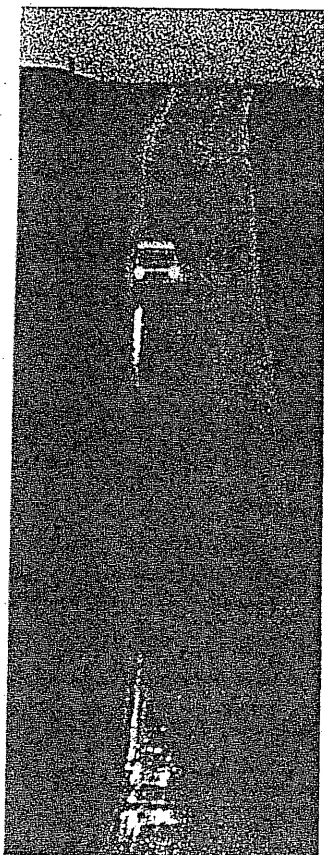


December, '93



### *Traveling in Recovery*

*This summer I had some wonderful experiences in going to meetings in California, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Who else but alcoholics can feel comfortable and at home in any place they travel. One of the blessings for me in this program this summer was traveling first to my home state of New Jersey where I got sober to see friends I knew 7 years ago. How we have changed and grown. Then I spent time in Northern California visiting a beautiful woman who I use to sponsor who moved out there two years ago. A true friend and fellow alcoholic. I also went to meetings in Pennsylvania from Philadelphia to Allentown. Formats of the meetings may be different, some of the places I did not know a soul, but I felt so good when I left because made a meeting and shared with others.*

*It does not matter where you go, whether you know someone or not being an alcoholic and traveling is wonderful. You get to raise your hand when they ask for out of town visitors, people come up to you after and say, I grew up in Black Rock or Williamsville, strangers but friends in recovery.*

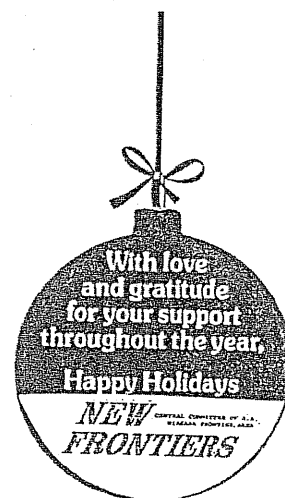
*So, if you are traveling make sure you go to a meeting and experience AA in another area.*

*May you continue to enjoy this life of recovery one day at a time.*

*Rosemarie C.*

### *AA's in District 2*

*My name is Rosemarie C. and I have been a Steering Committee Representative in this district since August 1992 my term is up in August 1994, however I am moving to Pennsylvania in December so, if anyone with 3 or more years of sobriety would like to be appointed to complete my term please contact Central Office or come to the Central Committee Meeting the first Sunday of November. Being on Steering Committee on the Niagara Frontier has been a wonderful experience and a great part of service. It has strengthened my sobriety in many ways. So if you would like to strengthen your sobriety and do a service to yourself and others consider being on Steering Committee.*



# The Season of Giving?



"Hi, my name is 'Amy,' and I want to go in the convention. What do I do now?"

"Registration is ten dollars," the receptionist exclaimed.

"Oh, I didn't realize that. I don't have that much money," Amy responded.

"It's ten dollars to get in," the volunteer registration receptionist insisted. "Thirteen if you want to go to the dance."

Shaking and trembling, Amy left. Only twenty-two days away from her last drink, she headed for the nearest liquor store to spend her few remaining dollars. Fortunately, Reason prevailed and she called a friend instead. She wondered what to think about those heading the AA Convention, spending many hours with her friend drinking coffee.

I could see Amy, her hands shaking so bad that a half full cup of coffee would have spilled all over. She's a good example of a newcomer in need. But now, thanks to her friend she's twenty-three days sober.

Amy's incident affects me badly. I feel I should say something about AA, the organization that saved my life a little over ten years ago. Since then, one day at a time, I spend much time and effort trying to help keep AA available to anyone who wants it. I understand that at times my efforts aren't always the best, a few times even backasswards in the motive department. But I try to be of service. I do the footwork, even though at times begrudgingly.

I understand that the AAs involved in the recent convention try to help AA in the area. I choose to believe that their motives are to be of service, (I can't say that my motives always are). So I hope that this letter is not about finger-pointing, or blame. It's about expressing an experience that I think should not have happened.

The first night of the convention, I did drive a van full of newcomers for the rehab in my neighborhood. This rehab sends three vans, 27 newcomers each year according to the director.

Neither myself, the other drivers, or the twenty-odd newcomers could enter the convention without the registration payments for everyone. Perhaps I should restate that, I'm not sure what happened with the newcomers while I parked the van. I only remember them standing outside the hotel, after being denied permission to come in.

"There must be some sort of misunderstanding," I declared, going right up to the registration table. "I'm a member of AA, as well as these other drivers, and these are people from the local rehab. Can't we go in?"

"Registration is ten dollars each," the volunteer responded, "thirteen with the dance."

