

# NEW FRONTIERS

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.

I never thought...

When I first arrived in AA, I never thought much of myself. My self-esteem was at an all time low, and I was often on the pity pot. I was never thought I was acting any other way than normal. I had a lot of fair weathered friends who like to drink the same way that I drank. I never thought that my life could or would be any different.

My first year in AA was a year of awakenings, and new challenges, because I began to have feelings that I never knew existed. I was told that I had to change my way of thinking, because my disease was centered in my mind. I never thought there was anything wrong with the way I perceived things.

I was told that I needed to believe in a power greater than myself, get a home group, and get a sponsor. I was also told to get busy. I never thought that I needed anything but for me to stop drinking. I have come to learn that for me, drinking isn't an option, because in theory just stopping drinking sounded good, but the reality was that I couldn't

When I started to put into practice the things that I was told, I never thought that my life could be as good as it is today. I never thought that I would be married, and be a father again. I never thought that I would be as responsible as I am today. I never thought that I would have true "friends" that I can call at any time of the day or night. I never thought that I could be happy, joyous, and free.

I've been in AA for almost ten years now. The things that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous has promised me could happen in my life, and to my life, are indeed happening. But "I never thought"

By: B. Hodge Sr.

Cold Springs

## Definitely a NERD

In 1980-81, I served as Delegate from area 50, Western New York. I was given the privilege of becoming a NERD (Northeast Regional Delegate). This appellation was quite appropriate because much of my life I had perceived myself as being nerdy or a misfit. My childhood and teenage days were often ones of self-made fears. When I came into the program and I heard people say they had unknown fears, I didn't know what they meant. It took me along time to realize that is precisely what I had.

My family drank a lot and there were many parties in our home. As a child, I observed the change in behavior of the adults. I wanted what they had; that change in attitude and behavior.

It worked for awhile but soon the drink took control and my happy demeanor turned into depression, sorrow, or rage. I truly became the Jekyll and Hyde personality.

Very soon, more and more people chose not to be around me because they didn't know which personality would come out. Eventually I became the lonely, isolated drinker.

After 14 years of drinking misery I finally threw in the towel and "lowered" myself to come into AA. I thought I was coming to a group of derelicts and misfits. I didn't accept the program with open arms. To me it just one more defeat in my life.

It took many months before I could accept that I as an alcoholic was just like everyone else in the program; I was no worse nor better. I belonged. It was those who got me involved in service whom I have to thank. They weren't concerned with my "feelings." They just told to do things in the program and my life would get better. I of course didn't believe at first.

What did coffee making, picking up ashtrays, chairing meetings, acting as GSR etc. have to do with sobriety. Today I realize it had everything to do with it. I could not have stayed sober by thinking my way into good actions. I had to act first and then the right thinking would eventually follow.

GSA meetings were a fascination to me from the beginning. There were heated discussions wherein people were ready to "destroy" one another and the after the meeting went out for coffee together. This taught me that people could disagree without being disagreeable.

Service gave me a life. Any degree of civility, patience, and tolerance that I have learned came from service. It has enabled me for the most part to overcome that self-centered fear that dominated my life.

So today, I still attend GSA meetings. I try to be an elder statesperson rather than the "bleeding deacon." I am proud to be a NERD and I attend as many Northeast functions as possible.

Being a NERD to me means, I am truly blessed with an extended AA family. Today I know that I am no better nor worse than anyone in or outside the program. Yes that "fear of people" no longer dominates my thinking. This I owe God and the fellowship of AA.

Joanne McC.  
Action Group

## AA is not a secret society

That is from *AA Guidelines on public information*. Our Twelfth and Fifth Tradition both tell us to "carry the message." This doesn't mean that we sit in our meeting rooms hoping "a still-suffering alcoholic" stumbles in by mistake. That just doesn't happen. One job of the PI Committee is to help the alcoholic find AA when he / she finally recognizes drinking as a problem

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**"Service"**

When I first came into AA I was told by many old timers to get a home group and get active in that home group. They said that service would give me a reason to be there and it would help me stay sober. I didn't believe a thing they told me. However, when I came in this time approx. 15 months ago I took that advice and I have remained sober and by doing so I found that it makes me feel good. I now find service heart fulfilling I 'e been blessed to be able to assist a fellow alcoholic on a twelfth step call. Which is how it works one drunk helping another, which also helps me to stay sober one more day? Also: today I'm learning how AA works as a whole by being involved, by attending committee meetings, and listening to learn so that I can understand how things work and why. I found GSA meetings to be very educational in my journey in this wonderful fellowship.

Chris F.  
Any Age

Remember the Envelope System?

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God help me to set aside all I think I know about my disease, these steps, God, and my concept of spiritual principals in favor of a new experience.

