

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## CLASSIC GRAPEVINE

### WHAT IS ACCEPTANCE?

BY BILL WILSON

MARCH 1962

One way to get the meaning of the principle of acceptance is to meditate upon it in the context of AA's much used prayer, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Essentially this is to ask for the resources of the grace by which we may make spiritual progress under all conditions. Greatly emphasized in this wonderful prayer is a need for the kind of wisdom that discriminates between the possible and the impossible. We shall also see that life's formidable array of pains and problems will require many different degrees of acceptance as we try to apply this valued principle.

Sometimes we have to find the right kind of acceptance for each day. Sometimes we need to develop acceptance for what may come to pass tomorrow, and yet again we shall have to accept a condition that may never change. Then, too, there frequently has to be a right and realistic acceptance of the grievous flaws within ourselves and serious faults within those about us - defects that may not be fully remedied for years, if ever.

All of us will encounter failures, some retrievable and some not. We shall often meet with defeat - sometimes by accident, sometimes self-inflicted, and still other times dealt to us by the injustice and violence of other people. Most of us will meet up with some degree of worldly success, and here the problem of the right kind of acceptance will be really be difficult. Then there will be illness and death. How indeed shall we be able to accept all these?

It is always worthwhile to consider how grossly that good word acceptance can be misused. It can be warped to justify nearly every brand of weakness, nonsense, and folly. With these twistings of acceptance, we AAs have had vast experience. Hence we constantly try to remind ourselves that perversions of acceptance are just gimmicks for excuse-making; a losing game at which we are, or at least have been, the world's champions.

This is why we treasure our Serenity Prayer so much. It brings a new light to us that can dissipate our old-time and nearly fatal habit of fooling ourselves. In the radiance of this prayer we see that defeat, rightly accepted, need be no disaster.

We now know that we do not have to run away, nor ought we try again try to overcome adversity by still another bulldozing power drive that can only push up obstacles before us faster than they can be taken down.

On entering AA, we become the beneficiaries of a very different experience. Our new way of staying sober is literally founded upon the preposition that "Of ourselves we are nothing, the Father doeth the works." Our whole treasured philosophy of self-sufficiency had to be cast aside. This had not been done with old-fashioned willpower; it was instead a matter of developing the willingness to accept these new facts of living. We neither ran nor fought. But accept we did. And then we were free.

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### WE WELCOME YOU...

The following are the Themes for the coming issues of newsletter.

- May: Admitted
- June: Let Go, Let God
- July: Shortcomings

We hope that this will spur you to think about writing an article or some other demonstration of your thoughts on these Topics.



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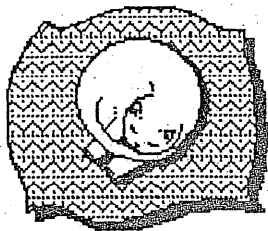
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"We neither ran nor fought. But accept we did. And then we were free"

# Helen's Corner ...



Mrs. Edna Trent was a very proper English lady. The day she stepped aboard the ocean liner, in 1912, to cross the Atlantic, she was confident that all was right with the world. Everyone believed the ship was unsinkable, and if everyone believed it it must be true. Unfortunately, something went wrong and on April 14th, Mrs Trent was suddenly awakened by the sounds of people yelling. It was very upsetting, to her proper English upbringing, to hear people yelling, no matter what they were yelling about. She arose, got completely dressed, and went out on the deck. There she was confronted by the horror in discovering the deck chairs were not in their proper places. The fact the Titanic was sinking, she chose to ignore. Over and over she move the chairs to their proper places, only to have them move finally exhausted by her efforts she sat down.

Suddenly, a burly sailor picked her up and placed her in a lifeboat and she was saved. While sitting in the lifeboat she realized that if she had been left alone to continue rearranging deck chairs she would have been fish food. But, by the grace of God, a sailor came along and did for her what she was unable to do for herself.

I made up this little tale so as to explain my thoughts and actions while killing myself slowly with booze and drugs. The time energy I spend trying to convince myself if I could rearrange my life, other people, circumstances, etc.,etc.,etc. just right, then all would be right with the world, was pure insanity. Only the grace of God saved me. In a moment of insight I saw myself for what I had become, called AA and began my journey toward sane sobriety. If it had not been for the grace of God, I like the Titanic, would be history.

There are two stories in the Big Book which put into words the definition of acceptance beautifully. The first is 'Freedom From Bondage' which states, "rationalization is giving a socially acceptable reason for socially unacceptable behavior, and socially unacceptable behavior is a form of insanity." The second story is "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict", its message is, "Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing or situation - some fact of my life unacceptable to me and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake; unless I accept life completely on life terms I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and in my attitudes."

Til next month...

Yours in the Spirit of AA  
Helen

## ACCEPTANCE

by Jack McK., the Why Grp

When I first came to AA, I had a hard time with the acceptance I was an alcoholic as it was hard to let go at first, my first meetings were hard for me.

But today I do not have a hard time with acceptance, as I had to make a few changes and take a few steps in the program after I took them, and accepted them as a part of my daily life AA became easier for me. Today I say a prayer, go to a meeting and pray for another one of us to come into the doors and stay around, don't play around in this glorious program, accept it for what it is a daily reprieve from our drinking.

To any newcomers I still say get plenty of phone numbers, get a sponsor, go to a meeting and listen to our suggestions how we accepted the willingness to put down the drink for One Day At A Time.

This is a spiritual program, as faith in our Higher Power whom today I call God, is the real acceptance, and without Him in our daily life and the practice of the Alcoholics Anonymous program in all our affairs, we could all fail, but together we can show others, this disease and God are not so hard to accept, in fact, I believe without them both a lot of us would still be out there in the other stage of our lives we had before coming into the fellowship. Today I have a peaceful content feeling in me, a serenity that no one can take away except myself, I thank a few people for telling me to accept God as my higher power, I also accepted the fact I could not drink any longer safely, and I had to put down the drink or it would put me down further than I was when I first came in.

## LETTER TO TREATMENT FACILITIES

February 25, 1990

TO: DIRECTOR, BUFFALO COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM  
 DIRECTOR, STUTZMAN ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTER  
 DIRECTOR, BRY-LIN MANOR

FROM: Concerned Member of Alcoholics Anonymous

RE: Participation at Closed Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous

I am writing you as a long standing member of Alcoholics Anonymous but not as a representative of any particular group.

I would like to remind you of what our organization stands for and to ask you to respect the purpose and traditions that were set forth many years ago and that have saved many alcoholics from insanity and death.