"The dance is secondary," I replied. "But even though we all hoped we could attend that also, couldn't we just be allowed to go in, without clearance for the dance?"

Meanwhile, the newcomers merely walked right in. They didn't know "AA" reconsidered its position and allowed them in for the meetings only. They're "running the tollbooth" so to speak.

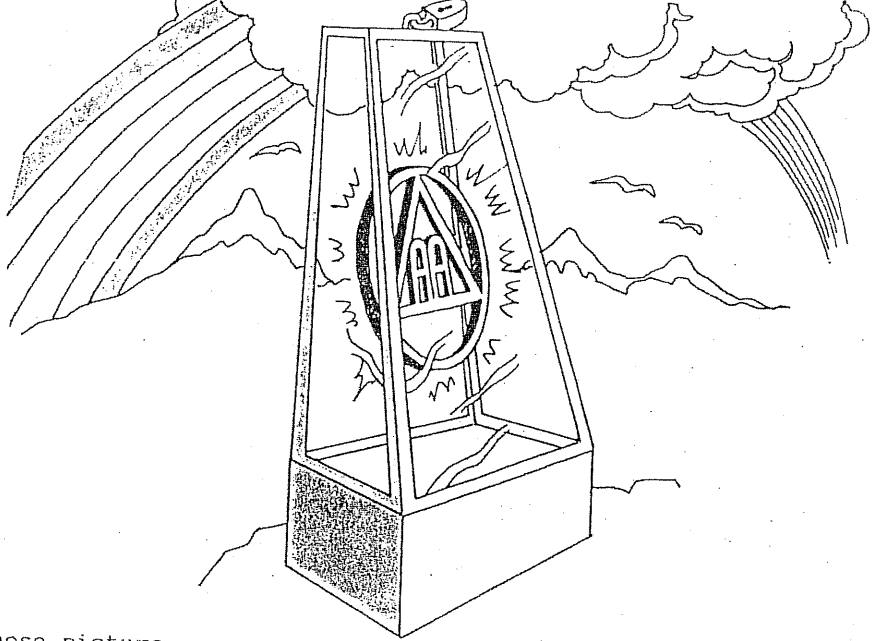
Put yourself in my place, can you understand the mixed feelings I experienced during the sobriety countdown? Do you remember the applause getting louder and louder for newer and newer people standing to their feet to be counted? And how a woman with one day received a standing ovation? I applauded too, but the joy in my heart being tempered with the thought "Boy, I'm sure glad she could afford ten dollars!"

Where are our priorities? What is our primary purpose? Is it to insure big profits, or to break even, on our celebrations of sobriety? Or is it to ensure that what we give freely is available to every single person who wants it?

I hope that we discuss these events under the Grace of Our Group Conscience and act accordingly. This is the purpose of this letter.

Anonymous

# Preserve the Gift



Take out a coin and look whose picture is on it. Past presidents and leaders of state are inscribed on our currency. On the reverse side is usually the motto "In God We Trust." Therefore, give to our government, and mankind the things that rightfully belong to it, and to God the things that are God's.

This spiritual principle is of the utmost importance when working with other alcoholics. "For the type of alcoholic who is able and willing to get well, little charity, in the ordinary sense of the word, is needed or wanted. The men who cry for money and shelter before conquering alcohol are on the wrong track." (Alcoholics Anonymous, pp. 97-8.) To be of usefulness to our fellows, we must carefully determine whether providing an alcoholic his material needs will put him on the "right track."

"It is not the matter of giving that is in question, but when and how to give. That often makes the difference between failure and success. The minute we put our work on a service plane, the alcoholic commences to rely upon our assistance rather than upon God." (AA, p.98.) We are of greatest service to the alcoholic sufferer when we place their recovery first in the hands of God. And the best way of establishing a healthy dependence on God is at our AA meetings.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who conduct meetings in addition to hosting special events. Our meetings charge no dues or fees, even though our membership must meet regular expenses, rent, coffee, donuts, etc. Because it's a spiritual program, administering aid through the twelve spiritual steps of recovery, we don't set a price for our message as contained in the first 164 pages of the Big Book. We can't charge for what is freely given to us.

However, our fellowship conducts events and special activities, dances, banquet dinners, picnics, conventions, and other social gatherings outside our regular meetings. These functions set a fee, a price to pay, they're not free. Someone must meet the bills. So our groups, or AA areas charge admission because these

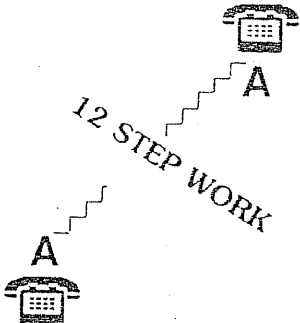
are not meetings in the regular sense. Even though conventions consist of AA meetings in part, this is a special event conducted in a hotel, not the usual church basement. Conventions are special social gatherings and require admission to defray expenses. There is no free ride in AA. Although, in my experience, I know that someone who can not genuinely afford to go to an event can work in some capacity, selling tickets, cooking food, cleaning up, in order to pay the price of admission. Newcomer or not, what better way to learn that we are responsible.

