

NEW FRONTIERS

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

Why Should We Pay To Go To AA Events?

Why, some members have asked, do AA's have to pay a fee to attend an AA conference, convention or some other special event? As one Californian wrote to the General Service Office, "Some of us have difficulty when it comes to having the AA name attached to any gathering that requires payment to participate. What's more, some of the prices of these functions are not cheap." "And," he adds, "what about the payment of travel expenses and lodgings for certain 'select' speakers?"

It's true that AA membership is free, and meetings and most AA events are self-supporting in the spirit of the Seventh Tradition. But conferences and conventions are AA get-togethers beyond the group-meeting level, generally ranging from special one- or two-hour meetings to banquets and weekend events—area, statewide, regional and international. These events require months of planning, preparation and money presented up-front to the hotel and other commercial facilities involved. Arrangements may also be made for AA's with special needs: providing wheelchair accessibility, and sign-language interpreters for the deaf.

Additional expenses include the printing of flyers, schedules, postage and supplies, not to mention renting meeting space, insurance coverage, travel and accommodations for the invited speakers, many of whom live a thousand miles or more from the convention site. As the *AA Guidelines on Conferences and Conventions*, available from GSO, states, "It should be made clear, when the speakers are booked, what terms are being made for expenses. Unless it's otherwise specified, speakers have a right to assume that all their travel, meal and hotel expenses will be paid."

How are the costs of a convention covered and what can be done to ensure that the venture won't go deep in the red? According to the aforementioned *Guidelines*, "there's no substitute for common sense here; the committee must take a businesslike approach to finances and keep expenditures somewhere within a conservative estimate of anticipated revenues." Registration fees need to be established at a sufficient level to cover total costs.

Box 459 April May 1999

*"Faith without works is dead"
Works without faith is dead also.*

The earliest members of Alcoholics Anonymous learned the hard way about the spiritual being 'essential.' A January 1940 letter from Bill W. to the wife of early member Clarence S. who founded the fellowship in Cleveland and was the first to call its gatherings 'meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous,' tells the story well!

"During the past 12 months we have had quite a number who felt that the fellowship, the helpful attitude toward others, the warming of the heart at social gatherings was going to be sufficient to overcome the alcoholics' obsession. Taking stock at the years end we find that this school of thought has few survivors. For the 'bottled up heat treatment' has persuaded them that we must find some sort of spiritual basis for living, else we die. A few who have worked ardently with other alcoholics on the philosophical plane, rather than the spiritual plane, now say of themselves; "We believed that faith without works was dead but we now conclusively proved that works without faith is also dead."

Bill Redman – Gardenville Group

Results of Prayer

As the doubter tries the process of prayer, he should begin to add up the results. If he persists, he will almost surely find more serenity, more tolerance, less fear, and less anger. He will acquire a quiet courage, the kind that isn't tension-ridden. He can look at "failure" and "success" for what these really are. Problems and calamity will begin to mean his instruction, instead of his destruction. He will feel freer and saner.

The idea he may have been hypnotizing himself by autosuggestion will become laughable. His sense of purpose and of direction will increase. His anxiety will commence to fade. His physical health will be likely to improve. Wonderful and unaccountable things will start to happen. Twisted relations in his family and on the outside will improve surprisingly.

As Bill Sees It – pg 321

The Promise

Your eyes light up like the fire below.
Core so cold and hollow.
I witness the slow suicide I once enjoyed.
Now with this knowledge I become annoyed.
I understand firsthand what it's like to be there,
To truly feel inside that you don't care,
About where your life is going or where you have been.
Just existing in a life of sin.
I wish I could tell you of the horrors I've seen.
Because maybe then you'll want to come clean.
This disease only offers jails, institutions, and death.
I've seen two of the three, so guess what's left.
But these promises you must find out for yourselves.
I hope one day to see you living as I do ... in spiritual wealth.

Mathew L. – Lovejoy Group

Developing Conscious Contact

In my daily life there seem to be so many things that get in the way of maintaining a feeling of connection to my Higher Power. Work, family, finances, and most of all – that whole hoard of rude, inconsiderate, untrustworthy, cynical, hurtful, self-centered (need I say more) people out there. *Those* people invariably seem to be behaving in ways that knock awareness of kindness, forgiveness, love and joy out of my head. It is all too easy for me to point the finger of blame. “It’s your fault. If it weren’t for you, I could be serene, happy, fearless - invulnerable. Life would be wonderful.”

