

# NEW FRONTIERS

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

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

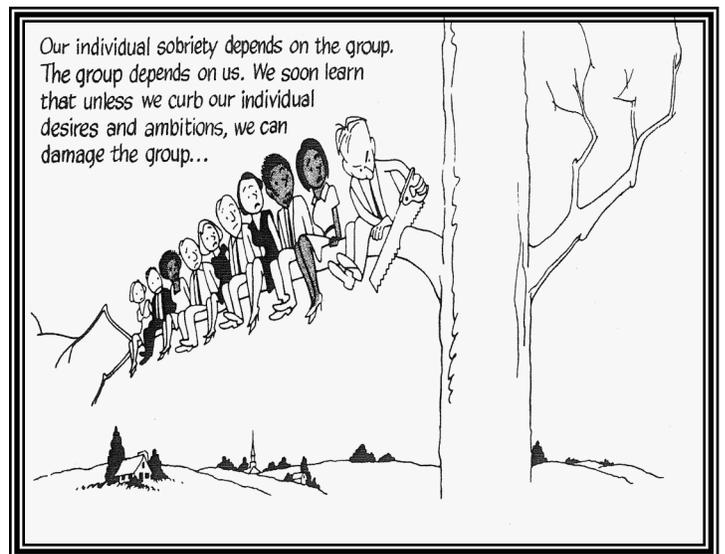


## ***The Twelve Traditions-A Distillation of A.A. Experience (P-43)***

As newcomers, many of us say to ourselves, “Let the group officers worry about the Traditions. I’m just an average member. They’re rules for running groups aren’t they? (sic) And everybody tells me, ‘There are no rules in A.A.!’” Then we look closer – and find that the Traditions are not rules – and they are not just for officers. They have deep meaning for each one of us, as the Twelve Steps do.

Like the Steps, the Traditions were not figured out in advance, as courses of action against future problems. The action came first. Pioneer A.A. groups, with nothing to go on except the trial-and-error-and-try-again method, soon discovered: “Well, that way didn’t work. But the other one did. And this one works even better!”

Both successes and failures were reported in letters to A.A. headquarters (eventually to become the General Service Office). In went these shared experiences of A.A.’s first ten years, and out came the Twelve Traditions. In 1946, then in the “long form,” they were published in the A.A. Grapevine. By 1950, they had been condensed to their present form and were adopted by A.A.’s First International Convention.



“Our Traditions are a guide to better ways of working and living,” co-founder Bill W. said. “And they are to group survival what A.A.’s Twelve Steps are to each member’s sobriety and peace of mind... Most individuals cannot recover unless there is a group. The group must survive or the individual will not.”...

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## Pitfalls of Early Sobriety

**No. 1 – The Imperious Urge.** At my first A.A. meeting, I had never seen so many good-looking people in one room at the same time. To me A.A. was just another pickup bar, except that no one was drinking. Hugs I regarded as foreplay. I fell in lust every time I met my type, but kept it a secret, since I didn't want a reputation as a 13th Stepper. But in my mind I remained a hopeless hostage to sex, and eventually slipped.

When I got back into the fellowship, I decided, at last, to acquire a good sponsor. He told me that while it was human to feel desire, I didn't have to let it occupy my mind. Instead, by working the Twelve Steps, I could surrender my thoughts and actions to my Higher Power. Following his advice, I began to like myself and feel comfortable in my own skin instead of trying to crawl inside someone else's and hide from my own recovery.

**No. 2 – Food.** Overeating means I've just substituted one addiction for another. In Steps 2 and 3, God took away my alcohol compulsion; surely He can do the same with sugar and fat.

**No. 3 – Geographic's.** My work required constant travel, so no one in A.A. ever got to know me or help me with feedback about my behavior and progress or lack of it. The only way we're going to stay sober is to stay put.

**No. 4 – Gossip** is my favorite way to feel superior to others, but recovery is contingent upon my abstaining from this creepy habit, perhaps the hardest of all to kick. The only cure: the instant I feel the urge to tattle, I should ask God for restraint of tongue and pen.

**No. 5 – 4th Step Paralysis.** Most of us go out on the 4th Step, either because we refuse to do it or do it improperly. I looked on it as permission to write my autobiography. This is a perversion of the Step, which should consist of a few pages in which I admit my part in harms done to others. Keep it simple.

**No. 6 – Lying.** The temptation in early sobriety is to sneak a drink and not admit it, but we'll never recover unless we get honest and take another white chip.

