

NEW FRONTIERS

February 2002

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF
WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
We request that this newsletter be kept within the Fellowship to insure anonymity.

"OUR MOST DEADLY ENEMY"

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.
I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the nations.
I am more deadly than bullets, and have wrecked more homes
than the mightiest guns.
I am the world's slyest thief. I steal millions of dollars each year.
I spare no one. I find my victims among the rich and poor alike, the
young and old, the strong and weak, widows and orphans know me.
I loom up to such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of
labor.
I am relentless.
I am everywhere, in the home, in the office, on the highways and in the
halls of government.
I bring sickness, degradation and death, and yet very few seek to
destroy me.
I destroy and crush; I give nothing and take all.
I am your enemy. My name is alcohol.

Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc.

**"Believe more deeply. Hold your face up to the Light, even
though for the moment you do not see."**

Bill W. - Letter 1950

Faith means being grasped by a power greater than we are, a
power that shakes us, and transforms us and heals us.
Surrender to this power of faith.

Paul Tillich

Treatment Facility Committee

Our primary purpose is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers, and there is probably no better place for an A.A. member to find a suffering alcoholic than in a treatment facility. According to the A.A. 1996 Membership Survey, 40% of our members came from treatment facilities. We have seen many people recover from this dreadful disease whose journey began in a Treatment Center. Carrying the message to alcoholics in treatment is basic 12th step work. Sharing your experience, strength and hope, giving it away in order to keep it!

The Treatment Facilities Committee is a group of A.A.'s who chair meetings in Rehabs and Detox units in the Buffalo area where we have been invited by the facility to share our experience, strength and hope with clients. All of our meetings are open. Chairpersons arrange for speakers to share their experiences of how they got sober and continue to stay sober. We provide A.A. pamphlets and literature to a number of Treatment Facilities, both those we take meetings to and those we do not. Individual and group contributions to the T.F.C. provide the monies to purchase these.

We have recently formed a program called Bridging The Gap, which provides a temporary contact for persons being discharged from treatment facilities. They are put in touch with A.A.'s who volunteer to get them to their first meeting on the outside, introduce them to other A.A.'s at the meeting and explain the importance of joining a home group and finding a sponsor. Men are paired with men, and women with women; and whenever possible the volunteer will be paired with a newcomer from the immediate area of his or her home group. If you would like to volunteer there are Bridging The Gap brochures in most literature racks, which explain the program in more detail, or call the central Office.

We currently have about 25 volunteers to serve as temporary contacts, but need more. The T.F.C. is always looking for people to help us carry the message of Hope to those still struggling. We encourage those who have as little as one free hour a month to consider getting involved. Groups can get involved not only through donations but also by having a group representative attend T.F.C. meetings. We need help and feedback from groups on how we can better serve the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

For anyone interested in becoming involved The Treatment Facility Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 49 Indian Church Rd. Buffalo NY (Iron Horse Group).

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

ACCEPTANCE

Mike S. 6m
 Bob L. 6y
Amherst/Snyder
 Anne 3m
 Pam K. 6m
 Dan B. 6m
 Mike G. 1y
 Bill H. 1y
 Mary Lou C. 1y
 Tom K. 1y
 Jon O. 1y
 Mark L. 2y
 Dave Z. 4y
 Dave Z. 4y
 Gary P. 5y
 James W. 5y
 Neil S. 6y
 Sharon L. 12y
 Bob G. 13y
 Jim C. 17y
 Jim S. 18y
 Beverly B. 20y
Community Center
 Yevett M. 3m
Courage Group
 Terry G. 6m
 Beverly K. 6y
 Julie S. 17y
 Beverly K. 19y
Fireside
 Tom B. 9y
 John R. 11y
 George V. 14y
 Jay R. 20y
Fresh Start
 Pete A. 17y
IronHorse
 Terri G. 6m
 Bob K. 9m
 Tony I. 2y
 David J. 2y
 Marty S. 2y
 Bruce B. 4y
 Tom K. 4y
 Dan T. 4y
 Bryan H. 5y
 Jeffrey K. 5y
 Rich S. 5y
 Delia R. 23y

Kenmore

Sally S. 6m
 Mark W. 2y
 Sherri H. 25y
Lakeshore
 Mark S. 4y
Lovejoy
 Darren C. 6m
 Diane C. 6m
 Kevin S. 9m
 Kim E. 1y
 Sharon G. 2y
 Tony S. 4y
 Sean G. 4y
Main & High
 Paulette C. 9m
North Buffalo
 Francine F. 2y
 Joe C. 2y
 Dennis S. 2y
 Marty S. 2y
 Dave P. 2y
 John G. 3y
 Melissa L. 3y
 John S. 4y
 Tom C. 4y
 Sean M. 4y
 Donat M. 6y
 David S. 8y
 Ed O. 8y
 Walter W. 11y
 Rick L. 13y
 Lyn T. 13y
 Wes K. 22y
Sheridan
 Joe H. 3y
 Mike C. 3y
 Frank D. 4y
 Justin J. 6y
 James D. 9y
 Paul D. 11y
 Larry P. 15y
Sunday Morning
Breakfast
 Andria B. 9m
 Carol K. 2y
 Max W. 15y
 Beverly K. 19y

