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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
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A Power of My Choice - An Understanding

I am an atheist. I am also a sober member of AA, and have been for over 4 years.

The first AA meeting I attended was in Buffalo, NY—and it was one of the most unique and powerful experiences of my life. I have no interest in either promoting or condemning AA. I have seen a good number of people find help in AA—but, I have also seen a good many people come to AA in desperation, only to walk away frustrated that they could not find the help they needed.

As the years go by, and I continue to attend meetings regularly, I have become aware of certain prevailing attitudes, which I see regularly introduced into meeting discussions, and which I believe do considerable harm to AA's main purpose. As such, I have also become aware of a growing attitude within myself to oppose such harmful ideas and pronouncements which I find stand in the way of an honest, open and healing dialogue.

I believe one of the reasons I've been able to find help in AA is that I was raised with an understanding of many of the concepts which AA takes for granted—for instance: the use of the word "God".

The book "Alcoholics Anonymous" goes to great lengths to appear accepting and inclusive of all who suffer from alcohol addiction, however the book is clearly written in

a moral tone which is more Christian than anything—its very language seems more welcoming to those of a Christian background. Furthermore, while each and every individual is promised the choice of his or her own concept of a Higher Power, the frequent use, and capitalization, of the word "God" (as well as the wording of the suggested prayers) does not seem inclusive of any non-Christian concept. In fact, there are almost no references in any AA literature to "spiritual" concepts outside of Christian beliefs.

Looking into our basic text, we are assured at the beginning of the chapter "We Agnostics" that many of our fellowship's founding members were either atheist or agnostic, but the theme on which this chapter crescendos is a coercive pitch that casts atheism as a flaw which must be corrected if one hopes to stay sober.

This polemic raises a very important question, and one which is argued about either overtly or covertly at many AA meetings: "Is our primary purpose to stay sober—or to find faith in a higher power?" The literature, in a very circular logic, suggests that these two issues are solved together through the taking of the steps. Of course, this leaves the atheist or agnostic a huge problem as soon as he comes to the second or third step. His fellows in the program may try to cheer him on the concept

of a "Higher Power". They may tell him he is totally free to choose his own concept of God. But, what if his choice is to believe in no God?

We may hear in the words of many well-meaning believers that we are free to choose the group, or the meeting, or the 'whatever' as our "Higher Power"—but, the insinuation is ever present that those who choose not to believe in "God" are somehow inadequate.

We hear at meetings how "God" is doing for our fellows what they could never do for themselves. Someone gets a job, or a car, or a house, or helps someone else out, or recovers from an illness—and there's somehow proof of God's involvement in their personal lives. We all know that non-Christians, even atheists, have experiences both exceptional and mundane every day, all over the world. We know that a lot of people refrain from drinking for many reasons other than belief in God. And, of course, many people in the world drink as part of a religious or spiritual tradition.

So, I think it's long past time to start asking why there is so much fear and prejudice specifically towards atheists and agnostics—even in an organization like AA, which (on the surface, at least) claims to have no religious affiliation.

If a person at a meeting is going through a tough time, and he happens to be a believer, the mood of the meeting tends to be encouraging. However, if a person is going through a tough time, and he admits he's a non-believer, the mood becomes one of blame—as if the difficulty he's encountered is some form of punishment. (One is reminded of the televangelist who continually finds fault with the inhabitants of certain disaster-prone regions.)

I think it's time to start calling this accepted prejudice against non-believers by its true name: bigotry.

I've heard the cliché many times that "AA is a spiritual program, and not a religious one"—but, if AA literature and over two-thousand experiences attending meetings in Western New York have proven one thing to me, it's that AA tends to have a strong Christian influence.

For instance, I've heard many an AA member give his or her testament of love and appreciation for a Christian "God" (or, even Jesus specifically)—often times to the rapture and applause of fellow members. Oppositely, I have witnessed the outright castigation of those who speak about their uncertainty, doubt, skepticism, or non-belief in matters religious or spiritual.

I have seen the same members, who trumpet their own "right" to speak about their personal understanding of spiritual matters, become verbally hostile towards those who share a non-Christian or atheist view.

As a member of AA, I believe that "We" have a problem. We can't claim to love and include everyone who wants to stop drinking—and then make that love conditional on the acceptance of "Spiritual" beliefs, especially when the only "spiritual"

choice presented in our literature is nothing but a thinly veiled Christian idiom.

You can't really love something you don't understand. Quite honestly, that's my reason for not believing in God. I've read and listened to many passionate and erudite believers, and I've yet to encounter an explanation of a divine, supernatural being that makes sense to me.

Don't get me wrong—I definitely agree that, in times of pain or desperation, it helps to visualize an image of strength, or love, or beauty in the mind's eye. Different people may call that image by different names. I simply believe that all our visualizations emanate from within the human psyche—which is an obscure dimension, but certainly not a supernatural one.

I happen to love a number of people who are Christian. Because of my upbringing, I understand the basis of their beliefs, and I am respectful of their opinions to the exact extent they are respectful of mine.

Conversely, it's easy for any person to become frightened, or even hostile, towards that which is unknown. Whether you were raised to be a believer, or not—try asking yourself this question: "Does my faith (or, lack thereof) afford me the courage to put aside my fears for the opportunity of understanding something different?"

I can honestly say that, now, my best friends are members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Most of them are Christians, which may have a lot to do with the fact that the meetings I attend are located in a predominantly Christian area (Western New York). I know that by sharing my thoughts on the above issues I run the risk of being pigeon-holed as just another

resentment-driven, non-believer who'd do well to get down on his knees immediately and beg for God's mercy. I have been told as much by many AA members when I've dared to address these ideas publicly.

The fact remains that atheists do not comprise a majority opinion. However, there are many non-Christians in AA who feel they need to actually deny their true selves in order to comfortably attend meetings or receive help. This situation creates unnecessary pain, and is indicative of an apparently invisible exclusionary principle which, for the sake of *love and tolerance*, needs to be addressed.

In the beginning, when I was desperate for care and approval, I felt I would not be accepted in AA as an admitted atheist. I hid who I really was for three years at meetings, until I learned the hard way that denying my thoughts and feelings created a terrible conflict within me, which was quite psychologically damaging. Now, I no longer fear the wrath of those who would reject me for superficial reasons.

