

NEW FRONTIERS

A CENTRAL COMMITTEE JOURNAL FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS
OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER

“Since Step Four is but the beginning of a lifetime practice, it can be suggested that he first have a look at those personal flaws which are acutely troublesome and fairly obvious.”

12 AND 12

“Therefore, thoroughness ought to be the watchword when taking inventory. In this connection, it is wise to write out our questions and answers. It will be an aid to clear thinking and honest appraisal. It will be the first *tangible* evidence of our complete willingness to move forward.”

12 AND 12



**STEP 4 - MADE A SEARCHING AND
FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY OF
OURSELVES.**

LET THE BUM FIND US

Bill W., on that historic day in the Akron hotel lobby, did not leave a note with the desk clerk to the effect that he would be waiting in his room reading the papers in case an inquiring alcoholic stumbled in wanting help. Today, though, much Twelfth Step work is conducted on just such a premise. "Let the bum find us" is a disturbingly pervasive attitude, and it is contrary to every historic and traditional principle established in the early days of A.A.

The Big Book itself is the result of a monumental, thoroughly unlikely series of events designed to actively share what had become "the great news" for our founders. Initial motives, dreams of money and fame, are beside the point. The only important point is that our visionary predecessors courageously tackled an audacious enterprise, which gave us this incredible gift of real living.

Today, some critical, unknowledgeable AAs strongly oppose local public information use of the media and efforts to communicate with the public in person. They shout accusations of tub-banging, book-thumping evangelism at best, and charge promotion and Tradition violation at worst. Such members are seemingly unacquainted with co-founder Bill W.'s words, "Obviously, AA had to be publicized somehow," and the fact that the most powerful magnet cannot attract the desired object without first being in specific proximity to it.

The words "attraction rather than promotion" in the Eleventh Tradition, referring to our public relations policy, assume that we have a public relations policy to begin with. Because our reason for existence is "to stay sober and help others to achieve sobriety," our own hard-won sobriety depends in great

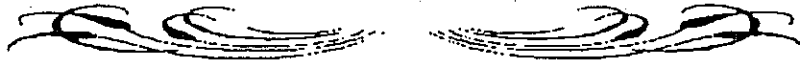
measure on finding a means of reaching the public. The still-suffering alcoholic is the public until we get the message to him.

The long form of the Eleventh Tradition says we ought to avoid sensational advertising and instead depend upon our friends to recommend us. Those who do not bother to inform themselves do not know that we have, historically and practically, found it necessary to cultivate and value such friends. In Twelve Concepts of World Service, Bill says, "We need to be on still better terms with medicine, religion, employers, governments, courts, prisons, mental hospitals, and all enterprises in the alcoholism field. We need the increasing goodwill of editors, writers, television and radio channels. These publicity outlets need to be opened ever wider." To this list we can add educators, because of the continuing appeals for information from grade schools, high schools, and colleges.

Somebody must responsibly contact these people; God doesn't come down and whisper in the ears of editors, TV station owners, and others, telling them to get out some AA material. If that were the standard method, he would not need us. If we timidly refuse to discharge that responsibility, how can we hope to reduce the stigma on alcoholism and lessen its lethal potential for others?

Shortly after Bill W.'s well-known spiritual experience, the thought came to him that he might be able to help some of the thousands of still-suffering alcoholics, and that they in turn could help many others. AAs everywhere seem to have lost sight of the fact that, instead of fewer alcoholics out there yet to be reached, there are now many, many more.

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DON'T JUDGE A MAN TOO HARD

Pray not to find fault with the man who limps or stumbles along the road, unless you've worn the shoes he wears or struggled beneath his load.

There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt, though hidden away from view: And the burden he bears, placed on your back, might cause you to stumble, too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today unless you've felt the blow that caused his fall or felt the shame, that only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the blows that were his, if dealt to you in the self same way, at the self same time, might cause you to stagger, too.

Don't be harsh with a man who sins or pelt him with words or stone, unless you're sure, yes doubly sure, that you have no sins of your own.

For you know, perhaps, if the tempter's voice should whisper as softly to you, as it did to him when he went astray- it would cause you to falter, too.

Anonymous



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WILL WE SQUANDER OUR INHERITANCE?