Our closed meetings are for people who have a desire to stop drinking, not for any one else. Our program is one of attraction rather than promotion. Therefore we do not expect people to be mandated to attend or forced to attend. When agencies send large numbers of people to our meetings we cannot help them properly. We are not counselors. We are not there to hold counseling sessions with large groups.

Many of us guard our anonymity. We have stayed sober and productive because of it. When we have closed meetings, we expect to be closed to anyone who is not an alcoholic and who does not have a desire to stop drinking. The meetings are not for drug rehabilitation or for eating disorders. They are for alcoholism. They are not to educate outsiders. If outsiders come, the meeting is no longer closed.

Please do not send people who do not belong. If you know of someone who has a problem with alcohol and has expressed a desire to do something about it, then they are welcome. No one else is welcome, at closed meetings.

Please respect our anonymity and our integrity. When the people you treat are ready for closed meetings, if you must send them please send a few at a time or have them attend open meetings. Do not expect AA to do treatment. We are a support group.

No matter what happens, AA will continue if we have to meet in each others houses. However, we would like to work together with you to provide the best services possible to alcoholics.

*The above letter is printed for members information. If your group is experiencing problems of this sort or any other, and would like the assistance of the Treatment Facilities Committee in resolving them, contact Delphine H. at the Central Office.*

These fragments of prayer bring far more than mere comfort. They keep me on the track of right acceptance; they break up my compulsive themes of guilt, depression, rebellion and pride; and sometimes they endow me with the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

To those who have never given these potent exercises in acceptance a real workout, I recommend them highly the next time the heat is on. Or for that matter, at any time.

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This kind of acceptance and faith is capable of producing 100 percent sobriety. But the moment we carry these attitudes into our emotional problems, we find that only relative results are possible. We shall have to settle, respecting most of our problems, for a very gradual progress, punctuated sometimes by heavy setbacks. Our old-time attitudes of "all or nothing" will have to be abandoned.

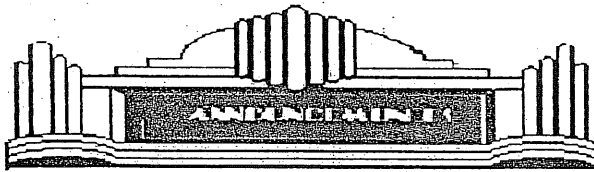
Therefore our very first problem is to accept our present circumstances as they are, ourselves as we are, and the people about us as they are. This is to adopt a realistic humility without which no genuine advance can ever begin. This is an exercise in acceptance that we can profitably practice every day of our lives. Provided we strenuously avoid turning these realistic surveys into unrealistic alibis for apathy or defeatism, they can be the sure foundation upon which increased emotional health and therefore spiritual progress can be built. At least this seems to be my own experience.

Another exercise that I practice is to try for a full inventory of my blessings and then for a right acceptance of the many gifts that are mine - both temporal and spiritual. I try hard to hold fast to the truth that a full and thankful heart cannot entertain great conceits. When brimming with gratitude, one's heartbeat must surely result in outgoing love, the finest emotion that we can ever know.

In times of rough going, the grateful acceptance of my blessings, oft repeated, can also bring me some of the serenity of which our prayer speaks. When I fall under acute pressures I lengthen my daily walks and slowly repeat our Serenity Prayer in rhythm to my steps and breathing. If I feel that my pain has in part been occasioned by others, I try to repeat, "God grant me the serenity to love their best, and never to fear their worst." This benign healing process of repetition, sometimes necessary to persist with for days, has seldom failed to restore to me at least a workable emotional balance and perspective.

Another helpful step is to steadfastly affirm the understanding that pain can bring. Indeed pain is one of our greatest teachers. Though I still find it difficult to accept today's pain and anxiety with any degree of serenity - as those more advanced in the spiritual life seem to be able to do - I can, if I try hard, give thanks for present pain nevertheless. I find willingness to do this by contemplating the lessons learned from past suffering - lessons which have led to the blessings I now enjoy.

I can remember, if I insist, how the agonies of alcoholism, the pain of rebellion and thwarted pride, have often led me to God's grace, and so to a new freedom. So, as I walk along, I repeat still other phrases such as these, "Pain is the touchstone of progress".... "Fear no evil".... "This, too, will pass".... "This experience can be turned to benefit."



## MEETINGS

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**NEW MEETINGS & CHANGES  
MARK YOUR NEW SCHEDULES !!!**

CAZENOVIA GROUP AT RUSH MANOR - Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM. This is a closed non-smoking meeting, open speaker the last Saturday of the month. It meets at Rush Manor, 11438 Genesee Street, Rte. 33., Alden, NY. Wheelchair accessible.

RENAISSANCE II - Thursday - 8:00 PM - Seton Bldg., 2121 Main St., 3rd. flr. - OD

R.I.P. - SUNDAY - 7:00 PM - OD - Amity Club, 340 Military Road.

SERENITY IN THE PARK - MONDAY - 7:00 PM - DELAWARE PARK ROSE GARDEN SEASONAL MEETING this group will start meeting May 7th.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

FATHER BAKER GROUP - FRIDAY - 8:00 PM - is meeting again but in the cafeteria building behind Our Lady of Victory Church.

MATT TALBOT GROUP will be meeting on Tuesday instead of Wednesday for the month of April.

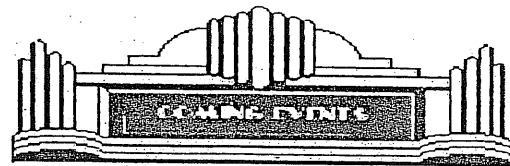
EAST AMHERST GROUP which had moved to St. Mary's in Swarmsville - 6919 Transit Road, Thursday at 8:30 PM is looking for more participation - a rare find - a none over crowded evening discussion meeting.

CAMPUS - TUES & THURS. - 12:00 PM - Buffalo State College Campus, Elmwood Ave. Ketchum Hall, Room 300. A meeting that needs active participation,

BEGINNING IN SOBRIETY - Centennial Ch. - 1:00 PM - 127 Doat St. - the office was informed that this group has been without a leader for some time. Anyone wishing to help out at this afternoon meeting please call the A.A. Central Office or we will be obliged to cancel the meeting.

WE CHOOSE LIFE - WEDNESDAY - Unity Church is at 1243 Delaware.

CHEEKTOWAGA - THURSDAY - is now NON-SMOKING.



APRIL 8 - SUNDAY - SERENITY GROUP will celebrate their 27th Anniversary with a breakfast at the Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY. Breakfast will be at 9:15 AM and a speaker at 11:00 AM. Donation is \$6.00.

APRIL 10 - TUESDAY - NEW ZION - will not meet this night only.

