

NEW FRONTIERS

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

The Christmas Prayer

God, bless all the alcoholics, wherever they may be.
Bless those unfortunates who are in most need of sobriety.
Look upon them with compassion and mercy, and lead them on to
this wonderful fellowship, that only through You, it may help them
as it has helped me and thousands of others.

Bless those that are sober today.
Give grace to those who are on the way; but, God, please show
compassion and mercy to those who may never come.

Box 459 Nov. 1991

GOD HELP ME TO SET ASIDE ALL I THINK I KNOW
ABOUT MY DISEASE, THESE STEPS, GOD, AND MY
CONCEPT OF SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES IN FAVOR OF
A NEW EXPERIENCE. HELP ME TO SET ASIDE ALL I
THINK I KNOW.

Unknown

"God, give me the wishbone to follow the dreams of my heart.
The backbone to accept the things I cannot change.
The courage to change the things I can.
And the funny-bone to laugh when things are not going that good!"

German George ~ Akron Intergroup News

People are often unreasonable, illogical,
and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse
you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some
false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
there may be jealousy;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God;
It never was between you and them
anyway.

Mother Theresa

Service Spelled Out

Sober living includes meetings, steps, and helping others to earnestly go after their relationships with God. The only requirement is to stop drinking; however, the members with valor tend to be the ones making coffee, picking up trash and including service work in their recovery program. It takes commitment from our members to keep the hand of AA equally strong for the support of every drunk not yet reached.

Teaching newcomers is only part of our plight, we strive to help in ways that make the daily grind of behind the scenes look effortless. People desperately trying to stay sober need our focus.

Being there for others is where I have found peace in my thinking. Isolating myself only brought selfishness and self-centered actions glorifying my own will. Service work gave me a higher understanding. Practical application of balanced actions of the steps, meetings and service intimates successful thinking when in reality it only suggests corrective action. It is through action that we maintain sobriety. Try applying all three to your life and see if you feel the change. Usually the outcome is the same freedom from self. Service work seems to relegate good behavior and that is always a good thing. Evading service only hurts you, for God is always in the action.

Valerie T.
The Messenger Nashville, TN

Looking to get involved in service work? Why not stop by the Central Office (Ellicott Square Building Room 845) and lend a hand getting out monthly mailings? Or maybe answer the phone for an hour or two. You will be surprised how good it feels to pitch in.

Fear Not

Let us never fear needed change. Certainly we have to discriminate between changes for the worse and changes for the better. But once a need for change becomes clearly apparent in an individual, a group, or in AA as a whole, it has long since been found that we cannot stand still and look the other way. The essence of all growth is a willingness to shoulder responsibility, whatever that may be.

It is only fair to say that we of AA have been able, in most areas of our lives, to make substantial gains in both willingness and our capability for the acceptance and discharge of responsibility.

When we look into the future, we clearly see that an ever greater willingness will certainly be the key to that progress which God intends for us as we move toward his appointed destiny.

Bill R. ~ Gardenville Group

“I am Responsible” (part three)

In parts one and two, my understanding of the recovery process was shared with you. Namely, the four areas of recovery that I have been experiencing are; *discovery*, *inventory*, *restitution*, and, *continuing practice*. Alcoholic consumption from teen years through the late thirties, then attendance at many AA meetings and being in the presence of sober, sane alcoholics and getting to know them, facilitated my taking steps one and two. This part of the recovery process is what I experienced as the *discovery* phase. Step three gradually began to enter my “being.” With that came the thinking that steps four through eight might be needed if freedom was to be mine to experience. With much reading and study of the “Big Book” and other writings, continued attendance at many AA meetings and the wisdom gained from intimate discussions with three sponsors, steps three through eight were taken. This, then, is what I have experienced as the *inventory* phase of the recovery process.

Our step nine says: “Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure the or others.” Having the list that was developed when doing step eight, the definition of the work ahead was clear. AMENDS is a hell of a lot more than the old ideas of “I’m sorry,” and “I’ll never do that again.” The AMENDS involves living a sober life ~ becoming a person who can be depended on to do what is promised, to be someone who can be relied upon. This has not been a “cake walk” for me. It involves building bridges of new relationships, using every bit of knowledge and wisdom gained from our Fellowship, from the Steps,, and MOST IMPORTANTLY ~ A LOT OF PRAYER. The ongoing efforts continue. Through a spiritual awareness I have come to believe, and am convinced beyond any doubt whatsoever, that the amends have been made with my first spouse, now deceased. Praise and glory to God that this has happened. Amends with my children, and both living and deceased family members continue to happen. Past employers have also been included. This is what I have experienced as the *restitution* phase of the recovery process. It is an ongoing thing.

