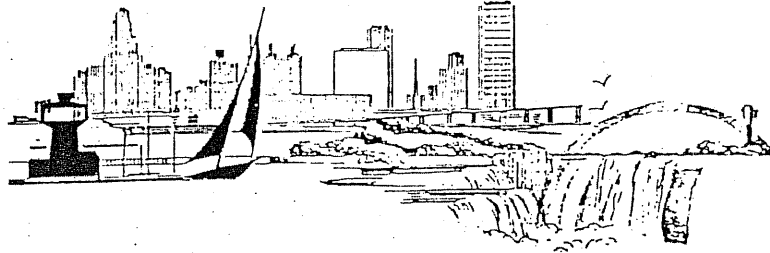


# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND ON THE NIAGARA FRONTIER



1941

1993

## 52nd Anniversary

Powerless over alcohol and desperate for help, some people in Buffalo contacted the Alcoholic Foundation in New York City. This was more so after Alcoholics Anonymous received widely acclaimed attention in a prestigious newspaper in March 1941. These individuals were referred to the Family Service Society where they met with a psychiatrist. It was the custom in those early years for the New York Office to make such a referral. The doctor was supplied with the Big Book and he met with alcoholics in a group at his office.

Four individuals wrote again to New York after meeting with the doctor. A fee was being charged and the article which had brought them to the fellowship had stated that there were no dues or fees. The complaint was forwarded to Dr. Bob in Akron, Ohio. Dr. Bob contacted a member who was being transferred to Buffalo from Cleveland. This man was Arnie C.

Arnie contacted the Family Service Society and attended a meeting there. He was charged a fee based upon his ability to pay. At the meeting he noted that the Big Book was not displayed and that the doctor interpreted the book for those in attendance. Arnie also noted with whom he would make contact after the meeting, based upon information he had received from Dr. Bob. Arnie had also been instructed to make contact in such a way as not to offend the psychiatrist.

After the meeting, Arnie made the acquaintance with the men who had written to New York City: Bob C., Al P., and Joe G. They went to Arnie's car

parked under a street lamp and conducted the **first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Buffalo**. That was **Tuesday, April 8, 1941**. It happened that Arnie read Chapter Five of the Big Book which had been the topic that evening. Those men saw a Big Book for the first time. **(1939, April: the Big Book was published)**.

Others interested in Alcoholics Anonymous made contact with these men. Meetings were held in Arnie's home for several months. Meetings continued in various homes until a permanent meeting place was found on Main Street at Fillmore Avenue. Within a couple of years, a Central Office was opened and a Central Committee was meeting. While **April 8, 1941** has been designated **the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in Buffalo**, all of the evidence taken together shows that interest and activity of sorts was occurring in the city from as early as November 1940; the same evidence can also be interpreted to show that the first meeting occurred as late as September 1941.

The original group no longer exists but **every group had its origins within that first group** and sprung from that first meeting place at Main and Fillmore.

The fellowship in Buffalo and on the Niagara Frontier now has over three hundred meetings per week on all seven days with a membership thousands strong. A.A. in Southern Ontario and all of the counties of Western New York, to as far south as Bradford, Pennsylvania has also prospered.

Researcher: Ron W. 1991.

Alcoholics love controversy. If you have ever attended any Central Committee meeting you know what I mean.

In seven of the 12 traditions we are cautioned to tread lightly over debate, and remember **our focus always should be to treat our alcoholism**, not choose sides.

The last words Dr. Bob (the practical one) said to Bill (the dreamer) were... "Let's not mess this thing up. Keep it simple."

So what is the latest debate in AA? Well, it seems to center on whether rehabs have the right to bring their clients to closed meetings. This is an issue Bob and Bill never had to deal with. In the 1930's recovery from alcoholism was neither fashionable nor profitable. Nowadays, rehabs are a multi-million dollar industry.

We all have seen meetings that at one time had many members slip to barely existing because several rehabs sent their clients to the same meeting just about outnumbering AA members.

In the front of the 'Meeting Schedule' booklet we find definitions for open, closed and open discussion meetings.

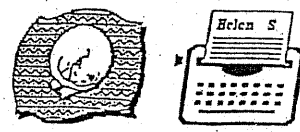
O Open meeting - Anyone interested in the AA program may attend. Speakers, who are recovering alcoholics, tell their own personal story of what they were like as practicing alcoholics and how they are recovering through the A.A. program. Visitors and friends are expected to respect the anonymity of all persons they see or meet at meetings.

C Closed meeting - Only for those who desire to stop drinking. They discuss the A.A. program of recovery and individuals have the opportunity to ask questions and express themselves more freely, as well as benefit from the experience, strength and hope shared by others.

OD Open discussion - Anyone interested in the A.A. program may attend and discuss anything pertinent to recovery from alcoholism. The usual anonymity is requested.

Using these guidelines, it's time for all groups during a business meeting to discuss and vote whether rehabs may attend closed AA meetings.

