

NEW FRONTIERS

April 2002

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF
WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
We request that this newsletter be kept within the Fellowship to insure anonymity.

Remember??

Do you remember how you felt when you came to AA?

Do you remember how you were certain that the bottom had fallen out of everything, how you were all alone, that it just didn't matter much what happened?

Do you remember how you were not like the rest of these drunks; you were different?!

Do you remember how you were the hopeless one, how everyone had given you up as hopeless and that everything you had done to quit drinking failed?

Do you remember how you at one time had been a big-time operator, big dough, and big shot no less?

Do you remember how you felt when your long-suffering wife finally left you and took the children?

Do you remember when the boss said you had muffed your last chance and that you were out of a job?

Do you remember how you were certain that if your wife came back to you or you received your old job back that you would be OK and never drink again? (At least not so much!!!)

Do you remember your bitter resentments against the wife, the family, the mother-in-law, the boss and that "man in blue" who tossed you into the pokey?

Do you remember the fears of expecting all of your creditors to swoop down on you all at one time?

Do you remember that certain something lurking in the background that might even head you into the "big house"?

Do you remember the jangled nerves screaming for just one more drink...the cold sweats...the certainty you were losing your mind? Remember?!

Do you remember how this "God stuff" left you cold...how you were an agnostic?

This is just a partial list of what you and I were thinking when we came to AA. With slight variations and addictions, these are the things that are in the make-ups of the newcomer today. It is well for us to remember that the thinking of the newcomer today is but a reflection of our thinking of yesterday. In remembering ourselves as we were, we find the patience and understanding we need in welcoming the newcomer on the road to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

E.K., Seattle Washington - AA Grapevine, 1952

*To the Fellowship Of The Buffalo Niagara Frontier
A Very Special Thank You*

I'm not very good at expressing
how much I have been overwhelmed
by all your support and kindness
since I stepped into the office last June

I'm so very honored to be
Your Executive Secretary

Thank-You

*Yours in the fellowship of the spirit
Terry Bateman*

If God Spoke to AA, He might have said:

"Into your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a Power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which has been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to My priests and ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics, which I entrust to you...(.....)"

"You are not selected because of exceptional talents; and be careful always, if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe to personal superiority, that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of My gift.(.....)You were selected because you have been outcasts of the world, and your long experience as a drunkard has made, or should make you, humbly aware of the cries of distress that come from lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere. Keep ever in mind the admission that you made on the day of your profession to AA - namely, that you are powerless, and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will into My keeping, that relief came to you.

"Think not, that because you have been dry one year or two years, or ten years, that it is the result of your unaided efforts. The help which has kept you normal will keep you so just as long as you live this program which I have mapped out for you. Beware of the pride that comes from growth. Power, money and position - these material things are no part of your creed. For you success comes from the union of mutual liabilities. Membership is based on the humble admission of weakness. Your motto 'He serves best who seeks no profit' and when you take your moral inventory your wealth is measured by what you have given.

Submitted by Brian R - Blasdel Monday Nite

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

ACCEPTANCE

Jill K. 4y
 Chuck D. 26y

Amherst/Snyder

Phillip B. 6m
 Kara B. 6m
 David P. 6m
 Mark S. 9m
 Michael R. 9m
 Chuck T. 1y
 Dave G. 1y
 Tony P. 1y
 Rob W. 1y
 Ken C. 1y
 Jacki M. 1y
 Tom C. 1y
 Donald S. 2y
 Therese P. 2y
 Bill R. 5y
 Doug 5y
 Mona A. 6y
 Tony B. 7y
 Jeff R. 9y
 Shelia G. 11y
 Eva H. 11y
 Amy H. 12y
 Chris T. 13y
 Jerry B. 13y
 Fred S. 15y
 Marty M. 21y
 Rita F. 28y
 Al C. 35y

Casting

Carmon J. 11y
 Thomas A. 12y
 Archie O. 14y
 Albert McC. 15y
 Dolores R. 20y
 Cecil M. 24y
 Bob P. 25y
 Kenny C. 29y
 Eddie J. 32y

Community Center

Marie T. 1y

Cold Springs

Dorothy F. 5y

Courage Group

Don W. 9m
 Jim J. 9m
 Kathy M. 2y
 Marie D. 8y
 Erika F. 15y
 Estel L. 22y

Ironhorse

Dan F. 3m
 Jim K. 3m
 Kevin W. 9m
 Andy B. 7y
 Mike L. 9y
 Scotty S. 18y

Fireside

Megan M. 9m
 Janet M. 1y
 Mike M. 14y
 John H. 16y
 Bob K. 26y

Kensington

Jim W. 1y
 Mary H. 21y
 Rita F. 28y

Lakeshore

Tom P. 5y
 Greg H. 13y
 Terry B. 15y
 John B. 15y
 Stanley M. 35y

LoveJoy

Harry G. 3m
 Dana W. 6m
 Joe F. 6m
 Tom M. 1y
 Jim O. 1y
 Bernice S. 2y
 Tom B. 6y
 Ron G. 28y