APRIL 10 - TUESDAY - DOWNTOWN MEN DISC - will not meet this night.

APRIL 14 - SATURDAY - INNER CITY - 8:00 PM - Jesse Nash Ctr., 608 William at Emslie - will be celebrating their group members' anniversaries with an eating meeting.

APRIL 27, 28, 29 - WESTERN NY GSA SPRING CONVENTION - PARK INN INTERNATIONAL, 2711 WEST STATE STREET, OLEAN, NY.

APRIL 27 - FRIDAY - LIFELINE GROUP of Allegany, NY, is celebrating their 5th Anniversary with an open speaker meeting at 6:00 PM / buffet at 7:00 PM / regular meeting at 11:00 PM. St. John's Lutheran Ch. N. 4th St., Allegany, NY; a short distance from the Spring Convention location.

MAY 5 - SATURDAY - SATURDAY NITE DISC. - is sponsoring a dance at the Amity Club, 340 Military Road. Start - 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM / Buffett at 10:00 PM / Door Prizes / New Sound System. \$5.00 pr person - \$9.00 pr couple.

MAY 11, 12, 13 - 39TH CEN. NY AREA A.A. CONVENTION - ROCHESTER THRUWAY MARRIOTT

MAY 19 - SATURDAY - FREEDOM GROUP - will sponsor a SPRING DANCE at St. Amelia's, 2999 Eggert Rd, Tonawanda-Bingo Hall (please use rear entrance - St. Amelia Dr.) Dinner - 7:00 PM; Speaker 8:00 PM - Debby W., Willowdale Grp, Toronto, Canada. Dancing 9-1 AM. Music by Quality Sound. 200 tickets will be sold. No tickets at the door. There will be no regular meeting this evening.

MAY 27 - SUNDAY - THE IRON HORSE GROUP - it's ANNUAL PICNIC at McKinnon Shelter Chestnut Ridge Park, Orchard Park, NY - *Start the Summer Picnic Season with 1st years best.*

NOVEMBER 2, 3, 4. - 49TH BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION - HYATT REGENCY.



The Correctional Facilities Committee invites each and everyone of you to get involved in service by volunteering to share at a correctional facility meeting. What better way to express your gratitude and love, than to carry the message to another alcoholic who is "behind the walls."

The following is a list of the institution names, meeting days and meeting times. Please call Central Office for the name and phone number of the contact person involved in the meeting you would like to attend. Remember what the Big Book says: "You can help when no one else can."

Wende - Maximum Security  
 Friday: 7-8:30PM  
 Saturday: 1:30 - 3:00PM  
 Attica - Beacon Group  
 Wednesday: 6-8:30PM  
 Wyoming  
 Wednesday: 7:00PM  
 Annex: 7:00PM  
 Saturday: 7:00PM

Wende - Erie County  
 Wednesday: 8-9:30PM  
 Collins #1  
 Sunday: 6:30-8:30PM  
 Tuesday: 6:30-8:30PM  
 Saturday: 8:30-10:00AM  
 Collins #2  
 Sunday: 6:30-8:30PM  
 Tuesday: 6:30-8:30PM  
 Saturday: 8:30-10:00AM



**REMEMBER**  
CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING

SUNDAYS - May 6 and  
 June 3, 7:00 PM. at 80  
 Goodrich Street behind  
 Buffalo General.  
**Everyone  
 Welcome.**



**YOU ARE NEEDED!**

*I have often heard it at meetings; "I am grateful to AA for my sobriety." I have also heard it said at meetings that gratitude is an action word. So here is an appeal to you out there to put the action into your gratitude.*

*People are needed to be on the 12 Step list. Those of you who have never done this work will find much reward to your own sobriety. If you would like to do some and start to gain the kind of sobriety for which we all have a desire.*

*Please contact Central Office at 853-0386 and give us your name and phone number and you will be put on the list. Perhaps your group would like to be on the list you might want to bring this up at your*

**HOW IT WAS!  
 WHAT HAPPENED!  
 WHAT IT'S LIKE NOW!**

*September 1991 marks the fiftieth anniversary of A.A. in Western New York. The Fiftieth Anniversary Committee invites you to be a part of this milestone. If you have any information about the events or occurrences that were the growth of AA in the area or would like to help in the creation of the celebration. Please contact the Committee through Central Office.*



**Do You  
 Know  
 What It  
 Is?**

The Envelope System is a means by which as an individual you can make direct contribution to the operation of the Central Office. Your money is used to help the Office do its job of helping to carry and providing the means of carrying the A.A. message. Your contribution is tax deductible and you will be provided with a receipt. Every transaction is kept in complete confidence. Wouldn't you like to be a part???

# I WILL ALWAYS BE AN ALCOHOLIC.

BY H.B., Lacrosse, Wls.  
Grapevine July 1981

When I was about to begin my 4th Step, my counselor in the treatment told me to bring him a list of what I thought I was - in order of importance. The first two things on that list were: 1) I am an alcoholic; 2) I am a woman. I do not recall what else I put down.

I am sensitive to the problems that all alcoholics have in common - problems of self-knowledge and self image, particularly as they relate to our sobriety. We all need to be equally liberated.

Speaking as a woman, I find the greatest threat to my sobriety is relationships with men. Being a divorcee, I am quite free to pick and choose - or so it would appear. But to solve some problems of adjustment, I need to do some growing up - and I need the help of other women to do that.

When I was married 20 years ago, few of us really thought of ourselves as independent. I was sent to college to find a good man and pick up enough education to take care of myself in an emergency. Then, I found my "place in society" by getting married, having babies, and helping to support the family.

For me, that place seemed dull and everyday, and I eventually found that a bottle of sherry went a long way with the ironing. I wanted to be a good wife and had looked forward to that all my life. Fourteen years later, I was a drunk. My home, my husband, my three children were all gone - along with my place in society. I was not very employable, because I had no experience. I lost whatever identification I had with any family or community. I did get jobs, and I did survive - always looking for a man to take me away from what seemed a demeaning and misplaced existence.

Finally, after several men and several years of on and off sobriety, in and out of AA, I confronted the counselor who said: "Who are you?" I realized then that all my life I had been consciously worked at being "somebody's something" - though often a rebellious one. I had the attitude that other people were responsible for my identity and my serenity.

Being responsible is a large part of what being sober is all about - and what we alcoholics keep trying to get around. A woman can get around it longer than a man can. To some extent, we are set up for a cop-out: finding someone to take care of us, someone to follow. We selflessly dedicate ourselves to the daily needs of a family or an office. I remember crying to myself, "I wish somebody would wash my socks, or worry about my diet for a change."