Before the A.A. program for recovery from alcoholism becomes a footnote in a future book--think about it. *Helen's Corner ...*



Sobriety is a precious gem  
Let us cut it to its finest perfection  
Polish it to the highest gloss.  
Wrap it in love.  
Seal it with Honesty and Sincerity  
Share it with our loved ones.  
It can be done  
and with great success.  
Being sober alone doesn't  
constitute Sobriety.

What does each letter in SOBRIETY MEAN TO ME?

- S - Saneness in living the steps.
- O - Open-minded in our thinking.
- B - Blessings count (make a gratitude list).
- R - Rid of resentments (#1 poison to alcoholic).
- I - Interest in others.
- E - Ego deflation (not the big "I").
- T - Tolerance and today living (one day at a time).
- Y - Yesterdays gone (learn from it...don't live in it).

It is what we do with this great Gift.

The CPC Committee in Area #50 WNY is made up of AA's from all the demographic areas of our district. Delegate Area #50 covers the NY-PENN Intergroup, Niagara Falls Intergroup, all of Buffalo Central Office area, Lockport, Wyoming County, portions of Genesee County, parts of Alleghany Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties. It's a big area for this committee to effectively work in.

When in November of 1991 General Service allowed me to chair, for a two year rotation this committee, I thought what have I got myself into, I knew the assignment was more than I could affectively handle on my own. I asked at the next assembly meeting for help to form a committee, to have a group conscience on how best to carry the AA message of recovery, to the Professional Community. Also to help me define who they are. Today the committee has twenty-two people on it - about twelve to fourteen active at the present time.

What we do is to make ourselves as knowledgable about the traditions, concepts, warranties of AA, as is possible. When a CPC presentation is arranged by our committee, central office, GSO in New York, we are ready to carry a unified message. This last year we have put presentations on to many varied groups of professionals - such as the staff of W.C.A. Treatment Center, Bryant Straton Faculty, St. Catherine's Dawn Program Planners N.Y.S. P.T.A. Convention, etc. We also helped five different groups out with tradition breaks that were affecting their meeting by different professionals or groups. We are always looking for places or professionals to work with, yet not affiliate with. Also, if you want to join a group of AA members who enjoy doing, not talking about doing, we would love to have you on the committee.

We meet once a month at a central location. All appointments or leads to new areas in the professional fields will be followed up, so help us out! Also any group that would like to know about CPC work, we will help you. Contact your central office or intergroup for additional information. Mike B. North Java Group

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

- Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in AA?
- 2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
- 3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
- 4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
- 5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths — his lengths, not mine — to stay sober?
- 6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

In the Sept/Oct '92 issue of the Southern California Area Assembly news-letter, alternate delegate Ken R. of the California Northern Coastal Area had this to say about the inventory process: "We need to proceed in a spirit of openness, putting principles before personalities, especially our own. On the other hand, we will sometimes need to discuss actions of individuals, committees, Conferences, and boards and do so in a way that is principled without shrinking from the inventory just because what happened, happens, or may happen involves particular individuals. This, too, is putting principles before personalities."

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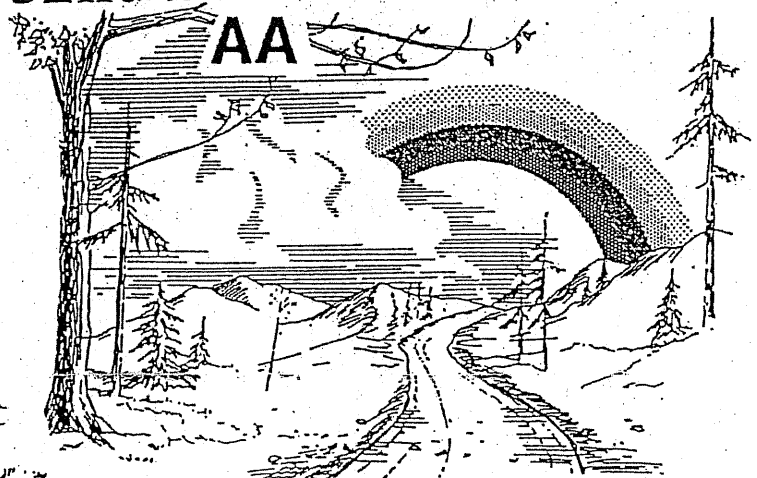
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 1 yr Mary S. Carol W.  
 2 yrs Boykin D. Jack I.  
 3 yrs Fred F.  
 4 yrs Suzie K.  
 6 yrs Jim B.  
 7 yrs Christopher T.  
 11 yrs Art H.  
 13 yrs Don R.

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3 mos Ethel D. Jim F.  
 Ann H. Shiela M.  
 Ron T.  
 6 mos Bob B. Dave M.  
 9 mos Mike A.  
 2 yrs Rhonda V.  
 3 yrs Cathy H.  
 4 yrs Don S. Gary S.  
 5 yrs Rick C. Mary Ann M.  
 Rob R. Day W.  
 8 yrs Eddie P.  
 12 yrs Dennis D.  
 17 yrs Maggie D.  
 18 yrs Bob K.

JUST FOR TODAY

2 yrs John S.  
 10 yrs Leo S.

HONESTY

11 yrs Larry B.  
 17 yrs Harvey S.

RIDGE

5 yrs Rose M.

