

# NEW FRONTIERS

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

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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 ensure anonymity.



## WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE BASKET?

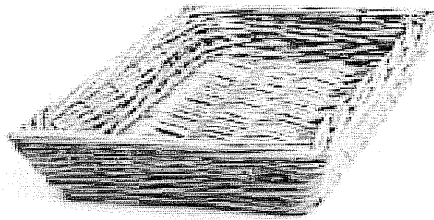
After a few months of attending meetings and putting quarters in the basket as it passed, I asked how much should I put in and what was I paying for?

I had seen some people actually put a dollar in the basket, so I didn't want to not be paying enough for whatever it was! I had heard the phrase that there were "no dues or fees for AA membership," so I knew that the money couldn't have been about that!

This was one of the questions that I asked in my beginning that caused--what seemed to me--a prolonged period of silence. I liked this "AA," and I didn't want to blow it by asking the wrong questions. Then the answers began; again, I was in awe of how something so simple as the passing of the basket was so important.

They explained that the money in the basket is our way of participating in the health of the group. A healthy group is able to help others by offering literature, pay the rent to keep the meeting place, make the meeting welcoming by offering coffee and maybe goodies for those attending, and, something that I did not know then, support our Central Intergroup Office, WNY Area 50 & General Service Office in New York. They explained that every group

strives to be fully self-supporting. I began to understand the extreme importance of my "*participation in our common welfare through contributions*".



*"Long ago, Bill W. observed, in the groups and in himself, the peculiar phenomenon of our tight-fisted approach when we pass the hat."* (GV article August, 1989) Seventy plus years later, we 'tightfisted' alcoholics, after inflation times four, "still see the one dollar bill as the *upper limit* of our contribution to the basket."

My mentors suggested in my beginning to consider that AA is saving my life and that I could as a minimum contribute the cost of the coffee I drank plus the goodies that I consumed. I somehow always found the money to buy my booze, I thought. This was another gently taught valuable lesson among many.

As I have grown up in AA, the long form of the Tradition Seven has become very clear. In order for the Fel-

lowship to continue to grow and maintain its effectiveness, our willingness to share in the financial costs within the spirit of the Seventh Tradition is paramount. My voluntary sharing in the costs according to my own abilities and conscience brings a sense of belonging, fairness, serenity, satisfaction of being part of a fellowship that I have helped to "foster" and nourish, and provides a positive example to others. It works in my personal life as well. This Tradition suggests self-reliance as a cure for overdependence. I needed to act more maturely, accept my own responsibilities, and take care of myself in several faltering areas including the financial.

*"Let's all of us who owe our lives to AA give more as we grow more. We ought to, not only because more will be needed for the AA job that lies ahead, but because it is up to us alone to see that AA does not fail that responsibility. AA was there for us when we came, so let's be sure that others in the same desperate straits have the same chance to be helped by AA."* (F.F. GV, October 1972) We can do our part for our groups and AA as a whole! ▲

Jan H. Past Delegate Panel 57;  
Seeds Of Service Newsletter



# What Is a Vital Spiritual Experience?

Seemingly hopeless alcoholic, Rowland Hazard, was pronounced incurable by famous psychiatrist, Dr. Carl Jung (p. 27). Desperately, he asked: "Is there no exception? He was told: *"Here and there, once in a while, alcoholics have had vital spiritual experiences."* The doctor explained, *"They seem to be in the nature of huge emotional displacements and rearrangements. Ideas, emotions and attitudes . . . Were suddenly cast aside and a completely new set of conceptions and motives begin to dominate them."*

A fine way to remember old ideas, emotions and attitudes is to remember the Wizard of OZ. As Dorothy trod the yellow Brick Road she met:

The Scarecrow—No brains = no ideas.

The Tin Man —No heart = no emotions.

The Cowardly Lion —No nerve = cowardly attitude.

Three potential alkies, obviously! But they were "fixed," (Dr. Bob

called it "Jelled"), by a hidden wizard (many of us call that God) and they doubtless never

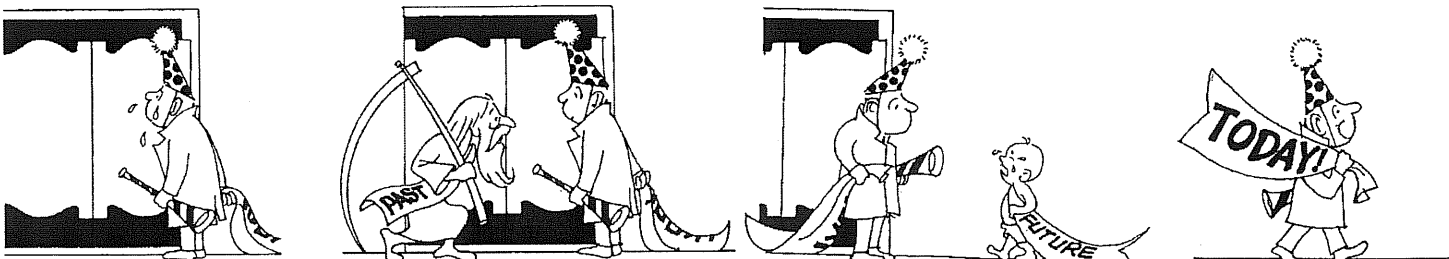


started drinking. The evil witch was the mental obsession and don't forget the drunken monkeys. Dorothy had the solution all the time, but didn't know it — The Great Reality deep within (p. 55). I think of the good witch as my sponsor, Carl.