When I finally began to admit the truth about my atheism to my fellows, there were those who welcomed me warmly, and those who did not. I grew closer to people who had the courage to be open-minded and accept me as a fellow, and I naturally distanced myself from the intolerant and self-righteous ones who mocked and rejected me. I've found that taking a pragmatic approach to AA has improved my overall outlook on these matters, and actually living the principle of being true-to-myself is much more conducive to healing.

John B.

Are You Ready?

Another long day at work is finally over. This week of ten-degree temperatures is starting to hurt. Glad I went to a noon meeting, because I do not want to come back out tonight.

Great, everyone is driving like they've never seen snow before. "People, this is BUFFALO. It's only a couple of inches. You will be driving 60 mph in this in a few months - why are you driving like slugs!?" The things I can't change...

What's the deal here? Shovel the driveway *again*? Well, it's either now or tomorrow morning. It seems like we're on the Arctic Circle - dark going to work, pitch black on the way home. Well, I better do it now. The last outside job I'll have to do this evening.

Glad I have some leftover pizza. Sure don't feel like cooking after that aerobic workout with the shovel. Oven on, check. Pizza in, check! Start a fire in my fireplace - oh, such a good idea on a night like this. I might warm up before midnight.

That pizza was good. Everything is cleaned up, and my clothes are ready for tomorrow. Boy the wind is howling a little more than before. I'm done for the evening - time to curl up in my chair to read a little and listen to the fire. I'm finally able to relax.

{Phone rings}. Mfgkqnn... phone... wake up... caller ID check... answer... "Hello? Oh hi, John. No, I planned on staying in tonight. I'm frozen to the...WHAT? NOW??? I-I-I guess so. Ok, I'll call you later. Bye."

He wants ME to make a Twelve Step call.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Twelfth month, Twelfth Step - are **you** ready to make a Twelve Step call?

Make a list of the excuses you will come up with for not making one. See if these are familiar - I've used a few in the past: I'm not good enough. I haven't been sober long enough. Don't know enough about the program. My life is a horrible example of practicing our program. Fear of failure. I'm too busy. Central Office handles that. Then slowly rehearse the "I Am Responsible" statement.

Every one of us should be ready to do that - in real life, with a real drunk (not in rehab) who may be

at the lowest point in his or her life. We're really the only ones who are "qualified" to do this - because of our experience. Did we listen to anyone else in the beginning? Probably not, unless it was a cop, judge, or maybe a doctor.

Who would you call to go with you? Remember, we don't do it alone. Should you talk to the person's spouse? Are you supposed to push them to go to detox? How do you know if they should seek medical treatment? Do you take them to a hospital & wait with them till they are admitted? Do you give them your phone number? Take them to a meeting?

What part of your experience would you tell that person? Do you tell them to shut up and listen? Do you let them ramble on? What if they are drunk - how much time to you spend with them?

Are you working your program thoroughly, so you DO have something to give away? You do understand that we keep what we have when we give it away, don't you? Is that why Step Twelve ends with "...practice these principles in **all** our affairs"?

It still amazes me that Bill W. decided that he needed to help other alcoholics to say sober - and did so for six months before he met Dr. Bob. None of those he tried to help sobered up in those 6 months. Bill stayed sober. I wonder - if I was put in the same situation, would I have his courage and determination to do the same thing. Do you think Bill realized that if he drank again, it was his life on the line, and not just another drunk? At the time there were no rehabs. They did not have 'a solution' to the alcohol problem yet. They just put you away for a while and then let you out again.

Whether we realize it or not, we're all qualified, if we have found the solution and are living it. Granted, 2 days sober may not be enough. Anyone that has 3 months or more, practicing the principles, has something they can share. They know more about the program than the drunk who needs the Twelve Step call.

Think about making a Twelve Step call every once in a while. What would you do, if the call came tonight? I think the only 'rule' is that if we do make that call, and we don't drink, the call is a success.

Chip R.
Grand II Joy of Living

No Longer the Center of the Universe

Back when I was a newcomer to A.A. I recall making the move from the beginners table to the step table. Before I made the move I thought I had a pretty good understanding of the Twelve Steps, after all I had heard them read at the meetings that I had attended. Little did I know this at the time, but I was in for a real learning experience.

At the step table at my home group, we would go through the Steps, in order over a twelve-week period. When the twelve weeks were finished we would start the cycle all over again.

There was a group of regulars at the table, guys who showed up every week, some with long-term sobriety. One of these regulars that I won't ever forget was a man named Bill K., who passed away many years ago. He shared his experience with us never lecturing or preaching, only speaking from the heart.

Bill K. talked about how important it was for him to get out of himself, to stop feeling like he was the center of the universe, that this was the key to living a full sober life. Whenever he spoke, no matter what step we were on, he always mentioned this.

Here I was with less than a year in the fellowship. When I came over to the step table I wondered if I would be accepted, if the people would listen to what I had to say. I hoped they would realize just how serious my problems were, I needed a lot of attention.

Back then I did much thinking, mostly about myself. The problem was I did not realize this, the fact that I was so self absorbed. One night, while discussing the eighth step, I said I believed this step did not apply to me; I had not hurt anyone.

The old timers never jumped all over me. I was never told to be quiet and listen. Today I hear stories about old timers banging their fists on the table, lecturing for long periods of time, and not giving the newcomer a real chance to express himself. I never experienced this. That's not to say they did not point things out to me. While at home I would think about the table I was at earlier in the day. I would find myself disagreeing with what was said at the table, but then I would realize that many of the things that were said actually made sense; I could not deny this.

What followed was an effort on my part to get to know myself,

to take an inventory, to learn about my shortcomings, and to finally start thinking about others. I had hurt other people, this now became rather obvious. Working the steps of this Fellowship gave me a chance to work on all of these issues.

The old timers I met guided me through the process. I will never forget these men; I certainly miss those that are no longer with us. Today I still think about the guidance and advise they gave me. There were now some people I could trust, to go to with a problem. When I had doubts they would reassure me. I finally grew up.

I try to pass on what I was taught. This is what our fellowship is all about. When I go to a meeting I have to remember that it's more important to listen rather than be concerned about what I am going to say. When I do talk I am then able to show that I identify with those that spoke before me, and I am able to offer my experience, strength, and hope. I am no longer the center of the universe.