AMHERST SNYDER

3 mos Greg K.  
 9 mos Jerry S.  
 Jim L.  
 2 yrs Sheila G.  
 Eva H.  
 Fred T.  
 Billy B.  
 3 yrs Susan H.  
 4 yrs Chris T.  
 6 yrs Colleen M.  
 Fred S.  
 8 yrs Edward P.  
 12 yrs Martin M.  
 19 yrs Rita F.

CAZENOVIA

3 mos Jeff H. Matt D.  
 Henry M.  
 3 yrs Sharon N.  
 4 yrs Don K.  
 6 yrs Bea F. John H.

GIVING

1 yr Larry S.  
 3 yrs Ron H.  
 4 yrs Lorelie K.  
 20 yrs Ron G.

THRUWAY

6 mos Yogi J. Gerry D.  
 1 yr Scott S.  
 4 yrs Gary S. Connie R.  
 7 yrs Pat C.  
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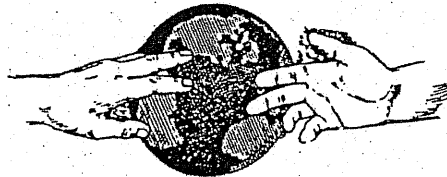
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 5 yrs Achie O.  
 6 yrs Delphine N.  
 7 yrs Albert M.  
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 14 yrs John S.  
 16 yrs Bob P.  
 20 yrs Kenny C.  
 22 yrs Eddie J.  
 Melvin P.

EYEOPENER

3 mos Ken K. Bert E.  
 6 mos Dana T. Sharon M.  
 Jean Marie G.  
 9 mos Bruce M. Randy S.  
 Mary D. George W.  
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 2 yrs Patrick D. Carol D.  
 Dan V. Bill F.  
 3 yrs Dan S. Jim V.  
 Marsha P.  
 4 yrs Ralph M. Al C.  
 Suzzanne  
 5 yrs Ted J. Pat W.  
 Howard V.  
 6 yrs Nick S. Doug B.  
 17 yrs Chuck D.  
 18 yrs Ed B.

THE JOURNEY

3 mos Margo B. Rosann S.  
 1 yr Dan L.  
 3 yrs Fred F.  
 4 yrs Karen B.



THURSDAY BIDWELL

3 mos April S.  
 6 mos Becky S. Miles C.  
 9 mos Amy A. Marlene C.  
 Marjorie J. Traci L.  
 Paul S.  
 2 yrs Wendy S.  
 3 yrs Ron H.  
 4 yrs Kimberly K.  
 5 yrs Don K.

HAPPY HOUR

3 mos April S. Paul W.  
 6 mos Jay C. Manuel W.  
 Candita R. Johnnie L.  
 Kathleen C. Ruth D.  
 Debbie L. Ella H.  
 Herb T.  
 9 mos Priscilla L. Gerald R.  
 Marilyeal A. David B.  
 1 yr Spencer E. Andrea S.  
 John G. Algernon T.  
 Greg W.  
 2 yrs Brenda P. Patrica L.  
 Jim E. Pat W.  
 3 yrs David M. Clayber N.  
 Patrica L. Gloria H.  
 4 yrs Greg H. Walter W.  
 Carmen G.  
 7 yrs Patrick H.

WE CARE

1 yr Mike A.  
 7 yrs Nita B.  
 13 yrs Elmer M.

LIBERTY WOMEN

3 yrs Lisa M.  
 5 yrs Lou Ann D.  
 6 yrs Mary Jo W.

WHY

6 mos Tom W.  
 5 yrs Mark L.  
 6 yrs Pat C.  
 7 yrs Joe V.  
 9 yrs Bob C.  
 10 yrs Peter B.  
 18 yrs Jerry S.  
 23 yrs Tom S.

SHERIDAN

1 yr Peter R.  
 2 yrs Chuck K.  
 Tara M.  
 3 yrs Glen McC.  
 7 yrs Chris B.  
 Chet S.  
 Tom Z.  
 8 yrs Mark S.  
 14 yrs Khali M.  
 17 yrs Mike S.

H.O.W.

3 mos Michelle H  
 1 yr Mike H.  
 2 yrs Mike V.  
 Andy T.  
 Dave S.

NORTH BUFFALO

2 yrs Michael C.  
 3 yrs Sergio M. Brian M.  
 Kevin O'G.  
 5 yrs Jim L.  
 6 yrs Bruce B. Linda B.  
 7 yrs Peggy P. Maureen H.  
 11 yrs John R.  
 20 yrs Jim M.

COLD SPRING

6 mos Loretta H. Ben W.  
 Sarah H. Warren R.  
 Tina McC.  
 9 mos Laura C. Traci L.  
 Clarence B.  
 1 yr Mary S. Toyia W.  
 William H.  
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Anniversaries for May '93 edition are to be in to Central Office by April 10-or bring to the Central Committee meeting Sunday April 4th.