Bill W. wrote to Dr. Bob in 1949:

"The groups will eventually take over, and maybe they will squander their inheritance when they get it. It is probable, however, that they won't. Anyhow, they really have grown up; A.A. is theirs. Let's give it to them."

As a sober member of A.A. for more than twenty-seven years, I see some disturbing differences between what I was taught in the beginning and what is happening now. What has happened to the pride we A.A.'s have traditionally taken in saying, "I belong to the Guttersnipe Group?" To our feeling that each one of us takes part in the groups primary purpose -- carrying the message? I see groups that regularly have thirty people at meetings, but only five active members. Who takes responsibility for the necessary jobs -- group offices, sponsorship, coffee making? Is the A.A. group dying because of individual apathy?

The Responsibility Declaration is basic to A.A. thinking: "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." Yet central offices seem to be having more and more difficulty finding sober A.A.'s to make Twelfth Step calls. One of the first things I learned is that I need the newcomer as much as he needs me, yet some members feel they are doing new people a favor by getting in touch. Are we trying to hold on to sobriety now by not giving it away? I wonder how many are lost because we don't have the time - or won't make the

time - to share or care. What about the still-suffering drunk who calls A.A. and is told where the meeting is - and to go by himself? What of the newcomer who goes to a meeting and finds no one to talk to? Or is told to call other members but is given no names or numbers? When I was called in by an A.A. member, I joined a group and got a sponsor. The group gave me a list of members, with addresses and phone numbers, to use when needed. Today, there seems to be little follow-up, little caring, few phone calls.

How many alcoholics have we lost simply because they were never really accepted? Do sober members still say, "Hey, how are you doing? Call me if you get shook up, no matter what time it is. Remember, we need you." Alcoholics may be getting sober, not because of us, but in spite of us.

I have talked to many older members who feel as I do. Remember, A.A. is not going to preserve itself automatically. What is each of us doing with the gift of sobriety so freely and lovingly given? Will we soon squander our inheritance?

Perhaps each of us should hold on to these thoughts: "Keep me mindful of the responsibilities that accompany the blessings of freedom. The only time that wrong can prevail is when good people do nothing."

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OUR LEADERS ARE BUT TRUSTED SERVANTS

The 1996 Spring Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel, across from the Buffalo Airport, April 12th, 13th and 14th.

The Convention will feature 3 out of town guest speakers, a buffet-style dinner on Saturday night and dances both Friday and Saturday night.

There will also be panels, workshops, A.A Video's, service committee and archives display's.

Al-Anon has a chairperson and will have a program at the convention, as our guest.

We are accepting donations for the Hospitality Room from groups and individuals. No donation is too large or too small! We were offered donations from private organizations, but had to decline them in keeping with our 7th Tradition which states, "Every A.A. Group ought to be self supporting, declining outside contributions."

Western New York, Area #50, is one of the few remaining areas where you can attend a convention and still receive complimentary coffee.

The Convention Committee has worked very hard to bring you an event, where business and pleasure share equal billing, come join us!

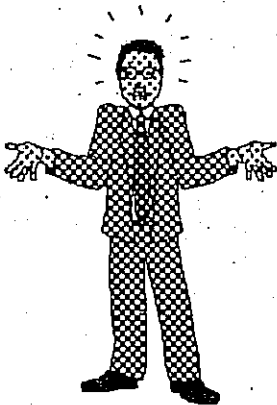
The Committee did its best to make the price affordable to all. The registration fee is \$32:00, which includes the buffet dinner (\$22:00), admission to all three days and both Friday and Saturday dances. A \$10:00 registration fee admits you to the workshops on all three days and both Friday and Saturday dances. For those who plan to attend only the dances, there will be a \$5:00 admission fee each night.

This is a Service Convention, to attract people to attend the General Services Assembly meetings of Western New York. We are in need of officers from groups and districts. Although the Convention Committee is made up mostly of members of the Assembly, volunteers are still needed. 12th step work is very rewarding!

Come out and enjoy three days of sobriety you won't soon forget.

Remember, we are still a bunch of drunks trying to stay sober "ONE DAY AT A TIME."

