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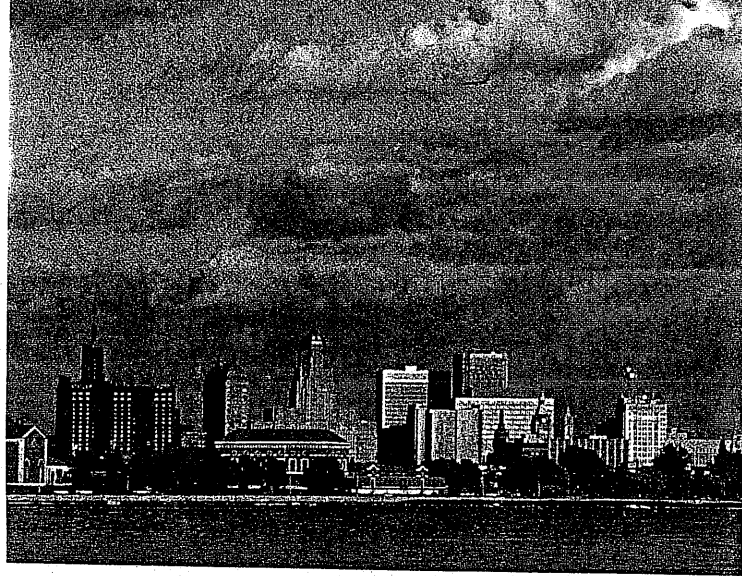
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Choice?

I wish to address the most frustrating subject I have come to know since joining and recovering in AA. In recent years I became extremely upset, at meetings or elsewhere, when I hear individuals identifying themselves as alcoholics, state that now they are sober "they have a choice whether or not they drink." When I first began to recover I was quite confused by this. People who had been sober for years proclaimed that they "chose not to drink today." Ever since the first printing of the Big Book back in 1939, it was written "we are people who have lost the power of choice in drink." (Alcoholics Anonymous, p.24)

Having rededicated myself to the relentless study of our text, and joining other members of AA on the "broad highway into the realm of the spirit," I have come to know several concepts to be true and undebatable. What separates alcoholics from nonalcoholics is the loss of choice in drinking. For anyone to say that they chose not to drink today, they are in essence stating that they have the power over alcohol to select "not to drink." This selection would be an exertion of the will, which ultimately is a contradiction to the first step. Seen in this light, there is nothing more erroneous than to state "we have a choice."

Bill W. tells us that if we are indeed a true alcoholic "we have passed into a region from which there is no human aid." (AA, p.25) Consequently, the power of choice is human aid. This position raises an important question, if we, as alcoholics, lack the ability to choose whether or not we drink, how are we to remain sober? Bill W. continues, that the solution to our "lack of power" is "to accept spiritual help." (AA, p.25) Spiritual help refers to the steps, which



after taking one through ten, we reach a point where "we have ceased fighting anyone, even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned. We will seldom be interested in liquor, and if tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame. That is the miracle of it, we feel as though we have been placed in a position of neutrality, safe and protected. The problem has been removed, it does not exist. That is our experience. That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition." (AA, pp. 84-85)

Bill W. illustrates through the taking of the steps, we are able to live well and productively without having to drink. That is the absolute beauty of the twelve steps. For if anytime an alcoholic ingests alcohol after a period of abstinence is because they began to "rest on their spiritual laurels." (AA, p.85)

I feel obligated to AA, in particular to the Abbott Road Men's Discussion, for putting me on the broad highway. I have passed through the arch of steps one through nine a free man, free from the power of alcohol. Having entered the Realm of the Spirit, having been restored to sanity, God and AA have allowed me to recover. Through these touchstones I have the spiritual conviction necessary to continue my release from alcohol, a release I know can be permanent. This release comes from the self illustration of my prior hopelessness, and my salvation of reprieve comes through the Grace of God. This Grace flows in, through, and about me from the action I continue to take on the precise, clear, unedited direction in our text.

Thank you,
Jason M.
Abbott Men's Disc.



Christmas Vision

Vision of Hope would like to take the opportunity to thank all groups for their participation in the Christmas Vision. The Christmas Vision was truly a success, with the help of all of you. The Christmas Vision became the greatest reality yet.

Keep the Vision Alive
From: The Christmas
Vision Committee



Dear New Frontiers,

It was such a pleasure to read January's issue. The front page just delighted me when reference was made to very special members who have gone on to the great meeting in the sky.

Many times while sitting at a table I will hear old timers mention names like Eddie O., the Milk Man or numerous others who made an impact in their sobriety. It's a joy to remember those who helped us so much. They not only talked the talk, but they taught us how to walk the walk. They deserve to be recognized and remembered.

I made a decision to cancel my subscription to the "New Frontiers" because it was so cut, edited, and had become so political. But now I see it has been given back to the people, and once again, has the personality of the many. The letter from Robin in Cell #16 really touched my heart also.

So, once again, keep up the good work. Keep the "New Frontiers" a paper of the people, by the people. Soon you will once again hear members of AA asking, "Did you see this month's issue of 'New Frontiers'?" Instead of "I don't bother to read that garbage anymore."

I'm looking forward to February's issue.

Lucille K.,
Acceptance Group

The Joy of Reaching Out

When it was suggested to me by a fellow member that I take over the weekly AA meeting in the rehab that I had previously attended, I could never have foreseen the great feeling of joy I was to receive by reaching out to other sick and suffering alcoholics.

Every week, I see new faces that tell me it's not getting any better out there. I'm but a trusted servant on the Treatment Facilities Committee of AA, and I have been given a chance to give back some of t.what I received in the program. By chairing this meeting once a week and providing a speaker, I find that I am actually doing the footwork I need to do to stay sober, and enjoying every minute of it.

I also find it very rewarding for me to see some of these people continue to attend meetings after they complete their rehab commitment. To me, taking the time to do this job to the best of my ability is truly a labor of love.

Joe M.
TFC-12 Step

General Service Representative



**1994 General Service Conference Theme:
"Spirit Of Sacrifice"**

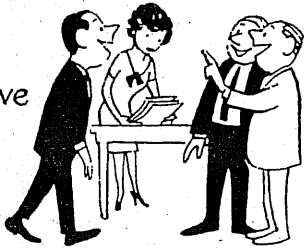
It's new, it's exciting, please attend. The NERAASA '94 Committee has worked hard to put together a most enjoyable information packed weekend from Feb. 25-27th.