Continuing practice for me has meant application of steps ten and eleven every day, all day long. It also includes doing step twelve by performing service work for the benefit of AA and daily sharing with other alcoholics, including my sponsors, and with ALA-NON friends, of how we learn to live a sober life. PRAYER is absolutely essential for me to live a sober, sane life. Thanks and praise to God and AA these blessings continue to unfold in my life. “I am responsible” – recovery has to begin with me.

Respectfully submitted by a member of AA in Western New York

Step Twelve: *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.*

The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it. ... Our behavior will convince them more than our words. We must remember that ten or twenty years of drunkenness would make a skeptic out of anyone.

Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 83

"The AA pre-occupation with sobriety is sometimes misunderstood. To some, this single virtue appears to be the sole dividend of our Fellowship. We are thought to be dried-up drunks who otherwise have changed little, or not at all, for the better. Such a surmise widely misses the truth. We know that permanent sobriety can be attained only by a most revolutionary change in the life and outlook of the individual - by a spiritual awakening that can banish the desire to drink."

As Bill Sees It --pg 171

Excerpts from the 12 & 12

The joy of living is the theme of AA's Twelfth Step, and action is the key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress.

Our basic troubles are the same as everyone else's, but when an honest effort is made "to practice these principles in all our affairs," well-grounded AA's seem to have the ability, by God's grace, to take these troubles in stride and turn them into demonstrations of faith.

... it is only by accepting and solving our problems that we can begin to get right with ourselves and with the world about us, and with Him who presides over us all. Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good living; therefore the joy of good living is the theme of AA's Twelfth Step.

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening.

Some Principles of the 12 Steps

(to practice in all our affairs)

1. Honesty & Acceptance
2. Hope
3. Faith
4. Action
5. Courage
6. Willingness
7. Humility
8. Brotherly Love, Justice & Forgiveness
9. Judgment & Discipline
10. Perseverance
11. Awareness
12. Service, Love, Gratitude & Anonymity

The Messenger Nashville, TN 7/02

Tradition Twelve: *Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*

Excerpts from the 12 & 12

... in the beginning, anonymity was not born of confidence; it was the child of our early fears. Our first nameless groups of alcoholics were secret societies. New prospects could find us only through a few trusted friends. The bare hint of publicity, even for our work, shocked us. Though ex-drinkers, we still thought we had to hide from public distrust and contempt.

... it became apparent that the word of mouth method was too limited. Our work, as such, needed to be publicized. The AA groups would have to reach quickly as many despairing alcoholics as they could.

... experiences taught us that anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes AA life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as AA members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity.

We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity, is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have.

When a Coffeepot is More than Just a Coffeepot

For Jerry D. of Warren, Pennsylvania, the coffeepot in AA is more than the sum of its parts. It symbolizes the essence of rotation – in all service positions, from group coffeemaker to the board of trustees – that is the Fellowship's main method of doing away with popularity contests and, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, "reminding us to place principles before personalities."

Writes Jerry: "I had been in AA for five months when I joined a Big Book study group. One night my soon-to-be service sponsor told me to 'get active and clean the coffeepot.' I did, and got such a wonderful feeling cleaning that pot – it was the first good feeling I'd had in a long time.

"For the next year I cleaned the coffeepot every Thursday night. It was my job, and I wouldn't let anyone else do it. One night I was telling my sponsor about how good it made me feel. He said, 'Great. Now let someone else clean the coffeepot. Let that person feel good like you.' So I found somebody else. First we cleaned the coffeepot together, then he cleaned it, then he passed the job on to another AA, all in the spirit of rotation."

Seven years have passed, Jerry relates: "Then one night I paid a by-now infrequent visit to the same Big Book study meeting. Afterward I walked into the kitchen to throw my paper cup away, and there was that old coffeepot. The current 'trusted servant' and I had our own meeting while I was cleaning it, and it felt really good. Thank God for AA – and coffeepots."

