

# NEW FRONTIERS

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

December 2017

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER



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

Instead of the usual articles on the Step, Tradition and Concept or topics of the month, we at the Central Committee Intergroup office would like to take this opportunity to share and re-acquaint with you what we do here to “carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers”. This we do to support the efforts of all Buffalo area A.A. groups, and the many A.A. members who volunteer their time with us.

So, what is an Intergroup? According to the General Service Office:

“A central office (or Intergroup) is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among A.A. groups in a community - just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. An Intergroup office is established to carry out certain functions common to all groups - functions which are best handled by a centralized office - and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest.”

In the *12 Steps and 12 Traditions*, Bill W. talks about how he and his fellow A.A. cofounder Dr. Bob early on saw that “to save whole areas from turmoil, small offices had to be set up, telephones installed, and a few full-time secretaries hired...(because)...if they weren’t the man coming in the door couldn’t get a break (p.161).”

The first Intergroup service centers began in the late 1930’s. Many, if not most, service offices in A.A.’s early days, such as those in Chicago and Los Angeles, grew out of a phone number belonging to an A.A. member, which was listed as the A.A. hotline in the local directory. Other Intergroup service centers, like those in New York City, New Jersey and Toronto, Ontario were outgrowths of clubhouses that operated as early hubs for local A.A. activities. Sometimes the clubs served as distribution points for A.A. literature as well as providing 12-Step services. Over time, these A.A.-related service operations became entities separate from the clubhouses.

To meet these needs here in Buffalo, an Intergroup Central Office opened in May 1942, in the White House at 2378 Fillmore at Main. From there we moved into the Ellicott Sq. Building, to the Seneca Larkin Building and now to our current location in Sloan. In 2009, this was formally incorporated as Alcoholics Anonymous on the Niagara Frontier. At the time the office first formed we, A.A. in this area consisted of only 5 groups with 119 active members! (Today, about 350 meetings are listed in our area Meeting Schedule.)

**Buffalo Central Committee Intergroup helps to coordinate the efforts of all our groups and sober A.A.’s who serve as volunteers to further their own recoveries, and to pass on their own experience, strength and hope. Here are some of the ways it does this:**

- Helping people find meetings in the area. We do this by serving as the clearinghouse for A.A. group information by listing group meetings on our website: [www.buffalooaany.org](http://www.buffalooaany.org), as well as by publishing a meeting semi-annually.
- Helping newcomers to A.A. get oriented by arranging Twelfth Step calls.
- Providing a place for A.A. members to volunteer and do service work. Our phones are answered 24-hours a day, seven days a week (combined office hours and answering attendant), so that whenever anyone, anywhere calls for help, the hand of A.A. is there for them to grasp.
- Serving as a central point for the circulation and exchange of information among A.A. groups in the community. We do this by providing a place where this information is readily available to those who come in to visit. You can also get a listing of upcoming A.A.-sponsored events on our website as well as download and print flyers for these events....

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- Publishing this monthly newsletter - *New Frontiers*- to help groups and individual members know what local A.A.-related events are going on in the area. *The New Frontiers* is also a way for area members to share their experience, strength and hope. If you have a story to tell, or an experience to share, we would love to have you contribute to *The New Frontiers*. Your story or experience with a Step, Tradition or Concept could just be the help a newcomer or another member is looking for, so please write it up and send it to us at [buffalooa@hotmail.com](mailto:buffalooa@hotmail.com).
- Arranging for A.A. members to speak to other alcoholics at treatment centers, detox locations, and correctional facilities.
- Working with A.A. public information committees to insure our message of hope and recovery is reaching the alcoholic in need.
- Ordering, selling, and distributing A.A. Conference-approved literature, Grapevine books as well as medallions..
- Providing a safe location in our office for alcoholics seeking fellowship and support with a cup of A.A. coffee and company.
- These activities are only possible through generous donations of time by many, many friends of Buffalo Central Committee Intergroup in our Fellowship, and through the generous 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions we receive from many area groups and individuals. We are blessed and grateful for your support..
- -The Staff and Volunteers at Buffalo Central Committee & Office

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# Happy Holidays

## **HOW DOES BEING AN CENTRAL COMMITTEE REP HELP MY HOME GROUP?**

***As an Central Committee Rep, you will be the liaison between Intergroup and your home group. In order to have an informed group conscience, your home group members need to know all facets of an issue to be able to make good decisions. When they are in touch with other member groups they learn the latest and most accurate A.A. information, about commitments in their area (so they can all participate in carrying the A.A. message), and any changes in our literature, other groups, etc.***

***In order for the hand of A.A. to always be there as it states in our Responsibility Statement, each individual A.A. member needs to have the best information available so they can help the alcoholic who doesn't know there is a way out.***

