

April, 1994

Fables vs. Facts

Within the first five years of my sobriety, I took three incomplete inventories, three subjective fifth step confessions, and a lot of haphazard work with other alcoholics. That was the extent of my action. My experience with the regurgitation of rhetoric, and pointless, even harmful information about recovery, was extensive. I am in my seventh year of continuous sobriety, and over the last year I have rededicated myself to the unedited, undiluted instructions outlined within our text. Consequently, I began to receive spiritually operative ideas that were new to me, thereby expelling my old ideas. I was sober for half a decade, and clung to old ideas. Need I quote the line from "How It Works" that warns us about holding on to old ideas?

As I began to receive and apply the correct information about recovery from alcoholism contained in our text, I began to question that many standardized, universally accepted cliches, that have come to be regarded as scripture around the fellowship of AA, otherwise known as the "Fables of the Tables." Many of these fables contradict our basic text, and do the newcomer a disservice.

I believe the most blatantly contradicting cliché is "go to 90 meetings in 90 days." This is a clinical recommendation that has no affiliation with AA. Those of us that have recovered maintain the condition of our spirit daily, not 90 days at a time. Another cliché that I'm convinced is designed to kill is "this is a selfish program." Do you know anything else more giving than Alcoholics Anonymous? If AA was truly centered in self, wouldn't we be teaching newcomers to be manipulative and deceptive? Aren't the newcomers supposed to be taught kindness,

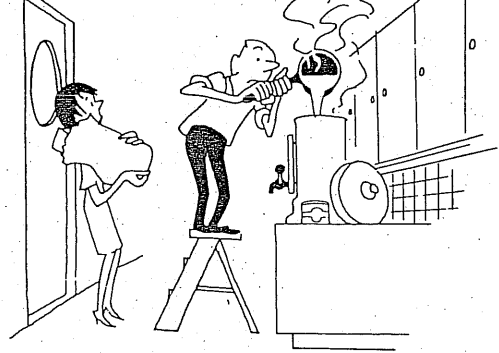
tolerance and usefulness? Wilson clearly states, "Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness, or it kills us. God makes that possible." (AA, p.62) I must say that to tell a newcomer to "say a prayer, go to a meeting, and don't drink" instructs him or her to use AA as if it were a self-help organization. I along with others who have recovered "work out our solution on the spiritual, as well as altruistic plane." (AA, xxiv)

Why not ask the newcomer if he would like to step into the sunlight, awaken their spirit, and enter the fourth dimension of existence? Why are we so reluctant to new, or renewed information that will assure this result? Why is there such resistance to the ideas, and instructions contained in our text that guarantees permanent recovery? If you haven't had this experience, why deny yourself any longer?

A fellow group member once told me that if the only spiritual tool you have is a hammer every problem appears to be a nail. Therefore, I was being dishonest with myself, and others by hiding behind these, and many other cliches. I used AA like it was a self-help program, and not like a solution to the malady of my spirit. I formerly professed collegiate results with having done kindergarten work. The relief obtained was temporary, and emotional from using AA as self-help, the release I was given is permanent and spiritual. Rather than tell the newcomer to keep coming back, I can promise the newcomer a spiritual awakening if they are willing to receive, apply, and deliver the one way message of AA. This message I must deliver, in order for me to retain my awakening (release). Would you like to keep coming back, or would you prefer to step into the sunlight and awaken your spirit?

Jasen M.
Abbott Men's

LET'S TALK CONVENTIONS



After reading the article "Lay It On the Line," published in March's "New Frontier," I would like to share an insider's view on conventions. In my years in AA I have been fortunate to be active in a lot of conventions, from the Northeast Regional in 1979, to NERAASA in 1994. My years in service have taught me how these conventions work, and how it is decided where they will be.

Buffalo is a part of Western New York. The state of New York is split into four sections. This is why the state convention comes to Western New York every four years. When it's our area's time to have it, it's taken to a different part of Western New York, which includes Niagara Falls, and Olean.

Plus figure it costs \$3,500.00 in coffee for the weekend, \$100.00 for music, not to count food for the hospitality room, which runs about \$300.00 to \$500.00, rent for the rooms, etc. Given the cost of the convention, where can a person go for a whole weekend, and share all the AA they want, have all the coffee they want, eat all the snacks they want, have two dances they can attend, for the price of \$13.00?

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All the conventions I have been a part of everyone knew about a least a year in advance. I agree the cost used to be less expensive, as we all know, everything is higher than it was a decade ago. But if our desire to learn about our fellowship is so great, then we should be responsible to put money aside once a week to go to an affair that will help us grow in AA. One thing I was taught early in sobriety was that I had to be responsible. We must remember AA is free to anyone that wants the AA message. This does not mean dances, food, and coffee.

My question is where are these people that feel hurt about conventions when the convention is being put together? The convention starts with about 12 people sitting in a room, and ends up with 500 to 1,200 people walking into a weekend of sharing. By the way, this takes a year, and hundreds of hours for everyone involved.

I have learned in AA that I can get dressed up without going out to a bar. I can take pride in myself today. We in AA try to carry the message to newcomers in every way. It says in our traditions, we have no dues or fees in AA. This means the AA message is free to anyone who has the desire not to drink. So I ask the newcomer to come to our conventions, and listen to the sharing. Don't drink the coffee, or eat the snacks. By all means, don't go to the dances. Furthermore, don't call Central Office for literature, (it might not be there for lack of support.) Don't order anything from GSO, it might not be there for lack of support. The list goes on and on.

We were enabled when we were drinking. Now that we are sober why should AA enable us? We should set our goals and reach them. There is a lot of work that goes into these functions, and those who do it will tell you it has helped their sobriety. I hope conventions go on and on. It is time people started paying their own way.

Janet N.
Common Problems

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APRIL 1994

NEW MEETING:

TWIN CITIES II - FRIDAY - 8:30PM - COLONEL PAYNE COMMUNITY CENTER-
WHEATFIELD ST (near Division) N TONAWANDA - NS - Open.
NORTH CAMPUS - MONDAY - 6PM - UB AMHERST - Student Activity Ctr, Rm 317.
EASIER, SOFTER WAY - WEDNESDAY - 9AM - OD - NS - 210 Franklin St.
NEVER TOO LATE - WEDNESDAY - 2:15PM -OD-NS-WC-New Alternatives, 1235 Main

MEETING CHANGES:

TWIN CITIES - MONDAY - 8:30PM - meeting place has change to Payne Avenue
Christian Church, 350 Wheatfield St, N Tonawanda.
GAY, LESBIAN, SOBER AND PROUD - SATURDAY - 10:30PM has moved to St Paul
and St Mark's United Church of Christ, 185 Niagara St - corner of West Huron.
UNITY - WEDNESDAY - 9:30AM - 10:30AM - time change - Sts. Peter & Paul
School, 5480 Main St, Williamsville. This is now a nonsmoking meeting.
No smoking allowed in the building at all.

PLEASE NOTE:

KEEP ON COMIN' - SUNDAY - 2PM - Pres Ch, 3150 Elmwood Av. 2 blocks north
of Sheridan Dr in Kenmore - needs support.

