

NEW FEATURE :
THE 3 B.T.'S

First, my wish for all of you is plenty of joy, health and sobriety in 1992.

Secondly, I would like to introduce a monthly feature call "Big Book Brain Teasers" or 3 B.T.'s for short. Each month I will present questions whose answers are to be found in the Big Book. To be fair I will tell what section the answers are to be found. The answers will appear in the same month's paper.

Example:

Preface - What has the book become?

Answer = Pg. xi, L. 7-8 (Page xi, Lines 7-8)(Hard Cover Edition)(Because this book has become the basic test for our society.)

January 3 B.T.'s are:

Preface - 1. What is the nickname for this volume?

Forward to 1st Edition - 2. What is the main purpose of this book?

Forward to 2nd Edition - 3. Where did AA get its name? 4. What was the first magazine article written about AA? 5. When were the traditions accepted by the fellowship?

Doctor's Opinion - 6. Why did AA ask Dr. Silkworth to write the Doctor's Opinion for the Big Book? 7. What are the 5 classifications of alcoholics described by Dr. Silkworth?

answers to be found on announcement page

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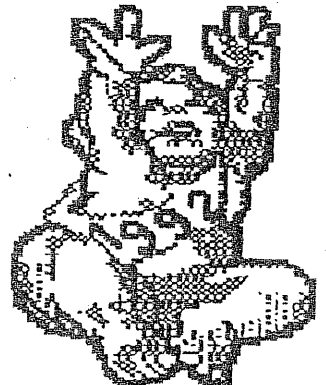
The following are the Themes for the coming issues of newsletter.

- February: Dignity
- March: Surrender
- April: Amends
- May: Expectations
- June Unity
- July Freedom
- August Humor
- September Simplicity
- October Trust
- November Secrets
- December Forgiveness

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

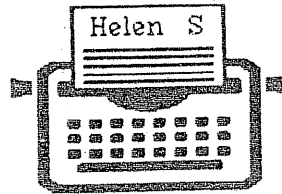
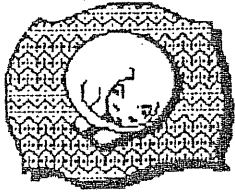
THIS MONTH :
THEME : VALUES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Helen's Corner ...



Everyone has values, to varying degrees, that govern their lives. The values we have teach other people how to treat us. Our reputations are based on our values.

As an active alcoholic I was beyond caring about anything and ran amouk.

Upon entering AA I heard the words: "Some of us have tried to hold on to our old ideas and the result was nil until we let go absolutely." this advice I took to heart and knew I had to change from going to any lengths to protect my supply of alcohol to going to any lengths to protect my sobriety. This was a change in my value system. No longer could I go into bars, hang out with wet people or get in involved in wet situations if I wanted to remain sober. Maintaining my sobriety became the most important thing in my life. The yardstick for my actions, words, and thoughts was the value I placed on my sobriety.

This process of letting go of my old ideas regarding what I thought, felt and did concerning principles, such as trust, honesty, hope, truth, denial, etc., and then rebuilding my beliefs, was important because it affects the quality of my sobriety. To give you an example of how personal the choices we make about values are - I wouldn't feel comfortable running naked outside in public view but someone else calls this streaking and its ok for them to do. A more conservative person would go to a nudist camp and feel ok about being viewed on a limited basis.

The point is, values are not black and white but only shades of grey of personal choice. These shades of grey are important to consider because they not only affect our reputations but the quality of sobriety we experience.

Yours in the Spirit of AA
Helen

P.S. Founders Day Weekend in Akron, Ohio will be held June 12, 13, and 14, 1992.

THREE GOALS FOR AA'S by Ralph Taylor

- 1) Self to live with
- 2) Faith to live by.
- 3) Purpose to live for

Spiritual Experience

Have you ever had a spiritual experience that went so deep it rook your insides? Well I have and I'd like to share it with you.

A little over a year ago (October 5, 1990) my son Nick died. Although it was a motorcycle accident that took his life, it was alcoholism and drug addiction that killed him.