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Sayings from around the Fellowship

Submitted by John H. ~ Sunday Morning Breakfast

- "Alcoholics all drink for the same reason ~ any reason."
- "Once you have been in AA a while, you can be honest and truthful, because you've stopped doing things you are ashamed of."
- "Each day of sobriety is a testimonial to my attempt to be a human being"
- "There's no one too dumb for this program, but it's possible to be too smart."
- "My problem was that if I didn't have a problem, I would invent one."

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RULE 62

- Friendship improves happiness and lessens misery by doubling our joy and dividing our grief.
- Five words vital to a healthy relationship: "I apologize" and "You are right."
- Ignoring the truth does not change it.

Heard at a meeting:

- To answer the age-old question on how we view the glass ~ 'Half empty or Half full?' ~ Depends on whether you are pouring or drinking.
- AA is full of friends you haven't met yet!

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves. Carl Jung, psychiatrist (1875-1961)

... "And we thought Bill W. made all this up."

Ann B.
The Messenger - Nashville, TN

The Serenity Prayer (Long Version)

God, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as the pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, and not as I would have it, trusting you will make all things right if I surrender to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.

Reinhold Neibur

I AM RESPONSIBLE ... When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that; I am responsible.

Declaration of the 30th Anniversary, *International Convention, 1965*

IN MEMORIAM
Things We Can Not Change

To all our members who have lost family or loved ones, our prayers are with you.

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

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

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

E-Mail address: buffalooa@hotmail.com

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance

Tom G. 3y
Shawn 16y
Pete P. 35y

Amherst/Snyder

Christopher M. 3m
Dean S. 3m
Colleen H. 3m
Beth U. 6m
Dana A. 6m
Scott C. 6m
Kelly K. 9m
Mark D. 9m
Kim S. 2y
Joe F. 2y
Rich J. 3y
Haley D. 3y
Cecile M. 3y
Dan M. 3y
Leah N. 3y
Colleen D. 3y
Don F. 3y
Paul B. 5y
Gary S. 6y
Emily H. 10y
Bob G. 13y
Sr. Kathleen 14y
Chuck W. 15y
Kevan G. 16y
Anne P. 17y
Don Mc. 19y
Mark S. 21y
Mike E. 28y

Basic

Ruth Z. 25y

Cold Springs

Anthony H. 9m
William C. 10y
Hoarance M. 16y
Alfred C. 24y
Gigi P. 32y
Robert B. 36y

Courage Group

Mike S. 3m
Joe H. 1y
Kathleen K. 2y
Casey K. 2y
Debbie McE. 3y
Julie H. 3y
Dave K. 12y
Cathy E. 23y

Father Baker

Jennifer D. 1y
Ray B. 13y

Fireside

Margie J. 1y
Ray W. 1y
Margie Z. 1y
Victor J. 9y
Maria D. 12y
Bill G. 16y

Giving

Lisa K. 3m
Harry G. 1y
Jeffery M. 14y

Kensington

Fritz L. 24y

Lakeshore

Gary P. 2y
George M. 30y

Love

Kate B.(H) 16y

Lovejoy

Billie Lynn 6m
Kenyon 9m

Main & High

Tom C. 5y

North Buffalo

Anthony L. 3m
Jerry L. 3m
Nick R. 3m
Joe G. 3y
Aaron S. 3y
John D. 6y
Chris B. 7y
Chris A. 7y
Connie G. 8y
Judy S. 15y
Bill K. 15y

Rise & Shine

Vince D. 9m
Johnie C. 9m
James E. 9m
Patti M. 9m
Rochelle V. 1y
Tonya E. 1y
Billy C. 1y
Arnie J. 1y
Rubbin C. 2y
Kevin T. 2y
Lynn H. 2y
Steve M. 2y
Annette N. 2y
Earnest H. 5y
Karen S. 5y
James M. 6y

Sunday Morning

Breakfast

Michael M. 6m
Annette N. 2y
Karen M. 4y
Bob H. 4y
Joy P. 9y

Thruway

Dennis W. 1y
Matt L. 2y
Ilene C. 11y
Louise F. 11y
Bill Y. 20y
Cathy E. 23y
Mike H. 23y
Fritz L. 24y

Victory

Paul K. 2y
Barry R. 16y

We Care

Ron K. 6m
Gary G. 9m
Harry G. 3y
Frank C. 7y
Jackie W. 8y

Welcome

Mike C. 3y
Mary M. 5y
Chuck 11y
Peter C. 20y
Mark L. 20y
John R. 24y



GROUPS CELEBRATING

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



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DECEMBER 2002

MEETING CHANGES:

ANYBODY'S GROUP, Friday's at Tri-County Hospital, Gowanda, No Longer Meets.

