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Bob S., Jr. on the genesis of AA, (since he's the only living witness today of the first meeting between Bill W. and Dr. Bob, Mother's Day, 1935):

"I think that what I view as a series of miracles started in the most improbable fashion, by two guys who had absolutely nothing going for them except an open spiritual mind, and a desire for service. But, who I think were worked through and allowed this program to start and to steadily progress through a series of miracles to what it is today."

AA's practices are so contrary to custom in the modern world, a world characterized by countless division. Because of AA traditions, we run counter to society in many respects. Bill W. has said, "many of the traditions are almost paradoxical. To the outside world, they don't seem to make sense." But while society at large has been disintegrating, AA has been unifying thanks to the traditions. In effect, our common welfare should come first, for personal recovery depends upon unity. We knew we had to hang together, or else hang separate. Shall those forces that rend the world come to tear us apart?

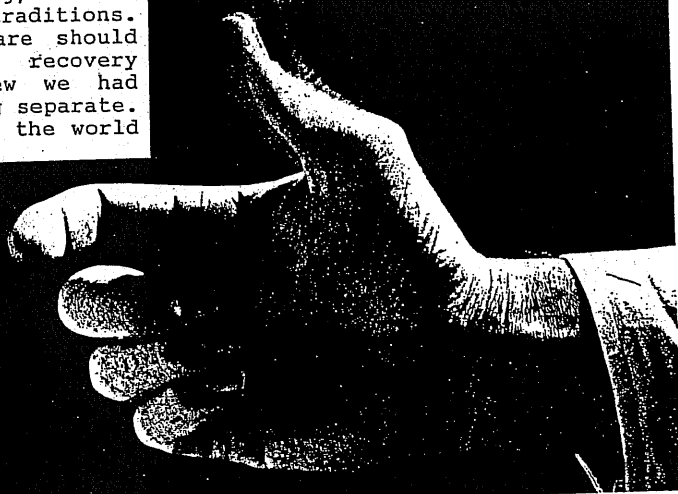


Also in the early days, AA suffered a great deal from piety. Until one of our membership stood up and declared this is a good system but, we don't need a lot of this God stuff. As long a drunk has a desire to stop drinking, anyone can be a member of AA.

Because of that challenge, and the addition of the phrase "as we understood Him" after the word "God," AA is acceptable all over the world. Even to Eastern religions, Zen Buddhism, and the like. This early insight of AA's pioneers has led many to declare AA is a miracle of the twentieth century.

Years ago, when AA got a little money, AA thought it would it would get involved in the educational and research business, doing many things to help the alcoholic who still suffered. But our fellowship soon learned we should do one thing well, than many things better. What we can do face-to-face with another alcoholic, is a matter of life and death to him. So carrying the message is our primary purpose.

Figuring the Odds in an Uncertain World



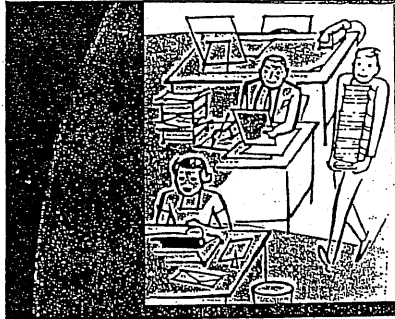
Sometimes the good is the enemy of the best. And isn't AA worthy of the best? This is a matter of survival. Didn't the group conscience speak up when Bill W. had aspirations of becoming a lay therapist with Towne's Hospital. After all, Bill W. was seeing other drunks get on with their careers, while things were still pretty rough, with only his wife Lois working. The group conscience had the foresight to see that Bill's actions would affiliate AA with the hospital, binding twelve step work to professionalism. And that would ruin AA. In this case group consensus had more sense than the co-founder.

In the early days, there were terrible fears that someone would come in and rock the boat. AA wanted nothing but the "pure alcoholic, without any complications," (whoever that was.) We couldn't have queer people, or those out of asylums, or prisons. What would people think? And besides, they might come out of jails and sandbag us.

Nor should we affiliate with outside enterprises. Some of us as individuals have gone to work for these enterprises, and have freely used the AA name to attract publicity or funds. That is a profoundly mistaken attitude, that seriously imperils our safety as a movement. So by the strongest kind of tradition, not a rule or a law, we are learning better.

There was a time Bill W. thought that AA needed million of dollars, that probably Mr. Rockefeller, or somebody ought to put money up. With money, it was thought, AA could do great good. We now find that AA's charity is not a money charity at all. It's the giving of one's self. Our expenses are trivial, our earning power collectively is enormous. Of course we're going to pay our own bills. We're going to stand before the community and say now we have something to give. We're going to abandon the old cry of the drunk: "I don't have any troubles that money can't cure."

Some people will tell you that AA has become big business, a big money proposition. Think about our WNY area. We maybe have three or four thousand AAers, but we have one small Central Office, with a secretary, someone to answer the phone and do paperwork. I wouldn't call that big business, would you? Down in New York, serving a hundred thousand alcoholics, or more, the Grapevine is produced, literature distributed, and scores of other activities undertaken. You would be surprised at the modest size of their staff. It's small business, but very important business, and AA pays according to the job to be done. But never is anyone paid to perform twelve step work.



When a group first gets started, those individuals who make the arrangements for the meeting place, who see the new people, who perform the chores, are the initial self-appointed committee. But after more membership comes in, those leaders step aside, or are pushed aside, and activities are taken care of through a rotating committee. Authority for services comes up through the bottom, instead of down from the top.



Take our Intergroup Office, which does such marvels of service. In the beginning it took a few old timers to get it going. But it has to go to the group for support, and what's done in committee sets the tone for what's done in the office. So again, Central Office, like the group, is run through the bottom, instead of down from the top. And the people that are serving our membership are directly responsible to us.

In 1950, the first hundred alcoholics turned over management of our money, public relations and media to the Board of Trustees. This was of the utmost importance to our unity. Not even the co-founders were set apart from the rest of AA. We never quarrel at the public level, about anything important, but we can fight like the devil about how to do the most good for drunks.

But in order to be of service to drunks the co-founders realized they must organize to spread this message around. And for that they needed money. Bill tried to raise money, and that ended being a disaster. Finally someone said if you want money you've got to write a book. It was decided AA would write a book. So they borrowed, begged, and even sold some small trusts that they had. Eventually they started Works Publishing Company, none of them with any experience at all.

It was 1939, and the World's Fair had just opened, it was "The World of Tomorrow." Science was selling. For that reason one evening in Brooklyn, some Bill's friends advocated that Works Publishing should produce a scientific book. Don't make it a religious, or spiritual book, that might not catch on as fast. Bill was in agreement with that.



Lois, Bill's wife, overheard this conversation. Suddenly, from the kitchen there was a loud crash. She was so angry she threw everybody out, except Bill. He lived there.

