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Alcoholics Anonymous was only ten years old when Bill W., AA's cofounder, wrote: "Those who read the July 1945 Grapevine were startled, then sobered, by the account which it carried of the Washingtonian movement. It was hard to believe that 100 years ago the newspapers of this country were carrying enthusiastic accounts about 100,000 alcoholics who were helping each other stay sober; that today the influence of this good work has so completely disappeared that few of us had ever heard of it..."

"May we always be willing to learn from experience!" Bill cautioned.

Founded by six drunks in 1840, the Washingtonians had grown in membership to hundreds of thousands in a short twelve years, and then destroyed themselves as an organization and dropped out of sight. By 1852, all that remained of their spectacular power as a method of treatment was the Home for the Fallen in Boston.

In a talk on the Traditions shortly before his death, Bill said that the Washingtonians had done things "which were natural to do, but which turned out to be utterly destructive. And it was this spectacle of the past, brought before us as our Traditions were evolving, that confirmed that we were probably very much on the right track in this matter of no public controversy; in this question of paying our own bills; in this question of not becoming involved with other enterprises, and so on down the line. And above all, it confirmed the great protective guide of our anonymity Tradition."

Later, in the book 'Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age', Bill wrote: "In many respects the Washingtonians were akin to AA... Had they stuck to their one goal, they might have found the full answer. Instead, the Washingtonians permitted politicians and reformers, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic, to use the society for their own purposes... Within a few years they had lost their effectiveness in helping alcoholics, and the society collapsed.

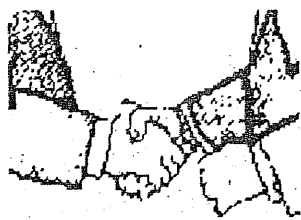
The lesson to learned from the Washingtonians was not overlooked by AA. As we surveyed the wreck of that movement, early AA members resolved to keep our Society out of public controversy."

And to a friend he wrote, "I wish every AA could indelibly burn the history of the Washingtonians into his memory. It is an outstanding example of how, and how not, we ought to conduct ourselves. In a sense, AA has never had a problem seriously threatening our overall unity. Yet I notice that some AAs are complacent enough to suppose we never shall.

### THIS MONTH : THEME : HOPE

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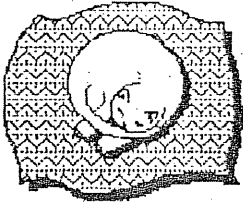
### WE WELCOME YOU....

The following are the Themes for the coming issues of newsletter.

- March: Faith
- April: Courage
- May: Integrity
- June: Willingness

We hope that this will spur you to think about writing an article or some other demonstration of your thoughts on these Topics.

# Helen's Corner ...



Hope is a feeling that what is wanted will happen. Frankly, what I hope for AA is that we return to our primary purpose. Nowadays, there are so many side issues, such as, smoking vs. non smoking; whether the "Our Father" should be said; sexual preference meetings; etc., etc., etc., that the reason we first showed up for meetings has been lost in the fast foot shuffle. If I were a newcomer and someone asked me what kind of a meeting I wanted to attend I would wonder if there were different kinds of alcoholics.

When I introduce myself I don't say, "I'm a heterosexual, white woman, 40+, cross addicted, ex-Catholic." Instead I cut to the bottom line, which is, "I'm Helen, an alcoholic."

The preamble to AA states we are a "fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help others from alcoholism. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." Whoever said, "AA is a simple program for complicated people," knew exactly what they were talking about. Why is it we feel compelled to mess with a program that works?

Have you noticed that products on TV are constantly being advertised as being new and improved. This reminds me of the time Coke decided to change the formula of its popular beverage. The result was a loss in profit because people hated the improved Coke. In an effort to prevent bankruptcy and save face, they brought back the old formula but called it Coke Classic. Maybe, some day we will have Classic AA?

Hopefully, this year I will make my 10th trip to Akron, Ohio for Founder's Day Weekend in June. Each year I am reminded just how important the program of AA is in my life and how simply it began. Sitting in Dr. Bob's home fills my heart with thankfulness for the 2nd chance that I have been given to live a life worth living. Each year I re-affirm my commitment to live my life according to the Steps and principles that keep my life simple. Dr. Bob said, "I belong at that meeting for the sake of the new man or woman who might walk through that door. I am living proof that AA will work as long as I work AA, and I owe it to the new person to be there. I am a living example." The fact remains that I am an alcoholic, one drink away from a drunk. This life or death issue is not a game. The program of AA has worked for me and I choose to use it so I won't lose it. We need to remain united, not divided. Our bond is our recovery from alcoholism.

Founder Day will be held June 7-9 this year. You can receive information by writing: Founders Day Committee, P.O. Box 12, Akron Ohio, 44309-0012. Reservations need to be made by the first week of March.

Yours in the Spirit of AA,  
Helen S.

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## OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

GRAPEVINE APRIL 79

Around the tables, I have learned, not only by shared experience, but also through AA's Eleventh Step, that God's will for me is not to take the first drink. This is so obvious, it often escapes me - indeed, my primary purpose must be to remain sober and carry the message of hope. Growth has expanded this humble concept to include a course of conduct that precludes the first drink. Quite certainly, if I pursued a lifestyle that would result in my picking up the first drink, my conduct would be contrary to God's will for me.

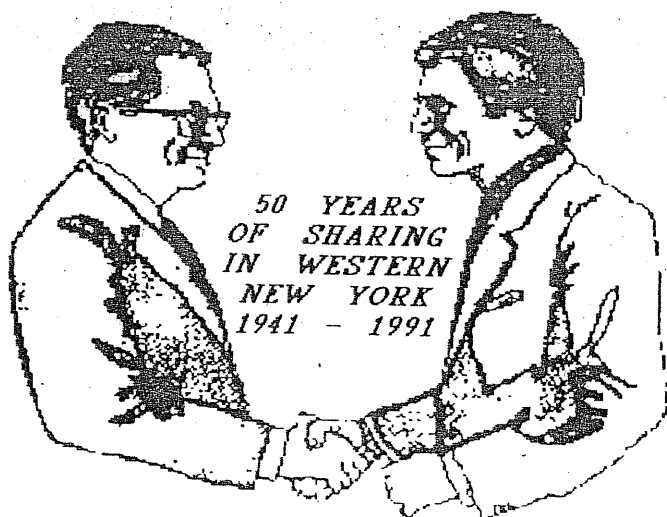
Having achieved this knowledge of God's will for me, I must enhance the way of life that keeps me away from the first drink. AA's years of experience show emphatically that meetings are absolutely essential in order to avoid the first drink. Thus formed, God's will is that I should attend AA meetings. Prayer and experience have taught me that I need more than three meetings a week. The more meetings I attend, the more chance I have of tuning up my spiritual life. I put the meetings of my home group first; rarely have I missed a meeting of my home group, unless there has been a "First Things First" reason, such as going out of town on business. There are other "first things" that take precedence over meetings other than my home group - but these are in the nature of practicing these principles in all our affairs. I think God's will for me is to attend meetings within the "First Things First" principle, which is always hinged on the first thing in my life - my sobriety.

## TRADITION TWO

by Bill Wilson Grapevine January 1948

Sooner or later, every AA comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only the source of strength, but also a source of positive direction. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he has never known before. As each day passes, our AA reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from his daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes evermore willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every AA group follows the same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.



We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that AA is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the First Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in AA, no coercive human authority. Because each AA, of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we are finding we have little need for man-made rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about AA. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique.

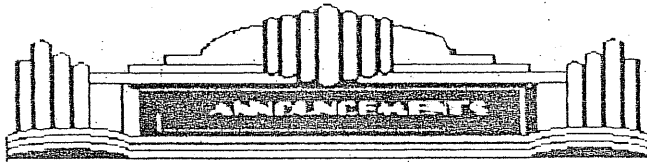
Therefore we of AA are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

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Bill also recalled the fate of the Washingtonians before 1500 AAs gathered at the annual banquet in New York City on November 7, 1945. "In short, the Washingtonians went out to settle the world's affairs before they had learned to manage themselves. They had no capacity for minding their own business. The negatives within them overthrew the positives.

