

# NEW FRONTIERS

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

April 2016

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



**O**ur Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither, and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

**Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question: “Is this service really needed?” If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A.**

Quoted From The Forward To:  
“The A.A. Service Manual”  
By Bill W.



## A Fourth Dimension of Living

SOMEONE ONCE asked me after a meeting just how I was able to establish what he perceived to be a strong relationship with my Higher Power. He felt that I had something he wanted, and he did not know how to get it. I explained that basically he was asking for what those who have gone on before us had offered, namely, "If you have decided you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it--then you are ready to take certain steps." It's really that simple, I said, knowing that it still wasn't easy.

Those early days were a struggle for me. Even today, after thirteen years in AA, there are still times when I fight the obvious solution. Lack of power was the driving force that both brought me to AA and compels me to stay. I had become convinced that I could no longer manage things myself, nor could I find a method of release that satisfied my own ego.

I found grave difficulty in "giving up to win" or "turning it over," let alone identifying what the "it" was that I was to turn over. How could I release control over my will and my life to a higher power? After all, I had been the highest power for many years. The answer to that question came from the Big Book: I "had to quit playing God."

It wasn't that I did not believe in God. I had always had some thought of a creator of the universe, some intelligent force responsible for it all. But I had taken over for Him somewhere along the line. It was as if God (as I understood Him) simply vanished from existence, giving up on the human race in general and on us alcoholics in particular.

I found that believing He exists was easy, but trusting him was something else. Trusting has the same relationship to believing that accepting has to admitting (in regard to my alcoholism). The trick for me was to learn to trust this power over all areas of my life, especially my disease. But how was I to accomplish that?

Sure, I had admitted I was alcoholic, and accepted it. Sure, I recognized that my life was unmanageable. I even believed that God could restore me to sanity, and that was a gift I really needed. But why wasn't it happening to me? Why did some people in AA have such a peaceful spirituality, and not me? Had they found some mysterious method that they were keeping secret? They had a method, all right, but it was far from being a mystery. I had to return to the source, the Big Book.

Steps One and Two didn't seem to be a problem for me. Then, I noticed that the Third Step uses the word "decision." I learned that the word means the art of deciding to do something after an honest appraisal of the facts. The facts at that point were being alcoholic and being unable to manage my own life.

The Step continued by saying to me that I should be turning my will (the choice of one in authority) over to the care of God as I understood Him. But why wasn't I doing that? My problem was that I kept on deciding and deciding and deciding. I later learned that I had to carry out that decision with action, before I could realize any meaningful and long lasting results. What action?

Fortunately, I had a sponsor who had once found himself at that same turning point. He explained that he, like me, had wanted more than just not drinking today, or not drinking and wanting to. He said, paraphrasing the Big Book, "Though my decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless *at once* followed by a strenuous effort to face, and be rid of, the things in myself which had been blocking me."

"Blocking you from what?" I asked. He smiled.

Since that day when I began to face and be rid of those things in myself which were blocking me from God, my life has taken a new direction. As the Big Book promises, I intuitively know how to handle those things which used to baffle me. I discover each day that God is doing for me what I could not and cannot do for myself. He is indeed giving me a peace which becomes more meaningful each day. I have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of living.

What did I suggest to my inquiring friend to aid him in finding his God-consciousness? Well, I simply told him to take his inventory, face and be rid of those things that were blocking him. Many of us minimize the importance of Step Four these days, and by so doing, we often sign our own death warrants, or force ourselves into a life of terrible fear and alcoholic compulsion.

Seek out a sponsor who has taken the inventory *as it is in the Big Book*, pages 64-71. Ask your sponsor to help you through it. It is not a Pandora's box, unleashing evil creatures intent on having your for lunch. It is the process of recognizing and removing those items inside you which have kept you debilitated for years. Do you want to find God, God *as you understand Him*? Take your inventory.

-- D. M.;

Lebanon, Pennsylvania

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### Buffalo Central Office Needs Support



**We have needed to transfer \$5,000 from our Prudent Reserve to the Main Checking Account to pay our monthly expenses. We are running at an increasing deficit each**



The month of April has seen a considerable amount of AA history. Not the least of which is the April 10th 1939 publication of Alcoholics Anonymous, AA's Big Book. April also saw the 2004 passing of the last living witness to the birth of AA. in Dr. Bob's son, Robert "Bob" "Smitty" Ripley Smith II. He was there the day Bill and Bob met for the first time. So much active living, time, and energy by so many people have gone into making AA what it is today.

It was in the month of April that AA said goodbye with much love, appreciation, and gratefulness to three nonalcoholic people who contributed a great deal of good to AA.

1966, Harry Tiebout, 9 years a non-alcoholic trustee of AA's General Service Board,

1960 Fr Ed Dowling; Bill's spiritual advisor and

1966, Sister Ignatia who provided some insight into AA history in HOSPITAL PROGRESS, Vo1. 32: 293-296, October, 1951 THE CARE OF ALCOHOLICS --- St. Thomas Hospital and A.A. started a movement which swept the country by Sister M. Ignatia, C.S.A. Administrator, St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio.

A small excerpt: "Nearly 12 years ago, one of the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, Dr. Bob was on our staff five years before we knew that he had a drinking problem. We would not have known it then had he not volunteered the information. Dr. Bob often discussed the problem of alcoholism with us, with regard to auto accidents and other tragedies caused by excessive drinking. Many of these cases had to be admitted to the hospital even though they were intoxicated.

After talking with members of the families of these compulsive drinkers and realizing the suffering brought into the homes of these afflicted people because of drink, we became deeply interested in the plan which Dr. Bob unfolded to us.