Now I am firmly attached to AA, have a number of women friends I depend on, and I am happily established as an equal in a male dominated profession - radio journalism. I am learning to enjoy myself alone, sometimes, and not to resent when somebody tries to get my goat by calling me a "dingy broad." I have stayed sober through two disappointing love affairs.

I ask myself how I managed that. I know it is not because of my good sense. Perhaps it is because I am learning to accept the facts that I am a person and an alcoholic and my life will go on with or without any given individual. My first commitment is to myself and my immature dependencies, which I am trying to outgrow.

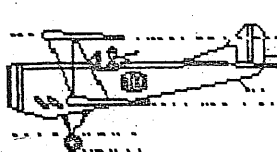
I stay away from alcohol because I can't handle it. My life is sometimes unmanageable where men are concerned, too, but a fling now and then is mighty nice - and I think it's part of being a woman. There is a difference in sharing special things with a man. It is important to me to learn to handle such relationships honestly and responsibly - in spite of the risks. I am looking for another chance to practice. I hate to quit - practicing is kind of fun.

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When I am disturbed,  
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actly the way it is  
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this moment. [From  
page 449 of the Big  
Book]*

## Seek the Physician

*Alcoholism, not can-  
cer, was my illness,  
but what was the dif-  
ference? Was not  
alcoholism also a  
consumer of body  
and mind? Alcoholism  
took longer to do its  
killing, but the result  
was the same. So, I  
decided, if there is  
a Great Physician  
who could cure the  
alcoholic sickness, I  
had better seek Him  
at once. [From page  
61 of AA Comes Of  
Age]*



# Movin' On In Sobriety

<u>PY HOUR</u>	
Patrick H.	4yr.
Maria B.	4yr.
Deborah D.	3yr.
James L.	2yr.
Joe C.	2yr.
Michelle P.	2yr.
Ruben B.	1yr.
Tom P.	1yr.
Blain L.	1yr.
Blane W.	1yr.
Shirley F.	1yr.
Walt W.	1yr.
Richard B.	9mo.
Larry S.	9mo.
Joseph B.	9mo.
Dean L.	9mo.
Louis R.	6mo.
Greg W.	6mo.
Hank P.	6mo.
steve P.	3mo.
Scott C.	3mo.
Paul A.	3mo.

<u>COLD SPRING</u>	
Mary H.	9yr.
Lue S.	7yr.
I de D.	3yr.
Ron D.	2yr.
Ron C.	1yr.
Anthony H.	1yr.
Derrie J.	9mo.
Ed H.	9mo.
Kenny B.	9mo.
Howard W.	6mo.
Anthony C.	6mo.
Leon S.	6mo.
Henry J.	3mo.
Linda O	3mo.
Bill W.	3mo.

<u>INNER CITY</u>	
John B.	20yr.
Cleo	20yr.
Annette M.	12yr.
Hattie S.	9yr.
Pat D.	8yr.
Juliann B.	4yr.
John F.	4yr.
Melvin J.	3yr.
Celcilia M.	2yr.
Christ S.	2yr.
Vicky	1yr.
Clifton S.	1yr.

<u>FIRESIDE</u>	
Bob K.	15yr.
Maggie D.	14yr.
Charlie D.	14yr.
Deni D.	9yr.
Hazel I.	7yr.
Morty G.	7yr.
Eddie P.	5yr.
Doug B.	3yr.
Rick C.	2yr.
MaryAnn M.	2yr.
Rob R.	2yr.
Day W.	2yr.
Jack S.	2yr.
Pat W.	2yr.
Roger L.	2yr.
June A.	1yr.
Don S.	1yr.
Gary S.	1yr.
Holly B.	9mo.
Tom K.	6mo.
Mike P.	6mo.
Dave C.	3mo.

<u>FREEDOM</u>	
Pattie P.	9mo.

<u>CORNPLANTER'S AGAIN</u>	
MARCH	
Rick P.	9yr.
Charley A.	8yr.
Marge K.	4yr.
David T.	3yr.
Paul S.	1yr.
Paul E.	6mo.
Frank J.	3mo.
APRIL	
Mary B.	9yr.
Millie K.	8yr.
Chris G.	4yr.
Edward W.	4yr.

<u>SOUTH BUFFALO</u>	
Thomas S.	20yr.
Margaret D.	8yr.
Edward D.	7yr.
Dorothy A.	7yr.
Teresa C.	6yr.
Walter E.	1yr.
John H.	9mo.
Craig S.	6mo.
MaryBeth N.	6mo.
Paul B.	6mo.
Henry M.	3mo.
Tom M.	3mo.

<u>IRONHORSE</u>	
Jean B.	8yr.
Dorothea F.	8yr.
Scotty S.	6yr.
Mary C.	4yr.
Bea F.	3yr.
Sean McG.	2yr.
Jim P.	1yr.
Kathy H.	1yr.
Greg H.	1yr.
Joe B.	6mo.
Ted B.	6mo.
Paul B.	6mo.
Pat T.	3mo.
Dan McC.	3mo.
Tim S.	3mo.

<u>KENSINGTON DISC.</u>	
Mary H.	9yr.
Rita K.	9mo.

<u>BIDWELL DISC.</u>	
Art H.	8yr.
Maureen H.	4yr.
Mike M.	4yr.
Chris T.	4yr.
Jim B.	3yr.
Suzie K.	1yr.
Gary S.	?yr.

<u>SHERIDAN/HONESTY</u>	
Joseph B.	19yr.
Michael S.	14yr.
Harvey S.	14yr.
Khali M.	11yr.
Larry B.	8yr.
Mike C.	6yr.
Mark S.	5yr.
Chester S.	4yr.
Darcy L.	4yr.
Francis S.	1yr.
Marlene H.	1yr.
Lou D.	6mo.
Joe K.	6mo.
Mike A.	3mo.
Greg W.	3mo.
Michael L.	3mo.

<u>CHAPTER IX</u>	
Tom Z.	4yr.
Debby P.	3yr.
Donna C.	3yr.
Duke K.	3yr.
Harvey S.	2yr.
Dan L.	2yr.
Lisa S.	2yr.
Mike M.	1yr.
Patty P.	9mo.
Rita M.	6mo.
Tim M.	3mo.

<u>KENMORE</u>	
Joseph L.	4yr.
Tom Z.	4yr.
Bob C.	3yr.
Harvey S.	2yr.
Mike M.	1yr.
Carol G.	1yr.
Dennis W.	1yr.
Larry W.	1yr.
Eddie A.	9mo.
Colette R.	9mo.
Carol F.	6mo.
Rita M.	6mo.
Heather R.	3mo.