I had always prayed that he would find sobriety. He went to meetings at NA as well as AA but he always wound up back out there.

I used to pray he would go to prison or a rehab, but he never did. I always felt that if he went to prison at least he would be off the streets, "I didn't know".

Well a month or so after he died, I was let to Attica State Prison for AA meetings.

I never knew why I was there I just knew I belonged at those meetings because for some reason they felt good.

Now a year has passed and I continue to go. I have grown very close to some of these young men. I listen to their stories, I feel their pain, I admire their programs. They have become family.

This morning as I read this article from A.B.G.s Newspaper I knew why I was there. I thank God for taking my Nicky home with him. I thank God for not answering my prayers for imprisonment for my Nicky. And I thank God he doesn't suffer any longer.

And now I know why I have been drawn to the Beacon Group of Attica State Prison. And yes, there is a reason for everything.

Lucille K.,
The Beacon Group

HOME

Is where you can be silent
and still be heard.
where you can ask and find
out who you are.
Where people laugh with you
about yourself
where sorrow is divided
and joy multiplied
Where we share and love
and grow

ODE FROM AN INMATE

Does he have any comprehension...

As he stands before your bench?

What it is that waits him,
this thing called prison

The confinement...degradation...
and stench?

Would he be so brazen...
so sullen...so arrogant...

If he knew what lay ahead?

Can he be that incredibly naive,
Or is it just covering up his fear instead?
Is there nothing, judge, that we can do,
To open his eyes to his plight?

That, as in every jungle...
the greatest dangers

Are in what the animals do at night.
That he, who's so tough on the outside,
Yet hides vulnerability...deep within.
Will discover that inside those walls,

Are men who will soon "feed" on him.
That his youth, strength, and virility,
Which outside...were are in his favor,
Are inside...terrifying liabilities,
Qualities...which older men savor.

That within 24 hours,
of his consignment to hell,
He'll be ready to take his own life.

From the shame of the acts
he's committed...

At the fear and direction of that knife.

But by now he "belongs"...

He's been purchased.

And his life is not his any more.

"Do this...do that...what you ordered..."

Wash my clothes, clean my cell...
and there is more."

Strange that that boy...so defiant

That no law...would he obey:

Will soon find out that
the law of the Jungle

Bears a price...too high to pay.

So Judge, what I'm saying,
is it seems to me,

That there is something else we might do.

For the responsibility placed on
your shoulders alone.

Is simply...not fair to you.

And while there is no singular answer,

No Panacea...for all of life's ills.

Prison alone...is no solution.

It doesn't rehabilitate...it kills!

Godfrey L.S.

TWELVE PROMISES

- 1) Hope, instead of desperation.
- 2) Faith, instead of despair.
- 3) Courage, instead of fear.
- 4) Peace of mind, instead of confusion
- 5) Self-respect, instead of self-contempt.
- 6) Self-confidence, instead of helplessness.
- 7) The respect others, instead of their pity and contempt.
- 8) A clean conscience, instead of a sense of guilt.
- 9) Real friendships, instead of loneliness.
- 10) A clean pattern of life, instead of a purposeless existence.
- 11) The love and understanding of our family, instead of their doubts and fears.
- 12) The freedom of a happy life, instead of the bondage of alcoholic obsession

THE 12 AND 12 ON VALUES

We had lacked the perspective to see that character-building and spiritual values had to come first, and that-material satisfactions were not the purpose of living. quite characteristically, we had gone all out in confusing the end with the means.

Instead of regarding the satisfaction of our material desires as the means by which we could live and function as human beings, we had taken these satisfactions to be the final end and aim of life. Pg 71.

Seldom did we look at character-building as something desirable in itself, something we would like to strive for whether our instinctual needs were met or not. We never thought of making honesty, tolerance and true love of man and God the daily basis of living. Pg 72.