See, in 1939, hospital beds were at a premium. There was very little enthusiasm around the hospital about admitting people who were imbibing too freely in those days.

However, prompted by the grace of God, we very cautiously admitted one patient, with the diagnosis of acute gastritis, under the care of Dr. Bob. The patient was placed in a two-bed room.

The next morning Dr. Bob came to the admitting office very timidly and requested that the patient be moved to a spot where the men who came to visit him might talk with him privately.

The only available space we could think of was a small room across the hall called the "flower room," where patients' flowers were changed and arranged. We pushed the alcoholic's bed into this room. It was there that he received his first A.A. visitors. The men who came to visit him were such respectable, dignified - appearing men that we could hardly believe they had ever been addicted to alcohol.

Today our A.A. ward has eight beds, adjoining a corridor.

The corridor opens into the gallery of our chapel. Our alcoholic ward is not a great problem. It is simply a large room with accommodations in one end for eight beds. The rear of this ward-lounge is a room with a lavatory and shower into which the new man is brought for admission to the ward. An important point is that he is helped out of his street clothes and into hospital attire by other patients in the ward. The advantage for the new patient is that, from the first, he is in the care of understanding friends. The advantage for the older patients who perform this duty is that they are thus able to see themselves again as they were upon admission. Directly across the hall from our ward-lounge is the choir-loft of our chapel, which permits A.A. patients to hear Mass every day if they wish and to make visits - when they so desire - all in complete seclusion. Bearing in mind always that the alcoholic is a person who is sick spiritually as well as physically, the ready access he is thus given to the source of spiritual healing is a powerful factor in his recovery."

A priest once told me that the A.A. program is the most fruitful source of conversions. These people are seeking truth; in other words, they are thirsting for God. We should enjoy and cherish the days of our own personal history in AA; nothing temporary lasts for ever.

David C. of the Orchard Park Step Group



#### 4th STEP:

*"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."*

### Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

#### Section 2.03 Officers

#### B. Chairperson

1. The Chairperson shall serve for a term of one year and shall not be eligible for re-election as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall succeed to that office after having been elected and having served as Co-Chairperson of the Central Committee for one year immediately preceding his or her elevation to the position of Chairperson. **In the event that no qualified candidate is available for chairperson, the Central Committee shall appoint a chairperson by simple majority.**

### Heard @ a Meeting

**There are no booze  
or fees for AA.  
We are self supporting.**

#### 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. 18y  
Greg F. 21y

### Acceptance/Welcom

Darleen L. 3y  
Tiffany T. 4y  
Linda C. 4y  
Imca S. 5y  
Craig K. 5y  
Julia W. 6y  
Joe O. 9y  
Harold S. 20y  
Chuck D. 40y

### Amherst Snyder

Jim T. 3m  
Skye 1y  
Brian N. 2y  
Naomi F. 4y  
Donna D. 5y  
Mike K. 11y  
Chris T. 12y  
Tony B. 21y  
Fred S. 29y  
Dee C. 32y  
Marty M. 35y

### Big Book Lockport

Laurie H. 12y

### Blv. Helping Hand

Ashleigh K. 3y  
John D. 12y  
Chuck D. 40y

### Courage Group

Kathy M. 16y  
Marie D. 22y

### Daily Reflections

Craig K. 5y  
Lee Mc 5y

### Eyeopener

Dawn P. 3y  
John W. 4y  
Kevin C. 4y  
Mike E. 5y  
Kim 5y  
Jennifer B. 5y  
Brian K. 6y  
Anthony V 6y  
Jim S 6y  
Lorre 6y  
William J. 7y  
Pete R. 8y  
MaryAnn 8y  
Mary Beth 8y  
Kevin J 11y  
Ryan L. 17y  
Rick H. 23y  
Bill F 25y  
Pat W 26y  
Alan C. 27y  
Emmet 32y  
Nick 36y  
Chuck 40y

### Eyeopener South

Eric P. 6m  
Jason L. 6m  
Susan B. 1y  
Justine S. 2y  
Tony V. 6y  
Dan B. 30y

### Fireside

Bryan K 5y

### First Step

Mark N. 1y  
Robert M. 8y  
Jerome K. 10y

### Friends Of Bill W.

Sandie Q. 3y  
Ed W. 26y  
Jim B. 29y

### Golden Slipper

Donna K. 5y  
Paul H. 23y  
Jerry B. 27y  
Kurt K. 34y

### H.A.N.D.

Bryant G. 31y

### Harmony

Serena H. 1y  
Phil M. 12y  
Sam B. 16y  
Tony B. 26y

### Helping Hand

Terri P. 2y  
Dick E. 16y  
Nancy P. 18y

### How It Works

Kirk D. 1y  
Bob H. 4y  
Carl S. 17y  
Bob W. 23y  
Phil K. 26y

### Ironhorse

Scotty S. 22y  
Mike H. 42y

### Just For Today

Paul C. 20y  
Dave M. 27y  
John D. 32y  
Nick 34y  
Rita F. 42y

### Kensington

Dick B. 33y  
Rita F. 42y

### Lakeshore

Walter W. 7y  
Greg H. 27y  
Terry B. 29y  
John B. 29y

### Lewport

Sandra F. 5y  
Chris M. 5y  
John S. 8y  
George T. 14y

### Lockport #1

Laurie H. 12y  
Wally E. 31y  
Al McC. 45y

### Lockview

Markus T. 3y  
Greg T. 3y  
Zanette B 5y  
Jean P. 6y  
Kate M. 22y  
Jerry B. 27y