Help me to set aside all I think I know

## Step 12

“Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

Having had a spiritual awakening is for me is a result of doing a kind act for someone. I read somewhere awakened me to a spiritual experience. Someone may share a talk with you and you in return can see the steps working in their life. Gives a feeling of awe that helps me everyday when with another alcoholic or non-alcoholic doesn't matter as long as it's doing Gods will. For me there are the times I am not always on the beam I hate now. For me our experience comes by asking for help each day that my thoughts be directed in helping more than ever. Before in my drinking days I could not even imagine this. Living the steps took time. Sponsorship then and now silent sponsors I heard someone call them taught me a lot about humility. Dependence upon a higher power for help that is where I get my direction from, they taught me as long as I placed my difficulties in the hands of a higher power I would never have to live like that again. I try to help someone everyday. Not to long ago a couple of recovering AAs sent me a card for my birthday one of them read: Happiest of better days to a fellow alcoholic and fellow birthdayer may this and everyday find you happy, joyous, and free. Without AA this and a lot more would have never happened. May God bless and keep you until then. Thanks for letting me share and I'll pass with that

Carl K.

Grateful recovering alcoholic  
Downtown Men's Discussion

## Tradition 12

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

When I began thinking about this tradition, I figured that “giving it away to keep it” was what we meant by principles before personalities. In fact, I also thought that in AA, we learn about the action of love and therefore tried to apply this to everyone – not just the ones we liked and admired. When I finally sat down to write about this tradition, I took time to read the “Twelve and Twelve” and I realized that the principle they are referring to is the way we sacrifice personal desires to help another suffering alcoholic. Each of us feels a desire to stand out, to be a hero, and this tradition asks us to set aside and give credit to our higher power – the spirit that led us here and continues to lead us, one day at a time.

Marie S

Live and Let live

## My Memories of Some Old Timers

Tom B. was a member of the North Buffalo Group at the time of his death a few years back. "Old Irish" was my nickname for him. When "Old Irish" celebrated his last anniversary (approximately 15 years of continuous sobriety), prior to his passing on, there were about 150 of us in attendance at the meeting when he received his pin. It seems to me that this is a marvelous example of the expression of Gods' love that we manifest for one another.

Charlie M. was a member of the Unity Group at the time of his of his death about 10 years ago or so. Charlie shared with me, a number of times, his experiences, as I did with him. One such instance: around the mid 70's, Charlie and I were reviewing a series of closed meetings that our group had conducted on step 4. Charlie made the comment that "Well we are finally finished with step 4." I made the observation and Charlie concurred, that we "do not finish" any of the steps. Rather, we take them along with us in our daily life.

Betty S. was a member of the Unity Group at the time of her passing in the 80's. My memory of Betty is that of a very "genteel" lady with both feet planted firmly on earth. God bless your spirit Betty and thank you for all the years of association that we were privileged to experience.

Larry T. and Mary T. husband and wife, both members of our fellowship were friends of mine. They were part of numerous meetings and were loved by many of us. Back in the early 70's, Mary gave a lead at one of the first anniversary meetings that the Inspiration Group held. Her message gave vivid testimony that the principles that we learn are very effective in living the "AA way" in marriage. Thank you Mary and Larry; God bless you.

An anonymous member of AA in Western New York

IN MEMORIAM

Tony C. active in corrections and treatment  
Motorcycle Joe active in CPC and PIC  
Gary S. active in the Derby Group and Southtowns area  
Barbara M. active in South Buffalo  
Rich H. moved to Arizona

These members will be sorely missed we express our condolences to the families and friends  
Of these members God Speed

EXCERPTS WRITTEN IN MEMORY OF TONY C:

**...I WANT TO BE UNSELFISH, CARE MORE ABOUT OTHERS, AND HAVE THE GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR BEING SOBER AND ALIVE THAT TONY HAD...**

**...TONY WORKED CONSTANTLY TO ASSIMILATE THE AA CONCEPTS AND TO LIVE A GOOD, SOBER, AND HONORABLE LIFE...HE ALWAYS HELPED ME WHEN MY WIFE BECAME SUDDENLY ILL, BUT AFTER SHE HAD A DISASTROUS STROKE, HE SHOWED UP ONE DAY AND ANNOUNCED THAT THAT HE WOULD HELP ME UNTIL SHE PASSED...**

**...WE HAD A VERY SMALL MEETING AT BARRY'S HOME FOR TONY ONE NIGHT AND WE WERE SO MOVED BY THE LOVE THAT WE FELT IN THAT ROOM. GOD HAS BLESSED US SO WITH THIS PROGRAM AND ALL OF US WHO TRY TO LIVE THE PROGRAM EVERYDAY. TONY WAS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE. HE LIVED THE 12 STEPS OF AA TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY, AND HE ALWAYS MADE US LAUGH TOO...**

**...HE TAUGHT ME ABOUT PRAYING EVEN IF IT'S TO ASK FOR FAITH. HE TAUGHT ME THAT EVEN IF YOU ARE FULL OF FEAR, GOD IS THERE USING THE PEOPLE IN AA TO CARRY YOU WHEN YOU CAN'T HOLD YOURSELF UP...**