COMING EVENTS:

APRIL 3 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7PM
APRIL 1-2-3 - GSA SPRING CONVENTION - RADISSON HOTEL, 4243 GENESEE ST,
BUFFALO. REGISTRATION-\$10 REGISTRATION & DANCE - \$25 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
DANCE ONLY - \$3
APRIL 24 - SUNDAY - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - LEWPORT- NIAGARA MEDICAL
CTR., HOOKER AUD., 10TH AND PINE AV, NIAGARA FALLS, NY.
MAY 14 - SATURDAY - SPRINGVILLE TUESDAY NIGHT - is sponsoring its'
3RD ANNUAL SPRING DANCE, at St Al's Church Hall in Springville. Speaker at
7:30PM, dancing at 8:30 - 12:30. Tickets \$5.00. Buffet/bring a dish.
JUNE 17 - 19 - LONERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held in Akron,
Ohio at Akron University. For information write LIM Conference,
P O Box 360446, Columbus, Ohio, 43236

OCTOBER 28, 29, 30 - 53RD BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION - MARRIOTT HOTEL

If you'd like to go but feel you can't afford it - Could you put aside \$1.25
a week for the Registration/Dance or \$.35 a week for Registration for the
coming 30 weeks? Call or come to the Central Office and we'll set you up
with a working plan. Groups wanting to get whole tables (10 at a table) can
start by putting a deposit down. We hope to have a floor plan soon for you to
pick you own seating arrangements. Questions about any of these arranges
should be referred to Delphine

4TH MONTH - 4TH STEP
COURSELVES. "

"MADE A SEARCHING AND FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY OF

4TH MONTH - 4TH TRADITION
AFFECTING OTHER GROUPS OR A.A. AS A WHOLE. "

"EACH GROUP SHOULD BE AUTONOMOUS EXCEPT IN MATTERS

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A. -- DELPHINE

The Seventh Tradition

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Bill W., and Dr. Bob knew that if the fellowship was to get off the ground, they needed financing. So they decided to write a book about AA, but where would they get the money for paper and printing?

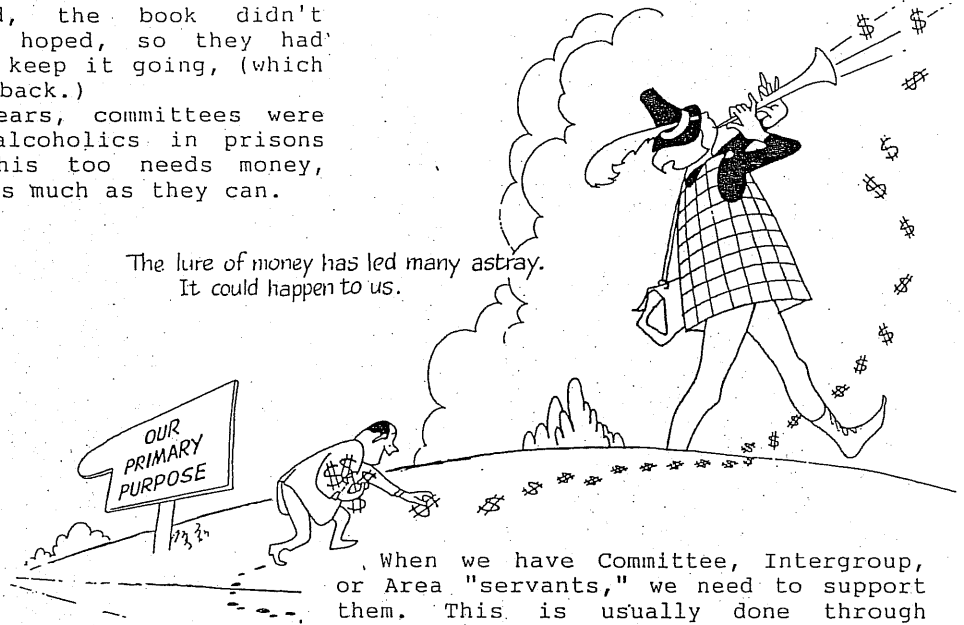
Possibly the Rockefellers would help. They finally did get \$5,000.00 from them to start the Big Book in February, 1938.

Once published, the book didn't sell as fast as hoped, so they had to sell shares to keep it going, (which they later bought back.)

Through the years, committees were formed to help alcoholics in prisons and hospitals. This too needs money, and groups help as much as they can.

"Passing the basket" at meetings is our way of meeting our responsibility for the work of A.A. Our own contributions support the group, the General Service Office, and all A.A. activities

The lure of money has led many astray. It could happen to us.



When we have Committee, Intergroup, or Area "servants," we need to support them. This is usually done through the 7th Tradition. Somewhere along the line, a dollar was put in the basket, and it seems to have stayed that way many years now. With inflation the way it is, could we even get a good taste of booze for a buck now? Maybe we need to think about what we spent to try to kill ourselves, and what we spend to stay alive and sober.

Times have changed. AA now has thousands of members whose combined earnings amount to millions of dollars. Let's no longer be takers, but givers. We are no longer helpless practicing alcoholics. Neither are most of us penniless. We can and should pay our own way.

Bill Wilson once said the only place spirituality and money would mix was in the hat.

Gearý D.
Peoria, Az.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS "PICTURE"...

	1960	1970	1980	1990
COFFEE	\$.05	\$.15	\$.35	\$.50
SODA POP	.10	.20	.35	.50
GASOLINE	.22	.35	.90	1.10
CIGARETTES	.25	.65	1.40	2.00
INFLATION	1.00	--	--	4.15
A.A. BASKET	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

... A DOLLAR DOESN'T DO IT.

I AM RESPONSIBLE...
WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP.
I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE THERE,
AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.



Carrie

My name is Carie, and I'm an alcoholic. With the Grace of God, as I understand God, AA saved my life six and a half years ago. I began to carry the message of AA into hospitals, on and off, for about five of those years. I did it for the same reason Bill Wilson sought out Dr. Bob: to help myself stay sober. Our Big Book says it all, "practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail."

It is my greatest hope that I will say something to insure someone else's recovery. However, the bottom line is that I stay sober myself when I share my experience, strength and hope. Carrying the message into hospitals takes me completely out of myself, something this alcoholic definitely needs. I have selfish, self-centered tendencies. This kind of 12 step work obliterates this at least for that hour or so.

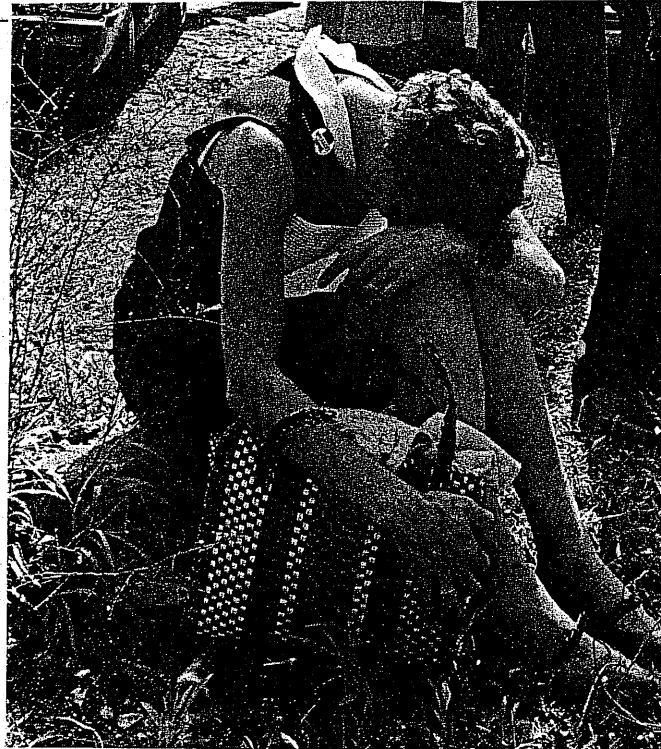
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One thing I have noticed is the lack of women doing this kind of 12-stepping. There are alot of women in hospitals that need us. I encourage my recovering women friends to come and give back some of what they have received. When I think back to all the wonderful sober women that carried me through my sobriety, it fills me with gratitude. Where would I have been without them? Probably dead!

