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My Higher Power - The Light Bulb

By Clarence H. Snyder - "The Home Brewmeister"



Clarence had his last drink on February 11, 1938 and he carried this medallion until just before his death on March 22, 1984. It has been dated back into the mid-1940's and the holes represent 46 years of sobriety. Clarence started AA group #3 in Cleveland in 1939, and in the beginning had a higher recovery rate than Bill and Dr. Bob combined. His story, "[Home Brewmeister](#)", can be found on page 297 of the Big Book.(First Edition BB; Now in Experience, Strength & Hope))

In their sincere and honest attempt to maintain a "hands-off" policy regarding fellow members' religious beliefs and perhaps sensitivities, our founding fathers exercised gentle wisdom and proffered spiritual freedom. No one, it was rightly thought, should be permitted to impose his or her own religious concepts and beliefs upon any other member of the fellowship. This area was much too important to the prospective recoveree to be tampered with by mortal man. The very life of the prospect depends, ultimately, upon his or her "personal relationship" with a "Power greater than themselves." The notion was valid in the Program's earlier days - **AND IT STILL IS!**

In no way, shape or form, however, was the idea conceived to avoid guiding our beloved newcomer along the path of spiritual progress. Quite the contrary, our whole purpose as recovered alcoholics, was and is to help the next person achieve sobriety. If that person is a real alcoholic his only hope is God. So in its most basic and simplest terms our only real purpose is to help the still-suffering alcoholic to find God. **A loving God, a healing God is the alcoholic's only real hope.**

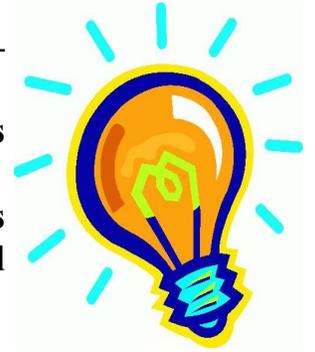
This is no easy task. A vast array of difficulties presents themselves to thwart the new person on his journey. The foremost adversary, of course, is the illness itself. It seems that many, many alcoholics have a very fierce, emotionally charged resistance to accepting any dependence upon a Power, which, to them, may seem an abstract and remotely distant concept.

This internal resistance is most effectively broken down by the potential recoveree's initial desperation. (It seems such a shame that today's AA actually encourages the newcomer to avoid reaping the blessings of that desperation.) If intense enough and deep enough, this emotional "bottom" will be the very propellant the prospect needs to thrust him into the recovery process offered by AA through its 12 Steps.

Another stumbling block, which many people who are new to the program are currently encountering, is us! We seem to be full of fear regarding the responsibility we have been given in the area of spiritual guidance. We shirk this responsibility by evasiveness or by the direct sidestepping of the issue by such statements as, "It's God as you understand Him, and it's up to you to come to your own conclusions." So the newcomer is left to his own devices. He is expected to arrive, alone and unguided, at a relationship with his Creator.

[My Higher Power - The Light Bulb; Continued from Pg. 1]

One of the most powerful and hope-filled statements to be found in the entire text of Alcoholics Anonymous can be found on page 25. **"The great fact is just this, and nothing less: That we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences which have revolutionized our whole attitude toward life, toward our fellows and toward God's universe. The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way that is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do for ourselves."**



Are we, today, so far removed from our founder's results of our recovery program that these words are nothing more than a "nice thought" or an exaggeration due to artificially elated emotions? If so, we "obviously cannot transmit something we don't have." We cannot share awareness we don't have. Cannot give guidance we have never gotten. We cannot share a vision of God we have never seen. Our lack, thereby, becomes the newcomer's and he may die because of it!

Our resistance becomes his license. In his liquor befogged mind he does not seek and experience God but begins to "create" one. It's no wonder his dryness becomes so barren that in a short while he returns to drink. His "Higher Power" was a light bulb! (No joke. We have heard this comment voiced more than once and not only by a newcomer!) Or perhaps this power greater than himself was a chair, or a wall, or even a mere mortal sponsor. A quick glance at the top of page 93 of the "Big Book" makes instantly clear a very important qualification in the concept of "...as you understand Him," and that is: "He can choose any conception he likes, **PROVIDED IT MAKES SENSE TO HIM.**"

Power greater than himself - a light bulb? A simple flick of a switch turns off that power. A wall? Not so powerful when confronted with a bulldozer. A chair? An axe can make quick kindling of that higher power. A sponsor then? If he fails to perfect his spiritual life, his old foe alcohol is sure to reclaim him. So he won't do very well as a greater power. How about a whole group? Possibly for someone else, but not for us. If one person is powerless over alcohol, and another, we would have a group of people who are powerless over alcohol. We do not have a group who ARE POWERFUL over alcohol. Yet they do not drink! **They have gained access to something more powerful than alcohol.**

It was never intended that phrases such as "higher power," "power greater than ourselves," or "as we understood Him" were created as an enabling device to justify our membership's continued avoidance of a connection with our Creator. Page 46 of the AA book says, "we found that as soon as we were able to lay aside prejudice and express even a willingness to believe in a Power greater than ourselves, we commenced to get results, even though it was impossible for any of us to fully define or comprehend that Power which is God." **Again, "...that Power, which is God."** Our founders apparently held no reservations, whatsoever, with **Who** was dealing with them. Perhaps, we would be well advised to think twice before we attempt any ourselves. Alcoholics Anonymous is not allied with any religion, as we well know. **But it is allied with God, "for our very lives as ex-problem drinkers depend on it."** It is allied with spirituality, for despite what our preamble states, **AA is not a "fellowship," it is a spiritual way of life.**

It is our most earnest desire that no one reading this feel that we are trying to impose any presentation of God or His nature on anyone. **Our real hope is that a reader may be jolted from a position of complacency or spiritual evasion and get about the business of recovery.**

archives



Hello Readers. I'm Lila, your grateful Area 50 Archives Committee chair, but more importantly, a fellow drunk ever fascinated by our history. In looking over all of the actually pertinent February AA happenings, I keep coming back to two things: the memorial service for Bill and February of 1938 being the \$5,000 from Rockefeller contribution to AA.