Mike K
University Men's Discussion

Looking for something to do on December 31st? The Niagara Intergroup is hosting its annual New Year's Eve Party at the Volare Lodge, Kies & 56th Street in Niagara Falls. Doors open at 6:30 pm, speaker from 8:00 to 9:00 pm, dancing from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am. Bring a dish to share; the theme is Italian. Cost is \$10.00; contact Liz at 283-6508 for details.

PIC Committee: Looking for volunteers to explain our A.A. program (not give a lead) to local facilities, like schools, to those organizations that contact us. We already have a few that want us to present our program. Contact Terry at Central office if you are willing to step up and join the PIC.

SEMINAR 2009 REPORT

Our theme for this Seminar was "Our Commitment to Carry AA's Message- Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action".

The purpose of the Seminar is to foster, through the exchange of ideas and experiences, greater unity among A.A. members, groups, areas, regions, and service boards; and to provide an opportunity for representatives to the Seminar to discuss the relevant A.A. and office operations issues. It is intended that the activities of the Seminar and its committees will also foster AA's Three Legacies; Unity, Service, and Recovery. Hence, the Seminar shall never be a policy-making, or oversight body, except as to the location of the Seminar and procedures of the Seminar itself; rather the Seminar will limit its substantive activities to exchanges, discussions, and brainstorming.

We accomplish this with the help of those who have attended and participated in prior seminars - we may not solve all of our common problems, but we find the support to endure them, learn from them and pass on our experiences to those yet to experience this supportive weekend.

This year we had 46 new to this Seminar. It's just as much about giving as receiving. This year I actually felt like I had experience to offer. As in the past more ideas surfaced, with hopes of integrating some into our office.

The seminar was stated by AAWS in 1986. Our Central Office was represented at that Seminar by Delphine, and every seminar since, except in 2001, when we had no Executive Secretary.

This year's Seminar was very productive. There were workshops on; *Man on the Bed, After Hour Phones, Think Outside the Box, Sales, Website, Meetings, Literature, Volunteer/ Staffing, Clubhouses, Legalese, Traditions, Office Communiqué', Fundraising, Never be Organized? & PITA'S* Beyond the workshops on Friday evening, there was a panel of speakers from GSO & AAWS Staff, speaking on what's new in A.A. World. Many rotations have gone on since last year. We meet the new General Manager as well as the new Publications Director. On Saturday evening there was a presentation by GSO and Grapevine.

Some highlights:

On the After Hour Phones Panel, we talked about how different areas answer their phones. Rochester has a computer program that has eliminated their need for an answering system. A few other areas have been using "Ultra Call Forwarding" & "Remote Call Forwarding". One area made a point to remind the volunteers not to encourage telephone therapy... vs a meeting.

On the Websites panel we talked about Content, guidelines and various suggestions. Much of the discussion was about programs, web hosts, tools, much of which was beyond my knowledge. It brought up a lot of questions for me. Some areas have their access database linked to the website so they only have to make changes in one place. Most in attendance reported that maps of meeting places are a big success. The Literature Panel talked on Price Margins & Structures, Inventory Control & Bar-coding. On the Man on the Bed Panel about 12 Step Calls, there was conversation about "Asking if they are new to

AA" vs just giving them a meeting place. It was also emphasized that 12 Step calls are not taking someone to a treatment center as described in Chapter 7 "Into Action". In the Think Outside the Box, a big hit in a few areas is the "Meeting in a Pocket". San Diego has been having orders of them and shipped without cost to soldiers in Iraq. Also, I believe it was Chicago, on their website they have a big button on front page that can be clicked if someone needs help. It prompts them to a page to enter their first name, email or phone number. They also have a 12step email list for those inquiries. This is but a brief outline of a packed full seminar.

Although it was not a workshop I attended, while listening to the Legalese panel, I discovered that the rules for non-profits in NY State about **charging sales tax** have changed. We may need to start charging & paying sales tax. I am researching this and will let keep you informed.

This year I gained a lot of insight, as well as truly having something to share for those that were new. Each year is different as to the magic that occurs. Sometimes it all about that one suggestion that can save \$\$\$, or the one that lights you on fire as to how to help try to unify our areas. This year was a year that took me inwards reflecting what I have to offer and where improvements can be made. Thank you for the opportunity to represent our area this year.

The 2010 seminar is in St. Louis, Missouri. I would encourage everyone involved in anyway of service to attend this, being so close. In 2011 it will be in Tucson, Arizona
Yours In the Spirit of the Fellowship
Terry B.
Executive Secretary

Thanks Everyone

Ladies and Gentlemen, it has been a privilege and honor to be your editor for the last two years. I have learned a tremendous amount about our program, realized there is much I *don't* know about it, and met many more people in A.A. than I ever would have just being "Chip, alcoholic." I appreciate all the submissions people sent in - it would not have been as good without those articles. There are *more* of you out there - one article a year would be enough to help out the new editor.

If you aren't in A.A. with both feet, jump in. This service job proved it for me. I've lived with just about every emotion, triumph, mistake, I'm 'F.I.N.E' days, and other life-on-life's-terms situations during the last two years. Life certainly hasn't been boring! I guess that is part of the target we work toward - an *abundant* life, happy,

joyous & free - not just surviving like we were while drinking. That is what service work has done for me. It can do the same for you, too.

A.A. is one of the few programs where you don't wait for the coach to put you in the game - you just get off the bench and jog onto the field. There's room for everyone, and there are enough 'jobs' for all those who get in the game! It is just like making friends in the program - chances are if you sit around and wait for someone to come to you, it may be a LONG time before someone does. If, however, you get off your {you know what}, stick out your hand and introduce yourself to others, 'the magic happens' and you start to make friends in A.A. That's how you 'join' the fellowship - one person at a time.

Chip R. - Editor

"On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness during the last 2 months. It made a difference." Dan McC, Iron Horse Group.

2009 Convention: Great Job to those on the committee!!

IN MEMORIAM

Things We Can Not Change

Ann H. - Lovejoy Group, 37 years sober

Mary Lu G. 30+ years sober

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

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope

Please submit your announcements by the 12th for next month's issue.

Articles can be submitted at any time.