***As an Central Committee Rep you will be able to pick up the Newsletters for the latest events like group anniversaries, conferences and other special events.***

***Intergroup is called the 'front lines' of A.A. because involvement with us means getting the message out first-hand. If you want to help others, try to get involved. Be an Intergroup (Central Committee) Rep.***



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORIGINAL TERRACE HOUSE AND 693

The need for an enlightened program to help the homeless man, who may or may not be an alcoholic, had been long felt in the city of Buffalo. The situation was brought to a head by the decision of Erie County to close the lodging house better known as the 'Big E'. The pressure of the closing was first felt by the city court. Accordingly, Chief Judge John Ryan called together a group of interested citizens to plan an intelligent attack on the problem.

Under the guidance of the late Judge John Van Allen, many meetings were held. Discouraging obstacles had to be overcome. Then Frank Sedita, one of the original members of the Van Allen group, who had been on the City Court Bench, became mayor. He appointed an advisory committee to the Mayor and charged it with the responsibility of developing a program. Later, members of the committee visited the facilities at Rochester. Questions were asked, letters written and visits to facilities in other communities were made. On the basis of this experience, a plan was evolved. They would have a Men's Service Center, with a Half-way House to back it up.

In the fall of 1961 the Board of Education made available old School No. 2 on lower Terrace to the Mayor and his committee to be used as a Men's Service Center. The plan was, and still is, that Terrace House be a haven for employable homeless men. Residents are required to pay a nominal charge of \$.75 a day in return for shower facilities, a locker and a clean bed. Arrangements have been made with the County Welfare Department so that the men are furnished with adequate meals. The men are expected to seek employment each day and to be cooperative. Since basic and common problems of most of the residents are alcoholism, an opportunity to start a rehabilitation program is offered. Recognizing their limitations, the committee encouraged the establishment of active A.A. groups. These groups now meet three times a week and can always use plenty of support. If the Director sees rehabilitation possibilities in a resident of the Terrace House, he may recommend that he be considered for "693", the half-way house.

The problem of finding an available location seemed impossible. Many sites were visited. The clinic at 693 Ellicott Street became available. While it had been planned that in the natural sequence of events the Men's Service Center would be the first to start, it was not to be.

On March 1, 1961 the city leased, with option to buy, 693 Ellicott Street to be a Half-Way House. It was well suited for their needs but in great need of redecorating. This was done. With the acquisition of necessary furniture, a director and an assistant, the Half-way House was now a reality.

"693" is a residence for men with an admitted alcohol problem. To be a resident he must sober, a resident of the City of Buffalo, of employable physical condition, and above all, have the desire to better himself.

On May 16, 1961 the advisory committee, an official agency of the City of Buffalo by ordinance, became effective. The committee, known as the Mayors Committee on Human Rehabilitation, serves without compensation. To it the Mayor has appointed leading members of the community who have a special interest and competence in the problem of alcoholism as a community challenge.

All prospective applicants are screened by members of the Mayors Committee. At "693" the man is given a room to share with another. Good meals are served in a homelike atmosphere. The men are encouraged to attend AA meetings, three of which are held at "693" weekly. The Director, through group talks and individual attention, helps the men to surmount the problem of returning to society.

Each man is charged a weekly fee of \$15.00. He is expected to sustain this obligation as soon as he is established in a paying job. This discourages 'free loaders' and is the first step on the road back to social responsibility. As the need arises, the Director will refer individuals to the services of other agencies in the community to care for their special needs.

It is the goal of the committee to give the men, some recently released from a hospital or penal institutions, a chance in a homelike environment to reestablish themselves in society as productive citizens. They are set up in a home for admitted alcoholics and not an alcoholic clinic.

Buffalo is indeed fortunate to have "Terrace House" and "693".

John H., Sunday Morning Breakfast.

### 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: buffaloaa@hotmail.com**

or mail to:  
**Buffalo Central Office**  
**17 Gierlach Street**  
**Sloan, New York 14212**

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### Heard @ a Meeting

**"We recover by the steps  
we take, not the meetings  
we make."**

#### **IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change**

*To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones*

Al G.: 13 years: Questions & Answers Group

Bill W.; North Buffalo Group

Dennis R.; North Buffalo Group

Dennis R.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**Acceptanc/Welcome**

Jessica W. 3y  
 Brian M. 5y  
 Jill S. 6y  
 Kat P. 8y  
 Colleen 12y  
 Patty R. 28y

**Alexander**

Jerry M. 3y  
 Danny B. 30y

**All Is Well**

Diane T. 9y

**Amherst Snyder**

Dave M. 3m  
 Doug W. 6m  
 Andy N. 1y  
 Tom 2y  
 Franscio H. 6y  
 Chuck W. 30y  
 Mark S. 36y