Bill's death on January 25th, 1971 was expected as he had been ill, but no one could have known that on Valentine's Day of that year, AA groups around the world would hold a memorial service for him. One would think this would have been a day of mourning, but from many articles I've read, that was not the case. Rather, all the articles describe people speaking about the gift that his work left to this world.

I like the articles that stated that he "left the world in a different way than he found it." – stating it differently but with that same simple actual truth. That fact accompanied by the reality that many of the attending persons would be dead without the program he and Dr. Bob put forth for us. [An article in the New York Times on Monday February 15, 1971 titled "500 Meet at St. John's to Mourn Loss of Bill W."](#) states that his wife Lois was there.

February was also the month of that contribution by Mr. Rockefeller that I've heard so many speak inaccurately about – believing as was part of history until recently that that \$5,000 was all the money he gave to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Seems I heard it OFTEN particularly right after that 2015 National AA Archives Workshop I attended in Cleveland, Ohio where the writer of the latest Rockefeller book was the banquet speaker. The book "**Alcoholics Anonymous and the Rockefeller Connection: How John D. Rockefeller Jr. and his Associates Saved AA**" tells the truth and I got to hear the author, Jay Moore, speak about his efforts to find in the Rockefeller archives any further donations. [In fact, those associates of Rockefeller that sat at those dinner tables with Bill and the alcoholics at the meal held to introduce our fellowship to them HELPED US STAY ALIVE until books sales and then self-support created the unorganized organization we know today.](#) With just small amounts of money donated at the right moments, his associates saved our fellowship --- the higher power truth of that is what makes this book an interesting read and made him one fascinating speaker!

Yours in Service, with Gratitude, Lila M., your Area 50 Archives Committee Chair

2nd STEP:

"Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope

Please submit your announcements by the **12th**
for next month's issue
Articles can be submitted at any time

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Heard @ a Meeting

"In Alcoholics Anonymous we are blessed beyond our ability to be grateful."

-Joe C

**MEETINGS AND
NO STEPWORK
IS JUST COFFEE
AND
BULL**



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance/Welcome

Sue H. 2y
 Kelly K. 5y
 Joe K. 11y
 Kimberly G. 14y
 Larry P. 30y
 Nancy N. 39y

Alexander

Ross A. 12y

Amherst/Snyder

Chris B. 3y
 Dave H. 28y
 Jim C. 32y

Beginnings Women

Beverly B. 34y
 Nancy N. 39y

Boulavard Women's

Lianda M. 3m

Courage Group

Jim T. 7y
 Beverly K. 34y

Easy Does It

Diane O. 4y
 Chris M. 9y
 Joe D. 10y
 Mike M. 17y
 Melissa B. 21y
 John R. 26y
 Colleen J. 33y
 Sue V. 35y

Eyeopener

Tom W. 1y
 Jason 1y
 Bill E. 4y
 Justin M. 5y
 Brian A. 6y
 Jim C. 9y
 Russ A. 12y
 Kelly Ann M. 13y
 Leo 19y
 Bryan D. 22y
 Bill R. 22y
 Liz O. 29y
 Jim S. 33y
 Terry M. 40y

Eyeopener South

Joe H. 1y
 John Y. 2y
 Patty B. 5y
 Rob M. 5y
 Chris G. 6y
 Mike C. 20y
 John M. 26y

Fireside

Liz O. 28y

Fresh Start

Laurie A. 12y
 Constance W. 17y
 Romona D. 18y
 Sebastian W. 21y
 Peter A. 31y

Golden Slipper

Leslie A. 5y
 Roger K. 36y
 Jim R. 37y

Harmony

Joanie D. 1y
 Kim C. 3y
 Diedra 4y
 Willie H. 6y
 Michael C. 9y
 John L. 13y

Helping Hand

Sherry C. 8y

Ironhorse

Mike G. 7y
 Debi C. 17y
 Dorothy S. 18y

Just For Today

Kim E. 16y

Lakeshore

Brendan M. 7y

Lockview

Dan F. 3y
 Mark R. 6y
 Heather R. 8y
 Michael K. 9y
 John W. 12y

Main & High

Tom B. 24y

Marilla

Rick 10y
 Ross 33y

New Life

Joe W. 5y
 Jim S. 39y

North Buffalo

Megan W. 1y
 Gage 2y
 Brian A. 3y
 Daniel N. 3y
 Karl C. 4y
 Anthony T. 4y
 Brian K. 4y
 Bill P. 4y
 Amberle K. 4y
 Mia S. 4y
 Orville B. 4y
 John T. 4y
 Richard P. 5y
 Jamie L. 5y
 Clarence M. 5y
 Randy L. 5y
 Jeff M. 5y
 William C. 6y
 Layyy K. 6y
 William C. 6y
 Larry K. 6y
 Alex P. 6y
 Brandon M. 7y
 Erin B. 8y
 Rob S. 9y
 Walter W. 26y
 Mark M. 30y