**No. 7 – Cutting back on meetings.** The minute I feel recovered is the minute I need to redouble my efforts. Pink-cloud complacency means it's time for the newcomer to get into service: get a home group, take a commitment, and start giving back.

### Anonymous

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### Surrender

What does it mean to surrender? I heard a lady at a meeting say that only you know inside if you have surrendered. Only you know if you have turned your will and your life over to God. Only you know whether you are your own higher power. For me, God had taken away my desire to drink on a daily basis. However, that is only a small part of the "ism".

The rest of it is how to live (my) life on life's terms. That is why after being sober for almost 6 years I still need to go to (my) A.A. meetings, help others and pray to my Higher Power, which I choose to call God, to ask for help and be willing to help, to know that I can only surrender one day at a time. That yesterday is gone, tomorrow might not come and all I have is today to enjoy. Thank God for A.A.

*Michael C., San Antonio ';* Taken from the Nightcap



## **From the Archives:**

## **The Home AA Made**

**At the start of 1941, Bill and Lois W. didn't own a house of their own. They had hopes, but no money for one. They lived in the AA club house on New York City's 24th Street, with just one room to claim for themselves. Since the building hosted alcoholics from near and far, Bill might have felt like he lived in the middle of a meeting. He accepted the opportunity, but his moods went up and down. Life wasn't going as planned. He hadn't gotten the job or income he'd hoped for. This fellowship he'd co-founded wouldn't grow according to his dreams--slow Big Book sales, and less press than planned. Sometimes depressed and irritable during that winter, he was also surrounded by other sober alcoholics--right where he needed to be (Pass It On). He was home.**

**The house that we now know as Stepping Stones became home to him and Lois in April of that year, against all odds. It might have looked perfect for them, but not for their pocket books--large, with several bedrooms, on multiple acres in West Chester County. They could never have afforded it under normal circumstances, but they had something far from normal: a buyer who wanted to sell only to them. She wanted that more than wealth from the sale, so she brought her price down. Like so many parts of their journey in recovery, they found a grace that defied all kinds of sense, including business sense. They stayed for the rest of their lives (conversation with Mel B). AA had given them a home. ~~ Chad P.**



### **4th STEP**

*“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”*

### **Share your Experience, Strength and Hope**

Please submit your announcements by the **12th**

for next month's issue

Articles can be submitted at any time

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### **Heard @ a Meeting**

**You may be the only**

**Big Book**

**someone might read**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Things We Can Not Change**

*To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

### Alexander

Augustine C. 17y  
Vicki B. 14y  
Greg F. 20y  
Ron B. 28y

### Acceptance/Welcome

Darleen L. 2y  
Tiffany T. 3y  
Linda C. 3y  
Imca S. 4y  
Craig K. 4y  
Julia W. 5y  
Joe O. 8y  
Harold S. 19y  
Chuck D. 39y

### Big Book Lockport

Laurie H. 11y

### Blv. Helping Hand

Ashleigh K. 2y  
John D. 11y  
Chuck D. 39y

### Courage Group

Kathy M. 15y  
Marie D. 21y

### Daily Reflections

Craig K. 4y  
Lee Mc 4y

### Eyeopener

Tammy B. 1y  
Dawn P. 2y  
John W. 3y  
Kevin C. 3y  
Mike E. 4y  
Kim 4y  
Jennifer B. 4y  
Brian K. 5y  
Anthony V 5y  
Jim S 5y  
Lorre 5y  
William J. 6y  
Pete R. 7y  
MaryAnn 7y  
Mary Beth 7y  
Kevin J 7y  
Ryan L. 16y  
Rick H. 22y  
Bill F 24y  
Pat W 25y  
Alan C. 26y  
Emmet 31y  
Nick 35y  
Chuck 39y

### Eyeopenetr South

Justine S. 1y  
Jesika G. 3y  
Tony V. 5y  
Dean T. 21y  
Steve M. 22y  
Dan B. 29y