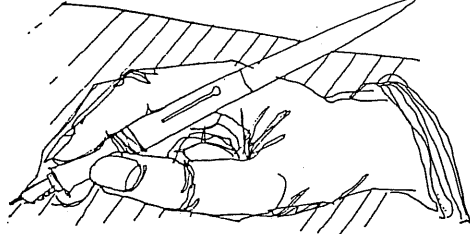
"Mister, you're going to get drunk," she shouted.

"What makes you say that," Bill retorted.

"Because you forgot who got you sober," she replied. With that she left, and went upstairs. Bill had never seen her that angry before, so he wasn't going to follow her. He was going to let her cool off. So he stayed downstairs.

Bill had a little room beneath the stairs that he used for meditating, so he went there to lie down. And he began to think about what she had said, and who got him sober. He began to think back about all the truths he had learned from the Oxford Group, and all the things that Bob had shared with him over the years.

Finally, he reached up and took down the clip board he kept over the bed and began to write. He had taken six tenants, borrowed from the movement, and broke them into smaller pieces. In the second step, he identified God,



Bill wanted to sign the book. After all, he had penned it. Don't authors at least get to sign their own books. Of course, other members had written the personal stories in the back, but Bill came up with the text in the front.

But again, the group conscience prevailed. The title remained Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill's name did not appear as the author, nor did his full name appear anywhere else in the book.

and in the third, he called Him by name. And he stopped at number twelve for only one reason: there had been twelve apostles, and Bill figured "if that was good enough for Him, that would be good enough for us."

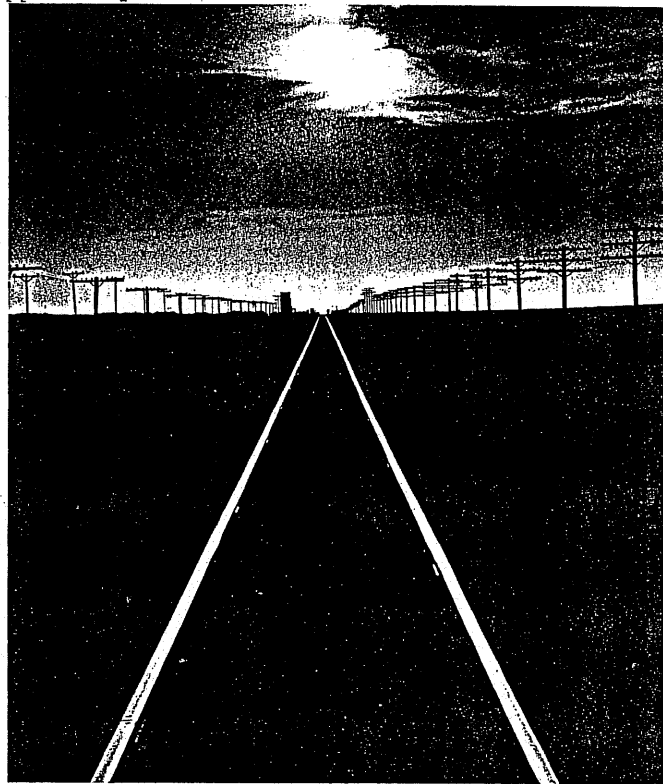
When Bill finished, a couple of his friends came back to drink the rest of Lois' coffee. Bill read them "How It Works," and he insisted that it be a part of the book, group conscience or not.

"No argument," said one. "But would you mind that every time you mention the word "God" you would add "as we understood Him?"

Bill said OK. So they had twelve steps, and they had a book. The only thing missing was a title. Bill suggested The Bill Wilson Movement, but that got shot down.

Somebody else suggested The Way Out. Bill liked that. It had a neat ring to it. One of Bill's friends checked that out with the patent's office, and there were already twelve books with that title. They didn't want to be number thirteen.

There were a hundred men sober in 1939, so someone suggested "let's call it One Hundred Men." Bill thought wouldn't that be great, it had a nice ring to it. And wouldn't you know it but a woman showed up. We couldn't say One Hundred Men, Plus A Woman, because people would say what happened to "women?"



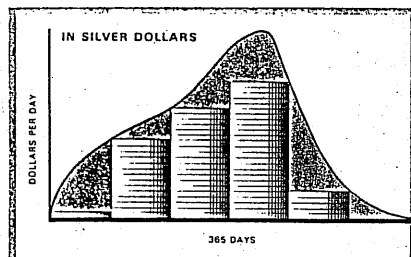
Years later, "The March of Times" did a newsreel about AA. Bill was in the projection room, and an official of the company said, "Do you realize that this film is going to be shown to twelve million people? And that twelve million people who knew little, or nothing of Alcoholics Anonymous are now to find out?"

Then that film unrolled, and the book Alcoholics Anonymous was held up to view two or three times. Bill cried upon viewing that film. For he realized how much wiser his fellows had been. Had the book had been called The Bill Wilson Movement, Bill thought to himself, "The March of Times" would have never shown it to twelve million people.

"Thank God it's Alcoholics Anonymous, thank God for the conscience of this movement who corrected me," declares Bill. "Thank God, it's Alcoholics Anonymous. Period."

Footnote: Bill W. did collect 52¢ royalty for every copy of Alcoholics Anonymous published.

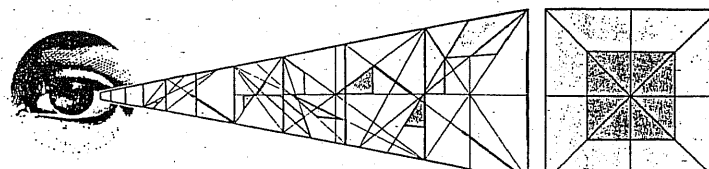
Paul R.
Freedom Group



Back to the drawing board. There was meeting after meeting to decide on the title. One night at a meeting, they brought a fellow from Bellevue. Almost out of his mind, he was babbling almost throughout the whole meeting "anonymous alcoholics, anonymous alcoholics." Finally, Bill had to pick him up, and bring him back to the hospital. Eventually, he died.

Bill liked the ring of that and so did some other people. But then someone said: "No, put the 'Alcoholic' first. Put him first."

So then they named the book Alcoholics Anonymous, which also became the name of society.



What's Our Message?

What did I hear when I first came to AA?

- We have a disease that is incurable.
- The disease will progress, leading us to jails, mental institutions, or death.
- We stay sober one day at a time.
- We should join a home group and get a sponsor.
- We must do the twelve steps.
- We must find a relationship with a Higher Power.
- We must get involved in service to others.

Bill W. told us that we have a daily reprieve based upon the maintenance of our spiritual condition. Why did Bill W. and the early members of AA tell us we need to serve others?

When I focus on myself, everything about me is magnified. I weigh everything from my point of view. I judge my disease based on my feelings. I judge acts and comments by others as to how they affect me. I judge fairness on how I'm treated. I'm so self-centered that I judge the whole world on how I feel and think at any given moment.

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Kevin N., Jim W. and myself run the 9:00 AM speaker meeting at the MICA unit at Buffalo General Hospital. During the meeting I'm reminded of my last days of drinking. I focus on the lessons learned while doing the twelve steps. I'm reminded of the importance of knowing that I need help and can't do it alone. I realize the necessity of going to meetings and participating when asked to take on a job. As the three of us drive home together, we always seem to focus on our gratitude to God and to AA for all that we have received.