They are different from me and seek to hurt me. I must defeat *them*, punish them or they will destroy me. Like a suit of armor I wrap myself in my anger, resentment, and fears. I arm myself with the arrows and bullets generated from my self-righteousness and judgementalness. I build prison walls to contain them but, the stronger I make the bars and the more weapons I stockpile, the smaller, more vulnerable and separate I feel. I pray for my Higher Power to come to give me some relief as my ego-generated thoughts continue to try to fortify my illusion of strength and safety.

The more I listen to my fear, the deeper I bury myself. Then I realize that the protective jail I have built is actually my own prison, keeping me in a self-created hell. I need to reconnect with my Higher Power. Only I can remove the barriers and to do this I must unlock the prison door. Then I light a candle in the darkness and see what I had feared, my enemy, crouching in a corner of the cell. In this new light I can begin to feel compassion that replaces my fear. I can unlock the prison door.

Using this image has invariably lead me to a more loving perspective of the person who I had been viewing as fearful, attacking or at best annoying. Sometimes I have had the opportunity to actually meet with this person and make amends as we talk through our fears, angers and resentments and forgive each other. Other times, I have not had any further direct contact with my former prisoners, and I have just prayed for them to have all the joy and happiness possible in their lives. In this way I have removed the walls and bars that locked me away from loving contact with my Higher Power.

Adapted from an Article in *The Journey* By Lori Rugle, Ph.D.

The Story Tellers

The Spiritual Journey suggests a more ancient image for the spiritual life, that of building growth and character. While both growth and character add useful shades of meaning to the journey and the practice of story telling. This brings the metaphor of journey to life for the narrative format of “what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now.” This suggests the particular kind of journey. We are great storytellers. Just listen to each member very carefully and you will hear great stories. For spirituality is one of those realities that we have only so long as we seek it, as soon as we stop seeking, we stop finding.

So as soon as we think we’ve got it, we’ve most certainly lost it.

Bill R. – Gardenville Group

If you can’t believe in ‘GOD’ then add an ‘O’ and try to believe in ‘GOOD.’

Interested in receiving the New Frontiers?

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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15	Copies	43.00	60 Copies	135.00

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

Heard at a meeting:

- There is no shame in being an alcoholic. The shame comes from doing nothing about it.
- If you can't believe in God, try believing in Something More. There's got to be *Something More*.
- SLIP - Sobriety Lost It's Priority.

RULE 62

- Even recovered/recovering alcoholics sometimes think reality is an option.
- God put me here on earth to accomplish a certain number of tasks. Right now I'm so far behind ... I'll never die!!
- Suggestion: Bend your knees before your elbow.

Justice is when we get what we deserve.
 Mercy is when we don't get what we deserve.
 Grace is when we get what we don't deserve.

Clancy I - Venice, CA

Step Eight: *Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.*

Excerpts from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 77 – 82

Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brotherhood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure. Every AA has found that he can make little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake. To a degree, he has already done this when taking his moral inventory, but now the time has come when he ought to redouble his efforts to see how many people he has hurt, and in what ways. This reopening of emotional wounds, some old, some perhaps forgotten, and some still painfully festering, will at first look like a purposeless and pointless piece of surgery. But if a willing start is made, then the great advantages of doing this will so quickly reveal themselves that the pain will be lessened as one obstacle after another melts away.

The first obstacle has to do with forgiveness. The moment we ponder a twisted and broken relationship with another person, our emotions go on the defensive. To escape looking at the wrongs we have done another, we resentfully focus on the wrongs he has done us. (...) we seize upon his misbehavior as the perfect excuse for minimizing or forgetting our own. (...) Let's remember that alcoholics are not the only ones bedeviled by sick emotions. Moreover, it is usually a fact that our behavior when drinking has aggravated the defects of others. (...) In many instances we are really dealing with fellow sufferers, people whose woes we have increased. If we are now about to ask forgiveness for ourselves, why shouldn't we start forgiving them, one and all?

What kinds of "harm" do people do one another, any way? To define the word "harm" in a practical way, we might call it the result of instincts in collision, which cause physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual damage to people. If our tempers are consistently bad, we arouse anger in others. If we lie or cheat, we deprive others not only of their worldly goods, but of their emotional security and peace of mind. We really issue them an invitation to become contemptuous and vengeful. If our sex conduct is selfish, we may excite jealousy, misery, and a strong desire to retaliate in kind.