### Main & High

Larry H. 28y

### Marilla

Shirley 29y

### Orchard Park Step

Adam B. 6m  
Mary P. 4y  
Rioli B. 7y  
Mary B. 9y

### Renaissance

Deja B. 3m  
Kathy F. 3m  
Robin D. 3m  
Teresa W. 6m  
Daniella H. 6m  
John M. 9m  
Don K. 1y  
Velvet J. 2y  
Bob M. 4y  
Ann J. 9y  
Tara M. 16y  
Debbie M. 23y  
Kate B. 26y  
Jim B. 29y  
Dick G. 39y

### Remember When

Kim R. 1y  
Willie S. 6y  
Susan W. 6y  
Steve C. 8y  
Nelson H. 8y  
Elber L. 13y

### Rise & Shine

Tom C. 4y  
Sue S. 33y

### Sheridan

Jesse D. 2y  
Mark H. 22y

### Sunday Morning

Mark M. 18y

### Williamsville

Dan Z. 4y  
Ryan L. 17y  
Doug C. 19y  
Kate C. 22y  
Al McC. 45y



### GROUPS CELEBRATING

Attraction-46y  
Casting-42y  
Cheektowaga- 59y  
East Amherst- 42y  
First Step; 45y  
H.O.W.- 25y  
Lewport- 58y  
Purpose- 41y  
Ray of Hope- 35y  
Serenity on the Lake- 17y  
Victory Women's-11y  
Welcome- 44y

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 :-)**

**BUFFALO CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**(716) 853-0388**  
**9:00 AM- 12:30PM, 2:00 PM- 4:30 PM**

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**BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14210**  
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*Real-Time schedule? Check your website: [www.buffalooany.org](http://www.buffalooany.org)*

## April 2016

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

### **MEETING CHANGES**

- Starting Sunday, April 3rd through the end of September 2016, **Sunday Morning Breakfast Group will not be meeting at Cheektowaga Town Park.** We will instead be meeting at the **Alexander Community Center**, 275 Alexander, Cheektowaga. The building is diagonally across the back area from the current meeting. The meeting will continue to meet from 11AM-Noon.
- **Angola Early Birds will no longer Meet on Mondays**, Thursday's will continue to meet only. Most Precious Blood Church, 192 Prospect St. (off Lake St.) 14006
- New Group; **Open Discussion**, Saturdays 10:30 AM. Fellowship Wesleyan Church, 1645 Southwestern Blvd.( Across from YMCA )West Seneca, NY 14224
- **Elmwood Group NO LONGER MEETS.** 2590 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore, NY 14217

**Support AA through the Envelope**

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

- ~ Apr 9, **General Service Assembly, SATURDAY ,12 Noon.**, Hope Center 781 Maple Rd., Amherst, NY.14221 (Hosted by Eyeopener)
- ~ Apr 3, **Central Committee Meeting, SUNDAY, 7 PM**, Buffalo Central Office (Hosted by Questions & Answers Group).
- ~ Apr 3,, **Steering Committee; SUNDAY, 5:30 PM**, Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Apr 9, **Archives Committee Meeting; 2nd SATURDAY, 9 AM**, Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Apr 11, **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 17, **Corrections Committee Meeting, 3rd-SUNDAY, 6:00 PM**, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
- ~ Apr 18, **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?
- ~ Apr 21, **Convention Committee Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 6 PM**, The Hope Center, 781 Maple, Amherst 14221.
- Apr. 27, **Serenity On The Lake 17th Anniversary.** Food at 7pm, Speaker at 8pm. **St. Anthony's Church** , 421 Commercial St. (Rt. 249), Farnham 14061.

# COMING EVENTS

~Apr 12-14, **Spring Spiritual Women's Retreat:** Stella Niagara Center for Renewal. Speakers, groups, spiritual advisors & lots of food, fun & fellowship. Cost: \$155 (incl. meals & lodging). Registration forms included with March New Frontiers and can be found on the Buffalo AA website under events.

Contact person: Marilyn S @ retreatnewsaa@gmail.com

~April 30, **Annual Area 50 Archives Breakfast, 10AM,** Monsignore Henesey Hall at the Infant of Prague at 921 Cleveland Dr. Cheektowaga, 14225. Doors open at 9. Ticket's are \$15 and limited. **This year's speaker is Gail L., the woman who founded the first AA Archives in Akron, Ohio bringing us to the importance of realizing as alcoholics just where we really came from and the foundation our principles were firmly based on. We dare not forget. Her presentation each year at Akron's Founders' Day is quite inspiring and unless you saw her at the AA Women's International Convention, you've not yet seen the program she'll be presenting at the breakfast. \*\*\*\*\*Tickets are limited** due to seating and are not available at the door \*\*\*\*\* **Don't miss this chance to see and hear in Western New York this powerhouse of information share her decades of experience, strength and hope.** Seller's homegroups are: Daily Reflections, Lockport #1, Lovejoy Group, Ironhorse, Three Legacies (Thank You Brian K.), As Bill Sees It (Hamburg - Thank You Tina G.), Williamsville Group (Thank You Bobby B.!), Dunkirk Monday Night, Allegany Lifeline and Friends of Bill W.(Tonawanda). \*\*\*\*\*Please Tell Everyone So No One Misses This Opportunity\*\*\*\*\*

~ Apr. 30, **Women of AA Spiritual Day Of Sharing (Mini Retreat): April 30<sup>th</sup> St Columban Center, Derby 9 am-11 pm!! This is your last & final opportunity to attend a women's event at this beautiful lakeside mansion!!** 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, an evening reflection program, a late night bon fire... 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 \$55** includes: Pastries during registration, Lunch -hotdogs & potluck -bring a dish to share, dinner also included. Unlimited coffee/ tea. Service Scholarships available -first come basis. Registration forms on Buffalo AA website (under events). Contact person: or email: [retreatnewsaa@gmail.com](mailto:retreatnewsaa@gmail.com).

