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WPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR CAME S.F., HAMPTON, VA. DECEMBER, 1975

In December 1959, I went through the tortures of hell trying to hang on to the Christmas spirit. My eldest daughter, then 18, and my husband were spending the holidays with us. I had moved to Florida with my remaining four young children, and had started divorce proceedings.

I had suddenly realized that I had become a helpless alcoholic and through this process was losing - if I had not already lost two people very dear to me. Somewhere along the way, I had lost communication with both of them. They did not understand me, nor I them.

Suddenly, I had a great, surging desire to go to some church, make another attempt at tact with the being I called God, and ask His help.

Help...that word struck a note in my mind. I thought of an AA group in New Jersey. Some months before we came to Florida, I attended many of its meetings. Then I decided that I had not gone as far as those poor human beings, and I stopped going.

had my first conscious contact with God and my life loses meaning, and I am temporarily was made aware of the truth: all I had to do lost, too, and become unhappy. was admit that I had become addicted to

alcohol and could not drink

stay in the company of like-minded people. I do not always have the strength to cope with the problems of my own life and those of the lives that touch mine. If I stay too long in the company of unfortunates who have not found the real answers to why we serve, I am on shaky ground. I need to share. I need to give. But it is

The years have passed, and I have re-

ceived help. I have worked at staying sober,

one day at a time - by the grace of God. I

believe we each have our own definite limit of

endurance, and when we reach that limit, we

either go on to the point of no return and die,

or we surrender and are led back the other

as we want it to be provided that we are

willing to follow the lead of those before us,

keeping always in mind that the real power is

It has been impressed on me that I must

God's love working through people.

Our way homeward can be as painless

only in giving to serve the right purpose that I receive the very essence of power in my own That Christmas Eve, at midnight Mass, I life. When I am pointed in the wrong direction



WELCOME YOU....

The following are the Themes for the coming issues of newsletter.

February: Hope March: Faith April: Courage lay: Itegrity

We hope that this will spur you to think about writing an article or some other demonstration of your thoughts on these Topics.

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Helen's Corner





... As the holidays approach my emotions go on a rollercoaster ride. Now is the time I need to cling real close to the program. I find it is very important to keep busy doing for other people to keep myself from sliding into a selfpity trip. This leads me to relate a story of how a bunch of AA's have chosen to pass it on and how we can become a part of this venture...

"On Mother's Day, May 12, 1935, Henrietta property could be designated a 'museum'. Seiberling introduced Dr. Bob Smith to Bill On October 31, 1985, Dr. Bob's home v

founding of AA.

In late May, 1935, Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, asked Bill Wilson to come to the Smith residence at 855 Ardmore Avenue in Akron, Ohio to live with sustained abstinence from alcohol on June 10, 1935. This date is generally considered that day on which A was founded. The founding, thus, took place in Dr. Bob's and Anne's home.

Bill Wilson continued to live with the Smith family until early October, 1915. It was in their home that the principles of AA were pounded out and stories are found in the "Big Book," used the Smith home as a half-way house to recovery;

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Anonymous, Pueblo Colo. Grapevine - December 1980

From the time I was two or three years old, holidays meant fights and being sur- many sleepless nights I've worried whether rounded by drunks. I dreaded Christmas with you whether you were dead or alive and a terrible fear. I hadted this time of celebra- prayed that God would either sober you up or tion and resented the people who were able to take you! Son, you being sober is the best buy gifts. I had no gifts. I had no gifts. I didn't Christmas present I could have." buy presents or share that joy.

and I lived for the meetings. But as Christmas amends. Just stay sober, and the hurts stop. approached, the old fear returned. Where would I go and what would I do? I had been twelve years in the penitentiary before AA. sober several months and was staying with Now, I'm off heroin and alcohol. With seven my mother. Earnings from odd jobs went for years sobriety, I'm not eating from garbage clothing. I got her a card, and it was a cheap cans anymore. I've worked in construction one at that!

with electric toasters and big, expensive gifts to do God's will. I was the only one who for out mother. couldn't get her a present. Ashamed and of AA. embarrassed, I gave my mother the card and told her I was sorry I hadn't bought her a gift.