<u>EARLYBIRD</u>	
Larry M.	5yr.
Kimberly K.	1yr.
Pat P.	3mo.

<u>WHY</u>	
Tom S.	20yr.
Jerry S.	15yr.
Peter B.	7yr.
Pat C.	3yr.

<u>LAKESHORE</u>	
Stanley M.	23yr.
Terry B.	3yr.
Karen B.	1yr.
Greg H.	1yr.

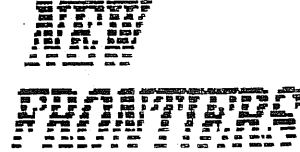
<u>THRUWAY</u>	
Francis P.	11yr.
Bill C.	12yr.
Bo N.	10yr.
Denny D.	9yr.
John O.	6yr.
Ed P.	5yr.
Bryant G.	5yr.
Paul S.	5yr.
Patricia C.	4yr.
JudyAnn M.	3yr.
John G.	3yr.
Connie R.	1yr.
Gary S	1yr.
Dorothy T.	6mo.
Russell M.	6mo.
Sue S.	3mo.
Kathy G.	3mo.

<u>WOMEN'S WESTSIDE DISC.</u>	
Cindy G.	5yr.
Barb W.	4yr.
Maureen H.	4yr.
Carmella K.	4yr.
Robin W.	3yr.
Michelle P.	2yr.
Alice O.	1yr.
Kimberly K.	1yr.
Kelly O.	9mo.
Karen K.	9mo.
Sandra P.	9mo.
MaryAliceH.	9mo.
Rebecca W.	9mo.
Yvette T.	9mo.
Mae S.	6mo.
Myra D.	3mo.
Kathy M.	3mo.
Laura A.	3mo.

<u>LET GO &amp; LET GOD</u>	
John McB.	2yr.
Tim F.	2yr.
Tony H.	1yr.

<u>LOVEJOY</u>	
Frank F.	11yr.
Denny D.	9yr.
Arthur G.	6yr.
Kim W.	2yr.
Mike C.	1yr.
Eddie D.	9mo.
Bruce R.	9mo.
Joe T.	3mo.
Nancy D.	3mo.
Chris F.	3mo.

Service gladly rendered, obligations squarely met, troubles well accepted or solved with God's help, the knowledge that at home or in the world outside we are partners in a common effort, the fact that in God's sight all human beings are important, the proof that love freely given brings a full return, the certainty that we are no longer isolated and alone in self constructed prisons, the surety that we can fit and belong in God's scheme of things - these are the satisfactions of right living for which no pomp or circumstance, no heap of material possessions, could possibly be substitutes.



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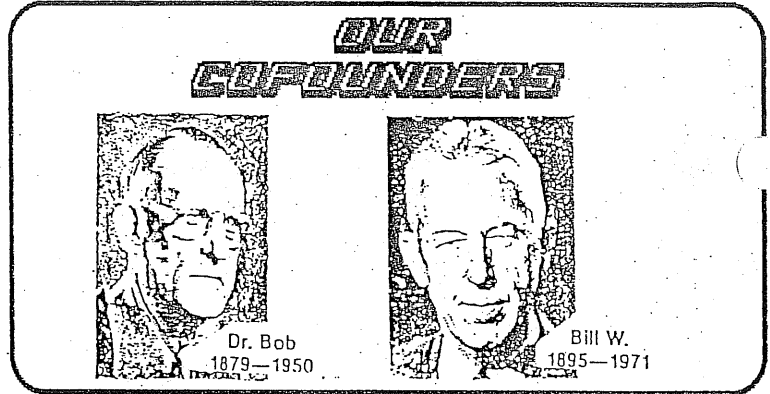
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| 6 - Southern Tier:            | George B. |
| 7 - Northeast Buffalo:        | Carol R.  |
| 8 - Eastern Tier:             | Bernie A. |



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APRIL 1, 1989

NEW MEETING:

RENAISSANCE - WEDNESDAY - 12:00 Noon Seton Building, Room 312, 3rd floor, 2121 Main Street, Buffalo Open Discussion, Open Speaker meeting last week of month (next to Sisters Hospital at Main and Humboldt Parkway).

MEETING CHANGES:

SPIRIT OF HOPE - SATURDAY meets at St. Bartholomew's at 335 Grider Street, Buffalo at 10:00 A.M., not as reads in schedule.

LEW-PORT - TUESDAY - all meetings are Open Discussion.

HUMBLY WILLING - TUESDAY - this month old meeting meets at the Iroquois Crossroads Center, 1047 Grant Street (rear), which is a correction.

MONDAY NITE - until further notice this Akron group is not meeting.

SEASONAL MEETING:

SERENITY in the PARK will start meeting May first, MONDAY - 7:00 P.M. Delaware Park by the Rose Garden.

NOTICE:

MID-DAY which meets at the Mid-Clinic, 1520 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga on MONDAYS at 12:30 P.M. needs support.

COMING EVENTS:

APRIL 1 SATURDAY - APRIL FOOLS DANCE sponsored by the SECOND CHANCE group-will be held at the Bingo Hall, St. Columba/Bridget Churches, Hickory and Eagle Streets, Buffalo. Music from 9:00 P.M. - 1:30 A.M. with K.C. "Jammin". Pizza will be served, 50/50. Donation: \$3.00 in advance, \$4.00 at the door.

APRIL 2 SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 P.M.

APRIL 14,15 - LIFE LINE group of Allegheny, N.Y. is celebrating their 3RD Anniversary with a RECOVERY weekend to be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church, North 4th Street, Allegheny, beginning that Friday at 8:00 P.M.

MAY 7 SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - - 80 Goodrich -7:00 P.M.

MAY 9 TUESDAY - NEW ZION - for this meeting only, they will meet in the Jewish Center, Delaware and Summer, Buffalo.

MAY 13 SATURDAY - BIDWELL group Anniversary - Details in next month's bulletin.

COMING EVENTS: (Continued)

MAY 13 SATURDAY - FREEDOM group's SPRING DANCE. Details in next month's bulletin.

MAY 20 SATURDAY - COMMON PROBLEMS will be sponsoring their annual "50-60's Dance. Tickets: \$6.00 are available from group members. Watch for more details in next month's bulletin. For table reservations call Colleen at 835-5348.

4TH MONTH - 4TH STEP

"MADE A SEARCHING AND FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY OF OURSELVES."

4TH MONTH - 4TH TRADITION

"EACH GROUP SHOULD BE AUTONOMOUS EXCEPT IN MATTERS AFFECTING OTHER GROUPS OR A.A. AS A WHOLE."