# 4 *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.*

## BLAMELESS FOURTH STEP

(Second installment in response to "Anonymous")

Our best alcoholic thinking will tell us that our resentment is justified. We're not at fault, they are. This is what makes us drunkards in the first place. In order to recover "we had to drop the word 'blame' from our speech and thought." But first comes our willingness to do so. We have to stop playing the victim's role. When we fix our gaze on ourselves and our involvement in a situation, a searchlight comes to illuminate the darkest secrets we hold in our hearts. Then we can concede to our innermost selves many of our problems are self-imposed. We swallowed the drink, we must suffer the consequences.

But can we let ourselves off the hook, as in the case concerning a sexually transmitted disease? Can we declare that we've been led astray by a trusted servant of AA, and that we have been used and abused for selfish ends? We've arrived at a point where we can identify that AA is the mutual support group that can introduce us to recovery from alcoholism, but when a veteran member who we trust violates us, then who can we believe? Does the AA program address this problem which may erode the credibility we have in other members?

Step Four of the "Twelve and Twelve" points out a line of questioning that's directed toward getting at the root of our discomfort or disturbance: "Looking at both past and present, what sex situations have caused [us] anxiety, bitterness, frustration, or depression? Appraising each situation fairly, can we see where [we've] been at fault? Did these perplexities beset [us] because of selfishness or unreasonable demands? Or, if [our] disturbance was seemingly caused by the behavior of others, why do [we] lack the ability to accept conditions [we] cannot change?"<sup>2</sup>

These difficult questions of soul searching is where straight willpower will not subdue the actual lunacy we're in. We're crazy because we realize we are we can't live with the bumb deal life has given us. We lack peace of mind with ourselves. What then? We must acquire the willingness to take a moral inventory. Only then are we restored to sanity, "provided we condition ourselves for the gift of restoration- or, to put it in religious terms, to the inflow of God's grace which results in the explusion of the obsession."<sup>3</sup>

It is our obsession of the mind to drink that spelled certain doom for us. Once we put the drink down a rough survey will indicate we have to first take a look at those "personal flaws which are acutely troublesome and fairly obvious."<sup>4</sup> We are the problem, the alcohol is but a symptom of something more far-reaching.

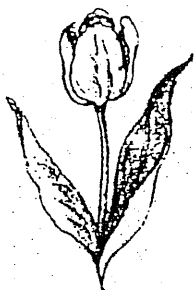
Although many of us AAs find our mates in the fellowship, we must put recovery first and clean house. "Because of our kinship in suffering, and because our common means of deliverance are effective for ourselves only when constantly carried to others, our channels of contact have always been charged with the language of the heart."<sup>5</sup> We reap what we sow.

Sources:

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- 1.) "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions," p.47
- 2.) Ibid, p.52
- 3.) "Language of the Heart," p.273
- 4.) "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions," p.50

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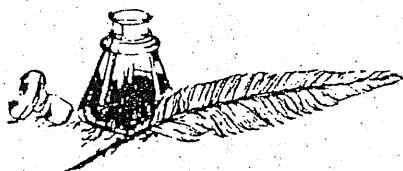
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EDITOR'S NOTE - Since taking over as your editor in October 1992 our focus was, and continues to be, on recovery from alcoholism through the A.A. fellowship. Some questions have come up as to what is published in the paper, so we researched the guidelines for writing articles to *The Grapevine*. Your committee wants to serve, not dictate or command, so we are printing the guidelines from *The Grapevine* and...for now continue to use them for the *New Frontiers* also.

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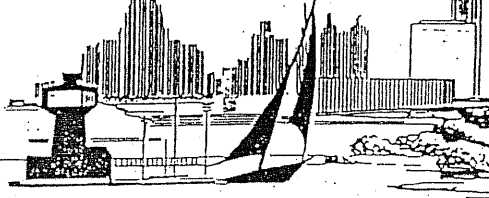
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## Poor Me, Pour Me



WHY do some make it, but others don't?  
Some go to meetings, but others won't!!



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Saturday  
April 24th  
9 am - 9 pm

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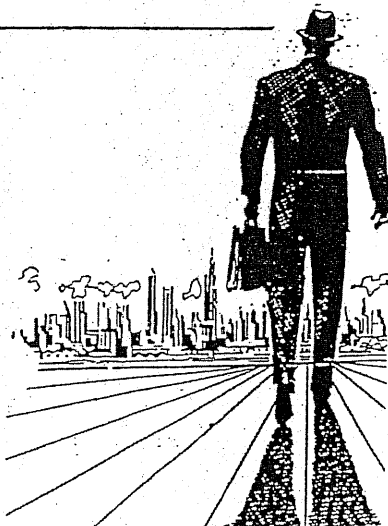
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Guidelines for Writing Grapevine Articles

With these guidelines, we'd like to welcome you to the pages of the AA  
Grapevine, and we hope you will feel at home here. The Grapevine is your  
magazine, and nearly half of every issue is written by people who have  
never written for the Grapevine before.

Writing for the Grapevine is just about as simple as admitting your own  
powerlessness over alcohol. With a little bit of willingness and a lot of  
heart, AA members around the world have been submitting their personal  
stories, their sorrows and joys, their ups, downs, and in betweens to the  
AA Grapevine since 1944. So why stop now?