### Fireside

Jeanine M 3y  
Bryan K 5y  
Lynda D 23y

### First Step

Robert M. 7y  
Jerome K. 9y

### Friends Of Bill W.

Sandie Q. 2y  
Ed W. 25y

### Golden Slipper

Donna K. 4y  
Paul H. 22y  
Don S. 23y  
Jerry B. 26y  
Kurt K. 33y

### Go To Any Lengths

Chelsea D. 1y  
John R. 33y

### Harmony

Tim W. 4y  
Robert N. 6y  
Stanley 9y  
Phil M. 11y  
Sam B. 15y  
Tony B. 25y

### Helping Hand

Terri P. 1y  
Dick E. 15y  
Nancy P. 17y

### H.A.N.D.

Bryant G. 30y  
Ironhorse  
Scotty S. 21y  
Mike H. 41y

### Just For Today

Gina 7y  
Paul C. 20y  
Dave M. 26y  
Nick 33y  
Rita F. 41y

### Kensington

Dick B. 32y  
Rita F. 41y

### Lakeshore

Walter W. 6y  
Greg H. 26y  
Terry B. 28y  
John B. 28y

### Lewport

Sandra F. 4y  
Chris M. 4y  
John S. 7y  
George T. 13y

### Lockport #1

Laurie H. 11y  
Wally E. 30y  
Al McC. 44y

### Lockview

Markus T. 2y  
Greg T. 2y  
Zanette B 4y  
Jean P. 5y  
Kate M. 21y  
Jerry B. 26y

### Main & High

Wally G. 18y  
Larry H. 27y

### Marilla

Shirley 28y

### Renaissance

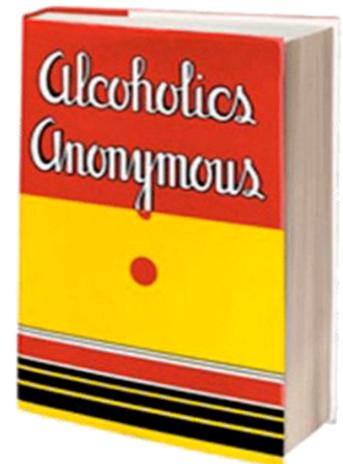
Joe S. 9m  
Lisa W. 9m  
Velvet J. 1y  
Bob M. 3y  
Ann J. 8y  
Tara M. 15y  
Kate B. 25y  
Jim B. 28y  
Dick G. 28y

### Rise & Shine

Keith W. 3m  
John M. 6m  
Michelle M. 9m  
Tom C. 3y  
Sue S. 32y

### Williamsville

Dave L. 6m  
Dan Z. 3y  
Ryan L. 16y  
Doug C. 18y  
Kate C. 21y  
Al McC. 44y



### GROUPS CELEBRATING

Attraction-45y  
Casting-41y  
Cheektowaga- 58y  
East Amherst- 41y  
H.O.W.- 24y  
Lewport- 57y  
Purpose- 40y  
Ray of Hope- 34y  
Serenity on the Lake- 16y  
Victory Women's-10y  
Welcome- 43y

Please remember to  
have the anniversaries  
submitted by  
**the 12th**  
END OF BUSINESS DAY 4:30 PM  
of the month  
previous



**PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED :-)**

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## **APRIL 2015**

### **MEETING CHANGES**

- **New Group: Eden Mtg.** Sunday's 7:30 PM. St. John's Community Church, 2871 East Church St.(corner of Woodside), Eden 14057
- **Intoxicated On Life Group is now an "Open" Meeting.** Wed; 3:30 PM. Alcoholism Council of Niagara County, 41 Main Street, Lockview Plaza, Lockport, 14094.
- **Sunday's @ 8 (Sunday) and Tri-Step Beginners (Tuesday) Groups are both moving to:** Westminster Hall, behind Presbyterian Church, 19 W 4th St @ Lark, Dunkirk 14048.
- **Buffalo Group now meets daily 8 PM.** Parkside Lutheran Church, 2 Wallace Ave., Buffalo 14214.
- **Coldsprings Group is moving** starting first Monday in April to St. Mariah Church, 400 Northampton St. Buffalo (East). Parking available.8:00 PM.
- **Friendly Group Moved** (Wednesday's 8pm). VFW Post (back door), 112 Caledonia Street, Lockport 14094
- **Beginnings Woman's Group is changing both their meeting time and place.** It now meets Monday's at 7:00 PM at St. Stephens-Bethlehem Church, 750 Wehrle Drive, Cheektowaga, 14225

**IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.**

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- ~ Apr 12, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 PM, Buffalo Central Office (Hosted by South Buffalo).
- ~ Apr 12, **Steering Committee**; SUNDAY, 5:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Apr 12, **General Service Assembly**, SUNDAY, 12 Noon., Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg14075.
- ~ Apr 13, **Public Information Committee meeting**, 2nd-MONDAY, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what do not, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office.
- ~ Apr 15, **2015 Convention Committee Meeting**, 2nd WEDNESDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office.
- ~ Apr 11, **Archives Committee Meeting**; 2nd SATURDAY, 10 AM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Apr 19, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 3rd-SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
- ~ Apr 19, **Special Needs Committee Meeting**, 3rd-SUNDAY, 3:30PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
- ~ Apr 20, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, 3rd-MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street. Please, if you or your group is taking a meeting into a treatment facility, could you please send a rep to this meeting?