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

YOURS in the Spirit of A.A.,

DELPHINE A. HOY  
Executive Secretary

# BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION

"The Best is Yet to Come!"

OCTOBER 20-21-22

Buffalo Waterfront Hilton

GUEST SPEAKER

Johnny "The Indian" V.

BFR IN MASSACHUSETTS

Chairperson, Lynn C., opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of Central Committee, and the Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by Bob H. and seconded by Bernie A. to waive the reading of the minutes.

## 52 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED:

DISTRICT #1

Bidwell  
Community Center  
Delaware Discussion  
Early Start  
Fresh Start  
Giving  
Live & Let Live  
New Awakening  
New Westside  
Remember When  
Rush Hall  
Second Chance  
Sunday Niters  
Sunrise Court  
Westminster  
Working

DISTRICT #2

Age Doesn't Matter  
Chapter IX  
Kenmore  
Living Sober  
New Frontier  
New Frontier Women's  
Why

DISTRICT #3

Abbott Men's Disc.  
Casting  
Ellicott  
Father Baker  
Inner City  
Iron Horse  
Lovejoy  
Pass It On  
Rainbow  
Security  
Urban Friday

DISTRICT #4

Action  
As Bill Sees It  
Lake Shore  
Orchard Park Step  
Tuesday Men's Disc.

DISTRICT #5

We Admitted

DISTRICT #6DISTRICT #7

Amherst Snyder  
Boulevard Women's  
Cold Springs  
Feelings  
Honesty  
Kensington Disc.  
Sheridan

DISTRICT #8

Attitude Adjustment  
Common Problem  
Matt Talbot  
Sun. Morning Bkft.  
Williamsville

The Chair called for the various reports:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Roger P.

	1989	1990	
MARCH	\$ 793.00	\$ 680.00	\$113.00 (14.2%) Decrease
YEAR TO DATE	\$2,748.00	\$2,585.00	\$163.00 ( 5.9%) Decrease

Roger presented the Simple, Convenient, Automatic Contribution System. Copies were made available.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Carol R. March 27, 1990

Meeting opened at 6:15 PM with the Serenity Prayer. Present - Bernie A., Delphine H., Carol R., Lynn C., Scott T., and Sue G.

Chairperson - Bernie A.

Old Business -

- Bernie reported on the contact with Erie County EAP: problem has been resolved.
- New "master" schedule will be updated two times per year, or as needed.
- Trinkets, mementos - General Service is against.
- A cabinet is being installed at ECMC for AA literature. This is being provided at AA expense - (Treatment Facilities Committee Account).
- Treatment Facility - AA sponsored meeting policy:
  - If a meeting is sponsored by a group, it's suppose to be self-supporting.
  - If a meeting is sponsored by the Treatment Facility Committee, its expenses are

borne by the Treatment Facility Committee.

c. The ECMC Sunday evening meeting is sponsored by the Treatment Facility Committee, but manned by Abbott Men's Discussion.

6. Margaret A., Fresh Start Group, is the Chairperson for the Christmas Vigil.

#### New Business

1. Discussion of tying in the 50th Anniversary with the 1991 Buffalo Fall Convention.
2. Traditions Conference in the Southtowns on September 22, 1990; will include a Day of Sharing. The General Service meeting will be moved ahead a week.
3. C.P.C. - Cooperation with the Professional Community - Financial Institutions representative letter was read and discussed, as were procedures.
4. Social Events - if these are held on a group's regular meeting night, some provision should be made for holding the regularly scheduled meeting.
5. Convention Committee - A Publicity Chairperson should try to canvass the groups to seek out more people's involvement on committees.

Meeting closed at 7:06 PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roger P. (See Attached)

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Donald H.

1. The TFC has purchased a cabinet that will be used at ECMC to hold literature that will be used at all AA meetings. Members only who run meetings will have the combination to the lock. Up until now there has been very little literature at any of these meetings. We have also ordered the steps and traditions in shade form so they can be installed in the room where the meeting is held.
2. Thursday, April 5th, we will have our first orientation/speaker meeting at Columbus Hospital detox unit. This meeting is closed to all outside members and family. Dan O'M and Peter R. will run this meeting.
3. Lately we have received a rash of complaints about meetings being run in TF. One complaint was for a meeting that the TFC is responsible for. This has already been taken care of. A call was received from a NY City member who visited a Hospital meeting and was appalled at the foul language used by the person running the meeting. He commented that this beat any meeting he ever attended in NY City. Another facility complained that there is no literature at the meetings. Another facility complained when no one showed up for two weeks to run the meeting.

These meetings are very important to us and should be run by members who are responsible and have some good years of sobriety. I'm asking all groups who run meetings in TF to be responsible and to remember that they represent our Fellowship and should always conduct themselves in the best way possible. Treat the clients the same as you wanted to be treated when you came to A.A.

4. TGIF was experiencing difficulties with the clients from Rush-Alden. I was invited to their business (group conscience meeting), where they decided they would welcome ten or less clients, who met the 3rd Tradition, "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." I conveyed this to Rush-Alden.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H.

All meetings are running smoothly, but they do need outside support. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Central Office

SCREENERS REPORT: Norma F.

Seven more people have volunteered for screeners and four for 12 Step calls.  
All mailings are complete.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H.

A.A. INFORMATION - 678

PIC - 4

CPC - 0

AL-ANON - 63

AL-ATEEN - 5

ACOA - 38

McLEAN'S SERVICE GROUP

OUTGOING CALLS - 57

INCOMING CALLS - 343

12 STEP - 14

LITERATURE REQUESTS - 63

REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES - 35

REFERRAL FROM OTHER AGENCIES - 25

CENTRAL OFFICE

OUTGOING CALLS - 127

VISITORS - 281

NEW FRONTIERS: Larry B.

Everything is going along fine. Editorial has expressed a desire to start a humor column. Anyone having a favorite anecdote to share having to do with sobriety is asked to submit such for use. It is the purpose of the New Frontiers to help share the message of A.A. locally. We hope that you will share any thoughts or responses you wish to share through your newsletter.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Joe H.

Convention theme unanimously voted for "Expect A Miracle". Slingers will be printed and ready for next Central Committee meeting. Registration and banquet prices to remain the same as 1989 convention. All groups should be visited by a member of the committee asking for volunteers.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY: Ron W.

1. It is intended that a group go to the Spring Convention in Olean at the end of the month and spend that Saturday collecting group histories.
2. It is hoped that a form can be mailed to groups, specifically, groups on the southern tier, to be completed and brought to the convention.
3. It is necessary that this be the last responsibility of this Chairman who must step aside with the greatest regret. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

COURTESY REPORTS:

G.S.A. - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY Elvester McR.

