

NEW FRONTIERS

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



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE... A.A. STYLE



Love and feeling loved - these are the precious gifts that underlie the Three Legacies of A.A.

First, RECOVERY means we have chosen to love ourselves. When we love ourselves, we heal the wounds, soften the hard edges and open ourselves up to receive love from others.

Next, we give love to others. We go beyond our own self-centered concerns and put the concerns of others first. Thus UNITY is our compelling love for our fellow members.

Our third and most special gift is our ability to share our love through the basic SERVICE that our Fellowship gives. Carrying the message is our principle aim and the main reason for A.A.'s existence.

So, we in A.A. must carry the message of love: otherwise we may lose all that we have gained. For life takes on new meaning in A.A. - and loving frees us up to enjoy life.



GRATEFUL FOR CHANGE

Time after time in the past I joined club after club and organizations. I went to parties and more parties looking, hoping that I would be accepted by someone in one of them. I thought that to be accepted I had to be a social butterfly. I thought the more I drank the more people would like me. I thought I was very popular. Then people started to avoid me. They didn't notify me where the next party was being held. Eventually I was back where I was in the beginning. I was looking for a way to be accepted and to cure my loneliness. I had hit rock bottom.



I found this wonderful Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, my life began to change. I decided to make some changes in my life. One of the changes I made was to find acceptance in myself. I'm not lonely anymore, and I don't have to be a social butterfly. I'm accepted just for being myself. I'm no longer lonely, because of the many friends I've made in AA. Now I have the Fellowship, where members accept me as I am. I don't have to drink to be happy or have a good time. Thank You A.A. All I have to do is just be me.

Betty N.
Fireside Group



7th ANNUAL AREA 60 GETAWAY WEEKEND

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE 12th STEP WORK

MARCH 27, 28, 29, 1998

DAYS INN CONFERENCE CENTER,
ROUTE 8 SOUTH - Butler, Pa 16001

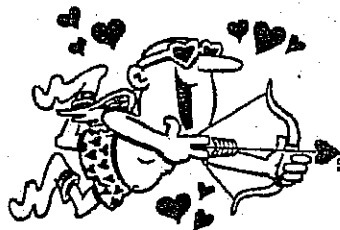
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John H., We Care, Editor

Dave W., Giving, Assistant Editor

Cindy N., Sunrise Court, Staff Reporter

SOME SIGNS THAT YOU MAY HAVE HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

1. Increased ability to let things happen, rather than make them happen.
2. Frequent attacks of smiling.
3. Feelings of being connected with others and with nature.
4. Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
5. Tendency to think and act spontaneously, rather than in fear, based on past experiences.
6. Unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
7. Loss of need to worry.
8. Loss of interest in conflict.
9. Loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
10. Loss of interest in judging others.
11. Loss of interest in judging yourself.
12. Gaining the ability to love, without expecting anything in return.

Anonymous



SPRING CONVENTION DROP BOX

The Correctional Facilities Committee and Treatment Facilities Committee will have a drop box located at their information table, during the '98 Spring Convention. Please bring your old Grapevines, Box 459, Big Books, 12&12, etc. We can promise you, they will be put to good use.

Oh, by the way, the literature drop box is for any Conference approved

literature, that will be distributed to the facilities. It is not a box, for one to go through, and take what they want. We wish to thank all those who did contribute at the '97 Fall Convention, and say, "bad form" to whoever decided to make off with the box and the materials inside.

Thank you
Cindy N.

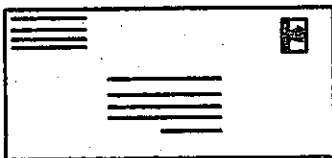


OVERHEARD AT MEETINGS...

- *Rarely have we seen a person in jail who has thoroughly followed our path*
- *AA is not allied with any sex.*
- *That we were alcoholic and could not manage our wives.*
- *That feeling of usefulness and self-pity will disappear*
- *Half males availed us nothing.*
- *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ social workers.*
- *Sought through prayer and medication.....*
- *Many of us exclaimed, "What an odor! I can't go through with it!"*

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

The Envelope System, was established to allow AA members to contribute directly to help defray the costs of operating the Buffalo Central Office. There are many costs involved in keeping the Central Office open, such as telephone, postage lights, literature, rent etc. Besides the monetary assistance, we help carry the message.

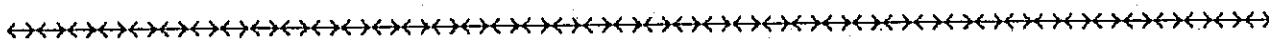


To become a contributing member of the Envelope System, is really quite simple. Call the Central Office at 853-0388 and express your interest, leave your name and address and a form will be sent to you. Then you decide how much and how often you wish to contribute and you're off and running. Now wasn't that easy? What is better is the feeling you get.