On June 13, 1984, Wesley Parrish of Pompano Beach, Florida, met with half a dozen Akron AA members to discuss the possibly purchase of Dr. Bob's home. Since AA is prohibited by its traditions from purchasing property, it was decided that a non-profit foundation should be created to purchase and maintain Dr. Bob's home as a museum.

Negotiations for the purchase of 855 Ardmore Avenue and fund raising to pay for the home began on June 14, 1984. In May, 1985, the Founders Foundation was officially incorporated as a non-profit corporation and arrangements were completed for the purchase of the home. With the assistance of Mayor Tom Sawyer, a zoning variance on the property was made by the City of Akron so that the

introduced Dr. Bob Smith to Bill On October 31, 1985, Dr. Bob's home was This meeting ultimately led to the named a State Historical Site by Governor Richard Celeste, and through the good offices of U.S. Congressman John Seiberling, Henrietta Seiberling's son, Dr. Bob's home was declared

a National Historical Landmark.

Efforts to restore the home to its 1935 character are underway. Donations for the restoration and support of Dr. Bob's home as a museum are needed and greatly appreciated. donations are tax-deductible. Such

The work of restoring and keeping home for future generations is too great fd any one person, but together we can preserve and pass on what we have today to those who are to come."

To express our gratitude for all we have received, please consider mailing a check to help pass it on to: The Founder's Foundaion; P.O. Box 449; Akron, Ohio 44309.

. My wish for us all is a sane, sober holiday

season - Yours in the Spirit - Helen S.

My mother said, "If you only knew how

That was the first time I realized you When I found sobriety in AA, I had pece, don't always have to do anything to make

I had spent ten years on skid row and during most of my sobriety. But that Christ Then my brothers and sisters arrived mas was the best of all, when I was just tryih_n

I am grateful for the love and fellowship

by Marcia W., North Buffalo

holics Anonymous that pre-Conference at Chautauqua service.

Within three months of "detox", my goal was to go from bar to bar and "lay it on" fering. up ash trays and doing dishes, tool for sobriety.

From there the direction Committee as my group's rep- Committee and Publicity resentative.

The Step Table at North Convention. The impor- Facilities. my program". ce of this was to continue to

friends, the job of Recording Screeners. Secretary of Central Committee was tackled. Steering Committee for North come active in our General forever!! Buffalo's District, followed by the Chairmanship of Central Committee.

The latter job taught me that one could really learn patience and tolerance of all suggestions and opinions of whoever wishes to express them. Many times the urge to use the mallet on the head of a somewhat boisterous member rather than use it on the table to keep order, seemed the solution. perfect

Taking on the responsibility of Financial Chairperson sounded "powerful". That job ight how and where our 7th radition "monies" continued our helping the still suffering alcoholic.

My name is Marcia, an al- The challenge of Registra- Service Assembly. coholic who wishes to "pass it tion Chairperson of our 45th led me right into the Public on" to those of you who might Fall Convention and a special Information Committee (PIC) be able to identify with my "lead" at the Closed Women's chairmanship, gently but means of giving back to Alco- AA meeting at the Tri-State firmly. cious gift of sobriety the "old Institution kept me sober one when many things in my timers" gave to me: It's called more day of may days of family and employment were working at these jobs.

Along the way the job of sponsor to some of the new munity group calls for an AA women coming in the program speaker. all those poor souls still suf- kept me busy. To some the with one or more of the many Somehow my sponsor suggestion of service more directed my attention to pick was passed on as an excellent holic to put the 12th step in

Some examples - Helen S. was to moderate tables, take a now writer of "Helen's Cor- of going bar to bar sobering up lead when asked, chairing a ner" in the paper, past Re- those still suffering alcoholics meeting and attending Central cording Secretary of Central jumps into my mind. Buffalo became the "meat of chairperson of Corrections

have something to pass on. Chairperson of 45th Fall Con- my understanding seems With a lot of support from vention and now head of

Then on to sorees that helped me to be-holics Anonymous growing

Shaun D.

