New Location is found.** They met on Saturday's, 10 AM, Horizon Health Facility, 1370 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda 14150.
- **NEW GROUP: GRACE & DIGNITY,** Saturday's, 6 PM. WOMEN's. Nickel City Clubhouse, 371 Delaware Ave, Buffalo 14210.
- **VIP Group** is changing its **meeting day from Thursday to TUESDAY.** Also is **changing format** from OD to OS. 7 PM. Veterans Hospital, 3495 Bailey Ave, 10th floor, RM 1002B, Buffalo 14215.
- **University Men's Group** has changed its **start time to 7:30 PM.** University Presbyterian Church, MONDAY & FRIDAY, 3334 Main Street at Niagara Falls Boulevard, Buffalo 14214
- **Age Doesn't Matter on Friday's No Longer Meets.** Tonawanda
- **Sunday Caz MTG has moved** to 1864 Seneca St. Next to Emergency Pizza @7pm Sober Sunday on Seneca. **Sober Sunday on Seneca** is their new name :)
- **Open Arms Group: No Longer Meets**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jun. 2nd, Committee Meeting that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM

St. Andrew's Church Parish, 111 Crocker & Reiman, Sloan, 14212,

Steering Committee (5:30 PM)

Public Information Committee meeting

Treatment Facilities Committee

Corrections Committee

Education & Participation

Nightwatch Committee

Envelope System (6:30 PM)

Followed By Central Committee 7:00 PM:

(Hosted by Lockport Ladies Group)

~ Jun. 3, **Convention Committee Planning Meeting,** St. Andrew's Church Parish, 111 Crocker & Reiman, Sloan, 14212

~ Jun.25, **Internet Presence Committee Meeting.** Central Office, 7:00 PM, 17 Gierlach St., Sloan 14212.

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Jun 18, **Contemporary Women's Group is celebrating** the summer solstice with food at 5:30, Meeting at 6:30. Group will provide hotdogs & pop, please bring a dish to share. Central Park United Methodist, Central Park United Methodist, 216 Beard Ave., Buffalo (North) 14214. Tuesday. All Women are Welcome!
- ~ Jul 13, **Main & High Day of Sharing**, "Love & Service". 9:30- 3:30PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo (across from Anchor Bar) Registration; \$7.00, 50/50, Hot Meal & Refreshments. CD's available.
- ~ July 26-28, **NEW AA WOMENS RETREAT** \$145 at Christ the King Seminary –East Aurora Only accepting 37 women for this intimate and special experience! ALL single rooms, beautiful setting including conference center, lakeside trail, our own chapel & lounge. Speakers, groups and sober fun. Saturday afternoon car pool adventures planned to Vidlers and a nearby farm for berry picking. Full refund available for cancelations up to July 10. \$145. Meals included: dinner Friday, 3 meals Sat, and Sunday brunch. For info please email: retreat-newsaa@gmail.com or call 716-799-4094. Registration forms also available on Buffalo AA website.
- ~ Aug. 3, **AA Zone 7 Picnic, Set Up 9-10:30 am (Need Help...also for breakdown)** Planning Meetings are the last Sat., 11:30 am each month at 200 E. Eagle St. near Michigan Ave., Buffalo. We need all Groups in Zone 7 to help with expenses. For More info call Central Office for contacts.
- ~ Sep 27-29, **Tri-State Assembly**. Bellinger Hall Retreat & Conference Center, Chautauqua, NY 14722. Flyer is available on the website
- ~ Oct. 25-27, **78th Buffalo Fall Convention**. Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyers & info will be posted when they become available.

We Now Have a Donate Button on our Website!!!

6th STEP: "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

6th TRADITION: "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

6th CONCEPT; The Conference recognizes that chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

General Service Assembly

- ~ Jun. 9, **GSA District 15 meets** (2nd Sunday) at Orchard Park Village Hall (basement) 4295 South Buffalo Street. After the Action Group.
- ~ Jun. 10, **District 11 (meets. Second Sunday)** 5:15, Unitarian Universalist Church, 695 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, 14222.
- ~ Jun 10 & 24; **2nd & 4th MONDAY** , 6:30PM. Buffalo Central Office, **Archives Work night's**.
- ~ Jun 15, **Archives Committee Meeting**; (3rd Saturday) 10 Am @ Buffalo Central Office, 17 Gierlach St, Sloan 14212. WORKNIGHTS; 2nd & 4th Monday's, 7pm.
- ~ Jun 26, **GSA District 16 (Southtown's) Meeting**. 7:00 PM (4th Wednesday), at 2063 Southcreek Rd., Eden 14057.
- ~ Jun 30, **GSA District 8 Meeting**, 5:00 PM, Brothers of Mercy 4240 Ransom Rd., Clarence.. Use Rear entrance.
- ~ Jul. 20, **GSA Area 50**, 10am- 12pm, Unknown location at time of print.