It might be well if we AA's inquire once more just what our deeper objectives are. Each of us would like to live at peace with himself and with his fellows. We, would like it to be assumed that the grace of God can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Pg 76

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEW MEETINGS:

YOUTH GONE WILD - MONDAY - 7:00 PM - Open discussion NS - United Methodist Church, Pine Street, South Dayton, NY

BETTER DAYS (BILINGUAL) - TUESDAY - 8:00 PM - Open discussion (Spanish and English) meeting at the Courtney Community Hall, Maple (Rt 60) & Courtney, Dunkirk, NY

BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD - TUESDAY - 7:30 PM - Open meeting W/C and NS - New Covenant Tabernacle, 345 McConkey Dr., Tonawanda

PLEASE NOTE:

CAMPUS BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE - TUESDAY & THURSDAY - 12:30 PM will not meet again until Tuesday, January 21, 1992

EARLY BIRD - WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY - 10:00 AM - needs support - come share with us - United Meth.Ch., Ontario & Tonawanda Sts.

12th STEP LIST - The Treatment Facilities Committee is in need of volunteers to take treatment people to A.A. meetings. Any one interested contact Central Office 853-0388.

MEETING CHANGES:

CAME TO BELIEVE - MONDAY - will have speaker the last meeting of the month

DAILY COMMITMENT - 7:30 AM - 1280 Main Street - meets Monday through Saturday

EAST AMHERST - THURSDAY - now meet at 8:00 PM.

EAST AURORA - WEDNESDAY - 8:00 PM AND SATURDAY - 2:00 PM - has moved to 37 Main St. at the corner of Maple. S Matthias Episcopal Church. Parking lot an entrance at the rear of the church of Maple. Lots of room - Everyone welcome

RUSH MANOR - WEDNESDAY - cancelled

WILLING TO CHANGE - MONDAY - cancelled

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAYS - JANUARY 5 AND FEBRUARY 2, 7:00 PM. at 80 Goodrich Street behind Buffalo General.

REMEMBER Everyone Welcome.



G.S.A. REPORT

The new General Service Assembly 1992 - 1993 Officers are:
Delegate: Terry Wymer - Allegany Gr.
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COMING EVENTS

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JANUARY 1, 1992 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY - FR. BAKER DANCE - watch and listen for further details.

JANUARY 5 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 PM Nominations for Steering Committee District #6 - Southern Tier.

JANUARY 10-11-12 - AMHERST-SNYDER AND FIRESIDE GROUPS - are co-sponsoring a WEEKEND OF SHARING at Erie Community College - North Campus, Student Center in Williamsville. The weekend will be moderated by Brother Francis of Bronx, NY at the following times:

Fri., January 10, 1992 - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Sat., January 11, 1992 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Lunch 12-1 PM)

Sun., January 12, 1992 - 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

A lunch will be available on Sat., January 11th for \$6.00. Tickets for lunch only will be available until January 5th from group members.

JANUARY 29 - WEDNESDAY - UNITY - 10:00 AM - will celebrate its 21st Group Anniversary at 10:00 AM at St. Peter & Paul School. This will be a speaker meeting (surprise speaker) 50-50, and refreshments. All are invited to help us celebrate.

FEBRUARY 1 - SATURDAY - ANY AGE - 8TH ANNUAL BLIZZARD BALL - at St. Andrew's Donovan Center, Sheridan and Elmwood - doors open at 7:00 PM - guest speaker at 8:00 PM followed by food, with music and dancing from 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM - \$5.00 advance tickets from group members - tickets at the door \$6.00.

FEBRUARY 2 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 PM Elections for Steering Committee District #6 - Southern Tier.

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Still looking for that easier, softer way?

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Answers for 3 B.T.'s:

- (1) Pg. xii, L. 6-7; (2) Pg. xiii, L. 45; (3) Pg. xvii, L. 28-30; (4) Pg. xviii, L. 1-4;
- (5) Pg. xix, L. 25-30; (6) Pg. xxiii, L. 1-6; (7) Pg. xxviii, L. 8-23.

DAYS FULL OF LIVING

by D.B., Harwood, Md.
Grapevine - April 1979

Over and Over when I started in AA, I heard, "Don't take a drink and go to a meeting." "For pete's sake, I know that!" I would say. Yet months went by before I could grasp the simple meaning of the often-repeated words. I was not honest with myself or others; I pretended to know a lot more about what was being said than I did.