This job came at a time not going well.

A school, factory or com-Matching that call AA members allow this alcomotion.

Once in awhile the thought

However, as long as there Chairperson of the 45th Fall are people like sponsoree, Jean Martha C. - Co- M. (Sheridan/Honestly Groups) whose smile and handshake keep a lot of new Some examples of friends people "coming back" - I'll get well myself so as to really in AA - Norma F. Literature accept just where the God of have firmly placed me.

> May we all find just the Then there are those spon- place we belong to keep Alco-

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The proof of my sobriety, if it need be proved, is in the many past problems that have been faced, lived through, and worked out. The success of my life so far can be measured by the serenity and the quiet of today, among those I live with, as compared to the hostile outbreaks, the nightmares, and the guilty uneasiness of those awful years when I was chained to alcohol.

This does not mean that I have passed every test along On the contrary, I made many mistakes and blunders and often went back to some of my old habits. But I did not drink. Something in my AA training always helped me through the real rough days, and my everloving God always helped me deal with the mistakes I made. I always prayed that I would not presume on but would be grateful for His loving understanding of my errors.

To be able to continue in this way is my fervent prayer. I hope the rest of my life can be useful and meaningful, not just for myself, but for any human being who crosses my path and may need what I needed.



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NEW MEETINGS:

<u>UNIVERSITY 12 & 12</u> - SUNDAY - 7:30 PM - C - S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo, 218 Michael Hall (Main & Bailey). Discussion on the steps and traditions.

EASY DOES IT - SATURDAY - 3:00 PM - O - Central Presbyterian Church, Main and Jewett Pkwy. Non-smoking - Wheelchair accessible.

SEARCHING for SERENITY - MONDAY - 6:00-7:30 PM - Deerhurst Presbyterian Church, 257 Deerhurst at Colvin, Kenmore, NY. - Open Discussion.

MEETING CHANGES:

JUST FOR TODAY - will be the name of the new meeting that meets on Saturdays at Our Mother of Divine Grace Parish.

MAINVIEW MANOR - WEDNESDAY - no longer meets.

TURNING POINT - THURSDAY - NON-SMOKING

<u>CATHEDRAL PARK - MONDAY - NON-</u> SMOKING

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST - will move to the Cheetowaga Recreation Ctr, 2nd flr, Town Park, on Harlem Rd. - starting January 6th. 10:00 am breakfast-11:00 am 0 - speaker

PLEASE NOTE:

BEGINNING IN SOBRIETY II - FRIDAY - 6:30PM - St. Ann's RC Ch., Broadway & Emslie, needs support. It is in the school bingo hall.



DECEMBER 1 - SATURDAY - SATURDAY NITE DISC - is sponsoring a dance at the Amity Club, Hertel at Military Rd. Doors open at 7:30 PM, Music starts 8:00 PM till 1:00 AM. Come and Rock n' Roll. Buffet at 10 PM to 11 PM. Bring a dish if you wish. \$6.00 per person \$11.00 per couple.

DECEMBER 8 - SATURDAY - NEW FRONTIER - 6th Annual Christmas Party -St. Gerards' Hall, 2535 Bailey Avenue at Delavan. Donation of \$5.00

DECEMBER 10 - MONDAY - COLD SPRINGS - will be celebrating it's 29th Grp Anniversary at 8:00 PM, 1490 Jefferson. It is a speaker, eating meeting. Bring a dish to share.