~ May 20-21, **12 Step Workshop,** hosted by Depth & Weight Speaker Group. Guest Hosts Gary B.- Indy, IN and Bob O.- Denver, CO. Friday: 5PM & Saturday; 9 AM. Food & Coffee Provided. Voluntary Contributions. 6 focused Sessions. 45 Dalton Drive, Buffalo, 14223.

~ July 16, **Main & High Day of Sharing,** "A Day of Sharing of Alcoholics Anonymous". 9:30- 3:45PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo (across from Anchor Bar) Registration; \$6.00, Alateen \$5. 50/50, Hot Meal & Refreshments.

~ Oct. 14-16, **75th Buffalo Fall Convention,** Adam's Mark Hotel. 120 Church St, Buffalo, 14202. Info & flyers coming soon on the website; [www.buffaloaany.org](http://www.buffaloaany.org) (under Events)

**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.

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



## Please Note!!!

Is your Group Information up to date with the General Service office in NY???

**If Not...Please Contact ;  
registrar@area50wny.org**

Current information is needed for the printing of the next Eastern Directory!!!

**Concept IV:** 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.

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
- What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not

**Central Committee Minutes March 6 2016**

The meeting was started by Zach (chair) at 8pm sharp with a reading of the responsibility statement followed by a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. John (Twin Cities) read the AA Preamble, Mark (Courage) read the Purpose of Central Committee, Dennis D. (How It Works) read the 12 Traditions. The Third Tradition was discussed with the poetic zeal of Trappist monk by Randy (Vice Chair) – Diane D will be providing what is sure to be a stirring overview

There were 25 groups present (Zone 1: Downtown Men’s, Main & High; Zone 2: How it Works, Questions & Answers, Step Action, Three Legacies, Welcome, Depth & Weight; Zone 3: Buffalo, Iron Horse, South Buffalo, Thruway; Zone 4: OP Step; Zone 5: Lockport #1, Twin Cities, Beginners; Zone 6: Derby, Going to any Length, Lakeshore, Sobriety Men’s; Zone 7: none; Zone 8: Achievement, Amherst Snyder, Beginning-Women’s, E Amherst Traditions, Williamsville.

Jake (Downtown Men’s) and Tom (Sobriety Men’s) were new representatives this month.

Motion to Accept last month’s minutes was brought by Brian and Seconded by Mark

**Reports**

**Envelope System:** No written report provided

**Steering Committee:** 6 committee members were present still missing Zone 3 and Zone 7. Had a motion brought to move \$5,000 from Prudent Reserve to the checking account for operating expenses.

**Financial:** Provided separately within New Frontiers

**Treatment:** The treatment committee is currently responsible for bringing the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous into 5 facilities. With the help of 30+ groups, there are collectively 9 "tfc meetings" a week going on at these facilities.

Last weekend Feb 26-28 several committee members and I attended The North East Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA). While there, we attended the two treatment round tables with TFC members from all over the north east region. The reason for these round tables was for all of us involved in Treatment to be able gather our collective experience and grow together. Some examples of ideas we heard about and will be discussing/implementing are; Ways to approach new facilities, coordinating with Area TCF to have a workshop that includes inviting representatives from the facilities, and developing more open lines of communication between all bodies involved in Treatment within our area. Most importantly we are now in contact with 10+ different Treatment Committees from many different Areas that we continue to grow and learn from.

Our last Committee meeting was held on 2/15/16, 10 members and 6 groups were represented.

There has been a lot of misinformation about what it means to take a meeting into a rehab facility. It is our job as the Treatment Facility Committee to rectify this issue. To this end we put together a presentation to inform all groups about what it means to hold a TFC commitment. Over the next year or two we would like to approach every group, currently holding a commitment through us, with this presentation at their business meetings. Also from now on all Groups interested taking a commitment with us will be given this presentation. The presentation can be downloaded a head of time from the Central Committee web page in the forms section.

Buffalo Treatment Committee Financial Report: A hand out was given  
Ideal Distributions of Big Books to all Facilities per month based on client request

| Facility        | Amount of Book  | Price |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| ECMC            | 1 Box (40 book) | 280   |
| V.A.            | 14 Books        | 98    |
| Salvation Army  | 14 Books        | 98    |
| Terrace House   | 14 Books        | 98    |
| Ideal monthly T |                 | 574   |

Average Monthly Contributions

| Year | Contributions |
|------|---------------|
| 2014 | 228.08        |
| 2015 | 109.5         |

645.92 Current TFC Balance 3/2/16

| Prices         |                                                   |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 7\$            |                                                   |
| 280\$          | Cost of a small Big Book bought at Central Office |
| 5\$            | Box (40) of small Big Books bought from Buffalo   |
| 200\$ or less* | Cost of a small Big Book bought from A.A.W.S.     |
|                | Box (40) of small Big Books bought from A.A.W.S.  |

Outside of joining our committee, there are a few areas where AA members, and groups, can be of service through treatment.

1. Individuals may take a speaking commitment at Horizon Village Terrace House on a Thursday at 6pm.
2. There is one open week available for groups to take a commitment at Renaissance House on Wednesday at 8. This is a men’s meeting.
3. All groups who currently have commitments through the Treatment Committee can, and should, send a representative to our monthly committee meeting to inform us about anything more we could be doing to be of service to them, and also to allow us to inform their groups, through them, about anything pertinent to their continued Twelfth step work through TFC.
- 4.