**Any Lengths**

Kyle K. 1y  
 Cory E. 5y  
 Mike Z. 25y

**Big Book Lockport**

Kmike L. 4y  
 Randy W. 17y

**Cold Springs**

Gigi P. 47y

**Courage Group**

Joy M. 15y  
 Debbie M. 18y  
 Julie H. 18y

**Derby**

Barbara 3m  
 Teresa 10y

**Easy Does It**

Alix M. 3m  
 Bill T. 6m  
 Steven W. 6m  
 Elina N. 6y  
 Mary P. 10y  
 Denise M. 10y  
 Liz B. 15y  
 Jeff W. 27y  
 John S. 29y  
 Raj G. 30y

**Eyeopener South**

John Y. 6m  
 Lance S. 6m  
 Karen M. 23y

**First Step (NF)**

Barry L. 33y  
 Gene O. 57y

**Harmony**

Brittany M. 6y  
 Joe R. 7y  
 Carl M. 10y  
 Odell H. 12y  
 Judy T. 26y

**Helping Hand**

Liz W. 1y  
 Terri P. 1y

**Holland**

Keith J. 4y  
 Chris P. 29y  
 Mike S. 33y

**How It Works**

Brian N. 2y  
 Andrew P. 3y  
 Jonathon C. 4y  
 Patrick 8y  
 Dennis D. 27y

**Just For Today**

Art S. 2y

**Kensington**

Louis M. 7y  
 Mary B. 12y  
 Mel L. 45y

**Lakeshore**

Charles P. 38y

**Lockport#1**

Fred L. 1y  
 Nick B. 4y  
 Tony C. 14y  
 Randy W. 17y

**Lockport Ladies**

Jessica T. 1y  
 Stacey L. 4y

**Orchard Park Step**

Michelle F. 6y  
 Lauren L. 10y

**Renaissance**

Brian K. 9m  
 Josh O. 1y  
 Mike K. 2y  
 Kim R. 7y  
 Raj G. 30y

**Remember When**

Yolonda B. 11y  
 Earl W. 12y

**Rise & Shine**

Andrew S. 9m  
 David F. 9m  
 Laurie B. 1y  
 Ray C. 3y  
 Dora J. 6y  
 Liz B. 15y

**Sheridan**

Darcy L. 3y  
 Elina N. 6y  
 Jackie H. 17y  
 Debbie F. 31y

**Springville New Life**

Mark F. 3y

**Step Action**

Theo A. 28y

**Sunday Morning**

**Breakfast**

Joy P. 24y  
 Dave K. 29y

**The Grove**

Justin S. 1y  
 Michael B. 1y  
 Joe M. 1y  
 Brian D. 1y  
 Rick A. 1y  
 Jessica W. 3y  
 Kat P. 8y  
 Chuck K. 10y

**Thruway**

Rich O. 3y  
 Joe M. 9y  
 Cy D. 31y

**Williamsville**

Micheal P. 3y  
 Brandi S. 3y  
 Jeremy C. 3y  
 Micheal A. 3y  
 Frank P. 7y  
 Brian C. 24y



Abbott Men's; 35y  
 Achievement; 45y  
 Any Lengths; 23y  
 Cayuga Wake Up Call; 14y  
 Coldspring; 57y  
 Gardenville; 34y  
 Georgetown; 22y  
 Hope's Horizon;  
 Intoxicated on Life; 43y  
 New Life (Alden); 42y  
 Renaissance Women; 6y  
 Sally; 29y  
 Saturday 12 & 12; 9y  
 Saturday Nite Sober; 17y  
 Sober Winners; 29y  
 Sobriety on Saturday Night; 23y  
 The Derby Lunch; 9y  
 Tri-Step; 26y  
 Wilson; 39y



Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the 12th  
 END OF BUSINESS DAY 4:30 PM of the month previous



**Recovering Alcoholic**

*An alcoholic desperate enough to look for something else, hopeless enough to try something else, and fortunate enough to be blessed with something else.*