In Love and Service
Elvester McR.
Chairman



THAT'S NOT MY JOB

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do the job. Anybody could have done it; but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

THE WRONG ROOM

I didn't really want to be at a meeting. I was restless, irritable and discontented. I was bored and not ready (or willing) to hear any message. As I looked around the room, I recognized most of the faces. As usual, there were a few unfamiliar people, some of them obviously newcomers. One young person in particular caught my eye.

He sat quietly at the edge of the group. His faded denim jacket was stained and frayed, and the flannel shirt underneath had seen better days. His jeans had holes and his old work boots had walked quite a few miles. He was probably in his early 20's, but his face showed the scars and ravages of too much hard liquor and not enough food. Although he looked poor and tattered, he was clean. As he glanced around the room, I saw a spark of something in his faded blue eyes. "Just another newcomer," I thought to myself. (Talk about being 'better than'!) Little did I know that that young man had been sent to carry the message to smug, clean, bored little me. As one alcoholic after another shared about the topic, I didn't pay attention. I didn't want to be there. All I heard was everyone spouting the usual Big Book platitudes and throwing program phrases about, all talking a lot and saying very little.

Then it came to that young guy. With a mountain accent and speaking softly, he began to talk about how he got here and why he had come back. He counted his sobriety in days. He didn't use big words. He didn't quote the Big Book. What he said wasn't fancy or intellectual. He told of bars and fights and sleeping under bridges and by the tracks. He spoke plainly and humbly - and straight from the heart. His rough hands clenched each other as he shared the personal hell that led him to us. He talked about loneliness and despair, and how many times he had tried to quit drinking. He told about coming to his first AA meeting. And his voice cracked and broke as he said, "...and I was afraid I was in the wrong room one more time..."

In a flash, I remembered my first meeting, and that maybe AA couldn't help me either, - and that little spark (just like I saw in that young man's eyes) of a desperate hope that maybe, finally, I was in the right room, and that something could change. Suddenly my perspective changed, and my attitude changed, and I wasn't restless, irritable and discontented any more. His poignant, simple story pierced my negative attitude and tears slipped from my eyes and I connected with what he was feeling and got in touch with some gratitude.

I don't know whether that young guy made it, whether he kept coming back, but I hope so. I probably wouldn't recognize him today, but I owe him a "thank-you" for carrying the message to me that night. For that brand newcomer reminded me of why I am really here, and what my alternatives are.

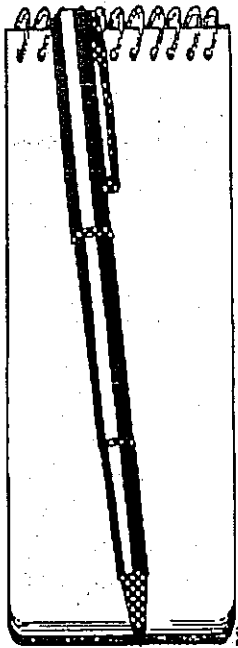
For me, and I hope for him, this fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous truly is "the right room." It takes a spark of hope, and a lot of coming back, and talking to my sponsor, and reading the Big Book, and learning to listen and share and trust. And it all starts when I believe that this is the right room. There is a solution, and this is it.

K.L.

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**SERENITY IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT
BUT THE ABILITY TO COPE WITH IT.**



WANTED!
NEW WRITERS AND ARTICLES
FOR NEW FRONTIERS
LAST SEEN:
 Sitting at A.A. meetings

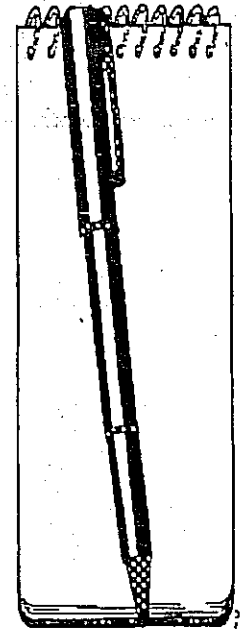
PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS:
 Must be male or female *

EXPERIENCE:
 Formal experience not necessary but
 writer should have the ability to put
 pen to paper, sharing his or her
 experience, strength and hope with
 readers of New Frontiers.

BEGINNING WAGES:
 Increased satisfaction and joy in
 service to A.A.
 Flexible schedule to meet your needs.
 Unlimited Serenity and Gratitude.