Treatment Committee is looking into taking on a new commitment at a facility that does not currently have an AA presence yet. If you have a suggestion please email us. Thank you to all groups and individuals who are involved in this vital 12th step work. To get involved or if there are any issues you need to contact us about please email us at [buffalotfc@gmail.com](mailto:buffalotfc@gmail.com), or at our monthly meeting the 3rd Monday of the month 3/21/16, 6pm, at Central Office. Yours in service,

Jesse S. Treatment Committee Chair

*New Frontiers ~ April 2016*

(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

**Corrections:** This past month I attended NERAASA. For anyone who hasn't yet heard of this event or had the privilege of going, it stands for the North East Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. While there I was able to attend both round tables where corrections committee members from all over the region discussed the work their area and intergroup committees are doing. I gathered some new and fresh ideas which I will be sharing with the committee at our next meeting, March 21st at 6pm here at the Intergroup office. At our last committee meeting we reviewed our progress with the presentation we've been developing and set a date this month to meet again and finalize it. We continue to bring male and female meetings into both the Erie County Holding Center and Alden. We continue to look for more volunteers for county and state facilities. If you're interested in doing some corrections service work you can see me after the meeting. Thank you.

**Night Watch:** No report

**Central Office:** TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS ; AA Call's: 497, 12-STEP: 8, ALANON: 2, VISITORS: 97, VOLUNTEERS: 3, Email's: 294, Website Hits: 97,167/ of them 6,681 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 14,882; Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 2 GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: SOUTHWESTERN -4, A VISION FOR YOU-6, CORNPLANTERS AGAIN 1, Women In Sobriety-5, WILSON SMITH UNIVERSITY ALUMNI -6. Reminder, if a group goes a year without a contact person, they will be removed from the schedule.

New Frontier subscriptions for 10 & 20 copies are changing; 10 copies will go up from \$33 to \$36, 20 copies will go up from \$57 to \$60.

New to the website & still working out the quirks; I set up a subscription program to email updates (Newsletter, Bulletins & Updates, through "Vertical Response". When you sign up it sends out a Confirmation Email...It is important to respond to that email to have you added to the active list when I try to send updates. PS...I myself found that email in my junk folder :(

Sales Tax for this past year was paid March 3rd... it was almost \$3000.00. **This leaves the main account with less than 1 months operating expenses...HELP!!!**

**PIC:** The committee met on Monday February 8th, I wasn't present due to work but the committee met anyway.

Addressed 25ish envelopes and filled them with the new pamphlet we have created geared toward the public, gave them to Terry to be sent out. Hopefully that will result in some upcoming presentations/commitments.

Upcoming commitment at ECMC rehab this Tuesday 3/8

We meet every second Monday of the month at central office at 6:00pm

**Convention:** Our third meeting on February 18, 2016 was well attended and represented by most committee chairs. Our co-chair, Dave G. was able to come to the meeting. He had undergone a liver transplant and was not doing well. A big thank you to Terry for tracking him down. Please keep him in your prayers. Our third meeting will be at The Hope Center, 781 Maple at Forest on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Please mention this at your home groups. Anyone interested in being on the Convention committee is welcomed, although all chairs have been filled please attend your input and help is needed and appreciated.

**Area Meeting:** Tina thanked a whole bunch of people for helping put on the Area Assembly yesterday, as did Wally the Delegate. I don't feel well and will not be transcribing unscripted stuff tonight. This committee is now disbanded.

**Special Needs:** We are going through some interesting times with Special Needs here in our area and at the Conference. We are working on a form to see how many AA members speak a foreign language. This would help the four intergroups with their 12 step list to get a member to talk with them in their language. It would work something like this. They would call Special needs would not give out info unless the person wants their info to be given out. Also we are looking at equipment to help the hearing impaired and a foreign language. It also will be used at large events where interpreters are needed to translate English into another language and enhance hearing for those with hearing aids. The time for our meetings next meeting is the 3rd Sat of the month at 3:30pm in the Central Office.

**Archives:** No written report provided

**New York State Informational Workshop:** The marvelously handsome well-spoken chair of this, most important of all committees gave a rousing recap of the stupendous progress this hard scrabble committee has made to date. Several female members of the Central Committee fainted from sheer excitement at the spectacle of this presentation. Apparently there will be another meeting of this committee every Sunday at noon at St John Grace on LaFayette and Richmond. I know I'll be there!

**Recap:**

**Treatment Committee:** There was much conversation about the statement of the chair that they can purchase books from GSO for less than they purchase from Central Committee. A statement was also made that some groups do not donate to treatment because the checking account balance for this committee is always over \$1,000 and that if the committee were to spend their money that they would receive more contributions. Jesse was asked by a mysterious stranger how many Big Books they buy in a year, and he said they bought 440 books last year. The point was raised that Central Office provides many services to treatment above and beyond just selling the books.

**Nightwatch:** It was brought up that the chair of Nightwatch has not been present since becoming Chair, it was brought up that there may be some movement on this front.

**New Business:**

The motion mentioned last month was not placed as a special notice in the New Frontiers so will now go back to the groups and be voted upon in May.

The Envelope System Chair, Pat, brought a motion for an amendment to the BYLAW's and a proposed new brochure to be voted upon in May. The motion was seconded by a completely utterly different Pat. There was discussion around the rationale behind this motion, when there was a very similar motion already brought and voted down previously. Eventually the motion was withdrawn and will be resubmitted next month.