Last year there were 72 members contributing \$7,281.00 towards the health and welfare of the Central Office. The last time contributions went over the \$7,000.00 mark was in 1989. The cost of

operating expenses aren't getting any less expensive, in fact, they're increasing every year. Here's a thought! Maybe consider giving what you spent on booze every day? All right, maybe that is a little much. How about at least the cost of one drink per day? Think about it, what's your sobriety worth? Your anonymity is always respected. The Envelope Chairperson is the only one who knows the names and amounts of its contributors.

Cindy N.
Envelope Chairperson.



TRADITION FIVE is our singleness of purpose.

We cannot be everything to everybody. We, in Alcoholics Anonymous, cannot effectively administer to people with problems other than alcohol and in so trying we are actually doing a disservice to individuals suffering from other maladies. But more importantly, in trying to serve the masses, we are losing sight of the alcoholic who is still suffering and rapidly becoming more and more confused about the purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous. Alcoholics who are new to the Fellowship, come to an AA meeting and frequently hear more about other maladies than the one from which they are seeking recovery.

Let us go back to basics and begin once again sharing our experience, strength and hope with alcohol! Let us be of service to the suffering masses by sending them to where they can hear experience, strength and hope about their respective maladies.

Our primary purpose is to help the "ALCOHOLIC" who still suffers. To do any less erodes the very thing that has saved the lives of so many of us who once were dying from the malady of alcoholism. So, my friends, if we ignore this Tradition, or filter it in any way with other maladies may lead us one step closer to that first drink, and I know for this alcoholic-- "TO DRINK IS TO DIE!"

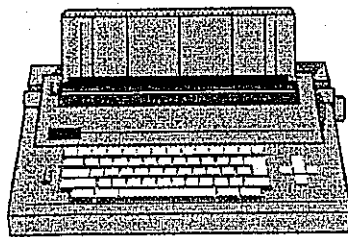
A grateful Recovering ALCOHOLIC



"TUESDAY OLV WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP"
WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 15th ANNIVERSARY,
WITH AN 'EATING MEETING' ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 24th, 1998.
OLV HOSPITAL, CONFERENCE ROOM
1st FLOOR MELROY ST. AT RIDGE RD.
DINNER AT 7:00pm, SPEAKER AT 8:00PM.
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE
MEN ARE WELCOME!
(YA HOOOOOOO,.....WE'RE IN THE HENHOUSE NOW!)

**A positive attitude may not
solve all your problems But
it will annoy enough
people to make it
worth the effort.**

My name is Matt, and I'm an alcoholic. I started drinking when I was 13 years old; I didn't stop drinking until I went to jail in 1991. I am currently serving 5 to 15 years for a drunken barroom brawl that I was involved in back in 1989. It took me a few years to find this Program, and I'm trying hard not to let it slip away. I read a lot of articles in the 'Grapevine' about a Higher Power, and until recently I wasn't able to believe in one.



I attend meetings in here almost religiously since I arrived in 1996. I am also very active in service work because a friend told me that it would help keep me sober. With the help of my friend, we helped change 4 poorly attended Open Discussion meetings into a Big Book meeting, a 12/12 meeting, a Literature meeting and an Open Discussion meeting. We began with 4 members and now we number 20. Our literature table is full. A friend convinced me that I was sent to jail because God wanted me there.

Everything was going as smooth as an AA group can go, when I was suddenly transferred to a facility closer to my home. There was only one discussion meeting a week, and the topics at the meetings were usually about drugs and other addictions. Here was my chance to leave the Program! In my cell I wrote a letter to my old friend. He answered "Carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and stop looking for excuses not to go to meetings." I now share my experience, strength and hope at meetings with other alcoholics. I almost turned my back on the only Program that could keep me sober, One Day at a Time.

Our group has grown and we added a new 12/12 meeting to our calendar. We have seen a few members go home, and thanks to the Bridging the

Gap Program, they are still sober today. When I arrived here I didn't know what the Bridging the Gap Program was all about; now I see it at work every day. A nineteen year old was assigned to my cell. He came from another jail. We talked about alcoholism and recovery, and he started going to meetings. I gave him a list of names and numbers to call from the East Coast AA Directory so he could easily find a meeting when he was paroled. Why was he sent to this jail, to my cell? I think it was God's will that he is sober today and going to meetings.

I never believed in a Higher Power, but after seeing all the good things, or rewards as AA calls them, I could not help but believe. He watches over even as I write this letter.