That won't happen here," Bill urged in closing, "if we remember, publicly and privately, our own simple principles of honesty, tolerance, and humility, and that we live only by the grace of God."

Traditions! Words to remember!  
Thanks, Bill Thank you, Washingtonians



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**NEW MEETINGS:**

NITE PEOPLE - 7:30 PM - TUESDAY and FRIDAY - Open Discussion at the Friends of Nite People, 394 Hudson at Wadsworth, Buffalo, NY. Smoking allowed, not Wheelchair accessible.

OPPORTUNITY - 8:30 PM - TUESDAY - Open - Batavia VA Medical Center, Room 205, Batavia, NY. Non-Smoking and Wheelchair accessible.

LIFE TODAY - 7:30 PM - FRIDAY - C- East Aurora Christian Ch, Main and N. Grove, East Aurora, NY. Non-Smoking - Wheelchair accessible. O - 3rd week of the month.

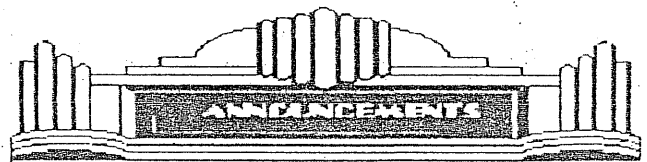
**MEETING CHANGES:**

LOWER RIVER - 1:00 PM - SATURDAY - Closed Discussion now meets at St. John's Epis.Ch Parish Hall, Corner of Main and Chestnuts streets, Youngstown, NY.

KEEP ON COMIN' - 2:00 PM - SUNDAY - Faith United Pres.Ch., 3150 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore, NY is now an Open Discussion meeting.

MATT TALBOT - group will meet on TUESDAY nights at 8:00 & 9:00 PM during the Lenten Season starting 2/12 until 4/10 St. John's Luth. Ch., 67 Litchfield, Depew, NY.

EASIER, SOFTER WAY - Monday - no longer meets:



**PLEASE NOTE:**

SATURDAY EARLY BIRD - 10:00 AM Open Discussion at the United Methodist Church, Ontario & Tonawanda Sts., Buffalo, NY. needs support. Slinger enclosed.

**MEETING REQUESTS:**

The Erie County Holding Center at 40 Delaware Avenue, and the Buffalo Residential Center on Best Street have requested that there be AA meetings in their facilities. At this time, the Correctional Facilities Committee is asking if there are any individuals willing to contact these places, and take our message into these facilities. Please call the Central Office, if interested.



FEB. 2 - SATURDAY - ANY AGE - 7TH ANNUAL BLIZZARD BALL - at St. Andrew's Donovan Center, Sheridan and Elmwood. 8:00 PM starting with guest panel speakers, food, , etc. with music and dancing - all for a \$5.00 ticket - available from group members.


FEB. 9 - MONDAY NIGHT BIDWELL is having their 2ND ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE at the Amvets Post #13, 25 Review Street, off Tonawanda St., near Hertel. Doors open at 7:00 PM Buffet at 8:00 PM with dancing from 9:00 PM-1:00 AM. Donation: \$4.00. All are welcome!

FEB. 16 - SATURDAY - Buffalo's Gay & Lesbian A.A. Groups are sponsoring a Valentine's Dance - Unitarian Church at Elmwood & West Ferry. 6:00 PM Potluck dinner (bring a dish) - 7:00 PM Speaker - 8:00 PM-Mid. Dance. Advance tickets \$6.00 - Tickets at the door \$8.00. Donation: \$4.00. All are welcome!


FEB. 22 - FRIDAY - HARMONY'S 10TH Group Anniversary - 10:00 AM - Evangelical Lutheran Church, 987 Kensington at Midvale, Buffalo, NY 2nd side door, downstairs, Guest Speaker, eating meetings. - Come and help our Anniversary to be a Winner.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**MEETING**



**REMEMBER**



SUNDAYS - February 3 and March 3, 7:00 PM at 80 Goodrich Street behind Buffalo General.

Everyone Welcome.



FEB. 23 - SATURDAY - THURSDAY NIGHT  
BIG BOOK STUDY group is sponsoring a 4TH  
STEP WORKSHOP at The Amity Club, 340  
 Military Rd, Buffalo, NY. \$3.00 Registra-  
 tion from 12 Noon -1:00 PM - Workshop 1:00  
 PM - 5:00 PM. See enclosed slinger for more  
 info.

FEB. 25 - MONDAY - BEGINNINGS WOMENS  
 group - 7:30 PM - Heart-to-Heart Sharing  
 and Spiritual meeting on the Second Step at  
 St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 81 Burke  
 Drive off Huntley, Buffalo, NY. Speakers  
 and eating meeting.

MAR. 2 - SATURDAY - SATURDAY NITE  
DISC is sponsoring a dance at Amvets Post  
 #13, 25 Review place off Tonawanda St.  
 Doors open: 7:30 PM - Speaker: 8:00 PM  
 Rock & Roll 9:00- 1:00 AM. Western Style  
 BBQ buffett at midnight. Donation: \$7.00  
 single, \$12.00 couple.

MAR. 6 - WEDNESDAY - RENAISSANCE I  
 group will celebrate its 2ND Group Anni-  
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at their new location , Video Factory  
 Plaza, 2625 Delaware Avenue at Avery,  
 Buffalo. Guest Speaker, eating meeting. All  
 are welcome!

MAR. 23 - SATURDAY - MINI-CONVENTION  
 - Steering Committee District #4 is hosting  
 this Mini-Convention at the Orchard Park  
 Presbyterian Church, 4369 S. Buffalo  
 Street, Orchard Park, NY. Donation may  
 be sent to the Central Office. Next month  
 more details.

MAR. 23 - SATURDAY - BIDWELL THURSDAY  
NIGHT is havin a "Winter Thaw Dance".  
 Donation: \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 at door.

APRIL 12 - FRIDAY - 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF A.A. IN WNY - As a part of the celebra-  
 tion of the 50th Anniversary of A.A. in  
 Western New York, there will be a dinner  
 held at the Sheraton Inn, Walden Avenue at  
 I-90 (exit 52E). Doors will open at 6:00 PM,  
 dinner at 7:00 PM, and an opportunity to  
 discuss old times until 10:00 PM.

*A candle loses nothing  
 in lighting another candle.*

*Surrender - some paradoxes in  
 the AA way of life  
 Grapevine - June, 1974  
 T.C., Richmond, California*

By not hiding my defects,  
 I find them hidden,  
 and by revealing my faults,  
 I see them dissolved.

In losing face, I get grace  
 and the way up is down.

In making amends, I am amended,  
 and in the dispensing right,  
 right comes to me.

By giving it away, I keep it,  
 and in not possessing it,  
 it is mine to keep.

By thinking well of others,  
 I think well of myself,  
 and in serving others, I am served.

In powerlessness, Power comes,  
 and through weakness, strength.

By dependence, independence grows,  
 and in believing as a child, I grow up.

By releasing my life and will,  
 I am released,  
 and by losing my life, I save it.

By giving up, I am lifted up,  
 and by letting go, I let God come.

By not justifying myself,  
 I am justified,  
 and by admission, I am admitted.

*2nd STEP - "Came to believe that a  
 Power greater than ourselves could  
 restore us to sanity."*

*2nd TRADITION - "For our group  
 purpose there is but one ultimate  
 authority-a loving God as He may  
 express Himself in our group con-  
 science. Our leaders are but  
 trusted servants; they do not gov-  
 ern."*

# WHAT HONESTY MEANS TO ME

Noni T.  
Chapter IX

Learning to be honest has not been real easy for me. All my life that's all I have known, being dishonest. Even when it was easier to tell the truth I hardly ever did. Growing up as a child of drinking parents, it was a way of life, it made life for me exciting and easier to bear.

Thank God for AA. It has helped me to see the results of my lies, deceits, half truths and so on. It's not healthy to the soul.

With being dishonest also comes guilt. I don't need that today. My life is so full and enriched, and people do trust me now. God knows the guilt trips I have put myself through. When I am honest about something now, I don't have to worry about guilt trips hindering me. That feels good.

Not only do I not get guilt trips, but I feel good about myself when I am honest about something.