BUFFALO STATE MEETING is now in Room B-108, Tues. & Thurs. 12:30 pm

CHEVY #1, Friday's, has moved. Plant #4, Kenmore Ave, go to main entrance, call security to be buzzed in. Sheriton Room.

COLD SPRINGS; has moved to Bailey-Grider-East Delevan Center, 877 East Delevan, 8PM on Monday's.

FIRESIDE; Has moved. Still ECC North Campus @ Kittenger Hall, Room 137-138. Off Young's Rd. Saturday and Sunday's at 10:30 AM.

LIVE & LET LIVE: is moving on Jan. 3rd to St. John's Grace, 496 Lafayette Ave. (downstairs) on Friday's.

OPEN MIND; now meets at St. John's Grace Episcopal Church, 51 Colony Circle. Time has also changed to 8:00 pm

RAINBOW GROUP; will NOT meet on Christmas and New Years Days.

TRY AGAIN, will move Oct. 6th to St. John's Lutheran Church at 3512 Clinton at Union. Sunday's at 7:30 PM. Open Discussion.

NEW MEETINGS:

PHOENIX GROUP: Thursday's at 12 Noon, Open Discussion, William Seneca Building, Route 438, Irving, Basement Cafeteria. Non-Smoking.

SATURDAY NIGHT IN RECOVERY; Buffalo East, 7:30 PM, Corner of Filmore & A Street. Open Meeting

PLEASE NOTE

- **MOBILE MEETING- ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HOMEBOUND OR CONFINED IN A NURSING HOME AND UNABLE TO GET TO A MEETING? IF SO, AND YOU WANT A MEETING BROUGHT TO YOU, CALL CENTRAL OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, SOMEONE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.**
- **Screeners Committee: Attention screeners and 12 step list members. If your phone number or any of your information has changed, please contact the central Office so that we can keep the information current. Thank you very much. Dave B. (Screeners Chairperson)**
- **The DAILY REFLECTIONS is NOW AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT for \$6.75. Currently in stock at the Central Office.**
- **If your meeting does not meet because of a holiday, could you please notify Central Office so we do not send people there? Thank you.**
- **Unity Meeting will meet on Christmas and New Year's; these two meetings will be open meetings.**
- *The Archives Committee would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who have made such generous contributions to further the Archives Committee's ability to carry the message of recovery by providing a continuous link to our past and our co-founders through the rich history here in western New York. Thank You!
The Archives Committee*

NEEDS SUPPORT:

I Don't Know Group, North Buffalo; Monday's at 7:00 Pm, St. Francis Church, 175 East Street and Amherst.

Thankful Group, Friday at 2:00 pm at the New Senior Center. 101 King Street, East Aurora.

Pathways To Peace, Monday – Friday, 10 AM, Sunday's 8 PM, 376 Dewitt St. (near Forest Ave & Niagara)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

~ Dec.4, International AA women's Conference Planning Meeting, 6 PM @ the Ridge Group, 682 Ridge Rd in Lackawanna.

~ Dec.1, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Living Sober).

~ Dec. 1, Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish.

~ Dec. 8, CPC Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59th St., Niagara Falls.

~ Dec. 19, New Frontiers Committee, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.

~ Nov. 10, WNY General Service Assembly Meeting. 1:00PM. Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg.

~ Dec. 20, Public Information Committee will meet at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am.

~ Dec. 28, Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. Archives are still available for group functions or Anniversaries; call Dick K. 668-8358, with 30 days notice.

COMING EVENTS

~ Dec. 7, **BOULEVARD HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS PARTY**, 10 AM, Saturday, Speaker with food, Please bring a dish to pass.

~ Dec. 14, **I DON'T KNOW GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY**, \$2.00 at door, \$1.00 for children. Bring a dish to share. Santa will be there. 7:00 Speaker. Giant 50/50. Live music and dancing.

~ Dec. 20, **SILVERCREEK FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY**- 8:30 pm, Speaker meeting followed by an eating meeting. Please bring a dish to pass. Also, please bring a \$5.00 unwrapped gift for gift exchange if you wish. Everyone is welcome. No one is obligated to bring a gift.