I have an uncle who is in the Program, and sober 13 years. He visited me once in 1993, and yesterday he came to see me again. He brought me a pile of AA literature, and it was the best visit I ever had. He promised to come back again in about 2 weeks. I could go on and on about the rewards of this Program, but I would run out of paper.

This Program works, if you work it. I stopped taking myself so seriously, and stopped thinking that the world revolves around me. I feel good when I get up in the morning with no hangover. I look forward to my day, and all its challenges. I'm glad I let go and let God, it's so much easier that way. I feel like a very heavy load has been lifted from me, and now, I believe in a Power greater than myself.

Matt Y. #91A6256
Mid-State Correctional Facility
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Marcy, New York 13403

FRANK CHROPOWICK
PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 19, 1997.
FRANK WAS 71 YEARS OLD.
HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF
THE CHEVY #1 GROUP.
AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF AA FOR 27 YEARS
HE COULD BE SEEN (AND HEARD) AT
WILLIAMSVILLE AND AMHERST MEETINGS.

REST IN PEACE.

[Please Note: Frank and his wife, Pat, moved south in 1982. If anyone wishes to write to his wife, the address is: 460 Cedar Ridge Road, Winder, Georgia 30680.]

HELP!



The Archives Committee of Western New York is planning an Archives Awareness Dinner. We are asking groups for donations to help defray the cost of the dinner. The ticket price will be determined at a later date. The dinner is scheduled for June 13th, 1998. It will be held at Martin Luther School, 1085

Eggert Rd, Amherst New York.

Send donations to:

W.N.Y. General Assembly
5999 South Park Ave.
Suite 103, Hamburg, N.Y. 14075
Attention: Archives Committee

Archives Committee Chairperson
John McC.



NERAASA '98

Seventh Annual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
PURPOSE: The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly is for the GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service

common to all areas of the Northeast Region.

1998 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE THEME: "Our Twelfth Step Work" in the home group, in the Service Structure and Around the World.
February 27, 28 and March 1, 1998,
Secaucus, New Jersey
NERAASA '98
P.O Box 1576
Morristown, N.J. 07962 - 1576
Questions? Call Registration Chair,
Stacy R. (908) 879-9503



1998 WNY GSA SPRING CONVENTION

'SPIRITUALITY IS OUR FOUNDATION'

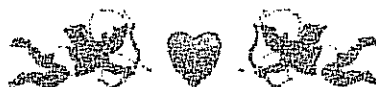
APRIL 17, 18, 19, 1998

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Inquiries, Information, and Hospitality Donations send to:

GSA SPRING CONVENTION P.O. Box 734 Cheektowaga N.Y. 14225



FEBRURAY 1998 ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER

Valerie B. 3 mos.
Ed S. 3 mos.
Doug C. 9 mos.
Bill R. 9 mos.
James W. 1 yr.
David M. 1 yr.
Neil S. 2 yrs.
Tom B. 3 yrs.
John R. 7 yrs.
Sharon L. 8 yrs.
Michael R. 8 yrs.
Dave H. 9 yrs.
Bob G. 9 yrs.
Michael B. 11 yrs.
Jim C. 13 yrs.
Jim S. 14 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS

Dan S. 6 mos.
Steve S. 6 mos.
Greg D. 9 mos.

BIDWELL MON. NITE

Paul K. 3 mos.
Tim K. 3 mos.
Jeff B. 6 mos.
Ronnie S. 6 mos.
Kenny B. 6 mos.
Andy M. 6 mos.
Diana G. 6 mos.
Charmaine W. 9 mos.
Marie W. 9 mos.
Norris M. 9 mos.
Jimmy J. 1 yr.
Edward S. 1 yr.
Matt W. 1 yr.

COLD SPRING

Rosetta A. 3 mos.
Kenneth K. 3 mos.
Keith A. 3 mos.
Odessa A. 3 mos.
Leroy K. 6 mos.
Rosco P. 1 yr.
Cecil R. 1 yr.
Geraldine D. 5 yrs.
Willie H. 20 yrs.
Cecil M. 20 yrs.

FRESH START

Tyrone H. 6 yrs.
Peter A. 13 yrs.

GIVING

Kevin S. 9 mos.
Wes K. 18 yrs.

HAPPY HOUR

Leeha R. 3 mos.
Sandra R. 9 mos.
Luis R. 9 mos.

HAPPY HOUR (CONT.)