O.P. Step

SarahBelle 3m
 Tom K. 1y
 Bob B. 4y
 Cory B. 7y
 Steve S. 23y
 Beth G. 23y

Purpose

Joe K. 11y

Recovery Near the Gardens

Jose D. 18y

Renaissance

Brian K. 6m
 Nathan V. 1y
 Stephen H. 15y

Remember When

Stephen M. 7y
 Vernon 12y
 Roosevelt 23y
 Ava P. 27y

Rise & Shine

Jim G. 3y
 Jeff M. 5y
 James H. 9y
 George S. 11y
 Tom H. 14y
 Mark M. 21y
 Lawrence B. 22y
 Ava P. 27y

Sheridan

David S. 23y
 Paul D. 26y

Spiritual

Erin B. 8y

Springville New Life

Nadine H. 2y

Sun. Moming

Breakfast

Briana 9m
 Liz O. 29y
 Max W. 30y

The Grove

Jeff A. 1y
 Felecia F. 3y
 Mark M. 30y
 Don 42y

Thruway

Bill A. 10y
 Elizabeth O. 29y
 Joyce T. 30y

Williamsville

Kyle M. 1y
 Dave B. 2y
 Mike O. 3y
 Florence K. 5y
 Kelly Anne M. 13y
 Jim C. 32y



Declaration of Unity

*This we owe to A.A.'s future;
 to place our common welfare first;
 to keep our Fellowship united.*

*For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
 and the lives of those to come.*

GROUPS CELEBRATING

6th Step: 41y
By the Book: 18y
Clarence Men's Disc II: 27y
Daily Reflections: 21y
Everybody's Group: 33y
Grateful: 42y
Harmony: 39y
Kensington: 47y
Lake Shore: 55y
Love: 17y
 Recovery Near
 The Gardens: 16y
Thankful: 48y
Tri County: 60y
Forestville Serenity: 11y
Wake-Up Call: 25y

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



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

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

MEETING CHANGES

- **Open Mind Group, No Longer Meets.** Wed., 8 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 695 Elmwood @ W. Ferry, Buffalo.
- **Common Problem Group, No Longer Meets.** Wed. 8PM, Christ the King Church, Main St @ Lamarch, Snyder.
- **New Group: North Evan's Men's Disc.; Saturday's, 9:30AM. The Wesleyan Southtown Campus, 2063 South Creek Rd** (GPS: 2063 Shadagee Rd., Eden,) North Evans)14057 @ Rt 20.
- **Mew Group; Cemetery Gates,** Saturday's at 1:00 PM, South Bflo, 14210 Open Discussion.
- **Mew Group; Forestville In The Solution;** Monday's at 7:00 PM. Wesleyan Church, 9497 Prospect Rd., Forestville 14062 OD.
- **Sober Saturday** will now be an **Open Discussion.**
- **North Java Monday** will now **start at 8:00 PM.** Holy Family Parish, 4316 Rt. 98.
- **The Grove Group** will now have **Child-Care** on Monday's 6PM. Grove St. Christian Church, 85 Grove St., Tonawanda 14150.
- **If He Were Sought Group** has moved to **Emergency Pizza, 1868 Seneca St. South Buffalo, 14210.**
- **Sunday Morning Breakfast** has returned to the **Cheektowaga Recreation Center @** 2600 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga, 11 am Sunday's.

Support AA through the Envelope System:

This is another way to help carry the AA message by making a personal donation.
Please call Central Office for more details; 853-0388

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~ Feb.3, **Envelope System Meeting; FRIDAY,** 4:00 PM, Tim Horton's 1750 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Tonawanda

~ Feb. 5; **Committees that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM**
St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St., Buffalo 14203
Steering Committee (4:30 PM)
Public Information Committee meeting
Treatment Facilities Committee
Nightwatch Committee
Followed By
Central Committee Meeting @7:00 PM
St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St., Buffalo 14203
(hosted by Three Legacies Group)

~ Feb. 5 **Corrections Committee Meeting,** 5:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office. 681 Seneca St., Buffalo

~ Feb. 6 **Convention Committee Meeting,** 6:00PM, Buffalo Central Office. 681 Seneca St., Buffalo

~ Feb.11, **Archives Committee Meeting; 2nd SATURDAY,** 10 AM, Buffalo Central Office, Work night's; 2nd & 4th Monday's.