* ALCOHOLISM IS AN EQUAL
 OPPORTUNITY DISEASE

SEND ARTICLES TO
 NEW FRONTIERS
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 BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14203



HAVE YOU MET THE TATE FAMILY?
 You may have heard of the Tate Family. They are in every organization. They surround themselves with individuals who coddle and emulate similar behaviors.

May I introduce you to them?

There is Dic Tate - who likes to run everything.
 There is Agi Tate - who stirs up trouble whenever possible, sometimes with the help of Iri Tate, Oh...and then there is Devas Tate who loves to interrupt, and then there is Poten Tate who wants to be the big shot!
 Every time a new idea or suggestion is made, the cousins, Hesi Tate, or Vegi Tate come forward, saying "that can't possibly work," and then Imi Tate - who would rather copy other organizations than try something new, stirs up much of the same.
 Thank Goodness for Medi Tate and Facili Tate - they get people pulling together!
 Which Tate is your "Kissin' Cousin?"

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER	Mark S. 3 mos.	GOLD SPRING	Tracy W. 3 mos.
Larry N. 3 mos.	Shera's A. 3 mos.	Anthony H. 6 mos.	Faith B. 6 mos.
Mark N. 6 mos.	Joe S. 6 mos.	Geannette M. 9 mos.	Joseph C. 1 yr.
Wedy H. 6 mos.	Dave Z. 1 yr.	Jennifer C. 1 yr.	Irene F. 5 yrs.
Tony B. 1 yr.	Dave B. 1 yr.	Jean W. 6 yrs.	Robin L. 7 yrs.
Kate C. 2 yrs.	Jeff R. 3 yrs.	Michelle L. 3 yrs.	Ron D. 8 yrs.
Michelle L. 3 yrs.	Sheila G. 5 yrs.	EYE OPENER	Darth H. 3 mos.
Fred T. 5 yrs.	Eva H. 5 yrs.	Tom S. 3 mos.	Allison S. 9 mos.
Susan H. 6 yrs.	Chris T. 7 yrs.	Tom P. 9 mos.	Jay W. 1 yr.
Colten M. 9 yrs.	Fred S. 9 yrs.	Dave Z. 1 yr.	Mary Ann M. 1 yr.
Pat B. 11 yrs.	Edward P. 11 yrs.	Bill W. 1 yr.	Joe E. 1 yr.
Martha M. 15 yrs.	Rita F. 22 yrs.	Lil B. 1 yr.	Dan N. 2 yrs.
Alpert C. 29 yrs.		Dave L. 3 yrs.	Hank B. 3 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS	Alan C. 9 mos.	IRONHORSE (CONT)	Nell F. 1 yr.
Jim B. 9 mos.	Mike Y. 3 yrs.	Todd S. 2 yrs.	Mike L. 3 yrs.
Tim D. 7 yrs.	Bill F. 5 yrs.	Cathy S. 12 yrs.	
	Marsha P. 6 yrs.	JOURNEY	Mike M. 6 mos.
BIDWELL MONDAY DISC.	Willy S. 3 mos.	Antichette L. 6 mos.	Jimi W. 6 mos.
Allonso H. 3 mos.	Howard V. 8 yrs.	Julie E. 1 yr.	Steve F. 6 yrs.
Lisa B. 3 mos.	Nick S. 9 yrs.	KENMORE	MARCH:
Jim C. 3 mos.	Chuck D. 20 yrs.	Samuel M. 6 mos.	Barbara B. 9 mos.
George W. 3 mos.		Amy Lynn 5 yrs.	
Brian H. 6 mos.	HAPPY HOUR	LIBERTY WOMEN'S	Holy M. 1 yr.
Jack R. 6 mos.	John J. 3 mos.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION	MARCH:
Mark W. 6 mos.	Lizvette C. 3 mos.	Kathy A. 5 yrs.	Eddie L. 6 mos.
James L. 6 mos.	Henniferia N. 3 mos.	Sue D. 3 mos.	Eileen S. 3 mos.
Gina M. 6 mos.	Steven R. 6 mos.	Jim M. 3 mos.	Tara S. 3 mos.
Ron S. 6 mos.	Gary K. 6 mos.	Marc F. 3 mos.	Mike W. 3 mos.
Rod P. 6 mos.	Carroll C. 6 mos.	MATT TALBOT	Ed W. 1 yr.
Lauren J. 6 mos.	Carlos C. 6 mos.	Vicky H. 2 yrs.	Tom Q. 3 yrs.
Robert G. 9 mos.	Sandra C. 9 mos.	Dave N. 5 yrs.	Art H. 14 yrs.
Harold M. 9 mos.	Toni S. 1 yr.	Dodie P. 16 yrs.	Ed. B. 21 yrs.
Bonnie T. 9 mos.		NEW FREEDOM	MARCH:
Ron T. 9 mos.	IRONHORSE	Lisa L. 3 mos.	Kelly K. 9 mos.
David D. 9 mos.	Kurt S. 3 mos.	Kevin R. 2 yrs.	APRIL:
Jocohn F. 1 yr.	Marty M. 3 mos.	Dean P. 3 mos.	Anthony T. 1 yr.
Cathy C. 1 yr.	Tom K. 6 mos.	Mike S. 20 yrs.	NORTH BUFFALO
Tara S. 1 yr.	Pam C. 6 mos.	MARCH:	Chrisa 3 mos.
Linda K. 9 yrs.	Jamie O. 9 mos.		
Jim B. 9 yrs.	Jim A. 9 mos.		
Art H. 16 yrs.	Mit H. 9 mos.		
Don R. 18 yrs.	Jim B. 1 yr.		