## **COMING EVENTS**

~ March 28, **Central Committee Inventory**; 9am-2pm. Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Lunch Served. Suggested Donation - \$5

~ Apr. 25, **Archives Annual Breakfast**, (Saturday) Pre-Sale Tickets: \$12.00. Monsignor Henesey Hall of Infant of Prague Church, 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga, 14225. Seating is Limited. Doors open at 9:00 am, Starts at 10:00 am. Contact Archives (&16) 523-5043 or ARCHIVES@AREA50WNY.ORG

~ Jun 20, **Women of AA Spiritual Day of Sharing (Mini Retreat), St Columban Center, Derby. 9 am-11 pm.** Can't afford or can't commit an entire weekend but want the retreat experience? We have everything! Speakers, indoor/outdoor groups, activities, spiritual advisors, meditation, a late night bonfire... Something for all: newcomer, old timer, just coming back. Do it all or just be a sponge & soak in the serenity of the surroundings. Enjoy all or any part of the day!!! **Cost \$49** includes: Pastries during registration, Lunch -hotdogs & potluck– bring a dish to share, dinner also included. Unlimited coffee and tea. Service Scholarships available– first come basis. Registration forms in April New Frontiers, on Buffalo AA website (under events), call 799-4094/ or email: [retreatnewsaa@gmail.com](mailto:retreatnewsaa@gmail.com).

~ Jul 11, **Carrying the Message- “The Beginning of True Kinship with Man and God”** 17th Anniversary Day of Sharing, sponsored by **Main & High** group. 9:30 am-3:45 pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street (across from Wendy's). Panels & Speakers, 50/50, Hot Lunch, Refreshments. Registration: \$6, Alateen: \$5.

~ Sep 24-27, **19th Annual AA Archives Workshop**; coming to Independence, Ohio (by Cleveland/Akron). Registration only \$35 for weekend! Vehicles leaving Buffalo/Niagara Falls area [for Saturday attendance only] will be happening! THIS WORKSHOP RARELY EVER GETS THIS CLOSE so please tell everyone you know with a passion for this fellowship! You may never know who is listening so read this clearly to engage our newcomers in this incredible process that's changed millions of our lives.

Flyer can be found at [www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com/2015/pdf/flyer.pdf](http://www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com/2015/pdf/flyer.pdf)

**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.”*

**4th CONCEPT:** *At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM**

*Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...Terry .... Executive Secretary*



## Buffalo Central Committee Minutes Sunday March 01, 2015

Dianne (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the responsibility statement followed by a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Debbi (Iron Horse) read the preamble; Raeanne (Three Legacies) read "The Purpose of Central Committee"; Derrek (Step Action) read "The Twelve Traditions". Refreshments were provided by The Brass Group; Next month refreshments will be provided by: South Buffalo. Correction from last month's minutes; that the subcommittee event will be in March, not April as stated in the Recap. A motion to adopt the minutes was brought by: Sue B (Tuesday Women's discussion) Second by: Dennis D (How it Works)

New Groups present: None

There were 23 groups represented; Zone 1— None, Zone 2—Acceptance; Brass; How It Works; North Buffalo; Questions & Answers; Sober Train; Three Legacies, Zone 3—Abbott Men's Discussion; Courage; Matt Talbot; New Life (Alden); Ridge; Thruway; Tuesday Women's Discussion, Zone 4—None, Zone 5—Lockport #1; Twin Cities Group, Zone 6—As Bill Sees It; Carrying the Message; Changing our Ways; Going to any Length; Lakeshore, Zone 7—None, Zone 8—Amherst Snyder; Williamsville.

**Central Office;** Presented by Terry B.

Total calls, including after hours; AA Calls: 327, 12-STEP: 8, ALANON: 13, VISITORS: 108, VOLUNTEERS: 1

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE; NONE!!!!

More updates to our website. I figured out how to and have added maps to every group in our schedule!!!

We have a disputed Fraudulent charge on our Petty Cash Account of \$237.32 Plus a \$7.11 Foreign fee equaling \$244.43 total. A dispute has been claimed with the bank and a Police Report has been filed.

Next month's Steering & Central Committee Meetings will be a week later April 12th due to Easter Sunday.

Yours, in the fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.

**Envelope System;** Presented by Sue B (Tuesday Women's Discussion)

We received \$547 in donations this month, \$ 300 more than last year. There were no new donors.