Sheila R. 1 yr.
Andrew S. 2 yrs.
Lorraine S. 2 yrs.
Lawrence B. 3 yrs.
Kevin H. 3 yrs.
Lisa S. 3 yrs.
Bruni G. 4 yrs.
David W. 5 yrs.
April S. 5 yrs.
Mirriam G. 5 yrs.
Bill M. 6 yrs.
Esperanza S. 7 yrs.
Mike S. 7 yrs.
Ava P. 8 yrs.
Bob K. 8 yrs.
Oliver H. 11 yrs.
Sherry H. 21 yrs.

IRONHORSE

Al G. 6 mos.
Tamie R. 6 mos.
Marvin H. 6 mos.
Jim K. 9 mos.
Brian M. 9 mos.
Jeff K. 1 yr.
Dawn F. 1 yr.
Kevin W. 2 yrs.

MOD/LIVING IN SOLUTION

Donna C. 6 mos.
Marc S. 6 mos.
Hector 1 yr.
Jon S. 1 yr.
Ron D. 1 yr.
Lawrence 3 yrs.
Herk P. 7 yrs.
Bob K. 8 yrs.

NORTH BUFFALO

Barbara C. 6 mos.
Chris C. 2 yrs.
Dawn S. 3 yrs.
Ed O. 4 yrs.
David S. 4 yrs.
Ros S. 5 yrs.
Alice M. 5 yrs.
Water W. 7 yrs.
Jim M. 8 yrs.
Lyn T. 9 yrs.
John W. 9 yrs.
Larry P. 11 yrs.
Michael B. 11 yrs.
John P. 18 yrs.
Wes K. 18 yrs.

REMEMBER WHEN

Brian W. 6 mos.
David G. 6 mos.
Sharon G. 1 yr.
Madonna B. 1 yr.
David W. 5 yrs.

REMEMBER WHEN(CONT)

Omar M. 7 yrs.
Floydell H. 10 yrs.
Portia J. 10 yrs.

RISE 'N SHINE

Michelle G. 6 mos.
Tom H. 6 mos.
Walter J. 9 mos.
Beatrice F. 1 yr.
Crystal S. 1 yr.
Edward E. 2 yrs.
Mark M. 2 yrs.
Antone S. 2 yrs.
Pat C. 2 yrs.
Wayne W. 2 yrs.
Celia D. 2 yrs.
Jackie C. 3 yrs.
Linda R. 3 yrs.
Hank J. 3 yrs.
Stacey A. 4 yrs.
Kathleen J. 4 yrs.

SHERIDAN

Hal M. 3 mos.
Jim L. 6 mos.
Ron H. 6 mos.
Joseph K. 1 yr.
Nathan C. 2 yrs.
Robert S. 3 yrs.
Mary D. 4 yrs.
John R. 4 yrs.
David S. 4 yrs.
David M. 4 yrs.
Larry P. 11 yrs.
James D. 15 yrs.

SUNDAY MORNING

BREAKFAST

Roy G. 3 mos.
Gary C. 3 mos.
Maryann H. 3 mos.
Eugene K. 6 mos.
Donna Z. 9 mos.
Bill G. 1 yr.
Carmen E. 1 yr.
Kevin D. 1 yr.
Chantel R. 1 yr.
Max W. 11 yrs.

THRUWAY

Eugene K. 6 mos.
Nancy H. 1 yr.
Joe W. 2 yrs.
Carol S. 3 yrs.
Tom M. 4 yrs.
Paul D. 5 yrs.
Jim M. 8 yrs.
Liz O. 10 yrs.
Joyce S. 11 yrs.
Bill Y. 13 yrs.
Bob R. 14 yrs.

THRUWAY (CONT)

Beverly K. 15 yrs.

WE CARE

Brian B. 1 yr.
Bill L. 3 yrs.
Tim P. 8 yrs.
Dolores K. 16 yrs.



REMINDER:
MARCH 1998
ANNIVERSARIES MUST
BE IN THE CENTRAL
OFFICE, IN WRITING, NO
LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 10, 1998.



**BUFFALO CENTRAL OFFICE
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
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ROOM 845 ELLICOTT SQUARE BUILDING
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14203
863-0388**

FEBRUARY 1, 1998

NEW MEETING

MAIN & HIGH GROUP - WEDNESDAY - 7:00PM - Closed Discussion - Salvation Army, 906 Main Street at High. There will be a speaker the first and last Wednesday of the month.

MEETING CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS:

TRI-COUNTY - SATURDAY - will NOT be changing their time. They still meet at 8:30pm.

AWAKENING - TUESDAY - 1:30PM has been renamed RECOVERY EFFECT. It now meets at the Clinic at 1500 Broadway at Warren (near Cohen Bakery)

STAYIN ALIVE previously known as the KEEP ON COMIN groups on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday are no longer meeting.