IRONHORSE (CONT)	Nell F. 1 yr.	NORTH BUFFALO (CONT)	Stan W. 6 mos.
Todd S. 2 yrs.	Mike L. 3 yrs.	Danleke B. 6 mos.	Burt A. 7 yrs.
Cathy S. 12 yrs.	JOURNEY	Harvey S. 8 yrs.	Peter B. 9 yrs.
Mike M. 6 mos.	Antichette L. 6 mos.	Janel T. 9 yrs.	Jean K. 13 yrs.
Jimi W. 6 mos.	Julie E. 1 yr.	RENEWAL	Tim D. 8 yrs.
Steve F. 6 yrs.	KENMORE	Gerald H. 9 yrs.	
MARCH:	Samuel M. 6 mos.	RISE & SHINE	MARCH:
Barbara B. 9 mos.	Amy Lynn 5 yrs.	Cherie C. 3 mos.	April B. 3 mos.
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Eileen S. 3 mos.	Jim M. 3 mos.	Michael G. 3 mos.	Michael G. 3 mos.
Tara S. 3 mos.	Marc F. 3 mos.	Carillie C. 3 mos.	Joe R. 3 mos.
Mike W. 3 mos.	MATT TALBOT	Suzi D. 3 mos.	Bryan W. 6 mos.
Ed W. 1 yr.	Vicky H. 2 yrs.	Parma C. 6 mos.	Minnie D. 6 mos.
Tom Q. 3 yrs.	Dave N. 5 yrs.	Celestine 9 mos.	Ray C. 9 mos.
Art H. 14 yrs.	Dodie P. 16 yrs.	Brian W. 1 yr.	Royce B. 1 yr.
Ed. B. 21 yrs.	NEW FREEDOM	Pat K. 2 yrs.	Boe D. 5 yrs.
MARCH:	Lisa L. 3 mos.	Bruce G. 9 yrs.	SHERIDAN
Kelly K. 9 mos.	Kevin R. 2 yrs.	Jeff S. 6 mos.	Robert S. 6 mos.
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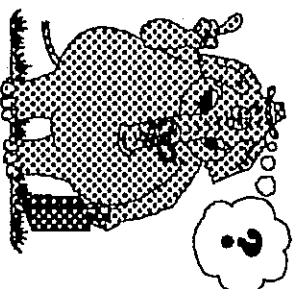
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Cathy S. 12 yrs.	JOURNEY	Harvey S. 8 yrs.	Peter B. 9 yrs.
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Anthony T. 1 yr.	Mike S. 20 yrs.	John K. 1 yr.	Joe K. 3 yrs.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE DISC.
 Kimberly K. 7 yrs.
 Michelle P. 8 yrs.
 Robin W. 9 yrs.
 Barb W. 10 yrs.
 Carmella K. 10 yrs.
 Cindy G. 11 yrs.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1996
 MUST BE IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 1996.