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Alexander

Doug S. 2y
Ruth C. 4y
David H. 34y

Amherst/Snyder

Tim K. 6y
Mike O. 6y
Bob G. 20y
Chuck W. 22y
Mark S. 28y

Any Lengths

Mike Z. 17y

Big Book Lockport

Randy W. 9y

Carry the Message

Mark K. 12y
Don B. 22y
Terry S. 35y
George F. 36y

Cold Springs

Al C. Jr. 16y
Hoarance M. 23y
Gigi P. 39y
Bob B. 43y

Courage Group

Joy W. 7y
Debbie McE. 10y
Julie H. 10y

Dunkirk Monday Night

Kristin D. 1y
Paul C. 3y
Jim C. 7y
Bill L. 13y
Jerry N. 29y

Eyeopener

Lisa 1y
Lorie 1y
Suzanne 1y
Dan S. 2y
Jeff 2y
Zilma 2y
Patty M. 2y
Deb M. 3y
Christia J. 4y
Mark P. 6y
Bernie A. 8y
Iwona 9y
Jay 9y
Bev 15y
Ned 15y
Kathleen 18y
Larry 18y
Paul G. 21y
Tom C. 21y
Earl G. 26y
Jay GD 26y
Joy P. 56y

Fireside AM

Sally S. 1y
Dave O. 2y
Michelle M. 4y
Katie S. 14y
Maria D. 19y
Bill G. 22y

Freedom

Nicci C. 1y
Morey F. 16y
Dave O. 21y

Giving

Alex D. 1y
Sam 1y
Fred H. 1y
Joey G. 1y
Mark R. 2y
Mark G. 3y
Jeffrey M. 21y

Golden Slipper

Tony M. 3y
Mark R. 3y
Gary H. 22y

Holland

Fred T. 21y

How It Works

Dan B. 6y
Pete P. 7y
Pete S. 9y
Kevin C. 12y
Mark C. 13y
Peter S. 17y
Tim M. 21y
Bill K. 22y
Lary F. 25y
Peter P. 42y

Kensington

Mary B. 4y
Fritz L. 31y

Kenmore

Greg G. 7y

Lakeshore

Cheryl P. 6y
George M. 37y

Living in the Solution

Paul N. 6m
Linda S. 6m
Charley Y. 6y
Paul V. 37y

Living Sober

Mike P. 7y
Bob S. 9y
Leah C. 10y
Tom C. 17y

Lockport#1

Rodney C. 3y
Randy W. 9y

Lockview

John H. 1y
Paulie P. 1y
Dave W. 3y
Mitchell K. 4y
Dennis B. 5y
Pat Y. 6y
Joe C. 6y
John S. 7y

Lovejoy

Dashun B. 2y

Main & High

Tom C. 12y
Judy T. 18y

North Buffalo

Brett nF. 4y
Andy S. 4y
Loretta R. 5y
Dan L. 5y
Tyrone M. 5y
Terrance H. 5y
Nancy D. 5y
Matthew B. 6y
Judy S. 22y
Bill K. 22y

Orchard Park Step

Dave G. 8y
Cindy R. 12y
Barb S. 22y

Principles Before

Personalities

Keir 4y

Rise & Shine

Carmen C. 2y
Megan Z. 2y
Felix B. 3y
Yolanda B. 3y
Jesse J. 3y
Odell H. 4y
Michelle W. 4y
Tangry F. 5y
Liz C. 7y
Zelphia J. 7y
Tony E. 8y
Rubbin C. 9y
Kevin T. 9y

Sheridan

Deb F. 23y

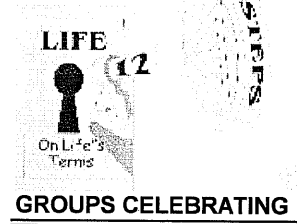
Sprinville Tuesday

Debbie P. 14y

Sunday Morning

Breakfast

Flo G. 4y
Liz B. 7y
Lynn B. 9y
Joy P. 16y
Dave K. 21y



GROUPS CELEBRATING

Abbott Men's; 27y
Achievement; 37y
Cayuga Wake Up Call; 6y
Coldspring; 49y
Georgetown; 14y
Intoxicated on Life; 35y
Pathway to Peace; 17y
Roland; 10y
Sally; 21y
Saturday Nite Sober; 9y
Sober Winners; 21y
Sobriety on Saturday Night; 15y
Sunday's @ 8; 9y
Tri-Step; 18y
Wilson; 31y



Surrender & Hope

Terry H. 20y

Thruway

Wayne S. 4y
Bill Y. 27y
Irene C. 28y

Try Again

Mike T. 3m
Gilbert R. 16y

Turning Point

Suzie C. 8y

Valley

Al S. 5y

Victory


Barry R. 22y

Victory Women's

Molly C. 3y
Pat C. 23y
Sharon A. 29y

Wehrle

Beverly L. 35y

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	December was the "slippery month" to AA old-timers because it had more suicides, drunken slips, and wounded Christmas trees than any other month.	1940: <i>Chicago Daily Tribune</i> begins series of four articles on AA by N. Hamilton.	1943: <i>San Quentin News</i> reports "Mr. Bill" speaking to 300 inmates at their AA meeting.	1944: Australia is the first country outside the U.S. to have AA.	*1940: St. Louis AA group is founded.	*1938: Bill W. begins writing the Twelve Steps using the Oxford Group ideas while "plugging the holes an alcoholic might wiggle through."
6	Steering Committee, 5 PM, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street	8	9	10	11 HANUKKAH	12
13	Confusion is the state of grace for the alcoholic.	15	16	17	18	19
20	1945: Rowland Hazard dies (he carried the Oxford Group message to Ebby T.)	1934: Bill and Lois W. start attending the Oxford Group meetings with Ebby T. Public information Committee meeting. Tuesday, Buffalo Central Office, 6 PM.	It's a pity we can't forget our troubles the way we forget our blessings.	1975: "Birds of a Feather," the special interest AA group of pilots, begins. *1947: The Alamo Club opens in San Diego with one member and one dollar.	Any Lengths Group is Celebrating it's 15 th Anniversary at Lancaster Presbyterian Potter's House meeting Room. 5461 Broadway, 8 PM.	1937: Bill W. meets with the Rockefeller Foundation hoping to raise money. 1939: First AA meeting in Los Angeles in a private home takes place.
27	1893: Rev. Sam Shoemaker is born. He was Oxford Group's head in U.S. and Calvary Church pastor in New York. Ebby T. took Bill W. to Calvary's Mission on 23rd Street in New York City.	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26 KWANZAA
28		29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		
		1941: San Diego AA holds its first New Year's Eve dance in a ballroom in the basement of the Maryland Hotel on F Street.	*1995: The new AA Archives in Akron, Ohio, are dedicated.		1949: Dr. Bob's last visit to St. Thomas Hospital's alcoholic ward, where he helped thousands of drunks.	Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St