However, the program began to unfold when I could place a "today" at the end of this slogan and it stuck. "Don't take a drink and go to a meeting today." meant something new. If I do not take a drink today and do not drink day after day, then I have found a way to stop drinking. Since then my program and my life have had greater focus.

"One day at a time" was not the sophisticated way of life I wanted when beginning my journey of sobriety. The big deals and carnival life of yesterday were still too close at hand for me to comprehend what AA had to offer. The simple teaching to live each day separately is embedded in AA so thoroughly, it was apparent to me at first. Now, it is the backbone of my program.

Each 24 hour period is a day-tight entity. Each can be kept distinct from those before and those yet to come. Each day has its own compartment.

When I drank, my life was like the hold of the ill-fated Titanic, with disaster flowing from one compartment to the next. Guilt about what I had done and worry about what I had to do submerged me so deeply in the past and th future that living in the now was impossible. Since coming to AA, I have found a way to seal up those leaking bulkheads.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

My day begins with a prayer that I not take a drink today. This engenders a daily renewal and reaffirmation of faith in my Higher Power and myself and makes it easier to accept and fulfill my responsibilities to my family friends and job.

I live each day with a degree of order and routine unknown in my "Anything goes" period. each step is an AA step, cushioned by a quiet power of sobriety. I have a better sense of when I am moving too fast or too slow and can make adjustments more readily. It is a refreshing departure from "God, if you will just get me through today, tommorrow I'll..."

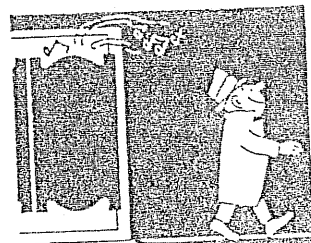
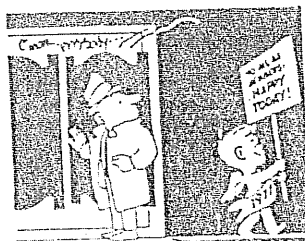
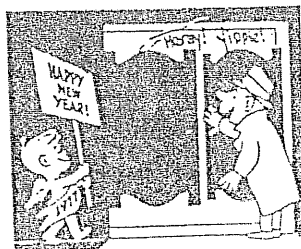
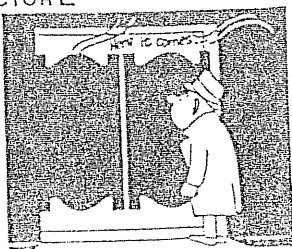
Going to AA meetings on a regular basis gives me the push to keep this simple program moving and the spiritual lift to maintain a grateful, self protective attitude.

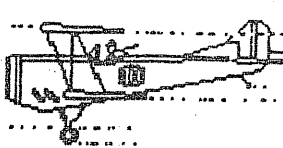
At the end of the day, when falling asleep, I ask God to take all my cares and problems for the night and return them in the morning. I let the load of each dayrise up as if lifted by a balloon, releasing myself to a comfort only the sobriety can bring

That is it. Simple in outline. Easy to understand. But difficult to do. Each day brings with it a challenge to live this simple life. In some days, there is much peace of mind. In others, bad memories, worries and problems abound. Yet, during this journey of one step at a time, the days have gradually improved. I came to AA on my knees, and my days were empty. I started to get going again, and my days became busy. Now that I have begun to understand how to live one day at a time, many of my days are full. Who could ask for more than a full day?

The Indians have a word for "fire" that means "today's fire." The words for "yesterday's fire" and "tommorrow's fire" are different. Similarly, my sobriety is today's sobriety, and I am grateful for that

VICTOR E.





Movin' On In Sobriety

IGH VIEW

Marylyn L. 12yr.
Sandy P. 2yr.
Amy H. 2yr.
Joe M. 1yr.
Heather F. 1yr.