I don't recall meeting Leo S., but I was told that he considered it an honor anytime God placed a still suffering alcoholic in his path.



Our Primary Purpose

About two weeks ago I phoned our Central Office to request some Big Books, assorted literature, and schedules and was told there is no money in the Treatment Facility Fund.

Delphine told me that she had requests from two others members that were in line waiting for literature. Delphine added my name, to the list and said she would send out the literature as soon as she received donations from the groups.

Kevin N., Jim W. and myself run the meeting at the MICA unit in Buffalo General Hospital. This is a speaker meeting. We find it very discouraging when we don't have Big Books, literature, or even schedules to give the people that are leaving the unit.

We really need your donations so we can provide the literature that we know will help people. Please discuss this need at your next business meeting. Kevin, Jim and I want to thank all of you that have supported the TFC, and we ask that you increase your donations in order to support this area of Twelve Step Work.

Sincerely in the Spirit of AA,
Don H., Kevin N. and Jim W.

WHY...

In accordance with the Seventh Tradition, every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

In A.A., each group is really part of a wider "group" effort which seeks to carry the A.A. message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic who cannot be reached by the individual A.A. group.

All "groups," however, at every level of the service structure, are composed, and express the collective conscience, of individual members. To be "fully self-supporting," then, requires a *commitment* on the part of each member to support, through his or her home group, the services provided by the local intergroup or central office, by the area and district and by G.S.O., so that these entities might continue to carry out their invaluable Twelfth Step work beyond the group level.

Ultimately, it is your individual commitment to sustain these essential efforts through your contributions that ensures that:

- Newcomers get literature
- Phones get answered
- Professionals get answers about A.A.
- Loner A.A.'s get letters
- Alcoholics around the world find hope

HOW...

To support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Conference *suggests* individual groups adopt a specific contribution plan suitable to their particular situation.

Such a commitment might work like this:

First, take care of basic group expenses (rent, refreshments, A.A. literature and a prudent reserve "emergency" fund).

Divide the remaining funds according to whatever division suits your local needs.

Leo never concerned himself with how this person got to AA. His only concern was to share his story of recovery in the hope that God would open up this person's mind, and bring him to the conclusion that he also suffered from the disease of alcoholism.

We all hope and pray that this will be the time that others who still suffer will recognize the need for help and decide to come to AA.

Don H.

Program Outline: 1994 Fall Convention (October 28th, 29th & 30th)

"WE HAVE RECOVERED—HERE ARE THE STEPS WE TOOK"

Friday: "What We Were Like"

4:00 p.m. *Early Bird Speakers:* Annie S., Cold Springs &
Tom H., Powerless, Buffalo, NY

6:00 p.m. Panel—1 "Step One"

8:00 p.m. *Speaker:* Al H., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

10:00 p.m. - Talkathon
1-2:00 a.m.

Saturday: "What Happened"

9:00 a.m. Panel—2 "There Is A Solution" (Cleveland)

Panel—3 "Step Two"

10:15 a.m. Panel—4 "How It Works"

Panel—5 "Steps Three and Four"

11:30 a.m. Panel—6 "Into Action" (Jamestown)

Panel—7 "Steps Five Through Eleven"

12:45 p.m. Panel—8 "Working With Others"

Panel—9 "Step Twelve"

2:00 p.m. *Speaker* AnnMarie M., Rayham, Massachusetts

Panel—10 "They Stopped In Time—Too Young?" (Toronto)

3:15 p.m. Panel—11 "The Family Afterward—AA & AL-ANON"

Panel—12 "Our Primary Purpose"

8:00 p.m. *Banquet Speaker:* Don P., Pine Bluff, North Carolina

10:00 p.m. - Talkathon
1-2:00 a.m.

Sunday: "What We're Like Now"

9:00 a.m. Panel—13 "A Vision For You"

9:00 a.m. Panel—14 "Pioneers of AA—Western NY's Good Oldtimers"
On the Topic of: "Spiritual Experience"

10:15 a.m. *Speaker:* Martina S., Cleveland, Ohio

Contributions

WNY AA's Bleak Financial Picture:

The Envelope System is down more than \$2,000. Compare 1989's figure of \$8,900 with 1993's \$6,300 for a steadily declining financial profile.

After disbursements, the balance of the checkbook indicates \$416.64. This is the result of low group contributions.

Prudent Reserves are being depleted to pay for literature, schedules, and tapes.

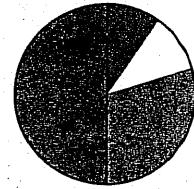
Literature sales, not group contributions, accounts for a large percentage of cash flow.

Without those sales, essential intergroup office activities would be jeopardized.

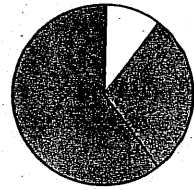
People blame a bad economy for low group contributions, but there's always plenty of group money for picnics, dances and other outside group activities. Oftentimes, these functions are at enormous group expense, and don't contribute to the financial operation of AA in WNY.

The Western New York General Service Assembly desperately needs your support. Your contributions support our literature functions for Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities, and other committees that carry the A.A. message of hope to the alcoholic who still suffers. Without your support we cannot continue to serve you and your group. Remember that we are self supporting through our own contributions. Please send your group's donation to:

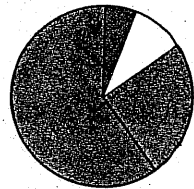
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whatever percentages are in accordance with your group conscience.

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Treatment Facilities' Account present it can't afford to purchase for rehab centers. It needs you

Only you can help. Go back to with this information, we are pay our own way.

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Buffalo NY 14203

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- Service Committees under our Central Committee:
- Treatment Facilities Committee
 - Correctional Facilities Committee
 - Fall Convention Committee

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TO HELL AND BACK, THE STORY OF DR. BOB'S HISTORIC BATTLE



Dr. Bob was a sober Bob. He was, in fact, the Bob most famous for his sobriety. This was not always so. Before Dr. Bob was sober, he was frequently inebriated. But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

Dr. Bob—whose given name was Robert Holbrook Smith—co-founded Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935, which is why he will forever be known as Dr. Bob and not Robert Holbrook Smith. Dr. Bob actually suited him best, for he was a man who essayed decency, self-discipline, and simplicity. Also, he liked the outdoors and Buicks. He took his first nip at age nine: hard apple cider stashed in a bale of hay. He dried out at age 46 in Akron, Ohio, where he practiced as a rectal surgeon. Never one to indulge in deep introspection, he tended to explain his alcoholism almost offhandedly: "I just loved my grog," he would say, and that would be that.

As such, the Bob-like traits of Dr. Bob are textbook in nature. In the biography, *Dr. Bob and the Good Old-Timers*, whose author is, natch, anonymous, we learn of his preternatural calmness, his practicality under pressure, his extremely large hands, and his fondness for wiseguy slang. As for the latter, it was not uncommon for Dr. Bob to recall

large meals he had ingested with statements like, "Well, we put on the nosebag yesterday." Such was his antic charm.