Main & High

Katherine S. 6m
 Lizetta 1y
 Wally G. 5y
 Larry H. 14y

North Buffalo

Jennie H. 6m
 Kathie L. 2y
 Dan W. 3y
 Ryan L. 3y
 John M. 6y
 Mark H. 8y
 Jim S. 9y
 Dan L. 10y
 Peter B. 19y
 Jim M. 29y

Renewal

anonymous 3y
 Christopher 4y
 Linda Z. 24y
 anonymous 29y
 Al C. 35y

Sheridan

Mark H. 5y
 John G. 7y
 Mark S. 17y

Thruway

Mark M. 3m
 Alex K. 9m
 Todd P. 1y
 Leo S. 19y
 Bryant G. 17y
 Bill C. 24y

Victory

Donna O. 1y

We Care

Craig W. 6m
 Margaretta M. 6m
 Cheryl K. 9m
 Frank O. 4y
 Tim F. 4y
 Greg D. 5y
 Neil O. 5y
 Elmer M. 22y

Welcome

Christine 4y
 Mark H. 8y
 Della 17y
 Art F. 47y

Women's

Westside

Mary C. 3m
 Kim R. 9m
 Kim M. 9m
 Yolanda M. 9m

GROUPS CELEBRATING

Attraction
 Casting
 Cheektowaga
 Crossroads
 East Amherst
 H.O.W.
 Holland
 Inner City
 Lewport
 Purpose
 Ray of Hope
 Serenity on the Lake
 There's a Solution
 Welcome

Please remember to
 have the anniversaries
 submitted by
 the 15th
 of the month
 previous



The deception of others is nearly always rooted in the deception of ourselves

Heart full of darkness - Spotlight on my face
There was love all around me - but I was lookin' for revenge
Thank God it never found me - would have been the end

SRV Jan 1989

Have you hit your bottom?

- Definition of an alcoholic bottom: When things get worse faster than you can lower your standards.
- You hit bottom when you stop digging the hole!

Step Four: "Made a searching and fearless inventory of ourselves."

Step four is our vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what these liabilities in each of us have been, and are. We want to find exactly how, why, and where our natural desires have warped us. We wish to look squarely at the unhappiness this has caused others and ourselves. By discovering what our emotional deformities are, we can move toward their correction. Without a willing and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for us. Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith that really works in daily living is still out of reach.

12 & 12 p. 42

Dear God, It is I who made my life a mess. I have done it, but I cannot undo it. My mistakes are mine and I will begin a searching and fearless moral inventory. I will write down my wrongs, but I will also include that which is good. I pray for the strength to complete this task.

Blasdell Monday Nite Group

We should make an accurate and really exhaustive survey of our past life as it has affected other people. In many instances we shall find that, though the harm done others has not been great, we have nevertheless done ourselves considerable emotional injury.

12 & 12 p 79-80

RESENTMENT = POISON

Tradition Four: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

Long form: With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

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Interested in receiving the New Frontiers?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to the AA Central Office earmarked the "New Frontiers" for \$ _____ for _____ copies.

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Mail to the Central Office:

845 Ellicott Square Building
295 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14203-2412

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The Miracle

It shouldn't surprise you when an alcoholic drinks again. If not for a miracle, we are all condemned to destroy ourselves with alcohol. What should amaze you is the reality, that today you are sober. Always remember this, sobriety is a miracle.

The New Reporter-Washington DC

The Art of Sharing

My sponsor taught me long ago that we all carry the message all the time, whether we want to or not - know it or not. I cannot afford to hold onto old ideas that don't work, never did work, and never will work.

People who do not follow the program of recovery only cheat themselves and they set a poor example for newcomers. Sure, they're sober, but recovery also means regaining health, strength, balance and composure.

We are supposed to share our experience, strength and hope. At meetings I often hear a lot of failure, weakness and despair being shared.

When I go to a meeting, I don't worry about what I'm going to get out of it - I try to put experience, strength and hope into it.

Maui Serenity Gazette

Guidelines for writing *New Frontiers* articles

Format: If possible, manuscripts should be typed. If you don't have a typewriter or computer just write clearly and legibly, on one side of the paper only. If you quote from AA literature (or another source) in your article, please give the correct name of the source, along with the page number.

Length: Maybe you heard a one-liner at a meeting that you'd like to pass along, or maybe you just want to relate one short but sweet incident, or maybe you really want to go in depth on a particular subject - no matter how long or short, the important thing is that you say what you want to say. Please keep articles to one typewritten page since space is limited.

What We Do Not Publish: Personal prayers, tributes to individual AA's, drama, anything not related to Alcoholics Anonymous (such as articles about the field of alcoholism treatment, legislation, medical advances, etc.).