The movie came out in 1939, the same year as our Big Book! Some may ask which came first the chicken or the egg. Who knows! Maybe Bill Wilson's Big Book ideas came from a trip he took down the yellow brick road — err, I mean the road to happy destiny.

Bob S., Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Reprinted from "Room 502", Broward County Intergroup, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Dec 2012





## **From the Archives: When Akron AA's Left the Oxford Group**

December of 1939 was a month of major change for A.A. in Akron, where it had all started 3 ½ years before. They followed the lead of members in New York and Cleveland, leaving the Oxford Group to start meeting on their own. They may have started meeting separately the month before, but, by December, they definitely were—one member had a memory of a Christmas tree standing in the room where they met (*Dr. Bob and the Good Old-Timers*).

There were a number of reasons that A.A. members broke off on their own, from the organization that might have been the most important, out of any that helped us get our start. The Oxford Group was not keen on devoting so much time and space to helping alcoholics, as Bill W. found out, when he and Lois were more or less asked to separate from that group in New York City. But the reason that Bill told to Mel B., in conversation, was that the Oxford Group's religious overtones sat poorly with the Catholic Church at the time, which meant that it was tough to help Irish alcoholics. In Akron, Dr. Bob and others stopped meeting with the Group members, in the home of T. Henry and Clarace Williams, to find their own space (conversations with Mel B.).

That space is one that many, many A.A. members have passed through since then: the living room of Dr. Bob and Anne, on Ardmore, not far from downtown Akron. It's a cozy room for a dozen visitors, so it must have been packed, even to overflowing—Dr. Bob would write Bill, after the turn of the year, that they'd had 74 there on a night that can't have been unusual. He mentioned finding a bigger meeting place, which they did not long after that, in the King School. A.A. needed room to grow, just like all of its members (*Dr. Bob and the Good Old-Timers*).

To walk in out of the Akron winter, not only to a crowd, but a crowd of friends who had known that same, agonizing loneliness, who could talk about it, even laugh about it, because the solution was there in that same room—what a magnificent Christmas gift. If you were new, someone might have pointed out the tall man with the smile in his eyes as Dr. Bob, or just Bob, or you might have figured it out as he started the meeting, by saying that he was an alcoholic. By the end, you might have felt what so many have felt since then, what many of us will feel this Christmas at meetings, having nowhere else to go or nowhere we'd rather be, because there's nowhere else we fit so well: a warm welcome home. ~~~ Chad P.

Part of a Grapevine Article by M.A.C. September 1945. *Thank You for Sharing* pg.50.

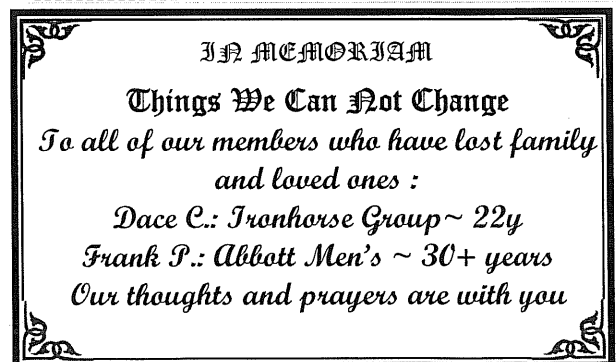
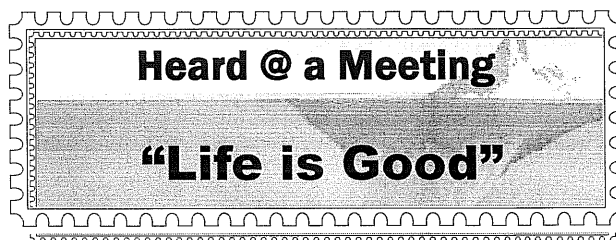
It is my belief that the key to success in Twelfth Step work is a humble realization that our efforts alone are of small avail and that the most we can contribute is a real sympathy for our distressed brother or sister, supplemented by our sure knowledge that God has all the tools needed to help every individual who earnestly seeks his aid.

### 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

e-mail address: [buffalooa@hotmail.com](mailto:buffalooa@hotmail.com)

or mail to:  
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# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**Alexander**  
 Danny B. 27y  
**Amherst/Snyder**  
 Lindsay 5y  
 Robert W. 5y  
 Denise S. 6y  
 Bobby J. 7y  
 Ed W. 10y  
 Tim K. 11y  
 Lynne B. 14y  
 Bob G. 25y  
 Chuck W. 27y  
 Mark S. 33y  
**Any Lengths**  
 Cory E. 2y  
 Rich S. 13y  
 Ken W. 15y  
 Mike Z. 21y  
 John C. 23y  
**Beginnings**  
**Women's**  
 Maureen A. 3y  
 Eileen V. 21y  
 Jan D. 26y  
**Cheektowaga**  
 Dan S. 11y  
 Rich S. 29y  
**Cold Springs**  
 Gigi P. 44y  
**Courage Group**  
 Chris B. 12y  
 Sue S. 25y  
 Patty K. 31y  
**Dawn Of Hope**  
 Nicci C. 6y  
**Eyeopener**  
 Tim K. 2y  
 Tina 2y  
 Dave H. 2y  
 Jimmy O. 2y  
 Jesse S. 3y  
 Lisa Z. 3y  
 Brian H. 3y  
 Mike E. 4y  
 Mary G. 4y  
 Heather K. 4y  
 Dan C. 5y  
 Jeff F. 6y  
 Vilma 7y  
 Christine J. 9y  
 DeeDee 15y  
 Miles 18y  
 Ned 20y  
 Larry 23y  
 Butch 24y  
 Tim C. 25y  
 Earl G. 31y