As suggested last month, if everyone donated just \$7.00 monthly, we would be able to reduce literature prices, passing on the savings to you. I'll be attending the inventory workshop at the end of March., if you are going and have any questions regarding the envelope system. Please keep in mind this is a tax-deductible donation and it helps support the Central Office which in turn supports you.

Envelope Chair; Sue B

**Financial Report ;** Presented by Sue B (Tuesday Women's Discussion) in lieu of Chip R.

Income; We received \$ 7,220, which is a very low month, in total income. Group contributions of \$3,263 are \$1,000 below average. Our sales and envelope system were below average. This could be attributed to the extreme weather.

Expense; Our monthly expenses were \$10,874, \$2,401 was for schedules. There were no unusual expenses for February, but March will have a double amount for Super Media due to the timing of the bill and the approximate \$2,800 payment of sales tax.

Balances; Our current cash balance is \$27,723.41, petty cash is \$3,000, and the prudent reserve is \$28,131.33.

Inventory is \$15,624.88 and our accounts receivables are \$522.12.

Corrections; Received \$40 in contributions and had expenses of \$657 leaving a balance of \$2,320.75.

Treatment; Received \$40 in contributions and had \$3 in expenses leaving a balance of \$2,712.30.

Yours in the fellowship, Sue B for Chip R

**Steering Committee;** Presented by Debbi C (Iron Horse) No Quorum was possible.

**Treatment;** Presented by Nadav (How it Works) No written report provided.

**Corrections;** Presented by Alan D (Brass) in lieu of Paul P.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 four members of the corrections committee attended an outreach/informational program for parolees. AA literature and schedules were available to help bridge the gap between prison and being paroled. The next program is set for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Corrections Committee will meet in March on the third Sunday. The Lakeshore AA meeting is planning to take a meeting into Alden Correctional Facility, in March. Paul will Chair this meeting.

**2015 Convention;** Presented by Alan D. (Brass)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Central Office. There were 22 people in attendance

Volunteers are needed for 2 hours of your time at the convention. Make lots of friends, be active, and reward yourself!

Next Meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Central Office. The door will be open and off street parking will be available.

Thank you for allowing me to chair the 2015 Fall Convention

"There is a Solution" Adams Mark Hotel, downtown Buffalo, October 2, 3, 4 2015

Respectfully yours, Alan Doherty

**PIC;** Presented by Kristin (Three Legacies)

Still trying to get all new members get caught up on committee happenings. Brainstorming on new opportunities. Next meeting will be Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Our Tuesday meeting at ECMC rehab worked out and went well last month.

Yours in Service, Kristen Hijek

**Night-watch;** Presented by Jake (Three Legacies)

I was recently on a 12 step call. It was the old familiar scene, brokenness everywhere and a wife desperate for help. At first, the prospect kept declaring that he was not alcoholic. He had the walls of defense up. After my recovered alcoholic friend and I talk for a few minutes, we could see him soften a little. Within an hour he admitted he needed help.

This experience reiterates how important it is to have alcoholics answering our phone. We are the only people who can break through that wall of defense and allow the alcoholic to take actions he doesn't want to take.

Remember, you are not alone. Answering the AA phone is a tremendous and important experience and night watch committee is here to help in any way we can. Please contact Jake [716 381 6447](tel:7163816447) to schedule a quick presentation at your group. We'd be happy to answer any questions.

**GSA Liaison;** Presented by Zach (Three Legacies) Verbal only, no written report provided.

**Archives;** Presented by Lila (Boulevard Helping Hands)

We thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you this past month.

We have attended and/or reported to all four intergroups within Area 50. We have participated in the planning meetings of the Buffalo Fall Convention and the Cataract Convention. We had weekly work nights on Wednesdays.

Our first display of this year was at Olean NY for the NY-Penn Day of Sharing Jan 31st. Two cars took the four of us and the display to Lakeview NY. We showed a power point presentation of home group pictures in our area. If your group is not included, please drop off some pictures or send them digitally to [archives@area50wny.org](mailto:archives@area50wny.org). The second display for 10:00am Friday Feb 27th was cancelled due to no archives personnel available in that time frame per work schedules.

The archives committee is expanding, with outreach personnel enlisted from each area to represent archives at organizational meetings if we are not capable of getting there.