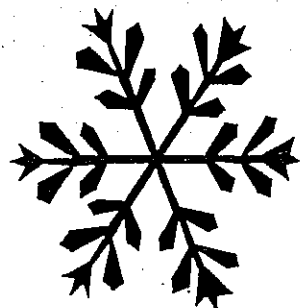
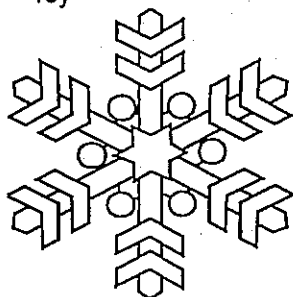
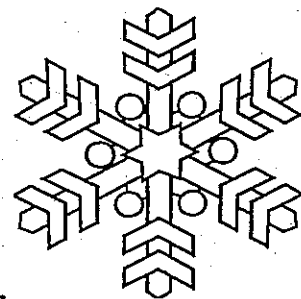
Thruway

Tom H. 3m
 Nancy H. 9m
 Julieann H. 2y
 Jenn H. 4y
 Jonethen B. 4y
 Liz Z. 14y
 Joyce T. 15y
 Den T. 18y
Victory
 Debi C. 2y
We Care
 Margerete M. 3m
 Cheryl K. 6m
 Dave G. 9m
 Jim J. 11y
 Bill G. 17y
 Agnes H. 20y
 Jim L. 20y
Welcome
 Marge B. 9m
 Joe 5y
 Carol P. 15y
Women's
Westside
 Kim R. 6m
 Danyel 6m
 Lavern W. 9m
 Maria M. 1y
 Carmella I. 2y
 Doris L. 2y
 Judy T. 12y
 Sue V. 20

GROUPS CELEBRATING

Love
Thankful
6th Step
Lake Shore
Harmony
Common Problem
Tuesday Women's
Everybody's Group
Clarence Men's Disc II
Early Bird
Wake-Up Call
Daily Reflections
By the Book
How It Works
Broadway-Bailey
Tri County
Handicappers
Grateful

*Please remember to
 have the anniversaries
 submitted by
 the 15th
 of the month
 previous*



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Name: _____

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Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to the AA Central Office earmarked the "New Frontiers" for \$ _____ for _____ copies.

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15	Copies	43.00	60 Copies	135.00

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Buffalo, New York 14203-2412

My Friend

I have recently made a Friend of Someone I wish everyone could know. This friend is never too busy to listen to my problems, my joys, my sorrows, and me. He gives me courage to face life squarely and helps me conquer my fears. The counsel I get is always good, for this Friend is wise, patient, and tolerant. Sometimes, I do not heed His advice, and then I must ask for and be willing to accept additional advice very humbly and sincerely.

Regardless of the mistakes I make, my Friend is always there, available to me any time, day or night. I can talk and He does not interrupt, no matter how I ramble on. Sometimes, while talking to Him, I receive a solution to my problem. Other times just by putting my problem in words, I see how petty and unimportant it is. I feel as if my Friend is holding my hand and gently guiding me if I will listen. I feel that when I do not listen my Friend is hurt but never angry.

My Friend is with me at work or at home, my constant companion wherever I go. He is my Higher Power, as I understand it; he is the God I know.

Colorado Spring, Colorado
Came to Believe p 79

The Envelope System

Many A.A. members across the country are currently sharing their Anniversary Celebration with others, by giving a dollar or two for each year of their sobriety to Central Office. This insures that the same help that they received will be available to others that are new to the Fellowship.

Start this year and make it an annual event. It is not how much you give that's important. It's thinking of others on your special day, that makes it so special. If you are truly grateful for your sobriety, this is a really wonderful way to express your gratitude by helping others receive the blessings of sobriety.

Step Two: "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

If you arrive at A.A. with no religious convictions, you can, if you wish, make A.A. itself or even your A.A. group your "Higher Power." Here's a large group of people who have solved their alcohol problem. In this respect they are certainly a power greater than you. Even this minimum of faith will be enough.

Many members who have crossed the threshold just this way will tell you that, once across, their faith broadened and deepened. Relieved of the alcohol obsession, their lives unaccountably transformed, they came to believe in a Higher Power, and most of them began to talk to God

Sometimes A.A. comes harder to those who have lost or rejected faith than to those who never had any faith at all, for they think they have tried faith and found it wanting. They have tried the way of faith and the way of no faith. Since both ways have proved bitterly disappointing, they have concluded there is no place whatever for them to go. Religion says the existence of God can be proved; the agnostic says it *can't* be proved; and the atheist claims proof of the nonexistence of God.