Motion to move \$5,000 from prudent reserve to checking... vote was 19 - 0 in favor.

Sean from South Buffalo Group stood for Zone 3 Steering Committee however tragically did not meet the sobriety requirement. We all pray that he will stand again once he meets the requirement.

Yours truly will be in fabulous Indianapolis during next month's Central Committee meeting and actively sought a stand-in, no one volunteered (huge shock) so Debi was singled out to either fill the slot or find someone who could.

The meeting was closed by motion brought by Dennis 2nd by Joan. Those two are quite a team!



| Cash Flow Statement                     | Jan-16            | Feb-16            |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Beg Bal Cash on hand</b>             | <b>16,033.27</b>  | <b>14,111.56</b>  |
| <b>Contributions</b>                    |                   |                   |
| Groups                                  | 3,560.58          | 3,931.38          |
| Joint Meeting                           | 72.00             | 46.40             |
| Envelope System                         | 1,005.00          | 532.00            |
| New Frontiers Subs                      | 20.00             | 59.00             |
| Literature/Medallions/Pins              | 3,123.04          | 3,157.88          |
| Literature Sales Tax                    | 183.54            | 193.57            |
| Literature Postage                      | 9.59              | 18.85             |
| Sales+/-                                | 98.02             | 48.59             |
| Archives Room Rent                      |                   |                   |
| Com. Meetings at CO                     | 9.00              | 15.00             |
| Mail/Misc.                              |                   |                   |
| Tax Returns                             |                   |                   |
| Transfer from PR                        |                   |                   |
| Income Transfer                         |                   |                   |
| "Gratitude Month" (NOV)                 |                   |                   |
| Conventions/Day of Sharing              |                   |                   |
| <b>Monthly Income</b>                   | <b>8,080.77</b>   | <b>8,002.67</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                         |                   |                   |
| Building Rent/Utilities                 | 1,283.79          | 1,283.79          |
| Payroll Gross                           | 2,769.24          | 2,769.24          |
| Employment Taxes                        | 270.02            | 270.02            |
| Unemployment Surcharge                  | (2.40)            | (2.40)            |
| NYS Sales Tax (ANNUAL)                  |                   |                   |
| Insurance                               |                   |                   |
| State Ins Fund(Travelers)               |                   | 312.00            |
| Health                                  | 554.67            | 535.30            |
| D&O Insurance                           | 1,071.00          |                   |
| Liability                               | 1,103.15          |                   |
| Postage                                 | 171.91            | 628.92            |
| Phone/Internet                          | 126.07            | 196.67            |
| Accounting                              |                   |                   |
| Paychex                                 | 200.90            | 115.13            |
| Advt                                    |                   |                   |
| Talking Phone Book                      |                   |                   |
| Dex Media                               | 349.80            | 175.55            |
| website                                 |                   |                   |
| Local Edge                              |                   | 291.60            |
| Yellow Pages                            |                   |                   |
| Literature Expenses                     |                   |                   |
| Grapevine                               |                   | 210.00            |
| World Services Inc                      | 884.76            | 1,123.03          |
| Hazeldon                                |                   | 1,021.13          |
| Printers                                |                   | 2,275.00          |
| Medallions                              |                   | 9.85              |
| Petty Cash                              |                   |                   |
| Office Supplies                         | 611.59            | 40.59             |
| Copier Leasing                          | 209.00            | 209.00            |
| Copies/ service contract                | 161.00            | 161.00            |
| Bank Fee's including credit cards fee's | 237.98            | 63.06             |
| literature returns reimbursement        |                   |                   |
| Convention add to make Seed \$\$        |                   | 100.00            |
| CO Seminar                              |                   |                   |
| Transfer to Corrections/Treatment       |                   |                   |
| Transfer to Corrections/Treatment       |                   |                   |
| <b>Monthly Expenses</b>                 | <b>10,002.48</b>  | <b>11,788.48</b>  |
| <b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>            | <b>(1,921.71)</b> | <b>(3,785.81)</b> |
| <b>End Balance</b>                      | <b>14,111.56</b>  | <b>10,325.75</b>  |
| <b>Petty Cash</b>                       | <b>3,000.00</b>   | <b>3,000.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Balance</b>                    | <b>17,111.56</b>  | <b>13,325.75</b>  |
| <b>PRUDENT RESERVE</b>                  | <b>28,138.32</b>  | <b>28,138.77</b>  |
| Assets: Literature& Medallions          | 11,787.37         | 14,156.21         |
| Literature Receivable:(outstanding)     | 406.50            | 532.52            |
| PIC Removed from Stock                  |                   |                   |
| <b>Corrections Facilities</b>           | <b>1,928.45</b>   | <b>2,047.15</b>   |
| Contributions                           | 270.00            | 105.00            |
| Bank Fee's                              | 3.00              | 3.00              |
| Expenses                                | 148.30            |                   |
| <b>Balance</b>                          | <b>2,047.15</b>   | <b>2,149.15</b>   |
| <b>Treatment Facilities</b>             | <b>655.60</b>     | <b>817.60</b>     |
| Contributions                           | 165.00            | 391.32            |
| Expenses                                |                   | 560.00            |
| Bank Fee's                              | 3.00              | 3.00              |
| <b>Balance</b>                          | <b>817.60</b>     | <b>645.92</b>     |

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**Intergroup 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.