Little things tht have to deal with hoesty are also very important. If I am dishonest in a small way, it eventually leads to more and more dishonesty. I don't need those complications today. I feel good about being honest.

As I grow in AA I can feel the change that is taking place within myself. Without complete honesty, with myself and others, I will not be able to change nor will I benefit at all, from the program and the people in the program.

Self-honesty can and will open a lot of doors. You can put the past to rest and work on building a much better future.

I will be more assured of myself, more self-confident, able to face the world with a new perspective. Life is great.

Honesty does not scare me as much as it used to. The more honest I am, the more assured I feel of myself.

The more I learn of self-honesty, the more self-respect I feel for myself. I can look in the mirror and not be afraid of the person I see. It feels good to know that I am honest.

The feeling I get when someone recognizes my honesty is really overwhelming. I get a very warm, "glowing" sort of feeling that spreads throughout my body. It's great to know that people see the change in me, and that helps me put things into perspective and to really see how I am doing and that helps me to be even more honest with myself.

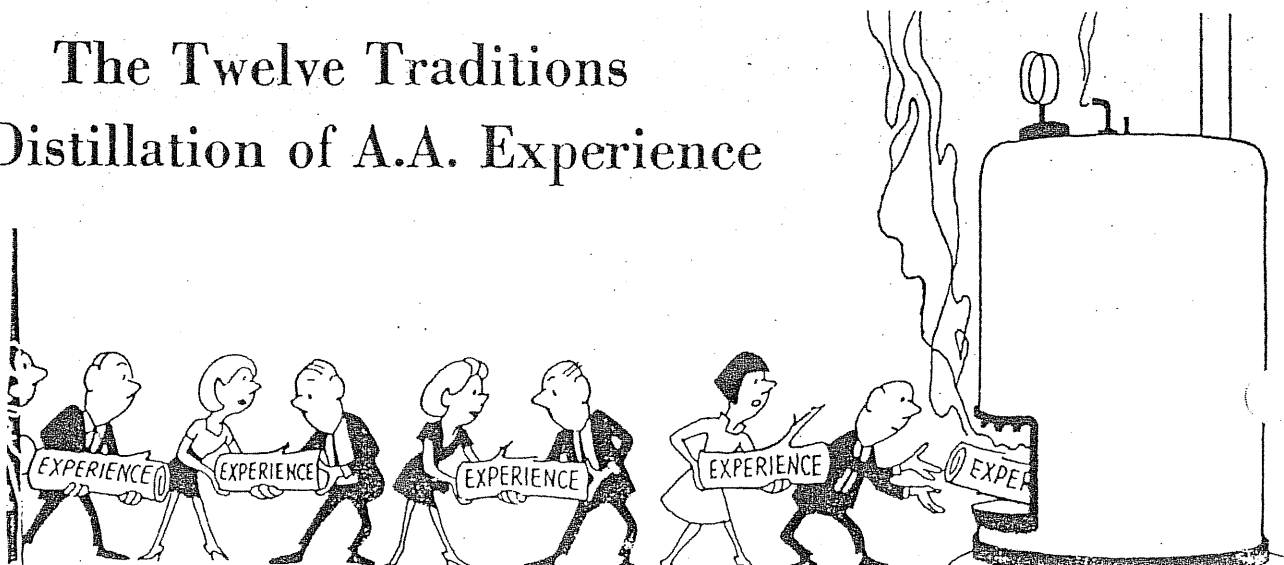
I am also setting a good example for other people; program people, my sisters and my children. That gives me a boost also.

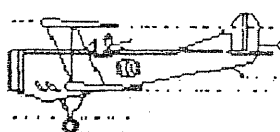
Honesty to me means growth, mentally, morally, and spiritually. Without honesty I could not grow. Without complete honesty, I would not stay as I am and will not get out of life just the things I want.

And that is; self love, a strong and healthy relationship, my children not to have to grow up as I did, at peace with myself and others, not to worry about the past but to look forward to the future, and a healthy relationship with my Higher Power.

With honesty, this is all within my reach. You are not cheating yourself if you are honest within.

## The Twelve Traditions A Distillation of A.A. Experience





# Movin' On In Sobriety

## FREEDOM

John B. 13yr.  
 Rich P. 10yr.  
 Maureen D. 5yr.  
 Larry C. 1yr.

## BIDWELL

Robert D. 2yr.  
 Tom M. 1yr.  
 April S. 9mo.  
 John C. 9mo.  
 Elizabeth F. 9mo.  
 Kelly H. 9mo.  
 Norman M. 6mo.  
 Dennis T. 3mo.

## WHY

Al Z. 8yr.  
 Bill C. 7yr.  
 Gerry P. 6yr.  
 Mark P. 3yr.  
 David W. 3yr.  
 Tom McM. 3yr.  
 Jeannie F. 1yr.  
 Donald K. 6mo.

## LYING

Wesley K. 11yr.  
 Ted B. 9mo.  
 April S. 9mo.  
 Joe O. 3mo.

## EYE OPENER

Bob K. 8yr.  
 Jim S. 7yr.  
 Liz O. 3yr.  
 Gene B. 1yr.  
 Dick B. 1yr.  
 Sue C. 1yr.  
 Carol P. 1yr.  
 Lance C. 9mo.  
 Bob S. 9mo.  
 Jim C. 6mo.  
 Otto D. 6mo.  
 Gene K. 6mo.  
 Sean M. 6mo.  
 Roger F. 3mo.  
 Eric M. 3mo.  
 MaryLou P. 3mo.

## WE CARE

Elvora K. 9yr.  
 Arlene N. 2yr.  
 Sheila D. 1yr.  
 Timothy F. 9mo.  
 Mary K. 6mo.

## FIRESIDE

Katie F. 10yr.  
 Julie S. 10yr.  
 Jay E. 9yr.  
 Bob K. 8yr.  
 Jim S. 7yr.  
 Lyn H. 7yr.  
 Bob G. 3yr.  
 Robert T. 3yr.  
 George V. 3yr.  
 Sally D. 2yr.  
 Barbara K. 2yr.  
 Leonard K. 2yr.  
 Sue C. 1yr.  
 Danny K. 6mo.  
 Jim S. 6mo.  
 John F. 3mo.  
 Maggie M. 3mo.  
 Frank R. 3mo.

## THRUWAY

Terry M. 14yr.  
 Allen Z. 8yr.  
 Beverly K. 8yr.  
 Ronald T. 7yr.  
 Bob R. 7yr.  
 Danny V. 7yr.  
 Paul G. 6yr.  
 H. James S. 5yr.  
 Joyce S. 4yr.  
 Mike M. 4yr.  
 George F. 4yr.  
 Cindy R. 3yr.  
 Dawn N. 3yr.  
 Sue S. 9mo.  
 Carol H. 9mo.  
 Eugene C. 6mo.  
 Gary G. 6mo.

## CHAPTER IX

Gary H. 9yr.  
 Phil J. 6yr.  
 Mike R. 4yr.  
 Bob K. 4yr.  
 Karen M. 4yr.  
 Tom McM. 3yr.  
 Mark P. 3yr.  
 Phil S. 2yr.  
 Mike O. 2yr.  
 Harem N. 9mo.  
 Lynn W. 3mo.  
 Deb S. 3mo.  
 John H. 3mo.  
 Joe R. 3mo.  
 Tom C. 3mo.

## NORTH

BUFFALO  
 Wes K. 11yr.  
 John P. 11yr.  
 Frank C. 7yr.  
 Frank Mc. 7yr.  
 Michael Mc. 5yr.  
 Paul H. 5yr.  
 Pat L. 4yr.  
 Dan O. 3yr.  
 Shanon H. 2yr.  
 Jim C. 2yr.  
 Matthew Mc. 2yr.  
 Brian B. 2yr.  
 Dwight P. 2yr.  
 Dennis Mc. 2yr.  
 Rachel B. 2yr.  
 Tom W. 1yr.  
 Paul M. 6mo.

## BRASS

Tom 3yr.

## COLD SPRING

Early D. 22yr.  
 Cecil M. 13yr.  
 Pete A. 6yr.  
 Betty R. 9mo.  
 Cecelie O. 9mo.  
 Lavern J. 9mo.  
 Anthony C. 3mo.  
 Willie B. 3mo.