COLD SPRINGS

Henrietta W. 23yr.
Al E. 12yr.
Diane W. 5yr.
James F. 5yr.
Jim H. 5yr.
Portia J. 4yr.
Robert C. 3yr.
Bill W. 2yr.
Bob C. 2yr.
Ernst F. 2yr.
Gerald D. 1yr.
Kimberly C. 9mo.
Bonnie E. 9mo.
Robert T. 9mo.
Archie R. 6mo.
Joanne D. 6mo.
Daryll P. 6mo.
Michael L. 6mo.
Marcia S. 6mo.
Jerry M. 3mo.
Van R. 3mo.

WHY

ob V. 20yr.
Lynn G. 14yr.
Patricia D. 10yr.
Paul M. 8yr.
Tony C. 5yr.
John S. 5yr.
Peter S. 3yr.
Lori H. 2yr.
Bruce H. 1yr.
Michael R. 1yr.
Mark H. 9mo.
Ken K. 3mo.

EARLY BIRD

Pat P. 2yr.
Debbie M. 9mo.

MONDAY NITE

BIDWELL
Jim L. 5yr.
Jeff W. 1yr.
Shawn F. 6mo.
Jose G. 6mo.
James L. 6mo.
Patty T. 6mo.
Jocelyn W. 6mo.
Dennis T. 3mo.

GIVING

Lonnie S. 23yr.
Judy T. 2yr.
Joanne C. 6mo.

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Agnes H. 10yr.
Jim L. 10yr.
Bill G. 6yr.
Newman M.

IRON HORSE

Shiela D. 15yr.
Earl T. 14yr.
Rocky R. 13yr.
Butch C. 4yr.
Dan McC. 2yr.
Bill H. 2yr.
Norm K. 1yr.

CORNPLANTERS

AGAIN
Jamie M. 8yr.
Paul G. 7yr.
Fred D. 5yr.
Joanne M. 1yr.
Russ R. 6mo.
Elwin J. 6mo.

EYE OPENER

Helen B. 17yr.
Pat H. 3yr.
Joanne M. 3yr.
Roger R. 3yr.
Art B. 2yr.
Molly B. 2yr.
Jim G. 2yr.
Mike H. 2yr.
Fred H. 2yr.
Sandy M. 2yr.
Bill R. 2yr.
Joe S. 2yr.
Mary W. 1yr.
Bob N. 1yr.
Mary T. 1yr.
MaryLou P. 1yr.
Sam J. 1yr.
Ken H. 1yr.
Carol D. 9mo.
Bill F. 9mo.
Tom L. 6mo.
Joe L. 6mo.
Nancy B. 6mo.
Diane Z. 6mo.
Kirsten W. 6mo.
Larry M. 3mo.
Bob McF. 3mo.

H.O.W.

Patti R. 2yr.
Chad S. 1yr.
Don C. 1yr.
Jen D. 1yr.
Lonnie F. 9mo.
Mike V. 9mo.
Andy T. 9mo.
Dave S. 9mo.
Chad B. 9mo.
Carol C. 6mo.
Matt R. 6mo.
Kate E. 3mo.

CHAPTER NINE

Bob U. 20yr.
Chris E. 4yr.
Mike S. 4yr.
Jim C. 3yr.
Richard S.P. 3yr.
Craig G. 2yr.
Tony T. 1yr.

SOUTH BUFFALO

Ray S. 10yr.
Robin A. 7yr.
Sandy G. 5yr.
Tim S. 5yr.
Ray G. 4yr.
Herb M. 3yr.
Lela C. 3yr.
Mike C. 3yr.
Henry M. 2yr.
Don A. 2yr.
Tom M. 2yr.
Roger W. 1yr.
Patrick A. 1yr.
John Z. 1yr.
Dan R. 1yr.
Brian S. 1yr.
Jim H. 9mo.
Matt M. 6mo.
Jerry B. 3mo.