I need the new women today as much as I need the women that are far ahead of me on this spiritual path. I don't ever want to forget where I came from. New women jolt my memories, things I would soon blot out if given enough time. The women walking ahead of me pull me along and show me how to become all that I can in God's presence.

Bill Wilson had to search out Dr. Bob. We can practice the 12th step anytime we need to. Just take action and visit a local hospital.

Carrie
TFC Committee



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Alcoholics Anonymous

Not a Cafeteria Style Recovery

In 1938, Bill W. was filled with reservations concerning a manuscript entitled "Alcoholics Anonymous." He sent it to alcoholics in the Oxford Movement encouraging them to read it, change it, do whatever they wanted to it. Based on the Oxford Movement's six tenants, "How It Works" was drafted around that time. Sent back and forth to Akron, it was never accepted the way Bill wrote it.

Pressure from more liberal factions in the fellowship led to changing the word "directions" to "suggestions," and substituting the collective pronoun "we" for the more confrontational second person pronoun "you," among more obvious deletions. Step Seven in Bill's original used to read, "Humbly, on our knees...holding nothing back." "How It Works" ends assertively with, "if you are not convinced on these vital issues, you ought to reread the book to this point, or else throw it away." These changes reduce the thrust of Bill's original manuscript, which goes to great lengths to detail a program that must be precisely followed if recovery is to occur. The liberals in AA desired to appeal to the alcoholic personality which is essentially defiant in nature, but because the language is softened, someone reading "How It Works" might get the idea that they don't have to do anything to get well. What those people don't consider is that the first alcoholics who wrote the book, already did the steps, and their experiences are the "directions" an alcoholic must take if one is to recover.

"Alcoholics Anonymous is not a cafeteria style program where we can help ourselves to only those things we choose, and leave the rest."

A lot of things changed from the First Printing to the Second Printing, when Bill W., and the first hundred recovered alcoholics turned the Big Book over to GSA. If you have access to the original First Printing, over 2,000 words have been changed in the first 164 pages that comprise our 3rd Edition, (189 pages in the First Edition, merely a difference in pagination.)

An Original Big Book - 1st Printing - 1st Edition

Market value of a First Edition, Sixteenth Printing, circa 1951, varies from \$450 to \$750, depending on its condition. The Big Book is no mere collectable to me. It's a guide in my life that has opened up possibilities I never dreamed attainable. I don't have the power to change myself, but God has the power to change me. With this change I live one day at a time. I have the love of my family today, a family I deeply harmed with my drinking. Today I can be with my grandson, that would have never been possible if I still continued to drink.

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A common expression around the fellowship to newcomers is "take what you need, and leave the rest on the shelf." Nothing could be further from the truth regarding the spirit of the Big Book. Alcoholics Anonymous is not a cafeteria style program where we can help ourselves to only those things we choose, and leave the rest. It's a program of recovery, which is explicitly laid out, not a trivial pursuit guided by my every whim and fancy. No, I take the program very seriously. Consider this, if drinking was the problem, jails and institutions would be turning out recovered people, but they're not. They're turning out dry people. Therefore, drinking is but a symptom. A careful reading of the Big Book will reveal that.

Provided you are a genuine alcoholic, working these steps to the best of your ability will bring about a quality of life beyond your wildest dreams. Had it not been for the Big Book, and AA I would never have traveled the distances I have, or had the chance to know the people who are very dear in my life. I am thoroughly grateful it has been given so freely to me.

Paul R.
Freedom Group

HOW IT WORKS

rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our directions. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being honest with themselves. There are such unfortunates. They are not at fault; they seem to have been born that way. They are naturally incapable of grasping and developing a way of life which demands rigorous honesty. Their chances are less than average. There are those, too, who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders, but many of them do recover if they have the capacity to be honest.

Our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now. If you have decided you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it — then you are ready to follow directions.

At some of these we may balk. You may think you can find an easier, softer way. We doubt if you can. With all the earnestness at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start. Some of us have tried to hold on to our old ideas and the result was nil until we let go absolutely.

Remember that you are dealing with alcohol — cunning, baffling, powerful! Without help it is too much for you. But there is one who has all power — That one is God. You must find Him now.

Half measures will avail you nothing. You stand at the turning point. Throw yourself under His protection and care with complete abandon.

Now we think you can take it! Here are the steps we took which are suggested as your program of recovery:

1. Admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care and direction of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely willing that God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly, on our knees, asked Him to remove our shortcomings holding nothing back.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make complete amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so we would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual experience as the result of this course of action, we tried to carry this message to others, especially alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

You may exclaim "What an order! I can't go through with it". Do not be discouraged. No one among us has been able to maintain anything like perfect adherence to these principles. We are not saints. The point is, that we are willing to grow along spiritual lines. The principles we have set down are guides to progress. We claim spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection.

Our description of the alcoholic, the chapter to the agnostic, and our personal adventures before and after, have been designed to sell you three perfect ideas:

- (A) That you are an alcoholic and cannot manage your own life.
- (B) That probably no human power can relieve your alcoholism.
- (C) That God can and will.

If you are not convinced on these vital issues, you ought to re-read the book to this point, or else throw it away.

The only time a relapse has any importance is after you've had it. Relapse is not a requirement in the fellowship of AA.

Simplicity is the key to any success in the fellowship of AA, one day at a time. There is no graduation day of sorts for alcoholics. Alcoholism is a progressive, incurable disease!

Being drunk, to us, was the great healer, offering comfort to the lonely and the ever elusive promise of friendship, and love from our drinking friends. A sort of Christian act of communion.

We cannot practice the 12 suggested steps of recovery occasionally, it is a lifetime job, practiced daily. We cannot treat our illness as a detached observer.

Recovery/Relapse

When we return to the world of the drinking alcoholic, we not only have to accept what's in the glass or bottle, but everything else that goes with it, the pain, remorse, self-pity, loss of family, friends, and quite possibly, our lives.

Maybe, we might not return. There is only one guarantee on a relapse, it will get worse. These are facts out of our experience.

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Chapter 5, "How It Works," "Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program..." (AA, p.58)

"How It Works" ends with three pertinent ideas:

"(a) That we were alcoholic and could not manage our lives.

"(b) That probably no human power could have relieved our alcoholism.

"(c) That God could and would, if he were sought."

If he were sought, a big, powerful "if." We sought God's help for everything accept relieving our alcoholism. "Please God, get my job back." "Keep me out of jail." "Get my wife back." And probably the most common of all, "get me out of this mess, and I'll never do it again." These are all meaningless requests.

Recovery: Acceptance of our disease, regular attendance at meetings, gratitude for the gift of sobriety.