"He kept it simple," said Betty B, who worked with Dr. Bob as a student nurse at the City Hospital of Akron. "His surgical skills were admired by nurses and doctors alike, yet he used fewer instruments and other operating paraphernalia than any other surgeon. Most surgeons are prima donnas. They have temper tantrums and they throw instruments. [But] the rougher the going, the more calm Dr. Bob became.

Still, Dr. Bob knew when to get tough.

Nurse Betty recalled the way he admonished interns who lackadaisically prepped patients before rectal surgery: "I'll always remember Dr. Bob saying, 'How the hell would you like someone pulling hairs out of your ass?' Yes, he was blunt. But there was nothing cross or phony about the man. He was just a real guy."

Bill Wilson, known in legend as Bill W, delivered Dr. Bob from drink. To quell hangovers, he would load Bob up with a mixture of tomato juice, sauerkraut, and Karo corn syrup. On June 10, 1935, Bob declared himself permanently sober; this is acknowledged as the birthdate of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Dr. Bob's role as AA forefather only became public knowledge when it was mentioned in his wife's obituary, published upon her death in 1949. Dr. Bob lived for another year in his modest Akron home at 855 Ardmore, which was declared a national landmark in 1985 and now serves as a Dr. Bob museum (the office phone is answered, "Dr. Bob's!"). In the final year of his life, Dr. Bob happily kept to a steady diet of his favorite dish, meat loaf. "If he could have had his way," his housekeeper later lamented, "he would have had meat loaf every day of the week." Before his death from cancer on November 16, 1950, Dr. Bob forbade his AA colleagues from building a monument to his memory. He believed he had done nothing special and wanted to be remembered that way.

As an AA associate known only as Henrietta would note, "Bob had a strong character—like the Rock of Gibraltar. He never spoke as a founder. He always said, 'I just work here.'"

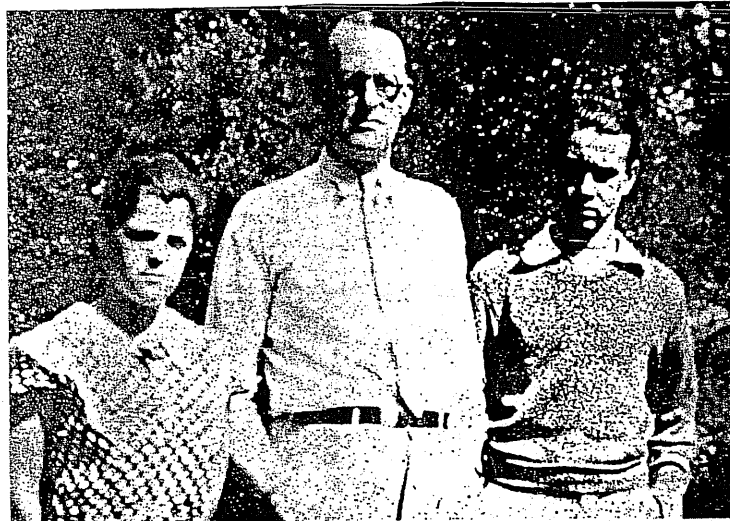
*A Portrait of Bob S., Jr.
Dr. Bob's Son*

Bob S., Jr. on Twelve Step Work:

"The first one that I remember was a young guy by the name of Eddie R. Eddie had been just thrown out of his home, for non-payment of rent, along with his cute little blond wife, and two kids. And it was decided that they would move Eddie, and family, into our modest home. [855 Ardmore, Akron, Ohio]. And Bill and Dr. Bob would begin working on a treatment for alcoholism, because they had this idea of service. They would take Eddie up in the bedroom, and they would lock the door, where he would be available...

"But, Eddie was an agile guy and we had downspouts, [outside 855 Ardmore], and Eddie would open the second story window, and grab on to the downspouts and slide down and escape. And they would have to interrupt Eddie's recovery long enough to recapture him.

"One time, Eddie got as far as Cleveland, thirty-five miles away. He called them up on the phone, collect, to let them know that he was going to commit suicide. But, that he would allow them time to come up there and witness the event.



Teen-agers Sue and Bob with their father...

"If you're discouraged about your twelve step call, think about Eddie. We're not responsible for the results, all we're required to do is to make the call."



young master Robert on Dad's arm

"So again they went after Eddie. But, when Eddie sobered up, some other things began showing up. Eddie went a little bit nuts. He started chasing my mother around the house with a butcher knife, and she feared for her life.

"So it was decided that the best thing to do was with Eddie was for his little wife to take him back to Anarbor, Mich., and recommit him in a mental institution. And she did that.

"Dr. Bob and Bill were crestfallen. Their first attempt at twelve step work a total failure.

"At my father's funeral in 1950, a man walked up to me, and he said 'Do you know me?'

"And I said 'Yeah, I know you. You're Eddie.' And he said, 'That's right.' And then he said, 'I'm a member of the Youngstown, Ohio AA Group, and I've been sober one year:'

"Now, I tell you this because it's happened to me, and I assume that it's happened to you: you've made a twelve step call on someone and just struck totally out. You think. You didn't impress them at all, you went right through, and they weren't interested, they wanted you to get out of there, whatever.

"But remember, this was fifteen years later. It took fifteen years for that twelve step call to work on Eddie. If you're discouraged about your twelve step call, think about Eddie. We're not responsible for the results, all we're required to do is to make the call. And even when we don't want to make it. The guy, or the gal that you're making it on, they don't know that you don't want to make it. So, keep up the work and remember Eddie, because you never know the results of that call."

First Gratitude Weekend
Waycross, Ga., 5-'87



Acceptance of our disease of alcoholism is the key that opens the door to recovery. Our only source of tranquillity, serenity and peace of mind comes to us with acceptance.

Step One suggests, "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol- that our lives had become unmanageable." We could easily assume that by admitting we had a problem with alcohol that was enough for our recovery. To admit and to accept are polar. Acceptance has an action connotation to it. Alcoholics Anonymous has been rightly called a program of action. In fact, one of our most quoted aphorism is "action is the magic word." To rationalize the unmanageability of my life, I was a victim of circumstances, (spelled "Alcoholism"). To accept our alcoholism, and take action on our disease, through the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, is the first step to our recovery.

"In AA we learn how not to take a drink one day at a time. Simple, isn't it? Easy? I think not. Our drinking personality, when we sober up, now becomes our defects of character."

My acceptance of my disease of alcoholism conveyed an emotional impact that resounded in my mind, heart and ultimately, my life. It's my sobriety that is important to me, not the materialistic trappings that surround it. In my drinking days, I had a deep discomfort with the truth. Speaking the truth was not within my realm of thought. Lies were necessary to keep my so-called life running smoothly, (I thought). Add a sprinkling of truth to my so-called drinking friends, and you have a picture of my life with alcohol.

Acceptance

"Accepting the fact that we are alcoholic means that we cannot safely drink...The slogans 'One Day At A Time,' and 'Let Go and Let God,' were my salvation."