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails.

As Bill Sees It pg 115

Tradition Eight: *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*

Excerpts from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 166 – 171

Our Twelfth Step is never to be paid for, but those who labor in service for us are worthy of their hire.

Take the case of the club janitor and cook. If a club is going to function, it has to be habitable and hospitable. We tried volunteers, who were quickly disenchanted with sweeping floors and brewing coffee seven days a week. They simply didn't show up. Even more important, an empty club couldn't answer its telephone. (...) So somebody had to look after the place full time. If we hired an alcoholic, he'd receive only what we'd have to pay a non-alcoholic for the same job. The job was not to *do* Twelfth Step work; it was to make Twelfth Step work possible. It was a service proposition pure and simple.

Neither could AA itself function without workers. At the Foundation and intergroup offices, we couldn't employ non-alcoholics as secretaries; we had to have people who knew the AA pitch.

... we saw that if a hardworking secretary answered the phone dozens of times a day, listened to twenty wailing wives, arranged hospitalization and got sponsorship for ten newcomers, and was gently diplomatic with the irate drunk who complained about the job she was doing and how she was overpaid, then such a person could surely be called a professional AA. She was not professionalizing the Twelfth Step; she was just making it possible.

At the Foundation, the same story repeats itself. Eight tons of books and literature per month do not package and channel themselves all over the world. Sacks of letters on every conceivable AA problem ranging from a lonely-heart Eskimo to the growing pains of thousands of groups must be answered by people who *know*. Right contacts with the world outside have to be maintained. AA's lifelines have to be tended. So we hire AA staff members. We pay them well, and they earn what they get. They are professional secretaries, but they are certainly are not professional AA's.

Acceptance

Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing or situation – some fact of my life – unacceptable to me, and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing, or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment.

Nothing, absolutely nothing happens in the Creator's world by mistake. Until I could accept life completely on life's terms, I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world, as on what needs to be changed in me, and in my attitudes.

2002 CONVENTION COFFEE FUND

As the 61st Buffalo Fall Convention draws closer, November 8,9 & 10, the convention committee is still in need of individual or group donations for the Coffee Fund. This practice has been an ongoing commitment for many years. The collective group conscience has once again spoken at Central Committee meetings, and voted accordingly.

The response so far, has been minimal and once again we need your help. Our goal is \$5,000.00. To date we have collected \$837.50. Please send your contributions to:

2002 Convention Coffee Fund
P.O. Box 692
West Seneca, NY 14224

We wish to thank the following groups and individuals for their continued support.

Lovejoy
Rainbow
Gardenville
Sunrise Court
Try Again
Grand II Joy of Living
Cheektowaga
Sunday Morning Breakfast
Williamsville

Blasdell Monday Nite
Ellicott
Downtown Men's
Niagara Intergroup
John H.
Harry S.
Pat M.
Bob W.

Won't you join us? Let's pull together and get this done.

Thank you, Convention Committee

IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

Richard S. ~ 29 years ~ Rainbow & Thruway Groups

Let's remember him and all the others who passed on in our prayers

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

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

E-Mail address: buffalooa@hotmail.com

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

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

ACCEPTANCE/
WELCOME

MARK S. 1Y
MARIA 6Y
DON R. 14Y
LISA M. 15Y
BARB S. 16Y
DEBBIE M. 23Y

Amherst/Snyder

CHRIS B 3m
DONALD S. 6m
TIM G. 6m
DAVID MCC. 9m
JOHNNY P. 9m
JOE F. 9m
ANNE 9m
PAM K. 1y
DAN B. 1y
GARY S. 1y
ERIC H. 2y
Steve P. 2y
TIM G. 2y
LISA M. 2y
NANCY RAE K. 3y
CHUCK N. 4y
CAROLYN D. 5y
RALPH M. 6y
ED M. 7y
ROBYN D. 9y
MIKE E. 10y
PAUL J. 10y
MICKEY G. 12y
LYNN L. 13y
LISA N. 14y
JULIE J. 16y
JOHN L. 19y
TOM C. 20y
BERNARD A. 22y
RON E. 30y
ELIOT L. 42y