Without your written experiences and opinions, the magazine cannot continue  
to be what it has been in the past and what it is today: an effective tool  
for sober living and a vital, accurate picture of the Fellowship as a  
whole. So, if you've hesitated -- thinking you can't do it -- why not  
consider joining AA's meeting in print? You might just keep coming back!

As you plan your article, you might want to leaf through a few old issues  
to get an idea of the sort of articles most often published. Then close the  
magazine, and do your own thing! Say what you want to say, not what you  
think we'll publish. And don't be timid about branching out; we're always  
looking for a change of pace, as long as it relates to AA experience.

FORMAT If possible, manuscripts should be typed, double-space, with  
generous margins. If you don't have a typewriter, though, don't worry about  
it. Just write clearly and legibly, on one side of the paper only. If you  
quote from AA literature (or another source) in your manuscript, please  
give the correct name of the source, along with the page number.

WHAT WE DO NOT PUBLISH Poems, personal prayers, tributes to individual  
AAs, drama, fiction or fictionalized accounts of drinking, anything not  
related to Alcoholics Anonymous (such as articles about the field of alco-  
holism treatment, legislation, medical advances, etc.)

WHERE TO SEND IT Send your completed manuscript to The Grapevine,  
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10163-1980. You will be notified whether or not the piece will be  
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**NEW MEETINGS**

HIGHER POWERED - THURSDAY - 5:30PM - William-Emslie YMCA - 585 William St  
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ROCHESTER MEETING - TUESDAY - 5:30PM - O - St Michael's Parish Hall, 651  
Washington St.

**MEETING CHANGES:**

ETERNAL VIGILANCE - now meets in the school cafeteria.

BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP - MONDAY - St Michael's - Burke Dr at Huntley -  
is now NON-SMOKING.

SOUTHTOWN'S WOMEN'S - TUESDAY - is changng from 7:00PM to 7:15PM

BLASDELL MONDAY NIGHT - will be an open speaker meeting the last week of  
the month.

SOBRIETY AND BEYOND - MONDAY -LOCKPORT- meeting time is now 8:00PM.

ROAD TO RECOVERY - LOCKPORT - meeting time is 8:00PM.

OPEN MIND, LIVE AND LET LIVE, and HIGH NOON are gay & lesbian meetings.

**COMING EVENTS**

APRIL 4 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7.00 PM

APRIL 24 - SATURDAY - 10:00AM - PURPOSE will celebrate it's 20th group  
anniversary. at Mt. St. Mary's Academy, Delaware Ave, Kenmore

APRIL 24 - SATURDAY - POWERLESS & NEW BEGINNING - are sponsoring a day  
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Av. Panels continuously with discuss after each. Buffet and guest speaker!  
Donation \$5.00.

APRIL 25 - SUNDAY - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - 1PM, sponsored by the  
LOCKPORT #1 group, Grace Episcopal Ch, Genesee & Cottage Sts. Non-smoking

APRIL 29 - THURSDAY - CHEEKTOWAGA, 8:00PM - Maryvale Presbyterian Ch, 425  
Maryvale Dr. The group will be celebrating their 38th Anniversary with a  
Speaker and buffet. Please bring a dish to share.

APRIL 27 - TUESDAY - PERRY - at 344 Perry, will celebrate their 7th  
Anniversary. This will be an eating meeting with a guest speaker.

MAY 1 - SATURDAY - SPRINGVILLE TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP - 2nd Annual Spring  
Dance at St. Al's Ch Hall, Franklin & Academy Sts., Springville, NY. Speaker  
at 7PM, buffet and dancing from 8PM to 12PM. Bring a dish if you wish.  
Tickets \$5.00.

MAY 2 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - BUFFALO

MAY 14-15-16 - WNY-GSA SPRING CONVENTION - Best Western Lockport Inn,  
Lockport, NY, 515 S Transit Rd. "SOBRIETY AND BEYOND" will be found at  
this year's WNY GSA Spring Convention, to be held at the Best Western Hotel,  
S. Transit Road (Rte. 78) in Lockport, New York Refer to the flyer for more  
details. *SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION !!!!*

**REMINDER:** Any announcement to appear in MAY '93 bulletin must be  
submitted in writing to the Central Office by THURSDAY, APRIL 15th.

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 AA as a whole."*

Delphine H. Executive Secretary



The meeting was opened at 7:00PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of the Central Committee and the Twelve Traditions were read.

#### 47 GROUPS & ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPRESENTED:

**District #1** - Bidwell Mon, Community Center, Delaware Disco, Happy Hour, Live & Let Live, Miracle, Open Mind, Rise & Shine, Serenity Circle, Security, Sunrise Court, The Journey, We Choose Life, Women's Westside. **District #2** - But For the Grace of God, Campus, Living Sober, WHY. **District #3** - Abbott Men's, Casting, Cazenovia, Fr. Baker, Gardenville, InnerCity, Iron Horse, Lovejoy, Perry, Rainbow, Ridge, Seneca 12&12, South Buffalo Southgate, Tues Women's, Urban, West Seneca Sat. Nite **District #4** - Action - **District #5** We Admitted **District #6** - No Java **District #7** Amherst Snyder, Cold Springs, Easy Does It, Harmony, Kensington, No Buffalo, VIP **District #8** - Attitude Adjustment, Common Problem, Matt Talbot, Sunday Morning Bkft, Williamsville