"He (who) clamors for this or that, claiming he cannot master alcohol until his material needs are cared for. Nonsense...we simply do not stop drinking so long as we place dependence upon other people ahead of dependence on God." (AA, p.98.) Therefore, to those who expect that AA meet their every material and social need consider special events and celebrations are good for the spirit, but put first things first. Walk along the path of spiritual recovery, in order to impliment the program of action, as detailed in the twelve steps. Give to God the things that are God's. Have you given God your obsession with alcohol?

Once you take that first bold step out into the sunlight of the spirit, the thought whether to pay admission into an AA convention, or dance won't even occur to you. You'll be able to act with conviction, always mindful of doing the right thing. For you will cease to be a burden on others, you'll want to be responsible, to pay your own way. You'll hold your head upright with dignity, not relying on handouts. You will put your trust in God. "Burn the idea into the consciousness of every man that he can get well regardless of anyone. The only condition is that he trust in God and clean house." (AA, p.98.)

Paul R.

Freedom Group



Are we carrying the AA message inside the prison walls? We are not going to jails to deal with inmates problems concerning the administration, or to be social. Our primary purpose is to share our experience, strength and hope as it pertains to the steps, and Big Book of AA. Therefore, those of us going to prisons should dress appropriately, be punctual, and perform our duties in a manner becoming of a sober individual. This meeting will focus on the joys of carrying the AA message inside the walls, and how to perform those activities with the proper decorum.

Sonny J.,  
Corrections Committee

"AA service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow suffer ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to AA's General Service Office for national and international action." Bill Wilson wrote these words in 1951, and nothing has changed today except the cost of a telephone call. While reading Pass It On, "The story of Bill Wilson and how the AA message reached the world," I came across some ideas that gave me a notion of the importance of phone calling. For instance, "taking a tunk," and a "ten strike."

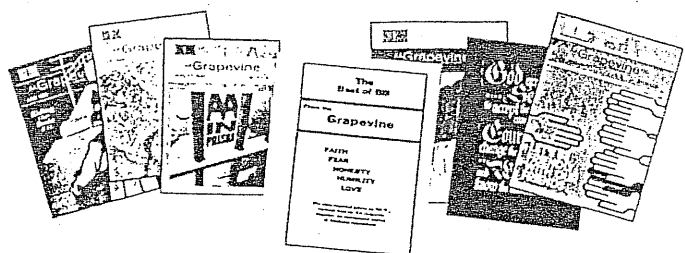
Bill found that searching out the phone number of a drunk who was sicker than himself and giving him a phone call was good therapy. He could tell his story. His friend Tunk, was a very good source for getting a number of a fellow suffer. Just one number would not always do the trick. A list of ten telephone numbers of people who might be alcoholic, and in need of help, whom Bill could call is a "ten strike."

When I get a phone call from another alcoholic in the fellowship who needs my help, it also helps me. I gain strength. When I call on someone in the fellowship anytime I need help, this also strengthens me. The profit motive is absent although we both gain something valuable when we talk to one another on the telephone. I don't always wait until I have a problem to share when I make a phone call. It can be some good new too.

Call an old timer if you don't have a newcomer to call. That's what I do for telephone therapy. I've developed a talent for leaving great message on telephone answering machines. However, I keep calling until I reach someone. The "ten strike" works for me.

Eddie C.  
Buffalo, NY

1. Wende Max, Fri. 7-8:30 PM, Barb C.
2. Wende Erie County, Wed. 8-9:30 PM, Dick S.
3. Attica Corr., 1st and 3rd Weds. 5:45-8:45 PM, Larry S.
4. Collins I, Sun. & Tues. 6:30-8:30 PM Sat. 8-10 AM, Al C.
5. Collins II, Sun. & Tues. 6:30-8:30 PM Sat. 8-10 AM, Ron L.
6. Bflo. Prison, Tues. 7:30-9:30 PM, Sonny J.
7. Lakeview Shock; Lakeview C/F, Fri. 7 PM Larry S.
8. Wyoming C/F, Wed. 7:30 PM, Fran A.
9. Cattaraugus C/F, Sun. 7:15-8:15 PM, Terry W.
10. Niagara County, (Women Only), Wed. 8:30 PM, Joyce W., Lucy LaS.
11. Niagara County (Men Only), Bill W., Mon. 8:00 PM.



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ARCADE will be having a NEW YEARS EVE PARTY at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt 16 south of Yorkshire. \$5 a person. Bring a dish if you wish. Door opens at 7PM, speaker at 8PM with food and dancing following. For reservations or information call 322-7548 after five.

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FERRUARY 25, 26, 27, 1994 - NERAASA '94 (Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) Radisson Hotel in Niagara Falls, NY.