SHERIDAN

HONESTY
Robert V. 20yr.
Carol R. 18yr.
Terry McC. 12yr.
Richard W. 8yr.
Lawrence Z. 7yr.
Glenda F. 6yr.
William K. 5yr.
Michelle L. 5yr.
Tim H. 4yr.
Gary J. 4yr.
D. Smith Sr. 4yr.
Frank C. 3yr.
Garry S. 3yr.
George W. 3yr.
Patty R. 2yr.
Judy B. 2yr.
Steve D. 2yr.
Greg W. 2yr.
Michael L. 2yr.
Judy T. 2yr.
Gere O. 1yr.
Mike A. 1yr.
Cynthia B. 1yr.
Tony T. 1yr.

THURSDAYNITE

BIDWELL
Janice S. 20yr.
Beth S. 4yr.
Kathy M. 3yr.
Jerry S. 2yr.
Wendy S. 9mo.
Amy M. 6mo.
Pat L. 6mo.
Dave D. 6mo.

NEW ZION

Martin L. 18yr.
Ed M. 9yr.
JoAnn F. 7yr.
Marlene W. 2yr.
Paul S. 2yr.
Barbara H. 2yr.
Norville J. 2yr.
Ervin T. 1yr.
Jerry O. 1yr.

RAINBOW

Gerry T. 8yr.
Norman K. 7yr.
Paul G. 5yr.
Norm M. 3yr.
Pat M. 3yr.
Bernie E. 2yr.
Brian S. 1yr.
Bob U. 20yr.
Pat V. 8yr.
Nancy M. 2yr.
Bill W. 2yr.
Don F. 2yr.
Brian L. 1yr.
Glen S. 3mo.
Ron H. 3yr.

WE ADMITTED

AMHERST/SNYDER

Alice B. 12yr.
Kathy L. 11yr.
Don B. 10yr.
Bert D. 9yr.
Paul P. 9yr.
John R. 7yr.
Gene H. 7yr.
Jim V. 5yr.
Karen R. 4yr.
Mary G. 4yr.
Bill S. 4yr.
Amy H. 3yr.
Dottie K. 2yr.
Carl W. 2yr.
Richard O. 2yr.
Barbara B. 2yr.
Lynn M. 1yr.
Joseph M. 1yr.
Frank G. 6mo.
Richard S. 3mo.
Todd G. 3mo.

SUNRISE COURT

Carol R. 18yr.
Gerry T. 8yr.
Joann F. 7yr.
James H. 6yr.
Scott C. 2yr.
Elaine W. 1yr.
Ernest R. 1yr.
Diane B. 1yr.
Pat W. 9mo.
Boykin D. 9mo.
Michaeline V. 6mo.
Charles M. 6mo.
Bruce D. 6mo.
Eirlyn J. 3mo.
Ray R. 3mo.
Doug R. 3mo.
Eddie D. 3mo.
John J. 3mo.

NORTH BUFFALO

Mike O'M. 14yr.
Tom C. 9yr.
Paul M. 8yr.
Jim M. 7yr.
Lorraine A. 7yr.
Frank C. 7yr.
George F. 6yr.
Ken C. 5yr.
Pat S. 4yr.
Mark C. 4yr.
Chris G. 3yr.
Roger R. 3yr.
Pat E. 3yr.
Chris F. 3yr.
Donna S. 3yr.
Paul H. 2yr.
Ingrid H. 2yr.
Frank L. 1yr.
Pat L. 6mo.
Rick T. 3mo.
Mike D. 3mo.

FIRESIDE

Meta P. 22yr.
Irv C. 19yr.
Frank S. 9yr.
Pam F. 6yr.
Bill G. 5yr.
Don S. 4yr.
Robert P. 3yr.
Steve M. 3yr.
Dave K. 3yr.
Ward B. 3yr.
Mike D. 2yr.
Pete H. 2yr.
Margie V. 1yr.
Jonathan E. 1yr.
Maria B. 1yr.
Gina C. 9mo.
Barbara K. 9mo.
John L. 9mo.
Dan S. 9mo.
Scott R. 6mo.
Walter M. 6mo.
Ralph H. 6mo.
Toni G. 6mo.
Frank M. 3mo.
Kevin M. 3mo.