GSA of Western NY, Area #50 is one of 18 area assemblies in the Northeast Region. Each area has its own GSA, and the officers from these assemblies will be present to share at NERAASA '94. GSA Delegate, GSA Alternate Delegate, GSA Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, CPC, PIC, Treatment and Correctional Facilities Chairs, Grapevine, DCMs, and GSRs, Archivist and Literature Chairs, the Central Office and Intergroup Managers are also included in the program. We also expect to have in attendance personnel that AAs seldom get a chance to meet, Class A and Class B Trustees, and the manager of GSO World Services.

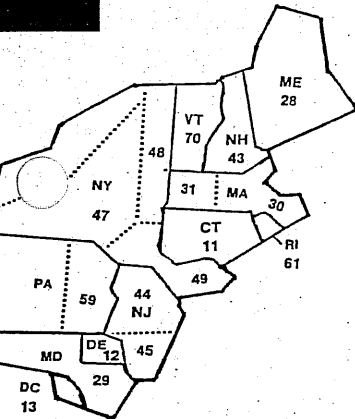
All of the afore mentioned are included in the weekend's program. There is so much to learn about service in AA, it's not possible to go into it here. Please attend and find out for yourself. Don't be left out.

With Love of Service,
Elvester MCR.
Co-Chair, NERAASA '94

Intergroup Representative



Conference Delegate



February 25, 26, 27, 1994
Niagara Falls, New York

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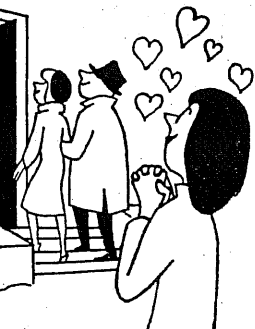
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Would you be interested in participating in a panel presentation or moderate/record a round table session? _____

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Thursday, February 24, 1994

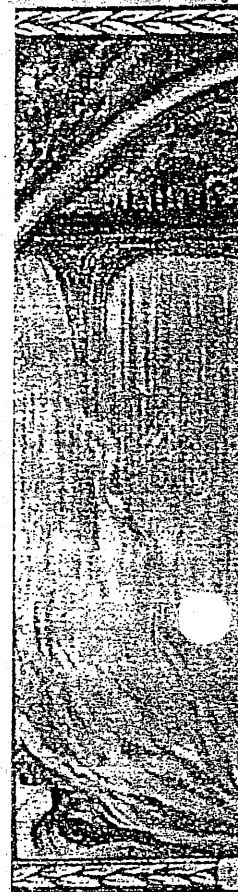
7:00-8:00PM Registration
8:00-10:00PM AA Meeting, Niagara Room

Friday, February 25, 1994

12:00 Noon Registration
2:00-2:15PM Opening Session, Joanne McC., Chair
2:15-3:30PM Panel I, "Bill W. & Dr. Bob's Last Messages"
A. Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survivals, the spiritual and practical. What did Bill mean?
B. Anonymity applies to all our living members as well as those deceased. Why?
C. Dr. Bob simmered our Twelve Steps down to "love and service." How do they work together?
3:45-5:15PM Panel II, "Finance: Is GSO funded entirely by contributions?"
A. What is the purpose of separating World Services Publishing from GSO?
B. Has GSO done a good job telling the AA groups what they are doing with their donations?
C. AA has enough money. Can we get it redirected towards service to the still suffering alcoholic world wide?
5:15-7:00PM Dinner Break (On your own)
7:00-8:15PM Panel III, "Trustees and GSO Report"
A. Northeast Regional Trustee, Jake Ham
B. Nonalcoholic (Class A) Trustee, Gary A. Glynn
C. GSO Manager, George Dorsey
8:30-10:00PM Roundtables
10:00-11:00PM Ice Cream Social

Saturday, February 26, 1994

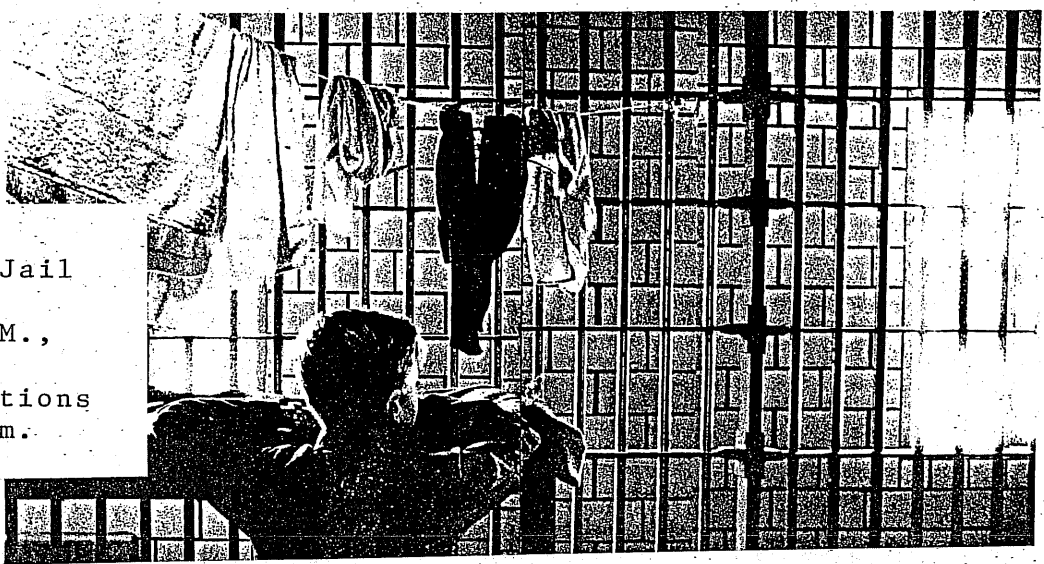
7:30AM Registration
8:00-9:15AM Panel IV, "Intergroup/GSA," Delphine H., (Mod.)
A. Has the separation between Intergroups and GSA hurt AA's unity?
B. Do Intergroups and GSA focus on Tradition Five?
C. Is there cooperation and not affiliation?
Presenter: Mark Langsam, DC Delegate
9:30-10:45AM Panel V, "What ever happened to the circle and triangle?"
A. Warranty Five states: "That no Conference action be personally punitive or incitement to public controversy." Explain.
B. Warranty Four states: "That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity." Explain.
C. Concept VI states: "On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally



Roundtables

Ambassador
Buffalo
Cataraugus

Those Who Like Jail
 Profile: Frank M.,
 Chair of Corrections
 for Central Com.