Twelve & Twelve p.27 & 28

Some will be willing to term themselves "problem drinkers," but cannot endure the suggestion that they are in fact mentally ill. They are abetted in this blindness by a world, which does not understand the difference between sane drinking and alcoholism.

"Sanity" is defined as "soundness of mind." Yet no alcoholic, soberly analyzing his destructive behavior, whether the destruction fell on the dining-room furniture or his own moral fiber, can claim "soundness of mind" for himself.

As Bill Sees It

Tradition Two: "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."

The group has a so-called rotating committee, very sharply limited in its authority. In no sense whatever can its members govern or direct the group. They are servants. Theirs is the sometimes-thankless privilege of doing the groups chores.

Old-timers -- theirs is the quiet opinion, the sure knowledge and humble example that resolve a crisis. When sorely perplexed, the group inevitably turns to them for advice. They do not drive by mandate; they lead by example.

12 & 12 p134 & 135

Things We Can Not Change
IN MEMORIAM

Paul H. (The Dancer) – Sunday Niters Group
25 yrs. 1/4/2002

Let's remember them and all the others who passed on in our prayers.

Being an alcoholic does not mean that there is no solution. To be without help does not mean to be without hope. When all human power and might fails, when a person feels helpless to change the unmanageability of their life, then there is only one power that can give strength: the power of God, the power of prayer, the power of faith, hope and love.

Anonymous in West Seneca.

Share your Experience, Strength, and Hope. Please submit your articles to Central Office by the 15th for next months issue.

New Frontiers committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month - 7:00pm - St. Michaels corner of Warsaw & Electric in Lackawanna.

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PLEASE NOTE

- IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.
- IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT RECEIVING THE BULLETIN, PLEASE CALL THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO UPDATE THE GROUP CONTACTS. THANK-YOU.
- BECOME INVOLVED; PLEASE CHECK YOUR GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS WITH THE FINANCIAL REPORT TO MAKE SURE OUR NUMBERS MATCH. IT HELPS KEEP SAFE GUARDS ON THE CENTRAL OFFICE AS WELL AS YOUR TREASURE, IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE PLEASE INQUIRE, THANK-YOU
- THE CUT OFF DATES FOR ALL MONTHLY REPORTS IS NOW THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH. THIS INCLUDES NEW FRONTIERS, FINANCIAL REPORTS, ANNIVERSARIES AND ANYTHING FOR THE MONTHLY BULLETIN.
- *We are in desperate need for 12-Step People, particularly people that could be available during the daytime hours.*
- *If your group would like to E-Mail Articles or Anniversaries for the New Frontiers, they can be sent to buffalooaa@hotmail.com*
- Kenmore Group is now updating its membership list; if you're a member, please contact the Anniversary Chairperson.
- BEYOND YOU WILDEST DREAMS, Convention Sweatshirts and mugs are still available. Call Ned H. 691-9320.

MEETING CHANGES:

1110 GROUP: Moved to 241 Genesee Street, Corner of Michigan. We also changed our name to The Buffalo Group.

Boulevard Helping Hands: has returned to Wheatfield Town Hall.

Cold Springs has moved to the Crucial Center, 230 Moselle St. Monday's at Monday's at 8:00

Community Center: Has moved to 118 E. Utica; Friends of the Elderly Center.

Crosstalk Big Book; will not meet on Monday Dec. 24th due to Church functions.

COURAGE GROUP: Starting in January will be having a Big Book table.

HARMONY; Now meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am.

KENMORE GROUP is now an open discussion group the last Thursday of the month.

NOTHING BUT THE BOOK, Held in the school cafeteria at Bishop Timon High at 6:00 PM on Wed. will Not meet if there was no school in session.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS; has a new home. Church of the Advent, 54 Delaware Rd., Kenmore.

The Three Legacies (formally Unity Men's Stag); now meets at Good Shepherd Church, 96 Jewett Pkwy at 8 pm. Closed Men's Meeting

THANKFUL GROUP, Fridays at 2 pm have moved to the Senior Center, behind the fire hall at 101 King & Oakwood. Please join us in our new meeting place.

Trail End; Cherry Creek, Saturdays at 8, NO LONGER MEETS.

There's A Solution Group, 7:00, Saturday on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation, NO LONGER MEETS.

Tuesday Men's Discussion Will not be meeting on Christmas and New Years due to church functions. Meetings will resume on January 8th, 2002.

Unity Group, Will begin meeting at Calvary Episcopal Church, corner of Cayuga and Milton, one block south of St. Peter & Paul. This is only a temporary move.