**IT WORKS IF YOU WORK IT...  
 IT WON'T IF YOU DON'T!**

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

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## December 2017

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

### MEETING CHANGES

- **New Group: The Yorkshire Group**, Free Methodist Church, 3172 Main St., Yorkshire, 14173. Saturday, 8PM. Open Discussion.
- **Lockport #1 Group has moved.** Christ Episcopal Church, 7145 Fieldcrest Dr., Lockport 14094
- **Buffalo Group has moved** to 542 Tonawanda St., Buffalo West, 14201.
- **Beginnings Women's Group will not meet Christmas Day.** Anniversary meeting will be on the 18th.
- **Marilla Group Needs Support.** Friday's 8PM, Marilla United Methodist Church, S-1910 Two Rod Road and West, Marilla 14105.
- **New Group: The North Collins Group**, Monday's, 8 PM, First Congressional Church, 10385 Main St., North Collins 14111. Open Meeting.
- **Somerset Group** Friday's 10:3 am in Appleton; **NO LONGER MEETS.**
- **East Amherst Tradition** start time has **changed to 6:30 PM.** Monday's, Horizon Health, 6495 Transit Rd, Suite 800, East Amherst 14051.
- **North Java Monday** has Changed it's start time to **8:00 PM.** Holy Family Parish, 4316 Rt 98, North Java 14113.
- All Groups that meet at **St. Kolbe Center** ( Reflections; Wed. & Thur. Nite Stepper:Thur.); 176 Clark St., Bflo East 14212: **NO LONGER MEET.**

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Nov. 5, **Committee Meeting that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM**  
**St. Andrew's Church Parish, (Corner of Crocker & Reiman) 34 Francis Ave, Sloan, 14212,**  
Steering Committee (5:30 PM) in CO  
Public Information Committee meeting  
Treatment Facilities Committee  
Corrections Committee  
Nightwatch Committee  
Envelope System (6:30 PM)

**Followed By Central Committee 7:00 PM: (Hosted by Williamsville Group)**

- ~ Dec 15, Archives Committee Meeting; 2nd MONDAY 6:30PM. Buffalo Central Office, Work night's; 4th Monday's.
- ~ Dec. 20; **GSA District 16 (Southtowns) Meeting.** 7:00 PM( 3rd Monday), at 2063 Southcreek Rd., Eden 14057.
- ~ Dec. 31; **GSA District 8 Meeting,** 5:00 PM, Brothers of Mercy 4240 Ransom Rd., Clarence.. Use Rear entrance.

# COMING EVENTS

- ~ Dec. 1, **Corrections Connection Day of Sharing**, Presented by Area 47 & 50. Wende Correctional Facility, Quality of Work Life Building, 3040 Wende Rd., Alden 14004. Join for a day of sharing between AA members and state prison staff sharing about the role of AA in prison. No clearance required, event is held outside the jail. Lunch will be provided. Must RSVP to Paul W.: please leave a message for him at Rochester Central Office; 585-232-6720 or raacog@frontiernet.net
- ~ Dec. 8, **Any Lengths Group Anniversary** meeting. Food, fun and fellowship with a California style meeting. Group members will be sharing their experience, strength and hope and share why they joined the Any Lengths Group.
- ~Dec 15, **Silvercreek Friendship Group** Eating meeting starts at 7:00, Speaker @ 8:00 PM. Please bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome. No one is obligated to bring a gift. First United Church, 31 Main St., Silver Creek.
- ~ Dec 20, **Main & High Christmas Vigil**. 5-9 PM. Dinner/ Fellowship & Speakers; Please bring a dish to share. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main St., Buffalo, 14209
- ~ Dec. 31, **Tri-County Group Annual New Years Eve Party**. St. Joseph's RC Church, 67 East Main St., Gowanda. Door's open at 7;30, Speaker at 8;30 food and fellowship & music, 9:30-12. Please bring a dish to share. For more Info call Percy; 532-1410.

*Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.... Executive Secretary*

**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.

*But the actual or potential alcoholic, with hardly an exception, will be **absolutely unable to stop drinking on the basis of self-knowledge.***

*This is a point we wish to emphasize and re-emphasize, to smash home upon our alcoholic readers as it has been revealed to us out of bitter experience.*

"pg. 39 in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous"

## Envelope System

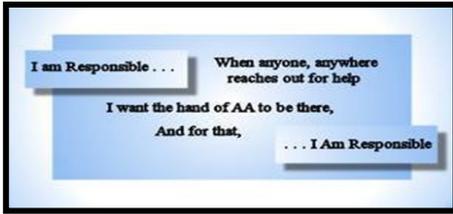
***"personally helping to ensure AA for the future"***

***"Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself."***

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p. 166



## Central Committee Minutes November 5th 2017



The Meeting was opened at 7 o'clock by the committee chair Zach F, we started with the responsibility statement, and then followed that with the serenity prayer. Next Brandy read the purpose of central committee, Shannon read the AA Preamble, and Felix read the Traditions. After the readings, Tom C gave a brief talk on tradition 11 and next month Randy will be here to talk about the 12<sup>th</sup> tradition. A motion to Accept last

month's minutes pending corrections was made and seconded. The Treatment report and PIC/CPC reports that were not reflected in last month are listed below

### Minute Corrections:

**PIC/CPC report** – There were 4 people in attendance. If you would like some of the pamphlets of information for your Doctors please get in touch with me and I will be happy to supply, you with the packets. Getting We are now working on Getting AA Literature to out-patient facilities in the area. We are also establishing contact with Buffalo Erie County Public Libraries to supply them with literature. – Randy

**Treatment Report** – We met 10/1/17 at 17 Gierlach St, 5:30pm. There were 13 members representing 11 groups in attendance. We voted in a new ECMC coordinator, discussed elections next month, and the need for big books at almost all facilities (this will be taken care of by the end of the week.) I will be talking with the new Area treatment chair Roman C, to discuss bridging the gap and anything else pertinent happening at the area level, later this month.