DECEMBER 15 - JUST FOR TODAY - SATUR-DAY - 10:00 AM - will have a Christmas-get-together - A movie will be shown. Bring some Christmas goodies to share if you wish. Meeting is held at the Mother of Divine Grace Church, 120 Old Maryvale Drive, Chtg. Meeting place is between the church and the rectory in the school hall.

DECEMBER 16 - KEEP ON COMIN' - SUNDAY - 2:00 PM - There will be a Special Speaker Meeting and Christmas Party with pizza, pop and snacks. Bring a dish if you wish. The meeting is located at Faith United Pres. Ch. Elmwood and Homewood, 2 blocks north of Sheridan. Speakers will be Tom Z. and Tom K.

<u>DECEMBER 20 - THURSDAY - MERCY - 10:00</u>
<u>AM</u> - Brothers of Mercy Apartment Community Bldg. on Bergtold Rd., Clarence. The group will be having a Christmas Party, with a speaker meeting. Coffee and goodies will be served. Please join us.

DECEMBER 21 - FRIDAY - 8:30 PM - SILVER-CREEK FRIENDSHIP Group, First United Church of Christ, 31 Main St., Silvercreek The group is having a Christmas party. Eating meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Also, bring a \$ 3 unwrapped gift to exchange. Guest speaker.



CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24 - MONDAY - 14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VIGIL - HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL - PORTER AT FARGO. Send monitaries donations to the Central Office. Please bring food to share directly to the school that evening.

<u>DECEMBER 24 - MONDAY - CATHEDRAL</u> PARK - will not meet.

DECEMBER 24 - MONDAY - 10:00 AM - THRUWAY Group will be having a Christmas Party. Guest speakers will be David B. and Fritz L. Bring Christmas sweets to share.

DECEMBER 24 - LOVEJOY GROUP 5TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VIGIL, VISITATION CHURCH,

1040 LOVEJOY. TIME: 5:00 - 11:00 PM. Tuesday Dec.25 11:00 AM - ?. There will be plenty of fun for the whole family so...don't forget the "little ones." We are going to have speakers, gifts (for the kids), food. Join the fellowship for a fun filled time.

SPEAKERS: Mon, 24th
Bill C - Thruway grp. 6:00 PM
Dan K - Chtg 8:30
Tues., 25th

Jim M - Miracle grp. 2:00 PM, Bob W - Niag. Falls. 4:00 PM Bob H. - Lovejoy grp. 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 24 - BIDWELL MONDAY NIGHT is having an eating meeting at 8:00 PM. Bring an appetite and your Christmas Spirit for fellowship and a wonderful start for the holidays.

<u>DECEMBER 24 - GRAND II JOY OF LIVING</u> - will meet at 9:00 PM due to church services.

<u>DECEMBER 25 - TUESDAY - NEW ZION</u> will not meet this day - building closed.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

<u>DECEMBER 31 - MONDAY - CATHEDRAL</u> PARK - will not meet.

DECEMBER 31 - MONDAY - THRUWAY grp will sponsor a <u>NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY</u>, Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. \$12.00 per person. Limit 300 Tickets must be purchased before December 23rd. See group members for tickets

DECEMBER 31 - MONDAY - GOWANDA AREA GROUPS - will be sponsoring a New Years' Eve Dance at the L. K. Painter Center, Rte. 39, Collins, NY. Doors open at 7:00 PM, speaker at 8:00, Food and dancing 9:00 - ? Bring a dish to share. Donation \$4.00. Tickets may be purchased from members or call 532-9400.

<u>DECEMBER 31 - NEW FRONTER & BIDWELL MONDAY DISC.</u> - New Year's Eve party, St. Gerard's 2535 Bailey Ave at Delavan 7PM \$3.00 donation.

DECEMBER 31 - MONDAY - ACTIVE

ACHIEVEMENT - New Year's Eve, Amity
Club, 340 Military Rd. at Hertel. \$10 per
person-\$18 a couple.