Frank M. is seven years sober, and a member of Iron Horse. Becoming Chairman of Corrections for Central Committee happened more or less by default. Nobody opposed Frank for the job. Not too many people are willing to go to the prisons and jails. Frank attributes this misconception to stereotypes people in the fellowship have of those incarcerated. Frank assured me I would not be in grave danger going to one of these meetings. No one need fear anything in the lock-ups. If anything, prison meetings are far safer than outside meetings. A guard is present in case of any trouble, but more than that it's not what you would expect. Outside AAers are treated with far more courtesy, politeness, and attentiveness than in some regular AA meetings. And meetings in prisons are far safer too. Someone could take a bomb or weapon into an outside AA meeting, where that's unthinkable in jail.

In explaining why he choose to get involved in this form of service Frank reviewed part of his bottom for me. In the mirror Frank was able to see where his drinking would lead him, straight to prison, an institution, or the graveyard. Frank's alcoholism at the end was no joy ride. But Frank added that he has never been in prison on the long term. Maybe a few night in jail, but that was enough.

People have a lot to learn from those in prison. Many of the inmates have been successfully sober for years behind the walls. So this kind of service work is not some kind of crusade for outside AAers to save the poor jailbird, but an opportunity to take the cotton out of your ears and put it in your mouth.

I decided to take Frank up on this. I admit, Wende Work Release is an AA prison meeting with training wheels compared to the big house, Attica Max. But I loved it. Prison work is the hippest tour of AA service going. Those at Wende were very appreciative of the little I had to share with them. I felt very comfortable. They helped me much more than I helped them that night. I can't wait to go again.

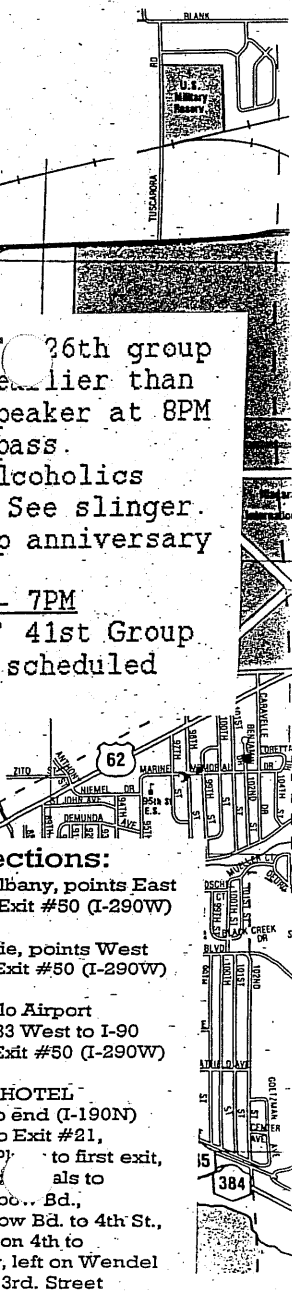
Frank says that if each group in WNY would take a prison for a month, and commit to that meeting, AA prison meetings would be standing room only.

But, unfortunately, this is not the case. The few that hold down the position of prison sponsors have been doing it for years. They are seriously overworked. There aren't enough volunteers to keep the area meetings going. Some who have been doing it for a long time have had to drop out.

Frank M., Sonny J., (Corrections Chair for GSA), and Larry S., (Co-chair of Corrections), express concern for the future of prison meetings in WNY. But they are far from quitting. They are the most responsible bunch of service workers in AA.

The first Sunday of every month, before the Central Committee Meeting at 80 Goodrich, you can spot Frank, Sonny, Larry, and those running Women's Corrections, Joyce, Lucy LaS., Barbara C., at 5:30 PM. They're ready for your support. Won't you consider getting involved in the hottest service gig in town?

(Next month's issue of "New Frontiers" will give you the low-down on how you can be part of the fastest track of service in AA.)



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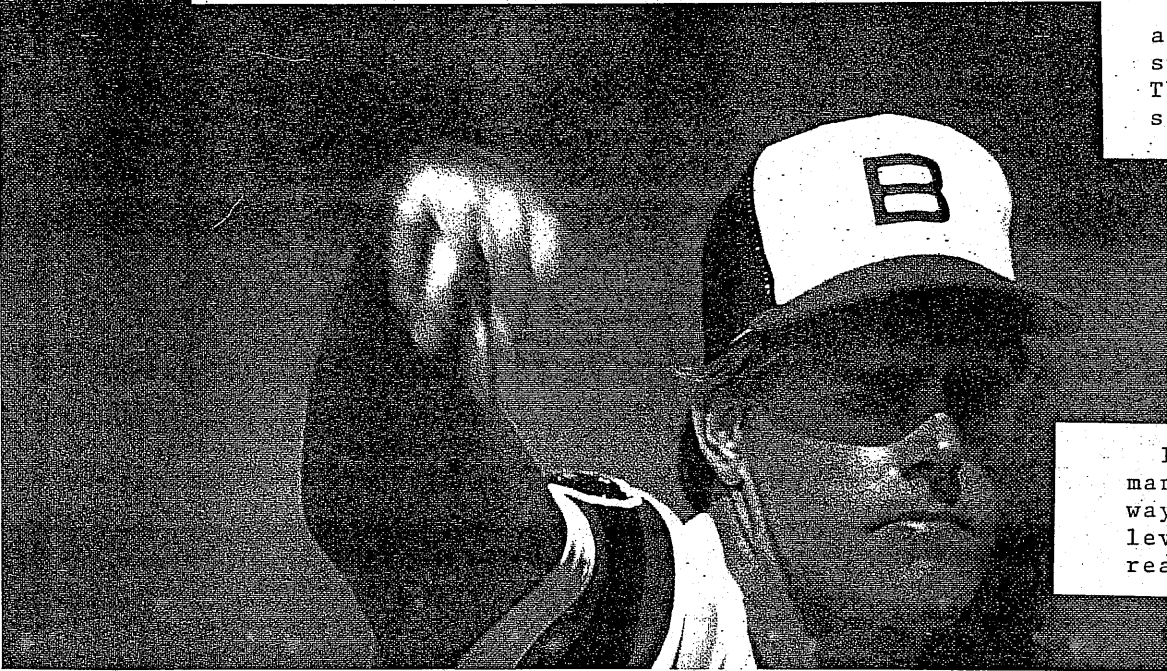
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A Whole New Ballgame

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I used to play a lot of baseball when I was younger. Not too well I have to admit. But still I like to spectate. When I watch a certain team on TV, I shudder. To my shame, I didn't want to look. I was in the habit of turning it off. What a stupid bigot!

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So I have decided, for the moment, to keep attending my training sessions. Lookout, Bald Eagle, here I come again with my track suit and running shoes. Perhaps I'll be fit enough, and good enough to play for the big team some day. When that day comes, maybe even tomorrow, the manager will call on me and say, "Big T, it's time to get off the bench, and into the park."