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

Please submit your articles to Central Office by the 15th for next months issue.

E-Mail address: buffalooa@hotmail.com

New Frontiers committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month - 7:00pm - St Michaels, corner of Warsaw & Electric in Lackawanna.

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PLEASE NOTE

- IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.
- BECOME INVOLVED; PLEASE CHECK YOUR GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS WITH THE FINANCIAL REPORT TO MAKE SURE OUR NUMBERS MATCH. IT HELPS KEEP SAFE GUARDS ON THE CENTRAL OFFICE AS WELL AS YOUR TREASURE, IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE PLEASE INQUIRE, THANK-YOU
- THE CUT OFF DATES FOR ALL MONTHLY REPORTS IS NOW THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH. THIS INCLUDES NEW FRONTIERS, FINANCIAL REPORTS, ANNIVERSARIES AND ANYTHING FOR THE MONTHLY BULLETIN.
- *If your group would like to E-Mail Articles or Anniversaries for the New Frontiers, they can be sent to buffalooa@hotmail.com*
- In following the Spirit of the Grapevine; The Central Committee has voted to allow in our bulletin, Men's and Women's Spiritual Weekends, providing they are put on by AA members ONLY, For AA members ONLY and all panels and speakers are AA members ONLY.

MEETING CHANGES:

1110 GROUP: Moved to 241 Genessee Street, Corner of Michigan. We also changed our name to The Buffalo Group.

BUFFALO STATE: Now meets in the Classroom Building, Room B-106, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 pm.

COLD SPRINGS: has moved to the Crucial Center, 230 Moselle St. Monday's at Monday's at 8:00

COMMUNITY CENTER: Has moved to 118 E. Utica; Friends of the Elderly Center.

HARMONY: Now meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am.

KENMORE GROUP is now an open discussion group the last Thursday of the month.

RECOVERY NEAR THE GARDENS, now meets on Monday's at 6:30 pm. Lake Shore Behavior Health Building, 2600 South Park, Lackawanna.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS; has a new home. Church of the Advent, 54 Delaware Rd., Kenmore.

THREE LEGACIES MON. NITE MEN'S STAG; (formally Unity Men's Stag); Monday's at Good Shepherd Church, 96 Jewett Pkwy at 8 pm. Closed Men's Meeting

THANKFUL GROUP, Fridays at 2 pm have moved to the Senior Center, behind the fire hall at 101 King & Oakwood. Please join us in our new meeting place.

Unity Group, Will begin meeting at Calvary Episcopal Church, corner of Cayuga and Milton, one block south of St. Peter & Paul. This is only a temporary move.

NEW MEETINGS:

Sunday At 8:00: 8:00 pm, Smoking, Closed, Open last Sunday of the month. Good Shepherd Church, Rt. 438 Extension, Irving.

Early Rising Obliging; Friday's at 10:00 AM. 6560 Niagara Falls Blvd at the I90, behind Timberland Lodge Restaurant. In Horizons Health Center.

Another Chance; Monday 8:00 PM, Church Of The Ascension, 16 Linwood At North; Downtown; OD

Saturday Nite Sober; Fredonia, Open Discussion, WC, Buttrick Hall; Central Ave & Cottage

Sobriety Comes First; Tuesday's, 8 PM, OD, 1206 Niagara St., Niagara Falls

Buffalo State Group; Rm. B-106, Classroom Building, Tues. & Thurs. 12:30 pm, Open Discussion

I Don't Know Group; St. Francis Church, 175 East Street and Amherst. Smoking in one room, Non-Smoking in another. It will be an open speaker meeting the first and last weeks, and discussion the rest the month. Monday's at 7:00 PM.

Thursday Night Steppers; Open Meeting every Thursday at 7:00 PM, 176 Clark St., Buffalo. Come out and share your Experience, Strength, and Hope.