In a world unduly mesmerized with the macho image of drinking, the it-doesn't-get-any-better-than-this attitude, it was difficult and sometimes impossible to stop drinking.

Accepting the fact that we are alcoholic means that we cannot safely drink. To many of us, including myself, this conclusion was unacceptable. The slogans, "One Day at a Time," and "Let Go and Let God," were my salvation. To many of us these were unexplainable mysteries, deeply worrying ones too. Detachment and discipline were my parents' solutions to my problems. Alcohol undermined my linear and logical mode

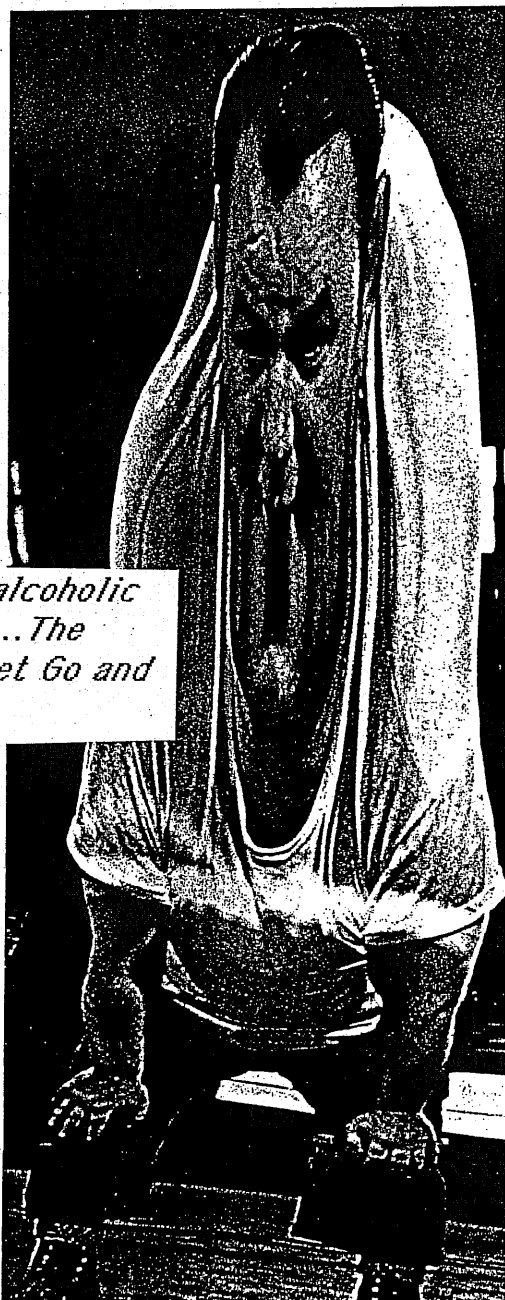
of thinking. The ultimate lie was that my drinking was normal.

Today there are two absolutes in my life: 1.) That there is a God, and 2.)

In AA we learn how not to take a drink one day at a time. Simple, isn't it? Easy? I think not. Our drinking personality, when we sober up, now becomes our defects of character. Face up to your alcoholism that is slowly and methodically driving you insane. Plain, simple, rock-bottom acceptance is the solution.

In the final analysis, I am convinced that I, as well as so many others, have elected to remain in AA because only here can we actually relive the original experience of recovery: "God as we understood Him." We, as members of AA, are twice blessed, we now have the opportunity to share our experience strength and hope with anyone who seeks help. Our words have no real meaning until we personally accept that we are alcoholics and we need help from a "Power Greater Than Ourselves."

John H.,
We Care



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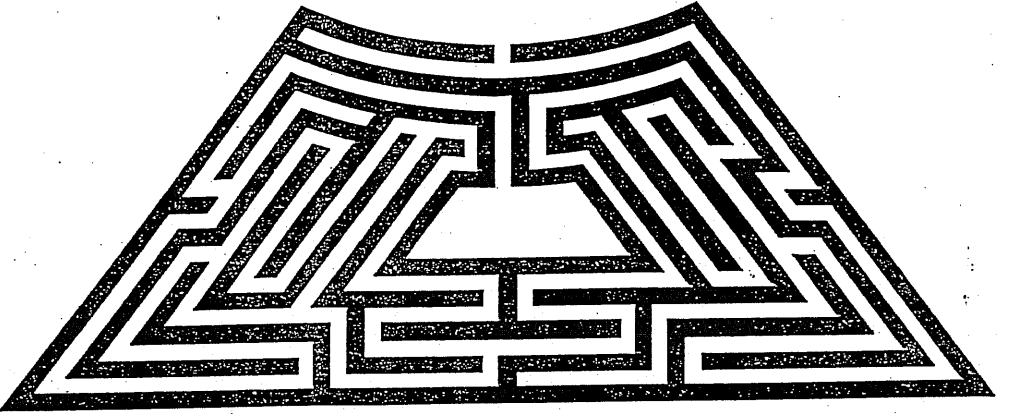
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Anniversaries August, 1994



Amberst-Snyder
 Mary M. 3 mo.
 Joe T. 9 mo.
 Paul T. 2 yrs.
 Mike E. 2 yrs.
 Nancy P. 3 yrs.
 Paul B. 4 yrs.
 Mickey G. 4 yrs.
 Teddy O. 4 yrs.
 Peter S. 5 yrs.
 Lisa N. 6 yrs.
 Donna K. 7 yrs.
 Paul H. 8 yrs.
 Julie R. 8 yrs.
 Ed M. 10 yrs.
 Chuck T. 10 yrs.
 John L. 11 yrs.
 Larry K. 14 yrs.
 Elliot L. 16 yrs.
 Frank L. 34 yrs.
 46 yrs.

Kevin S. 4 yrs.
 Derrile J. 5 yrs.
 Barbara B. 8 yrs.
Eye Opener
 Nick A. 6 mo.
 Tom K. 6 mo.
 Jim C. 6 mo.
 Tom O. 6 mo.
 Rich H. 6 mo.
 Pat T. 6 mo.
 Jim R. 9 mo.
 Bud N. 9 mo.
 Don E. 9 mo.
 Jim V. 9 mo.
 Laurie M. 9 mo.
 Brian B. 1 yr.
 Will M. 1 yr.
 Diane G. 1 yr.
 Eric T. 2 yrs.
 Matt G. 2 yrs.
 David G. 3 yrs.
 Vivian S. 3 yrs.
 Scott S. 3 yrs.
 Ron W. 3 yrs.
 Marty D. 3 yrs.
 Randy M. 3 yrs.
 Paul B. 4 yrs.
 Jim C. 4 yrs.
 Gene K. 4 yrs.
 Sean M. 4 yrs.
 Ken D. 6 yrs.
 Ellen H. 6 yrs.
 Bob A. 9 yrs.
 John L. 11 yrs.