Courage Group

GENE W. 3m
RICH S. 8y
JIM K. 8y

Fresh Start

Ron D.(july) 15y

Fireside

Andres A. 6m
Kim K. 3y
Bruce P. 3y
Russel F. 4y
Connie S. 4y
Grgg C. 7y
Pete W. 13y
Paul H. 16y

Ironhorse

Steve M. 3M
Molly B. 8Y
Rich T. 9Y
Teddy B. 10Y
Frank M. 15y
Katie K. 20y

Kensington

Mary Jo G. 17y
Dick H. 23y
Rita K. 9y
Ellenor N. 24y

LoveJoy

Tom B 3m
Kevin S. 3m
Glen B. 6m
Sharon W. 1y
David P. 6y
Jim K. 8y
Rita K. 9y
Bernie S. 30y

North Buffalo

Tom C. 1y
Fred S. 2y
Jim C. 2y
Chris G. 2y
Sam G. 2y
Elena W. 3y
Jerry N. 3y
Donna H. 4y
Bob H. 4y
Lisa Y. 8y
Debbie A. 12y
Kathy T. 12y
Bernie R. 13y
Chuck B. 13y
Kevin C. 19y
Jennie A. 27y
Barbara 29y

Remember When

James P. 4y
Cintoznette 4y
Kenny T. 6y
Richard 13y
John McP. 23y

Renewal

Mike D. 2y

Rise & Shine

Denise F. 3m
Susan D. 3m
Linda K. 6m
Renea P. 6m
Fred H. 6m
Dave K. 9m
Debra K. 9m
Katrina D. 1y
Linda J. 1y
Velvet J. 1y
Earl 2y
Don D. 3y
Kathy G. 3y
Colleen K. 3y
Linette S. 4y
Victor V. 6y
Randy B. 6y
Teresa L. 6y
Michael A. 8y
Chris M. 9y
Terry W. 12y

Thruway

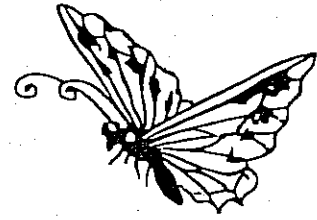
David D. 3m
Bob M. 3m
Darryl D. 6m
Brenda B. 6m
Tom H. 9m
Rick T. 2y
Gene K. 5y
Robyn D. 9y
Joelle D. 11y
Bob K. 12y
Lee R. 22y
Dave B. 24y
Bernie S. 30y

Sun. Morning Br.

Kevin D. 6m
Gene K. 5y
Jim K. 8y

We Care

Mark R. 9m
John Z. 3y
Lorenz L. 4y
Rita K. 9y
Sheri E. 13y
Marci S. 16y



Group Anniversaries

- Age Doesn't Matter
- Anybody's
- Another Chance
- As Bill Sees It
- Big Book-Lockport
- Community Center
- Derby
- Grand
- Lockport Ladies
- Marilla
- Reneacion
- St. Barnabas
- Sober and Proud
- Sunday Morning Br.
- Varieties of...
- Spiritual Experiences
- We Care
- Youngstown

*N. F. Policy:
Anniversaries must
be submitted by
the 15th
of the
month previous*



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PLEASE NOTE

- **MOBILE MEETING- ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HOMEBOUND OR CONFINED IN A NURSING HOME AND UNABLE TO GET TO A MEETING? IF SO, AND YOU WANT A MEETING BROUGHT TO YOU, CALL CENTRAL OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, SOMEONE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.**
- **LABOR DAY WEEKEND, CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL NOT MEET. IT WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.**
- **The Daily Reflection Flip Calendar is being offered at a discount price (\$5.00) until supplied are gone. They have been discontinued in New York.**

MEETING CHANGES:

AFTER MIDNIGHT; Friday & Saturday night, All Saints Church, 781 Maple, East Amherst. NO LONGER MEETS.

CAME TO BELIEVE; Monday's at 8:00 at Alden BryLyn, is no longer allowing people from the outside.

CASTING GROUP; 608 William St, 1 PM Sunday's, has changed to an open speakers meeting.

JUST FOR TODAY; Saturday's at 10:00 am, Mother of Divine Grace, 120 Old Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga, STILL MEETS

LADIES NIGHT; Wednesday's in Dunkirk, NO LONGER MEETS.

NEW MEETINGS:

BUFFALO NEWS; open meeting, Tuesday's at 6:30 AM, 1st Floor Auditorium at Washington and Scott Sts.