THRUWAY

Ellen M. 17yr.
John J. 15yr.
Tom B. 10yr.
Ken W. 10yr.
Scott P. 9yr.
Susan L. 9yr.
Jim Z. 8yr.
Mike K. 8yr.
Leonard Z. 8yr.
Frank B. 5yr.
John B. 4yr.
Dave C. 4yr.
Kathy K. 4yr.
Kathy G. 2yr.
Joe M. 1yr.

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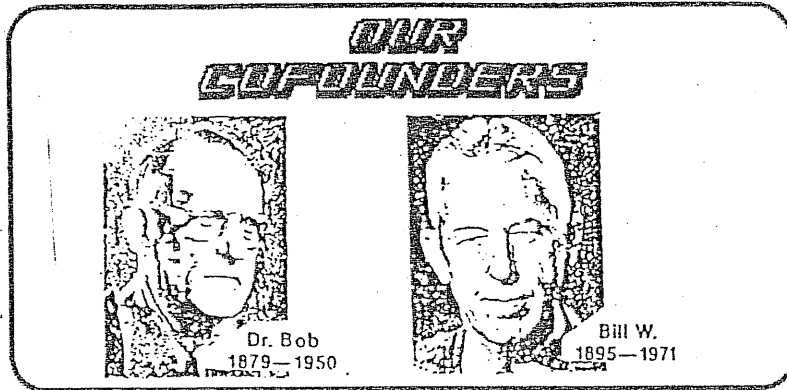
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Screeners - Norma F.
New Frontiers - Larry B.
Editorial - Helen S.
Envelope System - Burr E.

STEERING COMMITTEE

District 1 - Central Buffalo: Sandy H.
2 - Northwest Buffalo: Bryan McK.
3 - South Buffalo: Shawn C.
4 - Southtowns: Scott T.
5 - Northern Tier: Marion G.
6 - Southern Tier: Cindy C.
7 - Northeast Buffalo: Kevin C.
8 - Eastern Tier: Bill M.



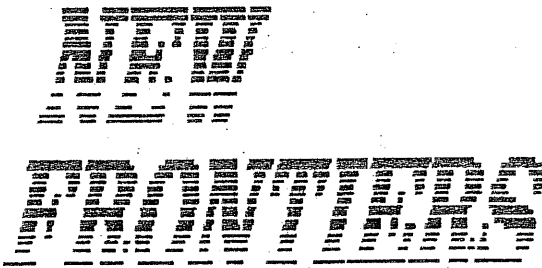
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 5, 1992

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of the Central Committee, and the Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by Pat T. and seconded by Bernie A. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last months meeting.

45 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED

District #1 - Bidwell, Delaware Discussion, Fresh Start, New Westside, New Zion, Positively Living I, Rush Hall, Sharing and Caring, Sunday Nitters, Sunrise Court, Working. District #2 - Chevy #1, Grateful, Why. District #3 - Ellicott, Father Baker, Honest Desire, Inner City, Iron Horse, Lovejoy, Pass It On, Rainbow, Security, Seneca 12 & 12, South Buffalo, South Gate, Urban. District #4 - Action, Keep It Simple-Sister. District #5 - Twin Cities, We Admitted. District #6 - North Java-Sunday, North Java-Monday. District #7 - Amherst Snyder, Cold Springs, Feelings, Harmony, Honesty, Kensington Disc., North Buffalo, United Brotherhood. District #8 - Cheektowaga, Inspiration, Matt Talbot, New Life, Williamsville.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM REPORT: Burr E.

	1990	1991	CHANGE	% of change
DEC. RECEIPTS	\$317.00	\$235.00	-\$82.00	-25.86%
YEAR TO DATE	\$6563.87	\$6563.19	-\$100.68	-1.53%

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES 11/26/91: CINDI C.