Happy Hour
 July: 4 yrs.
 Nadine L. 5 yrs.
 Kay D. 8 yrs.
 Barry S. 6 mo.
 Michelle O. 6 mo.
 Brenda B. 6 mo.
 Patricia S. 6 mo.
 Clare S. 6 mo.
 Robert C. 6 mo.
 Darrell D. 6 mo.
 Ray W. 9 mo.
 Sallivan J. 9 mo.
 Edward C. 9 mo.
 Paul F. 9 mo.
 Becky W. 9 mo.
 Yvonne Z. 1 yr.
 Andrea T. 1 yr.
 Stanley R. 1 yr.
 Jack G. 2 yrs.
 Loreta D. 2 yrs.
 William C. 2 yrs.
 Shawn C. 3 yrs.
 Doug G. 3 yrs.
 John C. 3 yrs.
 Priscilla L. 3 yrs.
 Gerald R. 3 yrs.
 Willie M. 4 yrs.
 Marilyn A. 4 yrs.
 Don J. 4 yrs.
 Timothy C. 4 yrs.
 Edwin S. 4 yrs.
 Jessle L. 4 yrs.
 Chuck H. 6 yrs.
 Roxanne E. 6 yrs.
 Willie F. 6 yrs.
 William G. 9 yrs.
 Rosemary Z. 11 yrs.

Iron Horse
 August: 6 mo.
 Gigi M. 6 mo.
 Francisco A. 9 mo.
 Melvin D. 9 mo.
 Francine S. 1 yr.
 Shirley J. 2 yrs.
 Andrew Y. 3 yrs.
 Victor O. 3 yrs.
 Jeff H. 4 yrs.
 John S. 4 yrs.
 Neil R. 5 yrs.
 Tony P. 6 yrs.
 Michelle C. 6 yrs.
 Charleen W. 8 yrs.
 Antoinette A. 8 yrs.

Liberty Women's
 Bobbi L. 1 yr.
 Joanne S. 3 yrs.
 Gloria G. 4 yrs.
 Roxanne H. 4 yrs.
 Mary M. 4 yrs.
 Carol M. 16 yrs.

North Buffalo
 Robert B. 3 mo.
 Bob G. 3 mo.
 Robert S. 3 mo.
 Stanley W. 3 mo.
 David S. 6 mo.
 Ed O. 6 mo.
 Julie W. 3 yrs.
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 Kathy T. 4 yrs.
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 Charles B. 5 yrs.
 Richard W. 6 yrs.
 John M. 7 yrs.
 Kevin C. 7 yrs.
 Barb B. 21 yrs.

Rise and Shine
 Tony T. 3 mo.
 Donna D. 3 mo.
 Ellevette W. 6 mo.
 Jacqui E. 6 mo.
 Jackie 1 yr.
 Greg W. 2 yrs.
 Nancy C. 2 yrs.

Women's Westside Disc.
 Bruny M. 6 mo.
 Ruthie S. 6 mo.
 Pat M. 9 mo.
 Shannon M. 2 yrs.
 Cecilia D. 4 yrs.
 Ceil D. 4 yrs.
 Laura B. 4 yrs.
 Bellinda 5 yrs.
 Kim S. 5 yrs.
 Fran R. 6 yrs.
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 Candy C. 7 yrs.
 Valerie F. 7 yrs.
 Sue L. 7 yrs.
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AN EASY WAY IN
 In this diagram of the Hampton Court-type maze (photograph above), the goal is the open area in the center. It is easily reached by the use of a simple rule: place either the left hand or the right on any wall and then take no paths which require that the hand be lifted from the wall.

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SOBRIETY EQUALS RESPONSIBILITY

THE FALL CONVENTION IS COMING IN OCTOBER. THE CONVENTION IS NOT HERE TO MAKE MONEY. PEOPLE WHO REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION, BANQUET AND DANCE WANT TO KEEP THEIR TABLES. THERE IS MORE TO THE CONVENTION THAN JUST A DANCE. THERE IS FELLOWSHIP AND PANELS ALL DAY SATURDAY. **BE RESPONSIBLE!** IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE DANCE!!!

THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

Our Fall Convention has always be known for its' Hospitality. Let's keep this positive part of our event by contributing to this fund. You will find a stamped, addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience. Please use it for what ever amount your group can afford to send. Anyone who has ever gone to a Convention, Seminar, etc has to admit how pleasant it is to simply go up to a table and pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea when you want it. You have never failed this request - please help us to make it another banner year!!! Thank you !! *YOURS IN AA - THE FALL CONVENTION COMMITTEE*

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Presents

The 53rd Buffalo AA Fall Convention

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

October 28, 29, 30 1994

AL-ANON • PANELS • FELLOWSHIP • DANCES • ALATEEN

To facilitate the purchasing of tickets for the Banquet, we now will accept payments for tables or individuals at the Central Office. You may come in and pick you own table from the Banquet Room Floor Plan in the office. If you wish to make partial payments come in or call and we'll set something up with the understanding that payments must be in full by September 9th.

Full tables have already been purchased.

For those people who wish to just register but can't seem to get the whole \$10 together at the time of the Convention, come on in to Room 845 of the Ellicott Square Building and let's start putting aside change and dollars you can spare as we get closer to October.

The meeting was opened by Bill M with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Purpose of Central Committee and the traditions were read by Lisa H, North Buffalo Group Preamble was read by Bill. A motion to dispense reading of the minutes was made by Bernie A, seconded by Ron E and carried.

GROUPS--Dist#1- List unavailable at this time!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Mel L -

July receipts	1993	1994
	\$1045.16	\$292.00
Average monthly receipts (per month) for the previous months	522.72	236.00

If any member of AA has comments or questions pertaining to the envelope system, I would be most grateful to hear them at the September meeting of Central Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - AUGUST 2, 1994

The meeting was opened by Al C at 6:10PM with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Tina F-Dist#1, Sonny J-Dist#3, Bill D-Dist#4, Tom McM-Dist#5, Central Committee Chairman, Bill M and Co-chairman, Larry S, Treasurer, Jerome D and Delphine H.

Subjects:

1. Young Peoples Committee - Rick D - handout on proposal for a "Young People's Committee". Larry S motioned that Rick take his concern to CPC and PIC, 2nd by Tina F. 7 infavor 2 oppose. Motion carried. Delphine will check with World Service to check sanction.

2. Larry S motioned to recommend to Central Committee that we send the Correctional/Treatment Facility Co-chairman to the Workshop in Staten Island in August - cost \$300. Seconded by Bill M - motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Jerome D - see attached.

TREATMENT FACILITIES - Jim R - Co-Chairman

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES - Larry S - Chairman

There will be a new Facility opening up in Gowanda (Collins II) Not fully staffed. AA meeting within the next two months.

Literature was sent to the Niagara County's Womens' Facility.

The Committee meets at 5:30PM at 80 Goodrich just prior to the Central Committee Meeting on the first Sunday of the month.