GAHADA: GON; Tuesday's at 8:00 PM. 12698 Southwestern Blvd, Irving

NEW HORIZON; Thursday's at 11:45 AM. Horizon Boulevard Facility, 1370 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda, Open Meeting.

COMING EVENTS

~ Aug. 5, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Let Go & Let God).

~ Aug. 10, CPC Meeting, 10:00 am, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59th St., Niagara Falls.

~ Aug. 12, Three Legacies Group, is celebrating their 2nd year anniversary. Eating meeting and speaker. Good Shepherd Church, 96 Jewett Pkwy. Please bring a dish if you wish.

~ Aug. 15, New Frontiers Committee, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.

~ Aug. 17, Buffalo Fall Convention Committee Meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome. Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. 9:00 AM before the Courage Group.

~ Aug. 17, Public Information Committee will meet at Deerpark Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am.

- ~ Aug. 24, Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. Archives are still available for group functions or Anniversaries; call Dick K. 668-8358, with 30 days notice.
- ~ August 11, General Service Assembly, 511 Club, JAMESTOWN. (Hosted by 511 Group) 511 E. 2nd Street.
- ~ August 17, ONE DAY AT A TIME GROUP PICNIC: Sprague Brook Park, corner Rt 240 @ Foot Rd. From 11 AM-7 PM, SPEAKER at 5:00 PM. Cookout from 2 -4. Please bring a dish to Pass. All are welcome, families included.
- ~ August 23,24 & 25, 49th ANNUAL TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY: Chatuequa, NY. Flyers in the office. \$10 gate fee + \$10-\$12 Registration.
- ~ Oct. 4-6, NERC 2002. Sheraton South Portland Hotel, South Portland, ME. Information at the office.
- ~ November 8,9 &10, BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst. Registration: \$18, Registration & Banquet: \$43. Flyers are out, for more information call, Registration Chair: John C. (716) 884-0962 or Convention Chair: (716) 894-1199

8th STEP: "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

8th TRADITION: "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

8th CONCEPT; The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

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

Terry Bateman

Executive Secretary

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE

August 5, 2002 MEETING

The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer by our Chairman Scott T. Scott read the Preamble; Mark from Lakeshore Group read the purpose of Central Committee; Pat from Rainbow Group the Traditions. There were three new group representatives. John H. motioned to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes, seconded by Lee.

39 GROUPS ATTENDED: District#1: Complanters Again, Downtown Men's, Main and High, Sunday Niters, Sunrise Court. District#2: Early Bird, Easy Does It, North Buffalo, Three Legacies, Welcome. District #3: Abbott Road Men's Discussion, Cazenovia, Courage, Gardenville, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Try Again, Victory, We Care. District #4: Amsdell-Lakeshore, Lake Shore Patchin, Thursday Men's Discussion. District #5: Lockport #1, Niagara Frontier Men's Discussion, Wilson. District #7: Beginning in Sobriety II, Buffalo Group, Coldspring, Community Center, Ellicott, Fresh Start, Harmony, Spirit of Hope. District #8: Amherst Snyder, Renewal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Envelope System: Karen S. reported donations of \$842 in July for a YTD total of \$5,103

Steering Committee: Charmaine D. reported. The Committee recommended Jim from District#7 as Chairman for 2004 Fall Convention. Ad-hoc committee investigating feasibility of moving office met this month, several areas being investigated. Re-districting for Steering Committee areas Mark is chairman.

Financial: Terry reported for Joanne who was out of town.

Treatment Facilities Committee: Winston F. reported. All meetings covered. TFC meeting is 3rd Tuesday of the month @ St. Paul's UCC, Indian Church Rd. where Iron Horse meets at 7:00 PM.

Corrections Facilities Committee: Bob reported that Gowanda has an opportunity on the 2nd Wednesdays and Collins needs help on the 2nd Tuesday. Co-Chair needed for CFC. Women needed for meetings at Erie County Correction.

Screeners: Chairman Dave reports Okay.

Central Office: Terry B. reports 302 calls for AA info; 6 12th Step calls; 20 Al-Anon calls; 2 calls for other programs; 1 call for PIC/CPC; 46 visitors and 3 volunteers. More volunteers needed, especially right after the 15th of the month. Big Book now available on CD-ROM. Bulletin now carries notices for 2 months unless pre-registration is required.