~ Dec. 24, Lovejoy Annual Christmas Vigil, 5-11 PM. Santa Claus & his Elf, gifts for the kids, giant 50/50, food, and Speaker (Father Paul). Please bring a dish to pass.

~ Dec. 25, **MAIN & HIGH CHRISTMAS VIGIL**, 7PM- 9:30PM. Salvation Army, 984 Main Street.

~ Dec. 31, **Tri County Group New Year's Eve Party**, doors open at 7:00 PM, Speaker at 8:30 PM, music 9:30-?, St. Joseph Church, Gowanda.

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12th TRADITION: "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principals before personalities."

12th CONCEPT; The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition; taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

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

Terry Bateman.... Executive Secretary

**BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 1, 2002 MEETING**

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by our Chairman Scott T, with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer. Scott read the Preamble. Bob read the Purpose of Central Committee, and Gilbert read the Traditions. John M. motioned that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, Charles seconded the motion.

23 GROUPS ATTENDED: Dist. #1: Cornplanters Again, Main and High, Sunday Nitters and Sunrise Court. Dist. #2: Three Legacies Men's Discussion, and Welcome. Dist. #3: Abbots Men's Discussion, Gardenville, Ridge, Try Again and Victory. Dist. #4: Action Group, Go To Any Length, Holland, Lake Shore, Patchin and Serenity On The Lake. Dist. #5: None. Dist. #6: None. Dist. #7: Buffalo Group, Community Center, Higher Powered, Let Go And Let God and Remember When. Dist. #8: Eyeopener. Dist. #9: None. Dist. # 10: None. (The weather was a major factor in driving and reflected in our attendance.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: No Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Charmaine gave this report: Agenda items included #1. Moving Central Office: Lee, Scott, Chuck and Terry are on the committee and will start looking for areas after the first of the year. #2. Redistricting: We need to vote on plan tonight. #3. Election of officers for vacant offices. #4. Terry B. needs \$500.00 for deposit on next years' convention at Marriott Hotel. Recommendation is that we cut a check from Central Committee account to secure dates for the next years' convention. When this years finances from the Convention settle finances the \$500.00 will be replaced.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joanne Mc. gave this report. This month there was a significant increase in the Federal withholdings to make up the quarterly payments. Since December is the month of "giving", groups may think about giving any money that they may have left over to the Central Office.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Winston F. gave this report. All meetings are covered, and no problems have been reported.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Bob gave the report for this committee. Several meetings are in need of support. Friday PM and Saturday afternoon at Wendy. Interested persons can go two or three times without getting mired in paperwork. Buffalo Work Release and Gowanda also need help. If interested call Bob at 876-1932, or Bob G. at 656-0784.

SCREENERS COMMITTEE: No Report.

CENTRAL OFFICE: December Office Report 2002: AA INFO: 635 more than twice the average.

12-STEP: 18. ALANON: 45. CPC: 1. VISITORS: 29. VOLUNTEERS: 14.

I want to thank the guy's at New Beginnings House that have been coming down twice a week for a couple of hours, it's been a tremendous help. Also everyone else that has donated tome, again thank you.

It's been a busy time at the office this month. I thank God I had help. The new schedules should be out about the 1st of the year. They are on their way to the printers this week. Beyond that there's not been anything out of the ordinary. I'd like to wish everyone a happy, safe and sober holiday season. Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit, Terry Bateman

NEW FRONTIER: No Report.

61st BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION 2002: No Report. (Terry informed us that the dates for 2003 Buffalo Fall Convention will be October 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2003.)

ARCHIVES: Frank gave us this report: Archives Committee would like to thank the Fall Convention Committee for the nice room provided to us for the display of your artifacts. We feel this added to our success of your display. We are currently making arrangements to display at our Spring General Service Convention in April 2003 in Niagara Falls.

PIC COMMITTEE: No Report.

RECAP:

FINANCIAL REPORT: John questioned Federal withholdings. Joanne clarified that they are large because not enough had been taken out previously.

TREATMENT: The term length of Chairperson will be discussed during New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Co-Chair for Central Committee and Recording Secretary. John C. elected for Co-Chair by acclamation, Charmaine D. elected for Recording Secretary. John H. made both motions and Charles L. seconded both. District Representative for District #4: Mark S. stood for this Office and was elected by 5 of the 6 Groups present from that District.

The Group was thanked for the Seventh Tradition; Motion to close meeting at 7:35, and carried.