MEMORANDUM

Date: 11/20/00  
To: ALL GROUPS BELONGING TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
From: AA Central Office, Cindy Nettles, Executive Secretary  
RE: Your Vote Counts

Hopefully, since last Election Day, you have come to realize that every vote counts. Everyone in the Fellowship has a voice, are you using it? The Central Committee has its own elections taking place this December. Does your group even know who was nominated? We have other important issues coming up on our agenda. A very special one is changing the Guidelines. Please fulfill your commitments and have your Central Committee Representative at the Central Committee meetings. They are representing your group conscience. Remember: No vote from your group means your voice is not being heard. So Instead of sitting back and grumbling about how things are done, come on down and share your experience, strength and hope at a place where it can make a difference

Fellowship Announcements

**COME FELLOWSHIP WITH US**

**DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2000**

**AT**

**THE MAIN & HIGH GROUP**

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL**

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL**

**7 P.M. - 1 A.M.**

**GRATITUDE, FELLOWSHIP, SPEAKER,  
DISCUSSION**

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

**THE NEW LIFE GROUP**

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2000**

**ALDEN - THE NEW LIFE GROUP IS**

**SAIL-A-BRATING THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2000**

**ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**13201 MAIN ST. ALDEN**

**NOURISHMENT @ 7:00 PM**

**SPEAKER @ 8:00 PM**

**A New Year ... A New Happiness  
A NEW YEARS EVE DANCE**

**SPONSORED BY  
MEMBERS OF THE THRUWAY GROUP**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2000  
INFANT OF PRAGUE HENNESEY HALL  
921 CLEVELAND DRIVE  
CHEEKTOWAGA, NEW YORK**

**DANCE MUSIC**

**BY**

**CJ SOUND**

**9:00 PM - 2:00 AM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM**

**BUFFET AT 8:00 PM**

**ADMISSION \$13.00 PER PERSON**

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## Acceptance

Tom G. 3 m  
Sue T. 9 m  
Jackie S. 9 m  
Shawn L. 14 y  
Pete C. 18 y  
John R. 22 y  
Peter P. 33 y

## Amherst/Snyder

Mark W. 6 m  
Amanda C. 6 m  
Greg W. 9 m  
Patty C. 9 m  
Ray H. 9 m  
Joy W. 9 m  
Randy M. 9 m  
Barb M. 9 m  
Jim S. 9 m  
Haley D. 1 y  
Cecile M. 1 y  
Dan M. 1 y  
Leah N. 1 y  
Colleen D. 1 y  
Don F. 1 y  
Paul B. 3 y  
Gary S. 4 y  
Emily H. 8 y  
Robert G. 11 y  
Kathleen 12 y  
Chuck W. 13 y  
Kevin G. 14 y  
Anne P. 15 y  
Don M. 17 y  
Mark S. 19 y  
Mike E. 26 y  
Buzz R. 44 y

## Any Age

Barbara L. 3 y

## Cold Springs

Horace M. 14 y  
Al C. 22 y  
Gigi P. 30 y  
Lela S. 30 y  
Robert B. 34 y

## Courage

Julie H. 1 y  
Debbie McE. 1 y  
Don B. 2 y  
Ben G. 3 y  
Dave K. 12 y  
Cathy E. 21 y

## Fireside

Cindy D. 6 m  
Colleen M. 9 m  
Conrad M. 9 m  
Victor J. 7 y  
Maria D. 10 y  
Bill G. 14 y

## Giving

Christin H. 10 y  
Janice B. 10 y  
Dave W. 10 y  
Jeffrey M. 12 y

## Kensington

Brian J. 6 m  
Fritz L. 22 y

## North Buffalo

Sandy L. 3 m  
Margi M. 3 m  
Michael W. 1 y  
Bill W. 1 y  
Jim C. 1 y  
Neil V. 2 y  
Ken I. 2 y  
Jay H. 7 y  
Geiry H. 13 y  
Bill G. 21 y

## Powerlessness

Mike G. 3 y

## Primary Purpose

Joe D. 3 m  
Michelle 4 y

## Reformers

Anthony C. 3 m

Edwin F. 3 m  
Rick J. 3 m  
Larry M. 3 m  
Abraham R. 3 m  
Darrell M. 6 m  
Dave L. 1 y  
Brian D. 1 y