SCREENERS - Ralph K - Chairman

Questions on Screening you may call Ralph at 876-4536.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H

AA information	490	12 Step	7
PIC	2	literature requests	74
CPC		Refer to other agencies	120
Alanon	30	Refer from other agencies	112
Alateen	4	Central office	
ACOA	8	Outgoing calls	169
Answering Service		Mail costs	\$182.17
Incoming calls 342 - Out going 56		Visitors	98

NEW FRONTIER: no report

FALL CONVENTION '94 - Mitch D (Urban) - Registration Chairman

COURTESY REPORTS:

GENERAL SERVICE -Mike B -GSA Chairman

There will be a NYS Informational Workshop scheduled for the 3rd weekend - August 19, 20 & 21, in SENY- Staten Island, NY Note: Some of the upcoming items for the agenda for the next assembly meeting are:

1. Discussion on what happens at your future assembly meetings. (workshops - Day of Sharing on Traditions, etc)
2. SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE - What it means to this assembly and how it affects us.
3. Please support General Service of WNY so we carry on our 12 step work and Committee Service commitments in our area.
4. Erie County Fair - August 11 through the 21st.
5. Next WNY-GSA meeting is in Jamestown, NY. at the 5/11 Group our hosts on East 2nd Street at 1PM. Help us serve your group send your GSR to the next assembly.

CPC -ART B - CHAIRMAN

ACTIVITIES JULY/AUGUST - 1994

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

CPC commitment in July involved a presentation to the Neonatology staff at Children's Hospital. Approximately 15 professionals present.

This stall works with babies who are delivered before term. Up to 70% of these babies have fetal alcohol syndrome or are affected by the mothers use of other substances. tour of the Ward revealed babies as young as 24 weeks. Most if not all were incubated and many were seen to be fed intravenously.

We were told that an unusually high percentage of workers in this service delivery area also may develop drinking problems.

ERIE COUNTY FAIR

The fellowship has a display at the fair which is located in the Health Services Building (no.43) for the second year in a row. We have been told that we may have our booth at this location in the future years. If you go to the fair come visit us at booth #1.

This year the booth is coordinated by CPC and PIC. Starting in 1995 PI will assume responsibility for this important work.

To cover the 11 days of the fair, we have the help of 66 volunteers recruited from the groups. Each day is divided into 3 shifts which have 2 workers. This is because our group conscience is to approach this as 12 step work.

We would like to thank all of those who chose to help with this important service work.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made to send the Chairman of the Treatment and Co-chair of the Correctional to the Staten Is Workshop Made by Ron E ad Seconded by Sonny J. Mike B raised the question of no one wanting to go from the TFC. No one could go.
2. "More groups need to contribute." Out of over 300 groups 45 made contributions to the Central Office in fulfilling our 7th Tradition responsibility.
3. Ways are needed to increase representation is needed.
4. Delphine asked help from the representative to find out who is not receiving the Bulletin for the groups they attend especially if it is not being read, also, please check the schedule to see that you are listed correctly and check the financial statements to sure all contributions are correctly listed. LET US KNOW!!

Motion to adjourn was made by Sonny J and seconded by Ralph K. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blane H (Cold Springs)Central Committee Secretary

GROUP	Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.
1st Step				
3rd Step				
6th Step				
A Day At A Time				
Abbott Mens Discussion		10.00		10.00
Abbott Women's		6.00		
Acceptance/Welcome		100.00		
Achievement				
Action		50.00		
Age Doesn't Matter				
Albion				
Alexander				
All Women				
Amherst Tree of Life		218.00		
Amherst Snyder	47.11	222.11	65.00	50.00
Armsdell Lakeshore				
Any Age			100.00	100.00
Arcade				
As Bill Sees It				
Attitude Adjustment				
Attraction		300.00		
Awakening				
Beginner's Table				
Beginning in Sobriety I				
Beginning in Sobriety II				
Beginnings-Women's		66.00	68.00	66.00
Better Days (Bilingual)				
Bidwell				
Bidwell Monday Disc				
Big Book - Lockport	25.00	50.00		
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)				
Big Book Workshop				
Blasdell				
Blasdell Monday Night		120.00	25.00	25.00
Blissfully Sober				
Boulevard Women's				
Brass	60.00	100.00		
Broadway-Bailey		25.00		
Brocton Discussion		25.00		
But for the Grace of God		90.50	42.00	42.00
By The Book-Buffalo				

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	pg. 2	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.
Came To Believe			97.46				50.00
Campus (Buffalo State College)							
Casting			90.00				
Cathedral Park	15.00		143.85				
Caz Manor							
Cazenovia			10.00		20.00		20.00
Central Park			20.00				
Chapter IX	40.00		40.00	40.00	80.00	40.00	40.00
Cheektowaga			50.00				
Chevy #1							
Clarence Men's Disc II							
Clarence Men's Discsion			400.00				
Cold Springs	20.00		20.00		25.00		
Common Problem			150.00				
Community Center	20.00		45.00		25.00		
Cornplanters Again							
Courage							
Delaware Discussion							
Derby			50.00				
Desire			75.00				
DeVeaux Discussion							
Downtown Discussion							
Downtown Men's Discussion							
Dunkirk							
Early Bird							
Earlybird - Saturday							
East Amherst					10.00		10.00
East Aurora			280.00				70.00
Easy Does It		25	25				
Eden-North Collins			149.50				
Ellicott			70.00				
Ellicottville							
Emergency							
Eternal Vigilance			200.00		50.00		50.00
Everybody's	20.00		60.00				
Eye Opener	50.00		420.00				
Face to Face (women's)							
Faith							
Faith in Action							
Father Baker		200	200	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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	pg.3	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.
Feelings							
Fireside			842.00		50.00		150.00
Fireside P.M.			200.00				
First Things First			50.00				
First Ward							
Fredonia Discussion							
Freedom	25.00		200.00	75.00	225.00	75.00	225.00
Fresh Start							
Friday Nite Discussion							
Friday Noon Meeting							
Friday Step Beginners							
Friendly							
Friendship							
Friendship Fireside	25.00		25.00				
Frontier							
Gah Nee Goin Geh (Of the Mind)							
Gardenville							
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Pr	10.00		10.00				
Giving			50.00				
Golden Slipper							
Good Life							
Grand			30.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living	60.00		60.00				
Grateful							
Guiding Light			50.00				
H.A.N.D.	60.00		385.00			100.00	100.00
H.O.W.							
Half & Half			25.00				
Hamburg							
Hamburg Big Book	20.00		40.00				
Handicappers Sat. Nite							
Happy Hour	50.00		110.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
Harmony			70.00				
Helping Hand	20.00		80.00				
High Noon							
High View							
Higher Powered	25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Hilly Billy			60.00		20.00		20.00
Holiday Village			283.95				
Honest Desire	5.00		87.00				