NEW MEETINGS:

Sunday At 8:00; 8:00 pm, Smoking, Closed, Open last Sunday of the month.

Early Rising Obliging; Friday's at 10:00 AM. 6560 Niagara Falls Blvd at the I90, behind Timberland Lodge Resterant. In Horizons Health Center.

Another Chance; Monday 5:30 PM, Jewish Community Center, 787 Delaware Ave., Buffalo West; OD

Nothing But The Book; Wed. 6:00 pm, St. Bishop Timon High School, 603 McKinley Pkwy.

Saturday Nite Sober; Fredonia, Open Discussion, WC, Buttrick Hall; Central Ave & Cottage

Sobriety Comes First; Tuesday's, 8 PM, OD, 1206 Niagara St., Niagara Falls

BUFFALO STATE GROUP; Rm. 210, Weigle Health Center, Tues. & Thurs. 12:30pm, Open Discussion

I DON'T KNOW GROUP; starts Feb. 18th at St. Francis Church, 175 East Street and Amherst. Smoking in one room, Non-Smoking in another. It will be an open speaker meeting the first and last weeks, and discussion the rest the month. Monday's at 7:00 PM.

MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

DeVeau Discussion- First Presbyterian Church, Rainbow Blvd at North.

Early Rising Obliging; Friday, 10:00 AM, 6560 Niagara Falls Blvd.

INSPIRATION – St. Barnabas, 2049 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, 10 am Thursdays

PERRY DISCUSSION – 344 Perry Street, Tuesdays, 12:15 pm Tuesdays

RECOVERY NEAR THE GARDEN– Lake Shore Behavior Health Building, 2600 South Park, Lackawanna, Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

ROLAND GROUP– Roland Methodist, 168 Roland, Lackawanna Saturdays at 8 pm

Serenity On The Lake—WED. At St. Anthony's Church, Route 249 in Farnham

ST. BARNABAS– 63 John Street, Akron, 8 pm Mondays

ST. MARK'S-Orchard Park Saturdays, need Home group members, large group, no members; need help

THANKFUL GROUP, needs support

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Jan. 30, The Big Book study led by Father Tom at Common Problem Group is starting a new cycle. The study format cross reference the Big Book, Twelve and Twelve and the personal stories allowing for a clearer understanding of the recovery program.
- ~ Feb. 2, Any Age 16th Annual Blizzard Ball, St. Andrew's RC Church (corner of Sheridan & Elmwood, parking lot off Elmwood at Lowell Rd.). 1525 Sheridan Dr., Kenmore. Doors open at 7 pm, Speaker at 8 pm, Music and dancing from 9 pm- 1 am. Tickets \$5.00 in advance/\$6.00 at the door. Pizza-Coffee-Tea- Pop- 50/50. No Children under 12.
- ~ Feb. 3, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Amherst Snyder)
- ~ Feb. 9, Journey thru the 12 Steps; Holiday Inn, Jamestown. Doors Open at 8:00 am, Program starts at 9:00 am-4:30 Pm. Free Admission but an &8.75 Lunch Buffet guarantees seating.
- ~ Feb. 9, Sobriety On A Saturday Night Group Anniversary. Speaker, Food, Bring a dish to share. 344 Walnut Street, Lockport.
- ~ Feb. 9, Valentine's Dance, Sponsored by Living In The Solution. 8:00 pm-Speaker, followed by the dance at 9:00-1:00 pm. The Amity Club, 340 Military Rd (corner of Hertel). Cost \$4.00. Gaint 50/50, Sandwiches, Bring A Dish To Pass. Music Provided By Radar's Sound Machine.
- ~ Feb. 23, Archives Committee, 9 am, At Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Dr.
- ~ Feb. 16, 2002 Buffalo Fall Convention Committee Meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome. Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. 9:00 AM before the Courage Group.
- ~ Feb. 27, The Common Problem Group will be celebrating their 19th Anniversary. Food will be served at 7:00 pm followed by a speaker at 8:00 pm. Cake and coffee following the meeting. Christ the King Church; Main St. and LaMark in Snyder, just south of the 290 Main St. exit. Park in school parking lot.
- ~ March 3, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Lakeshore) Reminder this is the Election Date for our Executive Secretary, it is very important that the groups send their voice on this very important vote.
- ~ March 10, General Service Assembly, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue. (Hosted by The Downtown Men's Group)
- ~ March 24, Serenity Groups 38th Anniversary Breakfast, Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. 9:30 am Breakfast followed about 11:00 by speaker. \$8.50 pre-sale tickets only-No tickets will be sold at the door.
- ~ May 4, JAMESTOWN 57th ANNIVERSARY, 1 day only. St. John's Church, 270 Newton. \$20 including banquet, \$14 for just registration and dance.

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."

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

.... Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...