Relapse: Maybe I'm not one of them, attend meetings when it's convenient, or required.

Recovery: Our way didn't work, we needed help, meetings, meetings, meetings, search for spirituality, our Higher Power.

Relapse: We can handle this problem ourselves, we always did!

Step Three states: "Made a decision to turn our will and lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him." We cannot do it alone.

Relapse doesn't just happen, it's a predetermined resolution to drink. The physical compulsion to drink leaves us, eventually, the mental obsession remains.

When we embrace AA, as our only means of recovery, we are no longer alone. Life doesn't get easier without alcohol. We simply live it with more clarity, one day at a time.

John H.
Matt Talbot

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Remembering Our Friends



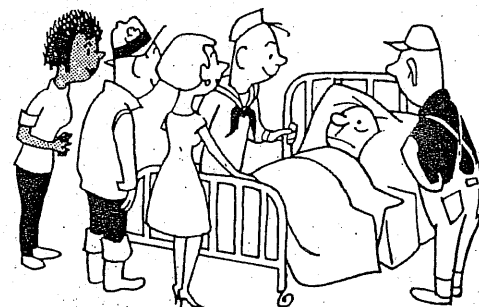
It's with great sadness that AA in Western New York marks the passing of two of its most trusted servants, Harvey S., of Honesty Group, and Burr E., of Sunday Nighters Group.

Harvey S. was to celebrate eighteen years of continuous sobriety this month. A dedicated service worker, he is best known for his acts of kindness to those in rehabs, jails and institutions, carrying AA's message with pamphlets, or with his simple, quiet manner.

Burr E. maintained his job with the envelope system for many years, even going to groups to speak in its behalf. The week of Burr's death, he presented a talk on the envelope system to Amherst-Snyder Group. A few days later, he passed away.

"New Frontiers" wishes to acknowledge these two men for their unselfish work.

Lonnie S., who frequented many west side meetings, Emergency, Cornplanters, Never Walk Alone Groups, is ill, and at Millard Fillmore Hospital, 9th Floor, Room #955. He'd appreciate visitors, or call 887-5900.



Tom McM., Chapter 9 Group, fell and broke his hip and wrist. He can not drive yet. He's at home waiting to have physical therapy. Give him a call at 693-4136.

Do you have any AA news? Someone close to you sick, in the hospital, or has passed away? Please submit this information to "New Frontiers" before May 10th.

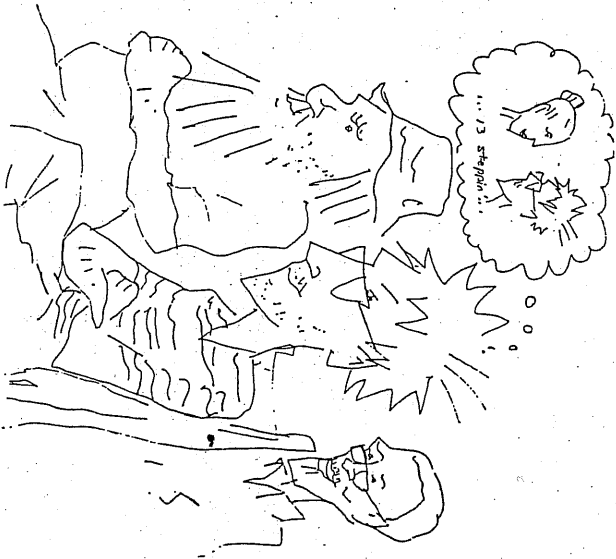
At the time of this printing, Weds., March 30th, Lonnie S. passed away.



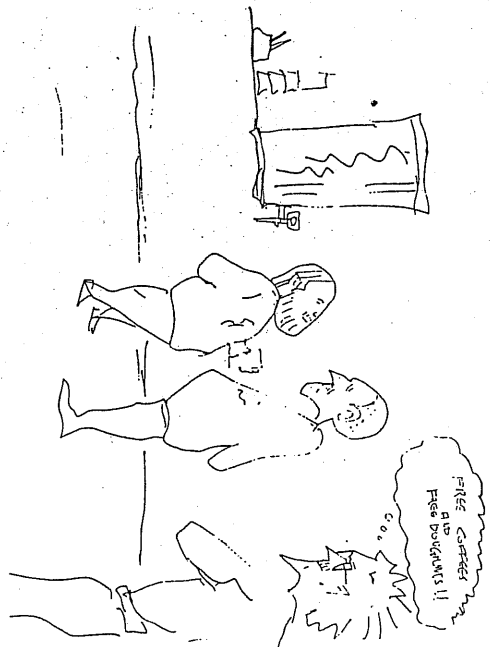
The Ray-Lapse (Relapse) Story



...Practice the steps...



...Ray-Lapse at a speaker meeting...



...Ray-Lapse at his first AA Meeting...



...Ray-Lapse bottoming out...

Cartoons By Mike M.
The Journey Group

Contempt. Pride
to Investigation

I have often been amazed at the level of my personal resistance to change. The inability to even consider my position on things once I have attained a level of success. I believe the challenge of examining my beliefs, in favor of a new and possibly better experience, is a further surrender to spiritual principles.

"How quickly I want to try self-help, discounting the solution available to me in AA, God's help."

In the face of difficulties in my personal life, how quickly I embraced the ideas of contemporary psychotherapy, and other support mechanisms outside the scope of the spiritual. At the same time agreeing that the medicine available in AA, the Twelve Steps, "while not intellectually hard to swallow...seemed pretty drastic." How quickly I want to try self-help, discounting the solution available to me in AA, God's help. How quickly I want to reinterpret that solution, to dilute it to be less drastic and demanding. How quickly I want to think that the only amends I need to make is to stay dry. How dry do I need to get before I become willing to go to any length to find freedom, instead of relief?

Shawn C.
Abbott Men's



In The Name Of...

Being free from the bondage of alcohol, and giving respect to God, as we understood Him, I find absence of pride, and recognition for His gift, can better serve as His will for me. The allergy we suffer from is health threatening, and a fatal one. "Without help it is too much for us." (AA, p.59)

No doubt about it, a drink for us becomes known as a lethal toxin. We "have a disease, and it doesn't make any difference how long you (we) do without it." (AA, pp.187-8) The illness accompanying our allergy, throughout withdrawal, is magically lifted, a day at a time, when "we ask His protection and care with complete abandon." (AA, p.59)

"Any true alcoholic knows 'recovering alcoholic' is an oxymoron, knowing full well his or her allergy is alcohol-'ism,' not alcohol-'wasm.'"

Realizing we've obtained sobriety, we are now recovered. Certainly sobriety wasn't granted for naught, I am responsible to carry the message. I should strengthen my unity in the fellowship, and identify, not compare. "Recovered Alcoholic" is a self-titled limiting adjective. What! I no longer need to be humbled before I share at a meeting? Any true alcoholic knows "recovered alcoholic" is an oxymoron, knowing full well his or her allergy is alcohol-"ism," not alcohol-"wasm."