*Bill W. wrote of Intergroup Offices, "Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that AA must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill"*

*"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet*

### **Traditions Failure Alert!!!**

According to our 7th tradition, **"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions."**

Did you know that each group in our Buffalo/ Niagara Area schedule is a part of our Central Committee. (Yes, even those "small" group's). It is a joint expense to pay for our Central Service Office. Last Year we paid out almost \$10,000 more than we brought in, and half that was in literature sales. Expenses have been kept to a minimum, while contributions have decreased. At this rate we will go out of business. **The Office this month had to take monies from the Prudent Reserve to cover our expenses...WE NEED HELP!!!**

### **What Can We Do!!!**

- When passing the basket; explain that the 7th tradition basket pays for all of AA, (the group is the Stewart of AA's money)... all the way up the line to GSO, we take no outside contributions on any level. It is all our responsibility to pay not only our group expenses, but also the local intergroup office, the Area, that takes our voice to the Conference, and AA World Services. (Reading the Green Card, explains this ) It cannot be done on the same dollar that was being put in 75 years ago!!!
- Personally each individual could contribute through the Envelope System; taking personal responsibility. If each member contributed at least \$5.00/ month (not to exceed \$5,000 annually), it would go a long way towards our survival; to carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous into the future, for the yet to come Alcoholic in need of a solution, like what was done in the past for AA to be here when we, ourselves were ready.

**Can You Please Help!!!**

New Frontiers ~ April 2016

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

| Zones | GROUP                              | CENTRAL |        | CORRECTIONS |       | TREATMENT |       |
|-------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|
|       |                                    | FEB     | YEAR   | FEB         | YEAR  | FEB       | YEAR  |
|       |                                    |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 5     | 7 Clans                            |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 5     | 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  |
| 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                       | 75.00   | 75.00  |             | 0.00  | 75.00     | 75.00 |
| 2     | Acceptance/Welcome                 |         | 100.00 |             | 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  |
| 5     | Albion Grapevine                   |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 5     | Albion New Beginnings              |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Alexander                          |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 8     | Amherst Snyder                     |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Amsdell Step                       |         | 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) | 50.00   | 50.00  | 25.00       | 25.00 | 25.00     | 25.00 |
| 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                  | 50.00   | 50.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Big Book Study                     | 40.00   | 40.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Blasdell                           |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Blasdell Saturday                  |         | 30.00  |             | 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   | 10.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 7     | Buffalo Group                      |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Buffalo Creek                      | 20.00   | 20.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
|       | By the Book                        |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | By the Wayside                     | 75.00   | 75.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Carry the Message                  |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 7     | Casting                            |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
|       | Castile                            | 60.00   | 60.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 1     | Cathedral Park                     |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 8     | Cayuga Wake-Up Call                |         | 200.00 |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Caz Manor                          |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Caz Manor Sunday                   |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 7     | Central City Cafe'                 |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Chapter IX                         |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Cheektowaga                        |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Changing Our Way's                 |         | 0.00   |             | 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  |
| 1     | Commitment                         |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Common Problem                     |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 1     | Complanters                        |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 3     | Courage                            | 50.00   | 50.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Daily Reflections                  |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Daily Reprieve                     |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Dawn of Hope                       |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Depth & Weight                     | 15.00   | 15.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Derby                              |         | 192.00 |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Derby Lunch                        |         | 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  |
| 8     | East Amherst Traditions            |         | 100.00 |             | 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                        |         | 100.00 |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 1     | Express                            |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 8     | Eyeopener                          | 186.05  | 186.05 |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 4     | Eyeopener South                    |         | 200.00 |             | 80.00 |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Feelings                           |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 8     | Fireside PM                        |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 8     | Fireside                           | 213.00  | 213.00 |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 5     | First Step (NF)                    |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Forestville Sunday Serenity        | 50.00   | 50.00  |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 6     | Fredonia Discussion                |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 2     | Freedom                            |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 7     | Fresh Start                        |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 1     | Friday Night Lights                |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |
| 5     | Friendly                           |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00  |           | 0.00  |

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

| Zones | GROUP                        | CENTRAL |        | CORRECTIONS |      | TREATMENT |        |
|-------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|------|-----------|--------|
|       |                              | FEB     | YEAR   | FEB         | YEAR | FEB       | YEAR   |
| 2     | Friends of Bill W.           | 50.00   | 50.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 3     | Gardenville                  | 220.00  | 220.00 |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 8     | Georgetown                   |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 6     | Gettin With It               |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 1     | Giving                       |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 6     | Go to Any Length             |         | 420.00 |             | 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   |
| 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                 |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 8     | High Noon                    | 400.00  | 400.00 |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 8     | High View                    |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 4     | Hillbilly                    |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 1     | H.I.P.                       |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 6     | Holiday Village              |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 4     | Holland                      |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 6     | Honest Solutions             | 90.00   | 90.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 2     | Honesty                      |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
|       | Hope's Horizon               |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 2     | How It Works/Men's           | 100.00  | 100.00 |             | 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)            | 50.00   | 50.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 3     | Inspiration                  |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 5     | Intoxicated on Life          |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 3     | Ironhorse                    | 89.00   | 219.00 |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 8     | 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     | Lakeshore                    |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 6     | Lakeview                     |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 3     | Lancaster Dailey Reprieve    |         | 50.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
|       | Lawyer's                     |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 5     | LewPort                      |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 2     | Liberty Women                | 50.00   | 50.00  |             | 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                  | 100.00  | 100.00 |             | 0.00 | 200.00    | 200.00 |
| 5     | Lockport Discussion          |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 5     | Lockport Ladies              |         | 0.00   |             | 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                | 10.00   | 10.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 4     | Main Street                  |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 8     | Maple                        |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 3     | Marching Forth               |         | 25.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 4     | Manila                       | 30.00   | 60.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 3     | Matt Talbot                  | 39.32   | 88.98  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 6     | McKinley Winners             |         | 0.00   |             | 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     | Mustard Seed II              |         | 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 Freedom                  |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 5     | New International            |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 3     | New Life                     |         | 0.00   |             | 0.00 |           | 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. |         | 35.00  |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |
| 2     | North Buffalo                |         | 100.00 |             | 0.00 |           | 0.00   |