DON'T FORGET!



CENTRAL COMMITTEE

APRIL 7, 1996

Mel L, Renewal Group, stepped in as Chairman, opening the meeting at 7PM with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. John H, of We Care read the purpose of AA and Hilda H, Sunday Morning Breakfast read the Traditions. The other usual readings were not available to be read.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by John H of We Care, seconded by Tom McM of Chapter IX.

ATTENDANCE - sign-in sheets unavailable at time of printing!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Mel L, Renewal

MARCH receipts	1995	1996
Average monthly receipts (per month) for the previous 3 months	\$412.00	\$825.00
	606.00	723.33

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - JANICE O, District #1

The meeting was opened at 6:05pm by Bill D, District#4 with the Serenity Prayer. Others present were Delphine H, Central Office Executive Secretary, Lisa S, Acceptance, Dist#2, Janice O, ODAT, Dist#1 and Dick L, Everybody's, Dist #9.

Replacement for 1996 Buffalo Fall Convention Co-chairman Al C will be researched by Bill D and Lisa S.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:30PM after a motion to do so was made by Delphine and Second by Margaret H.

FINANCIAL REPORT - see attached

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - none

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES - none

SCREENERS - none

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H

MARCH '96

AA information	461	12 Step	2
PIC	2	literature requests	63
CPC	1	Refer to other agencies	21
Alanon	17	Refer from other agencies	40
Alateen	1	Central office	
ACOA	4	Outgoing calls	42
Answering Service		Mail costs	\$229.34
Incoming calls 513 - Out going 122		Visitors	82

NEW FRONTIER -John H, We Care, Editor

* Any member of AA may write an article for "New Frontiers." It can be on any topic relating to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. It can be your way of showing your gratitude for your gift of sobriety.

* Don't talk about it, think about it, just do it. Articles are edited for clarity and length only! Share your experience, strength and hope with all our readers. There is an article in all of us.

55th FALL CONVENTION - '96 - none

COURTESY REPORTS:

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY Elvester MoR, Cold Spring, Spring Convention Co-chair. Spoke on the Spring Convention. Cost for those who want to come to the dance only.

Delegate John B stated that he will be on the Financial Panel for the 46th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference in New York City. He mentioned that the 1992 had the greatest amount of group contributions.

Public Information Committee - none
Cooperation with the Professional Community - none
GSA Correctional Facilities Committee - none

RE-CAP:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Hilda H, Sunday Morning Breakfast, was asked to do a Spanish meeting at 291 Elm Street and asked if it was possible to be given Spanish literature through the Treatment Facilities Fund. She was advised to go the TFC meeting on the Friday of the Committee meeting.

Rick from Amherst Snyder spoke about people attending the meeting who need an interpreter. There was a question about compensating the interpreter for his time and whether the interpreter should be an AA member. It was noted that each group conscience makes its own decisions and pays their own expenses.

District #4 will nominating a new steering member.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Wayne and seconded by John H of We Care. We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S, Fresh Start Recording Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE		#644-771-7	3/25/96-4/25/96		
RECEIPTS					
3B Groups Contributed				2113.79	
Joint Meeting (expenses \$3.50)				13.96	
New Frontiers subscriptions				107.00	
Envelope System		March	825.00		
		April	374.00	1199.00	
Literature				3204.29	
		Total Receipts		6638.04	
* 10 Ellicott Court Corporation		rent		608.00	
Community Mental Health Center		rent		35.00	
The Paper Shop				110.85	
Postage by Phone				300.00	
David F Williamson Co Inc		UPS		26.36	
M & T Bank		federal withholding tax		593.60	
World Services, Inc		phamplets		545.30	
Secrephone				162.87	
World Services inc				421.84	
Joseph B		change sent		7.00	
Grapevine		2-2 yr subscriptions		56.50	
Happy Spring Water				37.40	
NYNEX				183.29	
AT & T				5.43	
NYS Income Tax				358.80	
NYS Unemployment Tax				182.00	
Salaries				2229.60	
cash				50.00	
Acct adj from '95				78.55	
Bank Charges				76.43	
		Disbursements		6068.82	
Balance pr checkbook 3/25/96				2312.44	
Add Receipts 3/25/96-4/25/96				6638.04	
				8950.48	
Deduct expenses 3/25/96-4/25/96				-6068.82	
Balance per checkbook 4/25/96				2881.66	
Operating credit for 4/25/96		569.22			
MONEY MARKET		4605.78		15530.46	savings
CERT OF DEPOSIT		10924.71		2881.66	checking
		15530.49		18412.12	