Outside of joining our committee, there are a few areas where AA members, and groups, can be of service through treatment.

1. Individuals may take a speaking commitment at Horizon Village Terrace House on a Thursday at 6pm.
2. All groups who currently have commitments through the Treatment Committee can, and should, send a representative to our monthly committee meeting to inform us about anything more we could be doing to be of service to them, and to allow us to inform their groups, through them, about anything pertinent to their continued Twelfth step work through TFC.
3. Any group that is interested in taking on a commitment at one of our facilities is more than welcome to contact us and we will do what we can to fit them in. Groups are currently bringing meetings into ECMC, Salvation Army, Turning Point, the V.A., and Reflections
4. Area Treatment is forming a Bridging the Gap program for all of Area 50. At this moment any member willing to help clients leaving Treatment Facilities "bridge the gap" between treatment and AA can sign up on the new "Bridging the Gap Volunteer Form" found on the Area 50 web page. [www.wnyarea50aa.org](http://www.wnyarea50aa.org). This program will be going live after central committee elections this year.

Thank you to all groups and individuals who are involved in this vital 12<sup>th</sup> step work. To get involved, or if there are any issues you need to contact us about, please email us at [buffalotfc@gmail.com](mailto:buffalotfc@gmail.com) or come to our monthly meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 9/10/17 at 17 Gierlach St, Sloan NY 14212 5:30pm. Yours in service, Jesse S. Treatment Committee Chair

### There were 32 Groups represented and 55 people present at the meetings.

The Groups That were represented breaks down by zones as follows. Zone 1: Main and High, Position of Neutrality. Zone 2: Age doesn't Matter, Depth & Weight, Easy Does It, North Buffalo, Questions & Answers, Step Action Group, The Grove, Three Legacies, Welcome. Zone 3: Abbott Men's Discussion, Any Lengths, Buffalo, Iron Horse, Lancaster Daily Reprieve, Matt Talbot, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Tuesday Women's Discussion. Zone 4: Action Group, Orchard Park Step. Zone 5: Lockport#1, Lockport Ladies. Zone 6: Derby Group, Lakeshore, Sobriety Men's Discussion. Zone 7: Fresh Start, Lovejoy. Zone 8: Amherst Snyder, High view, Williamsville, Women Making the Effort.

### Committee Reports

**Envelopes System** - The envelope committee met on Sunday November 5th, 17. In attendance were Diane d. And Pat G.

1. the envelope system was established to allow individual AA members to directly contribute money to Buffalo central office to help with operating expenses and ensure that central office can continue to carry the message.
2. please take back to your home group this suggestion: when a member has an anniversary of sobriety suggest they use the envelope system purple brochure as a way of giving back. For example, if you have 16 years sobriety you could give \$16 and a one-time payment or \$16 monthly a year.
3. please check the brochure rack at any meeting you attend and offer them the purple envelope.
4. our committee continues to inform AA groups about the financial needs of central office and how to use the envelope system to help. We do so during business meetings or at announcement times during regular meetings.
5. our next meeting is Sunday at 6:30 December 3rd prior to the central committee meeting in the same 3rd location.
- 6 as always, we are looking for volunteers to help us....Yours in service pat g.

**Central Office** – Central Office Report; November 2017,

TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOUR'S; AA Call's: 328, 12-STEP:6, ALANON: 6, VISITORS: 241, VOLUNTEERS:2 volunteers Email's:478, Website Hit's; 110,820 / of them 10,552 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 21,076. All Numbers are up from last month. Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 0. We sent out the Newsletter via online sign-up to 104 people; of them only 34 were open :(, Number of sign-ups have increased, but not actually opened :(

GROUPS WE NEED CONTACTS FROM ARE: HUDSON & WADSWORTH-7

The 2017-B schedules are in :)

I was looking at the numbers in QB of just the actual profit made from literature, just an FYI...if All groups contributed just \$5 more than the current contributions we could be self-supporting and able to sell the literature at cost... that's only a profit of \$1,500.00.