* OCCURRED SOME TIME DURING THIS MONTH ** OCCURRED SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR

PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED:-)

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DECEMBER 2009

MEETING CHANGES :

- **Main & High Group will not meet the last 2 weeks of December.** Will resume in January. Thursday's 6 Pm, Lifetime Health Center, 899 Main St., Buffalo West.
- **New Meeting: Happy Faces;** Monday thru Friday, 1:30 PM, Faith Temple C.L.G., 461 Rhode Island St., Buffalo, 14213. Open Discussion.
- **Machias Big Book Study** on Sunday's 7:30 PM, **No Longer Meets.**
- **Acceptance & Welcome** groups are now **offering childcare.** Tuesday & Friday, 10 AM, Church of the Nativity, 1530 Colvin Blvd, Tonawanda.
- **Common Bond group** has **changed its starting time to 8 PM,** Tuesday's, Beacon Center, 3131 Sheridan Drive, Suite 106.
- **Caz Manor Group** meets **Sunday's 8 PM,** 486 North Legion Drive, Bflo South. Open Discussion.
- Guiding Light, Positively Living II & Renaissance Groups have all **joined** and will go by the name **Renaissance.** They meet tues.3PM, wed, 12 Noon, & fri. 12 Noon. Northern Erie Clinic, 2282 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore.
- **St. Marks Group,** Saturday's 8 PM, Episcopal Church, 6596 E. Quaker Rd./ Rt.20A, Orchard Park, **NEEDS SUPPORT.**
- **NO LONGER MEETS: Just For Today Group-** Saturday, 10 Am, Mother of Divine Grace Church, 120 Old Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga.
- **Fun Group & 4th Step Stumbler's have moved & merged.** Now meet on Sunday's 7 PM, at Our Lady of Hope (formally Annunciation Church) Parish Hall. Corner of Lafayette & Grant. Buffalo West. Book Study Discussion.
- **NO LONGER MEETS: Gahada:Goh,** Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday.12698 Southwestern Blvd, Irving.
- **New Group, Eagle St. Group,** Wednesday's @ 8:30 PM. Christian Worship Center, 101 Eagle St. Fredonia.
- **New Group, Our Meeting @ the VA,** Sunday's @ 8PM, Veterans Hospital 10th floor RM 1002, 3495 Bailey Ave, Buffalo.
- **Last Day's Fellowship Group, has changed its name to Gifted,** Friday's at & 7:30 PM, Wind Ministries Motor Club, Coffee House- 1526 Clinton at Bailey.

- **IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.**

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Dec 6, **Steering Committee**, SUNDAY 5 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Dec 6, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St. (hosted by Lakeshore Group).
- ~ Dec 6, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street
- ~ Dec 21, **GSA, Area 50, District 11 Business Meeting**, Monday, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m., location to be determined. contact Maureen M., 716-310-5885 for more info.
- ~ Dec 7 & 14th. **An Introduction To the 12 Steps Workshop**. 7:30- 8:30 PM. Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St., Buffalo
- ~ Dec 15, **Public Information Committee meeting**, Tuesday, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what we are not do, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. Buffalo Central Office, 6 PM.
- ~ Dec. 18, **Any Lengths Group is Celebrating it's 15th Anniversary** at Lancaster Presbyterian Potter's House meeting Room. 5461 Broadway, speaker meeting and cake, 8 PM.
- ~ Dec. 22, **Main & High Groups Annual Christmas Vigil**. 6:00 PM- 9:30 pm. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main St. Please come fellowship with us. Speakers.50/50, Bring and dish to share.
- ~ Dec 26, **Archives Committee Meeting**, SATURDAY, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).
- ~ Feb. 19-21, **Retreat For Men in A.A. "Road to Recovery"**, St. Columban Center, 6892 Old Lakeshore Rd., Derby. Cost \$135, meals included. To register call Dan B.; 8638775. All Men welcome. Scholarships available.

12th STEP: "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

12th 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 B..... Executive Secretary

Buffalo Central Committee Minutes November 1, 2009

Joli B. Lakeshore Group Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Joli Lakeshore Group read the Preamble, Jake 3 Legacies Group read the Purpose of the Central Committee, and Kim Lovejoy Group read the Twelve Traditions. It was moved by Kathy Lakeshore Group, and seconded by Vernon Solidarity Group to accept the October minutes as written by Cathy S. Lovejoy Group.

New Groups were greeted and 38 groups were represented: Dist #1 Bodhisattva, Journey; Dist #2 Grand II Joy Of Living, North Buffalo, 3 Legacies, Step Action, Turning Point, University Men's Disc, Sober Train; Dist #3 Abbott Men's Disc, Courage, Iron Horse, OLV Women's, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Try Again; Dist #4 Action; Dist #5: Big Book Lockport, Lockport #1, Lockview; Dist #6: Amsdell Lakeshore, As Bill Sees It, Carry The Message, Derby, Dunkirk Mon Night, Go To Any Lengths, Lakeshore, WE; Dist #7: Cold Spring, Lovejoy, Solidarity, Spirit Of Hope, Thursday Night Steppers, Reflections; Dist #8: Amherst Snyder, Eye-opener, Williamsville.