RE-CAP		3/25/96-4/25/96			
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4					
EXPENSES		CHECK #			
				67.97	adj '95
Balance pr checkbook	3/25/96			1279.33	
Add Recelpts	3/25/96-4/25/96			195.00	
Deduct expenses	3/25/96-4/25/96			0.00	
Balance per checkbook	4/25/96			1542.30	
Operating credit for 4/25/96		195.00			
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5					
EXPENSES		CHECK #			
Warren H - coffee		317	41.00		
Robert O - lock for	lock for Rena	318	10.75		
AA Central Office-phamplets	VA	319	35.17		
AA Central Office-Bks-Sisters		320	81.22		
AA Central Office-schedules-ECM		321	11.10		
AA Central Office-TFC wkbk		322	18.50		
AA Central Office-ECMC-bks		323	200.37		
AA Central Office-VA-bks		324	81.33		
			479.44		
Balance per checkbook	3/25/96			852.98	adj
Add receipts	3/25/96-4/25/96			275.00	
Deduct expenses	3/25/96-4/25/96			-479.44	
Balance per checkbook	4/25/96			648.54	
Operating debit for 4/25/96		(-201.44)			

pg 1			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.
12 Step - Holiday Village						
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step						
A Day At A Time						
A Vision for You						
Abbott Mens Discussion		10.00		10.00		10.00
Accept/Welcome		100.00				
Achievement						
Action						
Age Doesn't Matter						
Albion						
Alexander						
All Women						
Amherst Tree of Li	75.00	75.00				
Amherst Snyder	100.00	161.57				
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age		20.00				
Any Length	10.00	30.00				
Anybody's Group						
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It						
Attitude Adjustment						
Allraction		100.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's						
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell						
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)						
Big Book Workshop		10.00				
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Women's	30.00	30.00				
Brass						
Broadway-Balley						
Brocton Discussion	50.00	50.00				
But for the Grace of	30.00	161.00		5.00		5.00
By The Book-Buffalo						
Campus (Buffalo State College)						
Castling		25.00				

Pg 2			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.
Catherdral Park		38.00				
Caz Manor		54.50				
Cazenovia	20.00	77.00	10	38.50	10	38.50
Central Park						
Central Park II						
Chapter IX		40.00		40.00		40.00
Cheektowaga						
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Disc II		50.00				
Clarence Men's Disc		150.00				
Cold Springs						
Common Problem						
Community Center						
Cornplanters Again						
Courage						
Decision, Choices, Changes						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby	25.00	25.00				
Design For Living						
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Discovery						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion						
Dunkirk						
Earliest This Area						
Early Bird						
Earlybird - Saturday						
Easier Softer Way						
East Amherst						
East Aurora		100.00		4.50		10.00
Easy Does It		60.00		20.00		25.00
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott						
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance						
Everybody's	10.00	50.00				
Eye Opener		676.00				
F.U.N.						
Faith		15.00				
Faith in Action						
Father Baker		75.00		75.00		75.00
Fellowship in the Spirit						
Fireside	443.24	888.43		50.00	25.00	100.00

pg 3			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.
Fireside PM						
First Things First		50.00				
First Ward						
Fredonia Disc						
Freedom	25.00	125.00		25.00		25.00
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Disc						
Friday Step Beginners						
Friendly						
Friendship						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier	100.00	110.00			50	50
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Getting Better						
Giving	25.00	25.00				
Go to Any Length						
Golden Slipper		50.00				
Good Life						
Grand		15.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful						
Guiding Light						
H.A.N.D.		110.00				10.00
H.O.W						
Half & Half						
Hamburg						
Hamburg Big Book						
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour						
Harmony						
Helping Hand		40.00				
High Noon						
High View		150.00				35.00
Higher Powered						
Hill Billy		140.00		50.00		50.00
Hold On						
Holiday Village		535.00		45.00		20.00
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	120.00	10.00	40.00		
Hope - Big Book Study						
How It Works		210.00		105.00		35.00
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia						
In the Solution						