COMING EVENTS

- ~ March 22, Lockport #1, 55 Year Anniversary, 8:00 PM, Grace Episcopal Church, 100 Genesee St, Lockport
- ~ March 23, Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive.
- ~ March 24, Casting Group is celebrating their 28th Anniversary, 608 William Street at 1:00 PM.
- ~ March 24, General Service Assembly, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue. (Hosted by The Downtown Men's)
- ~ March 24, Serenity Groups 38th Anniversary Breakfast, Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. 9:30 am Breakfast followed about 11:00 by speaker. \$9.00 pre - sale tickets only-No tickets will be sold at the door.
- ~ March 29, Marilla Group will not meet due to Church function.
- ~ April 3, Serenity On The Lake is celebrating their Third Anniversary, 7 PM. St. Anthony's Church, Rt. 249 & Rt. 5, Farnham. Food, Speaker, 50/50. Please bring a dish to pass. All are welcome.
- ~ April 4, Victory Group will not meet due to Church function.
- ~ April 6, Tri-County Group's 44th Anniversary, St. Joseph Church In Gowanda. Speaker at 8:30 Pm, Food And Fellowship to follow. Please bring a dish to share.
- ~ April 6, Any Age 16th Blizzard Ball Rescheduled, St. Andrew's RC Church (corner of Sheridan & Elmwood, Parking off Elmwood at Lowell Rd). 1525 Sheridan Dr., Kenmore. Doors open at 7pm, Speaker at 8pm, Music and dancing from 9pm-1am. Tickets \$5.00 in advance/\$6.00 at the door. Pizza-Coffee-Pop-50/50. No children under 12.
- ~ April 7, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Fresh Start).
- ~ April 13, Main & High Group is sponsoring a Breakfast Meeting. 9am -12 pm. Holiday Inn (Delaware & North Streets) 620 Delaware Ave. Speaker Eileen P. from Rochester. \$12, Contact Jed R. (823-5911) or Norm C. (812-7163). Flyers available at Central Office.
- ~ April 18, New Frontiers Committee, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.
- ~ April 20, CPC Meeting, 10:00 am, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59th St., Niagara Falls.
- ~ April 20, Buffalo Fall Convention Committee Meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome. Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. 9:00 AM before the Courage Group.
- ~ April 20, Buffalo Group Round-Up, 11:00 am-Lunch, Speakers at 12 Noon and 4:00 pm Eating meeting at 6:00 pm, last speaker at 8:00 Pm. Please Bring a dish to share. 241 Genesee Street, Buffalo.
- ~ April 26, 27 & 28, Blossom Time Convention, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Registration \$12.00(USA); Banquet \$27(USA); Dance \$8.00(USA). Flyers in Central Office.
- ~ April 26, 27 & 28, 29th Annual Women's Spiritual Weekend, St. Columbian Center in Derby. Space is limited and registration forms will be available to AA women at local meetings and the Central Office.
- ~ April 27, Archives Committee, 9 am, At Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Dr
- ~ May 4, Boulevard Helping Hands 5th Anniversary; 10:00 Am., Wheatfeild Town Hall, 2800 Church street. Speaker and Brunch.
- ~ May 4, JAMESTOWN 57th ANNIVERSARY, 1 day only. St. John's Church, 270 Newton. \$20 including banquet, \$14 for just registration and dance.
- ~ May 5, General Service Assembly, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue. (Hosted by Ironhorse)
- ~ May 10^{th-12th}, 2002 Spiritual Weekend for Men of A.A. St. Columbian's Retreat, Box 426, Tonawanda, NY 14151. \$100.00 Per Person/ \$50.00 Deposit. Flyers available at Central Office.
- ~ July 12-14, NY State A.A. Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY 12207. Flyers available at the Central Office.
- ~ July 19-21, Freedom on the Lake, A.A. Men's Spiritual Weekend. Speakers, Meetings, Incredible Fellowship, Food & Accommodations, Campfire Sharing Session. Registration \$110.00, \$25.00 nonrefundable deposit. Flyers available at Central office.

4th STEP: "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

4th TRADITION: " Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

.... Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...

Terry Bateman

Executive Secretary

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
APRIL 07, 2002 MEETING

The meeting was opened at 7:07 PM with a moment of silence followed by the serenity Prayer. Chairman Scott T. read the Preamble: Brian/Lakeshore the Purpose; Gary the Traditions. John H., Motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes-John B, Lake Shore, Art D. 2nd

46 Groups Attended:

Dist. #1: Bidwell Monday Discussion; Downtown Men's; Giving Group; Journey; Main And High; Sunday Nites; Sunrise Court; Those, Too; Working. **Dist. #2:** Chapter nine; Early Bird; East Does It; Living sober; North Buffalo; Serenity; Three Legacies. **Dist. #3:** Abbot Men's Discussion; Cazenovia; Courage; New Life Group; Rainbow Group; Ridge; Sunday Morning Breakfast; Try Again; Victory; We Care. **Dist. #4:** Action Group; Holland; Keep It Simple Sister; Lake Shore; Ray of Hope; Sobriety Men's Discussion; Thankful. **Dist. #5:** Lockport #1 Group; Wilson; Sobriety on the Lake. **Dist #7:** Buffalo Group; Cold Spring; Community Center; Crosstalk Big Book; Ellicott; Let Go and Let God; Lovejoy; Remember When. **Dist. #8:** Amherst Snyder; Renewal. **Districts #6, #9, #10 no attendance.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen S. reported. March contributions \$243.00, YTD \$2,673.00. She asked that we each talk the system up at our home groups.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Derek H., chair gave report that Districts 1, 6, 9 still need Reps. Persons in attendance:

Dist. #2: Gary J. Dist. #5: Derek H. Dist. #8: Charmaine D.; Chairman Scott T., Co-chair, Mike D., Fin. Chair, Joanne M.; Exec. Sect. Terry B.