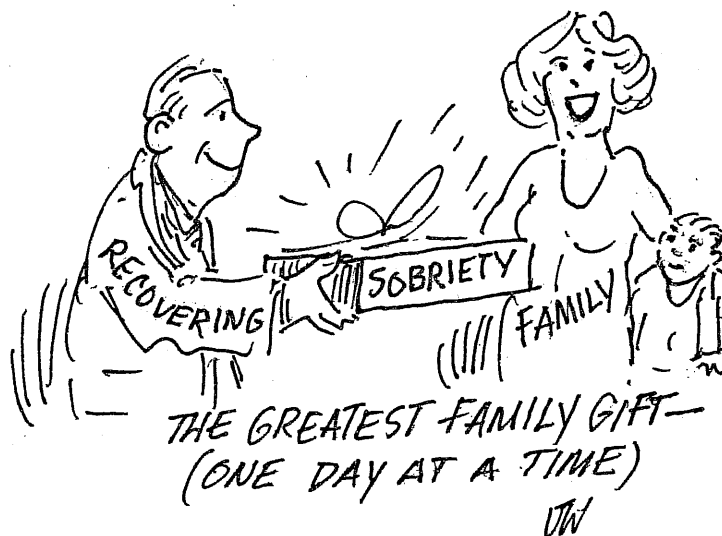
COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** Karen reported that there was \$650 donated in the month of October, and YTD \$5040. This system is in place for persons to contribute to AA and remain anonymous, and it is tax deductible.
- **STEERING COMMITTEE:** Tina Amherst Snyder Group reported that the Day of Sharing was well attended and the "seed" money was returned to Central Office. A new answering service for Central Office is being explored. Central Office computer upgrades are still ongoing.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mark reported the Envelope System and group contributions boosted the finances, and income is up YTD.
- **TREATMENT:** George W. Chair Wilson Smith reported: All meetings, ECMC, Salvation Army, VA, and Stutzman covered. The notification list for subs in an emergency worked well for 2 instances, Stutzman and ECMC, and subs were found. Stutzman is covered and being transitioned to TFC Format. Detox at ECMC has not been sending patients to meetings due to security and level of care issues. Detox Coordinator called to see if AA could provide meeting in the detox separately. Will discuss this amongst ECMC TFC volunteers. (Perhaps each home group brings an additional person to run a separate detox meeting?). Still coordinating details of ADDS Ivy and Casa Divita meetings. November should be the start of one meeting per month at each site. TFC Chair to attend District 11 Area 50 Day of Sharing and will speak on the TFC and look to recruit home groups to volunteer. We are always looking for home groups to volunteer to provide a speaker for meetings one day a month. Anyone interested please call George W. Chair at 716-983-5505. Materials were distributed to all sites this month.
- **CORRECTIONS:** Dan reported that all meetings are covered as far as the committee knows. The convention is mostly covered except for a couple of slots. The GSA Day Of Sharing on 11/14 is in the works of having representation there. There is currently no GSA representative for Corrections. Dan will not be able to attend the December Corrections committee meeting due to his work schedule. Milt B. from the Lakeshore Group will be there and has interest in assuming the Corrections Chair. Dan thanked Milt, Jim S. and everyone who has helped him in the last 2 years. He thanked Central Committee for allowing him to serve as Chair. He apologized for not doing a better job, but expressed that he will stay with the committee and participate fully.
- **SCREENERS:** Jeanmarie C. Orchard Park Step Committee Chair had no report.
- **CENTRAL OFFICE:** AAINFO: 180, 12 STEP:5, ALANON:3, VISITORS:135, VOLUNTEERS: 18.
 - ❖ GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: COLDSPRINGS-7, IT-8, GO TO ANY LENGTH-6, LIVING CLEAN-1, LOOK TO THIS DAY-6, LUNCHBUNCH ALBION-5, NEW OUTLOOK-5, POWERLESS-7, RECOVERING WOMEN & THE BIG BOOK-7, TUESDAY WOMEN'S-3, VIP-2, WOMEN ON THE RISE-5.
 - ❖ Just a reminder at the end of November for groups to return the Gratitude Envelopes.
- **NEW FRONTIERS:** Chip R. the Editor present, but no report.
- **PIC:** Patrick K. Chair North Buffalo Group reported that the committee will have an informational table at District 11 Day Of Sharing 11/14 from 5 to 7:30 PM held at The Good Shepherd Church Jewett Ave, where North Buffalo Group meets. Also a presentation is to be done at the Buffalo Alternative high school on 11/19. On 10/24 the committee staffed a table at the Victory Temple Adventist program for seniors at their church on Northampton St. The committee is preparing to begin doing public service announcements with TV and radio stations and the newspapers.
- **CURRENT CONVENTION:** Frank M. Committee Chair reported that they have 487 pre-registered persons, 428 for the banquet and hopes all attend.

- **GSA LIASON:** Jack P. Lockport #1 had no report for the committee meets 11/8.
- **ARCHIVES:** Marty Area 50 Archivist reported that the committee is set for the display at the fall convention, and will be taking the Gold Frames from Central Office for display. He expressed his gratitude to Terry B, Executive Secretary, for her computer and data support, and in deciphering the past Archivist's files, who attended the last committee meeting and offered suggestions on procedures, which would be written up and added as an amendment to the committee's guidelines. A "To Do" list for the current Archivist was drawn up. He was glad to have Janet back after her recent illness. He thanked the following groups for their donations: North Buffalo, Lakeshore, How It Works Deerhurst, Thruway, Courage, Thurs SMD, and Women Making A Difference. **He asked that all Groups, when making contributions to Archives, make their checks payable to "WNY AREA 50 ARCHIVES".** The Traveling Display is available for group functions on at least 30 days notice.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** *Nominations:* requirements and qualifications were read for each position, and the group representatives are to go back to their Home Groups for voting recommendations
 - ✓ CO-CHAIR: Jake 3 Legacies Group
 - ✓ FINANCIAL CHAIR: 2 year term Rick W. Lockview Group
 - ✓ RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Kate 3 Legacies Group
 - ✓ STEERING COMMITTEE REPS
 - DIST 1: none
 - DIST 2: Chip R. Grand II Joy Of Living Group
 - DIST 3: Gilbert Try Again Group
 - DIST 7: Vernon Solidarity Group
 - DIST 8: Tina Amherst Snyder Group
 - ✓ TREATMENT CHAIR: George W. Wilson Smith Group
 - ✓ CORRECTIONS: Milt Lakeshore Group
 - ✓ NEW FRONTIERS EDITOR: none
 - ✓ ENVELOPE SYSTEM CHAIR: Jennifer Amherst Snyder Group
 - ✓ GSA LIASON: none
- **NEW BUSINESS:** none
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Joanne commended Joli on running all Central Committee meetings this year in an orderly fashion. Joli B. Lakeshore Group Committee Chair thanked the Lakeshore Group for this month's refreshments and December's to be provided by Grand II Joy Of Living Group.