<u>JANUARY 1 - TUESDAY - NEW ZION</u> will not meet this day - building closed.

<u>JANUARY 11 - FRIDAY - FR.BAKER</u> - 10th Anniversary. Speaker at 8 PM. Dance, dance, dance from 9-1 AM. Tickets at door only - \$5 which includes dinner and dancing.

FEBRUARY 2 - SATURDAY - ANY AGE -ANNUAL BLIZZARD BALL



<u>CENTRAL COMMITTEE</u> <u>MEETING</u>

REMEMBER

SUNDAYS - December 2 and January 6, 7:00 PM. at 80 Goodrich Street behind Buffalo General.

Everyone Welcome.

RY FULTON OURSIFR

God in His wisdom selected this group of men and women to be the purveyors of His goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went intead to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate. He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world.

Well might He have said to us:

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

"It must be used unselfishly; it carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long, no demands upon your time can be too urgent; no case be too pitiful; no task too hard; no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed, and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect lack of appreciation will be common; ridicule will be your lot; your motives will be misjudged. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the

ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection, and remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact from you beyond your capabilites.

"You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always, if success attends you efforts not to ascribe to personal superiority that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of my gift. If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physician and scientist. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for the talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who You were selected would be available. because you have been the outcasts of the world and your long experience as drunkard has made or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come form the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere.

"Keep ever in mind the admission you made on the day of your profession in AA, namely that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn you live and will unto my keeping that relief came to you."

PASS IT ONBY TOM MCM., HONESTY GRP

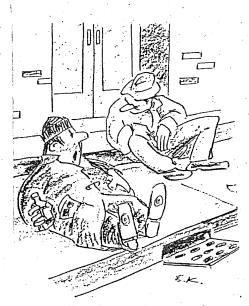
From the day I made my first AA meeting I have heard you must pass it and share. If you do not the fruit (sobriety) will fall off of the vine. When I reread Step 5 and Tradition 5 my inner voice (my higher power) kept telling me pass it on and share with others. Remember you are responsible and your most important asset in your new life is your sobriety. From all the Correctional Facility and Treatment Facility AA meetings I go to I feel that I can help someone by passing it on. I know sometimes our ego tells us keep still and don't trust others at the tables. They will change your story and make you worst than you were. There is a reason for a singleness of purpose. It is the great paragdox of AA. That we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away.

I like to suggest to help passing it on for you to volunteer to go to a Correctional Facility meeting at Attica, Wende State, Collins or Eric County Correctional Facility. Be a TF or CF Volunteer your gift to a better understanding of your sobriety.

A good farmer rotates his crops in the field. So in AA you can rotate your AA meeting. You could write to inmates out of state and Canada and pass it on.

We can pass it on by contributing to World Service or our envelope system by honoring our new birthdate - our sobriety date.

Let us all try to pass it on the best way we know how.



"I can't join AA! I ain't hit bottom yet.

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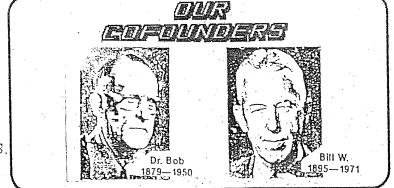
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> REMEMBER: WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

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WESTERN NEW YORK GENERAL SERVICE meets the last Sunday of February, June, September and November. Meetings are held at the ORCHARD PARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING at 2:00 PM. June meeting will be in Jamestown. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

ATTEND THE GSO MEETINGS.



The NEW FRONTIERS is your AA newsletter. purpose is to present personal stories and subjects directly related to the recovery from alcoholism. For inclusion in the next issue, material must reach the Central Office by **December 15th** for inclusion in the **January** issue. Your artwork, poems, articles etc. are also welcome. NEXT MONTH'S THEME : Honestu

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NEW MEETINGS:

LOWER RIVER - SATURDAY - 1:00 PM - Closed Discussion - Meadows United Methodist Church, Fletcher & River Roads, Lewiston, New York.