I only hope I'm ready to fill my allotted place on the team. Then, I'm working and living the twelve steps and what's in the Big Book. The answers are there.

Tom M.
Chapter Nine.

Editor's Note: I realize Tom is talking in lieu of the crushing defeat the Buffalo Bills suffered at the hands of the Cowboys, let's not let that defeat affect our mentality. Buffalo did make it to the playoffs for a row. A lot of us have to try the free will before it takes hold.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Don't give up, back!

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NOTICE:

TFC - TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE will meet every Third Saurday of the month at the Woodside Methodist Ch., 675 Abbott Rd at 10 AM.

WESTMINSTER - MONDAY - 8:00 - Westminster Ch, Delaware Av is updating its' membership. Please see secretary.

REMEMBER WHEN - SATURDAY - 291 Elm - is updating its' membership. See Jeannette S or Joyce B.

SUNRISE COURT - SUNDAY - 10AM - City Court Bldg - is updating its' membership. See Jeanette S or Marie T.

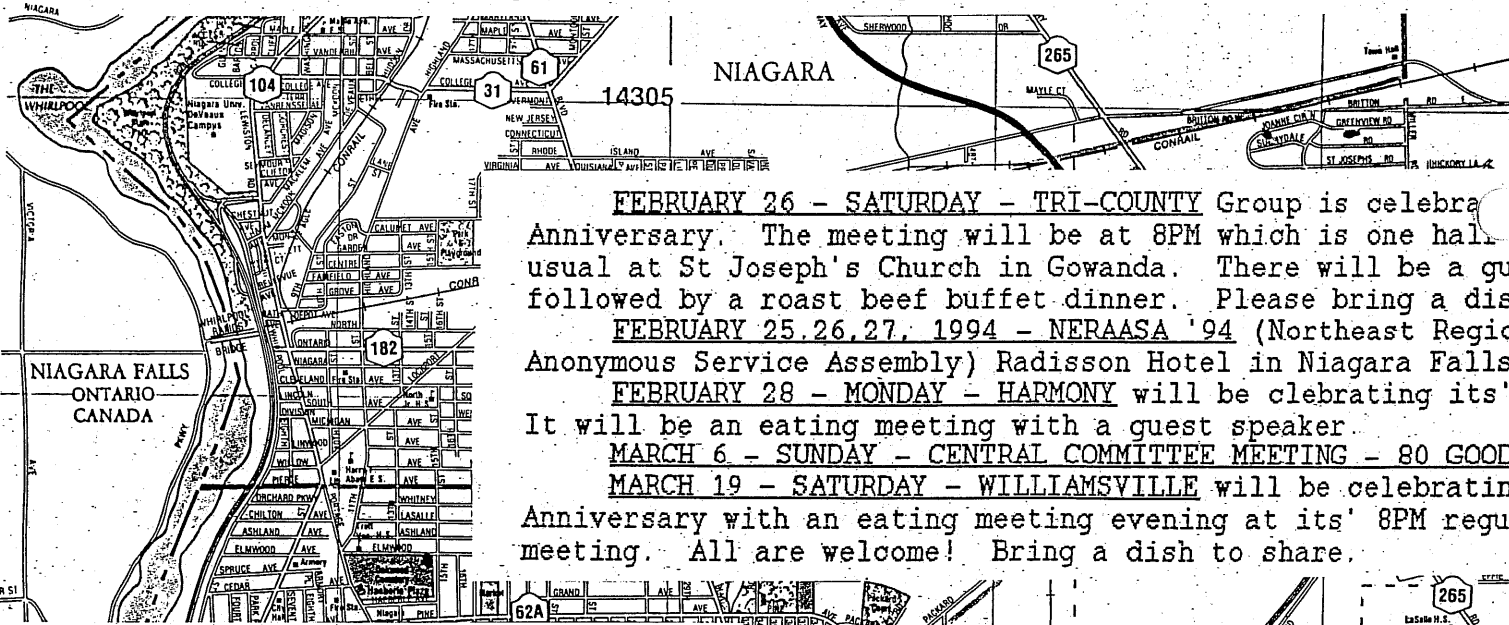
A WOMENS' GROUP is starting at the Erie County Correctional Facility at 11581 Walden Av in Alden. 8-9:30PM on Wednesdays. If you are interested or want more information call Donna E/Courage Grp, 685-6214 or Dick S/Cheektowaga Grp, 675-5571

COMING EVENT

FEBRUARY 5 - SATURDAY - ANY AGE GROUP is sponsoring the 8th ANNUAL BLIZZARD BALL at St Andrew's Church, Elmwood and Sheridan, Town of Tonawanda. Doors open at 7PM, speaker-8PM, music-9PM - 1AM. Pizza, snacks, coffee and soft drinks. Tickets \$5 per person.

FEBRUARY 6 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7PM

FEBRUARY 12 - SATURDAY - 8:00PM - VISION OF HOPE - is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dance at 1444 Broadway. Buffet will be served. \$5 per person.



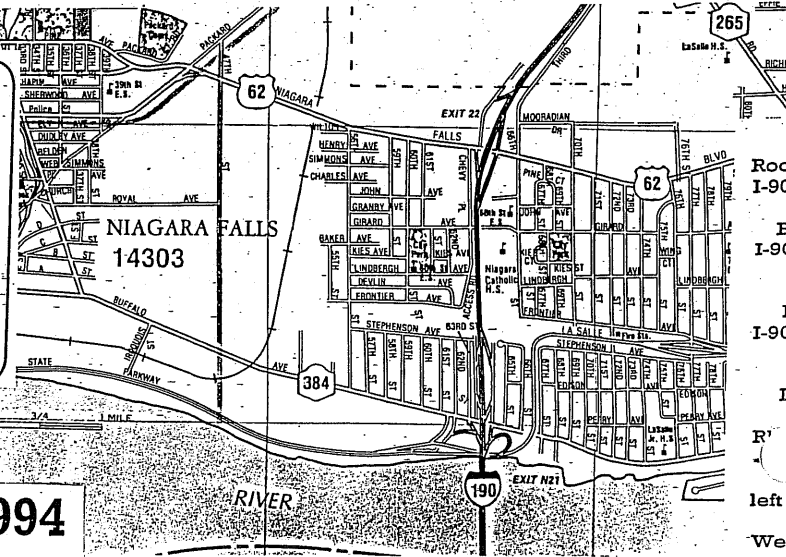
FEBRUARY 26 - SATURDAY - TRI-COUNTY Group is celebrating its' Anniversary. The meeting will be at 8PM which is one half hour usual at St Joseph's Church in Gowanda. There will be a gathering followed by a roast beef buffet dinner. Please bring a dish to share.
FEBRUARY 25, 26, 27, 1994 - NERAASA '94 (Northeast Regional Anonymous Service Assembly) Radisson Hotel in Niagara Falls
FEBRUARY 28 - MONDAY - HARMONY will be celebrating its' Anniversary. It will be an eating meeting with a guest speaker.
MARCH 6 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH
MARCH 19 - SATURDAY - WILLIAMSVILLE will be celebrating its' Anniversary with an eating meeting evening at its' 8PM regular meeting. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share.