## LOVEJOY

Mark D. 4yr.  
 Art M. 2yr.  
 Jeff W. 2yr.  
 Ben T. 2yr.  
 Nancy D. 9mo.  
 Jim S. 9mo.  
 Doug P. 6mo.  
 Bob G. 6mo.  
 Greg N. 6mo.

## SHERIDAN/ HONESTY

Jim DiB. 8yr.  
 Sherl B. 8yr.  
 Lawrence P. 4yr.  
 Richard G. 3yr.  
 Tom McM. 3yr.  
 Ron S. 2yr.  
 Tom M. 2yr.  
 Cathy T. 6mo.  
 Charles H. 3mo.

## SENECA 12 & 12

Sandy D. 2yr.  
 John W. 1yr.  
 Jerry C. 9mo.  
 Tammy D. 6mo.  
 Tim S. 3mo.  
NEW ZION  
 Sherl B. 8yr.  
 Lillian A. 6yr.  
 Jean L. 3yr.  
 Joyce N. 3yr.  
 Barbara H. 3yr.  
 Frank C. 2yr.

## HAPPY HOUR

Oliver H. 4yr.  
 Irene P. 1yr.  
 Maryann B. 1yr.  
 Keith W. 1yr.  
 Denise W. 1yr.  
 Mary C. 9mo.  
 Robin T. 9mo.  
 Denny H. 9mo.  
 April S. 9mo.  
 Terry W. 9mo.  
 John H. 6mo.  
 Ted T. 6mo.  
 Karen L. 6mo.  
 Sabrina H. 6mo.  
 Trina H. 3mo.

## CAZENOVIA

JANUARY  
 Robert L. 2yr.  
 Alan S. 1yr.  
 Mike N. 1yr.  
 Henry M. 1yr.  
 Don A. 1yr.  
 Fran C. 1yr.  
 Tim R. 1yr.  
 Don E. 9mo.  
 Bruce E. 9mo.  
 Bob E. 9mo.  
 Marv B. 9mo.  
 Rich T. 9mo.  
 Jeff R. 9mo.  
 Tony T. 6mo.  
 Lynn O. 6mo.  
 Ed Z. 6mo.  
 Ricky E. 6mo.  
 Richard E. 6mo.  
 John C. 6mo.  
 Barb B. 3mo.

## HARMONY

Florence F. 12yr.

## SOUTH BUFFALO

Dan T. 7yr.  
 Jim F. 7yr.  
 Pat P. 5yr.  
 Chris V. 3yr.  
 Karen E. 6mo.  
 Andy M. 6mo.  
 Jeff W. 3mo.  
 Laurel K. 3mo.

## BIDWELL MON. DISC.

Robert 2yr.  
 Cheryl D. 1yr.

## LIVING SOBER

### JANUARY

Bob U. 19yr.  
 Charles F. 13yr.  
 Terry B. 12yr.  
 Bob Y. 11yr.  
 Pete W. 9yr.  
 Tim M. 8yr.  
 Bryan McC. 7yr.  
 Gene W. 3yr.  
 Paula O'N. 2yr.  
 Jeff S. 2yr.  
 Dalene J. 9mo.

### FEBRUARY

Lyn W. 19yr.  
 Bill M. 17yr.  
 Bob L. 17yr.  
 MariBeth B. 9yr.  
 Mark H. 9yr.  
 Maryann S. 8yr.  
 Charlie J. 6mo.  
 Don K. 6mo.  
 Susanne P. 3mo.

**EASY  
DOES IT**

**FIRST  
THINGS  
FIRST**

**ONE DAY  
AT A  
TIME**

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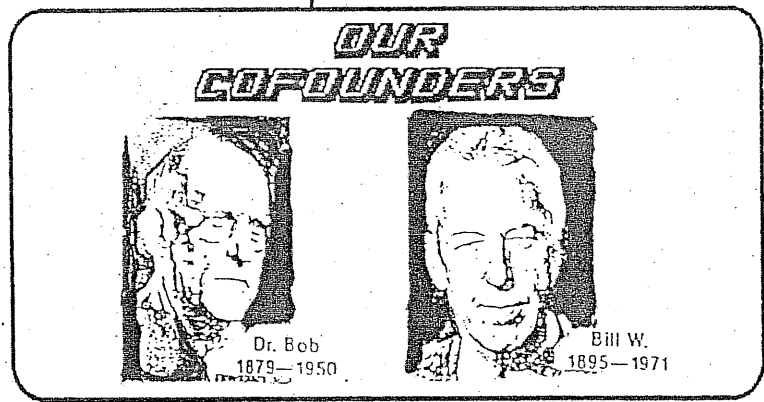
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**CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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Recording Secretary - Lue J.  
Financial Secretary - Larry B.



Central Committee meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 PM at the COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, 80 Goodrich Street (behind Buffalo General Hospital).

**SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

Correctional Facilities - Martha C. and Toni H.  
Treatment Facilities - Don H.  
Buffalo Fall Convention - Margaret A.  
Screeners - Norma F.  
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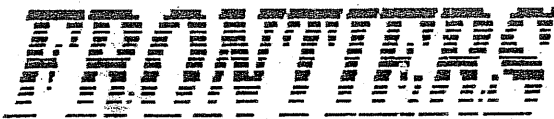
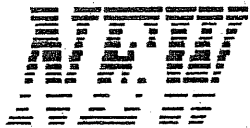
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**STEERING COMMITTEE**

- District 1 - Central Buffalo: Jack C.
- 2 - Northwest Buffalo: Bryan McK.
- 3 - South Buffalo: Gigi P.
- 4 - Southtowns: Scott T.
- 5 - Northern Tier: Paul H.
- 6 - Southern Tier: George B.
- 7 - Northeast Buffalo: Carol R.
- 8 - Eastern Tier: Bill M.

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FEBRUARY 1, 1991

**NEW MEETINGS:**

NITE PEOPLE - 7:30 PM - TUESDAY and FRIDAY - Open Discussion at the Friends of Nite People, 394 Hudson at Wadsworth, Buffalo, NY. Smoking allowed.

OPPORTUNITY - 8:30 PM - TUESDAY - Open - Batavia VA Medical Center, Room 205, Batavia, NY. Non-Smoking and Wheelchair accessible.

LIFE TODAY - 7:30 PM - FRIDAY - C- East Aurora Christian Ch, Main and N. Grove, East Aurora, NY. Non-Smoking - Wheelchair accessible. O - 3rd week of the month.

**MEETING CHANGES:**

LOWER RIVER - 1:00 PM - SATURDAY - CD -, now meets at St. John's Epis.Ch Parish Hall, Corner of Main and Chestnuts streets, Youngstown, NY.

KEEP ON COMIN' - 2:00 PM - SUNDAY - Faith United Pres.Ch., 3150 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore, NY is now an Open Discussion meeting.

MATT TALBOT - group will meet on TUESDAY nights at 8:00 & 9:00 PM during the Lenten Season starting 2/12 until 4/10 St. John's Luth. Ch., 67 Litchfield, Depew, NY.

EASIER, SOFTER WAY - Monday - no longer meets.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

SATURDAY EARLY BIRD - 10:00 AM Open Discussion at the United Methodist Church, Ontario & Tonawanda Sts., Buffalo, NY. needs support. Slinger enclosed.

**MEETING REQUESTS:**

The Erie County Holding Center at 40 Delaware Avenue, and the Buffalo Residential Center on Best Street have requested that there be AA meetings in their facilities. At this time, the Correctional Facilities Committee is asking if there are any individuals willing to contact these places, and take our message into these facilities. Please call the Central Office, if interested.

**COMING EVENTS:**

FEB. 2 - SATURDAY - ANY AGE - 7TH ANNUAL BLIZZARD BALL - at St. Andrew's Donovan Center, Sheridan and Elmwood. 8:00 PM starting with guest panel speakers, food, etc. with music and dancing - all for a \$5.00 ticket - available from group members.

FEB. 3 - SUNDAY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:00 PM - 80 Goodrich.