SOBER WINNER - THURSDAY - 9:30 AM - Closed Discussion - VFW Post 2535, 112 Caledonia St., Lockport, N.Y.

<u>SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST</u> - is a new weekly meeting. The Buffet Breakfast is available to purchase at 10:00 AM every Sunday at the Carriage House Restaurant, 3000 Genesee St., Cheektowaga. Open speaker meeting is at 11:00 AM.

WOMEN'S GROUP - THURSDAY - 7:30PM - Closed Disc. - Pine & Fillmore in East Aurora

PLEASE NOTE:

A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC. will be increasing the prices of all hard-cover literature come the first of the year due to a short fall in their project budget. The increase will affect the price of books sold out of the Central Office.

COMMON HOUR - THURSDAY - 12:05 PM - ECC CITY CAMPUS, RM 570. This meeting has been reorganized and is looking for people to become members. It is a CLOSED DISCUSSION **EETING.

<u>WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME</u> GROUP is updating its' membership list - please contact Jeannette or another member if you wish to be listed as a member.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - JULY 5-8 1990 - if any one is still interested in flying to Seattle with a group call John L. at 632-0452 or Bill L. at 838-4135.

RUSH MANOR, 11436 Genesee Street, Alden, NY -- the TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE is looking for a group to sponsor an A.A. meeting at this facility Saturday evenings. -

MEETING CHANGES

TURNING POINT & 6TH STEP GROUPS which meet in North Tonawanda on Tuesday and Thursday have a new meeting place which is the Emmanuel Church at the corner of William and Scott Streets.

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 5 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00PM

<u>DECEMBER 11 - MONDAY - COLD SPRING'S</u> - 28TH Group Anniversary will be celebrated at 8:00 PM, 1490 Jefferson. Guest Speaker - Eating Meeting! Please bring a dish to share.

<u>DECEMBER 15 - FRIDAY - SILVERCREEK FRIENDSHIP GROUP</u> - First United Church of Christ, 31 Main Street, Silvercreek. <u>CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> - Eating meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Also, bring an unwrapped gift to exchange. Guest speaker. 50/50 drawing.

<u>DECEMBER 16 - SATURDAY - FRONTIER</u> group will hold its annual Christmas Party, at the St.Gerard's Hall, Bailey at Delavan. Doors open at 6:00 PM - Buffet at 7:00 PM - Dancin 9:30 PM to 1:30 AM. \$5.00 per person.

DECEMBER 17 - SUNDAY - TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE ECMC CHRISTMAS PARTY 462 Grider St. Speaker at 2:00 PM. Eats at 3:00 PM. Bring something for the table - if you don't cook or bake - something from the Deli will be fine for sharing.

<u>DECEMBER 18 - MONDAY - THRUWAY GROUP</u> - Infant of Prague School, 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga - This group is having a Christmas Party that day with a guest speaker and goodies. Bring your favorite if you wish.

<u>DECEMBER 23 - SATURDAY - REMEMBER WHEN CHRISTMAS DINNER - 291 Elm Street,</u> 12:00 NOON. Please bring a dish if you can, your support would be greatly appreciated.

<u>DECEMBER 24 - SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS</u> **VIGIL** - Holy Cross School, 341 7th Street.

Doors will open a 6:00 PM. Please do not park in Church lot. We have permission to use the parking facilties of Top's, McDonald's and Rite-Aid. Send monetary contributions to the Central Office.

<u>DECEMBER 24,25 - LOVEJOY CHRISTMAS VIGIL</u> - AT Visitation Church, 1040 Lovejoy and Green Streets. Sunday 5pm to 11pm - Monday 11am til?

<u>DECEMBER 31 - SUNDAY - NEW ZION'S 4TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S GALA DINNER & DANC</u> Advance tickets are \$12.00 each - see group members for tickets.