New Frontiers ~ April 2016

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

| GROUP                           | CENTRAL | CORRECTIONS | TREATMENT |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| 4 North Java Monday             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 North Java Sunday             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 One Day At A Time             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Open Arms                     | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Open Mind                     | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Orchard Park Step             | 252.13  | 25.00       | 0.00      |
| 8 Our Meeting @ the VA          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Pendleton Chapter Five        | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Point of No Return            | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 Powerless                     | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Pride                         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Primary Purpose               | 5.00    | 5.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Principles Bef. Personalities | 30.00   | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Purpose/Tonawanda             | 300.00  | 300.00      | 0.00      |
| 6 Quitting Time                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| Quo Vadis                       | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Ray of Hope                   | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Reflections                   | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Reflections on Recovery       | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 Remember When                 | 32.00   | 109.00      | 0.00      |
| 1 Renaissance                   | 200.00  | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Renaissance Women             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Renewal                       | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Ridge                         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Rise and Shine                | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 Rochester                     | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Rural is Plural               | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Sally                         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Saratoga                      | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Saturday 12 & 12              | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Saturday Night Alive          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Sat. Nite Sober               | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Searching For Serenity        | 100.00  | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 Second Chance                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Serenity                      | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Serenity on the Lake          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Serenity Sister's             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Serenity Trails               | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Setaside                      | 244.25  | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Sheridan                      | 100.00  | 100.00      | 0.00      |
| 6 Silvercreek Friendship        | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Simplicity                    | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Sober Saturday                | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Sober Trails                  | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Sober Train                   | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Sober Winners                 | 50.00   | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Sobriety Men's Disc.          | 60.00   | 60.00       | 0.00      |
| 5 Sobriety On The Canal         | 75.00   | 75.00       | 0.00      |
| 5 Sobriety on a Sat. Night      | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Sobriety on the Lake          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Sobriety Sisters              | 38.00   | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 Solidarity                    | 7.00    | 23.02       | 0.00      |
| 5 Somerset                      | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 South Buffalo                 | 200.00  | 313.60      | 0.00      |
| 3 South Town                    | 0.00    | 0.00        | 11.32     |
| 3 Southgate                     | 0.00    | 0.00        | 11.32     |
| 4 Southwestern                  | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Spiritual Progress            | 20.00   | 40.00       | 0.00      |
| 4 Springville Sat. Afternoon    | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Springville Tues. Night       | 50.00   | 50.00       | 50.00     |
| 4 Springville Wed. Noon         | 10.00   | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Springville New Life          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Sprout into Sobriety          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 St. Barnabas                  | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 St. Mark's                    | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Stargazers                    | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Starting Over/By The Book     | 200.00  | 200.00      | 0.00      |
| 2 Step Action Group             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Step it Up (Wehrle)           | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Stepping Stones/Will.         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Sunday @ 8:00                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Sunday Grapevine              | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Sunday's Best                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Sunday in Cattaraugus         | 50.92   | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Sunday Morning Breakfast      | 200.00  | 200.00      | 0.00      |
| 1 Sunrise Court                 | 50.00   | 150.00      | 0.00      |
| 8 SUNY Amherst Campus           | 33.26   | 33.26       | 0.00      |
| 2 Surrender and Hope            | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 TGIF                          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Thankful                      | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 The Absolutes                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 The Beginnings Of Recovery    | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 The Derby Lunch               | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 The Herd                      | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 The Journey                   | 78.50   | 78.50       | 0.00      |
| 2 The New Group                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 The Noon Meeting              | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Three Legacies                | 19.25   | 47.25       | 0.00      |
| 3 Thruway                       | 10.00   | 10.00       | 0.00      |
| 7 Thurs. Nite Steppers          | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 TnT                           | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Today                         | 30.00   | 30.00       | 0.00      |

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|---------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| 6 Tri County              | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Tri-Step Beginners      | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Try Again               | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 4 Tuesday Men's AM        | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| Tuesday Afternoon         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Tuesday Women's         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Turning Point           | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Twin Cities             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 TWO PONDS               | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Unity                   | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 University Men's Disc.  | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Valley                  | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Victory                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 Victory Women's         | 25.00   | 25.00       | 0.00      |
| VIP                       | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Wake Up Call            | 31.00   | 31.00       | 0.00      |
| 6 WE (Women's Experience) | 100.00  | 100.00      | 0.00      |
| 2 WE BELIEVE              | 50.00   | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 3 We Care                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 We Don't Know           | 23.00   | 29.00       | 0.00      |
| Westfield                 | 50.00   | 50.00       | 0.00      |
| 1 Westminster             | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 What's Going On         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 2 Why                     | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 8 Williamsville           | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 6 Willing To Grow         | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Wilson Group            | 50.00   | 50.00       | 0.00      |
| 6 Wilson Smith Alumni     | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Women In Recovery       | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 5 Women In Sobriety       | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 7 Women Making the Effort | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| 1 Women's West Side       | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| Donna F.                  | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| Harvey S.                 | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00      |
| TOTALS                    | 3931.38 | 7491.96     | 105.00    |
|                           |         | 240.00      | 391.32    |
|                           |         |             | 421.32    |

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

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

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