THE BOOK MEETING - Thursday - 8:00pm - meets on 4 Rod Road & Liberia Rd

PLEASE NOTE

MONDAY - WESTMINSTER - is updating their membership list. If you consider yourself a member of the group call Vince R. at 677-0509 to check in.

THURSDAY - SENECA-BABCOCK GROUP meets at the Seneca Methodist Church at Seneca and Imsom Streets., one block east of Babcock at 8:00pm. It is an open discussion meeting. The first Thursday of the month is an open speaker meeting. This meeting needs support.

COMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 1 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 14 - SATURDAY - MOD/Living in the Solution proudly presents its' **2nd Annual Dance to Benefit Central Office** on Valentines' Day. Speakers at 8:00pm - Food and dance to follow. \$5.00 donation for the dance in advance or at the door. "Slapp The Cat" is the featured band.

Please bring a dish to pass. All donations are welcome.

Takes place at the Amity Club, 340 Military Road.

FEBRUARY 24 - TUESDAY - TUESDAY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION - will be celebrating their 15th Anniversary with a speaker meeting this evening at 7:00pm. This will be an eating meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Men are welcome at this celebration. We meet at Our Lady of Victory Hospital Conference room on the first floor, Melroy Street at Ridge in Lackawanna.

FEBRUARY 28 - SATURDAY - TRI-COUNTY GROUP will celebrate its 40th Group Anniversary. Speaker at 8:00pm. This will be a eating meeting following the speaker. Bring a dish to share, if you wish.

MARCH 1 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00PM

MARCH 20 - FRIDAY - LOVEJOY is sponsoring "MOMENTS" an evening with **Bill W** A two-act play, that Friday, in place of their regular meeting at 8:00pm. This is to benefit the Correctional Facility Committee.

They meet at Visitation Church, 1040 Lovejoy.

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Registration \$15.00 Registration/Banquet \$35.00

Coffee donations and registrations can be mailed to:

G.S.A. Spring Convention - P O BOX 734 - Cheektowaga NY 14225

JUNE 5, 6, 7, 1998 - FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND - for information write:

Founders' Day Committee, PO Box 12, Akron, OH 44309-0012

2ND MONTH - 2ND STEP "CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES COULD RESTORE US TO SANITY."

2ND MONTH - 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

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

AS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE BY DONATING TO IT DIRECTLY THROUGH THE **ENVELOPE SYSTEM** IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW IT WORKS CALL THE OFFICE AT 853-0388

John H, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:05PM with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Cindy N, Sunrise Court, read the Preamble. Andy B, Iron Horse, read the Purpose of the Central Committee and the Traditions were read by Jim B of the Ridge Group.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Jim K of Sunday Morning Bkft and second by Dick L of Everybody's Group.

34 GROUPS ATTENDED - DISTRICT #1 - Bidwell Monday, Delaware, Giving, ODAT, Sunrise Court, The Journey, Working DISTRICT #2 - MOD/Living in the Solution, Chapter IX, Honesty, North Buffalo, Sheridan, University DISTRICT#3 - Abbott Men's, Cheektowaga, Courage, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Southgate, Sunday Morning Bkft, Urban, Victory, We Care DISTRICTS#4, Action, Holiday Village, Lake Shore DISTRICT#5 Golden Slipper, Wilson - #6 - DISTRICT# 7 - Castings, Cold Springs, Lovejoy, Remember When, Spirit of Hope - DISTRICT #8 - Amherst-Snyder, Beginnings, HAND, Williamsville -DISTRICT #9-Everybody's Rural is Plural - DISTRICT #10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Cindy N of Sunrise Court

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
January	1795.00	920.00	692.00	July	463.00	503.00	
February		635.00	652.00	August	598.00	522.00	
March		335.00	825.00	September	545.00	722.00	
April		793.00	374.00	October	442.00	270.00	
May		976.00	588.00	November	398.00	813.00	
June		521.00	477.60	December	655.00	517.00	
				Year to date	\$1795.00	\$7,281.00	\$6,955.60

STEERING COMMITTEE - Pat M - Rainbow

Meeting opened at 6:35PM by Dick L with the Serenity Prayer. Present were John H, Chairperson, Charles L, Central Committee Co-Chairperson, Dave W - District#1, Pat M - District #3, Mark S - District #8, Jerry E - District#5 & 10, Joe F - District#4, Kevin C, Financial Chairman and Delphine, Executive Secretary. Guest - Brad C, The Journey.