This has become crucial with these weather issues western New York has been facing, and we welcome these new to archives volunteers with grateful relief. Attending meetings in each area has been a crucial new part of these past 3 years of Wally's tenure, and will continue as long as it is safe to do so. Having these friends willing to assist has made this transition to chairing this committee a possible instead of a completely overwhelming task — and I thank you each of you, Frank S. in Batavia, Babe K. and Cory C. in Olean, and Brad in Niagara Falls, sincerely. Much thanks to our alternate archivist, Tom B., for attending and reading this report for Buffalo Central Committee last month.

We have two displays in March 2015. The Niagara Falls "Cataract City" Convention March 20-22 with the same roomful of books and movies and fascinating artifacts and information as usual. We're also looking forward to the second display on Saturday March 28 at the Buffalo Central Committee's Group Inventory being held at the Infant of Prague in Cheektowaga from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Starting March 27th, the Women's Spring Spiritual Retreat at Stella Niagara will also have a partial display and show the 2012 "Bill W." documentary DVD given to the archives by the producers of the movie per request by former archives chairman Wally E.

Also, we are anticipating the 68th Anniversary display at the Lockport#1 Group as well as our Archives Breakfast April 25th at the Infant of Prague in Cheektowaga, hosted by Niagara Falls Intergroup.

We had donations in February from the WILLIAMSVILLE Group, SOBRIETY MEN'S DISCUSSION Thurs night in Hamburg, POINT OF NO RETURN in Niagara Falls, HILLBILLY GROUP of Orchard Park as well as coffeepot donations from NY-PENN 43rd Annual Day of Sharing and the anniversary event at the LAKESHORE Group. We are a financially autonomous

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committee. Our resources come from group contributions and special events. We receive NO funding from ANY organized part of AA for ANYTHING. We rely upon your group and/or individual support to fund our archival work, pay rent for the repository, and participate in archival activities. Note that no funds are used to get members to events and each member pays their own way into events except out of area issues – donations are used ONLY for rent and archival efforts as approved by the entire committee and are protected by the standard AA method of a multi-signature checking account.

Please send any contributions to: Area 50 Archives Committee, c/o Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. We thank you for your continuing support. We welcome your invitation for an archives display for your group anniversary or special event with a suggested 30 day minimum advanced notification. Sharing the historical items donated regarding the area AA activities is crucial and may tag the interest of our primary purpose at YOUR MEETING. And reminder to all 8 counties of Western New York – throw NOTHING group-related away without considering your archives committee and the unborn alcoholics to come.

Yours in service, Lila M., Area 50 Archives Chair

**Special Needs;** Presented by Debbi C (Iron Horse) in lieu of Paul

Greetings Buffalo Intergroup, Special needs met 3/1/2015 to report back findings from nerAsas roundtables. During the meeting, we set identifiable goals for 2015-2016 for the purpose of committee inventory to assess our progress, strengths, and areas needing more attention. Over the next several months we will be visiting the other three inter groups in area 50 in order to assist them in identifying their needs as remote areas. Amanda L. from Three Legacies will represent our committee at the next ad hoc meeting. Any questions, feel free to contact myself at 716-578-8292.

As always we are looking for service volunteers to staff our committee.

Yours in Service, Paul G.; Special Needs Chair - Area 5, Amherst Snyder

**Ad hoc Subcommittee Inventory;** Presented by Derek H (Step Action)

Inventory Event data: Saturday March 28th; Time: 9am – 2pm, Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga NY 14225. Lunch served. Suggested donation \$5.00 was \$3.00. Status; The Central Committee Unanimously approved an expense budget of \$200.00 for the event. Committee has been meeting on somewhat of a regular basis. The facilitator, Joe S. from Rochester, met and contributed to the committee meeting last Wednesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Questionnaires Received 6 back from groups, Received 6 comment sheets from the Fall Convention. Program has been outlined and is having final minor adjustments made with a third party facilitator facilitating the following format:

Each Committee (Treatment, CPC/PIC, Special Needs, Steering Committee, Night Watch, Corrections and Central Committee and Financial Chairs) will give a 5 to 10 minute presentation on their committee which will be followed by an informal 5-10 minute Q & A session from the floor.

The committees are being asked to present on Their committee's function; Their experience as a member and or chair of the committee; Future aspirations for the committee.

As of today each Committee Chair has committed except for one. Archives will have a display

The event is being recorded and the dialogue documented for a formal report to the Central Committee Chair at the June Central Committee meeting. The report will consist of 1 bound hard copy and 1 electronic pdf file. Additionally the report will include opinions from the ADHOC committee. Questions – Call Derek H. at 716-417-034

In Service, Derek H.

### **Recap**

Steering committee was asked about open zones with no steering committee representation. They were identified as: 1, 4, and 7 there were no groups represented from these Zones.