## Renewal

Bill W. 3 y  
Sharon H. 5 y  
Jimmy Ray 6 y  
Mel L. 28 y

## Sheridan

Jimmy M. 6 m  
Kathy B. 9 m  
Robert C. 2 y  
Jim R. 6 y  
Charles P. 22 y

## Sunday Morning

### Breakfast

Carol K. 9 m  
Maggie P. 9 m  
Shawn M. 9 m  
Bob H. 2 y  
Joy P. 7 y

## Sunrise Court

John S. 5 y  
Lonnie 7 y  
Darryle 10 y  
John B. 39 y

## Thruway

Lisa B. 3 m  
Ed A. B. 6 m  
Brian J. 9 m  
Dane C. 9 m  
Dennis W. 2 y  
Lauren L. 3 y  
Joy P. 7 y  
Norm C. 9 y  
Louise F. 9 y  
Bill Y. 18 y  
Cathy E. 21 y  
Mike H. 21 y  
Fritz L. 22 y

## Why

Sam G. 3 m

## Women's Westside

### Discussion

Catherine M. 6 m  
Tia L. 6 m  
Linda G. 6 m  
Jennifer B. 6 m  
Patricia R. 9 m  
Lannette S. 1 y  
Natalie A. 1 y  
Linda B. 1 y  
Margo H. 1 y  
Joyce Q. 11 y

## Group Anniversaries

Abbott Men's

Achievement

Coldspring

Georgetown

Intoxicated on Life

Pass It On

Pathway to Peace

Sally

Sober Winners

Sobriety on Saturday

Night

Those, Too

Tri-Step

Wilson

Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the 10th of the month previous.



DECEMBER 2000

**PLEASE NOTE**

**ACHIEVEMENT** – Wednesdays, 8 pm, is relocating back to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4007 Main Street

**AFTER MIDNIGHT** now meets Wed., Fri., and Sat. at All Saints Church, 781 Maple Road

**1110 GROUP** – Thursdays, 8 pm, Beginner's Meeting for those with one year or less.

**HOLIDAY VILLAGE** – Monday through Friday, 12:30 will be moving to 4390 Quinby Road, Hamburg, effective November 1

**HONESTY GROUP** – Sat., 1 pm, will not meet November 11, (**only**) due to a church function

**INSPIRATION** - St. Barnabas Parish, Thursday, 10:00 am, 2049 George Urban Blvd., would love to see you, and have you share you experience, hope and strength

**SERENITY ON THE LAKE** – now meets on Wednesday at 8 pm at St. Anthony's Church, Route 249, Farnham

**SPRINGVILLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON** has moved to 474 E. Main St., 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist

\* **SOBRIETY FOR WOMEN** – Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cazenovia Manor, 486 N. Legion Drive, Closed Meeting – open last

**SUNDAY MORNING ASCENSION** - is now **SUNDAY AFTERNOON ASCENSION**, Sunday, 4:00 pm, Ascension Church, Linwood and North

**COMING EVENTS**

- ~ December 2, Sat., members of the **1110 Group** are sponsoring their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Timer's Panel, eating meeting starts at 6:00 pm followed by the panel at 8 pm.
- ~ December 3, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street.
- ~ December 3, Sunday, **Correctional Facility Committee**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.
- ~ December 4, Monday, members of the **Alden-New Life Group** are celebrating the group's 25th anniversary. Nourishment meeting. We welcome any nourishing dish you wish to honor us with. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 13021 W, Main Street, Alden. Nourishments at 7 pm, speaker at 8 pm.
- ~ December 9, Sat., **Public Information Committee Meeting**, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.
- ~ December 9, **Coop.w/Prof.Community**, Maryvale Pres. Ch., 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.
- ~ December 11, Monday, **Cold Spring** group members will be celebrating their group's thirty-ninth anniversary
- ~ December 12, Tuesday, members of **Brocton Discussion** are inviting you to join them for and eating meeting; speaker at 8 pm followed by the eating part, please bring a dish to pass and if you want an unwrapped gift to swap; Tri-Church Parish, 35 East Main Street, Brocton.