Agenda items included 1.) Letter written by Joanne McC. to increase group contributions. 2.) Letter about 7- Tradition submitted by convention Committee. 3.) Medical insurance/Executive Secretary. Univera \$304., Ind. Health \$307.25. 4.) Printer for Schedule. 5.) Inter-Women's Conv. wants to use Central Office Liability Insurance. 6.) More complaints about the Buffalo Group. 7.) Executive Secretary salary review in May. 8.) Central office/ Intergroup Seminar 2002. 9.) Should all officers be 2 years instead of 1? 10.) District Representatives; 1, 6, 9. 11.) Possibility of moving Central Office?

1.) Joanne will make changes per mark-up and she and Terry will review and issue to groups. (Original letter available with Secretarial notes) 2.) ** Motion to endorse and present the proposed change to "Guidelines for events sponsored by W.N.Y., C.C. of AA on the Niagara Frontier. 3.) Unanimous. Yes. 4.) Motion to use Eventhouse Printing; unanimous, Yes. Same cost as previous printing. 5.) Joanne will research impact on AA as a whole per Area 50. 6.) Motion to remove the Buffalo Group (1110) from schedule. Unanimous, Yes. Present to Central Committee. 7.) May 3rd 5:00 PM., Rm. 117. 8.) All in favor for sending Terry to Seminar in Pittsburgh. Terry will account and report expenses. 9.) Recommend to C.C. that amend service period go to 2 years from 1.

**** Old Guideline** "Each event is self-supporting, meaning, it is intended that each event at least break even. Each participant pays his or her fair share of the expenses, usually in the form of some kind of registration fee. There are exceptions, such as, the Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, and out of town speakers for the Buffalo Fall Convention, who receive rooms at the hotel paid for by the convention. Also, dinner at the Buffalo Fall Convention being provided for the Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, main speakers, the ministers, and their spouses."

NEW Guideline proposed: "Each event is self-supporting, meaning it is intended that each event at least break even. The expenses should be borne by the participants, in an equitable manner, declining contributions from non-participants. This would most likely be in the form of a registration fee. There are exceptions, such as, the Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, and the out of town speakers for the Buffalo Fall Convention, who receive rooms at the hotel, paid for by the convention. Also dinner at the Buffalo Fall Convention being provided for the Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, main speaker, the minister, and their spouses. Also, if it is financially feasible, at the sole discretion of the Chairperson, or in their absence, the Co-Chairperson, individuals who could not otherwise attend, may be admitted at a lesser rate." (These two paragraphs are submitted in total for clarity. The original document submitted is available with the secretarial notes.)

FINIANCIAL COMMITTEE: Joanne M. gave this report. A letter will be sent out to all groups concerning the fact that only approximately 1/3 of the groups in our area supports the Central Office. It will be noted the monthly expenses are greater than the monthly income from the groups now contributing. We are working on the monthly financial statements to make them reflect the actual checkbook balance or actual income and expenses each month. In the principle of Self-Support it shouldn't be that way.

TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT: Winston F. reported that most all meetings are going well. The new meeting at the Lighthouse is also doing well. Big Book rates for the TFC have been reduced to a rate closer to GSO's. VAMC-

this meeting has not been consistently covered including the last two Wednesday's. Jim R. will discuss at the group conscious meeting. Bridging the Gap received 5 calls.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Attended by Tom P. (GSA Corrections Rep.), Rich F. Buffalo Work Release- we are still working on starting a meeting, it was changed to Wednesday. ECC/Women still needs an outside chairperson. Gowanda needs coverage on the 1st Wednesday. Wende still needs help. Attica is good. Rich F is going to be the Chair. Old Grapevines are still appreciated.

SCREENERS: No report

CENTRAL OFFICE: Terry B. submitted this report: APRIL OFFICE REPORT: AA INFO: 334; 12- STEP: 1; ALANON: 18; PIC/CPC: 0; VISITORS: 29; VOLUNTEERS: 9.

- 1) After last months meeting, Debbie C. (an AA member and accountant) and I met and she showed me a much better way of doing the financial report. Prior to this I have been following the set-up that Cindy had. That I could never get close to balancing and couldn't understand it to explain it myself. I knew the problem was in the outstanding invoices. I tried to balance that out with assets, still wasn't working or understandable. Debbie's report is a cash in/ cash out only report. The receivable (outstanding) and the assets are reported separate but the numbers are not in the math. Debbie continued to take the worksheet I had done with expenses/income and inserted them into her report. This is the sheet that was sent in the New Frontiers that were mailed. I'm sorry to say the final balance still didn't match the checkbook. I went to work. First I went to our accountant and got copies of all our monthly ledgers. I went through every check written. I did find some that were never logged, example: website donation. I went through the ledgers and re-added all the group contributions, and checked them against our reports, made corrections, re-added all the literature sales again made corrections to a lot of errors I made especially in the early days. Tonight we still found more addition problems tonight so next week we go back overall numbers again and hopefully next month we have a complete correct checkbook checkable financial report. (sic)
- 2) Omitted from original document.
- 3) Our finances are such that we should consider putting \$5,000.00 into another Money Market account to start building our prudent reserve. I had thought that before we do that we should consider changing banks. After meeting with other banks, I believe we are in the bank that best serves our needs and should stay put. In the mean while do we want to start a prudent reserve?
- 4) Within the office itself, anyone that was in there vogue that the chairs were a Hodge podge of chairs with cigarette burns and patches in many of them. Since last month I have reupholstered all the chairs in the outer office to match. (2 desk chairs & 6 office chairs) If you'd purchase the paint I have people willing to paint the office. The current color is a very depressing deep tan. I would really like to brighten it up as well as make it look more professional and uplifting.