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Delphine for Burr E**

	1992	1993	change	% change
March Receipt	\$313.58	\$151.00	(\$162.58)	-51.85
Year to Date	\$2388.58	\$2537.74	\$149.16	6.25

##### **STEERING COMMITTEE: Rosemarie C. - March 30 '93**

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Districts represented were 2, 3, 5, 7. Also in attendance were Delphine - Central Office, Ralph P - CC Chairman, Bill M - CC Co-Chairman, Jerome D - CC Treasurer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Minutes from the March 2nd meeting were accepted as written. Prior to the regular meeting Frank M was in attendance regarding the Correctional Facility Chair position. He informed the Steering Committee of what his intentions were and we informed him of what is expected of this position. Motion was made that Ralph appoint Frank as the Correctional Facility Chairman. Larry S will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Co-chairman position. **WORLD UNIVERSITY**

**GAMES:** It is the feeling of the Steering Committee that the World Games will not be a major concern. It was suggested that we have extra volunteers to work in the office during the beginning of the games.

**DISTRICT MEETINGS:** The first District meeting will take place in District #3 prior to nomination for a representative from that area - a possible date in June was recommended. A letter will go out to all groups in that district informing them of the meeting and also that District #3 nominations will be taken then. It will be suggested that all groups be represented. Shawn C, District #3's present representative will formulate an agenda. **CHRISTMAS VIGIL:** Motion was made to present the following guidelines to Central Committee regarding the Christmas Vigil to be voted on and discussed at our May meeting.

1. Vigil should adhere to the primary purpose of AA.
2. It should not be a social function with Santa, toys music.
3. Seed money will be \$200.
4. Simple refreshments should be served in a Hospitality Room fashion (cold cuts, snacks, desserts) no dinner.
5. It should run from 6PM Christmas Eve to 6AM Christmas Day.
6. Security should be provided.
7. Format of the Vigil should be panels, speakers and disc tables

Guidelines will need to be adhered to if it is to be a Central Committee Sponsored Event. **NEW BUSINESS:** Steering Committee recommends that

the "New Frontier:" Committee come to the next Steering Committee meeting. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Jerome D - as attached**

**TREATMENT FACILITIES - Brian B.**

Thanks to everyone who took the time to attend and participate in the Twelfth Step Workshop. After we review what was accomplished in March we will begin planning our next workshop to be held in Niagara County.

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES - Frank M** introduced himself as the newly appointed Chairman of this Committee to be approved by the Central Body at this meeting

**SCREENERS:** No report

**CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H**

AA information	842	12 Step	4
PIC	1	literature requests	140
CPC		Refer to other agencies	45
Alanon	72	Refer from other agencies	62
Alateen	12	Central office	
ACOA	20	Outgoing calls	191
Answering Service		Mail costs	\$328.41
Incoming calls	339	Visitors	260
Search calls	39		

**New Frontiers-Kevin F.** asked that if anyone had anniversaries for their group, he would take them.

**FALL CONVENTION '93 - Patricia T, Chairperson;** The 1993 Fall Convention is coming along great. We have a terrific team!!!! Registration will be \$10 and both dances \$13. \$35 is for everything including free pop and coffee on Saturday night. The cost to stay at the Marriott is \$79 per night for a single or double room. Next month we will have our Pst Office Box number so please start thinking about sending in coffee donations. Thank You.

**COURTESY REPORTS:**

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - no report**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE - no report**

**CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Mike B: Area 50**  
A. Approximately 10 members met on March 16 at the Ellicott Square Bldg.  
B. Next meeting on April 13 will again be in the Ellicott Sq Bldg - room 877 at 7:15PM.  
C. There has been two presentations since last month. One to student nurses. The second was a presentation at the Erie County Bar Office to a group of lawyers who have formed a Committee to help other attorneys who have alcoholic problems.  
D. We have made an excellent contact in the University of Buffalo Medical School and do expect to put on the same presentation at a later date. There are 3 presentations coming in the near future to be announced next month.

**RE-CAP:**

**Christmas vigil:** Elizabeth G questioned the vote for the Vigil being in May and it was voted to have the vote moved to June. Early D question-ed the recommendation by the Steering Committee that there be no dinners served. It was also noted that the Vigil could be held without Central Committee's involvement. A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Tom N to move the date for the vote on the guidelines to the June meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Margaret H was elected to the Steering Committee for District #7  
 Bill M asked if the maintenance cost for the computer was a monthly  
 expense which Delphine explained that it wasn't.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frank M was approved as Chairman of the Correctional  
 Facility Committee. Brian B asked if there is an Ad Hoc committee for  
 the World University Games and was told by Delphine that there will be a  
 special screening committee. Jose announced that they will need  
 bilingual people to help out at the Games. Joanne McC also had some  
 recommendations to the Steering Committee regarding the Northeast  
 Regional AA Service Assembly to be held February 1994 in Niagara Falls,  
 NY. Two recommendations are that groups sponsor their representatives  
 and that Central Committee sponsor its officers at the Service Assembly.