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

**Corrections** – Met tonight with 5 people in attendance. We Bought 40 more big books for prisons and county jail. The convention was super successful. Not much else to talk about other than the corrections connection on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be panels and loads of corrections information so come on out. Shannon S

**Treatment** – No written report.

**Steering Committee** – No new Business discussed. Zones 1,4,7 are open. Please consider stepping up. There were 9 people in attendance. Alan D

**Night watch** – Night Watch commitments are currently covered until December. We will visit the Derby Group this month. If anyone is interested in getting more information about Night Watch Please see me after the meeting. Raeanne F

**PIC/CPC** – Currently reaching out to and supplying outpatient facilities with Information on AA. Restocking a Premier Liquor store in E Amherst with pamphlets, and if you need information or packets for your primary care doctor to utilize please contact me at [BuffaloPICCPC@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloPICCPC@gmail.com)

**Current Convention** – no report

**GSA Liaison** – My name is Nick B. General service liaison. I attended the last area 50 assembly it was held in Dunkirk New York at the First Presbyterian Church at the corner of 4th Street and Eagle Street.

## *New Frontiers ~ December 2017*

(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

This assembly meeting was the post-conference delegate report. Wally E. Our delegate at the time gave his report to the body that day. It was an incredibly well thought and informational report. I am honored to say I know Wally personally and did our area a great service in attending the conference.

A budget and schedule were proposed to the area 50 body and emailed to myself and other gsr who attended the assembly, it will be voted on November 11th at noon at the Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital at the next area 50 assembly. Also, the motion of redistricting is on the table.

All this information can be found on the area website area 50 WNY. Org thank you yours and service Nick B.

**Archives** – November 5, 2017 regarding Oct Report to the Buffalo Central Committee

Thank you so much for the honor and privilege of serving all your groups for this past month. We of the archives committee have reported to 3 of the 4 intergroups this past month thanks to Wally's help! We continue to have worknights on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings each month at 6:30 in the archives office. Special attention has been going toward getting oral histories from long-timers, which is often a spiritually amazing experience beyond words or description. Hoping to soon interview John G., a North Tonawanda old-timer who wrote a book on the women of AA in Niagara Falls. *If anyone has an interest in being part of this process, please let me know.*

Much thanks to the people who have stepped up to helping archives with issues and transporting the archives, like this past weekend to and from the event – which had to be the shortest distance to date!

The monthly archives meeting - which are now on the third Saturday of each month at 10am in the Buffalo Central Committee offices – needs your attention. *If you know of someone who can donate just one hour to archives for the monthly meeting, in person or via conference call, please let me know.* Having a God Conscience is crucial to the nature of our efforts – and an extra set of ears to reach out to the sick and suffering alcoholic in a way we've not yet tried might come to mind of the listener. If you know of someone with an interest in AA history, please let them know we are hoping to hear from them! Don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone or by email at ARCHIVES @AREA50WNY.ORG for details!

We displayed at one Day of Learning and two group anniversaries in September and none in October, but got prepared for the convention this weekend. The movies rotation was FUN, and we learned a lot!

Donations were received by Men's Sobriety Discussion, Iron Horse, First Step of Niagara Falls, Main and High and Orchard Park Step. Though we are part of the Area General Service structure, since archives is an autonomous committee receiving no funds from no unorganized parts of AA, the thanks go directly to your groups and individuals who have donated to archives for affording me the privilege of attending this past weekend's National Archives Workshop in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada! The massive loads of concepts and photographs brought back are having results – which will be up on the website soon!

An Open House is being discussed by the members of the committee – more details are upcoming on that event which will probably be in the spring!

We'd love to display the archives at your group anniversary or special event - remember we appreciate a 30 days notice so transportation can be set up! Your PRIMARY PURPOSE efforts may be assisted by this sharing the history of AA at YOUR MEETING more than you can know.

And the usual reminder to all AA members of these 8 counties of Western New York – throw NOTHING group-related away without considering your unborn alcoholics to come, which is the purpose we work hard at keeping our area documented accurately and the reason for the existence of this ARCHIVES Committee.

Yours in service, Lila M., your grateful Area 50 Archives Committee Chair

**Accessibility** – We had a meeting with the new incoming chair Karl. We discussed looking at meeting places that are truly handicap accessible, verifying that they are or aren't and updating central office with the results to make sure that the meeting schedule is currently reflecting accurate information. Our next meeting will be at the next GSA meeting in Niagara Falls on Nov 11 at noon.

### **Old Business**

Steering Committee Sent reps to the "Position of Neutrality Group" and it was found that the group itself was not in violation of the traditions.

Discussion on new motion to Create the Education and Participation Committee which will be a permanent standing committee falling under the same guidelines as current standing committees.