FEB. 9 - MONDAY NIGHT BIDWELL is having their 2ND ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE at the Amvets Post #13, 25 Review Street, off Tonawanda St., near Hertel. Doors open at 7:00 PM Buffet at 8:00 PM - dancing 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Donation: \$4.00. All are welcome!

FEB. 16 - SATURDAY - Buffalo's Gay & Lesbian A.A. Groups are sponsoring a Valentine's Dance - Unitarian Church at Elmwood & West Ferry. 6:00 PM Potluck dinner (bring a dish) - 7:00 PM Speaker - 8:00 PM-Mid. Dance. Advance tickets \$6.00 - Tickets at the door \$8.00.

FEB. 22 - FRIDAY - HARMONY'S 10TH Group Anniversary - 10:00 AM - Evangelical Lutheran Church, 987 Kensington at Midvale, Buffalo, NY 2nd side door, downstairs, Guest Speaker, eating meetings. - Come and help our Anniversary to be a Winner.

FEB. 23 - SATURDAY - THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK STUDY group is sponsoring a 4TH STEP WORKSHOP at The Amity Club, 340 Military Rd, Buffalo, NY. \$3.00 Registration from 12 Noon -1:00 PM - Workshop 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. See enclosed slinger for more info.

FEB. 25 - MONDAY - BEGINNINGS WOMENS group - 7:30 PM - Heart-to-Heart Sharing and Spiritual meeting on the Second Step at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 81 Burke Drive off Huntley, Buffalo, NY. Speakers and eating meeting.

MAR. 2 - SATURDAY - SATURDAY NITE DISC is sponsoring a dance at Amvets Post #13, 25 Review place off Tonawanda St. Doors open: 7:30 PM - Speaker: 8:00 PM Rock & Roll 9:00-1:00 AM. Western Style BBQ buffet at midnight. Donation: \$7:00 single, \$12.00 couple.

MAR. 3 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:00 PM - 80 Goodrich.

MAR. 6 - WEDNESDAY - 12 Noon - RENAISSANCE I group will celebrate its 2nd Group Anniversary at their new location, Video Factory Plaza, 2625 Delaware Avenue at Avery, Buffalo. Guest Speaker, eating meeting. All are welcome!

MAR. 23 - SATURDAY - MINI-CONVENTION - Steering Committee District #4 is hosting this Mini-Convention at the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 S. Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, NY. Donation may be sent to the Central Office. Next month more details.

MAR. 23 - SATURDAY - BIDWELL THURSDAY NIGHT is havin a "Winter Thaw Dance". Donation: \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 at door.

APRIL 12 - FRIDAY - 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF A.A. IN WNY - As a part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of A.A. in Western New York, there will be a dinner held at the Sheraton Inn, Walden Avenue at I-90 (exit 52E). Doors will open at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and an opportunity to discuss old times until 10:00 PM.

*2nd MONTH - 2nd STEP " Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. "*

*- 2nd TRADITION. "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. "*

Yours in the Spirit of A.A  
DELPHINE A. Executive Secretary

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

The meeting was opened at 7:04 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of Central Committee, and the Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by John B., Orchard Park Step and seconded by Rick J., Urban to dispense with readings of the minutes from the last meeting.

46 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED:

DISTRICT #1 Bidwell - Bidwell Monday Nite - Delaware Disc - Fresh Start - Live&Let Live - New Westside - New Zion - Open Mind - Sunday Niters - Sunrise Court - Westminster - Womans Westside Disc

DISTRICT #2 Acceptance - Brass - Kenmore - Living Sober - Why

DISTRICT #3 Casting - Iron Horse - Lovejoy - Pass It On - Rainbow - Seneca 12&12 - South Buffalo - Southgate - Tues Womens Disc - Urban

DISTRICT #4 Action - Lake Shore - Orchard Pk Step - St. Mark's

DISTRICT #5

DISTRICT #6 Silver Creek - Tri-County

DISTRICT #7 Achievement - Amherst Snyder - Cold Springs - Faith&Actions - Harmony - Honesty - Kensington Disc. - North Buffalo - Sheridan - United Brotherhood

DISTRICT #8 Fireside P.M. - New Life - Williamsville

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Roger P.

	1990	1991		
JANUARY	\$1,389.00	\$1,661.00	\$ 272.00 (19.6%)	Increase

STEERING COMMITTEE - JANUARY 23, 1991

Scott T.

The meeting opened at 6:10PM. Present were Scott T., Bill M., Jack C., Jerome D., Larry B., Bryan McK., and Delphine H.

District #5 still needs a representative. The committee will approach Charlie P. of Twin Cities Group.

Survey sheet about fall convention to be sent out. Jack C. in charge.

50th Anniversary--meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 7 PM

Margaret & Don H. will be responsible for a break down of the Vigil expenses.

Scott T. will be in charge of the preparation of the amendment to the Central Committee Procedures pertaining to the Fall Convention.

Gigi P will be notified of her replacement because of absenteeism unless she responds.

The Chairman of the Steering Committee will meet with Executive Secretary to prepare an agenda for the Steering Committee meeting and send it to the Committee members prior to that Tuesday.

Larry B. will get together all the 1990 Steering Committee minutes and draw out from them all the proposals to be worked on and formulated for Central Committee's approval or rejection as to the proposals becoming adopted policies of the Central Committee Procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Larry B.

(See Attached)

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Don H.

TFC met January 17, 1991. Approximate attendance 25.

1. TFC approved request from Michelle of Columbus Hospital to start another meeting at the Hospital. It will be a Speaker meeting at 8:00 PM, Friday night in the Board Room. Mike M. volunteered to run the meeting. All groups are urged to encourage their members to support this meeting.

2. Motion to provide literature for meetings at VA hospital was tabled until the TFC meeting in February. Two members volunteered to address this issue with people who run meetings there.

"HOPE, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS" to all treatment centers.

4. TFC approved request for a Sunday night meeting at the Research Center on Alcoholism on Main street, Buffalo. Sean C. of TFC volunteered to run the meeting. Plans are to make it a speaker meeting. Stephen M. of the University Mens group volunteered to assist him.

5. TFC discussed having a one day program for the Fellowship where all five areas of service, TFC, CFC, PIC, CPC and Grapevine would share their opportunities for service. It would be designed to introduce service to those who may not know how to get involved. Each Chairman will be contacted to see if they are willing to participate.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H.

If you wish to attend a Correctional Facilities meeting, please contact the Central Office. All outside support is greatly appreciated.

SCREENERS REPORT: Norma F.

Mabel H. has requested to be put back on the Screeners list.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H.

A.A. INFORMATION	784		
PIC	2	12 STEP	10
CPC	2	LITERATURE REQUESTS	85
AL-ANON	56	REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES	29
AL-ATEEN	5	REFERRAL FROM OTHER AGENCIES	13
ACOA	18	CENTRAL OFFICE	
METROCOMM SERVICE GROUP		OUTGOING CALLS	157
INCOMING CALLS	510	OUTGOING MAIL	\$220.45
OUTGOING CALLS	71	VISITORS	231

NEW FRONTIERS: Larry B.

Thanks for all that has been submitted. We appreciate your input.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Lue J.

1. There was a meeting on 1/26/91 with the Buffalo Convention Center staff. In two weeks there will be another meeting to discuss signing of the contract.
2. Next meeting of the Buffalo Fall Convention Committee is 2/23/91 in the Board Room of the Hyatt Regency.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL: No Report.

COURTESY REPORTS

G.S.A. - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY Elvester McR.

1. Effective 4/1/91 Conference literature prices will be increased.
2. 2/24/91 Correctional & Treatment Facilities Chairpersons for GSA will be installed.
3. Full bodied meeting will be at 2:00 PM on 2/24/91 in Orchard Park at the Green Lake Recreational Center.

P.I.C. - PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Marcia W.

Completed: 1/10 Winchester Fire Hall-2 Cub Scout troops - literature and table with two members made available.

1/25 ECC South- Alcoholism&Drug Awareness classes 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Had been cancelled but the member gave presentation, with literature, to staff; and they want him to return to do original presentation.

Coming Up: 3rd week in February-Tuesday or Thursday at Hilbert College-12:15 PM for one hour. We would like to use "HOPE,ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS" tape.