**Eyeopener South**  
 Bernie B. 6y  
 Karen M. 20y  
**Fireside**  
 Robin G. 2y  
 Ryan R. 5y  
 Jim M. 7y  
 Michelle M. 9y  
 Katie S. 19y  
 Bill G. 28y  
 Maria D. 24y  
**First Step (NF)**  
 Barry L. 30y  
 Gene O. 54y  
**Freedom**  
 Nicci C. 6y  
 Morey F. 21y  
 Dave O. 26y  
**Golden Slipper**  
 Tony M. 8y  
**H.A.N.D.**  
 Paul D. 5y  
**Harmony**  
 David 1y  
 Brittany M. 2y  
 Joe R. 2y  
 Carl M. 7y  
 Odell H. 9y  
 Judy T. 23y  
**Helping Hand**  
 Diane T. 6y  
**Holiday Village**  
 Donna G. 6m  
 Linda L. 6m  
 Barbara W. 9m  
 Wayne W. 9m  
 Gary F. 3y  
 Joe T. 9y  
 John L. 15y  
**Holland**  
 Keith J. 1y  
 Chris P. 26y  
 Mike S. 30y  
**Ironhorse**  
 John R. 2y  
 Dale G. 4y  
 Sally W. 8y  
 Toni P. 29y  
**Kensington**  
 Louis M. 4y  
 Mary B. 9y  
 Mel L. 42y  
**Lewport**  
 Roy A. 4y  
 Mark N. 11y  
 Tony P. 14y  
 Mike N. 23y

**Lockport#1**  
 Rodney C. 8y  
 Randy W. 14y  
**Lockview**  
 Christina J. 2y  
 Randy C. 5y  
 Jeremy Z. 5y  
 Carl S. 6y  
 Andrea H. 29y  
**Main & High**  
 Tom C. 16y  
**North Buffalo**  
 Brian M. 2y  
 Daniel L. 2y  
 Dave M. 3y  
 Victor 3y  
 Herbert S. 6y  
 Paul B. 7y  
**Renaissance**  
 Todd S. 2y  
 Kim R. 4y  
 Ann J. 7y  
 Patrick R. 8y  
 Raj G. 27y  
**Remember When**  
 Kaven McC. 1y  
 Irvin S. 2y  
 Louis C. 2y  
 Brittaay M. 2y  
 Pan A. 2y  
 Patti H. 3y  
 Renee P. 3y  
 Antonio 4y  
 McC. 4y  
 Morris S. 4y  
 George K. 6y  
 Jacquelyn S. 7y  
 Yolonda B. 8y  
 Arthur W. 13y  
 Terry M. 13y  
 Irv W. 29y  
 Tyron S. 29y  
 Mitchael C. 29y  
 Reggie B. 29y  
**Rise & Shine**  
 Katlyn M. 6m  
 Juanita G. 1y  
 Dora J. 3y  
 Joe O. 6y  
 O'Dell H. 9y  
 Liz B. 12y  
**Serenity**  
 Marlene G. 4y  
 Kim R. 4y  
 Carol R. 41y  
**Sprout Into Sobriety**  
 Dave G. 13y

**Step It Up (Wehrle)**  
 Beverly 50y  
**Sunday Morning Breakfast**  
 Joy P. 21y  
 Dave K. 26y  
**The Journey**  
 Chris S. 1y  
 Sara E. 1y  
 Dave P. 2y  
 Jeff M. 2y  
 Brandy Z. 2y  
 Dale M. 3y  
 Tim 6y  
 Megan Z. 7y  
 Randall L. 11y  
**Thruway**  
 Joe M. 8y  
 By B. 28y  
**Victory Women's**  
 Molly C. 8y  
**WE**  
 Michelle 4y  
 Teresa 7y  
**Williamsville**  
 Frank P. 4y  
 Joe M. 4y  
 Brian W. 4y  
 Brian C. 21y  
**GROUP ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Abbott Men's; 32y  
 Achievement; 42y  
 Cayuga Wake Up Call; 11y  
 Coldspring; 54y  
 Georgetown; 19y  
 Intoxicated on Life; 40y  
 Roland; 14y  
 Sally; 26y  
 Saturday Nite Sober; 14y  
 Sober Winners; 26y  
 Sobriety on Saturday Night 20y  
 Sunday's @ 8; 14y  
 Tri-Step; 23y  
 Wilson; 36y  
**Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the End of the Business Day (4:30 PM) of the 12th of the month previous.**