At this time it was motioned and seconded to close the meeting.  
 The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara  
 Acting Recording Secretary

R E C A P S 2/25/93 - 3/25/93			
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES Account #484-185-4			
Expenses	Check #	Amount	
AA Central Office-general supply	1053	42.34	
AA Central Office-Wende State	1054	180.00	
AA Central Office-Collin	1055	187.00	
		409.34	
Balance per checkbook 3/25/93			1186.41
Add receipts 3/25/93-4/25/93			330.00
Deduct expenses 3/25/92-4/25/93			-409.34
Balance per checkbook 4/25/93			1107.07
Operating debit for April '93	(79.34)		
TREATMENT CENTER Account #602-089-5			
EXPENSES	Check #	Amount	
AA Central Office-Renaissance	231	130.00	
AA Central Office-Bflo General-MICA	232	20.00	
AA Central Office	234	110.00	
		260.00	
Balance per checkbook 3/25/93			137.39
Add receipts 3/25/93-4/25/93			345.79
Deduct expenses 3/25/93-4/25/93			-260.00
Balance per checkbook 4/25/93			223.17
Operating credit for April '93	85.79		

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNT #504-771-7			
RECEIPTS		3/25/93-4/25/93	
Groups contributed			2654.97
JOINT MEETING EXPENSES \$11.07)			23.09
New Frontiers Subscriptions			113.00
Envelope System			628.16
Literature			3126.45
Miscellaneous	Mailing		25.00
		<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>6570.61</b>
DISBURSEMENTS			
# 10 Ellicott Square Court Corp - rent			542.00
Comm Mental Health Ctr-C.C. meeting			35.00
Pitney Bowes - meter rental			86.25
AA World Services - short paid			64.77
Happy Spring Water			53.20
Gould & Swanson - '92 tax preparers			700.00
General Service Assembly - Spring Conv-Hospitalit			85.00
M & T Bank - Federal Withholding			492.16
# 10 Ellicott Square Court Corp- '92 utility reconcili			368.52
Message Connection			131.70
New York Telephone			181.91
The State Insurance Fund - Disability Insur			271.26
NYS Income Tax			278.20
NYS Unemployment Insurance			150.93
Salaries - Central Office			2135.06
Petty Cash			50.00
Bank service charges			69.45
		<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>5337.90</b>

Re-cap			
Balance per checkbook 3/25/93			828.03
Add receipts 3/25/93-4/25/93			6570.61
Deduct expenses 3/25/93-4/25/93			-5337.90
Balance per checkbook 4/25/93			2060.74
	M & T Time Deposit		9650.30
	M & T Money Market		8154.78
Operating credit for April '93		1232.71	

1st Step					
3rd Step					
6th Step					
11th Step					
A Day At A Time		<del>40.00</del>			
A Helping Hand		<b>40</b>			
A New Beginning					
Abbott Mens Discussion					
Acceptance					
Achievement					
Action	<b>38.52</b>	88.52			
Age Doesn't Matter					
Albion					
Alexander		50.00			
All Women					
Amherst Snyder					
Amherst Tree of Life					
Amsdell Lakeshore					
Any Age	<b>5.00</b>	5.00			
Arcade					
As Bill Sees It					
Attitude Adjustment		60.00			
Attraction	<b>100.00</b>	300.00			
Awakening					
Beginner's Table					
Beginning in Sobriety I					
Beginning in Sobriety II					
Beginnings-Women's		33.00	34.00		33.00
Better Days (Bilingual)					
Bidwell		60.00			
Bidwell Monday Disc					
Big Book - Lockport					
Big Book Group					
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)		25.00			
Blasdell					
Blasdell Monday Nite					
Boulevard Women's					
Brass		60.00			
Broadway-Balley					
Brocton Discussion					
But for the Grace of God	<b>14.00</b>	54.00			
By The Book-Buffalo					
Came To Believe	<b>45.00</b>	56.00			
Campus (Bflo State Col)					
Casting	<b>50.00</b>	50.00			
Cathedral Park	<b>49.45</b>	182.69			
Caz Manor	<b>25.00</b>	200.00	25.00		25.00
Cazenovia					
Central Park					

Chapter IX	10.00	40.00	10.00	40.00		
Cheektowaga						
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Discsion		400.00				
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Cold Springs		25.00				
Common Problem	50.00	50.00				
Community Center		25.00				
Cornplanters Again .	110.00	110.00				
Courage	120.00	120.00				
Delaware Discussion	110.00	110.00				
Derby	50.00	150.00				
Desire	60.00	120.00				
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Disc						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Early Start						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	40.00	120.00		10.00	40.00	
East Side						
Easy Does It						
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott	10.00	30.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance		525.00		50.00	50.00	
Everybody's	40.00	40.00				
Everyone's A.A. Group						
Eye Opener						
Falth						
Father Baker		300.00		60.00		
Feelings						
Fireside		990.00			75.00	
Fireside P.M.		50.00				
First Things First		25.00				
Fredonia Bkft. Meeting						
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom	25.00	100.00				
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Discussion						
Friday Noon Meeting						
Friendly						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gah Nee Goin Geh(Of the Mind)						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		30.00				
Giving						
Golden Slipper		300.00				