- ~ December 15, Friday, members of the **Silvercreek Friendship Group** are having a Christmas Party at 8:30 with a speaker meeting followed by an eating meeting. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a \$5 unwrapped gift table available for everyone that brings one. Everyone welcome.
- ~ December 16, Sat., **New Frontier Committee**, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Sq., 10 am.
- ~ December 17, Sun., **GSA Spring Convention**, planning committee meeting will be held at 10 am, Conference room 117, 295 Main Street.
- ~ December 18, Mon., members of the **Thruway Group** will be having their Christmas Party. It's a speaker, eating meeting, please bring a dish to share. 10 am, 921 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga. It's easier to hear the message if you are there.
- ~ December 19, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Ch., 7 pm.
- ~ December 20, Wednesday, members of the **Main & High Group** invite you to join them for their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Vigil, 7 pm – 1 am, please bring a dish to share.
- ~ December 23, Sat. **Archives Committee**, Maryvale Pres. Ch., 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.
- ~ December 23, Saturday, members of the **Primary Purpose Group** will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Vigil, 5:30 pm to midnight, 16 Linwood, Speakers all night, bring a dish to pass or just your smile.
- ~ December 31, Sunday, **4<sup>th</sup> Step Stumblers** movie night is taking and "**AN INSIDE VIEW**". This look inside of Alcoholics Anonymous shows alcoholics, recovering in A.A., going about their daily lives, attending A.A. meetings and other gatherings. Anonymity is carefully protected. 7 pm at West Avenue Presbyterian at 104 West Ferry at West.
- ~ December 31, Sunday, the members of the **Tri County group** will be sponsoring a New Year's get together at St. Joseph Church Basement. Doors open at 7 pm, speaker at 8 pm, food and fellowship 9 pm – 2 pm. Please bring a dish to share, family and children welcome.
- ~ January 7, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street.
- ~ January 7, Sunday, **Correctional Facility Committee**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.
- ~ January 13, Sat., **New Frontier Committee**, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Sq. 10 am.
- ~ January 13, **Coop.w/Prof.Community**, Maryvale Pres. Ch., 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.
- ~ January 13, Sat., **Public Information Committee Meeting**, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.
- ~ January 14, **General Service Assembly**, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, 1:00 pm.
- ~ January 16, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Ch., 7 pm.
- ~ February 3, Saturday, the members of **Any Age** will be having their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Blizzard Ball, 7 pm to 1 am, Speaker at 8 pm. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, no children under 12, pizza, pop, tea and coffee.
- ~ Feb. 23-25, 2001, **NERAASA** (North East Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, Hartford, CT.

**BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of meeting, December 3, 2000

Dick L., Everybody's Group, opened the meeting at 7:03 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble was read by Gene S., ODAT. Chris F., Any Age read the Purpose of Central Committee and Jim G., Age Doesn't Matter read the Traditions. Motion to dispense with reading of minutes made by Pat M., Rainbow, and seconded by James, North Buffalo.

43 GROUPS ATTENDED: District #1: Journey, Live and Let Live, Miracle, ODAT, Open Mind, Sunday Niters and Sunrise Court. District #2: Age Doesn't Matter, Any Age, Chapter IX, Handicappers- Sat. Nite, Honesty, Living Sober, North Buffalo, Purpose and Why. District #3: Abbott Mens, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Victory and We Care. District #4: Action, Amsdell-Lakeshore and Lakeshore. District #5: Lockport #1 and Wilson. District #6: Dunkirk. District #7: Beginner's Table, Beginning in Sobriety, Casting, Cold Spring, Ellicott, Fresh Start, Harmony, Let Go and Let God, Remember When/ New Awakening and Spirit of Hope. District #8: Amherst Snyder, Kensington, Lighten Up, Renewal and Williamsville. District #9 and #10: No members in attendance.

Terry B., Lakeshore, gave a ten-minute presentation about Public Information. Highlights: Terry began her presentation with a speech about the importance of having a committee and trusting God. There is now information in the Bee newspapers (southtown) and soon there will be information in The Buffalo News although the dates were not yet confirmed. The Ad reads, "If you drink that is your business; if you want to stop that is ours." Also, she talked about upcoming events, and different ways to expand public awareness about AA. The PIC meets second Saturday of the month, 10 am, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Envelope System: Karen of the Ridge Group read the report. \$226.00 was received for the month of Nov. 2000. That made the Year to Date total: 5,420.00. A comparison is listed below:

	2000	2000 ytd	1999	1999 ytd	1998	1998 ytd
January	\$1,319.00	\$1,319.00	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,795.00	1,795.00
February	981.00	2,300.00	337.00	1,877.00	580.00	2,375.00
March	169.00	2,469.00	469.00	2,346.00	592.00	2,967.00
April	407.00	2,876.00	538.00	2,884.00	540.00	3,507.00
May	242.00	3,118.00	572.00	3,456.00	388.00	3,895.00
June	339.00	3,457.00	263.00	3,719.00	134.00	4,029.00
July	534.00	3,991.00	783.00	4,502.00	772.00	4,801.00
August	294.00	4,285.00	282.00	4,784.00	540.00	5,341.00
September	333.00	4,618.00	527.00	5,311.00	373.00	5,714.00
October	576.00	5,194.00	375.00	5,686.00	356.00	6,070.00
November	226.00	\$5,420.00	154.00	5,840.00	817.00	6,887.00
December			418.00	6,258.00	341.00	7,228.00
TOTAL	\$5,420.00	\$5,420.00	\$6,258.00	\$6,258.00	7,228.00	7,228.00

2) STEERING COMMITTEE: The meeting took place before the Central Committee meeting at 6:00 pm. Ten people attended. Discussed was the Breakfast Group asking to be put in the schedule and what to do about the individual who stole money from the Remember When group. A motion was passed unanimously to have steering and central committee reps. choose an alternate at their position. Motion was made Jay H. and 2nd by Christine Z. Also, discussion about having New Frontiers establish guidelines and then have those guidelines become a part of Central Committee's guidelines. A rep is still needed for Districts 3, 6, and 10.

3) TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Pete F., Courage, read the report. All meetings are okay, but they can always use volunteers. There was no meeting in the month of November due to the storm. There was a meeting though with the Niagara Intergroup in an effort to allay some of the costs involved in running the Bridging the Gap Program. There are plans to also involve the NY/PENN intergroup in the near future. The TFC meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at 49 Indian Church Road. The same place that Iron Horse meets.

4) FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim B. of the Ridge Group read the report. The full report with all the details is available in writing attached to the minutes.

5) CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Bill L. of We Care gave the report. The meeting was held at 6:00 PM on December 3rd. Five were present for the meeting.

Reports on the individual facilities follows: Attica: Ok; Buffalo Work Release: Ok; Collins: Will have a meeting this month to start a meeting; Erie County Men and Women: Ok; Gowanda: Ok; Lakeview Shock: Jamestown Covers; Niagara County: Ok; Wende: Ok; but could use some help; Wyoming: No Report.

All facilities could use help. If you can help call Bill L. 824-2246.

6) SCREENERS: No Report. They are still in need of a chairman.

7) CENTRAL OFFICE: Cindy N., Sunrise Court, gave the report. For the month of November:

AA information	508	<u>Mail</u>	
PIC/CPC	1/0	1,332 Pieces	
Out of Towners	7	\$705.42 Total Mail Cost	
Al Anon	38		
Ala Teen	3	<u>Answering Service</u>	
ACOA	3	Incoming Calls	254
12 step calls	5	Outgoing Calls	41
Literature Requests	18		
Fax In	4	Visitors	103
Fax Out	6	Volunteers	39

8) NEW FRONTIERS: John B., Lakeshore, gave the report. Had several articles about a member who passed. Took excerpts from each and put in the New Frontiers. Looking for articles from the fall convention. Either from people who attended or who served on the committee.

9) PAST CONVENTION: Charles L., Spirit of Hope, gave the report. The final report is in and is available to be viewed in its entirety in Central Office. There was much animated discussion about what to do with the money. Charles said he would turn the money over to Central Office first thing Monday morning. All except the seed money for the upcoming convention which will be kept in the same account as last year.

10) PRESENT CONVENTION: Adolph I. of the Chapter IX gave the report. A few changes to note. The convention will be at the Buffalo Convention Center this year as opposed to the Marriott. There will be only one panel going at a time instead several. More will be revealed as time goes by.

## GENERAL SERVICE COURTESY REPORTS:

- 1) GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: No Report.
- 2) PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Terry B., Lakeshore, gave the report. Last meeting was Nov. 11th at the convention. Has sent the PSAs (public service announcements) to radio stations in the Jamestown area. The TV PSAs were delivered to channels 2,4 & 7. Thus far, Channel 2 is the only one to air the commercial. On Nov. 16th there were four presentations at Sweet Home High School. On Dec. 5th there will be two presentations at the Alternative School in Niagara Falls. Coming soon is a presentation at Orchard Park High. The data entry is not yet finished for the Web site.
- 3) COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Griff N., Sunrise Court, gave the report. He expressed dismay that there was a lack of support at the convention for the committee.
- 4) ARCHIVES: Tom B., Lovejoy, gave the report. The last meeting was Nov. 18th. The Archives would like to express thanks and gratitude to Central Committee for the accommodations during the fall convention. There are several events coming up for the archives. You can contact Tom B. at 895-8461 for a list of upcoming showings of the Archives.

## OLD BUSINESS

JoAnn McC., Action, was elected the new Screeners chair.

Jim G., Age Doesn't Matter, was elected Treatment Chair.

Lee M., Downtown Men's, was elected Chairman of Central Committee.

Andy B., Iron Horse, was elected Recording Secretary for Central Committee.

Note: There are still some openings for the steering committee; notably Districts 1,3,6 and 7.

## NEW BUSINESS

It was found that the Buffalo Breakfast group was not a legitimate group for several reasons and therefore could not be put in the schedule.

It was found that having a "co" or an alternate at a position is the business of the groups and not the business of Central Committee.

## THIS IS THE COFFEE SCHEDULE FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR 2001

January	Sunrise Court	May	Williamville	September	Journey
February	Abbott Men's	June	Lakeshore	October	Ridge
March	Any Age	July	Age Doesn't Matter	November	Amherst/Snyder
April	We Care	August	Iron Horse	December	Miracle

Please keep your commitment and make the coffee.