Terry Bateman

Acting Executive Secretary

**BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2002**

The meeting was opened at 7:00Pm by the Chairman, Scott T. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Preamble was read by Gary B, Lakeshore; Traditions by Gary; Purpose by Lee M. The reading of the last minutes was waved.

50 Groups Attended: Dist. 1: Buffalo, Bidwell Monday Discussion, Downtown Men's, Easier Softer Way, Journey, Live and Let Live, One Day At A Time, Sunday Nighter's; Sunrise Court; Those, Too; Dist. 2: Working, Chapter IX, Early Bird, Easy Does It, Living sober, North Buffalo, Serenity, Three Legacies Men's Disc, University Men's Disc, Welcome. Dist. 3: Abbott Men's Disc, Cazenovia, Courage, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Victory. Dist. 4: Action, Amsdell-Lakeshore, Hillbilly, Holland, Keep It Simple, Sister; Lake Shore, Ray Of Hope, St. Mark's, Thankful, Valley. Dist 5: None. Dist: 6, None. Dist. 7: Coldspring, Community Center, Crosstalk Bigbook, Ellicott, Lovejoy, Remember When, Spirit Of Hope. Dist. 8: Amherst Snyder, Eyeopener, H.A.N.D., Renewal. Dist. 9, None. Dist. 10, None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen S. reported Contributions for January totaled \$1642.00. She asked that we all talk up the Envelope system of giving to our groups.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Persons in attendance, Ed K., Dist 3.; Gary S. Dist. 4; Charles L. Dist 7; Mike D. co-chair; Scott T. Chair; Terry B. acting Ex. Sect.; Joanne M. Finance Chair; Derek H. Dist 5; Charmaine D. Dist. 8.

Derek H. gave the summary of the meeting. Topics included:

New Group start up package

Discussions concerning amendment to guidelines for sponsored events sponsored by Central.

PIC- no chair at this point

General Service has none available to do it.

Motion by Scott T. to have Central Committee PIC committee, seconded by Ed K., vote unanimous.

Move Central Office: A committee is being formed to look into this. Reasons sited - limited, parking, lease cost.

District Reps - Missing representation at Steering Committee Dists 1, 6, 9, 10.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joanne M., Financial Chair submitted the report. As of January 15, 2002:

Income Total	\$19,014.10	She also stated that she makes at least two visits to Central
Expenses Total	<u>11,074.41</u>	Office monthly, and it looks pretty good because some groups give more
Balance	7,939.69	at the beginning of the year, therefore increase. Joanne also received
Literature Assets	<u>5,859.61</u>	clarification on some of the entries, ie, taxes, phone, liability insurance,
Total	13,799.30	etc. and that is why difference in amounts.

TREATMENT FACILITY: Chairman Winston F. reported that all meetings are covered and that there is a new meeting at the Lighthouse, Women with Children rehab., only inpatients may attend. These will start on 2/05/02 @ 2:00 PM. Also presentation was given on 1/24/02 CPC and TFC.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Bob G. submitted this report. Met with Rich and Bill at the beginning of the month and got a lot of information. Bill gave me the 2 boxes of information that I am presently going through and he has another box to give me. I am working with Rich in notifying the contacts at the prisons that I am taking over as chairman. We need help at Gowanda on Wed. and Fri. nights. I am working on organizing and calling committee members of this committee to get a handle on it. I am toying with the idea of holding a 2nd CFC meeting at the end of the month for the people that can't make it here. Please bear with me!

CENTRAL OFFICE:

AA INFO: 502; 12-STEP: 8; ALANON: 47; PIC: 3; VISITORS: 113; VOLUNTEERS: 12

The office is doing Ok. We are over the holidays and back to normal? I've been announcing the Envelope System at the meeting I've been attending and I'm happy to report that we've received some of the Yellow Brochures back. Trying to do what I can to get the income up and the expenses down. I redid the financial report as asked by this body last month, to fit on 2 sheets of paper, cutting both paper costs as well as postage. The resumes went out on the 16th along with the steering committee report.

I do have a question for this body; on the outstanding literature, \$2,025.88 is literature sold before I was Here-I don't believe we'll ever recoup this money as most are in individual names and I've seen no sign of them. Should we put this down to a business loss and next month start with only the receipts since I've been there? That currently is the amount of \$1,129.96. What should I do? Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit

Terry Bateman

Acting Executive Secretary

FYI: I am having arthroscopy surgery on my shoulder tomorrow. I do have the office covered and have every intention on being in on Tuesday.

60th BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Adolph answered several questions about finances. He said some moneys might still trickle in from sale of sweatshirts and mugs.