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

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## **December 2014**

### **MEETING CHANGES**

- **Lakeshore Group** will be **changing** its **start time** January 5th, 2015. Will Start at **8PM**. Church Of The Holy Communion, 5381 Old Lakeshore Rd. @ Rt 5, Hamburg 14075.
- **One Day At A Time (ODAT)** has **resumed meeting** at a **new place**. Community Center, 286 Lafayette, Buffalo, 14213. Tuesday's 8 PM.
- **Express Group**, Wednesday's 12 Noon, **is looking for a new home** and **will not meet** until further notice. 1906 Liberty Building, Buffalo 14202.
- **Unity Group** has **moved back** to St. Peter and Paul, 5480 Main Street, Williamsville 14221. Wednesday 10 AM.
- **Land of Misfit Toy's Group, No Longer Meets**; Monday's 6:30PM. "His Dwelling Place", 93 Massachusetts, Buffalo 14213.
- **Primary Purpose Group** has **changed** their **start time to 9am**. 1285 Main St. Buffalo.
- **New Group; 3rd Step Group (NF)**: First Assembly of God Church, Monday's 8 PM. 9750 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, 14304.
- **Harmony Group** has **moved** to Delavan Grider Community Center, 877 E. Delavan, Buffalo 14215. Monday, Wednesday & Friday's 10 am.
- **Sprout Into Sobriety Group NEEDS SUPPORT**. Thursday's, 2PM, 1907 Center Rd (corner of Seneca St) 14224.
- **Bodhisattva Group** has **moved** to St John's Grace Episcopal Church, 51 Colonial Circle @ Lafayette, Buffalo, 14222. Thursday's, 8 PM.
- **New Group: Buffalo Creek Meeting**; Thursday's 1:00 PM, Old Store Front, 1862 Seneca St, Bflo- South, 14210. Open Meeting, WC.
- **AA Literature Group; No Longer Meets**. Wednesday's, 6 PM, Brent Manor Apartments, 366 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222.
- **WEHRLE Group** has **changed its name** to **STEP IT UP Group**. Also is now a **Closed Meeting, Open the last Wednesday of the month**. Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, 14225.
- **It's In The Book Women's Group; No Longer Meets**. Wednesday, 10 AM, Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga.
- **Building Hope Group**, Horizon's, 39 Bailey Ave; Friday's at Noon; **NO LONGER MEETS**.
- **New Group: Women's Big Book Sharing; St. Andrews Church**, Friday's, 12 Noon. St. Andrews Church, 34 Francis, Sloan. **Under Church**.
- **Medina Groups on Tuesday & Thursday** have **moved** with the Church to 11004 West Center St. Ext. (Old Apple Grove Inn). The **time has changed to 7:00PM**.
- **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 7, **Central Committee Meeting**, 1st-SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office (Hosted by Lighten Up Group).
- ~ Dec 8, **Public Information Committee meeting**, 2nd-Monday, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what we are not to do, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. Buffalo Central Office, 6 PM.
- ~ Dec 10, **2015 Convention Committee Meeting**, 2nd Wednesday, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office.
- ~ Dec 13, **Archives Committee Meeting**, Saturday, 10 Am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Dec 15, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, 3rd-MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street. Please, if you or your group is taking a meeting into a treatment facility, could you please send a rep to this meeting?
- ~ Dec 17, **Main & High Annual Christmas Vigil**, 5-9 PM. Dinner/ Fellowship & Speakers; Please bring a dish to share. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main St., Buffalo, 14209.
- ~ Dec 21, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 3rd-SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Dec 21, **Special Needs Committee Meeting**, 3rd-SUNDAY, 3:30PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Dec 24, **Friends of AA Annual Christmas Vigil**; 291 High St, Moot Senior center. **Donations of toys accepted.** Speakers, 2 PM-7 PM. Contact Charles L.:602-5037, Mona W.:247-3690. Linda S.:893-1175 or Big Jim: 491-8301.
- ~ Dec 31, **Tri-County Group Annual New Year's Eve Party**. St. Joseph's RC Church, 67 East Main St., Gowanda. Doors open at 7:00, Speaker at 8:00, food and Fellowship 9:00-12. Music and Karaoke at 9:00. Please bring a dish to share. For more info call Percy 532-1410.
- ~ Feb 21, save the Date; Blizzard Ball; Doors open at 6PM, Dinner at 6:30 & Speaker at 7:30. More info to follow.
- ~ Feb. 20-22, **"Road to Recovery", A.A. Men's' Spiritual Retreat**. St. Columban Center, 6892 Lakeshore Road, in Derby, NY. Cost is \$140.00, includes room and board. More info and flyers to follow :)

**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."

**12<sup>th</sup> 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 .... Executive Secretary*



BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 2, 2014

Sean R. Co-Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. William (Questions and Answers) read the Preamble, Dan (Abbott Mens) read the Purpose of Central Committee, Joe (Lakeshore) read the Twelve Traditions. Refreshments were provided by the Courage group (next month they will be provided by the As Bill Sees It). A motion was made to adopt the August minutes by Sean (Step Action) and seconded by Alan (Brass). New groups were greeted and 28 groups were represented: Zone #1: Main and High, Zone #2: Brass, Friends of Bill W, North Buffalo, Questions and Answers, Renaissance, Sober Train, Step Action, Three Legacies, Zone # 3: Abbott Men's Discussion group, Courage, Thruway, Zone #4: Action Group, Eye Opener South, Zone #5: Lockport #1, Twin Cities Group, Zone #6: Angola Early Bird, Carrying the Message, Changing Our Ways, Lakeshore, Zone #7: . Zone #8: Lighten Up.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

•**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** Envelope System – November 14. We received \$631 from envelope donations. As a result of the convention inserts, we received a one time donation that was included in the group donation total. Also, we had a new monthly credit card member sign up. Less than half of the current months donations were contributed by one individual, who promises a similar donation in December. Please remember that these donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt at the end of the year detailing your donation. November is gratitude month. Please consider the Envelope system as a way to show your gratitude. If you would like more info on the envelope system please contact Sue B at 716.341.7020. Envelope Chair Sue B.