The 1990 Spring Convention will be April 27, 28, 29, 1990 at the Park Inn International in Olean, New York.

P.I.C. - PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Marcia W.

Completed:

3/6/90 Williamsville North-Health Class- 150 students

3/8/90 Akron Central School PTA - 500+ attending

3/21/90 St. Philip the Apostle Religion Classes - 8th Graders (7-8:30)

A.A. given 20 min. of full time.

3/28/90 Lake Shore Central School - all day for whole community.

On Schedule:

5/19/90 Ken-Ton School area-Kenmore East (10 am-4 pm) - sending a young married couple, both in the program.

5/24/90 Parents without Partners - 12-15 people

C.P.C. - COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Bernie A.

1. Please have referrals go to Central Office.

2. Volunteers are needed.

3. Update on getting and ways to achieve goals is forthcoming.

RE-CAP

Steering - Scott T. personally checked out complaints that N.A. is the primary subject at a particular A.A. meeting. Liz G. suggested the G.S.A. Rep. investigate.

Treatment - Bill M. expressed concern regarding treatment center people arriving late and leaving early. It was suggested that complaints be directed to Treatment Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Scott T. was recognized officially as Steering Committee Rep. for Dist. #4.
2. Margaret A. received group acceptance for appointment to Christmas Vigil Chairperson.
3. Ron W. is stepping down as chairperson for the 50th Anniversary Committee. A new chair needs to be selected.
4. There was a discussion regarding speakers using extreme foul language. It was suggested that speaker seekers discuss this with speakers.

It was moved by Bob H. and seconded by Bernie A. to close the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lue Summers  
Cold Springs Group



Mercy		60.00	Saturday Night Disc	20.00	60.00	University Men's	150.00	600.00
Mid-day			Saturday Night Alive			Urban		30.00
Midnite			Saturday Nite Live		20.00	V.I.P.		
Miracle			Second Chance			Valley		
Mod			Security			Veteran's Hospital		
Monday Nite			Serendipity			Victory		
Morning After			Serenity		50.00	We Admitted		
NDH-Tonawanda Forge			Sheridan	30.00	120.00	We Are Not Saints		
Never Too Late			Silver Creek			We Care	60.00	130.00
New Awakening			Sober Trail			We Choose Life		
New Beginnings			Sobriety Men's Disc		20.00	We Have A Dream	20.00	40.00
New Direction			Somerset			We Need You		
New Frontier			South Buffalo		55.00	Wed. Lunchtime	10.00	42.00
New Frontier Womans			South Town		185.00	Welcome		
New Life		10.00	Southgate			Welcome Home		
New Westside			Southwestern			West Seneca Sat. Nite		50.00
New Zion		400.00	Spirit of H.O.P.E.	10.00	10.00	West Valley		
Niagara Frontier Men's			Springville			Westfield		
North Buffalo	90.00	360.00	Springville-no smoking		20.00	Westminster		
North Java			St. Barnabus			Why		100.00
One Day at a Time (ODAT)			Step			Williamsville	120.00	120.00
Open Arms			Stepping Stones	10.00	30.00	Wilson		
Open Mind	30.00	60.00	Sunday Breakfast		20.00	Women's Westside [	50.00	100.00
Pass It On			Sunday Niters	20.00	80.00	Working	50.00	50.00
Patchin			Sunday Third		30.00	You'll Never Walk A	75.00	75.00
Peaceful			Sunrise Court		50.00	Youngstown		
Perry			SUNY - Amherst Campu	100.00	100.00		2731.00	10911.00
Positively Living			Suburban					
Positively Living II			Swinging Door			50 Groups contributed		2731.00
Primary Purpose			T'n'T			Accum total last Mo.		8180.00
Progress			TGIF		75.00	Accum. total 4/25/90		10911.00
Purpose			Thankful		50.00			
Rainbow	25.00	95.00	The Way	40.00	40.00			
Ray of Hope		100.00	Thru-way	300.00	1500.00			
Remember When			Thursday Afternoon Disc.		50.00			
Renewal		100.00	Thursday Nonsmoking					
Rush Hall	25.00	100.00	Today					
Rush Manor	100.00	100.00	Tri-County					
S. S. Sobriety		34.56	Trinity Monday Night		75.00			
Salamanca			Tuesday Men's Disc.	35.00	35.00			
Salamanca Freedom			Tuesday Women's Disc.		20.00			
Sally Group	13.00	23.00	Turning Point		50.00		APRIL 1990	
Salvation Army			Twin Cities	25.00	100.00			
Saratoga			United Brotherhood					
			Unity		120.00			



Treatment Center Account Financial Statement		602-089-5	Mar. 25, 1990 - April 25, 1990		
		This Month	Check Number	Expenses	Accum Totals
Abbott Men's Disc		30.00			30.00
Amherst Snyder		10.00			40.00
Broadway Bailey		15.00			20.00
Delaware Disc					15.00
East Aurora		10.00			40.00
Fireside		25.00			75.00
Hill Billy					60.00
Kenmore					25.00
Lakeshore					5.00
New Zion					50.00
South Buffalo					20.00
Spirit of Hope		5.00			5.00
Sunday Niters					20.00
TGIF					25.00
Thruway					10.00
Tuesday Women's Disc					10.00
Turning Point					50.00
Twin Cities					30.00
University Mens		20.00			80.00
We Care		15.00			55.00
Why					50.00
	Receipts	130.00			715.00
Expenses	Donald Harvey - lit.cabinet-ECMC		126	75.40	
	Central Office - lit - ECMC		127	396.65	
	Central Office - 3 sets shades-sc		128	109.00	
				581.05	
RE-CAP					
Balance Pr Checkbook 3/25/90			334.85		
Add Receipts 3/25/90-4/25/90			130.00		464.85
Deduct Expenses 3/25/90-4/25/90					-581.05
Balance Pr Checkbook 4/25/90					(116.20)
	Operating deficit for 4/25/90		(451.05)		