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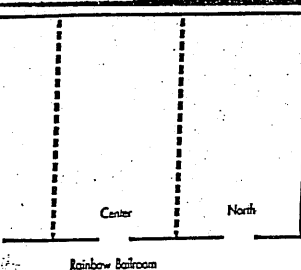
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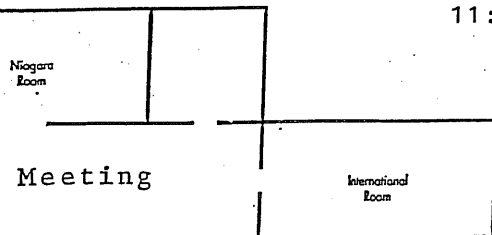
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Main Mtgs. & Roundtables



11:00AM-12:15PM

has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. The Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members as the General Service Board of AA." The single most important ingredient in Concept VI is trust. Did trust apply to the decision? Panel VI, "Twelve Step Work"

A. Is our message, as to why we do 12 Step Work, clear within our Fellowship? Do older members take time with new members so they understand the great rewards from this type of service to the still suffering alcoholic?

B. AA is enjoying worldwide success. Are we in danger of straying from our primary purpose of helping the still suffering alcoholic? Do we all understand that we lose many more than we will help recover? Are we in danger of losing sight of the seriousness of alcoholism? Have we lost our passion to help the still suffering alcoholic?

C. Do we encourage our members to add treatment facilities, prison meetings, Intergroup and GSA meetings to their service work?

Lunch

Panel VII, "Points raised by Bill W. when formulating the traditions."

A. Is there a growing tendency for groups to be more concerned about themselves and less concerned about AA as a whole? Discussion of Traditions One and Four.

B. AA leaders are not authorities in the usual sense of the word, but are servants of the group conscience. Their tenure will be brief, as in the evolutionary nature of AA, that they are to be replaced by those coming behind them. What did Bill W. mean by this statement?

C. Are there people we don't want in our groups today? Are we facing the same kind of problems with some of our new and old members like they did in the early days of our Fellowship?

Business Meeting

Roundtables

Dinner

AA Meeting

Ice Cream Social

12:15-1:30PM

1:30-2:45PM

3:00-4:00PM

4:15-5:30PM

7:30PM

9:00-10:15PM

10:30-11:30PM

Sunday, February 27, 1994

9:00-10:15AM

10:30-11:30AM

11:30AM-12:00PM

Roundtable Reports

"Ask it Basket," (Share what's on your mind)

Closing.

Introduction of 1995 Chair Cena Robbins

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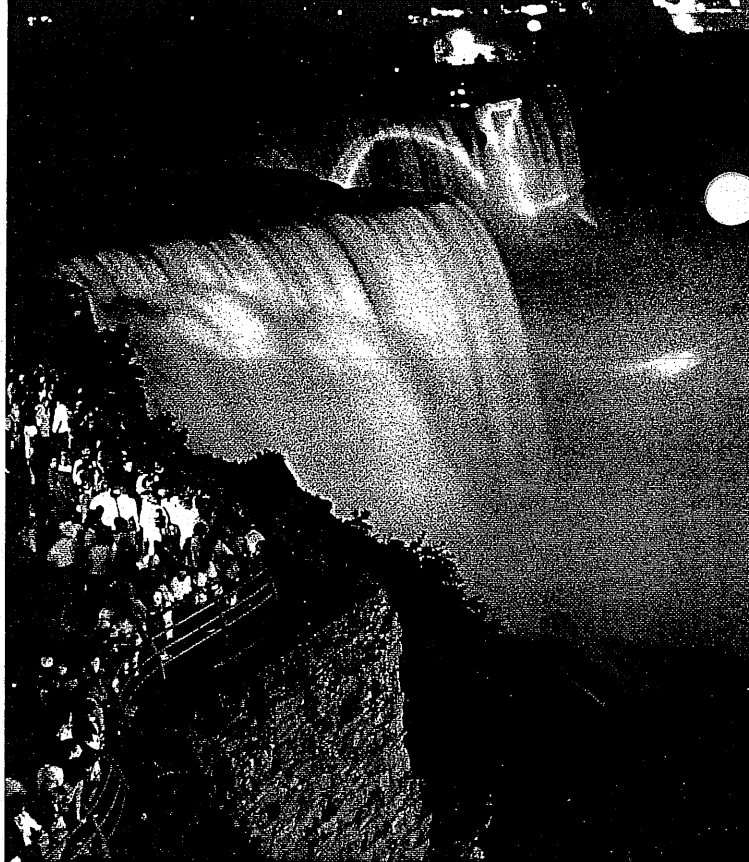
Generally speaking, we are very pleased with the response we have received for NERAASA '94 from the out-of-towners. Over 100 persons have already registered from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

We would like to see many more "local" persons registered. Not only because this can be the greatest weekend you will ever spend in this fellowship, but because we have in Western New York a terrific bunch of AA members. The friendship, sharing, and overall togetherness you can receive when you attend this assembly is unsurpassed in anything I personally have ever experienced. Register now. Blank applications can be obtained from your GSR, or by writing NERAASA '94, PO Box 33, Amherst, NY 14226-0033. Better yet, call Joanne McC. at 688-2760, or your's truly at 297-4403. We'll be glad to assist in any way we can.

We plan to have a Hospitality Room that will reflect the warm reception Western New York will want to give the rest of the northeast. In order to do so, we need donations from as many groups as possible. Even if your group can only afford \$10, (we'll gladly accept more if you wish). it all helps. We plan to put a list up of all the groups who have donated, (without the amounts). It's many times easier for a large group to donate \$50, than for a samll group to donate \$10. However, it's the spiritit that counts. Please go back to your groups, and send it to the same address as the registrations.

Also, if you plan to attend and wish to help us on any of the committees, hospitality, greeters, literature table, registration, etc., let us know. We'd love to have you. See you at the Radisson.

Yours in sobriety,
Lucy LaS.,
Registration Chair



NERAASA '94

"SHARING THE VISION"

As Chair of the 3rd Annual NERAASA may I extend an invitation to all AAs in Western New York to attend on Feb. 25-7, at the Radisson in Niagara Falls. In this gathering of several hundred people from all over the Northeast, topics relevant to the annual Conference will be discussed.