Thank you for Allowing Me To Serve. Terry Bateman, Executive Secretary

NEW FRONTIER COMMITTEE: Debbie C. reported that in some issues of the New Frontier, page 2, it should read Moral.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION 2002: Pat M. Chairperson reports; Everything is running smoothly. The flyers should be ready by the beginning of May. Just about half of our main speakers are confirmed. The next meeting we'll have our colors. We are also going to hold the price to the same as last year. By us collecting coffee fund money this will help us to keep it the same, without increasing it. Our next meeting: April 20th, 9:00 AM at the Maryvale Pres. Church where the Courage Group meets.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Dick K. reported the following: We held our regular meeting March 23 with business as usual. We acquired two new members. Preservation work is in progress, also taping of old timers and looking for a repository. Again those of you who have a group anniversary, the archives are available for display at your home group. Please call Central Office or come to our meeting the 4th Saturday of every month at 425 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga, NY. Please give us at least 30 days notice. This is a good way to carry the message.

RECAP: None

OLD BUSINESS:

STEERING COMMITTEE: The committee is putting together a recommendation that officers stay 2 years instead of 1 year. This will go to all groups. Kevin questioned the perceived benefit of this change. Scott gave the example of our last Central Office crisis and stated that we actually needed the consistency then and we didn't have it. More

information will come out next month and it will be at least two months before action is taken. This change would not affect the current officers.

NEW BUSINESS: Regarding painting of Central Office, the vote was a unanimous yes. Gary motioned, Lee seconded. We have the approval of the Lease Company to do this. Unanimous vote to approve and paint. Mike - Steering Committee gave report on Proposed change to Guidelines-change to revision. This letter will go out to groups and we will discuss this next month. Kathy asks will this eliminate coffee fund-yes-Chair will have Authority to grant free bee's for attendance-The Chair and Committee. Question about coffee in the past, we may have fund a better way. Karen-N. Buffalo, Profitability of Convention has allowed Central Office to exist-Questions viability of funds raised. Charmaine-we're trying to make the events-Convention self supportive and keep C. Office self supporting by getting 7th tradition contributions. Scott-what Spiritual principle says free coffee? Next month we will discuss thoroughly. Parker O. from Dist I, with 3years 4 months, the Journey group stood for the position of Dist. Rep. Unanimous yes from all Dist I groups attending. Buffalo group questioned their placement on another district sheet. Steering Committee presented to the committee continual complaints that have come up over the past three years; Problems/Questions about 1110/Buffalo Group. Recommendation was that the Buffalo group is removed from schedule because their actions take them way outside of AA parameters.

Dist 7 Rep-Charles-complained about Buffalo Group and how they handled a situation regarding a fellowship member. Questions their action that might reflect on AA as a whole. Charmaine stated that over the last 6 weeks she has received phone calls about Buffalo Group; someone approached a person and took his medication. She was approached by a female, who was distraught with the fellowship and with Buffalo Group. This person is new, frightened and confused. I was taught that we share experience, strength and hope - when we don't follow traditions we harm all of AA. Terry B. receives calls at Office. An old timer is concerned that he was told not to take his meds - he didn't want this to represent AA. Counselors are not recommending any clients to attend that group. Female have concerns about the treatment of new people at that group. Scott stated, we have talked to them. Scott and Jay visited their meeting, some time ago, yet over the 4 years-complaints continue.

Elvester Mc-Group started that when on Ken. and Colvin (smoking room) he attended meeting and had not heard any thing about holding people captive. I've not heard this and I have spoken there and have never seen this. I would not advise kicking this group out if it's doing wrong it will defeat itself. Aaron-Buffalo group-I don't know what tradition you're basing this on to kick us out of your book. We are registered in NY. You are welcome to attend any meeting-Not business meeting. Where are the complaints coming from? Get these people down here to say what they have to say. Dave C. rep. Buffalo group -I take offense, I feel we are being lied to by our trusted servants. What Dist are we in? We follow all traditions of AA. All I would ask because of that is for you to guide.