# Anniversaries Dec, 1993

Atherst-Snyder		
Tom B.	6 mo.	
Carleen W.	9 mo.	
Kenny L.	9 mo.	
Michael W.	9 mo.	
Mary M.	1 yr.	
Dawn S.	3 yrs.	
Linda S.	5 yrs.	
Mike S.	5 yrs.	
Sr. Kathleen	5 yrs.	
Sue W.	6 yrs.	
Kevan G.	7 yrs.	
Earl W.	8 yrs.	
Richard O.	8 yrs.	
Rob W.	9 yrs.	
Don Mc.	10 yrs.	
Mark L.	11 yrs.	
Frank S.	11 yrs.	
Mark S.	12 yrs.	
Han H.	12 yrs.	
Nancy O.	14 yrs.	
Diana C.	18 yrs.	
Mike E.	19 yrs.	
Meg W.	27 yrs.	

Cold Springs		
Lavern J.	3 mo.	
Reggie B.	6 mo.	
Luther H.	6 mo.	
Catherine L.	6 mo.	
Kenny B.	9 mo.	
Louise B.	1 yr.	
Darryl H.	1 yr.	
Norman H.	1 yr.	
Ramona D.	1 yr.	
Kim W.	2 yrs.	
William B.	2 yrs.	
Darwin D.	4 yrs.	
William C.	5 yrs.	
Horace M.	7 yrs.	
Leon P.	9 yrs.	
Al C.	15 yrs.	
Lela S.	22 yrs.	
GiGi P.	23 yrs.	
Robert B.	27 yrs.	

Bob S.	13 yrs.	
<u>Fireside</u>		
John I.	6 mo.	
Ron R.	6 mo.	
Brian R.	1 yr.	
Jeff S.	1 yr.	
Marla D.	3 yrs.	
Jonathan K.	3 yrs.	
Margie U.	4 yrs.	
Don S.	6 yrs.	
Bill G.	7 yrs.	

<u>Eye Opener</u>		
Brian P.	3 mo.	
Tim W.	3 mo.	
Jim C.	6 mo.	
John M.	6 mo.	
Cindy D.	6 mo.	
Lynn W.	6 mo.	
Dave H.	6 mo.	
Dana T.	9 mo.	
Rina S.	9 mo.	
Linda F.	9 mo.	
Bob C.	9 mo.	
Greg L.	9 mo.	
Steve H.	1 yr.	
Mike Q.	1 yr.	
Geoff S.	2 yrs.	
Deb T.	3 yrs.	
Perry C.	5 yrs.	
Jim L.	7 yrs.	
Sharon M.	7 yrs.	
Bharon A.	11 yrs.	

<u>Happy Hour</u>		
Alicia G.	3 mo.	
Vincent D.	6 mo.	
Michelle C.	6 mo.	
Chris L.H.	6 mo.	
Matthew D.	9 mo.	
Marlene C.	9 mo.	
Ella H.	9 mo.	
Fernando R.	9 mo.	
Sheila J.	1 yr.	
Gloria F.	1 yr.	
Carol H.	1 yr.	
Larry M.	1 yr.	
Louis R.	1 yr.	
Brenda G.	2 yrs.	
Victor O.	2 yrs.	
Rosetta A.	2 yrs.	
Jonathan C.	3 yrs.	
B. Jerome M.	3 yrs.	
Horace R.	3 yrs.	
Larry S.	3 yrs.	
Joe R.	3 yrs.	
Philip P.	4 yrs.	
Alan M.	4 yrs.	
Frank L.	5 yrs.	
Erika L.	5 yrs.	
Dave K.	5 yrs.	
Earl W.	8 yrs.	
Rich S.	10 yrs.	
Betty W.	11 yrs.	

<u>Harmony</u>		
Dorothy Ann	1 yr.	
<u>Honesty</u>		
Dave C.	13 yrs.	
Dec.:		
John D.	8 yrs.	
Marvin S.	12 yrs.	
<u>Liberty Women's</u>		
Colleen M.	9 mo.	
Shirley J.	9 mo.	
Myrna K.	9 mo.	
Mary M.	1 yr.	
Julie C.	1 yr.	
Jan R.	2 yrs.	
Maureen C.	2 yrs.	
Bard K.	3 yrs.	
Jayne M.	6 yrs.	
Cathy S.	10 yrs.	