61ST BUFFALO FALL CONVENTIO 2002: Pat M. Chairperson gave the report. The meeting was held on January 19th. The theme of this year's convention is Sobriety Thru Action. The dates are November 8, 9 and 10th, 2002. Our next meeting we'll be deciding on the graphic for the flyer and imprints. After having a long discussion on the coffee we had a group conscious decision it is to be free. The next meeting will be February 16th at 9:00 in the morning at Maryvale Pres. Church. That is where the Courage Group and Cheektowaga groups meet.

SCREENERS: No report

NEW FRONTIER: Debi C. announced that the committee meeting is 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Michael's Church in Lackawanna; corner of Warsaw and Electric, 7:00 PM.

GSC, CPC: No reports

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Elvester M. reported that several calls came in and 2 people will go out.

ARCHIVES: Chair could not be here, he has the Flu. One display for Lockport Group 1.

RECAP: ENVELOPE SYSTEM. Liz G. reports she found that a lot of people don't know about this. Scott T. reminded us that we each are responsible to spread the word.

FINANCIAL: Mike said that he found the figure \$19,014.10 confusing. Joanne said they would fix it.

CORRECTIONS: How much sobriety is needed to chair a Prison meeting. Ans. 1 year is required.

Joanne announced that they hosted the "Past Delegates" Convention and it went well.

OLD BUSINESS: Dist's 1, 6 and 9 need reps. (Steering Committee reps).

NEW BUSINESS: Parker asked could someone vote if they are not here. Ans. No, we meet once a month and others have worked it out although they have meeting conflicts.

STEERING COMMITTEE: an explanation of need for amendment

Since there is no PIC chair from GSA, if we had one they could handle all Buffalo area calls. We want to form our own committee/ fund to do so. Mike motioned, Charmaine seconded, passed by overwhelming majority.

SPIRITUAL WEEKEND: Why didn't we put this announcement into our bulletin. Ans. In the past they were not all run by AA people. Grapevine said they will run announcements if run by and attended by AA people, for more than one day. All panels have to be AA people. If attended by AA, but not run by AA we won't print it. Motioned by Pat M., seconded by Karen S. Majority passed.

FINANCES: Joanne motioned that we no longer carry bad invoices or bad debts. Lee M. seconded. Majority passed. An appeal goes out if your group owes money, pay it.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to allowing the two candidates for Executive Secretary to make presentations to the entire committee and to respond to questions posed from the floor. All were provided with copies of the resumes they had submitted and answers the candidates had give to steering committee. Scott thanked both Ladies for being there.

7th Tradition was collected. Motion to close by Kevin C. 2nd by Lee M.

	Central	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
11:45							Dunkirk Monday Night						
ep							Early Bird						
ep Stumblers							East Amherst						
ep Step							East Aurora						
A Day At A Time							Easy Does It						
A Little Bit of Everything							Eden-North Collins						
A New Freedom							Elkton	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
A Strong Desire							Escotville						
Abbott Men's		80.00		80.00		80.00	Emergency						
Acceptance/Welcom		300.00		50.00		50.00	Eternal Vigilance	50.00	50.00				
Achievement							Everybody's	40.00	40.00				
Action		25.00					Express						
After Midnight							Eycopener	271.00	271.00				
Age Doesn't Matter							F.U.N.						
Alexander							Fallh						
Amherst/Snyder	116.68	116.68					Father Baker						
Amsdel Lakeshore	25.00	50.00					Feelings						
Another Chance							Fireside	250.00	250.00				
Any Age	55.00	55.00					Fireside PM						
Any Length				30.00			First Things First						
Anybody's	20.00	40.00					Fredonia Discussion		100.00				
As Bill Sees It							Fredonia Friday Noon						
Attitude Adjustment		70.00					Freedom						
AW Group							Freedom Now						
Attraction	100.00	200.00					Fresh Start						
Beginner's Table							Friendly						
Beginning in Sobriety II							Fronier						
Beginning's Women							Gardenville						
Blidwell Monday							Georgetown						
Big Book Lockport		25.00					Getting Better						
Big Book Study							Giving						
Big Book Workshop							Going to Any Length		200.00				
Blasdel							Golden Slipper						
Blasdel Monday Night							Grand						
Blasdel							Grand II Joy of Living						
Bleward Helping Hand							Grateful						
Boulevard Women		75.00					Guiding Light						
Brass	25.00	35.00					H.O.W.						
Broadway Bailey							Half and Half						
Brocton AA							Hamburg						
Brownbaggers							Hand						
Buffalo Group	5.00	5.00					Handicappers						
But For the Grace of God	80.00	80.00					Happy Hour						
By The Book							Harmony						
Came To Believe	10.00	10.00					Helping Hand						
Casting		100.00		10.00		10.00	High Noon						
Cathedral Park	46.14	46.14	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	High View						
Caz Manor							Higher Power						
Cazenovia							Hibilly		100.00		25.00		25.00
Central Park							Holiday Village	125.00	375.00				
Chapter IX							Holland						
Checkowaga							Honesty		30.00				10.00
Chevy #1							Horizon						
Clarence Men's							Hope Big Book Study						
Clarence Men's II							How It Works						
Cold Spring		15.00					How It Works/Men's		231.00				
Common Bond							Humboldt Riley						
Common Problem							Inner City						
Community Center							Inspiration						
Complanters							Indicated on Life						
Courage				46.50		46.50	Ironhorse	43.00	43.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Courage to Change							IT						
Crossroads							Jameslown Groups						
Cross Talk Big Book							Johnson Creek Big Book						
Daily Reflections		30.00					Journey						
Daily Reprieve							Just Do It						
Deaux Discussion							Just For Today/Abion						
Desire							Just For Today/Checkowaga						
Downtown Men's		15.00					Keep It Simple Sister	50.00	50.00				
							Keep On Coming						
							Kenmore						