3/20 Lake Shore Schools Health Fair 1:00PM-7:30PM.

4/27 Ken Ton Wellness Fair-Kenmore West High School 10:00AM-2:00PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bob H. asked if the Central Office received any money for General Service. Delphine H. replied, "yes". All monies received are forwarded, either, to New York City, or to Janet N., treasurer of GSA of Western New York.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Scott T. stated that District #4, Southtowns, is hosting a Mini-Convention on Saturday, March 23 at the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 S. Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, NY. Theme: "SERENITY AFTER THE STORM". A flyer is forth coming. We need coffee donations, please send to the office. We need and appreciate your support.

General Service Convention - Ralph P. Theme is "SOBRIETY IN ACTION". Will be held on April 5,6,7, 1991 at the Best Western Red Jacket Inn, 7001 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY.

It was moved by Jack G. and seconded by Barb H. that the meeting be adjourned. At 7:46PM the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by

Marcia Walker, North Buffalo

Acting Recording Secretary

Treatment Center Account - Financial Statement 602-089-5 Jan. 25, 1991 - Feb. 25, 1991			
		This month	Accum Totals
Abbott Men's Disc.			20.00
Amherst Snyder		10.00	20.00
Chapter IX		15.00	30.00
East Aurora		10.00	20.00
Eternal Vigilance			25.00
Hill Billy			30.00
Living Sober		15.00	15.00
North Buffalo		10.00	20.00
South Buffalo		10.00	10.00
Spirit of Hope		5.00	5.00
Sunday Nites		10.00	10.00
Sunrise Court			50.00
University Men's		25.00	50.00
We Care		20.00	20.00
Anonymous			40.00
Total receipts		130.00	365.00
		Check#	Am't
Expenses	C.O.-Renaissance-books	155	85.60
	C.O.-ECMC-books	156	120.75
	C.O.-ECMC-cards	157	8.00
	C.O.-Columbus-books	158	29.00
	C.O.-Renaissance-Don H.	159	10.24
	C.O.-Renaissance-TFC pins	160	10.00
	C.O.-Aic.Res.Inst.	161	47.00
		Total expenses	310.59
RE-CAP			
Balance Pr Checkbook 1/25/91		915.60	
Add Receipt 1/25/91 - 2/25/91		130.00	1045.60
Deduct Expenses 1/25/91 - 2/25/91			310.59
Balance Pr Checkbook 2/25/91			735.01
Operating debit 2/25/91		(180.59)	



1st Things 1st			Cheektowaga			Golden Slipper		
6th Step			Chevy #1			Good Life		
A Day At A Time		72.00	Clarence Men Disc II			Grand		
A Helping Hand		50.00	Clarence Men Di	350.00	350.00	Grand II Joy Of Living		
Abbott Mens at VA			Cold Springs		25.00	Grateful		
Abbott Mens-Disc		30.00	Common Hour			H.A.N.D		
Acceptance		70.00	Common Problem			Half & Half		
Achievement		240.00	Community Center		50.00	Hamburg		
Action	50.00	50.00	Corrnplanters Again			Handicappers		
Active Achievement			Courage		120.00	Happy Hour		20.00
Age Doesn't Matter			Delaware Disc			Harmony	10.00	15.00
Albion			Derby		30.00	High Noon		
Alexander			Desire			High View		
All Women			DeVeaux Disc			Hill Billy		180.00
Amherst Tree of Life		120.00	Downtown Disc			Honesty	30.00	60.00
Amherst Snyder	50.00	100.00	Downtown Men's			Humbly Willing		
Amsdell Lakeshore			Dunkirk	40.00	40.00	Ignatia		
Any Age			Early Beginnings			Inner City		20.00
Arcade			Early Bird			Inspiration		25.00
As Bill Sees It			Early Start			Iron Horse		
Attitude Adjustment			Easier Softer Way			It-		10.00
Attraction		180.00	Easy Does It			It's About Time		
Awakening			East Amherst		40.00	Just for Today		
Back To Reality			East Aurora	40.00	80.00	1st Step		
Beginner's Table			Eden-North Collins			Keep It Simple, Sister		40.00
Beginning in Sobriety I			Ellicott	50.00	50.00	Keep on Comm'		
Beginning in Sobriety II			Ellicottville			Kenmore		
Beginnings			Emergency			Kensington	25.00	25.00
Bidwell		30.00	Eternal Vigilance		100.00	Ladies Night		
Bidwell Monday Disc			Everybody's	20.00	20.00	Lakeshore		
Big Book			Eye Opener		300.00	Lakeview		
Big Book Study			Faith and Actions			Lazy Bee Ranch		
Blasdell			Father Baker			Let Go & Let God		25.00
Blasdell Monday Nite		100.00	Feelings			Lewport		
Blissfully Sober			Fireside			Liberty Women's		
Boulevard Women,		30.00	Fireside P.M.			Life Today		
Brass			Ford			Lighten Up		
Broadway-Bailey			Fredonia Bkft. Meeting			Live and Let Live		34.00
Brocton Discussion			Fredonia Discussion			Living Sober	35.00	70.00
By the Book			Freedom	25.00	50.00	Lock City		50.00
Came To Believe		11.25	Fresh Start			Lockport #1		
Campus - Buff State			Friday Nite Discussion			Lockport Disc		
Casting			Friendly			Lockport Ladie	100.00	100.00
Cathedral Park			Friendship Fireside			Lockview		
Caz Manor			Frontier		25.00	Lovejoy		
Cazenovia			Gah Nee Goin Geh			Lower River		40.00
Central Park			Gardenville			Marilla		

Mill Talbot	50.00	50.00	Salamanca		Thursday Afternoon Disc	50.00		
Mc Kinley Winners			Salamanca Freedom		Thursday Nonsmokers			
Medina New Life			Sally		Today			
Mercy	60.00	60.00	Salvation Army		Tri-County			
Mid-day			Saratoga		Tuesday Men's Disc	30.00		
Midnite			Saturday Earlybird		Tuesday Women's Disc.			
Miracle			Saturday Night	20.00	40.00	Turning Point	25.00	
MOD			Saturday Night Alive		Twin Cities	25.00	75.00	
Morning After			Saturday Nite Live		United Brotherhood			
Never Too Late			Searching for Serenity		Unity		45.00	
New Awakening			Second Chance		University Mens	160.00	320.00	
New Beginnings			Security	10.00	10.00	University 12 & 12		
New Frontier			Seneca 12 & 12	10.00	20.00	Urban	60.00	
New Frontier Womens			Serendipity		V.I.P.			
New Life	10.00	20.00	Serenity		50.00	V.I.P. Sunday		
New Westside			Sheridan	30.00	60.00	Valley		
New Zion	150.00	150.00	Silver Creek		Veterans			
Niagara Frontier Men's			Sober Trail		Victory			
Nite People			Sober Winners		25.00	We Admitted		
North Buffalo	100.00	200.00	Sobriety Men's Disc	25.00	25.00	We Are Not Saints		
North Java			Somerset		We Care	30.00	30.00	
One Day at a Time			South Buffalo		We Choose Life			
Open Arms			South Town		We Have a Dream			
Open Mind	30.00	30.00	Southgate	6.50	6.50	We Need You		
Opportunity			Southwestern		Wednesday Lunch			
Orchard Park Step			Spirit of H.O.P.E.	10.00	10.00	Welcome		
Pass It On			Spiritually Willing		Welcome Home			
Patchin			Springville		West Seneca Sat. Nite			
Peaceful			Springville-no smoki	30.00	30.00	Westfield		
Pendleton-Chapter V			St. Barnabus		Westminster			
Perry			St. Mark's		WHY			
Positively Living			St. Thomas Group		Williamsville			
Positively Living II	41.00	41.00	Step	30.00	30.00	Willing To Grow	10.00	10.00
Primary Purpose			Stepping Stones		Wilson			
Progress			Suburban		Women's Westside Disc.			
Purpose			Sunday Morning Bkfl.		Working			
R.I.P.			Sunday Niters	20.00	40.00	You'll Never Walk Alone		
Rainbow	50.00	50.00	Sunday Third		Young, Sober & Free			
Ray of Hope		50.00	Sunrise Court		100.00	Youngstown		
Remember When			SUNY-Amherst Campus		60.00			
Renaissance I			Survivors					
Renaissance II			Swinging Door					
Renewal			T'n'T		38 Groups Contributed	2752.50		
Restored to Sanity			TGIF		Last month contributions	3262.25		
Rush Hall	25.00	50.00	Thankful		45.00	Accumulated total	6014.75	
Rush Hour			The Road To Recovery					
Rush Manor			The Way					
S.S. Sobriety			Thru-way	1000.00	1000.00	February 1991		