<u>North Buffalo</u>		
Robert M.	3 mo.	
James M.	3 mo.	
Fred S.	3 mo.	
Michael Del.	3 mo.	
William D.	1 yr.	
John D.	3 yrs.	
Ed G.	4 yrs.	
Marilyn R.	4 yrs.	
Stephen M.	5 yrs.	
William K.	6 yrs.	
Judy S.	6 yrs.	
Helen McK.	8 yrs.	
Mary Ann G.	10 yrs.	
Art C.	14 yrs.	
<u>Seneca 12 &amp; 12</u>		
Shawn B.	6 mo.	
Cindy R.	6 mo.	
John S.	6 mo.	
Shawn P.	6 mo.	
Bill K.	6 yrs.	
<u>Sheridan</u>		
Rod L.	9 mo.	
Frank DIM.	2 yrs.	
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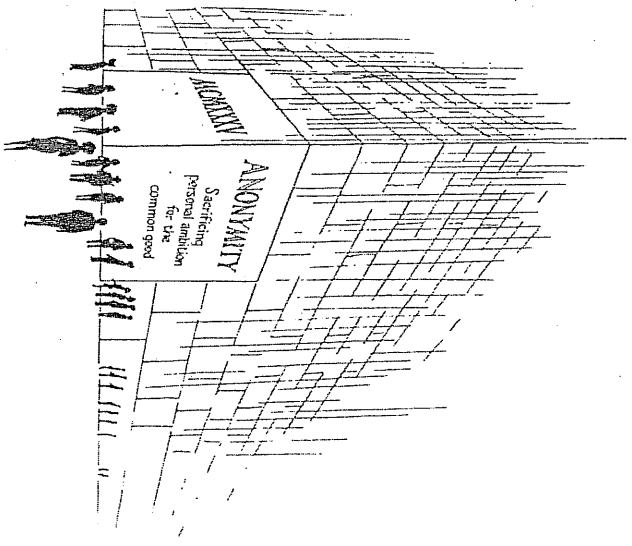
<u>Wentworth</u>		
Benita R.	6 mo.	
Gloria B.	9 mo.	
Norm C.	2 yrs.	
Donna O.	2 yrs.	
Steve F.	4 yrs.	
Kevin B.	6 yrs.	
Bob S.	7 yrs.	
Harry C.	7 yrs.	
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Mike T.	9 yrs.	
Tom G.	10 yrs.	
Frank S.	11 yrs.	
Craig S.	11 yrs.	
Mike W.	12 yrs.	
Al W.	13 yrs.	
Cathy E.	14 yrs.	
Mike H.	14 yrs.	
Sheila M.	15 yrs.	
Don K.	15 yrs.	
Pat T.	15 yrs.	
Fritz L.	15 yrs.	

<u>We Admitted</u>		
David L.	1 yr.	
Susie B.	2 yrs.	
Edward C.	2 yrs.	
Mike C.	2 yrs.	
Bill W.	2 yrs.	
Ed M.	3 yrs.	
Mary T.	3 yrs.	
John F.	3 yrs.	
Al M.	4 yrs.	
Bill W.	4 yrs.	
Roy P.	4 yrs.	
Al K.	4 yrs.	
Jerry L.	5 yrs.	
Kevin B.	6 yrs.	
Keith B.	7 yrs.	
Pat V.	7 yrs.	
Pat V.	10 yrs.	

<u>Women's Westside Disc.</u>		
Tina C.	3 mo.	
Julie C.	1 yr.	
Jude B.	1 yr.	
Rosetta A.	2 yrs.	
Renée B.	2 yrs.	
Kim R.	2 yrs.	
Lynn O.	3 yrs.	
Tommy T.	3 yrs.	
Joyce Q.	4 yrs.	
Erlene R.	4 yrs.	
Linda K.	5 yrs.	
Martanna M.	7 yrs.	
Pat V.	8 yrs.	

<u>Why</u>		
Randy M.	3 yrs.	
Tom O.	3 yrs.	
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THE GAY AA GROUPS of Buffalo are sponsoring a New Years Dance, "A Walk on the Beach". Summer wear/beach attire is optional. Church of the Ascension, North at Linwood. Donation is \$4 in advance or at the door.

ARCADE will be having a NEW YEARS EVE PARTY at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt 16 south of Yorkshire. \$5 a person. Bring a dish if you wish. Door opens at 7PM, speaker at 8PM with food and dancing following. For reservations or information call 322-7548 after five.

JANUARY 2, 1994 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7PM

FEBRUARY 25, 26, 27, 1994 - NERAASA '94 (Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) Radisson Hotel in Niagara Falls, NY.

12th MONTH - 12th STEP *"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry the 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."*

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

Delphine

**NERAASA '94**

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**FEBRUARY 25, 26, 27, 1994**

THIRD ANNUAL NORTHEAST REGIONAL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
SERVICE ASSEMBLY



The meeting was opened at 7:00PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of the Central Committee and the Twelve Traditions were read. The reading of the minutes were dispensed by a motion made by Ron and seconded by Bob.

**38 GROUPS & ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPRESENTED:**

**District#1** - Bidwell, Delaware Disc, Gay, Lesbian, Sober and Proud, Happy Hour, Live & Let Live, Open Mind, Sunday Niters, Westside Women's...

**District#2** - Keep on Comin' Saturday Earlybird, Searching for Serenity, WHY.

**District#3** - Cazenovia, Ellicott, Father Baker, Inner City, Iron Horse, Lovejoy, Powerless, Rainbow, Seneca 12 & 12, South Buffalo, Southgate, Urban.

**District#4** -

**District#5** -

**District#6** - North Java, Varysburg

**District#7** - Amh Snyder, Beginning in Sobriety I, Cold Springs, Honesty, Kensington, Let Go & Let God, No Bflo, VIP

**District#8** - Common Problem, Eye Opener, Matt Talbot, New Life, Sunday Morning Bkft, T"N"T.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Jerry S for Burr E**

	1992	1993	change	% change
Sept Receipts	\$270.00	\$289.00	\$19.00	7.04
Year to Date	\$5785.58	\$6206.06	\$420.48	7.27

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 2, 1993 - SONNY J**

The meeting was opened at 6PM with the Serenity Prayer. District representatives present were Mike B, Sonny J and Tom McM. Also present were Ralph P, Elvester McR, Jerome D and Delphine H.