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	Central	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
Kensington							Matt Tabol	50.00	100.00				
Ladies Night							Mayville Uptown Group						
Lake Shore							Medna Grapevine						
Lakeview							McKinley Winners	100.00	100.00				
Last Days Fellowship							Medna Big Book						
LewPort							Medna New Life						
Let Go and Let God							Mercy						
Liberty Women							Mid-day	52.00	52.00				
Life Today							Miracle						
Lighten UP							Morning After						
Lockport Ladies	50.00	50.00					Monday Morning Lockport						
Gardenville	100.00	100.00					New Awakening		50.00				
Grand	30.00	30.00					New Freedom						
Grateful							New Beginnings/St. Vincent						
Guiding Light							New Life	20.00	20.00				
H.O.W.							New Outlook						
Half and Half							Niagara Intergroup						
Hamburg							New Westside						
Hand							Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.						
Handicappers							Nightshift						
Happy Hour							North Buffalo	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Harmony	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00			North Java Monday						
Helping Hand							North Java Morning After						
High Noon							North Java Sunday						
High View							One Day At A Time						
Higher Power				15.00			Open Arms	25.00	25.00			25.00	25.00
Hillbilly							Open Mind						
Holiday Village	250.00	250.00					Orchard Park Step						
Holland							P.B.P. Big Book Study						
Honesty							Pass It On						
Horizon							Patchin						
Hope Big Book Study							Pathway to Peace						
How It Works							Pendleton Chapter Five						
How It Works/Mer's							Perry Discussion						
Humboldt Riley							Pink Can						
Inner City							Pioneer						
Inspiration							Positively Living/Ascension		500.00				
Intoxicated on Life							Positively Living/Renaissance						
Ironhorse							Powerless						
IT							Primary Purpose	100.00	100.00				
Jameslown Groups							Principles Before Personalities		100.00				
Johnson Creek Big Book							Progress						
Journey							Purpose/Tonewanda		150.00				
Just Do It							Rainbow	50.00	75.00				
Just For Today/Albion							Ray of Hope	75.00	75.00				
Just For Today/Cheekowaga							Recovery Near the Gardens	10.00	10.00				
Keep It Simple Sister							Remember When		25.00				
Keep On Coming							Renewal						
Kenmore							Ridge						
Kensington							Ridge/Pink Can						
Ladies Night							Rise and Shine						
Lake Shore							Rochester						
Lakeview							Roland						
Last Days Fellowship							Rural Is Plural						
LewPort							Sally						
Let Go and Let God							Saratoga						
Liberty Women							Searching For Serenity						
Life Today							Second Chance						
Lighten UP		500.00					Serenity						
Live and Let Live							Serenity Circle	20.00	30.00				
Living in the Solution							Serenity on the Lake						
Living Sober							Serenity Trails						
Lock City							Seaside						
Lockport #1							Sheridan	20.00	40.00				
Lockport Discussion							Silvercreek Friendship						
Lockport Ladies							Sober and Proud						
Lockview		300.00					Sober Saturday						
Look To This Day							Sober Trail						
Love							Sober Winners	20.00	20.00				
Lovejoy							Sobriety for Women						
Lower River							Sobriety Men's Discussion						
Lunch Time							Sobriety On The Canal	25.00	25.00				