COMING EVENTS

- ~Jan 27 & 28, **Depth & Weight Speaker Group** celebrates their **1 yr Anniversary**. Friday will be a **pot luck dinner @6:30 followed by Speaker**. On **Saturday** 8am-6pm will be a **Workshop**. Special guests will be Harold L. & Henry B. from St. Louis, MO.. Kenilworth Church , 45 Dalton Rd., Buffalo 14223. Flyer on website.
- ~ Feb 10-12, **Men of AA Spiritual Retreat**, Fun, Fellowship & the 12 Steps. Christ The King Church, 711 Knox Rd., East Aurora, 14052.. Registration;\$145.00. Contact: Tom C.:479-9847.Flyer on website.
- ~ Feb 25, **Any Age Blizzard Ball**, \$14 in advance, \$17 at the door (door tix may not include the catered dinner). No one under 16 years of age. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, **dinner at 6 PM, "MOMENTS" play at 7 PM, followed by dancing until midnight**. The one-man play reliving a historical account of a meeting our Bill W. attended and spoke at on a pivotal night in his life – the day his friend Dr. Bob passed away. Bill (circa Nov 16, 1950) tells his own story, LIVE, including: what it was like before meeting Dr. Bob, how the 12 steps came into being, having a spiritual awakening and how Alcoholics Anonymous began. For further tickets info, please call 716-359-2370 or 716-907-1700
- ~Feb 25, **Tri-County Group 58th Anniversary**, St. Joseph's RC Church, 67 East Main St., Gowanda. doors open at 7;30, Speaker at 8;30 food and Fellowship 9:00-?. Please bring a dish to share. For more info call Percy 378-5084
- ~ Mar. 17-19, **9th Annual Cataract City Convention**. Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St., NF 14303. Registration onlt; \$20, Registration w/Banquet \$55. Flyer on website.
- ~ Apr. 28-30, **Women of AA Annual Spring Spiritual Weekend** at Stella Niagara - Lewiston. Come for a weekend to share sobriety with fellow recovering AA women through speakers, small groups, spiritual advisors and meditation. Information & Flyer on website.
- ~ May 19-21, **NY North Al-Anon Family Groups Spring 2017 Assembly/Convention W AA Presence**, Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyer on website; www.buffaloaany.org.
- ~ Nov. 3-5, **76th Buffalo Fall Convention**. Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyers & info will be posted when they become available.

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."

2nd CONCEPT: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA- the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staff, committees, and executives- with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Dr. Bob summed it up really well when he said in his farewell speech....

"None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to have done numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get the degree of smug complacency so that we're not willing to extend or attempt to, that help which has been so beneficial to us, to our less fortunate brothers."

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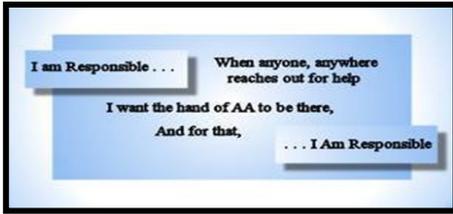
Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.... Executive Secretary

SECOND TRADITION
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Central Committee Minutes January 8, 2017



The meeting was opened at 7pm with a recitation of the Responsibility statement followed by a moment of

silence and the Serenity Prayer. Randy J read the Preamble, Mike S read the purpose of Central Committee, and Ryan Read the Traditions. Lila M gave a surprise prompt to talk on tradition 1 which was well spoken and well received. Next month Sue M will be taking the lead on Tradition 2 so come on out to hear it! There were 21 groups represented, broken out as follows: Zone 1: no groups represented Zone 2: Depth and Weight, Easy Does it, The Grove, How it Works, Questions and Answers, Renaissance, Step Action, Three Legacies. Zone 3: Abbot Men's, Any Lengths, Buffalo, Matt Talbot, Thruway Group. Zone 4: Orchard Park Step, Tuesday Men's Discussion. Zone 5: Lockport #1, Twin Cities Group. Zone 6: Going to Any Length, Lakeshore, Sobriety Men's Discussion. Zone 7: No groups represented. Zone 8: Women Making the Effort, Step it Up.

Pat M motioned to accept the minutes which was seconded by Alan.

Committee Reports

Envelope System – No meeting held yet this Month.

Steering – Recommended a Motion to no longer mail flyers in the newsletter, to waive the annual renewal fee for the Non for Profit Bulk Mailing.

PI/CPC – No Committee chair held.

Treatment – The treatment committee is currently responsible for bringing the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous into 5 facilities. With the help of 30 groups, there are collectively 9 "tfc meetings" a week going on at these facilities.

We met 1/8/17 and had 16 members representing 10 groups. We voted to take on a commitment at Turning Point on Tuesdays 8pm and will be approaching groups who may be interested in taking on a commitment there. We also rotated out 5 new jobs and all were filled with new members. We discussed and tabled a motion to take a commitment at Reflections on Sunday nights 8pm. We will be voting on that motion next month. Lastly there has been an issue at ECMC with groups getting access to literature and we discussed how we will make it more available and visible.

Over the next year or two we would like to approach every group, currently holding a commitment through us, with an informational presentation at their business meetings. Also from now on all Groups interested taking a commitment with us will be given this presentation. The presentation can be downloaded a head of time from the Central Committee web page in the forms section.

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

1. Individuals may take a speaking commitment at Horizon Village Terrace House on a Thursday at 6pm.
2. All groups who currently have commitments through the Treatment Committee can, and should, send a representative to our monthly committee meeting to inform us about anything more we could be doing to be of service to them, and also to allow us to inform their groups, through them, about anything pertinent to their continued Twelfth step work through TFC.
3. Treatment Committee has taken on a new commitment at Turning Point Rehab facility on Tuesdays, and will soon be taking on a commitment at Reflections on Sundays, all groups who have an interest in taking a monthly spot at one of the facilities should contact TFC.
4. Area Treatment is forming a Bridging the Gap program for all of Area 50. At this moment any member willing to help clients leaving Treatment Facilities "bridge the gap" between treatment and AA can sign up on the new "Bridging the Gap Volunteer Form" found on the Area 50 web page. www.wnyarea50aa.org. We will be approaching facilities within the next couple months to get this program started.