Treatment was asked about an ECMC meeting on Tuesday evenings being moved from 6pm to 7pm, per Nadav some groups are unable to host a 7pm meeting although it is the preference of the Hospital for the meeting to be held at 7pm. No resolution has been provided and there is still work being done to find a balance. Also there is returned mail due to a Saturday morning meeting at Bry Lynn however there is no knowledge of this meeting on the part of Treatment, and this represents an issue of people starting groups at facilities without bringing in the treatment Committee. Nadav was asked about what he learned at NYRAASA; he provided an eloquent response touching on the value of Intergroup as being the front line in the care of alcoholics.

2015 Convention was asked about the need for volunteers. Alan requested anyone interested in volunteering attend the meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Central Office. He also stated that there are phone numbers listed in the New Frontiers. Scholarships were also discussed, that the Convention does not need to make a profit but they do provide the extra money back to Intergroup thus scholarships are available, there is no registration for scholarship; they will be given at the door based on need. The dates will be October 2-4<sup>th</sup> 2015. The theme will be "There is a solution"

Night watch was asked about how to get in touch with Jake, he provided it as: (716) 381-6447. Christian (Abbott Men's Discussion) stated he missed a call while attending a spiritual retreat; however Jake did answer the call, which was from Iron Horse.

GSA was asked who oversees the area 50 website as it is out of date providing last year's calendar information. Zach believes it is someone named "Tim" and that he is new to the position. The website is in the process of being updated, no go-live date was provided.

No questions for the Ad hoc subcommittee, however a statement from the chair requesting that those present bring the information to their groups. Derrek expanded upon that statement requesting that those present "spread the word" regarding the purpose of the inventory. It was asked how many questionnaires were returned. Derrek reiterated that seven were returned. The chair spoke briefly of the need to bring in more groups to intergroup.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

The disbanding of the Ad hoc committee to identify new Central Office location options, it has been recommended that the Office stay where it is. Apparently the landlords are providing a financial break to AA making it most advantageous to stay here.

Asked why we are being given a discount----Because of sympathy toward our non-profit status

- Asked if we need to vote---No, because it is voted upon by steering committee and not up to debate by the central committee

Nick (Lockport #1) is it a \$65 this year than \$165 the following? No, it is an increase of \$65 this year and another \$100 next year. We can revisit next year if necessary. Original estimates were \$600/year increase. Rent is now "\$1,200 something"

Asked if more people come to Central Committee where will they go? Chair states that we will address that if it becomes a problem. That there used to be 200 people at Central Committee, and the meeting was held elsewhere. There were many memories brought up of when there was food and a speaker.

Nadav (How it Works) brought a motion requesting reimbursement for \$285.20 for two nights at the hotel NYRAASA 2015 and that those funds should come from Treatment Facility budget. Seconded by: Nick (Lockport #1)

The chair stated that funds cannot come out of the Treatment Facility Budget but has to come out of Central Committee budget.

Brought up that it should be able to be taken from Treatment Budget as it is part of Central Committee. Then much discussion as to who decides and whether Steering Committee oversees the Executive Secretary. Then a heated conversation about the various roles and responsibilities of those present, and that the direction should come from the by-laws. Nadav stated that the by-laws are somewhat vague in this respect, and that they cannot use the funds already allocated to them, thus let's use these funds that have already been allocated as opposed to taking them from another area of the budget. Was brought up that the funding is for purchase of items as opposed to hotel rooms. Zach requested that the bylaws be consulted. Nothing specific was found pertaining to this conversation.

Mike (Abbott Men's) Seconded by Tony (three Legacies) requested a vote to force a vote from the floor. 18 voted for, 1 against (Pat) provided minority opinion that the funds should not be allowed to be taken from Treatment, but should be from Central Committee. Requested that we take funds from Central Committee tonight then address in next year's budget. 1 abstain ; Vote Carried, 19 Voted for, 0 opposed, 2 Abstentions

Vote Carried, to provide recompense to the Treatment Committee for hotel room charges, to be taken from the Treatment Committee budget.

No Group Announcements, other than a final plea from Derrek (Step Action) to get involved in the day of sharing, and Lila made an announcement regarding their breakfast in April.