•**STEERING COMMITTEE:** - There was a quorum. We recommend repaying the \$5,000 we borrowed from CC prudent reserve in August 2012. To go back into the checking account. Zones 4 and 7 are still open.

Raeanne Fredericks

•**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Total Income:** \$9,386. Literature sales were \$3,899. Group contributions were around average at \$4,457. **Total Expenses:** \$5,523. below average **Monthly Net:** Positive \$3,863, which brings us to a year to date deficit of \$1,862. Due to month end occurring on a Friday, actual bank statements have not been reviewed yet; they will be during this week

Checking Account: balance is \$24,258.29.

Petty Cash: balance is \$3,000.

Prudent Reserve: balance is unchanged from last month at \$23,128.63.

Inventory: books and literature are \$15,345.93.

**Corrections Facilities:** Current Balance is \$2,729.45.

Contributions were \$708 and expenses were \$526

**Treatment Committee:** Current Balance is \$2,294.30.

Contributions were \$534 & expenses were \$3

**Group Accounts Receivable:** \$470.39, 398.29, above last month. Five groups on the list, four are current and one is in the 30-60 day range at \$28.

**Other Concerns:** Due to a planned November 14<sup>th</sup> surgery, I have asked our past Financial Secretary (Sue B.) to "do my job" for the next month and possibly January's meeting. My recovery speed will determine whether I can participate in the year end review meeting we have in January Respectfully Submitted Chip R., Financial Secretary, Lighten Up Group

•**TREATMENT:** No Report.

•**CORRECTIONS:** Thank you to all the groups that contributed to the correction's committee. Your donation's are greatly appreciated.

~The correction's committee is still in need of volunteers for the Wednesday 7 pm meeting at the Erie county-jail in Alden as well as the Thursday 7 pm meeting at the Erie county holding center in Buffalo. Men interested in signing up may contact Paul at 716-255-4606.

~Any women interested in signing up to go to the Saturday 10 am meeting at Erie county holding center or the Friday 7 pm meeting at Erie county jail may contact the alternate chairperson Kristine at 585-797-4098.

~Applications for gate clearance at the local correctional facilities may be found on our AA website. Simply goto Buffaloany.org on the web.

~Then click on Forms link

~Then click on Erie county holding center volunteer clearance information link (if applying for Erie county holding center or Erie county Jail meetings)

or Click on the NY state corrections application link (If applying for Wende, Gowanda or Collins correctional facilities meetings)

~Mail all applications to Alcoholics Anonymous Central office, 681 Seneca st Lower Buffalo NY 14210. Attn: Paul Perrello Corrections committee.

~Please write a contact number on all applications so we can contact you after the application has been screened. Allow a few weeks for us to get back to you.

~The correction's committee monthly meeting is also in need of support. We meet the 3rd Sunday at 6 pm at central office in Buffalo.

~We are asking groups to consider sending a representative to these monthly meetings. We thank groups for any support they can give.

~The next corrections committee meeting will be Sunday Nov. 16th at 6 pm.

Paul P.: AA correction's chairperson

•**CENTRAL OFFICE:** TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS FOR AUGUST:

AA Calls: 279, 12 STEP: 15, ALANON: 3, VISITORS: 94, VOLUNTEERS: 3

**GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE; COMMON PROBLEM- 8, VIP-2, GETTING BETTER- 2, GO TO ANY LENGTH -6, PRIDE- 7, SIMPLICITY- 5**

\*Next Month New Group Information Sheets will be sent to the group; Please fill them out and return to the Central Office. It is very important I receive this back to ensure the Groups are receiving their mailing!!! All information for Contact are important including email. In the near future, postage costs could be saved by Emailing Contribution Receipts!

\*Reminder, if a group doesn't have a contact for a full year, they will be removed from the schedule, as we have lost contact with group and don't know accuracy of meeting information. Just an FYI: we need an actual contact name, address, phone & Email for a group. We DO NOT mail to the facilities.

*Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit... Terry B.*

•**NEW FRONTIERS:** no Report.

•**PI/CPC:** We continue to do regular presentations at UB for 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students. We continue to do a monthly presentation at ECMC rehab for patients. We gave pamphlets to Premier Wine and Liquor per their request. We will be meeting, as always on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at central

office. Call 405-623-8395 for more information.

Zach F.

•**NIGHTWATCH:** We need help. Groups are doubling up on commitments now. This is an important and exciting way to get fresh fire into your group. Contact me at 716 381 6447 We will also be at the Buffalo fall convention. Thank you

•**CURRENT CONVENTION:** Meetings will be held at our central office on the second Wednesday of each month starting on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Alan D.

•**GSA LIAISON:** There was no meeting last month. In their treasury they had a beginning balance of 13,653.08. Deposits of 1,872.63, expenses of (\$2302.66), which gives them a total in the bank of \$13,223.05. They are working on their inventory the plans are to have a delegate from outside Area 50 conduct inventory. Their budget was up for discussion. One of our past Delegates Bruce A. put his name to become a trusty in NYC GSO. They will be selecting dates and times for 2015 meetings. Also groups hosting those meetings. I will give you the schedule so you can mark your calendar for next year at the December meeting. The next meeting is November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at the Hamburg Town Hall on South Park. It is important that all groups send their GSR's to that meeting, so your group has a say to what's happening in our General Assembly Area 50.