Thank you to all groups and individuals who are involved in this vital 12th step work. To get involved, or if there are any issues you need to contact us about, please email us at buffalotfc@gmail.com or come to our monthly meeting the 1st Sunday of the month 2/5/17 at St. Michaels Church 5:30pm.

Yours in service, Jesse S. Treatment Committee Chair

Corrections – 12 people in attendance. Contributions 12\$ last month. Looking to get a hold of Sarah R from the Rochester Intergroup to see when the

next Corrections Connection event is taking place, in the hopes of getting to meeting more contacts from WNY. Sue noticed that women's Alden meetings may not be getting pre-release forms and is trying to get a hold of the employee that handles the literature for that facility. Men's Alden meeting has the month of may open, if your group would be interested please get in contact with me. No one has been going into men's Erie county holding center for the past couple of months due to lack of committee members. We have now teamed up to get back to scheduling the meeting regularly. We will meet again 2/5 at Central Office at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in joining our committee please come next month. If you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to contact me
Shannon G

Central Office - Central Office Report; January 2017

TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS ; AA Call's: 412, 12-STEP: 12, ALANON: 5,

VISITORS: 126, VOLUNTEERS: 5, Email's:498, Website Hit's; 101,586/ of them 8,184 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 19,187; Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 6. We sent out the Newsletter via online sign-up to 62 person; of them only 29 were open :(**GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: A VISION FOR YOU-6, Action-4, Reminder,** If a group goes a year without a contact person, they will be removed from the schedule.

On Dec. 8th, I attending a class for the Bulk Mailing permit. We have a major decision that needs to be made today before the renewal fee would be due. We could have the annual fee waived if we file electronically and meet everything I was taught. The catch is, we would no longer be able to mail any flyers. Our newsletter itself has the maximum number of "panels" that are allowed. Our permit renews this month, so I need to know if we want to pay the \$300 fee and go on as we have been, or go forward electronically and save the fees. Flyers would be available online only.

A reminder that all our deadline dates are the "12th" like everything else in AA. 12 Steps, 12 Traditions...**deadlines are the 12th** :)

I specifically am **looking for volunteers** to be available for days I am sick or on vacation. They would need to come in a few hours to train. It involves answering the phone and filling literature orders. Currently I only have 2 volunteers to be able to call, of them one is a snowbird. Call for more information.

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

Night Watch – Night watch Commitments are currently filled for the next few months. However, we are in need of committee members to help update the 12 step list and gather more 12 step volunteers. If you or any of your fellow home group members are interested in being of service with the Nightwatch committee please see me after the meeting or call me anytime at 716-602-3623. We could really use the help.

Raeanne F

Past Convention – 2016 Fall Convention – January 2017

David G, Debi C and I meet on December 29, 2016 to go over the final reports. As Debi C had predicted we made \$3,561.32 after all was said and done. We wrote the check to the Central office which returned the balance to \$2,003 for seed money.

We took in approximately \$35,389 and paid out \$31,387. We were generally below budget on all expenses except gifts, which were handmade carvings, and entertainment. The gift overage was known about at the last meeting and we all agreed it was warranted.

We only had one intergroup committee participate, thank you Jessie and the treatment committee. Also, two GSA committees were also in attendance, Hank and his Grapevine committee and Pat and her special needs committee

In closing, I would like to thank the Central Committee, again, for allowing me this opportunity. My hope was that we all had fun. Many people have asked if I would do this again and due to that wonderful clause I'm grateful I can respond NO.

Yours in service, Your 2016 Convention Chair: Sue B.

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(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

Current Convention – I have been in contact with the hotel. I will be meeting with them very shortly. I will also be giving them their 1,000 dollar deposit. I have Save the Date flyer. They will be in the Feb New Frontiers. Our first convention meeting will be wed January 11th at 6pm at Central Office. If anybody has any suggestions good, bad or indifferent please contact me at 716-866-6612. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous! Your 2017 BFC Chair ;David G

GSA Liaison –

G.S.A. Liaison: Nick B. Lockport #1

Hosted by: Hillbilly group.

In Orchard Park N.Y.

Mark D. Lockport #1 covered the commitment for me.

Treatment: Bridging the Gap, more signatures needed. Currently have around 50 people signed up to participate.

Old business: The motion to disburse the \$1500.00 surplus from the N.Y.S.I.W. between the 4 participating areas was passed. Area 50,49,48,47. Will all receive an equal amount.

Area Delegate: Wally E. Talked about Safety in AA, and discussed the topic of anonymity.

Next G.S.A.: hosted by the Thruway group. On March 4th 2017. Infant of Prague church. Cheektowaga @ 12.noon.

Thank you, yours in service Nick B G.S.A. Liason

Archives - AREA 50 WNY ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

c/o Buffalo Central Office - 681 Seneca Street Buffalo, N.Y. 14210 - archives@area50wny.org

January 8, 2017 regarding December Report to the BFC!!!

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you this past month.

We reported to just 2 of the 4 intergroups in these 8 counties of Area 50. New Frontiers article writer changing. Offended last month? May not want to read this next month.

Please Save the date of May 6th, 2017 for the next Archives Breakfast where Bob W. (the speaker I cannot BELIEVE we were able to get) will be sharing his experience, strength and hope regarding his life and efforts around the globe for Alcoholics Anonymous.

On December 13th, displayed at the Main & High group's Christmas Vigil in downtown Buffalo, and in January will be with the Williamsville Group Anniversary on the 21st & Lakeshore in late February.