Do you or someone you know go into the prisons???

The Area Correction Committee is in need of your **phone number and email**. They are developing a database to facilitate more ease in communication... Please **HELP THEM OUT!!!** Also to sign up for the BTG Program!!!

Email:
Correctionsbtg@area50wny.org



Come get involved in the NEW Internet Presence Committee



Every last Tuesday of the month at the Buffalo Central Office
7:00 PM
17 Gierlach St.
Sloan 14212

No Tech knowledge Needed

Envelope System
“personally helping to ensure AA for the future”

“Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself.”

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p. 166

Central Committee Minutes April 5th 2019

The meeting was opened at 7 PM by our committee chair Raeanne F. Everybody then joined in with the responsibility statement and after a moment of silence the meeting started the serenity prayer. The AA preamble, the purpose of central committee and the

12 traditions were all read.. A motion to accept last month's minutes was made and seconded. After the readings, Hannah W spoke on Tradition 5. Come on out to join us next month to hear Matt S speak on Tradition 6.

33 groups were represented: Groups in attendance break down by zones as follows. Zone 1- Buffalo, Main and High Zone 2- Acceptance, Brass, Chapter IX, Depth & Weight, Easy Does It, Sober Train, Welcome Zone 3 – All Is Well, By The Wayside, Iron Horse, Matt Talbot, Ridge, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Valley Zone 4 –Tuesday Men's Discussion, Zone 5- Kitchen Table, Lockport #1 Group, Lockport Ladies, Niagara Frontier Men's discussion Zone 6 –Derby Group, Lakeshore, North Evans Men's Zone 7–Fresh Start Lovejoy Zone 8 – Amherst Snyder, High Noon, Lighten-Up, Renewal, Step It Up, Williamsville

Committees were represented

Committee reports

Envelope System- April, 2019: \$1,792.66. There are 2- new members. There is a total now of 49 members, 3 lost members returned. Dianne D, Chair

Steering committee - report

Financial – See detailed report within this publication

Treatment – 11 members showed up. Motion to open Thursday Terrace house 6pm for group commitment. Talk to Roman, treatment area chair, about bridge the gap. Talked about have a table at Buffalo Fall Convention. Newfane-Reflections Sundays has new tote to hold literature. Contributions= \$229.00 Expenses= \$380 Bank Fee= \$3 Balance= \$1,430.73

Corrections – verbal report given

Central office - TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOUR'S ; AA Call's: 327, 12-STEP:3, ALANON: 0

VISITORS: 345, VOLUNTEERS: 6, Email's:316, Website Hit's; 114,236 / of them 8,371 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 19,427.. Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: None.

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: PPG-BUFFALO-8, A VISION FOR YOU-3, VICTORY-3, HAPPY HOUR-1, SECOND CHANCE-7. A reminder, if you are your groups contact person & move ...Please contact the Central Office; We pay for every returned mailing :(.
We now have "The God Word" & " AA For Alcoholic with Mental Health Issues & their Sponsors", Also Next month we will have a new BOOK put out by GSO World Services; **Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951–1970.** Publication of this important volume culminates years of research and transcription of archived audio recordings of Bill W. addressing the General Service Conference. Complementing the text are more than sixty photographs and other images from the A.A. Archives — some never before published.

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

Night watch –Verbal report given

PIC/CPC – 5 people in attendance. We addressed 30 more envelopes to mail to attorneys and health care centers, gave to Terry to mail. We are compiling 2 more letters one to clergy and one to prosecutors and police depts. to be addressed and mailed next month. We will be contacting Amherst Drug Court to see if they would like someone there from the PI committee to attend. We will be attending a health fair at horizons Sanborn campus on may 16th from 130-330pm. We discussed leaving a table at the Buffalo Fall Convention. Next meeting will be held on June 2nd at 530pm. Laurie H

Education/Participation - The Education and Participation met today at 5:30 pm with 6 members in attendance. This past month, we visited five groups to inform them of the services available to them and encourage them to send a representative to Intergroup.

We offer a new Intergroup Representative (IR) Orientation beginning at 6:15 right before Central Committee each month. If you are a new IR or would like more information about what we do at Intergroup, please join us next month!

If you are interested in carrying the message of service to AAs throughout the Buffalo region, come to our next committee meeting on Sunday, June 2nd at 5:30 pm or e-mail us at buffaloepc@gmail.com.

Yours in service, Hannah W.