Panels will cover Bill and Bob's last messages, the Traditions, Anonymity, finances, Intergroups, AA's outgoing logo, the circle and triangle, and 12 Step Work. Roundtable sessions will discuss all the various service positions.

The Northeast Trustee, General Service Office Manager, and a Class A, (Nonalcoholic) Trustee will participate in an exciting weekend. An excellent committee has worked for over an year and a half to bring this important conference to Western New York. Won't you join us?

Joanne McC.

PS: Help is needed for registration, greeters, panels, literature and hospitality.

Registration begins at 12 Noon; Panel 1 at 2:00 p.m.



The most important person at an AA meeting is the newcomer. The message imparted to these newcomers is a life or death communication. Their plea for help must be heard. They enter the doors of AA seemingly doomed. They cry out in physical, moral and psychological pain. The message we offer these suffering alcoholics must have depth, be powerful, yet not confusing.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, p.95, in "Working with Others," you will be most successful with alcoholics if you do not exhibit any passion for crusade or reform. Never talk down to an alcoholic from any spiritual hilltop. Simply lay out the kit of spiritual tools for his inspection. Show him how they worked for you. Offer him fellowship and friendship. Tell him that if he wants to get well you will do anything to help." Patience and tolerance are the key words we need to remember when dealing with newcomers. "Remember when."

Alcohol is different from other drugs in that it's legal. It's also advertised on TV. Yes, even glorified as a great way to relax. Few people recognize it as an addictive and powerful drug, because it's so deeply ensnared in our culture.

At my first meeting, the thought of giving up alcohol for life was unacceptable. But the AA concept of "one day at a time" had a bit of logic to it. The beginners table where I sat had many oldtimers. I heard people with 10, 15, 20 years. I was both elated and confused. Ten years, by my mathematics was 3,650 days. Impossible for me by my intermutual calculations. The accumulation of all their years of sobriety was inconsistent with my thinking. I reluctantly began to believe in the 24 hour concept and began recovering from my disease of alcoholism. Serenity seeped into my life, and I'm living sober on life's terms, today, one day at a time.

To the newcomer, allow AA to share the burdens of your disease and to offer you hope. Pray to your Higher Power, and listen to the oldtimers. They walked through the doors of AA as a newcomer, themselves.

God Bless,
John H.
Matt Talbot Group



I'm looking forward to my sixth birthday in the fellowship in Feb. I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you not only to my friends in my home group, but to all my friends in the fellowship nationwide. I know it has been the thoughts and prayers of all of you that has helped me through these difficult six years.

When I first came into the fellowship, I use to hear people say how happy they were with their sobriety. I just couldn't understand how you could be happy without alcohol in your life. Now I can truly say I know what they mean. It's so wonderful to wake up each morning feeling really good. I don't have to worry about what I did the night before in a black out, because now that I'm sober I can remember...

I know I'm still at the beginning of my recovery, but even so, life is a thousand times better than what it was. Life is worth living again.

Tom M.
Suburban Group

The meeting was opened by Bill M at 7PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of the Central Committee and the Twelve Traditions were read.

39 GROUPS & ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPRESENTED:

Abbott Men's, Action, Amherst Snyder, Casting, Cazenovia, Cold Springs, Delaware Disc, Early Bird, Early Bird Saturday, Ellicott, Eye Opener, Father Baker, H.A.N.D., Higher Powered, Inner City, Iron Horse, Kensington Disc, Let Go & Let God, Lovejoy, Matt Talbot, New Life, North Buffalo, Open Mind, Powerless, Purpose, Rainbow, Renaissance I, Rise & Shine, Searching for Serenity, Second Chance, Seneca 12 & 12, South Buffalo, Southgate, Sunday Morning Bkft, The Journey, Urban, Vision of Hope.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Jerry S for Burr E

	1993	1994	change	% change
Jan Receipts	\$1669.74	\$1536.00	(\$133.74)	-8.01
Year to Date	\$ 000.00	0.00	000.00	

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY 1, 1994 - TINA F

The meeting was opened at 6PM with the Serenity Prayer. District representatives present were Sonny J, Tina F, and Bill D. Also present were Larry S, Jerome D and Delphine H.

BUSINESS AT HAND

Recommendation for District #6 Steering Committee Rep was Dennis O of the Springville Group. The vote was unanimous in his favor - it will now go to the Central Committee.

Copies of the Operation Procedures of the Central Committee on the Niagara Frontier Area were presented along with an Office Manuel. Sonny motioned to accept them, seconded by Jerome. They will be brought up to date as needed.

Alex S will be working at the office two days a week with the salary as set at 1.50 above minimum wage. Hours will be increased as needed. Can and will start immediately. Mike B motioned to accept and Jerome seconded. It carried unanimously.

Re-districting meeting will be at 6PM on March 15 (option to change date) This will be a preliminary meeting.

Discussion of the possibility of a time change and or the location of Central Committee to entice more to attend. We will ask representatives to go back to their groups for a *Group Conscience* discussion on the matter next month.

New meeting schedules will be out in a few weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Jerome D - as attached

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Brian B - Thanked everyone for their support. Had nothing else to report.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Frank H.

- Mixed case of books given to Wyoming County Correctional.
- Mixed case of books given to Buffalo Correctional.
- Womens' meeting at Wende Erie County could use support. They meet on Wednesday night at 8PM. Contact Donna at 685-6214 or Sally M 695-8280.
- Part of being of service in this program of recovery is carrying the message to those in prisons or unable to get to an outside meeting. At your next business meeting ask if your group could help by carrying the message inside the walls. The prisoners need to hear how we live a sober life on the outside. Our struggles and hopes. Please help it's a very rewarding experience.
- Donations are needed for literature. Please earmark checks "correctional".
- We had three new faces at the Corrections meeting. We welcome them aboard and would like to see more faces but a spark has taken off so keep coming.

NOTICE:

TFC - TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE will meet every Third Saurday of the month at the Woodside Methodist Ch., 675 Abbott Rd at 10 AM.

WESTMINSTER - MONDAY - 8:00 - Westminster Ch, Delaware Av is updating its' membership. Please see secretary.

REMEMBER WHEN - SATURDAY - 291 Elm - is updating its' membership. See Jeannette S or Joyce B.

SUNRISE COURT - SUNDAY - 10AM - City Court Bldg - is updating its' membership. See Jeanette S or Marie T.