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	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.
pg. 4						
Honesty	30.00	240.00	10.00	80.00		
Hora de Reflección (Spanish)						
How It Works		30.00			30.00	30.00
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia		10.00				
Inner City	25.00	25.00				
Inspiration		30.00				
Iron Horse	15.00	60.00	15.00	60.00	15.00	15.00
1st Step						
IT						
It's About Time						
Just for Today	50.00	50.00				
Keep It Simple, Sister	5.00	35.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore		25.00		25.00		75.00
Kensington		50.00		50.00		
Ladies Night						
Lakeshore						
Lakeview						
Let Go & Let God	20.00	60.00				
Lew-port						
Liberty Women's	25.00	135.40		50.00		
Life Today		70.00				
Lighten Up		120.00				
Live and Let Live		160.00				
Living Sober	35.00	280.00				
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion		175.00				
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		418.00				
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Lunch Bunch	10.00	10.00				
Main Street						
Marilla		60.00				
Matt Talbot	25.00	175.00				
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						

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	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.
pg. 5				
Midnight				
Miracle				
MOD (Serenity Room)				
Never Too Late				
New Awakening				
New Beginnings		25.00		10.00
New Freedom				
New Frontier				
New Frontier Womens				
New Life	10.00	70.00	5.00	35.00
New Life - New Beginning	50.00	150.00		
New Westside				
Niagara Frontier Men's		25.00		
Nite People				
North Buffalo	100.00	800.00	25.00	200.00
North Java-Monday				55.00
North Java-Sunday				
One Day at a Time(ODAT)		139.00		57.00
Open Arms				
Open Mind				
Opportunity				
Orchard Park Step				
Pass It On		75.00		
Patchin		100.00		
Pathway to Peace				
Pendleton-Chapter V				
Perry	15.00	30.00		
Positively Living II		50.00		
Positively Living III				
Powerless				
Primary Purpose				
Progress		44.00		
Purpose	40.00	280.00		
Rainbow				
Ray of Hope		100.00		
Remember When				
Renaissance I		100.00		
Renaissance II				
Renewal		125.00		25.00

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pg. 6						
Ridge	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00
Ripley's "Believe It. Or Not."						
Rise & Shine		70.00				
Rochester Meeting	100.00	100.00			50.00	50.00
Rur-al is Plural		20.00				
Rush Hour						
S.S. Sobriety						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searching for Serenity		35.00		35.00		100.00
Second Chance		60.00		10.00		10.00
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12		5.00				
Serenity		180.00				
Serenity Circle		50.00				
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	10.00	80.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Somerset						
South Buffalo		70.00				
South Town		35.00				
South Town Women's		50.00		70.00		60.00
Southgate	10.00	45.40				
Southwestern	48.00	84.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.		10.00				
Spiritual Progress						
Spiritual Progress(women's)						
Springville	300.00	300.00				
Springville Saturday Afternoon						
St. Barnabas						
St. Mark's						
Starting Over						
Step						
Stepping Stones						

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.	AUGUST'94	Accum.
Suburban		21.00				
Sunday Morning Bkft..		250.00		150.00		150.00
Sunday Niters		60.00		20.00		10.00
Sunday Third		15.00				
Sunrise Court		50.00				
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors					160.00	160.00
Swinging Door						
T'nT		256.00				
T.P.H.						
TGIF	50.00	100.00	50.00	75.00	50.00	75.00
Thankful		70.00				
The Journey		80.00				
The Way						
Thruway	300.00	1800.00	20.00	130.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc	75.00	225.00				
Today						
Town Hall(Going to Any Length)		60.00				190.00
Tri-County						
Try Again						
Tuesday Men's Disc		100.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		40.00				10.00
Turning Point		32.50				10.00
Twin Cities		45.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity		60.00				
University	100.00	1000.00				140.00
Urban						
V.I.P.		21.50				
Valley						
Varysburg	15.00	30.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa		45.00				
Wake Up Call	23.53	173.18				
We Amitted/Morning after		110.00		100.00		50.00
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	210.00	10.00	70.00	20.00	140.00

GROUP	Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	pg. 8	Accum.	Accum.	Accum.
AUGUST'94	AUGUST'94	AUGUST'94	AUGUST'94	AUGUST'94
We Choose Life		60.50		
We Need You				
Wehrle				
Welcome Home				
West Seneca Sat. Nite				
Westfield				
Westminster				
WHY		125.00	25.00	
Williamsville	100.00	150.00		
Willing To Grow		150.00		
Wilson				
Women's Westside Disc.		50.00	25.00	25.00
Working		20.00		
You'll Never Walk Alone				
Youngstown				
Youth Gone Wild				
50 Groups - August '94	2463.64		450.00	920.00
Last month accum totals	15228.81		1847.00	2120.00
Year to date totals	17692.45		2297.00	3040.00

CENTRAL COMMITTEE #504-771-7			MONTHLY REPORT		
RECEIPTS		7/25/94 - 8/25/94			
50 Groups contributed				2463.64	
Joint meeting				30.01	
New Frontier Subscriptions				85.00	
Envelope System				226.00	
Literature				3952.06	
Miscellaneous	printing	25.00			
	Anonymous	50.00		75.00	
	Total Receipts			6831.71	
DISBURSEMENTS					
#10 Ellicott Sq Ct Corp				608.00	
Community Mental Health Ctr				35.00	
David F Williamson - "New Frontier" supplies				4.34	
Breitweiser Printing Co Inc	complete schedules			2295.00	
Happy Spring Water				18.45	
Image, Inc ship & hand of toner	-			3.90	
AA World Services Inc - books				754.00	
The Paper Shop - paper				60.25	
M & T Bank - Federal Withholding Tax				711.50	
Message Connection - Ans Serv				134.00	
AT & T - long distance				3.42	
NYNEX				166.59	
Salaries				2466.45	
Petty Cash				50.00	
Bank Charge				58.73	
				Disbursements	
				7369.63	
Balance per checkbook 7/25/94				416.64	
Add receipts 7/25/94-8/25/94				6831.71	
Monies taken from Money Market				2000.00	
Deduct expenses 7/25/94-8/25/94				-7369.63	
Balance per check book 8/25/94				1889.26	
Operating debit for August 1994		(-537.92)			

RECAP	7/25/94 - 8/25/94				
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4					
Expenses		Check #	Amount		
AA Central Office - Niagara County Women		1090	200.00		
Cash - Workshop expenses money		1091	225.00		
Frank M - phone expenses		1092	7.68		
Central Office-Erie County Cor Fac		1093	340.00		
			772.68		
Balance per checkbook 7/25/94				1150.93	
Add Receipts 7/25/94 - 8/25/94				450.00	
Deduct expenses 7/25/94 - 8/25/94				<u>-772.68</u>	
Balance per checkbook 8/25/94				828.25	
Operating debit for 8/25/94		(-322.68)			
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5					
Expenses		Check #	Amount		
AA Central Office	MICA	276	40.00		
AA Central Office	Research Ins	277	121.00		
AA Central Office	TFC-schedule	278	21.43		
AA Central Office	Research Inst	279	132.00		
AA Central Office	Jlm-TFC	280	180.50		
			494.93		
Balance per checkbook 7/25/94				4.28	
Add Receipts 7/25/94 - 8/25/94				920.00	
Deduct expenses 7/25/94 - 8/25/94				<u>-494.93</u>	
Balance per checkbook 8/25/94				429.35	
Operating credit for 8/25/94		425.07			