Zach (Three Legacies) is having a Tradition day of sharing tomorrow. Tony (Three Legacies) shared that they have the privilege of hosting the pre-conference for the assembly at the Hope Center. Cataract convention is March 20-22

(8:21pm) Motion to Close Joan (Acceptance) Second Tom W (As Bill Sees It)

Cash Flow Statement	Jan-15	Feb-15	YTD
Beg Bal Cash on hand	29,968.90	28,377.63	
Contributions			8,341.82
Groups	5,078.47	3,263.35	78.95
Joint Meeting	53.00	25.95	1,851.00
Envelope System	1,304.00	547.00	77.00
New Frontiers Subs	67.00	10.00	6,286.29
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,155.96	3,130.33	346.43
Literature Sales Tax	151.56	194.87	14.69
Literature Postage	7.90	6.79	(27.18)
Sales +/-	(31.36)	4.18	-
Archives Room Rent:			31.50
Com. Meetings at CO	15.00	16.50	25.00
Mail/Misc.		25.00	-
Tax Returns			-
Transfer from PR			-
Income Transfer to Corrections/Treatment			-
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)			-
Conventions/Day of Sharing			-
Monthly Income	9,801.53	7,223.97	17,025.50
Expenses			2,418.82
Building Rent/Utilities	1,209.41	1,209.41	6,589.20
Payroll Gross	3,953.52	2,635.68	642.50
Employment Taxes	385.50	257.00	-
Unemployment Surcharge			(6.00)
NYS Sales Tax (ANNUAL)			1,414.84
Insurance			1,111.96
State Ins Fund(Travelers)	(3.60)	(2.40)	891.42
Health	824.42	590.42	265.48
D&O Insurance		1,045.00	255.70
Liability	1,111.96		-
Postage	369.95	521.47	172.00
Phone/Internet	141.68	123.80	291.60
Accounting			-
Paychex	188.70	67.00	2,745.40
Advt			615.30
Talking Phone Book			2,104.50
Super Media	172.00		220.65
website			-
Local Edge		291.60	291.60
Yellow Pages			-
Literature Expenses			-
Grapevine			2,745.40
World Services Inc	1,617.80	1,127.60	615.30
Hazeldon	615.30		2,104.50
Printers		2,104.50	220.65
Medallions	220.65		-
Petty Cash			-
Office Supplies	18.37	272.73	291.10
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	418.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	322.00
Bank Fee's including credit cards fee's	197.14	60.20	257.34
literature returns reimbursement			-
Seed \$\$		200.00	200.00
Seminar			-
Transfer to Prudent Reserve			-
Transfer to Corrections/Treatment			-
Monthly Expenses	11,392.80	10,874.01	22,266.81
Monthly Income (Loss)	(1,591.27)	(3,650.04)	(5,241.31)
End Balance	28,377.63	24,727.59	
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Total Balance	31,377.63	27,727.59	
PRUDENT RESERVE	28,131.33	28,131.98	
Assets: Literature & Medallions	14,007.53	15,624.88	
Literature Receivable (outstanding)	980.95	522.12	
Removed from Stock			
Corrections Facilities	2,830.45	2,938.25	
Contributions	390.80	40.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	
Expenses	280.00	654.50	
Balance	2,938.25	2,320.75	
Treatment Facilities	2,685.30	2,675.30	
Contributions	273.00	40.00	
Expenses	280.00		
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	
Balance	2,675.30	2,712.30	

**Intergruop wants to express our appreciation** for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a **special thank you** to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.



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New Frontiers ~ April 2015

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

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DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR
	12 Steps/12 Traditions		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	A ANONYMOUS	20.00			0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	A VISION FOR YOU		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's	90.00			0.00		0.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Akron Awareness		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		15.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst/ Snyder	43.50	43.50		0.00		0.00
6	Armsdell Lakeshore		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Angola Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	30.00	60.00		0.00		0.00
4	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		45.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Blasdel Saturday		20.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass	10.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
	Building Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek		80.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake- Up Call		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor	200.00		200.00		200.00	
7	Central City Café'		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga		125.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Common Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections	190.00	190.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Dawn of Hope		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
	East Amherst Traditions		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	60.00	30.00	60.00	30.00	60.00
4	Ellicottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Elmwood		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	320.22	320.22		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		169.50		67.80		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		45.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

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		FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR	FEB	YEAR
2	Friends of Bill W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville	412.50	412.50		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		500.00		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grace Point		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand		25.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly	40.00	40.00		0.00		0.00
1	H.I.P.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		283.00		23.00		23.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	140.00	160.00		0.00		0.00
1	HUDSON & WADSWORTH		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse		244.00		0.00		0.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Just Do It		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lake Shore		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women	25.00	25.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		300.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Manilla	40.00	80.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	68.00	199.25		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		25.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		25.00		25.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		42.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo	100.00	200.00		0.00		0.00



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