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(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

Buffalo AA Fall Convention 2018 – The convention committee last met on April 8th here. Convention theme- Spiritual progress. Main speakers have been selected and confirmed the event. Theresa F-CA, Francine M- Cleveland, Scott H. BC-CA, Anthony- Buffalo. There will be a yoga and meditation session early Saturday morning led by David D. There will be panels incorporating Alanon and AA. Save the Date notices have been provided at the table tonight. Draft registration forms and flyers will be reviewed by the committee at tomorrow's monthly meeting and printed copies will be available shortly thereafter. Again- We will be having a AA play Friday night, we very much need members here tonight to let your home groups know we need people to be actors and stage crew- this is a great service opportunity. Play titles- "I Think I'll Let Him" Contact Claudia 757-969-4158. The committees need your help with service volunteers for greeters, registration. Home groups- we are soliciting your home group to man the hospitality room in shifts. Please discuss at your business meetings.

Archives - The Archives Committee reported to 3 of 4 Intergroups in April, had our monthly meeting, 2 worknights, & both an GS Area committee mtg and a General Service Assembly mtg and yesterday the Area 50 Archives Breakfast. I'm big-time looking forward to NERF at the end of the month where GSO in NYC shows us all they've got happening and a much closer up view of the newest OUT THE DOOR efforts that came from direction from US via our past annual conferences.

One donation came in the past month from the Sunday Night in Salamanca group and we did displays at a District Public Information "Open to the Public" mtg.

Have two upcoming displays have been requested at Q&A on Grand Island June 27th and Batavia Gen-Wyo Intergroup picnic July 27th.

Thank you to all the wonderful attendees at the breakfast yesterday with our dear GSO Trustee speaking, the beloved Pass It On Plants, a wonderful full set of books as door prizes along with a last-second spur of the moment offering of a not yet seen in WNY book of Grapevines comics. Tickets sales were 200 which 190 was our breakeven point, while we hoped for the whole 300. No such luck but we were able to pay for the event so that's all that matters! That feeling of being surrounded by my people who care about drunks like I do is always incredible, but the breakfast was like an assembly and Intergroup mtg packed into one - WHATTA FEELING! Food was great at the new place (catering was Expensive but my palate was happy) but more than a couple people mentioned missing out of the sense of unity that came with working the kitchen and serving/cleanup. I was reminded of how long we sought some help but no one who has ever done service beyond the homegroups or was willing to sign up to help talked about it but I'm taking names. Lastly, a number of people have talked about wanting to donate stuff to archives per one issue or another -- and SPRING CLEANING is here - so please pass my number or email ARCHIVES@AREA50WNY.ORG out if you know someone or groups purging or interested in helping archives carry the message to drunks.

The Archives Breakfast speaker sent the files he spoke of: AAGV article from April 1982, titled, "The Slob's Guide to Spiritual Progress," and a Timeline of AA History Over 70 years of Growth. If anyone wants to read them, just drop me an email and I'll send!

Thank you so much for your kindness & support of our committee responsibilities.

In love and service, Lila M

Accessibility -

General Service Liaison – report

GSA: Brian's report: Assembly has passed a motion to give each intergroup a voting representative at area committee, offering a presence and the ability to make motions so we don't have to worry about what we are doing at area affecting intergroup in a negative way.

Another thing is we've created an ad hoc to look at the development of the district's to better align the zone structure of the 3 intergroups with the lines of the districts so we can work together better. In the spirit of unity, it's promising.

Internet Presence: Verbal report given

Old Business:

None

New Business:

"Motion to send Terry to the central office intergroup seminar Sep 25-29"