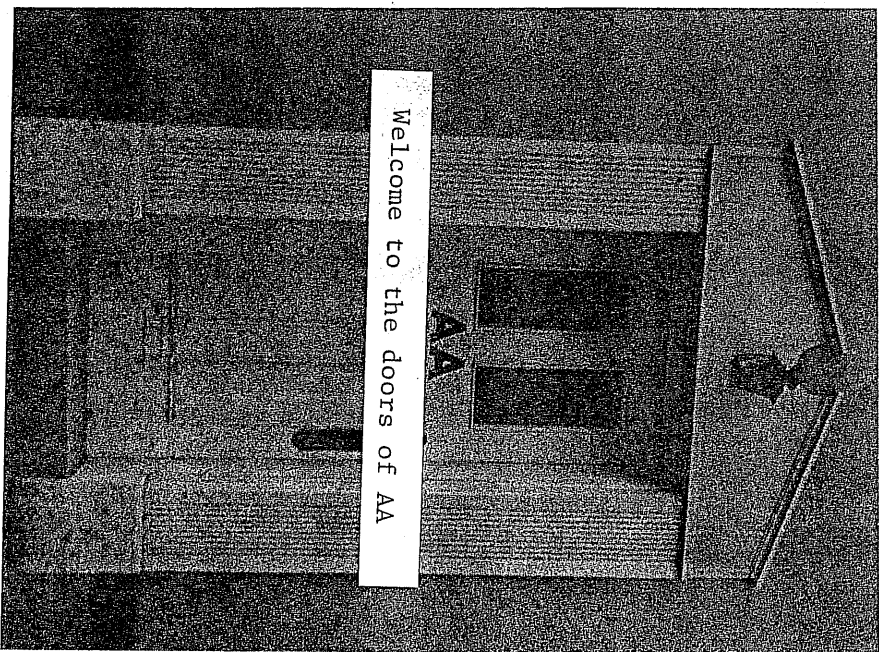
I find to stay green is to grow limitless. We know of no better way than to communicate, with unity and anonymity, as we convey our message through our own experience, strength, and hope.

Mark S.
Patchin'



Anniversaries April

<u>Amherst-Snyder</u>			
Joe V.	3 mo.	Ron D.	6 yrs.
Here	6 mo.	Lue J.	11 yrs.
<u>Eye Opener</u>			
Rick A.	3 mo.	Michelle L.	3 mo.
Micron W.	6 mo.	Katie O.	6 mo.
Greg K.	9 mo.	Karen S.	6 mo.
Jeff R.	1 yr.	Bill B.	6 mo.
Michelle G.	3 yrs.	Judy A.	9 mo.
eva H.	3 yrs.	Dan	9 mo.
Susan H.	4 yrs.	Bill K.	9 mo.
Chris T.	5 yrs.	Jay W.	1 yr.
Colleen M.	7 yrs.	Terry F.	1 yr.
Pat B.	7 yrs.	Dave C.	1 yr.
Red S.	9 yrs.	David G.	1 yr.
Pat B.	9 yrs.	Anthony R.	1 yr.
Edward P.	9 yrs.	Paul D.	1 yr.
Marlin M.	13 yrs.	Hank B.	1 yr.
Rita F.	20 yrs.	Make	1 yr.
<u>Castling</u>			
Thomas D.	4 yrs.	Karen S.	1 yr.
John A.	5 yrs.	Rileen O.	2 yrs.
Archle O.	6 yrs.	Ron H.	2 yrs.
ephne N.	7 yrs.	Patrick D.	3 yrs.
Albert M.	7 yrs.	Carol D.	3 yrs.
Belores R.	12 yrs.	Dan V.	3 yrs.
John S.	15 yrs.	Bill F.	3 yrs.
Sob P.	17 yrs.	Dan S.	4 yrs.
Kenny C.	21 yrs.	Marsha P.	4 yrs.
Reddie J.	23 yrs.	Suzzana	5 yrs.
Delvin P.	23 yrs.	Ralph M.	5 yrs.
<u>Cazanovia</u>			
Howard V.	6 yrs.	Ted J.	6 yrs.
Carrie C.	3 mo.	Pat W.	6 yrs.
Mary B.	3 mo.	Nick J.	7 yrs.
Leon J.	9 mo.	Doug B.	7 yrs.
Peter L.	9 mo.	Chuck D.	18 yrs.
Sharon N.	4 yrs.	<u>Honesty</u>	
<u>Cold Springs</u>			
Ann E.	3 mo.	Chuck K.	3 yrs.
Mark M.	3 mo.	Mark S.	9 yrs.
Marcus C.	9 mo.	Larry B.	12 yrs.
Damon D.	1 yr.	Harvey S.	18 yrs.
Mary S.	2 yrs.	<u>Iron Horse</u>	
William H.	2 yrs.	Rich M.	3 mo.
Johnny M.	3 yrs.	Bill H.	6 mo.
Trene F.	3 yrs.	Bob S.	6 mo.
Kimberly C.	3 yrs.	Dave S.	6 mo.
Anthony B.	4 yrs.	Jeff H.	6 mo.
Jean W.	4 yrs.	Jim G.	6 mo.
Willie J.	5 yrs.	Tom T.	9 mo.
Robin L.	5 yrs.	Jose A.	9 mo.
		Al N.	9 mo.
		Scotty S.	10 yrs.
<u>Happy Hour</u>			
Patrina S.	3 mo.	<u>North Buffalo</u>	
Willene F.	3 mo.	James S.	1 yr.
Ray W.	3 mo.	George H.	1 yr.
Darrell D.	3 mo.	Heather C.	1 yr.
Robert C.	3 mo.	Michael C.	3 yrs.
Edie C.	6 mo.	Carol O.	5 yrs.
Paul F.	6 mo.	Jim T.	6 yrs.
Stan R.	6 mo.	Mauren H.	8 yrs.
Yvonne W.	6 mo.	James M.	11 yrs.
Andrea T.	6 mo.	<u>Seneca 12 & 12</u>	
William C.	9 mo.	Rich M.	3 mo.
Shaun A.	9 mo.	Al O.	3 mo.
Loretta D.	9 mo.	Sharon N.	4 yrs.
Jack G.	9 mo.	<u>Sheridan</u>	
Doug G.	9 mo.	Pete R.	3 yrs.
Terry L.	1 yr.	Mark S.	9 yrs.
Harold W.	1 yr.	<u>Thruway</u>	
John G.	2 yrs.	John R.	3 mo.
Andrea S.	2 yrs.	Joel S.	9 mo.
Brenda P.	3 yrs.	John D.	1 yr.
Jim E.	3 yrs.	Scott S.	2 yrs.
Patricia F.	4 yrs.	Connie R.	5 yrs.
David M.	4 yrs.	Pat C.	8 yrs.
Patricia	4 yrs.	Ed P.	9 yrs.
Gloria H.	4 yrs.	Bryant G.	9 yrs.
Clay N.	4 yrs.	Paul S.	9 yrs.
Greg H.	5 yrs.	Pat R.	9 yrs.
Walter W.	5 yrs.	Denny D.	11 yrs.
Carmen G.	5 yrs.	Bo N.	13 yrs.
Patrick H.	8 yrs.	Bill C.	14 yrs.
			16 yrs.
<u>We Care</u>			
Michelle S.	3 mo.	<u>Why</u>	
Beth C.	6 mo.	Mark L.	6 yrs.
Mike A.	2 yrs.	Pat C.	7 yrs.
Nita B.	8 yrs.	Joe V.	8 yrs.
Elmer M.	14 yrs.	Bob C.	9 yrs.
		Pete B.	11 yrs.
		Jerry S.	19 yrs.
		Tom S.	24 yrs.
<u>North Buffalo</u>			
James S.	1 yr.	<u>AA</u>	
George H.	1 yr.	Welcome to the doors of AA	
Heather C.	1 yr.		