Pg 4 GROUP			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.
Inner City						
Inspiration						
Intoxication on Life						
Iron Horse	30.00	104.00	30.00	104.00	30.00	104.00
IT						
It's About Time						
Just for Today						
Keep It Simple Sister		10.00				
Keep on Cornin'						
Kenmore						
Kensington		40.00				
Ladies Night						
Lake Shore		60.00				
Lake View		48.00				
Let Go & Let God		20.00				
Let's Talk About It						
Lew-port	15.25	15.25				
Liberty Women's						
Life Today		50.00				
Lighten Up		120.00				
Live and Let Live						
Living in the Solution						
Living Sober						
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion						
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview				12.75		
Lovejoy		40.00				
Lower River						
Lunch Bunch						
Main Street						
Marilla		75.00				
Matt Talbot	40.00	160.00				
Mc Kinley Winners						
Medina New Life						
Medina-Big Book Meeting						
Mercy						
Mid-day						
Midnight						
Miracle						
Morning After						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings						
New Freedom						

pg 5		Correctional Facilities			Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	10.00	20.00	5.00	10.00		
New Life - New Beginning						
New Westside		25.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's						
Nile People						
North Buffalo	100.00	600.00	25	150.00	25	150.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-Sunday						
One Day at a Time (ODAT)						
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step		25.00				
Page 30						
Pass It On						
Patchin						
Pathway to Peace						25.00
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Pioneer						
Positively Living II						
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress	15.00	30.00				
Purpose	100.00	100.00				
Rainbow		25.00	25	25	25	25
Ray of Hope		45.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I		200.00				
Renewal		150.00		25.00		25.00
Restored to Sanity						
Ridge	100.00	100.00				
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine	30.00	90.00	10	30.00		
Rochester Meeting						
Rur-al is Plural						
Rush Hour						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						

Pg 6		Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities		
GROUP	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.
Searching for Serenity		75.00				
Second Chance						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity		120.00				
Serenity Circle		20.00				
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	20.00	80.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Sobriety on Saturday Night						
Somerset						
South Buffalo	20.00	80.00	20.00	80.00	20.00	80.00
South Town	15.00	15.00				
South Town Women's						
Southgate	30.00	60.00				
Southwestern		50.00		10.00		
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress(women's)						
Springville						
Springville Saturday Afternoon		36.00				
St. Barnabas		60.00				
St. Mark's	60.00	120.00				
Starting Over						
Step						
Stepping Stones						
Suburban						
Sunday Morning Bkf	150.00	250.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
Sun night St Mary's	50.00	50.00				
Sunday Niters						
Sunday Third						
Sunrise Court		200.00		50.00		50.00
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope		75.00				
Survivors						
TnT		100.00				
T.P.H.						
TGIF						
Thankful						
The Journey		120.00				
The Pax Group		25.00		25.00		25.00
The Present						
The Way						
Thruway		500.00		40.00		40.00
Thursday Afternoon	100.00	175.00				

pg 7			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.	APRIL '96	Accum.
Today						
Today's Woman						
Trail's End	25.00	25.00				
Tri-County						
Tri-Step Beginners						
Try Again						
Tuesday Men's		50.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc						
Turning Point	20.00	20.00				
Twin Cities		75.00				
Twin Cities II						
Unity		60.00				
University	150.00	450.00			20.00	40.00
Urban		10.00				
V.I.P.						
Valley	20.00	20.00				
Varysburg						
Veterans						
Victory						
Vision of Hope (women's)						
Wake Up Call	15.30	70.65				
We Admitted						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	90.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	60.00
We Choose Life						
We Need You						
Wehrle						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY						
Williamsville		300.00				
Willing To Grow		62.50				
Wilson						
Wilson Smith Un Alt	25.00	25.00				
Women's Inner Growth						
Women's Westside Disc.						
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
James K				53.00		
38 Grps contributed	2143.79	10372.90	195.00	1252.75	275.00	1252.50
Last Month		8229.11		1057.75		748.75
This month		2143.79		195.00		228.75
Total year to date		10372.90		1252.75		977.50