Yours in Service, Pat M., GSA Liaison.

•**ARCHIVES:** October 31, 2014

October 2014 Intergroup Report

We thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you this past month. We have attended and or reported to all four intergroups within Area 50. We have participated at planning meeting of the Buffalo Fall Convention and the Cataract Convention. We had four work nights on Mondays and will move to a Tuesday work night November 11th. Our first display was October 5th at the group anniversary of the Action Group. The next weekend stretched our resources. Three of us attended the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop in Valley Forge, Pa., while several traveled to the NY-Penn Day of Learning in Alleghany, NY. This was a two day event and we furnished the Friday evening speaker, panelists during the day Saturday, and held an Oral History Workshop. It was a well-planned event with great opportunities to learn about the service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous at different levels. Our last event in October was the Buffalo Fall Convention which was held at the Adams Mark Hotel the 24th – 26th. We started the setup on Thursday and finish Friday before 2 pm. We opened the convention with an archives panel at 4 pm. We kept the display room open to display the archives and show the new video “Markings on the Journey” and many other videos Friday and Saturday. We also had a display table on the main floor with vintage Box 459's and Annual Reports from past General Service Conferences. We also showed a power point presentation of home group pictures in our area. If your group is not included, please drop off some pictures or send them digitally to archives@area50wny.org. These events don't take place without the participation and co-operation of a wonderful committee. It is indeed a pleasure to work with everyone. We have a display November 8th at 3 pm at the District 11 Day of Sharing. It will be held this year at the North Buffalo Group at 96 Jewett Parkway. Our next display will be at the group anniversary of the Beginners Group at 7 pm on November 13th. This is at 8210 Buffalo Avenue in Niagara Falls. Lastly, we will have a display at the 35th group anniversary of the McKinley Winners in Hamburg on November 19th. This event is at 5289 McKinley Parkway at 10:30 am.

We had donations in October from Sobriety Men's Discussion in Hamburg, Caz Manor, Iron Horse and the Action Group. We are a financially autonomous committee. Our resources come from group contributions and special events. We do not receive funding from the Area Assembly. We rely upon your support to fund our archival work, pay rent for the repository, and participate in archival activities. Please send your contributions to: Area 50 Archives Committee, c/o Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. We thank you for your continuing support.

We welcome your invitation for an archives display for your group anniversary or special event with a suggested 30 day minimum advanced notification.

Yours in service,

Wally E., Area 50 Archives Chair

•**AD HOC - Inventory:** 1. The adhoc committee met last Wednesday October 29th at its regularly scheduled weekly meeting at 7:45 pm after the Step Action Group in Kenmore. Anyone is welcome to attend or get involved by attending the committee meetings.

2. The committee is close to finalizing the outreach strategy. Outreach to the groups will begin by mid November. We are hopeful that the steering committee zone reps will be playing a leadership role in the outreach strategy. We may also leverage the all central committee group representatives in attendance

3. The committee collected 14 opinions from the fellowship during the convention, and reviewed them.

4. The inventory event will be held in March. The day is yet to be determined.

5. A flyer with some intriguing questions will be distributed through the new frontiers and the Buffalo Intergroup website after the event date is set. Respectfully submitted, :Derek H. in care of David G.

•**AD HOC – Moving:** Final report submitted. It will be shown to everyone it has been gone over.

•**SPECIAL NEEDS:** no report

•**RECAP:**

•**OLD BUSINESS:** none.

•**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Janice from Lakeshore stood for Co-Chair. uncontested.
- Sean from Step Action stood for recording secretary. uncontested.
- Zone 1 and 7 are open.
- Zone 4: Wendy from Eye Opener South stood. uncontested.
- Zone 5: John from Twin Cities stood. uncontested.
- Zone 6: Randy from Carrying the Message stood. uncontested.
- Zach F stood for GSA Liaison. uncontested.
- PI/CPC is open.

**NEXT MEETING: December 7th, 2014 at 7pm.**

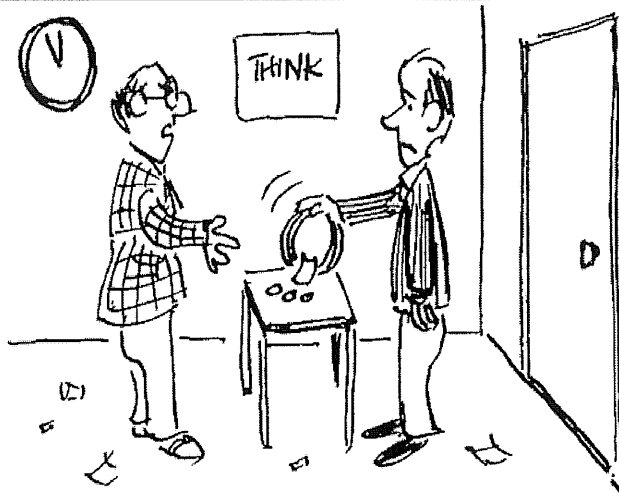
Motion to close the meeting was made by Janice from Lakeshore. Seconded by Sean from Step Action. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted Tim C., Recording Secretary. Three Legacies.