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APRIL 1994

NEW MEETING:

TWIN CITIES II - FRIDAY - 8:30PM - COLONEL PAYNE COMMUNITY CENTER-
WHEATFIELD ST (near Division) N TONAWANDA - NS - Open.
NORTH CAMPUS - MONDAY - 6PM - UB AMHERST - Student Activity Ctr, Rm 317.
EASIER, SOFTER WAY - WEDNESDAY - 9AM - OD - NS - 210 Franklin St.
NEVER TOO LATE - WEDNESDAY - 2:15PM - OD-NS-WC-New Alternatives, 1235 Main

MEETING CHANGES:

TWIN CITIES - MONDAY - 8:30PM - meeting place has change to Payne Avenue
Christian Church, 350 Wheatfield St, N Tonawanda.
GAY, LESBIAN, SOBER AND PROUD - SATURDAY - 10:30PM has moved to St Paul
and St Mark's United Church of Christ, 185 Niagara St - corner of West Huron.
UNITY - WEDNESDAY - 9:30AM - 10:30AM - time change - Sts. Peter & Paul
School, 5480 Main St, Williamsville. This is now a nonsmoking meeting.
No smoking allowed in the building at all.

PLEASE NOTE:

KEEP ON COMIN' - SUNDAY - 2PM - Pres Ch, 3150 Elmwood Av. 2 blocks north
of Sheridan Dr in Kenmore - needs support.

COMING EVENTS:

APRIL 3 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7PM
APRIL 1-2-3 - GSA SPRING CONVENTION - RADISSON HOTEL, 4243 GENESEE ST,
BUFFALO. REGISTRATION-\$10 REGISTRATION & DANCE - \$25 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
DANCE ONLY - \$3.
APRIL 24 - SUNDAY - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - LEWPORT- NIAGARA MEDICAL
CTR., HOOKER AUD., 10TH AND PINE AV, NIAGARA FALLS, NY.
MAY 14 - SATURDAY - SPRINGVILLE TUESDAY NIGHT - is sponsoring its'
3RD ANNUAL SPRING DANCE, at St Al's Church Hall in Springville. Speaker at
7:30PM, dancing at 8:30 - 12:30. Tickets \$5.00. Buffet/bring a dish.
JUNE 17 - 19 - LONERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held in Akron,
Ohio at Akron University. For information write LIM Conference,
P O Box 360446, Columbus, Ohio, 43236

OCTOBER 28, 29, 30 - 53RD BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION - MARRIOTT HOTEL

If you'd like to go but feel you can't afford it - Could you put aside \$1.25
a week for the Registration/Dance or \$.35 a week for Registration for the
coming 30 weeks? Call or come to the Central Office and we'll set you up
with a working plan. Groups wanting to get whole tables (10 at a table) can
start by putting a deposit down. We hope to have a floor plan soon for you to
pick you own seating arrangements. Questions about any of these arranges
should be referred to Delphine

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."

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A. -- DELPHINE

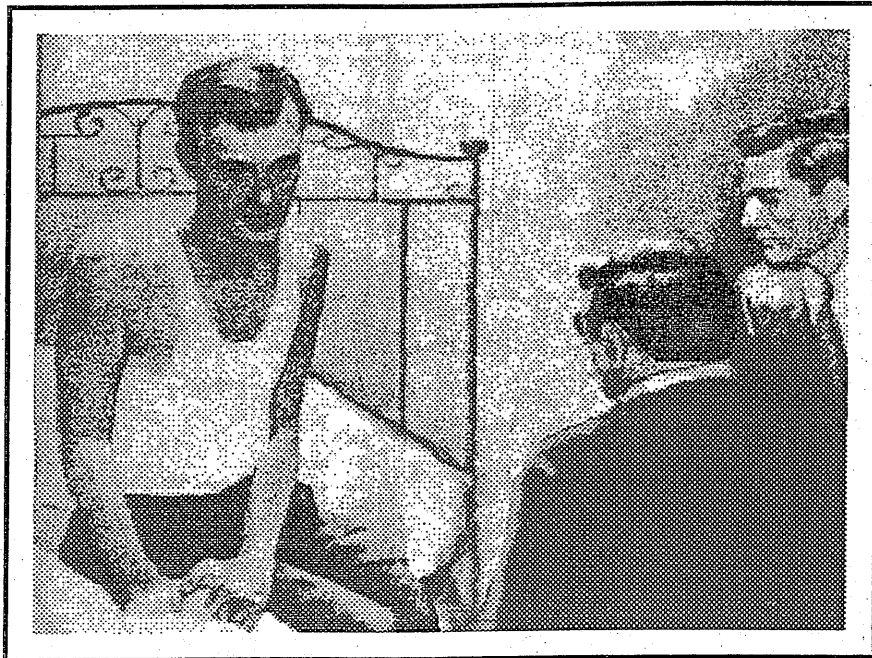
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	<u>AA/Al-anon</u>	<u>Alateen</u>
Registration	\$10.00	\$3.00
Registration Banquet	\$35.00	\$25.00

For Registration and Hotel Information

Write to: Chairman

P.O. Box 237

Buffalo, N.Y. 14240-0237

The meeting was opened by Ralph P at 7:15PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The readings were dispensed with, being that no one was there who had the notes. This motion was made by Pat C, Sunday Niters, and seconded by Ron S of the Cazenovia Group.

27 GROUPS--Dist#1-Delaware Disc, Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud, Rise & Shine, Sunday Niters, The Journey **Dist#2, Dist#3** Abbott Men's, Abbott Women's, Cazenovia, Ellicott, Inner City, Iron Horse, Higher Powered, Lovejoy, Powerless, Seneca 12&12, South Buffalo, Southgate, Urban-**Dist#4**-Action, **Dist#5, Dist#6, Dist#7** Amherst Snyder, Cold Springs, Kensington Disc, North Buffalo, VIP **Dist#8** Common Problem, Lighten up, Sunday Morning Bkft.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: IN NEED OF CHAIRMAN

RE-DISTRICTING MEETING - MARCH 15. Present were Delphine H, Jerome D and Margaret H. Because of the small turn out, the situation was briefly discussed. Nothing definitely could be done.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 29, 1994

The meeting was opened at 6:15PM with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Delphine H, Al C-Dist#8 and Sonny J-Dist#3. The meetings adjenda was gone over but nothing was reported because of the small attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Jerome D - as attached

TREATMENT FACILITIES - no report

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Frank M. - Chairman Larry S - Co-Chairman

1. Mixed case of books went to Sally M for the Women's Group in Wende Correctional Facility. This meeting is every Wednesday night at 8PM at the Erie County Facility on Walden Ave. They are in need of help. Call Sally M at 695-8280 or Donna at 685-6214.
2. Money for corrections please earmark for "Corrections" so it doesn't get lost in the shuffle.
3. We'd like to welcome aboard Ron S who has agreed to help out Al C at Collins I. His help is greatly appreciated and needed. You can call Ron at 897-3439 for more information on meetings.
4. Lakeview Shock, also, has a new sponsor, Tom D who is helping out. They also need more help. Phone Tom at 592-2731 for meeting times and days.
5. The giving of yourself is the best present an inmate could ever hope for in the AA program. In my case one more blackout might have put me inside. In the prisoners case, as in ours, booze told me what I was going to do that day. Every time I get to a prison, when I see the inmates, it's like looking into a mirror. "But for the Grace of God". Please help us help them.