27 in favor; 0 opposed; Motion Passes

Motion to Close

2019

Cash Flow Statement	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
Beg Bal Cash on hand	36,024.06	31,558.97	27,789.32
Contributions			
Groups	4,160.97	3,206.58	5,579.34
Central Committee 7th tradition	45.05	77.00	74.00
Envelope System	642.66	722.66	1,817.66
New Frontiers Subs	110.00	60.00	30.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,481.75	3,389.35	3,357.53
Literature Sales Tax	221.03	244.02	208.18
Literature Postage	16.01	13.14	13.73
Sales+/-	64.80		406.19
Archives Room Rent			
Committee Meetings	10.00	21.00	16.00
Misc			
Transfer from PR			
Conventions/Day of Sharing			
Monthly Income	8,752.27	7,733.75	11,502.63
Expenses			
Building Rent/Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Central Com. Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll Gross	3,054.82	3,054.82	3,054.82
Employment Taxes	261.20	261.20	251.70
Unemployment Surchar	(7.08)	(7.08)	(7.08)
NYS Sales Tax		2,750.77	
Insurance			
State Ins Fund(Travelers)			
Health	711.43	711.43	711.43
D&O Insurance	863.86		
Liability			
Postage	201.71	240.00	301.65
Phone/Internet	140.95	143.19	143.19
Accounting			
Paychex	51.46	51.46	62.46
Advt			
Dex YP	137.15	137.15	137.15
Local Edge			671.00
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine			375.70
World Services Inc	6,205.75	1,792.00	1,208.53
Hazeldon			
Printers			
Medallions		595.79	378.61
Office Supplies	237.00	383.15	-
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00
Copier Lease	129.00	129.00	129.00
Bank Fee's including credit c	34.11	64.52	43.12
GSA Host			
Prudent Reserve			
Workshop			
Monthly Expenses	13,217.36	11,503.40	8,657.28
Monthly Income (Loss)	(4,465.09)	(3,769.65)	2,845.35
End Balance	31,558.97	27,789.32	30,634.67
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Balance	34,558.97	30,789.32	33,634.67
PRUDENT RESERVE	28,153.70	28,154.18	28,154.64
Assets: Literature & Medallions	19,693.77	20,199.05	18,536.51
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	1,006.75	389.73	269.04
Removed from Stock			
Corrections Facilities	2,809.95	3,050.24	3,217.24
Contributions	243.29	170.00	404.24
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00
Expenses			280.00
Balance	3,050.24	3,217.24	3,338.48
Treatment Facilities	2,054.65	1,679.65	1,584.73
Contributions	88.00	227.00	229.00
Expenses	460.00	318.92	380.00
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00
Balance	1,679.65	1,584.73	1,430.73

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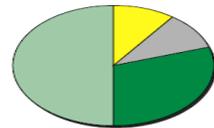
Intergroup wants to express our appreciation for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a special thank you to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.

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

Examples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities



10% to district
10% to area committee
30% to G.S.O.
50% to intergroup or central office

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"We commenced to make many fast friends and a fellowship has grown up among us of which it is a wonderful thing to feel a part of."
-Bill W.

Concept VI: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

Spirituality and Money

"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."

New Frontiers ~ June 2019

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

Ann	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR
5	7 Clan		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		135.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Comers		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		0.00		0.00		55.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	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	AKRON AWARENESS		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	ALBION NEW BEGINNINGS		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Sunday Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	All Is Well		250.00		0.00		0.00
6	Amherst Snyder		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Step		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age	250.00	250.00		0.00	50.00	50.00
3	Any Length	30.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
4	Arcade/ Yorkshire		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		160.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction		200.00		0.00		0.00
3	A VISION FOR YOU	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
3	Awareness		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	BEACON OF HOPE		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Beginning's Women	100.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		65.00		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	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Monday		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		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek		84.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside		220.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Book	200.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		50.00		0.00		0.00
7	CASTING		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Cayuga Wake- Up Call		140.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Café	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Central Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		150.00		25.00		25.00
3	Cheektowaga		55.00		0.00		0.00
6	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment	90.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
	Contemporary Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Daily Reflections		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight		90.00		0.00		90.00
6	Derby		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		100.00		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
6	East Amherst	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
6	East Amherst Traditions		120.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	60.00	120.00	40.00	60.00		20.00
	Eden		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville	50.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's	34.00	34.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Eyeopener		1066.64		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	266.57	659.24	114.24	282.53		0.00
6	Fireside	275.00	275.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fireside PM		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Forestville In The Solution		20.00		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	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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Ann	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR
3	Gardenville	200.00	550.00		0.00		0.00
1	GAY & BI MEN LIVING SOBER		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Georgetown	50.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		300.00		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		244.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	H.A.N.D.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	HAPPY HOUR	40.00	40.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony	35.00	51.00		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand		25.00		25.00		25.00
8	High Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	High View	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	H.I.P.		20.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Holland	100.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	100.00	325.00		0.00		0.00
	I Am Responsible	30.50	91.59		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	51.00	371.00		0.00	4.00	27.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep IT Comin'		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Kensington		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	KEYS OF THE KINGDOM		35.00		0.00		0.00
5	KITCHEN TABLE AA		48.02		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeshore	100.00	400.00		0.00		100.00
6	Lakeview		75.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lasalle		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lighten UP		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	LIGHTHOUSE		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		25.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Discussion		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		125.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	LOW BOTTOM		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LUNCH BUNCH ALBION		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	20.00	40.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth		25.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla		77.80		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	160.00	340.00		0.00		60.00
6	McKinley Winners	57.00	93.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		60.00		0.00		0.00
6	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		77.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
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