A motion to close was made and seconded and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy B., Iron Horse

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2000

GROUP		Accum.		Accum.		Accum.
4 <sup>th</sup> Step Stumblers	10.00	10.00				
6 <sup>th</sup> Step				25.00		
Abbott Men		375.00		375.00		375.00
Acceptance/Welcome	300.00	1,493.00		50.00		50.00
Achievement		1,000.00				
Action		160.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
After Midnight		20.00				
Age Doesn't Matter		130.00		10.00		10.00
Amherst/Snyder		766.15				
Amsdell/Lakeshore	25.00	257.65				
Any Age	50.00	300.00				
Any Length		240.00				
Anybody's Group	20.00	200.00				
Attitude Adjustment	37.50	300.00				
Attraction		300.00				
Beginning In Sobriety II				30.00		
Beginning Women		150.00		25.00		25.00
Bidwell Monday Nite		350.00		75.00		75.00
Big Book/Lockport		50.00				
Blasdell Monday Nite		65.00				
Boulevard Women	75.00	375.00				
Brass		105.00				
Brocton Discussion	50.00	50.00				
But For The Grace of God		35.00				
Came To Believe		14.75				
Casting		190.00		10.00		10.00
Cathedral Park		65.63		15.00		15.00
Caz	100.00	164.00				
Chapter IX	80.00	120.00	80.00	120.00	80.00	120.00
Cheektowaga		160.00		50.00		
Chevy		100.00				
Clarence Men's Disc. Wed.		100.00				
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center		15.00				
Courage		495.00		56.25		56.25
Crossroads		217.50				
Crosstalk Big Book		78.00				
Daily Reflections		125.50				
Derby						
Downtown Men		25.00				
East Aurora	100.00	200.00				
Easy Does It		25.00				
Ellicott		90.00		10.00		10.00
Emergency		20.00				
Eternal Vigilance	50.00	300.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

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GROUP		Accum.		Accum.		Accum.
Everybody's		165.00				
Press		176.00				
Opener		646.00				
Father Baker		600.00				
Fireside		1,496.12				125.00
Fireside PM		700.00				
First Things First		220.00				
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom	25.00	275.00				
Frontier/New Frontier	212.50	474.50				
Gardenville		150.00				
Georgetown		1,000.00				
Getting Better		7.00				
Giving		50.00		72.02		
Going To Any Length		100.00				
Golden Slipper		50.00				
Grand Group		80.00				
Grand II Joy of Living		100.00				
Grateful		100.00		40.00		40.00
H.A.N.D		230.00				
Hamburg		75.00		25.00		25.00
Handicappers		150.00				100.00
Harmony		300.00		30.00		30.00
Helping Hand		120.00				
High Noon		350.00				
Hill Billy	100.00	250.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	50.00
Holiday Village	300.00	1,480.00				
Holland		150.00				
Honesty	30.00	360.00	10.00	120.00		
Hope-Big Book Study		10.00				
How It Works/Men		150.00		150.00		150.00
Inspiration		50.00		25.00		25.00
Intoxicated On Life		50.00		10.00		10.00
Ironhorse	34.00	535.50	13.60	92.65	13.60	92.65
IT		30.00				
Johnson Creek Big Book		60.00				
Journey		265.00				
Just For Today/Albion		5.00				
Just For Today/Cheektowaga		100.00				
Keep It Simple, Sister		115.00		30.00		30.00
Kensington Discussion	50.00	90.00				
Lake Shore		155.00		141.00		115.00
Review	25.00	100.00				
Go and Let God		90.00				
Life Today		125.00				

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GROUP		Accum.		Accum.		Accum.
Lighten Up		802.50				
Live and Let Live		120.00				
Living In The Solution		700.00				
Living Sober		10.00				
Lock City		160.00				
Lockport Ladies		66.500				
Lockview		360.00		150.00		
Lovejoy		60.00		10.00		30.00
Main & High	5.00	65.00				
Main Street/Arcade/Monday		250.00				
Marilla	25.00	225.00				
Matt Talbot	50.00	400.00				
McKinley Winners	75.00	75.00				
Medina New Life		110.00				
Miracle		20.00				
Morning After		75.00				
New Beginnings		55.00				
New Outlook/Albion		60.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's		300.00				
North Buffalo	100.00	1,200.00	25.00	300.00	25.00	300.00
North Java Groups		80.00				
North Java Mornin' After		10.00				
One Day At A Time		275.00				
Open Minded		50.00				
Orchard Park Step		250.00				
Pathway To Peace		40.00				
Perry Discussion		40.00				
Pioneer		60.00				
Positively Living/Linwood		44.20				
Positively Living/Renaissance I		1,500.00				
Powerless		40.00				
Progress		55.00				
Purpose		400.00				
Rainbow		150.00		50.00		100.00
Ray of Hope		140.00				
Reformers (Prison)				30.00		
Remember When		95.00				
Renewal		400.00				
Ridge	50.00	352.00	25.00	106.11	25.00	100.00
Rochester Group	100.00	400.00				
Rural Is Plural		100.00		10.00		
Searching for Serenity		450.00				
Serenity	60.00	425.65				
Serenity Circle	10.00	91.00		2.00		2.00
Serenity Trail		27.50				