DECEMBER 31 - SUNDAY - THRUWAY GROUP NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY - Marygold Manor, 770 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga. Tickets \$15.00 each - see members for tickets - none sold at door.

JANUARY 7 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 PM.

JANUARY 10 - WEDNESDAY - ELLICOTT GROUP will celebrate its' 10th Anniversary 8:00 PM at 608 William. Eating meeting - bring a dish to share.

<u>JANUARY 13 - SATURDAY - FIRESIDE'S DAY OF SHARING</u> - Erie Community College-No. Student Ctr. Wehrle Dr. at Youngs Rd., Williamsville. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

JANUARY 27 - SATURDAY - ANY AGE GROUP will be holding their 7th Annual Blizzard Ball. It will be held at the Msgr. Donovan Bldg. next to the meeting location at Sheridan and Elmwood. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the dance ends at Midnite. There will be a meeting, food, door prizes, giant 50/50's, music, dancing, fun and fellowship for all. Ticket are available.

12TH MONTH - 12TH 3TEP "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

12TH MONTH - 12TH TRADITION "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Yours in the Spirit of A.A.

DELPHINE A. HOY Executive Secretary The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of Central Committee, and the Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by Bernie A. and seconded by Marcia W. to dispense with readings of the minutes from the last meeting. Larry B. substituted as Central Committee Chairman.

52 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED

<u>DISTRICT *1</u> Bidwell - Delaware Discussion - Fresh Start - Live & Let Live - New Westside - New Zion - Rush Hall - Second Chance - Sunday Niters - Sunrise Court - Westminster

<u>DISTRICT #2</u> Brass - Campus, Bflo St. College - Chapter IX - Chevy #1 - Kenmore - Living Sober - Why

<u>DISTRICT #3</u> Casting - Iron Horse - Lovejoy - Pass It On - Perry Disc - Rainbow - Security - Seneca 12&12 - South Buffalo - South Gate - Tuesday Womens Disc - Urban

<u>DISTRICT #4</u> Action - As Bill Sees It - Lake Shore - Orchard Park Step <u>DISTRICT #5</u> Pendleton, Chapter V

DISTRICT #6 Arcade - North Java

<u>DISTRICT #7</u> Amherst Snyder - Cold Springs - Faith and Actions - Feelings - Harmony - Honesty - Kensington Disc. - North Buffalo - Sheridan

<u>DISTRICT #8</u> Attitude Adjustment -Common Problem - Fireside P.M. - Matt Talbot Thruway - Williamsville

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Roger P.

	1989	1990		
NOVEMBER	\$ 713.00	\$ 193.00	\$ 520.00 (72.9%)	Decrease
YEAR TO DATE	\$7,463.00	\$6,246.87	\$1,216.13 (16.3%)	Decrease

STEERING COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 27, 1990

The meeting opened at 6:05PM, with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Jack C., Scott T., Bryan McK., Jeff P. for Paul H. and Delphine H.

TOPICS DISCUSSED: 1. Individuals not taking on the responsibilities for which they were elected as well as people not willing to take an office.

Ways to improve the situation - better inform the membership as to what Central Committees' purpose is and how each office is important to the shaping of the Group Conscience of AA in Western New York, starting with the individual group representatives. We will do this through Mini-conventions, Days of Learning and actual presentations at meetings. We will work out a master schedule when we receive the list already prepared by the General Service Assembly as to their activities in 1991.

2. Buffalo Fall Convention - this discussion resulted in the preparing of a Survey Sheet to be mailed to all the groups for any positive or negative comments and suggestions for future use.

As a result of the past Chairmens of the Convention being in a great majority from District 1 it is being proposed by the Steering Committee to Amend our Central Committee Procedures to read that the Co-chairman of the Fall Convention be chosen by the Steering Committee with the approval of the Central Committee. That the chosen individual will be picked from the next consecutive district and would be the Chairman for the following year. It would be proposed being that the Chairman for 1991 and 1992 are both from District I, we would start in 1991 by appointing someone from District II to Co-chair in 1992, entertaining and encouraging the right of individuals to send in a request to be considered for the position with their qualifications listed.