Discussion was on how the balloting will be done for the Executive Secretary position. It should be closed. Motion was made to have a secret ballot with the name of the representative and the group name on it. Any markings on the ballot, erasers, etc, will nullify the ballot unless you speak to the Chairman about making a change. All candidates will be able to watch the count.

Motion was made that no names or phone #'s will not be given out of the Steering Committee to the candidates

The meeting was closed at 7:05pm with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Kevin C, Financial Secretary, North Buffalo

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Bob K, Schiller Group

Treatment Facilities Committee needs people to Chair one meeting a month. We need young women with good sobriety, especially for Hopevale because they deal with young women exclusively.

Some people are not showing up at the meetings they committed themselves to. It is giving AA a bad name. If you can't make it, please call Ed K (821-9916) and let the Committee know so we can fill the spot or let the facility know.

The Committee meets on the third Friday at St Simon's, 200 Cazenovia, 7:00pm

SCREENERS - Jim K - Sunday Morning Bkft. Report given
Basically things are going well.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Jim B - Ridge Grp

Meeting was held on February 1 at 5:30pm. Present were Jim B, chairman, Cindy N, GSA Chairperson.

Buffalo Work Release, Erie County Correctional Facility for Women, Erie County Correctional Facility for Men, Gowanda, Collins I, are all going well.

Brocton Men/Women - Meeting is scheduled for February 2 at women's. Trip made January 31, for pictures, prints and orientation. Two were "ID"ed for permanent clearance that day. Men had no meeting in January.

Wende - going well

Niagara Women - no report

Erie County Holding Ctr - we have a tentative chairman, now we need to have a meeting with the Sheriff, letter has been written and sent. We are waiting for a response.

Spring Convention - Panel consists of Jim B, Randy F and Linda S. moderator Cindy N. It would be good to have someone coordinate coffee makers for time slot at hospitality. We need to get the time.

Meeting closed at 6:00pm with the Lord's Prayer.

CENTRAL OFFICE - Delphine H.

JANUARY '98

AA Information	445	12 Step	2
PIC		Literature requests	59
CPC	2	Referred to other agency	21
Al Anon	21	Referred from other agency	15
Ala Teen	2	<i>CENTRAL OFFICE</i>	
ACOA	4	Outgoing Calls	89
<i>ANSWERING SERVICE</i>		Mailing cost	\$ 271.33 (761 pieces)
Incoming Calls 439	outgoing 117	Visitors	102

NEW FRONTIER - David W, Assistant Editor - Giving

The Staff of the New Frontiers is asking that the group representatives go back to their groups and try to encourage their fellow members to write about their personal experiences living life with and without the use of alcohol. We would especially like to hear from the old-timers sharing their "Experience, Strength and Hope" with the newcomers.

Next month's edition will include a subscription order form.

Just a reminder: Anniversaries must be sent in to the Central Office, in

writing no later than the 10th of the month.

57TH FALL CONVENTION - Mike E, Chairman

Convention meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Marriott. The main speaker has been confirmed - Clancy from California.

FALL CONVENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE - John H - Chairperson -
John H gave a report on 1999 and 2000 Possible Convention Sites. He is meeting with the Sales Representative at the Raddison on February second.

COURTESY REPORTS - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE - Guy H, Common Problem

CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY - Elvester McR. Cold Springs New CPC chair is Jim M, Father Baker.

ARCHIVES - Joanne McC, Action - mentioned that the Archives Dinner Committee needs seed money.

RECAP -

John H, Chairman, questioned Mike E, '98 Convention Chair about the loss of revenue on the sale of mugs. Last two years, the Fall Convention has lost money on mugs. \$1145.00 was spent on mugs in '98, \$170.00 in sales.

Kevin C, Central Committee Treasurer asked why do we continually lose money on mugs?

Mike E was to look into the matter and only buy mugs to present as gifts for volunteers, etc.

Marcia W, North Buffalo, introduced herself as our Area #50 Delegate.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Joanne McC, Action, made a motion that "\$300.00 Seed money be given to the Archive Committee for the dinner which is to held in June."
Jim K, Sunday Morning Bkft, second the motion. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Tom H, Cheektowaga, to let Delphine dispense with the left over '97 Convention mugs. Guy H, Common Problems, second. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer after a motion made by Kevin C of North Buffalo second by Tom H of Cheektowaga..