SCREENERS: No report.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H

AA information	392	12 Step	6
FIC	2	literature requests	135
CPC	4	Refer to other agencies	35
Alanon	35	Refer from other agencies	70
Alateen		<i>Central office</i>	
ACOA	10	Outgoing calls	54
Answering Service		Mail costs	\$293.02

NEW FRONTIER: no report

FALL CONVENTION '94 - no report

COURTESY REPORTS:

GENERAL SERVICE DELEGATE: SHAWN D'L

Introduced herself and explained the on coming 44TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, which take place in New York City during the month of April.

She presented three key topics that may come to a vote.

1. Should Central Offices become a part of the Conference once again to offer as a guide the prevention of the duplication of services. There was an unanimous vote based on Concept #3 of World Services. There was a motion for Shawn to take with her our unanimous preference to have the Conference wait a year, so more information can be formulated before the vote to put this into policy.
2. Grapevine subscriptions are down
3. Vigilance to service and traditions for survival of Alcoholics Anonymous.

CPC REPORT - ART B: CHAIRMAN - attached

RECAP - NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

It was motioned that Shawn D return to Central Committee after the Conference

It was moved and seconded to close the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina F, Acting Secretary

CPC *ooperation with the Professional Community*

Alcoholics Anonymous - Rm. 845 Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo, New York 14203 - (716) 853-0498

March 12, 1994

To: GSA, Area 50 and NERAASA 1994 CPC Roundtable attendees
From: Arthur P B Moderator
Subject: CPC Roundtable Report
Copies to: Joanne McC., Elvester McR., Buffalo Intergroup
Attach.: Personal Contact Information

Introduction:

This report contains the summary given to the convention on Sunday February 26th plus "The Rest of The Story." Many thanks to our Recorders - Harvey M. CPC Chair, Area 48 - Albany, NY, Nancy R. Area 30 CPC District Chair - Quincy, MA.

Overview:

There were Fourteen attendees over two days at our Roundtable. Meetings commenced with introductions followed by sharing of personal contact information. The general feeling was that we covered much ground but could have used more time. A needs and leads overtone prevailed. We missed out on some of the detailed experience that could have been exchanged with more time, yet we did manage to answer all questions that were posed.

Friday Roundtable:

We established a goal to select four topics to discuss in depth at Saturdays Session. A format fell out of this selection process which permitted each attendee to share for six minutes followed by two minutes as we went around the Table twice. A recap gave us all another minute as we targeted the next days Topics. Thus we agreed to focus on the following agenda items Saturday:

- ♥ Communication with Professionals
- ♥ Methods CPC work may employ
- ♥ Attracting Volunteers
- ♥ Difficulties

An agenda (Saturday's) was published after the meeting and set out at the CPC display for pickup.

Saturday:

Each topic was discussed for twenty minutes. We had the opportunity to go around the table three times and enough information was shared to help us all in some way. We reviewed our notes in preparation for Sundays Report.

Scope

Its really beyond the intention of this report to address the details of everything we discussed but appropriate to list the topics here:

Direct calls	Direct mail	Presentations
Workshops	Workbook	Communicating professionally
Recruiting	Two hatters	Professional courtesies
Urban vs rural work	Business cards	Stationary
Conduct	Image	Cooperation between committees
Displays	Advertising	Where to find prospects
"Hope"	"RAP"	Finding daytime help

The message concerning other areas strategies that have been discussed recently in our own committee meetings concern the wisdom of elevating our level of communication to professionals. It was good to here that other areas use letterhead, business cards, advertising, and other media to carry the message in a manner that professionals are accustomed to.

Prospecting:

Among the many sources of leads that were discussed the following list was compiled to help all of the attendees find a comfort zone to work in:

Bar associations	Law enforcement	Judicial system
Probation officers	Accounting agencies	Colleges
Attorneys	Doctors	Public school staffs
Medical students	Nursing associations	Public health agencies
EAP's	Unions	Minority associations
Corporate business managers	District attorney associations	Alcoholism counselors

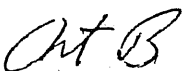
Centering around these areas we discussed things such as the best way to contact e.g. Its probably best to send a Doctors office a letter with some literature since it is so difficult to make personal contact. Where as a letter followed up with a telephone call may give the best results when attempting to carry the message through agencies with large staffs.

In Closing

A special thanks to all the participants attendees who traveled so far to share there experience at the CPC Roundtable I will be forever grateful for the opportunity you gave me to stay sober another day. The following will obtain a copy of this report along with personal contact information:

Ray S., Kevin J., Virginia F., Nancy R., Linda O., Quey H., Cedric M., Jack B., Harvey M., Kathy B., Lou D., June K., Ginger F., Archie S.

Yours in service,



Art B
CPC chair - Area 50

GROUP	Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	APRIL '94	Accum	APRIL '94	Accum
1st Step				
3rd Step				
6th Step				
A Day At A Time				
Abbott Mens Discussion				
Acceptance				
Achievement				
Action				
Age Doesn't Matter				
Albion				
Alexander				
All Women				
Amherst Tree of Life	109.00	109.00		
Amherst Snyder				
Armsdell Lakeshore				
Any Age				
Arcade				
As Bill Sees It				
Attitude Adjustment				
Attraction		100.00		
Awakening				
Beginner's Table				
Beginning in Sobriety I				
Beginning in Sobriety II				
Beginnings-Women's	33.00	66.00	34.00	68.00
Better Days (Bilingual)				
Bidwell				
Bidwell Monday Disc				
Big Book	25.00	25.00		
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)				
Big Book Workshop				
Blasdell				
Blasdell Monday Night		10.00	10.00	10.00
Blissfully Sober				
Boulevard Women's				
Brass	20.00	40.00		
Broadway-Bailey		25.00		
Brocton Discussion				
But for the Grace of God	40.00	81.50	33.00	33.00
By The Book-Buffalo				

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs		
	pp. 2	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.
Came To Believe			43.00				25.00
Campus (Buffalo State College)							
Casting			40.00				
Cathedral Park	24.50		85.85				
Caz Manor							
Cazenovia							
Central Park			20.00				
Chapter IX	40.00		40.00	40.00	40.00		
Cheektowaga			50.00				
Chevy #1							
Clarence Men's Disc II							
Clarence Men's Discsion			400.00				
Cold Springs					25.00		
Common Problem			50.00				
Community Center					25.00		
Cornplanters Again							
Courage							
Delaware Discussion							
Derby							
Desire							
DeVeaux Discussion							
DownTown Discussion							
DownTown Men's Discussion.							
Dunkirk							
Early Bird							
Earlybird - Saturday							
East Amherst							
East Aurora	40.00		160.00			10.00	40.00
Easy Does It							
Eden-North Collins							
Ellicott			25.00				
Ellicottville							
Emergency							
Eternal Vigilance							
Everybody's	40.00		40.00				
Eye Opener	50.00		220.00				
Face to Face (women's)							
Faith							
Faith in Action							
Father Baker							