Cash Flow Statement	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	YTD
Beg Bal Cash on hand	23,605.47	19,167.38	17,394.89	
Contributions				
Groups	3,204.36	4,029.53	4,457.15	44,181.81
Joint Meeting	40.00	43.00	56.00	417.40
Envelope System	180.00	405.00	631.00	6,243.00
New Frontiers Subs	23.00	53.00	78.00	419.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	4,080.26	3,207.89	3,898.90	36,040.94
Literature Sales Tax	244.19	229.28	220.38	2,451.14
Literature Postage	3.95	23.31		154.01
Sales+/-	(30.55)	60.08	9.90	286.26
Archives Room Rent: May-Aug		240.00		720.00
Com. Meetings at CO	27.00	7.25	34.90	250.77
Mail/Misc.		25.00		152.03
Tax Returns				-
Transfer from PR				-
Income Transfer to Corrections/Treatment				-
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)				-
Conventions/Day of Sharing				-
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>7,772.21</b>	<b>8,323.34</b>	<b>9,386.23</b>	<b>91,316.36</b>
Expenses				
Building Rent/Utilities	1,209.41	1,209.41	1,209.41	11,599.49
Payroll Gross	4,012.92	2,751.39	2,635.68	29,071.14
Employment Taxes	307.01	210.49	201.64	2,581.77
Unemployment Surcharge				-
NYS Sales Tax				722.10
Insurance				
State Ins Fund(Travelers)	(2.40)	(2.40)	(2.40)	342.80
Health	602.67	602.67	602.67	6,026.70
Liability				1,107.94
Postage	200.00	541.19	5.60	2,094.95
Phone/Internet	124.07	123.74	124.09	1,216.35
Accounting				1,100.00
Paychex	67.00	67.00	76.95	856.44
Advt				-
Talking Phone Book				-
Super Media website	170.70	170.70	170.70	1,698.50
Local Edge				755.00
Yellow Pages				-
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine				554.39
World Services Inc	4,580.70	2,920.30		19,367.68
Hazeldon		628.43		1,701.96
Printers				4,887.00
Medallions		406.77		867.10
PINS				-
Petty Cash				-
Office Supplies	508.18	40.86	60.00	2,252.83
Answering service				-
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00	2,090.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	1,610.00
PIC				-
Bank Fee's including credit cards fee's	60.04	55.28	68.49	674.01
literature returns reimbursement				-
Seed \$\$				-
Seminar				-
Transfer to Corrections/Treatment				-
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>12,210.30</b>	<b>10,095.83</b>	<b>5,522.83</b>	<b>93,178.15</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(4,438.09)</b>	<b>(1,772.49)</b>	<b>3,863.40</b>	<b>(1,861.79)</b>
End Balance	19,167.38	17,394.89	21,258.29	
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>22,167.38</b>	<b>20,394.89</b>	<b>24,258.29</b>	
PRUDENT RESERVE	23,128.05	23,128.63	23,129.22	
Assets: Literature& Medallions	16,044.26	17,734.93	15,345.93	
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	249.52	398.29	470.39	
Removed from Stock				
Corrections Facilities	2,659.87	2,585.58	2,547.58	
Contributions	194.46	205.00	707.87	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Expenses	265.75	240.00	523.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>2,585.58</b>	<b>2,547.58</b>	<b>2,729.45</b>	
Treatment Facilities	1,497.05	1,663.51	1,762.83	
Contributions	169.46	342.32	534.47	
Expenses		240.00		
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,663.51</b>	<b>1,762.83</b>	<b>2,294.30</b>	

**Intergroup wants to express our appreciation** for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a **special thank you** to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.

**GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT  
-- NOT WHAT'S LEFT.**



**"Why aren't the donuts fresh, and who watered down that coffee?"**

**SERVICE  
IS THE  
SECRET**



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS					
GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT		
1 One Day At A Time		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Open Arms	150.00		0.00		0.00
1 Open Mind	0.00		0.00		0.00
4 Orchard Park Step	294.67	1047.76	25.00	100.00	0.00
8 Our Meeting @ the VA		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		40.00		0.00	0.00
7 Powerless		1.85		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		100.00		25.00	25.00
2 Purpose/Tonawanda		400.00		0.00	0.00
2 Questions & Answers		140.00		0.00	0.00
6 Quitting Time		100.00		0.00	0.00
4 Quo Vadis		50.00		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		32.00		0.00	0.00
1 Reflections		0.00		0.00	0.00
5 Reflections on Recovery		0.00		0.00	0.00
7 Remember When	49.35	500.45		0.00	0.00
1 Renaissance		900.00		0.00	0.00
3 Renaissance Women		25.00		0.00	0.00
8 Renewal		100.00		0.00	0.00
3 Ridge		30.00		0.00	0.00
1 Rise and Shine		0.00		0.00	0.00
7 Rochester		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
2 Saturday 12 & 12		0.00		0.00	0.00
6 Sat. Nite Sober		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 Searching For Serenity		0.00		0.00	0.00
7 Second Chance		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 Serenity		100.00		0.00	0.00
6 Serenity on the Lake		0.62		150.00	0.00
8 Serenity Sister's		10.00		0.00	0.00
6 Serenity Trails		0.00		0.00	0.00
1 Setaside	146.50	504.02		0.00	0.00
2 Sheridan		300.00		200.00	0.00
6 Silvercreek Friendship		0.00		0.00	0.00
5 Simplicity		25.00		0.00	0.00
3 Sober Saturday	100.00	400.00		0.00	0.00
6 Sober Trails		136.50		0.00	0.00
2 Sober Train		311.00		0.00	136.00
5 Sober Winners		100.00		0.00	0.00
3 Sobriety for Women		0.00		0.00	0.00
6 Sobriety Men's Disc.	200.00	200.00		0.00	0.00
5 Sobriety On The Canal		25.00		0.00	0.00
5 Sobriety on a Sat. Night		80.00		20.00	20.00
5 Sobriety on the Lake		0.00		0.00	0.00
Sobriety Sisters		124.46		0.00	0.00
7 Solidarity	7.75	209.91		0.00	0.00
5 Somerset		0.00		0.00	0.00
3 South Buffalo		1345.00	51.39		119.73
3 South Town		355.00		0.00	0.00
3 Southgate	30.00	120.00		0.00	0.00
4 Southwestern		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 Spiritual Progress	20.00	140.00		0.00	0.00
4 Springville Sat. Afternoon		219.60		0.00	0.00
4 Springville Tues. Night		0.00		0.00	0.00
4 Springville Wed. Noon	20.00	135.00		0.00	0.00
4 Springville New Life		60.00		0.00	0.00
3 Sprout into Sobriety		0.00		0.00	0.00
8 St. Barnabas		0.00		0.00	0.00
4 St. Mark's		0.00		0.00	0.00
3 Starting Over/By The Book		400.00		0.00	0.00
2 Step Action Group	207.49	784.93		0.00	0.00
8 Stepping Stones/Will.		100.00		0.00	0.00
5 Steps 1, 2 & 3	75.00	175.00		0.00	0.00
6 Sunday in Cattarugas		60.00		0.00	0.00
3 Sunday Morning Breakfast		600.00		0.00	100.00
6 Sunday @ 8:00		0.00		0.00	0.00
5 Sunday Grapevine		15.00		0.00	0.00
1 Sunday's Best		0.00		0.00	0.00
1 Sunrise Court		400.00		0.00	0.00
8 SUNY Amherst Campus	11.57	73.60		0.00	0.00
2 Surrender and Hope		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 Survivors		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 TFC-12 Step Call		0.00		0.00	0.00
8 TGIF		100.00		0.00	0.00
4 Thankful		25.00		0.00	0.00
1 THE BEGINNING OF RECOVERY		0.00		0.00	0.00
6 The Derby Lunch		0.00		0.00	0.00
3 THE HERD		0.00		0.00	0.00
1 The Journey		200.00		0.00	0.00
8 The Noon Meeting		497.00	50.00		50.00
2 Three Legacies		188.75		0.00	0.00
3 Thruway		0.00		0.00	0.00
7 Thurs. Nite Steppers		0.00		0.00	0.00
8 TnT		360.00		0.00	0.00
5 Today		0.00		0.00	0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS					
GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT		
6 Tri County		0.00	0.00		0.00
6 Tri-Step Beginners		0.00	0.00		0.00
3 Try Again		0.00	0.00		0.00
4 Tuesday Men's AM	100.00	275.00		0.00	0.00
Tuesday Afternoon		0.00		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		170.00		0.00	0.00
6 TWO PONDS		0.00		0.00	0.00
8 Unity		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 University Men's Disc.		700.00		0.00	0.00
3 Valley	240.00	240.00		0.00	0.00
3 Victory		0.00		0.00	0.00
3 Victory Women's		215.00		0.00	0.00
1 Wake Up Call		209.00		0.00	0.00
6 WE( Women's Experience)	100.00	275.00		0.00	0.00
7 We Are Not Saints		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 WE BELIEVE		150.00		0.00	0.00
3 We Care		440.00		0.00	0.00
7 We Don't Know	4.00	111.60		0.00	0.00
8 Wehrle		20.00		0.00	0.00
1 Westminster		0.00		0.00	0.00
2 Why		0.00		0.00	0.00
8 Williamsville		335.00	20.00		60.00
6 Willing To Grow		0.00		0.00	0.00
5 Wilson Group		0.00		0.00	0.00
6 Wilson Smith Alumni		0.00		0.00	0.00
1 Women In Recovery		25.00		0.00	0.00
5 Women In Sobriety		0.00		0.00	0.00
7 Women Making the Effort		390.00	20.00		20.00
1 Women's West Side		0.00		0.00	0.00
1 Working		0.00		0.00	0.00
1 WORKING W/ OTHERS		0.00		0.00	0.00
Anonymous		136.00		0.00	0.00
James F.		50.00		0.00	0.00
James C.		15.50		0.00	0.00
Richard M.		25.00		0.00	0.00
Agnes H.		25.00		0.00	0.00
Women of AA/Helping Hands Retrea	453.50	1203.50	453.50	1203.50	453.50
Scott B.		0.00		20.00	0.00
Thomas C.		32.00	32.00		0.00
Connie D.	120.00	120.00		0.00	0.00
Women of AA Day of Sharing		300.00		0.00	0.00
TOTALS	4457.15	42410.81	254.47	2180.19	80.97
				3118.34	

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

- Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
- When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
- Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
- Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition – or belie it?
- Do I do all I can to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
- Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior – especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
- Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
- Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
- Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
- What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

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