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Main and High	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00			Women's West Side	100.00					
Main Street							Working						
	50.00	50.00					You'll Never Walk Alone						
Society on a Saturday Night							Youngstown						
Sobriety on the Lake							Dale M.	4.00					
Somerset							50 Fall Convention	14.00	14.00				
South Buffalo													
South Town													
Southgale													
Southtown Women's		73.00											
Southwestern	44.00	88.00											
Spirit of Hope	100.00	100.00					TOTAL	\$3,833.82	\$8,306.62	\$222.00	\$593.50	\$192.00	\$538.50
Spiritual Progress		150.00											
Springville Saturday Afternoon													
Springville Tuesday Night													
Springville Wednesday Noon													
St. Barnabas													
St. Mark's													
Starting Over				35.00		35.00							
Staying Alive													
Step Work													
Stepping Stones/Gowanda		30.00											
Stepping Stones/Williamsville													
Suburban	10.00	20.00											
Sunday Afternoon Ascension													
Sunday Morning Breakfast		50.00		50.00		50.00							
Sunday Niters													
Sunday Third Group													
Sunrise Court													
SUNY Amherst Campus													
Surrender and Hope													
Survivors													
T.P.H.													
TGIF													
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ook Meeting													
The Moonshiners													
There's A Solution													
Three Legacies													
Those Too	5.00	10.00											
Thruway	250.00	450.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	40.00							
Thursday PM Discussion	100.00	150.00											
Today													
Today's Woman													
Trail's End													
Tri County		40.00		10.00									
Tri-Step Beginners													
Try Again													
Tuesday Men's AM													
Tuesday Women	25.00	50.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	20.00							
Turning Point													
Twin Cities													
Unity	100.00	100.00											
University Men's Discussion													
Valley													
Varieties of Spiritual Experience													
Varysburg													
Victory	52.00	52.00											
Wake Up Call													
We Are Not Saints													
We Care	30.00	60.00	20.00	40.00	10.00	20.00							
We Choose Life													
Wehrle													
Welcome													
Westfield													
Westminster													
Wills													
Willsville	220.00	220.00											
Wings To Grow	200.00	200.00											
Wilson Group	25.00	25.00				25.00	25.00						
Wilson Smith Alumni													
Women on the Rise													

	Dec.15	Jan.15	Feb. 15	15-Mar
Beginning Balance	1,323.91	\$ 7,608.93	\$ 13,799.30	
RECEIPTS				
Groups & Indiv. Contributed	2,942.50	4,457.80	3,833.82	
Joint Meeting	59.75	54.55	75.00	
New Frontiers Subscriptions		96.00	23.00	
Envelope System	239.00	1,642.00	788.00	
Literature	4,949.10	3,204.82	3,137.74	
Fall Convention 2001	2,000.00	1,950.00	112.00	
TOTAL Income Balance	\$ 11,514.26	\$19,014.10	21,768.86	
EXPENSES:				
Ellicott Court Corp.(LOCKS & KEYS)				
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation OFFICE RENT	636.00	636.00	636.00	
St. Micheal's Parish MEETING ROOM RENT	35.00	35.00	35.00	
Salaries	1600.00	1600.00	2000.00	
Charter One/Federal Withholdings	679.84	679.84	849.80	
Gould & Swanson (accountant)				
Workers Comp				
New York State Employment Taxes		184.60		
Advance Business Machine(postage supplies)				
Selective Insurance		838.84		
Pitney Bowes	37.24			
ACC Business	7.14	6.85	7.44	
Secrephone(Answering Service)	272.15	355.45	530.50	
IRS(1st qt. Fed Withholdings)				
Minolta leasing/Copier	187.00	187.00	187.00	
Minolta / Copies over (6/1 - 9/1)	205.65			
AT & T	94.35	97.34	96.40	
Crystle Rock(water)	14.50	14.50	14.50	
Grapevine		43.50	132.00	
World Services, Inc.	2,298.95	806.65	1341.10	
Hazeldon		681.12		
Office Supplies		125.38	66.56	
Williamson UPS				
Postage(Neopost)				
Bank Charge	8.00	8.00	17.50	
Image Office Tech				
Talking Phone Book	408.00			
Yellow Pages Company			149.00	
Verizon		141.50	70.75	
Twenty First Century Press		1,477.00		
Outstanding Invoices before 7/01 write-off			1,047.92	
Outstanding Invoices:	2,406.95	3,155.84	1,433.86	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,890.77	\$ 11,074.41	\$ 8,615.33	
INCOME- EXPENSES	\$ 2,623.49	\$ 7,939.69	13,153.53	
Lit. Assets	\$ 4,985.44	\$ 5,859.61	4,922.05	
TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE	\$ 7,608.93	\$ 13,799.30	18,075.58	

Correctional Facilities	\$ 983.00	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 1,522.50	
Donations	292.00	346.50	192.00	
Expenses	75.00		315.75	
Bank Charge	12.00	12.00	12.00	
BALANCE	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 1,522.50	\$ 1,386.75	

Treatment Facilities	\$ 430.36	\$ 510.83	\$ 440.87	
Donations	397.00	371.5	222.00	
Expences				
AT&T Bridging the Gap	19.23	25.71	27.28	
AAA Abbott Answering Service	30.00	30.75	35.95	
Literature	255.30	373.00	289.00	
Bank Charge	12.00	12.00	12.00	
BALANCE	\$ 510.83	\$ 440.87	\$ 298.64	