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GROUP		Accum.		Accum.		Accum.
Sheridan		200.00				
ber & Proud	25.00	25.00				
er Saturday		24.60				
Sobriety For Women		4.00				
Sobriety on a Saturday Night		50.00				
Southgate		10.00		30.08		10.00
Southtown Women's		122.50				
Southwestern	12.00	232.25				
Spirit of Hope		24.00		8.00		8.00
Spiritual Progress	50.00	200.00				
Starting Over	40.00	256.40				
Staying Alive	25.00	50.00				
Stepping Stones/Gowanda	20.00	220.00				
Stepping Stones/Williamsville		54.00				
Suburban	10.00	160.00				
Sunday Morning Breakfast	150.00	600.00	50.00	200.00	50.00	200.00
Sunday Third/Sheridan		105.00				
Sunrise Court		100.00		8.90		
Surrender & Hope	125.00	475.00		25.00		
T.G.I.F.		35.00				
Thankful	50.00	100.00				
The Book Meeting		71.62				
ose, Too	5.00	40.00				
hruway	70.00	1,935.00	20.00	240.00	20.00	240.00
Thursday Afternoon Discussion		500.00				
Today's Women		10.00				
Trail's End		45.00				
TriCounty/Gowanda		150.00				
Try Again				25.00		
Tuesday Men's Discussion		140.00				
Tuesday Women	10.00	140.00	10.00	90.00	10.00	90.00
Unity	100.00	520.00				
University Men's Discussion		750.00				
Valley		30.00				
Varieties of Spiritual Experience	25.00	224.00				
Victory		30.00		30.00		30.00
Wake Up Call		36.00				
We Are Not Saints		30.00		10.00		10.00
We Care	30.00	230.00	10.00	110.00	20.00	220.00
Wehrle		50.00		10.00		
Westfield		81.00				
Westminster		60.00				
hy		90.00		15.00		15.00
Williamsville	100.00	445.00				
Willing to Grow		200.00				

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<b>GROUP</b>		<b>Accum.</b>		<b>Accum.</b>		<b>Accum.</b>
Wilson		100.00		50.00		
Wilson Smith University Alumni		120.00				
Women's West Side Discussion	<b>40.00</b>	87.50	<b>10.00</b>	10.00	<b>10.00</b>	10.00
Working		237.00				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Dick's Tees		10.00				
Pink Can				104.93		
Memoriam BK				20.00		
Memoriam RH		75.00				
Anonymous		55.00				
Back To Basics		10.00				
Perry Wed. Night Meeting		20.00				
<b>Group Contribution Total</b>	<b>\$3,036.00</b>	<b>\$41,366.52</b>	<b>\$ 308.60</b>	<b>\$3,311.94</b>	<b>\$ 308.60</b>	<b>\$2,943.90</b>

Beginning Balance 11/26/00			722.09
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
47 Groups Contributed	\$3,036.00		
Joint Meeting 12/3/00	47.33		
New Frontier Subscriptions	42.00		
Envelope System	494.00		
Literature	1,278.40		
Mail/Copies	59.28		
Buffalo Fall Convention	3,100.00	\$8,057.01	8,779.10
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation <i>Office Rent</i>	\$636.00		
St. Michael's Parish <i>Meeting Room Rent</i>	35.00		
Salaries	1,661.84		
Charter One/Federal Withholding	572.80		
Health Insurance	141.20		
Secrephone (Answering Service)	108.10		
Minolta Leasing/Copier	187.00		
Verizon	258.25		
Vermont Pure Springs	33.85		
World Services, Inc.	1,702.40		
Hazelden	117.88		
Rita & Sherman G. <i>see note 1</i>	75.00		
Buffalo Fall Convention <i>see note 2</i>	1,416.60		
State Insurance Fund	21.85		
Postage	400.00		
Talking Phone Book	336.60		
Office Depot	127.03		
Bank Charge	19.75	\$7,851.42	\$927.68
<b>Money Market 11/26/00</b>			
Interest Credit	1,126.00		
Balance 12/25/00	1.93		1,127.93
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>			
Balance 11/26/00	8,000.00		
Interest Credit	404.00		
Balance 12/25/00			8,404.00
Outstanding Invoices			969.01
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE</b>			<b>\$11,428.62</b>
<b>Correctional Facilities 11/26/00</b>			
Donations 11/26/00 - 12/25/00	343.94		
Expenses		312.85	
Bank Charge		8.00	
Balance 12/25/00			331.69
<b>Treatment Facilities 11/26/00</b>			
Donations 11/26/00 - 12/25/00	141.71		
Expenses		345.80	
Bank Charge		8.00	
Balance 12/25/00			96.51

Note 1: This money was an outside contribution sent in last month in memoriam.

Note 2: This money was returned to Convention Committee, an adjustment had to be made regarding the hotel bill.

I declare this statement to be true subject to review. James Brumbaugh, Financial Secretary.