New Frontiers: No report.

61st Buffalo Fall Convention: Chair Pat M. reports latest meeting was July 20th. Registrations starting to come in, 10 tables sold. Next meeting August 17th 9:00AM at Maryvale Presbyterian Church. (Where Cheektowaga & Courage groups meet.)

WNY General Service Assembly: No report.

Archives: Cheryl K. reported. Regular meeting on July 27th. Archives going to Cathedral Park, We care anniversary, Action Group and Fall Convention.

CPC: No report

PIC: No report

Ad-Hoc Committees:

Re-location: Lee & Scott investigating locations and cost.

Re-districting: Mark has formed committee to improve service to outlying areas by including them in active districts.

SEVENTH TRADITION

RECAP: None

Old Business: Jim from District #7 elected unanimously as Chair of the 2004 Fall Convention. John H. was elected as Steering Committee Representative by the groups present from District #3.

New Business: None.

Reminder: September's Central Committee meeting is September 8th *not* September 1st.

Motion to close by Kevin C., seconded by Lee at 7:45 PM.

	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cumulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cumulative
							Dunkirk Monday Night		255.00				
11-45							Early Bird						
Step							Easier Softer Way						
Step Stumblers							East Amherst		50.00				
6th Step							East Aurora		200.00				
A Day At A Time							Easy Does It						
A Little Bit of Everything													
A New Freedom		117.00					Ellicott	10.00	105.00		20.00		20.00
A Strong Desire							Ellicottville						
Abbott Men's		255.00		255.00		255.00	Emergency						
Acceptance/Welcom	275.00	1175.00		50.00		50.00	Eternal Vigilance		50.00				
Achievement		500.00					Everybody's		40.00				
Action		230.00		35.00		35.00	Express		250.00				
After Midnight							Eyeopener	608.00	1198.20				
Age Doesn't Matter		50.00					F.U.N.						
Alexander		100.00					Faith						
Amherst Snyder	367.46	757.28					Father Baker	100.00	415.00				
Amsdell Lakeshore	15.00	135.00					Feelings	50.00	125.00				
Another Chance							Fireside		840.00		100.00		
Any Age		115.00					Fireside PM						
Any Length	30.00	225.00					First Things First						
Anybody's	20.00	100.00					Fredonia Discussion		160.00				
As Bill Sees It							Fredonia Friday Noon						
Attitude Adjustment		120.00					Freedom		125.00				
AW Group							Freedom Now						
Attraction		300.00					Fresh Start		20.00				
Beginner's Table							Friendly	150.00	150.00				
Beginning In Sobriety II		25.00					Frontier(New)		470.00				
Beginning's Women							Gardenville		200.00				
Bidwell Monday	100.00	175.00	100.00	175.00	100.00	175.00	Georgetown	200.00	400.00				
Big Book Lockport		25.00					Getting Better	10.00	25.00				
Big Book Study		30.00					Giving						
Big Book Workshop	40.00	100.00					Going to Any Length	200.00	400.00				
Blasdell							Golden Slipper		600.00				
Blasdell Monday Night		55.00					Grand		100.00				
Blisatva							Grand It Joy of Living						
Boulevard Helping Hand							Grateful						
Boulevard Women		225.00					Guiding Light						
Brass		60.00					H.O.W.						
Broadway Bailey							Half and Half						
Brocton AA							Hamburg	50.00	50.00				
Brownbaggers							Hand						
Buffalo Group		10.00					Handicappers		300.00				
But For the Grace of God		130.00					Happy Hour						
By The Book							Harmony		145.00		95.00		
Came To Believe		44.50					Helping Hand		110.00				
Casting		153.00		20.00		20.00	High Noon						
Cathedral Park	36.25	178.65	20.00	70.00	20.00	70.00	High View						
Caz Manor		20.00					Higher Power		20.00		30.00		15.00
Cazenovia		248.00		124.00		124.00	Hillbilly		250.00		50.00		50.00
Central Park							Holiday Village	100.00	850.00				
Chapter IX		120.00		120.00		120.00	Holland		150.00				
Checkowaga	50.00	50.00					Honesty		30.00				10.00
Chevy #1							Horizon		70.00		35.00		
Clarence Men's							Hope Big Book Study						
Clarence Men's II							How It Works		472.00				
Cold Spring	15.00	60.00					How It Works/Men's						
Common Bond							Humboldt Riley						
Common Problem							Inner City						
Community Center		30.00					Inspiration		150.00				
Cornplanters							Intoxicated on Life						
Courage		120.00		141.75		151.75	Ironhorse		211.50		84.50		82.50
Courage to Change							IT						
Crossroads	99.00	99.00					Jamestown Groups						
Cross Talk Big Book	25.00	25.00					Johnson Creek Big Book		40.00		5.00		5.00
Daily Reflections		120.00					Journey	106.00	156.00				
Daily Reprieve							Just Do It						
Deaux Discussion							Just For Today/ Albion						
Derby		150.00					Just For Today/Cheek						
Desire							Keep It Simple Sister		150.00				
Downtown Men's	17.00	38.00					Keep On Coming						
							Kenmore		109.20				