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION INCLUDED**

- Need for Co-chair of Fall Convention. Appointed Scott T.
- Appointments for districts 1, 2 & 4 representatives.
- Brief discussion of payment to ASCAP for the 1992 convention.
- Brief discussion of moving the Central Committee meeting in the various districts. Voted down.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM in the usually manner with the Lord's Prayer.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Jerome D - as attached**

**TREATMENT FACILITIES:**

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Frank M.**

- Attica is still looking for full time sponsors as are Collins I & II their sponsors are looking for a break if interested call Central Office.
- Wende Erie County now has a women's meeting separate from the men they meet the same night, Wednesday at 8PM. If interested contact me or Dick S at 675-5571.
- The Corrections Committee is meeting on the first Sunday on January 2 before Central Committee. Our meeting starts at 5:30PM. All are welcome to attend.
- No literature was given out this month due to funding. Please help. Remember to earmark check to say "for Corrections".

**SCREENERS:**

**CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H**

AA information	598	12 Step	3
PIC		literature requests	72
CPC		Refer to other agencies	42
Alanon	42	Refer from other agencies	56
Alateen		Central office	
ACOA	8	Outgoing calls	205
Answering Service		Mail costs	\$195.89
Incoming calls 420 - Out going 41		Visitors	234

**NEW FRONTIER: KEVIN - NO REPORT**

**FALL CONVENTION '94 Jack B- chairman**

"1994 AA Fall Convention", - October 28, 29, 30-Marriott Hotel.

The Fall Convention will try to practice the Spiritual Principles of Alcoholics Anonymous such as: the Preamble and the Traditions.

The cost will remain the same as for 1993. \$10 registration, \$35 registration w/banquet, \$3 Alateen, \$25 Alateen w/banquet.

120 rooms have been reserved at the Marriott.

Various Convention Committees will give monthly reports on their progress at Central Committee meetings throughout the year of 1994.

**COURTESY REPORTS: GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - DELEGATE AREA #5 Mike B-CHAIR.**

Last General Assembly met in Salamanca, Nov 28. Next General Assembly will meet at the Amity Club on January 23, '93. Meeting will start promptly at 1:00PM.

All future meetings will be run off an agenda. If you want to be heard or have a problem to be discussed, please call me or secretary to get on the next agenda that is open. We hope this type of schedule, for a meeting, will shorten the time needed to complete the Assembly business. Also, your GSR can be contacted to help you get your problem on the agenda. If your group has no GSR appoint one so you are part of the Conference process.

**Conventions & conferences's up-coming in this area;**

- a) February 25, 26, 27, 1994 Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly.  
Place: Radisson Hotel - Niagara Falls, New York
- b) WNY General Service Assembly Convention - April 1, 2 and 3, 1994.  
Place: Radisson Hotel - Buffalo, New York. (airport)
- c) New York State General Service Assembly Convention - July 15, 16, 17, 1994.  
Place: Castle Inn - Olean, New York

There will be a NYS Informational Workshop scheduled for the first weekend in August in S.E.N.Y. Note: Some of the upcoming items for the next Assembly meeting are:

- 1) Set up meeting schedule and meeting places.
  - 2) Discussion on what happens at your future Assembly meetings, (Workshops-days of Sharings on Tradition, etc.)
  - 3) Spirit of sacrifice, what it means to this Assembly & how it affects us!
- Help us serve your group. Send your GSR to the next Assembly.

**RE-CAP:**

**FALL CONVENTION:** Elizabeth asked if there would be a Convention report. Delphine replied the treasurer was still too ill to finish it.

Question aroused regarding some people being turned away due to lack of ability to pay. Lengthy discussion followed. Pat H, Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud, suggested that the Buffalo Fall Convention should be held in Buffalo. Several people responded. Because of past experiences, Delphine stated that some hotels will not accept the Convention. Issue of transportation was brought up - shuttle service was brought up as a possible solution.

**NERASSA:** Elvester gave a reminder for coffee donations for the continuing of the bottomless cup of coffee. "NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL."

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ralph P thanked everyone for having him as chairman and welcomed the new chairman for 1994, Bill M - Common Problem.