	Apr 11 '95	Account.	Apr 11 '95	Account.	Apr 11 '95	Account.
Good Life						
Grand		60.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful						
H.A.N.D.		120.00				
H.O.W.		5.00				5.00
Half & Half						
Hamburg						
Hamburg Big Book						
Handicappers Sat. Nite		50.00				
Happy Hour						
Harmony	10.00	35.00				
High Noon (Gay)						
High View						
Hill Billy		50.00		10.00		10.00
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	120.00	10.00	40.00		
Hora deReflección(Spanish)						
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia		10.00				
Inner City						
Inspiration						
Iron Horse	25.00	45.00	25.00	45.00		
IT						
It's About Time		20.00				
Just for Today		60.00		10.00		
Keep It Simple, Sister	10.00	40.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Kensington Disc						
Ladies Night						
Lakeshore	20.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	40.00
Lakeview				50.00		50.00
Last Chance						
Let Go & Let God		20.00				
Lew-port						
Liberty Women's		78.00				
Life Today						
Lighten Up						
Live and Let Live (Gay)						
Living Sober	35.00	140.00				
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion		125.00				
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		500.00				
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Marilla						
Matt Talbot	25.00	76.00				
McKinley Winners						

Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD (Serenity Room)						
Morning After		10.00	5.00	20.00		
Never Too Late						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings						
New Freedom						
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	10.00	20.00	5.00	10.00		
New Westside						
New Zion						
Niagara Frontier Men's						
Nite People						
North Buffalo	100.00	400.00	25.00	100.00	25.00	100.00
North Buffalo Men's						
North Java						
One Day at a Time(ODAT)						
Open Arms						
Open Mind (Gay)		60.00		10.00		
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step						
Pass It On		10.00		5.00		
Patchin						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Positively Living II						
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress	50.00	100.00				
Purpose		172.00				
Rainbow		42.00		25.00		25.00
Ray of Hope		50.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I	50.00	100.00				
Renaissance II						
Renewal		100.00				
Restored to Sanity	25.00	75.00				
Ridge	10.00	40.00	10.00	40.00	10.00	40.00
Rise & Shine		10.00				
Rush Hour						
S.S. Sobriety						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Earlybird	20.00	40.00				



Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Saturday Nite Live						
Searching for Serenity	<b>20.00</b>	40.00				
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity	<b>60.00</b>	120.00				
Serenity Circle		30.00				
Sharing and Caring						
Sheridan	<b>10.00</b>	100.00		20.00		
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety and Beyond						
Sobriety (Men's Disc)						
Somerset						
South Buffalo		60.00		40.00		40.00
South Town	<b>25.00</b>	25.00				
Southgate		64.90				
Southtowns Women's	<b>10.00</b>	15.00	<b>10.00</b>	10.00	<b>10.00</b>	10.00
Southwestern		15.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress						
Springville		120.00				
Springville-no smoking		20.00				
St. Barnabas	<b>60.00</b>	110.00		50.00		
St. Mark's						
Stay Clean						
Step						
Stepping Stones						
Suburban		30.00				
Sunday Morning Bkft.	<b>150.00</b>	250.00	<b>75.00</b>	150.00	<b>50.00</b>	100.00
Sunday Niters	<b>20.00</b>	80.00		40.00	<b>10.00</b>	20.00
Sunday Third		30.00				
Sunrise Court						
SUNY-Amherst Campus		224.50				
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
TnT		200.00				
TGIF						
Thankful	<b>60.00</b>	110.00				
The Journey						
The Way		50.00				
Thruway	<b>458.00</b>	1358.00	<b>20.00</b>	80.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc						
Today						
Town Hall		100.00				
Tri-County		75.00				

Tuesday Men's Disc		30.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		50.00				
Turning Point						
Twin Cities		100.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity	<b>55.00</b>	115.00				
University	<b>160.00</b>	640.00			<b>25.00</b>	100.00
Urban						
V.I.P.						
Valley						
Varysburg	<b>10.00</b>	10.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa						
We Admitted	<b>5.00</b>	15.00	<b>5.00</b>	20.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	<b>30.00</b>	120.00	<b>10.00</b>	40.00	<b>20.00</b>	80.00
We Choose Life		66.00				
We Need You						
Wehrle		10.00				
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield		75.00				
Westminster						
WHY	<b>50.00</b>	50.00				
Williamsville						
Willing To Grow		15.00				
Wilson						
Women's Westside Disc.				25.00		25.00
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown				WkSp col & ref 65.79		<b>65.79</b>
Youth Gone Wild						
		<u>12430.61</u>	<b>330.00</b>	<u>1189.00</u>	<b>345.79</b>	<u>1033.79</u>
50 Groups-April '93	<b>2654.97</b>					
Last month accum.totals	<b>9775.64</b>		<b>859.00</b>		<b>688.00</b>	
Year-to-date totals	<b>12430.61</b>		<b>1189.00</b>		<b>1033.79</b>	