	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cumulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cumulative
Kensington							Renewal						
Ladies Night							Ridge	50.00	250.00				
Lake Shore						10.45	Ridge/Pink Can						
Lakeview		75.00					Rise and Shine		20.00		10.00		10.0
Last Days Fellowship							Rochester		100.00				
LewPort							Roland						
Let Go and Let God		30.00					Rural is Plural						
Liberty Women		125.00					Sally						
Life Today		200.00					Saratoga						
Lighten UP		687.50					Searching For Serenity	100.00	200.00				
Live and Let Live							Second Chance						
Living in the Solution							Serenity		50.00				
Living Sober		60.00					Serenity Circle		70.00				
Lock City		150.00					Serenity on the Lake						
Lockport #1		500.00		75.00		75.00	Serenity Trails*						
Lockport Discussion							Setaside		300.00				
Lockport Ladies		50.00					Sheridan	40.00	160.00				
Lockview		400.00		50.00		50.00	Silvercreek Friendship						
Look To This Day							Sober and Proud	40.00	40.00				
Love							Sober Saturday	100.00	225.00				
Lovejoy		190.00					Sober Trail						
Lower River							Sober Winners	20.00	100.00				
Lunch Time							Sobriety for Women						
Main and High		45.00		35.00		25.00	Sobriety Men's Disc.						
Main Street							Sobriety On The Canal		40.00				
Marilla		115.00					Sobriety on a Sat. Night						
Matt Talbot		350.00					Sobriety on the Lake						
Mayville Uptown Group							Somerset						
Medina Grapevine							South Buffalo						
McKinley Winners	100.00	200.00					South Town		200.00				
Medina Big Book							Southgate						
Medina New Life		90.00					Southtown Women's		166.00				
Mercy		25.00					Southwestern		241.00				
Mid-day		115.60					Spirit of Hope		100.00				
Miracle							Spiritual Progress		150.00				
Morning After							Springville Sat. Afternoon						
Monday Morning Lockport							Springville Tues. Night						
New Awakening		50.00					Springville Wed. Noon	20.00	20.00				
New Freedom							St. Barnabas						
New Beginnings/St. Vincent							St. Mark's						
New Life		20.00					Starting Over	36.00	208.40		35.00		35.00
New Outlook							Staying Alive						
Niagara Intergroup							Step Work						
New Westside							Stepping Stones/Gow.	60.00	210.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		75.00					Stepping Stones/Will.						
Nightshift							Suburban	10.00	80.00				
North Buffalo		700.00		175.00		175.00	Sunday Afternoon Ascension						
North Java Monday							Sunday Morning Breakfast		750.00		50.00		50.00
North Java Morning After							Sunday Nites		10.00				
North Java Sunday							Sunday Third Group						
One Day At A Time							Sunrise Court						
Open Arms	25.00	75.00			25.00	75.00	SUNY Amherst Campus						
Open Mind							Surrender and Hope		200.00				
Orchard Park Step	48.50	198.50					Survivors						
P.B.P. Big Book Study							T.P.H.						
Pass It On							TGIF						
Palchin		250.00					Thankful						
Pathway to Peace							The Book Meeting		47.90				
Pendleton Chapter Five							The Moonshiners						
Perry Discussion		30.00		10.00		10.00	There's A Solution						
Pink Can							Three Legacies		30.00		20.00		20.00
Pioneer							Those Too	5.00	60.00				
Positively Living		1500.00					Thruway	100.00	1597.00	20.00	160.00	20.00	160.00
Powerless		25.00					Thrusday PM Discussion		350.00				
Primary Purpose	50.00	200.00					Today						
Principles Before Personalities		100.00					Today's Woman		10.00				
Progress							Tri County		90.00		10.00		
Purpose/Tonawanda		290.00					Tri-Step Beginners						
Rainbow	25.00	125.00		15.00		15.00	Try Again		100.00		50.00		
Ray of Hope	30.00	210.00					Tuesday Men's AM		200.00				
Recovery Near the Gardens		45.00					Tuesday Women		150.00		60.00		60.0
Remember When		175.00					Turning Point		50.00				