It was moved and seconded to close the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blane H - Cold Springs - Recording Secretary

3rd Step						
6th Step		25.00				
A Day At A Time		100.00				
A Helping Hand		40.00				
A New Beginning						
Abbott Mens Discussion		70.00				
Acceptance		100.00				
Achievement		180.00				
Action		258.82				
Age Doesn't Matter		100.00				
Albion		15.00				
Alexander		100.00				
All Women						
Amherst Snyder		50.00				
Amherst Tree of Life						
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age		80.00				
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It		10.00				
Attitude Adjustment		135.00				25.00
Attraction		500.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's	33.00	132.00	34.00	136.00	33.00	132.00
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell		120.00				
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Group						
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)		25.00				
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Women's		25.00				
Brass		80.00				
Broadway-Bailey						
Brocton Discussion		20.00				
But for the Grace of God	25.00	200.00				
By The Book-Buffalo						
Came To Believe		107.45				20.00
Campus (Bflo State Col)						
Casting		50.00				
Cathedral Park	10.00	542.60				
Caz Manor		200.00		25.00	25.00	50.00
Cazenovia						
Central Park		50.00				

	Dec '93	Accum.	Dec '93	Accum.	Dec '93	Accum.
Chapter IX	10.00	100.00	10.00	100.00		
Cheektowaga				50.00		
Chevy #1	50.00	50.00				
Clarence Men's Discsion		400.00				
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Cold Springs		125.00				
Common Problem		100.00				
Community Center		50.00				
Cornplanters Again		240.00				
Courage	50.00	170.00				
Delaware Discussion		240.00				
Derby	40.00	190.00				
Desire		190.00				
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Disc						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird-Wed		25.00		25.00		
Early Start						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	40.00	450.00		10.00	10.00	110.00
Easy Does It		50.00				
Eden-North Collins		140.00				
Ellicott		90.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance	525.00	1050.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
Everybody's		120.00				
Everyone's A.A. Group						
Eye Opener		100.00				
Faith						
Father Baker		300.00		60.00		
Feelings						
Fireside	133.80	2254.65		75.00	25.00	275.00
Fireside P.M.		50.00				
First Things First	20.00	95.00				
Fredonia Discussion		105.00				
Freedom	25.00	300.00		150.00		225.00
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Discussion						
Friday Noon Meeting						
Friendly		100.00				
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gah Nee Goin Geh(Of the Mind)						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		40.00				
Giving		20.00				
Golden Slipper		550.00				
Good Life						

Grand II Joy Of Living		60.00				
Grateful						
H.A.N.D.		370.00				
H.O.W.		5.00				5.00
Half & Half						
Hamburg		25.00				
Hamburg Big Book						
Handicappers Sat. Nite		100.00				
Happy Hour	<b>50.00</b>	175.00	<b>50.00</b>	100.00	<b>50.00</b>	100.00
Harmony	<b>10.00</b>	97.00				
High Noon						
High View						
Hill Billy		50.00		10.00		10.00
Holiday Village		100.00				
Honest Desire						
Honesty	<b>30.00</b>	360.00	<b>10.00</b>	120.00		
Hora deRefleccion(Spanish)						
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia		20.00				
Inner City						
Inspiration						
Iron Horse		80.00		80.00		
IT	<b>10.00</b>	10.00				
It's About Time		20.00				
Just for Today		120.00		10.00		
Keep It Simple, Sister		70.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore	<b>50.00</b>	150.00	<b>50.00</b>	150.00	<b>50.00</b>	150.00
Kensington Disc		100.00				
Ladies Night						
Lakeshore		60.00	<b>15.00</b>	55.00	<b>15.00</b>	75.00
Lakeview				70.00		50.00
Last Chance						
Let Go & Let God		20.00				
Lew-port						
Liberty Women's		204.75		50.00		
Life Today				40.00		40.00
Lighten Up	<b>120.00</b>	120.00				
Live and Let Live (Gay)		70.00		10.00		10.00
Living Sober	<b>35.00</b>	460.00		25.00		
Lock City		100.00				
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion		175.00				
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		500.00				
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Marilla	<b>35.00</b>	95.00				
Matt Talbot	<b>25.00</b>	275.00				
McKinley Winners						

Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day		16.00				
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD (Serenity Room)						
Morning After	5.00	45.00	5.00	55.00		
Never Too Late						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings		25.00		5.00		5.00
New Freedom		20.00				
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	10.00	100.00		45.00		
New Life New Beginning		50.00				
New Westside						
Niagara Frontier Men's		50.00				
Nite People						
North Buffalo	100.00	1200.00	25.00	300.00	25.00	300.00
North Buffalo Men's						
North Java		55.00				
One Day at a Time(ODAT)						
Open Arms						
Open Mind	30.00	125.00	30.00	75.00	30.00	65.00
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step		136.00				
Pass It On		10.00		5.00		
Patchin						
Pendleton-Chapter V		60.00				
Perry						
Positively Living II	100.00	100.00				
Positively Living III						
Powerless	10.00	35.00	20.00	20.00		
Primary Purpose						
Progress	50.00	250.00				
Purpose	40.00	352.00				
Rainbow		87.00		25.00		45.00
Ray of Hope		150.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I		150.00				
Renaissance II						
Renewal		100.00				
Restored to Sanity		75.00				
Ridge		50.00		50.00		50.00
Rise & Shine		10.00				
Rush Hour						
S.S. Sobriety		25.00				
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Earlybird		60.00		20.00		

Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searching for Serenity	<b>20.00</b>	110.00				
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12			<b>5.00</b>	5.00	<b>5.00</b>	5.00
Serenity		330.00				
Serenity Circle		40.00				
Sheridan	<b>60.00</b>	230.00		20.00		
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail		50.00				
Sober Winners						
Sobriety (Men's Disc)						
Somerset						
South Buffalo		80.00		40.00		40.00
South Town	<b>20.00</b>	55.00				
Southgate	<b>44.20</b>	137.10				
Southtowns Women's		74.05	<b>20.00</b>	85.00	<b>20.00</b>	85.00
Southwestern	<b>30.00</b>	70.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress						
Springville	<b>180.00</b>	840.00				
Springville-no smoking		20.00				
St. Barnabas		170.00		50.00		
St. Mark's	<b>120.00</b>	300.00				
Step						
Stepping Stones						
Suburban		55.00				
Sunday Morning Bkft.		450.00		275.00		200.00
Sunday Niters	<b>20.00</b>	240.00		130.00	<b>10.00</b>	50.00
Sunday Third		80.00				
Sunrise Court		20.00				
SUNY-Amherst Campus		224.50				
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
TnT	<b>214.00</b>	664.00				
TGIF		100.00		25.00		25.00
Thankful	<b>60.00</b>	300.00				
The Journey						
The Way		50.00				
Thruway		3088.00		220.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc		150.00				
Today						
Town Hall		150.00				200.00
Tri-County		125.00				

Tuesday Men's Disc.		110.00				10.00
Tuesday Women's Disc.		70.00				10.00
Turning Point						
Twin Cities		190.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity	<b>70.00</b>	185.00				
University	<b>160.00</b>	1820.00		25.00	<b>25.00</b>	275.00
Urban		30.00		20.00		
V.I.P.						
Valley						
Varysburg		35.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa						
Wake Up Call		78.50				
We Admitted	<b>5.00</b>	50.00	<b>5.00</b>	55.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	<b>30.00</b>	360.00	<b>10.00</b>	120.00	<b>30.00</b>	250.00
We Choose Life		73.40				
We Need You						
Wehrle		10.00				
Welcome		100.00				
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield		75.00				
Westminster						50.00
WHY		150.00				
Williamsville	<b>100.00</b>	350.00				
Willing To Grow		130.00				
Wilson						
Women's Westside Disc.		25.00		100.00		100.00
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown				WkSp col & ref		65.79
Youth Gone Wild						
44 Groups - Dec '93	<b>2805.00</b>		<b>339.00</b>		<b>403.00</b>	
Last month accum.totals	<b>27873.87</b>		<b>2867.00</b>		<b>2819.79</b>	
Year-to-date totals	<b>30678.87</b>		<b>3206.00</b>		<b>3222.79</b>	



CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNT #504-771-7		MONTHLY
RECEIPTS	11/25/93-12/25/93	REPORT
39 Groups contributed		2805.00
Joint meeting (expenses \$7.50)		27.50
New Frontiers Subscriptions		56.00
Envelope System		153.00
Literature		5046.36
Miscellaneous:	Anonymous	10.00
	Anonymous	200.00
	Total Receipts	8297.86
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
#10 Ellicott Square Court Corp - rent		578.00
Comm Mental Health.Ctr-C.C. meeting		35.00
Happy Spring Water		18.45
AA World Service Inc - short fall		9.00
M & T Bank - fed withhold tax		492.16
the Message Connection ans serv		142.85
AA World Services Inc - books		1914.00
New York Telephone		169.07
US Postmaster - ml ref		1000.00
Hazelden 24 hr bks		1258.40
petty cash		50.00
Salaries		1777.55
Bank service charges		78.02
	<b>Total disbursements</b>	7522.50
<b>Re-cap</b>		
Balance per checkbook 11/25/93		1061.67
Add receipts 11/25/93-12/25/93		8297.86
Deduct expenses 11/25/93-12/25/93		-7522.50
		1837.03
Operating credit for December '93	775.36	
	Money Market	8271.69
	Time Deposit	9781.93

<b>RECAPS 11/25/93-12/25/93</b>			
<b>CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES Account #484-185-4</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
AA Central Office-Spanish Lit-Collins	1075	132.00	
AA Central Office - Schedules - Alden	1076	21.48	
AA Central Office-Erie Co Cor (wom's)	1077	69.23	
AA Central Office-Bks-Attica	1078	107.25	
		329.96	
Balance per checkbook 11/25/93			368.44
Add receipts 11/25/93-12/25/93			339.00
Deduct expenses 11/25/92-12/25/93			-329.96
Balance per checkbook 12/25/93			377.48
Operating credit for December '93	9.04		
<b>TREATMENT CENTER Account #602-089-5</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
AA Central Office-phamplets-Bflo Gen	255	233.25	
AA Central Office - bks - Research Inst	256	39.60	
		272.85	
Balance per checkbook 11/25/93			133.61
Add receipts 11/25/93-12/25/93			403.00
Deduct expenses 11/25/93-12/25/93			-272.85
Balance per checkbook 12/25/93			263.76
Operating credit for December '93	130.15		