Central Committee Account		Financial Statement #504-771-7		Mar. 25, '90 - April 25, '90	
50 Groups Contributed				2731.00	
Joint Meeting (12.46 expenses )				32.97	
New Frontiers Subscription				36.00	
Envelope System				622.00	
Literature				4261.16	
Miscellaneous -Printing				20.00	
		Total Receipts		7703.13	
DISBURSEMENTS					
	# 10 Ellicott Square Court Corp - mth rt				431.00
	Community Mental Health Center - mth rt				35.00
	Mary Ellen Strachura				49.01
	Helen J. Brady				112.80
	Delphine A. Hoy				294.29
	M & T Bank - Fed. With. Tax				680.14
	IRS - balance due				1.28
	NYS Unemployment Insurance				21.96
	Buffalo New - Mth Bl				266.40
	Mary Ellen Stachura				55.94
	Helen J. Brady				112.80
	Delphine A. Hoy				294.29
	Pitney Bowes, Inc. - Meter rental				63.75
	U.S.Postmaster - Stamps				500.00
	A.A. World Services, Inc. literature				904.80
	R.L. Polk & Co. - Buffalo Directory				50.00
	R.L.Polk & Co. - Niagara Falls Directory				50.00
	A.A. World Services, Inc. - Spanish lit.				250.00
	A.A. World Services, Inc - Lit.				1431.20
	Mary Ellen Stachura				55.94
	Helen J. Brady				112.80
	Delphine A. Hoy				294.29
	Happy Spring Water				70.38
	The State Fund Insurance - Disability Ins				183.09
	Mary Ellen Stachura				116.95
	Helen J. Brady				112.80
	Delphine A. Hoy				294.29
	McLean Service Group				132.60
	New York Telephone				121.55
	The Paper Shop				108.53
	Petty Cash				50.00
		Total Disbursements			7257.88
Balance Pr Checkbook 3/25/90			10666.22		
Add Receipts 3/25/90 - 4/25/90			7703.13		18369.35
Deduct Expenses 3/25/90 - 4/25/90					-7257.88
Balance Pr Checkbook 4/25/90					11111.47
	Operating credit for 4/25/90		445.25		
	M&T Savings Accounts			1996.450	
	M&T Checking Accounts			11111.47	
	Total Monetary Assets			31075.97	
	Projected Prudent Reserve-1yr.			-36000.00	

Correctional Facilities		Financial Statement-#484-185-4		MAR. 25 '90 - APRIL. 25, '90	
		This Month	Check #	Expenses	Accum. Totals
Abbott Men's Disc		30.00			30.00
Amherst Snyder		15.00			75.00
Broadway Bailey		15.00			5.00
Chapter IX		15.00			45.00
Delaware Disc.					15.00
East Aurora		20.00			20.00
Fireside					50.00
Hill Billy					60.00
Honesty		10.00			35.00
Kenmore					50.00
Lakeshore					5.00
New Zion					50.00
North Buffalo		10.00			40.00
Rainbow		25.00			25.00
Sheridan		10.00			40.00
South Buffalo					20.00
Spirit of Hope		5.00			5.00
Sunday Niters		15.00			30.00
Thruway					10.00
Tuesday Women's Disc					10.00
Turning Point					50.00
Twin Cities					30.00
We Care		10.00			30.00
Why					110.00
Working		150.00			150.00
Anonymous					5.00
RECEIPTS		330.00			995.00
EXPENSES	Central Office - Bks - Attica		412	190.00	
	Wende Cor Fac - A.A. Grp		413	100.00	
	Central Office - Spanish Lit - Collins		414	45.00	
	Central Office - Bks - Wende		415	362.50	
	Central Office - Sub - New Frontiers -		416	50.00	
	Central Office - Bks - Attica		417	150.00	
RE-CAP				897.50	
Balance Pr Checkbook	3/25/90		553.42		
Add Receipts	3/25/90-4/25/90		330.00		883.42
Deduct expenses	3/25/90-4/25/90				-897.50
Balance Pr Checkbook	4/25/90				(14.08)
Operating deficit for 4/25/90			(567.50)		

Present - Bernie A., Delphine H., Carol R., Lynn C., Scott T., and Sue G.  
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3. Trinkets, mementos - General Service is against.
4. A cabinet is being installed at ECMC for AA literature. This is being provided at AA expense - (Treatment Facilities Committee Account)
5. Treatment Facility - AA sponsored meeting policy:
  - a. If a meeting is sponsored by a group, it's suppose to be self-supporting.
  - b. If a meeting is sponsored by ~~the~~ Treatment Facility, <sup>COMMITTEE</sup> its expenses are borne by the Treatment Facility ~~COMMITTEE~~
  - c. The ECMC Sunday evening meeting is sponsored by the Treatment Facility Committee, but manned by Abbott Mens Discussion.
6. Margaret A., Fresh Start Group, is the Chairperson for the Christmas Vigil.

New Business

1. Discussion of tying in the 50th Anniversary with the 1991 Buffalo Fall Convention.
2. Traditions Conference in the Southtowns on September 22, 1990; will include a Day of Sharing. The General Service meeting will be moved ahead a week.
3. C.P.C. - Cooperation with the Professional Community -  
Financial Institutions representative letter was read and discussed, as were procedures.
4. Social Events - if these are held on a group's regular meeting night, some provision should be made for holding the regularly scheduled meeting.
5. Convention Committee - A Publicity Chairperson should try to canvass the groups to seek out more people's involvement on the committees.

Meeting closed at 7:06 PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Carol R.

Financial Report - Roger P.  
See Attached

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April 1, 1990

To: Central Committee

From: Treatment Facility Committee

Subj: March report

1. The committee has purchased a cabinet that will be used at EOMC to hold literature that will be used at all AA meetings. Members only who run meetings will have the combination to the lock. Up until now there has been very little literature at any of these meetings. We have also ordered the steps and traditions in shade form so they can be installed in the room where the meeting is held.

2. Thursday, April 5th we will have our first orientation/speaker meeting at Columbus Hospital detox unit. This meeting is closed to all outside members and family. Dan O'M and Peter R will run this meeting.

3. Lately we have received a rash of complaints about meetings being run in TF. One complaint was for a meeting that the TFC is responsible for. This has already been taken care of. A call was received from a NY City member who visited a Hospital meeting and was appalled at the foul language used by the person running the meeting. He commented that this beat any meeting he ever attended in NY City. Another facility complained that there is no literature at the meetings. Another facility complained when no one showed up for two weeks to run the meeting.

These meetings are very important to us and should be run by members who are responsible and have some good years of sobriety. I'm asking all groups who run meetings in TF to be responsible and to remember that they represent our Fellowship and should always conduct themselves in the best way possible. Treat the clients the same as you wanted to be treated when you came to AA.

Donald M. Harvey

4. TGIIF WAS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CLIENTS FROM RUSH ALDEN, I WAS INVITED TO THEIR BUSINESS (GROUP CONSCIENCE MEETING) WHERE THEY DECIDED THEY WOULD WELCOME TO DR LESS CLIENTS WHO MET THE 3rd TRADITION, "THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR AA MEMBERSHIP IS A DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING. I CONJURED THIS TO RUSH ALDEN

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