It was moved by Mary Kate 3 Legacies Group and seconded by Gilbert Try Again Group that we adjourn; adopted. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy S. Recording Secretary Lovejoy Group



Income Statement		Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	YTD
Beg Bal Cash on hand		15,851.51	16,732.30	16,847.58	
Contributions					53,413.40
	Groups	4,684.78	4,317.60	7,446.35	606.57
	Joint Meeting	67.50	68.27	53.00	5,040.00
	Envelope System	1,197.00	157.00	650.00	435.00
	New Frontiers Subs	10.00	50.00	37.00	38,283.50
	Literature/Medallions/Pins	2,669.20	3,885.55	3,181.45	620.69
	Literature Postage	44.80	93.96	55.10	500.00
	Archives Room Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00	379.35
	Meetings at CO	89.00	55.00	13.00	75.00
	Mail/Misc.				-
	US Treasury				-
	Reconcile				25.00
	"Gratitude Month" (NOV)		25.00		-
	Conventions/Day of Sharing				-
Monthly Income		8,812.28	8,702.38	11,485.90	99,378.51
Expenses					
	Office Rent	873.22	873.22	873.22	8,728.92
	Electric	90.00	90.00	90.00	900.00
	Payroll				
	Salaries - gross	2,520.40	2,520.40	3,150.50	27,724.40
	Federal Withholdings	(418.68)	(418.68)	(523.35)	(4,605.48)
	NYS Withholdings	(104.00)	(104.00)	(130.00)	(1,144.00)
	Disability Insurance	(2.40)	(2.40)	(3.00)	(26.40)
	Payroll Tax Deposits				
	Federal	611.48	611.42	764.30	6,954.13
	State			444.18	1,760.94
	Insurance				
	State Ins Fund				278.76
	Health	354.00	354.00	354.00	3,540.00
	Liability				1,187.08
	Postage	47.37	351.77	243.16	3,082.21
	Phone	165.49	143.68	165.08	1,626.44
	Accounting				1,970.00
	Advt				
	Talking Phone Book				
	Verizon; Idearc Media website	154.60	150.85	150.85	1,486.00
	white directory			110.00	639.20
	Yellow Pages				-
	Literature Expenses				
	Grapevine		420.00		1,953.20
	World Services Inc	463.92	2,740.00	283.50	19,314.70
	Hazeldon				1,566.46
	Printers	1,776.00	85.00		4,000.00
	Medallions	205.80			390.38
	PINS				-
	Office Supplies	330.38		453.91	2,255.13
	Answering service	185.91	181.09	163.34	1,825.83
	Minolta leasing (copier)	223.00	223.00	223.00	2,230.00
	Minolta Copies/ service contract	130.00	130.00	130.00	1,300.00
	PIC		37.75	12.00	560.90
	Incorporation	325.00			325.00
	Seed \$\$		200.00		200.00
	Seminar			587.42	612.42
	Depreciation	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,000.00
Monthly Expenses		8,031.49	8,687.10	7,642.11	91,636.22
Monthly Income (Loss)		780.79	15.28	3,843.79	\$7,742.29
	Depreciation add back(non-cash)	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,000.00
End Bal Cash on hand		16,732.30	16,847.58	20,791.37	
	CD	9125.83	9,133.58	9,135.83	
	CD#2	6569.12	6,574.70	6,580.10	
Assets: Literature & Medallions		21,388.60	20,291.25	17,899.50	
Literature Receiveable:(outstanding)		966.50	1,562.68	2,091.84	
Corrections Facilites		2,285.47	2,535.62	2,733.85	
	Contributions	274.15	258.23	220.00	3,131.46
	Expenses	24.00	60.00		2,206.99
Balance		2,535.62	2,733.85	2,953.85	924.47
Treatment Facilities		623.73	767.88	992.88	
	Contributions	244.15	225.00	190.00	2,688.14
	Expenses				82.76
	AT & T Bridging The Gap				-
	AAA Abott Answering Service				-
	Literature	100.00			3,140.50
Balance		767.88	992.88	1,182.88	3,223.26
					(535.12)