Derek - Dist 5 Rep 4 years-I have never heard the type of complaints about any other group.
Pat M. My personal experience would result in my recommendation that you be removed.
Tom-Buffalo Group-If sponsor tells them not to take meds-that's the sponsor not the group, Attraction rather than promotion. You can vote after 90 days being a member. Lastly -the sick was taken to the hospital.
Cookie stated that this is a pretty big issue, maybe someone from NYC could guide us or ask the groups Is there someone who can talk to group and get first hand information.
Adolph- Chap.IX- I've heard general allegations and this may not be a good and fair forum. We need to keep a written log of what has been said. Give people a good way to raise questions and time and opportunity to respond to this before we do something unfair, not right to them or to us. Give them a fair chance to respond.
Scott T. said he gave a chance to Aaron to answer the question and clear any confusion.
Rick said, I have history with 1110 Group, they have done a wonderful thing with people. Some of the rules and regulations for members to follow may be different. When I came in I didn't have all the rules and regulations. Many of them are successful. Kevin said, Adolph sounded the voice of reason. Tom, I was a member there, consider the source. The Buffalo group has a hard core approach. Co-Chair Mike-Group has agreed to sit and talk with members of that group to try to reach a reasonable solution to this problem. He will bring it back to this committee. Lee M. Motion to close, 2nd by Kevin. The 7th Tradition was collected earlier and turned over to Treasurer.

	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
							Dunkirk Monday Night	255.00	255.00				
45							Early Bird						
Step							Easier Softer Way						
Step Stumblers							East Amherst						
6th Step							East Aurora		100.00				
A Day At A Time							Easy Does It						
A Little Bit of Everything													
A New Freedom							Ellicott		20.00		10.00		10.00
A Strong Desire							Ellicottville						
Abbot Men's		125.00		125.00		125.00	Emergency						
Acceptance/Welcom		700.00		50.00		50.00	Eternal Vigilance		50.00				
Achievement		500.00					Everybody's		40.00				
Action	25.00	75.00					Express		250.00				
After Midnight							Eyeopener	153.00	424.60				
Age Doesn't Matter							F.U.N.						
Alexander							Faith						
Amherst/ Snyder		116.68					Father Baker		115.00				
Amsdell Lakeshore	25.00	75.00					Feelings	75.00	75.00				
Another Chance							Fireside		250.00				
Any Age		115.00					Fireside PM						
Any Length	30.00	60.00					First Things First						
Anybody's	20.00	60.00					Fredonia Discussion		160.00				
As Bill Sees It							Fredonia Friday Noon						
Attitude Adjustment		70.00					Freedom	75.00	75.00				
AW Group							Freedom Now						
Attraction		200.00					Fresh Start						
Begginer's Table							Friendly						
Begining In Sobriety II							Frontier						
Begining's Women							Gardenville		100.00				
Bidwell Monday		75.00		75.00		75.00	Georgetown						
Big Book Lockport		25.00					Getting Better						
Big Book Study							Giving						
Big Book Workshop	60.00	60.00					Going to Any Length		200.00				
Blasdel							Golden Slipper		300.00				
Blasdel Monday Night							Grand		60.00				
Bhalsatva							Grand II Joy of Living						
Boulevard Helping Hand							Grateful						
Boulevard Women	75.00	150.00					Guiding Light						
Brass		60.00					H.O.W.						
Broadway Bailey							Half and Half						
Brocton AA							Hamburg						
Brownbaggers							Hand						
Buffalo Group		9.00					Handicappers		300.00				
But For the Grace of God	50.00	130.00					Happy Hour						
By The Book							Harmony	70.00	75.00	35.00	60.00		
Came To Believe		10.00					Helping Hand	20.00	45.00				
Casting		100.00		10.00		10.00	High Noon						
Cathedral Park	39.98	86.12		25.00		25.00	High View						
Caz Manor							Higher Power	20.00	20.00	15	30.00	15.00	15.00
Cazenovia	88.00	88.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	Hillbilly	150.00	250.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	50.00
Central Park							Holiday Village	250.00	625.00				
Chapter IX		60.00		60.00		60.00	Holland		60.00				
Cheektowaga							Honesty		30.00				10.00
Chevy #1							Horizon	70.00	70.00	35.00	35.00		
Clarence Men's							Hope Big Book Study						
Clarence Men's II							How It Works		231.00				
Cold Spring		15.00					How It Works/Men's						
Common Bond							Humboldt Riley						
Common Problem							Inner City						
Community Center	20.00	20.00					Inspiration						
Complanters							Intoxicated on Life						
Courage				116.75		116.75	Ironhorse	30.00	121.00	12.00	48.00	12.00	48.00
Courage to Change							IT						
Crossroads							Jamestown Groups						
Cross Talk Big Book							Johnson Creek Big Book		40.00		5.00		5.00
Daily Reflections	30.00	90.00					Journey	50.00	50.00				
Daily Reprieve							Just Do It						
Deaux Discussion							Just For Today/ Atblon						
Deerby							Just For Today/Cheek						
Desire							Keep It Simple Sister		50.00				
Downtown Men's	6.00	21.00					Keep On Coming		109.20				
							Kenmore						