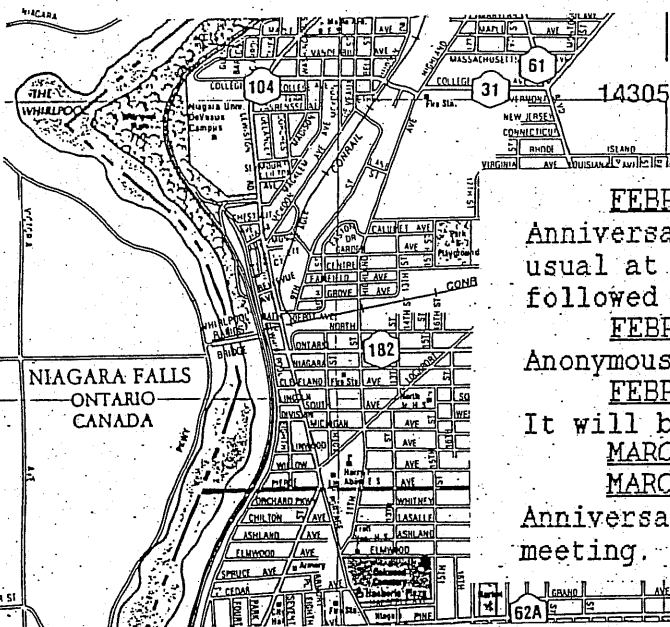
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FEBRUARY 12 - SATURDAY - 8:00PM - VISION OF HOPE - is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dance at 1444 Broadway. Buffet will be served. \$5 per person.



NIAGARA

FEBRUARY 26 - SATURDAY - TRI-COUNTY Group is celebrating its Anniversary. The meeting will be at 8PM which is one half hour usual at St Joseph's Church in Gowanda. There will be a good dinner followed by a roast beef buffet dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

FEBRUARY 25, 26, 27, 1994 - NERAASA '94 (Northeast Regional Anonymous Service Assembly) Radisson Hotel in Niagara Falls.

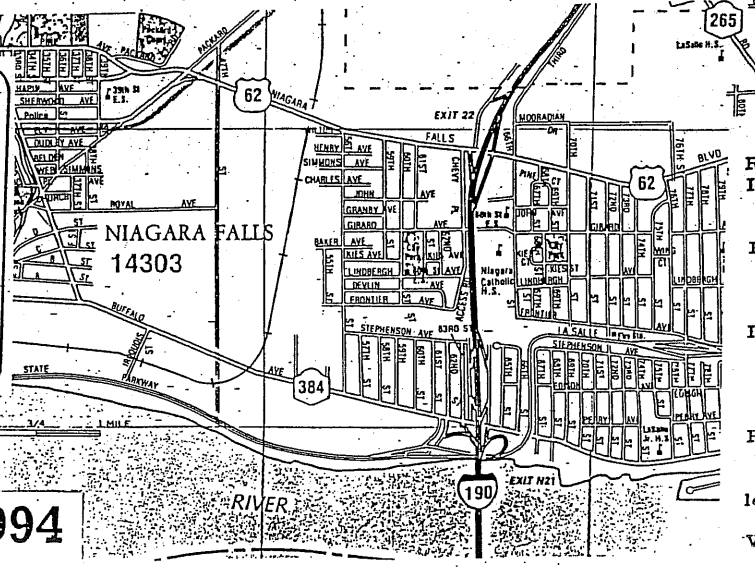
FEBRUARY 28 - MONDAY - HARMONY will be celebrating its Anniversary. It will be an eating meeting with a guest speaker.

MARCH 6 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH

MARCH 19 - SATURDAY - WILLIAMSVILLE will be celebrating its Anniversary with an eating meeting evening at its' 8PM regular meeting. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share.

NERAASA '94

**Third Annual
Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous
Service Assembly**



February 25, 26, 27, 1994
Niagara Falls, New York

GBOUD			Correctional Facility		Treatment Area	
	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step						
A Day At A Time						
Abbott Mens Discussion						
Acceptance						
Achievement						
Action						
Age Doesn't Matter						
Albion						
Alexander						
All Women						
Amherst Tree of Life						
Amherst Snyder						
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age						
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It						
Attitude Adjustment						
Attraction		100.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's						
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell						
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book						
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)						
Big Book Workshop						
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Night	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Blissfully Sober						
Boulevard Women's						
Brass						
Broadway-Bailey						
Brocton Discussion						
But for the Grace of God	11.50	41.50				
By The Book-Buffalo						

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	pg. 2	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94
Came To Believe	43.00	43.00			25.00	25.00
Campus (Buffalo State College)						
Casting	40.00	40.00				
Cathedral Park	15.00	51.35				
Caz Manor						
Cazenovia						
Central Park						
Chapter IX						
Cheektowaga		50.00				
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Clarence Men's Discsion	400.00	400.00				
Cold Springs						
Common Problem	50.00	50.00				
Community Center						
Cornplanters Again						
Courage						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby						
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Earlybird - Saturday						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	40.00	80.00			10.00	20.00
Easy Does It						
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott						
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance						
Everybody's						
Eye Opener	170.00	170.00				
Face to Face (women's)						
Faith						
Faith in Action						
Father Baker						

GROUP	Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctr	
	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.
pg.3				
Feelings				
Fireside	249.00	369.00	50.00	50.00
Fireside P.M.				
First Things First				
First Ward				
Fredonia Discussion				
Freedom	25.00	50.00	75.00	75.00
Fresh Start				
Friday Nite Discussion				
Friday Noon Meeting				
Friday Step Beginners				
Friendly				
Friendship				
Friendship Fireside				
Frontier				
Gah Nee Goin Geh (Of the Mind)				
Gardenville				
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud				
Giving				
Golden Slipper				
Good Life				
Grand	30.00	30.00		
Grand II Joy Of Living				
Grateful				
Guiding Light				
H.A.N.D.	325.00	325.00		
H.O.W.				
Half & Half	25.00	25.00		
Hamburg				
Hamburg Big Book				
Handicappers Sat. Nite				
Happy Hour				
Harmony	10.00	20.00		
Helping Hand		20.00		
High Noon				
High View				
Higher Powered				
Hilly Billy		60.00	20.00	20.00
Holiday Village		100.00		
Honest Desire				