Motion Passes unanimously 32 in favor 0 opposed

### **New Business**

**Nominations are as follows:**

**CO – Chair:** Sue B (Tuesday women's)

Raeanne F (Step Action)

**Recording Secretary** – Glen G (Amherst Snyder)

Inderjeet S (Three Legacies)

**Steering committee Zone 2:** Dan D (Depth & Weight) Unopposed

**Steering committee Zone 4:** Steve S (OP Step) Unopposed

**Night watch** – Jessica B (Journey Group) unopposed

**Financial Secretary:** Alan D (Williamsville Group) unopposed

## **Open Positions - GSA liaison, E & P, Zone 7, Zone 1**

Motion to close was made by sue b and seconded by Jenny

New Frontiers ~ December 2017

Cash Flow Statement	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17
Beg Bal Cash on hand	19,005.17	19,775.34	19,644.07	21,521.59	23,189.82
<b>Contributions</b>					
Groups	5,531.48	3,952.39	5,690.84	4,872.62	5,866.78
Central Committee 7th tradition	68.52	53.00	83.00	77.00	77.84
Envelope System	928.66	976.66	638.66	967.66	885.66
New Frontiers Subs	40.00	-	80.00	10.00	10.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	4,001.95	1,240.70	4,311.00	4,353.28	4,636.65
Literature Sales Tax	255.45	100.20	294.74	265.23	249.58
Literature Postage	31.71	3.95	47.77	14.31	15.88
Sales +/-		31.35	462.80	(51.03)	
Archives Room Rent:	10.00	-		300.00	17.00
Committee Meetings	24.00	-	30.00	18.00	
(Aug) Security Deposit Return		42.93	753.04		
Transfer from PR					
GSA Hosting 3/2017					
*Gratitude Month* (NOV)					
Conventions/Day of Sharing					
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>10,891.77</b>	<b>6,401.18</b>	<b>12,391.85</b>	<b>10,827.07</b>	<b>11,759.39</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Building Rent/Utilities	1,496.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Central Com. Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll Gross	4,236.93	2,824.62	2,994.20	2,909.36	2,909.36
Employment Taxes	324.12	216.08	229.04	222.56	222.56
Unemployment Surchar	56.40	(5.96)	(6.81)	(6.06)	(6.06)
NYS Sales Tax	773.73			693.10	
Insurance					
State Ins Fund(Travelers)					
Health	623.30	623.30	623.30	623.30	623.30
D&O Insurance					
Liability		28.12			
Postage	921.47	3.92	5.39	640.98	210.21
Phone/Internet	138.21	622.18		135.51	137.17
Accounting					
Paychex	217.98	83.71	218.13	145.42	156.42
Advt					
Dex Media	184.60		369.20	184.60	186.35
website					
Local Edge				187.00	
Literature Expenses					
Grapevine					
World Services Inc			2,549.20	1,610.15	5,793.20
Hazeldon			420.95		
Printers					2,347.00
Medallions			407.34	351.69	
Office Supplies	879.19	851.89	777.96	165.67	570.43
Phone & Network wiring					
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00
Copier Lease					210.56
Bank Fee's including credit ca	73.17	88.59	80.44	100.46	96.24
Moving Expenses			649.99		
GSA Host					
Convention					
CO Seminar					1,075.44
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>10,121.60</b>	<b>6,532.45</b>	<b>10,514.33</b>	<b>9,159.84</b>	<b>15,728.18</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>770.17</b>	<b>(131.27)</b>	<b>1,877.52</b>	<b>1,667.23</b>	<b>(3,968.79)</b>
<b>End Balance</b>	<b>19,775.34</b>	<b>19,644.07</b>	<b>21,521.59</b>	<b>23,189.82</b>	<b>19,220.03</b>
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>22,775.34</b>	<b>22,644.07</b>	<b>24,521.59</b>	<b>26,189.82</b>	<b>22,220.03</b>
<b>PRUDENT RESERVE</b>	<b>23,144.94</b>	<b>23,145.33</b>	<b>23,145.72</b>	<b>23,146.10</b>	<b>23,146.49</b>
Assets: Literature& Medallions	12,402.60	13,572.86	11,812.99	10,875.51	15,788.37
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	457.84	766.11	572.05	157.24	488.83
Removed from Stock					
<b>Corrections Facilities</b>	<b>1,770.60</b>	<b>1,912.60</b>	<b>2,017.27</b>	<b>2,101.02</b>	<b>1,243.02</b>
Contributions	265.00	107.67	125.00	30.00	415.00
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Expenses	120.00		38.25	885.00	400.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,912.60</b>	<b>2,017.27</b>	<b>2,101.02</b>	<b>1,243.02</b>	<b>1,256.02</b>
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>	<b>532.88</b>	<b>622.88</b>	<b>768.88</b>	<b>1,113.88</b>	<b>1,329.88</b>
Contributions	653.00	149.00	348.00	219.00	148.00
Expenses	560.00				840.00
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>622.88</b>	<b>768.88</b>	<b>1,113.88</b>	<b>1,329.88</b>	<b>634.88</b>

YTD: 2017

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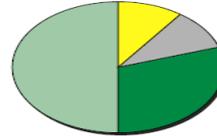
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**Intergroup wants to express our appreciation** for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a **special thank you** to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering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

**Examples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities**

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities



10% to district  
10% to area committee  
30% to G.S.O.  
50% to intergroup or central office

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30% to G.S.O.