	CO	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative
Twin Cities		200.00				
Why		100.00				
University Men's Disc		150.00		100.00		
Valley		130.00		25.00		25.00
Varieties of Spiritual Exper.		30.00				
Varysburg	5.00	10.00				
Victory		175.00		75.00		75.00
Wake Up Call						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	240.00	20.00	160.00	10.00	70.00
We Choose Life						
Wahrle	20.00	70.00				
Welcome						
Westfield						
Westminster						
Why						
Williamsville	100.00	770.00				
Willing To Grow		400.00				
Wilson Group	25.00	100.00			25.00	100.00
Wilson Smith Alumni		100.00				
Women on the Rise						
Women's West Side		150.00				
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Dale M		4.80				
80 Fall Convention		14.00				
A.D.D		30.00				
TFC Printing & Folding		15.00				
Leo K.		21.00				
Misc		42.00				
Nandy H.		13.00				
Lucille D		100.00				
M & H Breakfast Com		25.00		25.00		25.00
Thomas F.		100.00				
Thomas C		4.00				
Jay		1.25				
Jimerson		25.00				
Terry B.		9.72				
Annon#1		20.00				
Annon#2		20.00				
Annon#3	5.00	5.00				
TOTAL	3718.21	33,039.00	160.00	2,550.25	200.00	2,248.70

Income Statement	15-Jun-02	15-Jul-02	15-Aug-02
Beg Bal Cash on hand	16,771.97	16,381.67	17,949.79
Contributions			
Groups	4,573.22	3,400.62	3,718.21
Joint Meeting	65.31	52.75	52.40
Envelope System	448.00	842.00	523.00
New Frontiers Subs	-	17.00	36.00
Literature	3,440.08	2,362.53	3,630.32
Misc.			25.00
Monthly Income	8,526.61	6,674.90	7,984.93
Expenses			
Office Rent	636.00	636.00	636.00
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll			
Salaries (Net)	1,935.05	1,605.60	1,662.92
Federal Withholdings	479.25	398.76	414.12
NYS Withholdings		296.41	
Insurance			
State Ins Fund	78.69		
Health	304.00	304.00	304.00
Liability			
Postage	600.00		600.00
Phone	91.90	89.97	93.85
Accounting	950.00		
Advt			
PIC Lit.			35.00
Talking Phone Book			193.80
Verizon	70.75	70.75	70.75
website			
white directory			
Yellow Pages	149.00		
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine	267.00		
World Services Inc	2,274.76	868.11	1,980.02
Hazeldon			708.13
Printers			
Office Supplies	167.69	216.43	184.59
Answering service	489.05	379.50	367.10
Minolta leasing (copier)	187.00	187.00	187.00
Minolta Copies	110.42		
Crystal Rock (water)	43.85	14.50	14.50
Bank Charges	47.50	4.75	12.00
Monthly Expenses	8,916.91	5,106.78	7,498.78
Monthly Income (Loss)	(390.30)	1,568.12	486.15
End Bal Cash on hand	16,381.67	17,949.79	18,435.94
Literature Assets:	6,666.19	5,111.44	5,499.02
Literature Receiveable:(outstanding)	1,043.33	364.15	385.45
Corrections Facilites	1,112.45	1,343.95	1,307.90
Donations	243.50	366.45	200.00
Expenses		390.50	340.00
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00	12.00
Balance	1,343.95	1,307.90	1,155.90
Treatment Facilities	803.55	1,098.03	1,276.24
Donation	378.50	368.00	160.00
Expenses		105.00	20.00
AT & T Bridging The Gap	40.32	36.44	37.50
AAA Abott Answering Service	31.70	36.35	43.75
Literature			
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00	12.00
Balance	1,098.03	1,276.24	1,322.99