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctr	
	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.
pg.3						
Feelings						
Fireside	151.00	520.00		50.00	25.00	100.00
Fireside P.M.	200.00	200.00				
First Things First						
First Ward						
Fredoma Discussion						
Freedom	25.00	100.00		75.00		75.00
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Discussion						
Friday Noon Meeting						
Friday Step Beginners						
Friendly						
Friendship						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gah Nee Goin Geh (Of the Mind)						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Giving	25.00	25.00				
Golden Slipper						
Good Life						
Grand		30.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful						
Guiding Light		50.00				
H.A.N.D.		325.00				
H.O.W.						
Half & Half		25.00				
Hamburg						
Hamburg Big Book		20.00				
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Harmony	10.00	40.00				
Helping Hand		40.00				
High Noon						
High View						
Higher Powered						
Hilly Billy		60.00		20.00		20.00
Holiday Village		232.35				
Honest Desire						

GROUP	Correctional Facility		Treatment Ctr	
	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.
pg. 4				
Honesty	30.00	120.00	10.00	40.00
Hora de Reflección (Spanish)				
How It Works	30.00	30.00		
Humbly Willing				
Ignatia		10.00		
Inner City				
Inspiration		30.00		
Iron Horse				
1st Step				
II				
It's About Time				
Just for Today				
Keep It Simple, Sister		30.00		
Keep on Comin'				
Kenmore				
Kensington		25.00		25.00
Ladies Night				
Lakeshore				
Lakeview				
Let Go & Let God		20.00		
Low-port				
Liberty Women's		91.00		25.00
Life Today				
Lighten Up				
Live and Let Live		80.00		
Living Sober	35.00	140.00		
Lock City				
Lockport #1				
Lockport Discussion	100.00	175.00		
Lockport Ladies				
Lockview		418.00		
Lovejoy				
Lower River				
Lunch Bunch				
Main Street				
Marilla		30.00		
Matt Talbot	25.00	75.00		
Medina New Life				
Mercy				
Mid-day				

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctra	
	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.
pg. 5						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD (Serenity Room)						
Morning After	5.00	15.00	5.00	10.00		
Never Too Late						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings		25.00		10.00		10.00
New Freedom						
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	10.00	30.00	5.00	15.00		
New Life - New Beginning		50.00				
New Westside						
Niagara Frontier Men's						
Nite People						
North Buffalo	100.00	400.00	25.00	100.00	25.00	100.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-Sunday						
One Day at a Time(ODAT)		25.00				25.00
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step						
Pass It.On		25.00				
Patchin						
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Positively Living II		50.00				
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress		44.00				
Purpose		120.00				
Rainbow						
Ray of Hope	50.00	100.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I						
Renaissance II						
Renewal		75.00		25.00		

GROUP	Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.
pg. 6				
Ridge		50.00		50.00
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"				
Rise & Shine	10.00	10.00		
Rochester Meeting				
Rur-al is Plural				
Rush Hour				
S.S. Sobriety				
Sally				
Salvation Army				
Saratoga				
Saturday Night Alive				
Saturday Night Disc				
Searching for Serenity				
Second Chance		30.00		10.00
Security				
Seneca 12 & 12		5.00		
Serenity		120.00		
Serenity Circle	20.00	40.00		
Serenity Trail				
Sheridan	10.00	40.00		
Silver Creek Friendship				
Sober Trail				
Sober Winners				
Sobriety Men's Disc				
Somerset				
South Buffalo	60.00	70.00		
South Town	15.00	35.00		
South Town Women's		40.00		40.00
Southgate		21.80		
Southwestern		36.00		
Spirit of H.O.P.E.	10.00	10.00		
Spiritual Progress				
Spiritual Progress(women's)				
Springville				
Springville Saturday Afternoon				
St. Barnabas				
St. Mark's				
Starting Over				
Step				
Stepping Stones				

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctr	
	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.
pg. 7						
Suburban		14.00				
Sunday Morning Bkfl.		125.00		50.00		75.00
Sunday Niters		40.00		20.00		10.00
Sunday Third		15.00				
Sunrise Court						
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
TnT						
T.P.H.						
TGIF						
Thankful		70.00				
The Journey	5.00	20.00				
The Way						
Thruway	300.00	1000.00	20.00	70.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc		50.00				
Today						
Town Hall			100.00	100.00	100	180
Tri-County						
Try Again						
Tuesday Men's Disc		50.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		15.00				10.00
Turning Point		25.00				10.00
Twin Cities		45.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity		60.00				
University	150.00	450.00			20.00	80.00
Urban						
V.I.P.		21.50				
Valley						
Varysburg		15.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa		20.00				
Vision of Hope						
Wake Up Call		67.30				
We Amitted	5.00	15.00	5.00	10.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	90.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	60.00

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.	APRIL '94	Accum.
pg. 8						
We Choose Life		60.50				
We Need You						
Wehrle						
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY	75.00	75.00				
Williamsville	50.00	50.00				
Willing To Grow		150.00				
Wilson						
Women's Westside Disc.	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Working		20.00				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Youth Gone Wild						
38 Groups - APRIL '94	2057.50		262.00		341.00	
Last month accum totals	6786.30		739.00		748.00	
Year to date totals	8843.80		1001.00		1089.00	

GENERAL COMMITTEE #504-771-7		MONTHLY REPORT
RECEIPTS	3/25/94 - 4/25/94	
Groups contributed		2057.50
Joint meeting (expenses)		21.50
New Frontier Subscriptions		82.00
Envelope System		171.00
Literature		2275.65
	Total Receipts	4607.65
DISBURSEMENTS		
#10 Ellicott Sq Ct Corp		578.00
Community Mental Health Ctr		35.00
Pitney Bowes meter rental		90.75
Happy Spring Water		23.40
M & T Bank		696.82
Internal Revenue Service 1st Qtr Bal due		148.81
#10 Ellicott Square Court Corp Adjusted utilities due '93		389.01
The Grapevine, Inc 2yr sub		46.00
NYS Unemployment Insurance		182.31
NYS Income Tax		299.00
The Message Connection Answering Serv		120.75
AT & T		7.00
NYNEX		157.56
David F Williamson Co Inc UPS chgs		143.15
AA World Services		2296.00
The Paper Shop		78.75
Salaries		1852.18
Petty Cash		50.00
Bank Charge		59.97
		7254.46
Balance per checkbook 3/25/94		5434.73
Add receipts 3/25/94-4/25/94		4607.65
Deduct expenses 3/25/94-4/25/94		-7254.46
Balance per check book 4/25/94		2787.92
Operating debit for APRIL 1994	(-2646.81)	

REC'D P		3/25/94 - 4/25/94				
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT			#484-185-4			
Expenses:	Check #	Amount				
AA Central Office - Wyoming Cor Fac	1087	57.75				
Balance per checkbook 3/25/94				310.93		
Add Receipts 3/25/94 - 4/25/94				262.00		
Deduct expenses 3/25/94 - 4/25/94				-57.75		
Balance per checkbook 4/25/94				515.18		
Operating credit for 4/25/94	204.25					
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT			#602-089-5			
Expenses:	Check #	Amount				
Balance per checkbook 3/25/94				356.99	adj	
Add Receipts 3/25/94 - 4/25/94				341.00		
Deduct expenses 3/25/94 - 4/25/94				0.00		
Balance per checkbook 4/25/94				697.99		
Operating credit for 4/25/94	341.00					