Yours in AA,
Cindy H,
Central Committee Secretary

pg 1	Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund			
GROUP	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.
1110 Group						
12 Step - Holiday Village						
1st Step						
4th Step Stumblers						
6th Step						
A Day At A Time						
A Vision for You						
Lunchtime						
Abbott Mens Disc	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Acceptance/Welcom	100.00	100.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Achievement	300.00	300.00				
Action	25.00	25.00				
Age Doesn't Matter	100.00	100.00				
Albion						
Alexander						
Amherst Snyder	100.00	20.00				
Amsdell Lakeshore	25.00	50.00				
Any Age						
Any Length	20.00	20.00				
Anybody's Group						
As Bill Sees It						
Attitude Adjustment		50.00				
Attraction						
Recovery Effect						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's						
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Workshop						
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Women's		75.00				
Brass						
Broadway-Bailey						
Brocton Discussion						
But for the Grace of God						
By His Grace						
Came To Believe						
Campus (Buffalo State College)						
Cassadaga						
Casting						
Cathedral Park		40.00		20.00		20.00

pg 2	Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund			
GROUP	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.
Caz Manor						
Cazenovia						
Central Park						
Chapter IX						
Cheektowaga						
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Clarence Men's Disc	200.00	200.00				
Cold Springs		15.00				
Common Problem						
Community Center						
Cornplanters Again						
Courage	160.00	160.00			20.00	20.00
Crossroads						
Daily Reflection						
Decision, Choices, Changes						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby						
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Easier Softer Way						
East Amherst						
East Aurora						
Easy Does It	25.00	25.00				
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott	15.00	15.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance						
Everybody's	20.00	40.00				
Experience, Strength, & Hope						
Express		145.00				
Eye Opener	261.01	349.67	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
F.U.N.						
Faith						
Father Baker		25.00				
Feelings						
Fireside	211.74	450.61			25.00	50.00
Fireside P.M.						
First Things First						

pg 3	Correctional Fund				Treatment Fund	
	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.
Fredonia Discussion		50.00				
Freedom	50.00	100.00				
Freedom Now						
Fresh Start						
Friendly						
Friendship						
Frontier	80.00	80.00				
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Georgetown	75.00	75.00				
Getting Better						
Giving						
Go to Any Length						
Golden Slipper	140.00	140.00				
Good Life						
Grand						
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful						
Guiding Light						
H.A.N.D.						
H.O.W.						
Half & Half						
Hamburg		23.46				
Hamburg Literature Study Group						
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour						
Harmony						
Helping Hand	20.00	20.00				
High Noon						
High View						
Higher Powered						
Hill Billy						
Hold On						
Holiday Village		300.00		25.00		25.00
Holland						
Honesty	30.00	60.00	10.00	20.00		
Hope - Big Book Study						
Horizon Sunset						
How It Works	140.00	140.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Humbly Willing						
In the Solution						
Inner City						
Inspiration		25.00				

pg 4 GROUP	Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.
Intoxicated on Life				
Iron Horse	141.00	141.00	13.00	13.00
IT				
Franklinville Disc (It's About Time)				
Just for Today				
Keep It Simple, Sister				
Kenmore				
Kensington				
Lake Shore				
Lake View		25.00		
Last Days Fellowship				
Let Go & Let God				
Leuname Women's AA				
Lew-port 5				
Liberty Women's				
Life Today		66.00		
Lighten Up		120.00		
Live and Let Live				
Living Sober	20.00	40.00		
Lock City				
Lockport #1				
Lockport Discussion				
Lockport Ladies				
Lockview				
Lovejoy		100.00		
Lower River				
Main Street				
Marilla				
Matt Talbot	50.00	100.00		
Mc Kinley Winners	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
Medina New Life				
Mercy				
Mid-day				
Midnight				
Miracle				
MDD/Living in the Solution				
Morning After				
New Awakening				
New Beginnings				
New Life				
New Life - New Beginning				
New Westside		50.00		
Niagara Frontier Men's				

pg 5	Correctional Fund				Treatment Fund	
GROUP	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.
North Buffalo	200.00	700.00	50.00	275.00	50.00	175.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-Mornin After						
North Java-Sunday						
One Day at a Time (ODAT)						
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Orchard Park Step						
Pass It On		50.00				
Patchin .						
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Pioneer						
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress						
Purpose						
Rainbow						
Ray of Hope	50.00	50.00				
Reformer's		15.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance/PostLi	500.00	500.00				
Renewal						
Ridge		50.00				
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine						
Rochester Meeting						
Rur-al is Plural						
Sally						
Saratoga						
Saturday Night Alive						
Schiller						
Searching for Serenity						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Seneca-Babcock						
Serenity						
Serenity Circle						
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	20.00	40.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						