Add Harmony Group contributions

	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative		Cummulative
Kensington							Renewal						
lies Night							Ridge						
Shore							Ridge/Pink Can						
review	75.00	75.00					Rise and Shine						
Last Days Fellowship							Rochester	100.00					
LewPort							Roland						
Let Go and Let God	20.00	20.00					Rural is Plural						
Liberty Women							Sally						
Life Today		100.00					Saratoga						
Lighen UP		600.00					Searching For Serenity						
Live and Let Live							Second Chance						
Living in the Solution							Serenity						
Living Sober		30.00					Serenity Circle	10.00	50.00				
Lock City							Serenity on the Lake						
Lockport #1	500.00	500.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	Serenity Trails						
Lockport Discussion							Setaside	300.00					
Lockport Ladies		50.00					Sheridan	80.00					
Lockview	100.00	400.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	Silvercreek Friendship						
Look To This Day							Sober and Proud						
Love							Sober Saturday	75.00	125.00				
Lovejoy		100.00					Sober Trail						
Lower River							Sober Winners	40.00					
Lunch Time							Sobriety for Women						
Main and High		15.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	Sobriety Men's Disc.						
Main Street							Sobriety On The Canal	15.00	40.00				
Manilla		50.00					Sobriety on a Sat. Night						
Matt Talbot	50.00	200.00					Sobriety on the Lake						
Mayville Uptown Group							Somerset						
Medina Grapevine							South Buffalo						
McKinley Winners		100.00					South Town						
Medina Big Book							Southgate						
Medina New Life	30.00	30.00					Southtown Women's	55	128.00				
Mercy	25.00	25.00					Southwestern		118.00				
Mid-day		52.00					Spirit of Hope		100.00				
icle							Spiritual Progress		150.00				
ning After							Springville Sat. Afternoon						
Monday Morning Lockport							Springville Tues. Night						
New Awakening		50.00					Springville Wed. Noon						
New Freedom							St. Barnabas						
New Beginnings/St. Vincent							St. Mark's						
New Life		20.00					Starting Over	2.40	2.40				35.00
New Outlook							Staying Alive						
Niagara Intergroup							Step Work						
New Westside							Stepping Stones/Gov.	60.00	90.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.							Stepping Stones/Will.						
Nightshift							Suburban	10.00	40.00				
North Buffalo	100.00	300.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00	Sunday Afternoon Ascension						
North Java Monday							Sunday Morning Breakfast	300.00	350.00		50.00		50.00
North Java Morning After							Sunday Niters		10.00				
North Java Sunday							Sunday Third Group						
One Day At A Time							Sunrise Court						
Open Arms		25.00				25.00	SUNY Amherst Campus						
Open Mind							Surrender and Hope						
Orchard Park Step							Survivors						
P.B.P. Big Book Study							T.P.H.						
Pass It On							TGIF						
Patchin		150.00					Thankful						
Pathway to Peace							The Book Meeting		15.00				
Pendleton Chapter Five							The Moonshiners						
Perry Discussion	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	There's A Solution						
Pink Can							Three Legacies						
Pioneer							Those Too	5.00	40.00				
Positively Living		1000.00					Thursday	300.00	1050.00	20.00	80.00	20.00	80.00
Powerless							Thursday PM Discussion	\$100.00	\$ 250.00				
Primary Purpose		100.00					Today						
Principles Before Personalities		100.00					Today's Woman	10.00	10.00				
Progress							Tri County		40.00		10.00		
pose/Tonawanda		150.00					Tri-Step Beginners						
rainbow		75.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	Try Again		100.00		50.00		
Ray of Hope	50.00	125.00					Tuesday Men's AM	50.00	100.00				
Recovery Near the Gardens		10.00					Tuesday Women	25.00	100.00	10.00	40.00	10.00	40.00
Remember When	50.00	150.00					Turning Point	50.00	50.00				

	CO	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative
Twin Cities	200.00	200.00				
ity		100.00				
iversity Men's Disc.						
alley		30.00				
Varieties of Spiritual Exper.	10.00	20.00				
Varysburg						
Victory		75.00		25.00		25.00
Wake Up Call						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	60.00	150.00	40.00	100.00	10.00	40.00
We Choose Life						
Wehrle		50.00				
Welcome						
Westfield						
Westminster						
Why						
Williamsville		220.00				
Willing To Grow		200.00				
Wilson Group		25.00				25.00
Wilson Smith Alumni		100.00				
Women on the Rise						
Women's West Side		100.00				
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Dale M.		4.80				
60 Fall Convention		14.00				
A.D.D.		30.00				
TFC Printing & Folding		15.00				
Leo K	21.00	21.00				
Misc.	42.00	42.00				
TOTAL	4037.38	17,143.80	406.00	1,338.75	351.00	1,193.75