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.
pg. 4						
Honesty	30.00	60.00	10.00	20.00		
Hora de Reflección (Spanish)						
How It Works						
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia						
Inner City						
Inspiration		30.00				
Iron Horse						
1st Step						
IT						
It's About Time						
Just for Today						
Keep It Simple, Sister	30.00	30.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore						
Kensington	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		
Ladies Night						
Lakeshore						
Lakeview						
Let Go & Let God	20.00	20.00				
Low-port						
Liberty Women's	91.00	91.00	25.00	25.00		
Life Today						
Lighten Up						
Live and Let Live	80.00	80.00				
Living Sober	35.00	70.00				
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion	25.00	75.00				
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		418.00				
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Lunch Bunch						
Main Street						
Marilla						
Matt Talbot	25.00	50.00				
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrc	
	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.
pg. 5						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD (Serenity Room)						
Morning After		10.00		5.00		
Never Too Late						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings		25.00		10.00		10.00
New Freedom						
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	10.00	20.00	5.00	10.00		
New Life - New Beginning	50.00	50.00				
New Westside						
Niagara Frontier Men's						
Nite People						
North Buffalo	100.00	200.00	25.00	50.00	25	50.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-Sunday						
One Day at a Time(ODAT)						
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step						
Pass It On						
Patchin						
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Positively Living II						
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress	44.00	44.00				
Purpose	40.00	80.00				
Rainbow						
Ray of Hope		50.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I						
Renaissance II						
Renewal						

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.
pg. 6						
Ridge	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine						
Rochester Meeting						
Rur-al is Plural						
Rush Hour						
S.S. Sobriety						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searchng for Serenity						
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity		60.00				
Serenity Circle	10.00	20.00				
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	10.00	30.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Somerset						
South Buffalo	10.00	10.00				
South Town	20.00	20.00				
South Town Women's		20.00		20.00		20.00
Southgate	21.80	21.80				
Southwestern						
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress						
Spiritual Progress(women's)						
Springville						
Springville Saturday Afternoon						
St. Barnabas						
St. Mark's						
Starting Over						
Step						
Stepping Stones						

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctr	
	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.
pg. 7						
Suburban						
Sunday Morning Bkft.		125.00		50.00		75.00
Sunday Niters	20.00	40.00		20.00	10.00	105.00
Sunday Third		15.00				
Sunrise Court						
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
T'nT						
T.P.H.						
TGIF						
Thankful	70.00	70.00				
The Journey	10.00	10.00				
The Way						
Thruway	400.00	400.00	30.00	30.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc	50.00	50.00				
Today						
Town Hall						
Tri-County.						
Try Again						
Tuesday Men's Disc	50.00	50.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		15.00				
Turning Point		25.00				10.00
Twin Cities						
United Brotherhood						
Unity	60.00	60.00				
University	150.00	300.00			20.00	40.00
Urban						
V.I.P.		21.50				
Valley						
Varysburg	15.00	15.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa						
Vision of Hope						
Wake Up Call	44.50	44.50				
We Amitted		10.00		5.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	60.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	40.00

GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.	FEB '94	Accum.
pg. 8						
We Choose Life		60.50				
We Need You						
Wehrle						
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield						
Westminster.						
WHY						
Williamsville						
Willing To Grow		150.00				
Wilson						
Women's Westside Disc.						
Working		20.00				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Youth Gone Wild						
Groups - FEBRUARY '94	3069.80		265.00		270.00	
Last month accum totals	2196.35		230.00		235.00	
Year to date totals	5266.15		495.00		505.00	

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JANUARY 1994

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NEW MEETINGS

STARTING OVER - THURSDAY - NOON - OD - WC - 11 West Main St, Lancaster,
WAKE UP CALL - TUESDAY & THURSDAY - 7:15AM - C - WC-NS, Westminster
Pres, 724 Delaware Av (library).

LUNCH BUNCH - TUESDAY - NOON - C - NS - Unity Ch, 1243 Delaware. There
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Donation is \$5 at the door.

JANUARY 26 - WEDNESDAY - UNITY is celebrating its' 21st Group
Anniversary at 10AM, St Peter & Paul School in Williamsville. There will be
2 surprise speakers with refreshments and coffee to follow. Come help us
celebrate. Bring a dish to share.

JANUARY 26 - WEDNESDAY - 8PM - ELLICOTT group is celebrating their 14th
Anniversary with an eating meeting AND guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to
the Jesse Nash Health Center at 608 William.

JANUARY 27 - THURSDAY - CAZENOVA GROUP - is celebrating its' 7th
Anniversary with an eating meeting. The actual speaker meeting will begin
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1st MONTH - 1st TRADITION *"Our common welfare should come first; personal
recovery depends upon AA unity."*

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

Delphine

CENTRAL COMMITTEE		#504-771-7	MONTHLY REPORT	
RECEIPTS	1/25/94 - 2/25/94			
46 Groups contributed			3069.80	
Joint meeting (expenses)			37.88	
New Frontier Subscriptions			110.00	
Envelope System			803.00	
Literature			4759.45	
Miscellaneous	Anonymous	52.00	52.00	
	Total Receipts		8832.13	
DISBURSEMENTS				
#10 Ellicott Sq Ct Corp			578.00	
Community Mental Health Ctr			35.00	
The Paper Shop			53.76	
AA World Services Inc	Big Bks		820.00	
Happy Spring Water			26.90	
The State Insurance Fund			54.81	
Warren - Hoffman & Asso Inc - office insurance			343.86	
State Insurance Fund - Workers Comp			459.88	
The Message Connection			117.35	
New York Telephone			167.22	
AT&T	Long Distance		3.63	
AA World Services Inc	Big Bks-cards		896.80	
M&T Bank - Federal Withholding Tax			453.92	
David F Williamson Co Inc	UPS Chgs		120.37	
Petty Cash			50.00	
Salaries			2137.83	
Bank Charge			25.72	
Checkbook adjustment from '93			106.09	
			6451.14	
Balance per checkbook 1/25/94			1749.56	
Add receipts 1/25/94-2/25/94			8832.13	
Deduct expenses 1/25/94-2/25/94			-6451.14	
Balance per check book 2/25/94			4130.55	
Operating credit for February 1994		2380.99		

RECAP		1/25/94 -2/25/94	
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4			
Expenses	Check#	Amount	
AA Central Office - Wende Max	1082	273.09	
AA Central Office - Erie County Cor	1083	200.00	
		473.09	
Balance per checkbook 1/25/94		410.58	
Add Receipts 1/25/94 - 2/25/94		265.00	
Deduct expenses 1/25/94 - 2/25/94		-473.09	
Balance per checkbook 2/25/94		201.68	
Operating debit for 2/25/94	(208.00)		
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5			
Expenses	Check#	Amount	
AA Central Office- Big Bks - MICA	260	121.00	
AA Central Office - lit - ECMC	261	88.00	
		209.00	
Balance per checkbook 1/25/94		331.28	
Add Receipts 1/25/94 - 2/25/94		270.00	
Deduct expenses 1/25/94 - 2/25/94		-209.00	
Balance per checkbook 2/25/94		392.28	
Operating credit for 2/25/94		61.00	