GROUP	Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.
Sober Trail				
Sober Winners	75.00	75.00		
Sobriety Men's Disc				
Sobriety on Saturday	20.00	20.00		
Sobriety on the Lake				
Somerset				
South Buffalo	30.00	60.00	30.00	60.00
South Town				
South Town Women's				
Southgate		10.00		10.00
Southwestern		68.00		15.00
Spirit of H.O.P.E.				
Spiritual Progress	50.00	50.00		
Springville				
Springville Saturday Afternoon				
Springville Wednesday Noon				
St. Barnabas				
St. Mark's				
Starting Over		10.00		10.00
Step				
Stepping Stones-Gowanda				
Stepping Stones-W'lve				
Suburban				
Sunday Morning Bkf	150.00	150.00	50.00	50.00
Sunday Niters				
Sunday Third		25.00		
Sunrise Court				
SUNY-Amherst Campus				
Surrender & Hope				
Survivors				
T'n'T				
T.P.H.				
TGIF	100.00	100.00		
Thankful		50.00		
The Book Meeting				
The Journey				
The Present II				
The Promise Come True				
There's A Solution				
Thruway	433.00	1033.00	20.00	60.00
Thurs Afternoon Dis	100.00	100.00		
Today				
Today's Woman				

pg 7 GROUP	Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
	February '98	Accum.	February '98	Accum.
Trail's End				
Tri-County	20.00	20.00		
Tri-Step Beginners				
Try Again				
Tuesday Men's Disc	25.00	60.00		
Tuesday Women's D	25.00	25.00		
Turning Point	8.10	8.10		
Twin Cities	25.00	25.00		
Unity	100.00	100.00		
University	120.00	120.00		
Urban				
V.I.P.		32.61		
Valley				
Varieties of Spiritual Experiences				
Varysburg		10.00		
Veterans				
Victory				
Vision of Hope (women's)				
Wake Up Call		16.37		
We Are Not Saints	32.00	32.00		
We Care	30.00	60.00	10.00	20.00
We Choose Life				20.00
Wehrle	10.00	30.00		40.00
Welcome Home				
Westfield				
Westminster				
WHY				
Williamsville	300.00	425.00		
Willing To Grow				
Wilson		12.00		
Wilson Smith University Alumni				
Women's Westside Disc.				
Working				
You'll Never Walk Alone				
Youngstown				
Anonymous				120.00
Grps contri	4851.85	8113.82	318.00	833.00
		-4851.85		-263.00
It mo accum total		3261.97		515.00
				320.00

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE #504-771-7			
RECEIPTS			
48 Groups contributed			4851.85
Joint Meeting			44.55
New Frontiers subscriptions			38.00
Envelope System			580.00
Literature			2858.01
		Receipts	8372.41
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation	rent		598.00
Community Mental Health Center	rent		35.00
Vermont Pure Spring Water			14.50
Images			4.90
The State Insurance Fund	Disability Insur		260.48
David F Williamsons Co Inc	ups		19.79
M & T Bank	fed withhold		784.10
Secrephone	ans serv		173.25
World Services Inc			1052.72
World Services Inc			2019.36
Bell Atlantic			196.58
Salaries-Health Ins			2851.45
cash			50.00
Bank Charges			58.30
		Disbursements	8118.43
Balance pr checkbook 1/25/98			10214.92
Add Receipts 1/25/98-2/25/98			8372.41
			18587.33
Deduct expenses 1/25/98-2/25/98			-8118.43
Balance per checkbook 2/25/98			10468.90
Operating credit for 2/25/98		190.98	
MONEY MARKET	4822.38		11303.22 savings
CERT OF DEPOSIT	6480.84		10468.90 checking
	11303.22		21772.12

At the August '97 Central Committee meeting, a figure of \$25,000.00 was adopted by the Representatives present, as our desired **Prudent Reserve**. This would be a three month amount for operating the Central Office. At this time, FEBRUARY 25, 1998, we are (-\$3227.88) short of our goal.

RE-CAP	1/25/98-2/25/98		
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT #484-185-4			
	ck#	Am't	
Central Office	1173	200.00	
Central Office	1174	150.00	
Balance pr checkbook 1/25/98			929.85
Add Receipts 1/25/98-2/25/98			318.00
			1247.85
Deduct expenses 1/25/98-2/25/98			-350.00
Balance per checkbook 1/25/98			897.85
Operating debit for 2/25/98	(-32.00)		

TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT #602-089-5			
	Ck #		
AA Central Com-Rensais-Hopevale	367	260.00	
Balance per checkbook 1/25/98			508.50
Add receipts 1/25/98- 2/25/98			263.00
			771.50
Deduct expenses 1/25/98-2/25/98			-260.00
Balance per checkbook 2/25/98			511.50
Operating credit for 2/25/98	3.00		