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR
6	11:45		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		225.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		120.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		505.00		505.00		505.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		60.00		20.00		20.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		50.00		25.00		25.00
8	Akron Awareness		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst/ Snyder		709.41		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Lakeshore		245.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	35.00	340.00	15.00	140.00	15.00	140.00
4	Arcade	50.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		341.25		0.00		0.00
4	Attica		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Attica Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment		50.00		25.00		25.00
6	Attraction		300.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Back To Basics		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II	15.00	65.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		150.00		75.00		75.00
6	Big Book Lockport	50.00	275.00	5.00	32.00		0.00
5	BB Spiritual Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		60.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel Monday Night		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	B.S.C.-STAYING SOBER		20.00		0.00		0.00
	Buffalo		1.00		0.00		0.00
3	By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		606.21		0.00		0.00
7	Castling	15.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake- Up Call		600.50		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor	15.00	347.31		0.00		0.00
	Central City Café		20.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		220.00		120.00		120.00
3	Cheektowaga	100.00	700.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chevy #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Constant Vigilance(Varysburg)		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cornplanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		250.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		93.25		0.00		0.00
6	Derby	80.00	380.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		26.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire	50.00	610.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		100.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		350.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	350.00	30.00	275.00	30.00	275.00
4	Ellicottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		483.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	171.88	1069.50		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	150.00	600.00	25.00	100.00		0.00
1	F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Father Baker		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		1052.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside	217.00	1612.01		0.00		0.00
6	First Things First		540.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom	500.00	1350.00		100.00		100.00
7	Fresh Start		120.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR
1	Frontier(New)	77.40	1347.05		0.00		0.00
6	GAHA: DAGOH #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Gettin With It	20.00	103.95		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		794.31		60.29		60.29
5	Golden Slipper		300.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		147.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Hamburg Early Bird		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Hand	100.00	180.00		0.00		20.00
2	Handicappers		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Happy Hour II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		200.00		0.00		0.00
3	Helping Hand		175.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		492.50		0.00		0.00
8	High View	100.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
7	Higher Power		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village	200.00	2025.00		175.00	25.00	100.00
4	Holland		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		436.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	#####	2120.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		47.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		135.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse		1213.10		121.12		121.10
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Johnson Creek Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Journey	200.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		20.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/Cheek.		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		110.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kingston		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lake Shore		550.00		40.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		200.00		0.00		0.00
7	Last Days Fellowship		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyers		360.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women	25.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today	20.00	70.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP		422.85		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City	200.00	390.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1	300.00	850.00	30.00	85.00	30.00	85.00
5	Lockport Discussion		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies	50.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		210.00		50.00		0.00
5	Lockview		540.00		90.00		90.00
6	Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		20.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		150.00		100.00		100.00
5	Lower River	101.00	101.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lunch Bunch Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		41.00		5.00		0.00
4	Main Street		405.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple Men's	25.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla		208.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	120.00	450.00		0.00		56.00
6	McKinley Winners	30.00	30.60		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		30.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		151.05		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Miracle Happen		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Mobile		15.00		0.00		0.00
	Monday CO	29.00	383.59		0.00		0.00
5	Monday Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		400.00		0.00		0.00
7	New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
	New International	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
	New Freedom (Niagara Falls)	25.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		50.00		0.00		0.00
	New Hope		55.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		143.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo		800.00		200.00		200.00
4	North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
5	"Not Yet Named"	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	One Day At A Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	On The Cliffs	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Open Arms	290.00	0.00	0.00
1	Open Mind	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Opportunity	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Orchard Park Step	378.00	1189.00	50.00
7	Pass It On	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Patchin	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Pathway to Peace	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Pendleton Chapter Five	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Point of No Return	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Positively Living/Ret./Guiding Light	600.00	1600.00	0.00
7	Powerless	100.00	0.00	0.00
1	Pride	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Primary Purpose	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Principles Bef. Personalities	15.00	112.00	0.00
4	Progress	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Purpose/Tonawanda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Questions & Answers	151.00	0.00	0.00
4	Ray of Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Reco. Women in the BB	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Recovery Near the Gardens	40.50	0.00	0.00
2	Redeemers	30.00	0.00	0.00
1	Reflections	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Reflections on Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Remember When	25.00	0.00	0.00
8	Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Ride Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Ridge	128.00	0.00	0.00
1	Rigorous Honesty	1.75	0.00	0.00
7	Rise and Shine	100.00	0.00	0.00
3	Rochester	200.00	200.00	0.00
3	Roland	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Rural is Plural	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Sally	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Saratoga	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Sat. Night in Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sat. Nite Sober	25.00	0.00	0.00
2	Searching For Serenity	300.00	150.00	150.00
7	Second Chance	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Serenity	100.00	700.00	0.00
1	Serenity Circle	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Serenity on the Lake	0.00	100.00	0.00
2	Serenity Shack Nooners	10.00	0.00	0.00
6	Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Setaside	500.00	0.00	0.00
2	Sheridan	120.00	0.00	0.00
6	Silvercreek Friendship	25.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sober and Proud	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sober Saturday	150.00	400.00	0.00
6	Sober Trails	60.00	0.00	0.00
2	Sober Train	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sober Winners	80.00	120.00	0.00
5	Sobriety Comes First	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sobriety for Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sobriety Men's Disc.	343.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety On The Canal	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety on a Sat. Night	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Solidarity	39.90	522.20	0.00
5	Somerset	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	South Buffalo	125.00	975.00	40.00
3	South Town	100.00	515.00	40.00
3	Southtown Earlybird	20.00	0.00	0.00
4	Southwestern	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Spirit of Hope	140.00	0.00	0.00
2	Spiritual Progress	50.00	25.00	0.00
4	Springville Sat. Afternoon	180.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville Tues. Night	60.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville Wed. Noon	300.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville New Life	25.00	170.00	0.00
4	St. Barnabas	30.00	0.00	0.00
8	St. Mark's	250.00	250.00	50.00
3	Starting Over	0.00	50.00	50.00
2	Staying Alive	200.00	750.00	0.00
2	Step Action Group	10.00	0.00	0.00
6	Stepping Stones/Gov.	629.05	0.00	0.00
8	Stepping Stones/Wil.	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Steps 1, 2 & 3	100.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sunday Afternoon Ascension	125.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sunday in Cattaraugus	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sunday Morning Breakfast	60.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sunday @ 8:00	750.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sunday Niters	25.00	25.00	0.00
1	Sunday Third Group	25.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sunrise Court	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	SUNY-Amherst Campus	100.00	400.00	10.00
2	Surrender and Hope	44.00	0.00	0.00
2	TFC-12 Step Call	350.00	75.00	75.00
8	TGIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Thankful	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Three Legacies	30.00	70.00	0.00
1	Those Too	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Thruway	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Thurs. Nite Steppers	601.12	0.00	80.00
3	Thursday Big Book	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Thursday PM Discussion	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	TnT	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Today	360.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00

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8	Today's Woman	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Tri County	240.00	0.00	0.00
6	Tri-Step Beginners	25.00	0.00	0.00
3	Try Again	490.00	20.00	20.00
4	Tuesday Men's AM	200.00	0.00	0.00
3	Tuesday Women's	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Turning Point	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Twin Cities	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Unity	100.00	0.00	0.00
2	University Men's Disc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Valley	426.50	50.75	25.00
3	Victory	125.00	450.00	0.00
3	Victory Women's	250.00	0.00	0.00
1	Wake Up Call	20.00	0.00	0.00
6	WE(Women's Experience)	75.00	0.00	0.00
7	We Are Not Saints	159.42	159.42	0.00
3	We Care	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	We Dont Know	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Wehrie	77.75	523.65	0.00
6	Westfield	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Westminster	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Why	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Williamsville	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Willing To Grow	50.00	0.00	0.00
5	Wilson Group	439.50	0.00	0.00
6	Wilson Smith Alumni	25.00	102.27	25.00
5	Women in Sobriety	100.00	72.30	0.00
7	Women Making the Effort	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Women's West Side	170.00	20.00	20.00
1	Working	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Young at Heart	200.00	0.00	0.00
5	Youngstown	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Terry B.	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Fireman Phil	200.00	0.00	0.00
	Marge P.	50.00	0.00	0.00
	John F.	52.00	0.00	0.00
	Elliott L.	50.00	0.00	0.00
	Kristin K.	25.00	0.00	0.00
	Aurora House	25.00	0.00	0.00
	Marie G.	200.00	0.00	0.00
	Art	80.00	0.00	0.00
	Camille I.	2.00	0.00	0.00
	Thomas F.	250.00	0.00	0.00
	Richard J.	25.00	0.00	0.00
	Hoot	5.00	0.00	0.00
		8.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTALS	53523.40	220.00	3106.46
			190.00	2637.39

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