We are a financially autonomous committee with our only resources being group contributions and special events. We receive NO funding from any part of AA for ANYTHING, so we rely upon your group and/or individual support to fund our archival work, pay rent for the repository, and participate in archival activities. Note that no funds are used to get members to events and each member pays their own way into events except out of area issues – donations are used ONLY for rent and archival efforts as approved by the entire committee and are protected by the multi-signature checking account. Please send any contributions to Area 50 Archives at 681 Seneca Street in Buffalo NY 14210. We thank you for your support. RECEIVED WOOD PLAQUE DONATIONS SLOGANS & OF 12 REWARDS.

To Grapevine readers – if you see an article that's local to us in these 8 counties of WNY, please forward a message

New concentrated effort to gathering histories. Keep in mind that getting group histories OF YOUR GROUP is a priority to even the Conference level, so if you don't know what history has been 'archived' for your group, that information is just an email away, and we are thrilled to help. Group histories are kept by the archives in New York City (General Service Office) but we have copies of what they have and of course will give that to you quickly. And if you are one of the few we don't have, we'd be honored to get it for you! Please note though that the majority of 'group history' files I've seen these past 3 years have just a note regarding who was the first contact listed for the group, with no other information like the founders of the group, where it is located (no address of the meeting place) so updating that is usually an easy thing we are glad to assist your group with doing. We can

send you a form and will forward it correctly for you at no cost whatsoever.

We'd love to display the archives at your group anniversary or special event - remember we appreciate a 30days in advance notice so transportation can be set up! Your PRIMARY PURPOSE efforts may be assisted by this sharing the history of AA at YOUR MEETING more than you can know. And the usual reminder to all AA members of these 8 counties of Western New York – throw NOTHING group-related away without considering your unborn alcoholics to come, which is the purpose we work hard at keeping our area documented accurately and the reason for the existence of this ARCHIVES Committee.

Thanks to Randy & his sponsee's of Three Legacies in the BFC group for display transportation help throughout this past year.

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

Accessibility – Accessibly Report for GSA meeting

We are looking at starting maybe two tables at two different meetings in the Buffalo Central Committee Area. We alright already had one member learning to do signing. He is going to school to learn how to do it. I understand there are others that may want to help out with signing. I believe it is better to start out small by having tables at meetings first has they grow may be one day we can have an all ASL meeting. This would be a big start for our Area. If you know anybody or if anybody is interested signing (ASL) please have him contact me. Don't forget if you having an event try to safe a place up front for those that wear hearing aids and lip read.

-Pat M

Recap

Treatment – “What does taking a commitment mean?”

1 year commitment for your group to take a meeting into a facility

Central Office – “What are the Requirements for volunteers?”

Trustworthy, Some Sobriety, steps, and working knowledge of the traditions

50 dollars 7th tradition

Old Business

Vote in new Meeting

Forestville in the Solution ; Zone 6, Open, Mondays 7pm: 18 for 0 against :Motion passes

*PIC/CPC Chair – Randy J stood for the position unopposed “Congrats Randy”

New Business

A New Motion was raised by the Steering Committee

“Make a recommendation to no longer send flyers with the monthly mailing in order to waive the annual renewal fee for the Non-Profit Bulk mailing.”

After much discussion the motion was called for a vote and passed 13 for 6 against!

Announcements

Depth and Weight Speaker group will be celebrating their 1st anniversary Jan 27/28th with a step workshop

Williamsville Group 64th anniversary party will be January 21 at 6:30 NERRASSA is Feb 24-26