38 Groups Contributed		2752.50
Joint Meeting (expenses \$10.25)		27.60
New Frontiers Subscription		90.00
Envelope System		422.00
Literature		3880.19
Miscellaneous: #4 District Mini-Convention		50.00
	Total receipts	7222.29
DISBURSEMENTS		
	#10 Ellicott Square Court Corp.	542.00
	Community Mental Health Ctr	35.00
	NY State Tax Dept.	0.60
	Mary Ellen Stachura	60.03
	Helen J. Brady	120.74
	Delphine A. Hoy	314.05
	Happy Spring Water-mtly	28.35
	The Buffalo News-mtly	279.60
	Mary Ellen Stachura	60.03
	Helen J. Brady	120.74
	Delphine A. Hoy	314.05
	AA World Svc., Inc.	6.70
	Delphine A. Hoy-re-embursement for supplies	47.74
	AA World Svc., Inc.-literature	2630.00
	Mary Ellen Stachura	60.03
	Helen J. Brady	120.74
	Delphine A. Hoy	314.05
	M&T Bank-Federal Withholding Tax	515.20
	U.S. Postmaster	500.00
	BJ's Wholesale Club	37.80
	AA World Svc., Inc.-literature	1412.20
	Metrocomm-Answering Svc	141.85
	Mary Ellen Stachura	60.03
	Helen J. Brady	120.74
	Delphine A. Hoy	314.05
	Roger Pratt-Envelope System	5.44
	New York Telephone-mtly	135.84
	Petty Cash	50.00
	Bank Charges	15.16
	Total Disbursements	8362.78
Balance Pr Checkbook 1/25/91	15720.77	
Add Receipts 1/25/91 -2/25/91	7222.29	22943.06
Deduct Expenses 1/25/91 -2/25/91		8362.78
Balance per checkbook 2/25/91		14580.28
Operating debit for 2/25/91	(1140.49)	
	M&T Savings Accounts	20506.03
	M&T Checking Accounts	14580.28
	Total Monetary Assets	35086.31
	Projected Prudent Reserve-1yr	-36000.00
	Reserve credit	(913.69)

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of Central Committee, and the Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by Greg and seconded by Don M. to dispense with readings of the minutes from the last meeting.

53 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED:

DISTRICT #1 Bidwell - Bidwell Monday Nite - Delaware Disc - Early Start - Giving - Happy Hour - High Noon - Live&Let Live - New Zion - Open Mind - Rush Hall - Second Chance - Sunday Niters - Sunrise Court - Womans Westside - Westminster

DISTRICT #2 Brass - Kenmore - Living Sober - Why

DISTRICT #3 Casting - Inner City - Iron Horse - Lovejoy - Pass It On - Perry Disc -

Rainbow - Security - Seneca 12&12 - So. Buffalo - Southgate - Tues Womens Disc- Urban

DISTRICT #4 Action - Keep It Simple, Sister - Lake Shore - Life Today - Orchard Pk Step

DISTRICT #5

DISTRICT #6 North Java

DISTRICT #7 Achievement - Amherst Snyder - Cold Springs - Feelings - Harmony -

Honesty - Kensington Disc. - North Buffalo - Sheridan - United Brotherhood

DISTRICT #8 Attitude Adjustment - Common Problem - New Life

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Roger P.

	1989	1990		
DECEMBER	\$ 512.00	\$ 317.00	\$ 195.00 (38.1%)	Decrease
YEAR TO DATE	\$7,975.00	\$6,563.87	\$1,411.13 (16.3%)	Decrease

STEERING COMMITTEE - JANUARY 2, 1991

The meeting opened at 6:05PM, Present were John B. for Scott T., Bill M., Jerome D., Larry B., and Delphine H.

Once more we discussed the few in attendance and the inexperience of the members who were present, consequently the meeting was informal.

The amendment to the office procedures pertaining to the Fall Convention Co-chairman is being complied.

In March, District 4 - will sponsor a Mini-convention.

There will be a meeting of the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, Wednesday, January 9th at 7PM in the Ellicott Square Bldg.

It was noted that any person chosen to be the treasurer of a committee should be someone who does not have a problem cashing a check.

The idea of having a group of people put on a presentation, by request, about service in our sobriety, at speakers meetings, was briefly discussed. It was decided that we would make the Steering Committee meetings "working" meetings where we will work on projects as to formulating such presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Larry B.

(See Attached)

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Don H.

1. TFC met 12/13/90. Bernie A. and Audrey attended meeting to ask why no Christmas party was held at ECMC, as in past years. There were 15 members of the committee in attendance. After discussion, group conscience felt it is the primary purpose of the committee to carry the message of recovery and that the committee should not be funding a Christmas party at a Treatment Facility. Those interested in running the party at ECMC were encouraged to approach Central Committee about it.

2. Outside support sought for a 7:30 Saturday night speaker meeting at Alden's Rush Manor.

3. Committee approved AA members passing out literature at Alden's Rush Manor and Renaissance House.

4. There was a Discussion on how to better help Treatment Facility clients coming to

committee members compile two lists: one for the clients on how to get the most out of AA meetings and the other on what AA members can do to make the clients feel more at ease and welcome at meetings.

5. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 17, 1991 at 7:00 PM at the Central Office. we want to thank all the groups for their generosity to the TFC fund.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H.

Meetings are running smoothly. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact the office.

SCREENERS REPORT: Norma F.

2 changes - Mabel H. has requested to be temporarily taken off the Screeners list. John B. is now on the 12 Step list.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H.

A. A. INFORMATION	632		
PIC	2	12 STEP	20
CPC		LITERATURE REQUESTS	48
AL-ANON	13	REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES	34
AL-ATEEN	8	REFERRAL FROM OTHER AGENCIES	3
ACOA	12	CENTRAL OFFICE	
McLEAN'S SERVICE GROUP		OUTGOING CALLS	107
INCOMING CALLS	424	OUTGOING MAIL	\$193.40
OUTGOING CALLS	47	VISITORS	244

Note that we have more Open meetings than closed.

329 meetings    149 closed    180 open

NEW FRONTIERS: Larry B.

Notice is taken of article this month by an old time member as history, and how some of the same problems still occur. They are age-old problems. We also are still open to any articles anyone would care to submit. Thanks for all that has been submitted.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Margaret A.

The first committee meeting will be held Saturday, January 26, 1991 at the Hyatt Regency, Main & Genesee, downtown Buffalo at 4:00 PM. Most of the committee heads have been chosen. The convention will be held at the Buffalo Convention Center. The guests will stay at the Hyatt Regency. By then a covered walkway will be built.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL: Margaret A.

The Vigil at Holy Angeles, Buffalo was a huge success. An excess of \$40.00 was returned to the Office.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY: Delphine H.

The anniversary will be held on Friday, April 12, 1991 at the Sheraton. The next Committee meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 1990 at the office at 7:00 PM.

COURTESY REPORTS

G.S.A. - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY Elvester McR.

Day of Sharing will be January 19 & 20th at the Park Inn International, Olean, NY. Guest Speaker, Panels, Workshops, Buffet style dinner on Sunday 1/20/91. Registration begins at 8:00 AM Sunday 1/20/91. The program begins an hour later.

P.I.C. - PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Marcia W.

December had two cancellations until the new year- West Seneca High School and Tonawanda High School.

C.P.C. - COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Bernie A.