The Committee will invite the Fall Convention Chairman to a Steering Committee meeting to go over the new guidelines.

3. Being that no one accepted the nomination of Financial Secretary, the Committee appoints Larry B. of the New Zion Grp and asks for Central Committee approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM with the Lord's Frayer.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Kevin N.

Began weekly Wednesday meeting at Renaissance House on November 14th. A total of 10 AA members have volunteered to attend and help run the meetings. All have joined the TFC, because the meetings are restricted to members of TFC, at the request of the facility. At the first meeting we showed the new movie from World Services HOPE - ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. Then each volunteer shared their experiences. TFC is supplying coffee, coffee pot and supplies. Showed the movie to the LIVE & LET LIVE group.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H.

All meetings are running smoothly. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact the Central Office. The Beacon group of Attica Correctional Facility will have their annual Christmas party Sunday, December 9th, 1990. Please call Central Office, if you wish to attend.

SCREENERS REPORT: Norma F.

Screeners & 12 Step lists are now updated and mailings completed.

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Note that we have more Open meetings than closed.

329 meetings 149 closed 180 open

<u>NEW FRONTIERS</u>: Larry B.

We appreciate any input you put into the newsletter. This month there are two local articles.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Sandy K.

A preliminary Financial Report was submitted. When a final report is submitted, each Central Committee Representative will receive one.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL: Lue J.

Meetings are at 8:00 pm, Sundays, now until the Vigil. Volunteers are needed. Please send donations to the Central Office.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY. Delphine H.

The anniversary will be held on Friday, April 12, 1991 at the Sheraton.

COURTESY REPORTS

G.S.A. - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

P.I.C. - PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Marcia W.

11/5 Medialle College Day & night times students were cancelled by the school counselors, after our representative showed up.

11/8 Nichols School 5th & 6th grades were cancelled by the original contact, because she felt they were too young to understand.

11/16 City Honors High School - 5 classes, about 100 students. We were very well received.

11/28 Sweet Home High School 2 Health classes was taken care of.

Coming up on 12/5 SADD group at Reszel Middle School in Tonawanda, approximately 15 students.

2nd week of December West Seneca High School and Tonawanda High School's 5 Health classes.

<u>C.P.C. - COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY</u>: Bernie A. A nice letter was sent out to the community.

RE-CAP

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Christmas Party at ECMC. Is that a Treatment Committee decision or a Central Committee decision? There was a lengthy discussion regarding this matter. Not resolved at this point. Scott inquired regarding Big Books at ECMC compared to the VA. Kevin & Delphine made clarification statements.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Elizabeth G. questioned the changing of the Buffalo Fall Convention Committee Chairperson selection.

<u>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</u>: Sandy K. questioned how Central Committee became responsible for the vigil. Delphine responded to inquiry.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Gary asked where the surplus money goes.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by James H. and seconded by Marcia W. to accept Larry B. as Financial Chairperson. Motion carried. Jerome D. was welcomed as the new chairperson. Lue J. will remain as Recording Secretary for the time being. Bill M. will be District #8 Rep, as of 1/91. district #5 Rep is needed. No nominations. It will be an appointed position.

One of the motions made last month that needs to go into the records is the fact the there will be a 12 week trial as to whether or not we will carry the 24 Hour book in the Central Office now that we have a Daily Reflection book.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> General Service Convention - Ralph P. Theme is <u>SOBRIETY IN ACTION</u> Will be held on April 5,6,7, 1991 at the Best Western Red Jacket Inn, 7001 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY. There was a discussion regarding new schedules. It was moved by Bernie A. and seconded by Jim H. that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Lue Johnson, Cold Springs, Recording Secretary

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