Blizzard Ball Feb 25

Motion to close the meeting by Guy and seconded by Alan



New Frontiers ~ February 2017

Cash Flow Statement	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	
YTD: 2016				
Begin Bal Cash on hand	13,810.08	13,683.23	13,088.75	
Contributions				
Groups	4,881.43	4,254.97	7,047.61	845.41
Joint Meeting	59.00	90.00	70.61	7,866.64
Envelope System	531.66	507.66	962.66	669.00
New Frontiers Subs	70.00	50.00	70.00	43,741.45
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,597.72	3,391.60	3,980.56	2,770.86
Literature Sales Tax	212.03	208.26	235.62	329.94
Literature Postage	48.59		19.48	481.74
Sales +/-	(6.53)	25.12	86.50	830.00
Archives Room Rent			280.00	233.25
Com. Meetings	28.00	18.25	13.00	25.00
Mail/Misc.			25.00	
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drccr)				
Tax Returns				
Transfer from PR				5,000.00
Income Transfer				
Gratitude Month (NOV)				
Conventions/Day of Sharing		428.00		428.00
Monthly Income	9,421.90	8,973.86	12,791.04	119,382.84
Expenses				
Building Rent/Utilities	1,489.41	1,489.41	1,489.41	16,930.92
St Michaels Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00	
Payroll Gross	2,824.62	2,824.62	4,236.93	36,415.47
Employment Taxes	216.08	216.08	324.12	2,989.90
Unemployment Surchar	(2.40)	(2.40)	(3.60)	28.80
NYS Sales Tax			670.90	5,207.28
Insurance				
State Ins Fund(Travelers)				372.00
Health	535.30	535.30	857.30	6,764.97
D&O Insurance				1,071.00
Liability				1,103.15
Postage	666.29	5.44	291.38	3,241.86
Phone/Internet	138.63	138.63	138.63	1,709.49
Accounting				1,175.00
Paychex	129.43	119.48	179.22	1,647.69
Advt				
Talking Phone Book				
Dex Media	184.06	182.80	182.80	2,285.36
website				
Local Edge				1,068.60
Yellow Pages				
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine	375.00	28.97		1,075.33
World Services Inc	2,123.55	2,481.60	4,253.60	21,280.33
Hazelton		418.95		1,859.03
Printers				5,883.75
Medallions				783.36
Petty Cash				
Office Supplies	108.00	139.97	541.20	3,201.55
Copier Leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00	2,508.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	1,932.00
Bank Fee's including credit ca	73.18	70.77	70.90	1,014.25
Literature returns reimbursement				
GSA Host			275.00	
Convention				155.00
CO Seminar	282.60	513.72		1,260.02
Monthly Expenses	9,548.75	9,568.34	13,942.79	123,449.11
Monthly Income (Loss)	(126.85)	(594.48)	(1,121.75)	(4,066.27)
End Balance	13,683.23	13,088.75	11,967.00	
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Total Balance	16,683.23	16,088.75	14,967.00	
PRUDENT RESERVE	23,141.88	23,142.26	23,142.65	
Assets: Literature & Medallions	12,169.73	12,869.09	15,784.92	
Literature Receivable(outstanding)	749.75	702.91	262.82	
PIC Removed from Stock				
Corrections Facilities	2,287.55	2,086.75	2,183.75	
Contributions	362.20	100.00	80.00	Inc.= 2,529.64
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drccr)				
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	Exp.= 36.00
Expenses	560.00			2,508.75
Balance	2,086.75	2,183.75	2,260.75	
Treatment Facilities	551.91	646.91	173.60	
Contributions	98.00	89.69	371.00	Inc.= 1,116.00
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drccr)				
Expenses		560.00		3,061.50
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	36.00
Balance	646.91	173.60	541.60	Exp.= 3,097.50

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

Bill W. wrote of Intergroup Offices, "Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill!"
"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

This is a little story about four people named **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.**

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job.

Everybody thought that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

..Income to Expenses...we ended 2016 in the **RED !!!**



Concept II: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs. .

- Does our group have a general service representative (Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the "Conference"))?
- • What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group's G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?
- • Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

New Frontiers ~ February 2017

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

2016	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR
			0.00		0.00		0.00
5	7 Clans		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		140.00		0.00		0.00
6	A VISION FOR YOU		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners	50.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		260.00		0.00		100.00
2	Acceptance/Welcoming		300.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		75.00		0.00		75.00
4	Action		150.00		45.00		45.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
	All Is Well		150.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst Snyder		399.84		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Step	200.00	350.00		0.00		0.00
2	Angola Early Bird		67.00		0.00		0.00
6	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	50.00	380.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
4	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It	200.00	430.00		0.00	70.00	70.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		150.00		75.00		75.00
5	Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction	50.00	380.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		75.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Saturday		90.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women	50.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		10.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek	40.00	97.25		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside		260.00		15.00		25.00
6	Carry the Message		50.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Castile		60.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake-Up Call		900.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		300.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Café		153.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga	130.00	895.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		310.00		0.00		0.00
8	Common Problem		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections	293.00	699.50		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Dawn of Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight	60.00	165.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby	150.00	645.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		80.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst Traditions		217.37		10.00		10.00
4	East Aurora		801.65		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	460.00	30.00	240.00	30.00	360.00
6	Eden		140.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville		200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Elmwood		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		172.52		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	397.15	2985.31		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		1921.50		768.60		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		350.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside		768.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity	125.00	275.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom	250.00	600.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		185.00		0.00		0.00
1	Friday Night Lights		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

2016	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR
2	Friends of Bill W.		100.00		75.00	50.00	125.00
3	Gardenville		220.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		9.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length	780.00	2363.50		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grace Point		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living	100.00	250.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony	96.00	167.00		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand		150.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		900.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		100.00		40.00		50.00
1	H.I.P.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Holland		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		90.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Hope's Horizon		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	200.00	575.00		0.00		0.00
1	HUDSON & WADSWORTH		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		200.11		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	97.00	1401.00		0.00	7.00	74.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		275.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		70.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeshore	200.00	1230.00		0.00	100.00	110.00
6	Lakeview		150.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		50.00		0.00		0.00
	Lasalle		161.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		200.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women	25.00	175.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		40.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP		200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Living Sober		70.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1	300.00	580.00	30.00	120.00	30.00	320.00
5	Lockport Discussion	300.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		200.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		55.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		25.00		25.00		0.00
5	Lower River	50.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		120.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		200.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth		75.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	35.00	395.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	98.00	1072.98		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		30.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		20.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		52.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After	300.00	900.00		0.00		0.00
2	Mustard Seed II		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		30.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		25.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life	20.00	290.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Niagara Falls Convention		500.00		0.00		0.00
	Niagara Intergroup		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		105.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo	98.00	682.00		0.00		0.00

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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

	GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
4	North Java Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	North Java Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	One Day At A Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Open Arms	135.00	0.00	0.00
1	Open Mind	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Orchard Park Step	947.73	25.00	75.00
8	Our Meeting @ the VA	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Pendleton Chapter Five	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Point of No Return	40.00	0.00	0.00
7	Powerless	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Pride	10.00	0.00	0.00
1	Primary Purpose	5.00	55.00	0.00
4	Principles Bef. Personalities	60.00	0.00	0.00
2	Purpose/Tonawanda	690.00	110.00	110.00
2	Questions & Answers	450.00	0.00	0.00
6	Quitting Time	240.00	540.00	0.00
	Quo Vadis	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Ray of Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Recovery Near the Gardens	68.46	0.00	0.00
1	Reflections	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Reflections on Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Remember When	25.00	476.69	0.00
1	Renaissance	1200.00	0.00	0.00
3	Renaissance Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Rise and Shine	20.00	0.00	0.00
7	Rochester	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Rural is Plural	35.00	0.00	0.00
2	Sally	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Saratoga	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Saturday 12 & 12	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Saturday Night Alive	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sat. Nite Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Searching For Serenity	100.00	400.00	0.00
7	Second Chance	10.00	0.00	0.00
2	Serenity	300.00	0.00	0.00
6	Serenity on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Serenity Sister's	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Setaside	421.10	911.00	0.00
2	Sheridan	142.00	342.00	50.00
6	Silvercreek Friendship	100.00	0.00	0.00
5	Simplicity	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sister's & Brother's	39.64	0.00	0.00
3	Sober Saturday	300.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sober Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Sober Train	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sober Winners	250.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sobriety Men's Disc.	346.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety On The Canal	267.69	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety on a Sat. Night	60.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Sobriety Sisters	171.25	0.00	0.00
7	Solidarity	56.88	0.00	0.00
5	Somerset	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	South Buffalo	1639.47	40.00	75.00
3	South Town	225.00	0.00	0.00
3	Southgate	60.00	0.00	0.00
4	Southwestern	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Spiritual Progress	185.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville Sat Afternoon	222.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville Tues. Night	50.00	50.00	50.00
4	Springville Wed. Noon	10.00	75.00	0.00
4	Springville New Life	30.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sprout into Sobriety	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	St. Barnabas	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	St. Mark's	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Stargazers	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Starting Over/By The Book	600.00	0.00	0.00
2	Step Action Group	254.00	0.00	254.00
8	Step it Up (Wehrle)	40.00	0.00	0.00
8	Stepping Stones/Will.	150.00	0.00	0.00
5	Steps 1, 2 & 3	465.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sunday @ 8:00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sunday Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sunday's Best	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sunday in Cattaraugus	248.69	0.00	0.00
3	Sunday Morning Breakfast	175.00	925.00	50.00
1	Sunrise Court	140.00	640.00	0.00
8	SUNY Amherst Campus	76.08	0.00	0.00
2	Surrender and Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	TGIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Thankful	25.00	0.00	0.00
7	The Absolutes	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	The Beginnings Of Recovery	75.00	0.00	25.00
6	The Derby Lunch	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	The Herd	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	The Journey	78.50	0.00	0.00
2	The New Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	The Noon Meeting	500.00	0.00	0.00
2	Three Legacies	330.57	0.00	0.00
3	Thruway	25.00	0.00	0.00
7	Thurs. Nite Steppers	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	TNT	240.00	720.00	0.00
5	Today	60.00	0.00	0.00

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	GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
6	Tri County	110.00	0.00	0.00
6	Tri-Step Beginners	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Try Again	160.00	270.00	64.00
4	Tuesday Men's AM	400.00	0.00	84.00
	Tuesday Afternoon	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Tuesday Women's	200.00	0.00	0.00
2	Turning Point	100.00	0.00	0.00
5	Twin Cities	150.00	250.00	0.00
6	TWO PONDS	20.60	20.60	0.00
8	Unity	60.00	0.00	0.00
2	University Men's Disc.	300.00	0.00	0.00
3	Valley	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Victory Women's	227.00	0.00	0.00
	VIP	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Wake Up Call	281.00	0.00	0.00
6	WE (Women's Experience)	200.00	0.00	0.00
2	WE BELIEVE	50.00	250.00	0.00
3	We Care	950.00	0.00	0.00
7	We Don't Know	19.76	178.94	0.00
	Westfield	35.00	135.00	0.00
1	Westminster	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	What's Going On	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Why	10.00	0.00	0.00
8	Williamsville	100.00	0.00	0.00
6	Willing To Grow	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Wilson Group	27.00	77.00	0.00
6	Wilson Smith Alumni	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Women In Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Women In Sobriety	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Women Making the Effort	450.00	60.00	60.00
1	Women's West Side	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Working	100.00	100.00	0.00
	Anonymous	303.00	0.00	0.00
	Anonymous	20.00	0.00	0.00
	Anonymous	20.00	0.00	0.00
	Anonymous	10.00	0.00	0.00
	Anonymous	10.00	0.00	0.00
	Donna F	130.00	0.00	0.00
	Victor	5.00	0.00	0.00
	Bank Credit	0.00	23.00	0.00
	Anonymous	500.00	0.00	0.00
	Robert H	150.00	0.00	0.00
	Anonymous	34.00	0.00	0.00
	Randal M	97.58	0.00	0.00
	Anonymous	50.00	0.00	0.00
	Harvey S.	100.00	0.00	0.00
	Michael M.	25.00	0.00	0.00
	Judy T	10.00	0.00	0.00
	Joseph C.	50.00	0.00	0.00
	Paul	2.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTALS	7047.61	54725.72	80.00
			1768.60	371.00
				2242.00



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.

- Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
- Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
- Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
- Although I have been sober a few years, am I willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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