Informed General Service in New York City of last month's letter. Received very well.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roger P. stated that the Central Office ended the 1990 fiscal year with an accumulated operating debit of \$7,092.76.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Elizabeth G. questioned why the Christmas Party at ECMC was not held. Don H. responded the committee suggested they come to Central Committee. There was a brief discussion. Larry E. questioned only TFC going to the Renaissance meeting. Don H. explained restrictions. Mel made comments regarding restrictions. A lengthy discussion followed.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Bernie A. asked how many dinners could be served at the Convention Center. Larry E. replied 1500.

OLD BUSINESS: Gary E. questioned the amount of the prudent reserve. Larry E., Roger P. and Helen B. gave explanations.

NEW BUSINESS: General Service Convention - Ralph P. Theme is SOBRIETY IN ACTION Will be held on April 5,6,7, 1991 at the Best Western Red Jacket Inn, 7001 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY. Cindy C. asked if there was a schedule update. Delphine H. told her yes, an up to date sheet is provided with each schedule.

It was moved by Bernie A. and seconded by Elizabeth G. that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by

Lue Johnson, Cold Springs, Recording Secretary

CHRISTMAS VIGILS - CENTRAL COMMITTEE	LOVEJOY	REMEMB. WHEN
ACCEPTANCE	22.00	
ACHIEVEMENT	25.00	
AMHERST SNYDER	50.00	
CENTRAL PARK	25.00	
CHEVY#1	15.00	
CLARENCE MEN'S	25.00	
CORNPLANTERS AGAIN	40.00	
DELAWARE	40.00	
DOWNTOWN MEN'S	10.00	10.00
ELLICOTT	50.00	
ETERNAL VIGILANCE	50.00	50.00
FAITH & ACTION	30.00	
GIVING	25.00	
HAND	50.00	50.00
LET GO & LET GOD	20.00	
LIVE & LET LIVE	25.00	
LIVING SOBER	25.00	
LIVING SOBER	25.00	
MATT TALBOT	50.00	
NORTH BUFFALO	30.00	
PERRY	15.00	
RAINBOW	25.00	
SOUTH BUFFALO	20.00	
SUNDAY NITERS	50.00	
SUNRISE COURT	25.00	
THANKFUL	20.00	
THRUWAY	25.00	25.00
UNITY	20.00	
URBAN	10.00	
WE CARE	50.00	
WHY	25.00	25.00
	937	150.00
		10.00

FINAL STATEMENT - 1990 BUFFALO AA 49th FALL CONVENTION  
(November 2 - 4, 1990)

INCOME:

Contributions for hospitality (see attached sheet)	\$ 3,075.00
Literature Sales	1,370.00
Registrations & banquets	<u>23,194.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$27,639.00

EXPENSES:

Banquets (725 people served and paid for)	\$11,353.50
Hospitality room expenses	1,381.00
Music	550.00
Speaker travel expenses	767.00
Speaker Hotel expenses	665.12
Printing	1,417.61
Gifts for speakers and committee	725.00
Literature purchases	1,394.50
Bank charges	42.50
Convention committee expenses	1,192.08
Misc. hotel charges	168.00
Post office box rental	55.15
Postage	30.40
Misc.	<u>127.02</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$19,868.88
<u>NET SURPLUS</u>	\$ 7,770.12

Prepared by: Sanford C. Kulick, Financial Chairman - 1990 Buffalo AA 49th  
Annual Fall Convention

January 11, 1991

Treatment Center Account - Financial Statement 602-089-5 Dec. 25, 1990 - Jan. 25, 1991

	This month	Accum Totals	
Abbott Men's Disc.	20.00		
Amherst Snyder	10.00		
Chapter IX	15.00		
East Aurora	10.00		
Eternal Vigilance	25.00		
Hill Billy	30.00		
North Buffalo	10.00		
Sunrise Court	50.00		
University Men's	25.00		
Anonymous	40.00		
Total receipts	235.00		
		Check#	Am't
Expenses	Central Office-Rush Hall-bks	149	52.50
	Central Office-TFC-stamps	150	5.25
	Central Office-ECMC-bks	151	120.00
	Void	152	
	Central Office-TFC-bks	153	53.70
	Central Office-ECMC-bks	154	33.00
	Total expenses		264.45
RE-CAP			
Balance Pr Checkbook 12/25/90		945.05	
Add Receipt 12/25/90 - 1/25/91		235.00	1180.05
Deduct Expenses 12/25/90-1/25/91			-264.45
Balance Pr Checkbook 1/25/91			915.60
Operating debit 1/25/91		(29.45)	

Correctional Facilities Financial Statement-#484-185-4 Dec. 25, 1990 - Jan. 25, 1991

	This Month		Accum. Totals
Achievement	25.00		
Amherst Snyder	15.00		
Chapter IX	15.00		
Eternal Vigilance	25.00		
Hill Billy	30.00		
Honesty	10.00		
North Buffalo	10.00		
Sheridan	10.00		
Sunday Niters	15.00		
Sunrise Court	50.00		
Total receipts	205.00		
		Check #	Amount
Expenses	Central Office-bks-Wende	435	56.28
	Central Office-bks-Wyoming	1001	8.00
	Total expenses		64.28
RE-CAP			
Balance Pr Checkbook 12/25/90	445.52		
Add Receipts 12/25/90 - 1/25/91	205.00		650.52
Deduct Expenses 12/25/90 - 1/25/91			-64.28
Balance Pr Checkbook 12/25/90			586.24
Operating credit 1/25/91	140.72		

1st Things 1st		Cheektowaga		Golden Slipper	
6th Step		Chevy #1		Good Life	
A Day At A Time	72.00	Clarence Men Disc II		Grand	
A Helping Hand	50.00	Clarence Men Disc		Grand II Joy Of Living	
Abbott Mens at VA		Cold Springs	25.00	Grateful	
Abbott Mens Disc	30.00	Common Hour		H.A.N.D.	
Acceptance	70.00	Common Problem		Half & Half	
Achievement	240.00	Community Cent	50.00	Hamburg	
Action		Cornplanters Again		Handicappers	
Active Achievement		Courage	120.00	Happy Hour	20.00
Age Doesn't Matter		Delaware Disc		Harmony	5.00
Albion		Derby	30.00	High Noon	
Alexander		Desire		High View	
All Women		DeVeaux Disc		Hill Billy	180.00
Amherst Tree of	120.00	Downtown Disc		Honesty	30.00
Amherst Snyder	50.00	Downtown Men's		Humbly Willing	
Amsdell Lakeshore		Dunkirk		Ignatia	
Any Age		Early Beginnings		Inner City	20.00
Arcade		Early Bird		Inspiration	25.00
As Bill Sees It		Early Start		Iron Horse	
Attitude Adjustment		Easier Softer Way		It	10.00
Attraction	180.00	Easy Does It		It's About Time	
Awakening		East Amherst	40.00	Just for Today	
Back To Reality		East Aurora	40.00	1st Step	
Beginner's Table		Eden-North Collins		Keep It Simple	40.00
Beginning in Sobriety I		Ellicott		Keep on Comin'	
Beginning in Sobriety II		Ellicottville		Kenmore	
Beginnings		Emergency		Kensington	
Bidwell	30.00	Eternal Vigilance	100.00	Ladies Night	
Bidwell Monday Disc		Everybody's		Lakeshore	
Big Book		Eye Opener	300.00	Lakeview	
Big Book Study		Faith and Actions		Lazy Bee Ranch	
Blasdell		Father Baker		Let Go & Let G	25.00
Blasdell Monday N	100.00	Feelings		Lewport	
Blissfully Sober		Fireside		Liberty Women's	
Boulevard Women	30.00	Fireside P.M.		Life Today	
Brass		Ford		Lighten Up	
Broadway-Bailey		Fredonia Bkft. Meeting		Live and Let Li	34.00
Brocton Discussion		Fredonia Discussion		Living Sober	35.00
By the Book		Freedom	25.00	Lock City	50.00
Came To Believe	11.25	Fresh Start		Lockport #1	
Campus - Buff State		Friday Nite Discussion		Lockport Disc	
Casting		Friendly		Lockport Ladies	
Cathedral Park		Friendship Fireside		Lockview	
Caz Manor		Frontier	25.00	Lovejoy	
Cazenovia		Gah Nee Goin Geh		Lower River	40.00
Central Park		Gardenville		Marilla	