10% to WNY Area 50 committee  
10% to district

(No district account; suggest GSA, Treatment, Corrections or Archives)

**A Declaration of Unity**

This we owe to A.A.'s future:  
To place our common welfare first;  
To keep our fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,



"You the party that wanted her old man home for Christmas?"

**Concept XL: The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.**

- Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
- How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional "Right of Participation"?
- Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

New Frontiers ~ December 2017

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017							
Zone	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR
			0.00				0.00
5	7 Clans		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		345.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		20.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		200.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		145.00		0.00		180.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		125.00		0.00		125.00
4	Action		320.00		15.00		15.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		200.00		0.00		0.00
	All Is Well		700.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst Snyder	47.55	404.63		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Step		200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	30.00	450.00		20.00		20.00
4	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Archives		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		350.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		100.00		50.00		50.00
	Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction		400.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		75.00		0.00		25.00
8	Beginning's Women		200.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Saturday	40.00	190.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand	65.00	65.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		10.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek	100.66	240.66		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside		210.00		15.00		15.00
6	Carry the Message		50.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Castile		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake- Up Call	260.00	825.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor		100.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		125.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Cafe'		175.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		525.00		0.00		85.00
2	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga		800.00		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		105.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		415.00		0.00		0.00
	Contemporary Women		2.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		375.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Dawn of Hope		260.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight		135.00		0.00		60.00
6	Derby	200.00	766.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		75.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		704.85		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst Traditions		204.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	450.00	100.00	350.00	30.00	350.00
6	Eden		140.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's	50.00	153.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		1326.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	209.33	3725.04		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	700.00	2501.50	280.00	1000.60		0.00
8	Fireside PM		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside	245.63	1307.12		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		150.00		0.00		0.00
	Forestville In The Solution		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		400.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start	75.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
1	Friday Night Lights		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017									
Zone	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT			
		OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR	OCT	YEAR		
3	Gardenville		275.00				0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00				0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		185.00				0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		60.00				0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00				0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		850.00				0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		300.00				0.00		0.00
2	Grace Point		0.00				0.00		0.00
2	Grand		0.00				0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		150.00				0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00				0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00				0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		0.00				0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		0.00				0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand	25.00	125.00				0.00		0.00
8	High Noon	300.00	1000.00				0.00		100.00
8	High View		350.00				0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		200.00				0.00		200.00
1	H.I.P.		0.00				0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		500.00				0.00		0.00
4	Holland		450.00				0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00				0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00				0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon		196.00				0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	150.00	900.00				0.00		0.00
1	HUDSON & WADSWORTH		0.00				0.00		0.00
	I Am Responsible		23.00		280.25		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT	150.00	150.00				0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		0.00				0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00				0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	138.00	990.05		7.00	9.00	52.00		
8	IT		50.00				0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga	100.00	150.00				0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00				0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		50.00				0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00				0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00				0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		40.00				0.00		0.00
6	Lakeshore		1550.00				0.00		250.00
6	Lakeview		300.00				0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		100.00				0.00		0.00
	Lasalle		0.00				0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		200.00				0.00		0.00
5	LeWPort	25.00	175.00				0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		75.00				0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		17.00				0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP	350.00	700.00	35.00	70.00	35.00	70.00		
1	Living Clean		0.00				0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00				0.00		0.00
	Living Sober		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		100.00				0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		200.00				0.00		100.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		200.00				0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		200.00				0.00		0.00
7	Love		90.00				10.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	Lower River		100.00				0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		80.00				0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		100.00				0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00				0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth	57.00	207.00				0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	45.00	415.00				0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	223.00	664.00				0.00	74.00	134.00
6	McKinley Winners	40.00	40.00				0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00				0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00				0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day	50.00	100.00				0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00				0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		800.00				0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		20.00				0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		25.00				0.00		0.00
5	New Freedom		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	New International		20.00				0.00		0.00
3	New Life	38.50	492.50				0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00				0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00				0.00		0.00
	Niagara Falls Convention		0.00				0.00		0.00
	Niagara Intergroup		0.00				0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		292.00				0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo	98.00	980.00				0.00		0.00



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