Jack C. opened the meeting at 6:05 pm with the Serinity Prayer. Others present were Delphine H., Scott T., Sandy H., Cindi C., and Marion G.. A motion was made to accept the minutes of last months meeting by Kevin C. was seconded and carried. OLD BUSINESS: There was a discussion on the convention, however, the final report will not be made till the last bank statement is in and the Committees have reviewed the figures. NEW BUSINESS: District 6, Southern Tier, Cindi's term as District Representative is due to expire in February. Letters went out to groups in the district for nominations on January 5th. The Chairperson for 1993's FALL CONVENTION has requested \$500.00, advance money, for a deposit on the Marriott Hotel on Millersport Hwy., to secure the date requested. The monies would be refundable till Oct. 1992. The Steering Committee unanimously recommends that Central Committee advance the monies. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Larry B. (See Attached)

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Dave D.

The committee met on Thursday, Dec. 26th, at 7:00 pm at the meeting room next to the Central Office. We had 12 people attend. The committee decided to reimburse people running the ECMC meetings for their parking cost. We asked that they get receipts and submit them to the Central Office monthly.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE: (cont>)

This applies to the chairman only. The VA requested that we provide a member who would teach their clients the first three steps. Our committee decided that we are not teachers and should not participate as staff people for Treatment Facilities. The request for members to sign up for the 12 step list that would be willing to take people out of Treatment Facilities to meetings and help them get started, was in the information sent to groups this month. Please encourage your members to sign up.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H.

All meetings are running smoothly. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting, please contact Central Office.

SCREENERS REPORT: Norma F.

New volunteer-Jim Hymes
465 calls in/39 calls out. The usual inquiries about meetings and just to talk.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H.

A.A. Information	613		
PIC	1	12 Step	19
CPC	0	Literature requests	54
AL-ANON	30	Referral to other agencies	30
ALATEEN	0	Referral from other agencies	5
ACOA	8	CENTRAL OFFICE:	
Metrocomm. service group:		Out-going calls	135
In-coming calls	465	Out-going mail	\$300.58
Out-going calls	39	Visitors	144

NEW FRONTIERS: Larry B.

Gratitude is given to Cindy D., who helped this month when personal problems limited my time.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL 1991: Bob J.

The vigil took place on Christmas Eve, and concluded at 6:00 pm Christmas Day. By all accounts the event was a success. One outstanding due bill for security for approx. \$140.00. Harriet G. (treasurer) will be contacting Central Office with final financial report. A \$100.00 donation to be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

COURTESY REPORTS

G.S.A.-GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: Marcia W.

Next meeting to be a Full Assembly. To be held at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Jewett Parkway and Summit St., at 1:00 pm, Sunday, January 19, 1992. Where North Buffalo group meets. There will be a short business meeting and then group inventory will be taken.

P.I.C.-PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: John L.

12/5/91-West Seneca, West, 4 classes of 10th graders, 15 students per class. Sent 2 speakers and rack of literature.

P.I.C.-PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE (cont)

12/11/91-Sweethome Senior High, 3 classes of 25 students per class. Sent 2 speakers. Had moderate participation, left literature. 12/13/91- Sweethome Senior High, 3 classes of 25 students per class. Sent 2 speakers and left more literature. 12/13/91-Buffalo Traditional, 1 class with one outside speaker and one A.A. speaker, presented in auditorium of students and adults about A.A.. 12/27/91-Taped a 10 min. P.I.C about A.A., was aired on 12/29/91 at 12:00 noon on Ch. 29. Was able to send alternate delegate to speak on A.A., personal anonymity was protected under the 11th. tradition.

C.P.C.-COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Mike B. See attached sheet.

RE-CAP

FINANCIAL: Larry B. would like all members to please take notice that the CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROGRAM is in need of some much needed support. Also that groups should be more aware of the distribution of money donated and state where the money is to go once donated. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H., Bernie A., and Dan P. all raised questions as to what can be done to bolster this important part of the FELLOWSHIP. TREATMENT FACILITIES: Al C. raised the a question pertaining to the requirements for participating with clients in a treatment facility, such as insurance. CHRISTMAS VIGIL: Larry B. cited the 1991 Vigil Committee for a job well done. OLD BUSINESS: Bob H. wanted to know what of the final results from the '91 Fall Convention. His answer was that the final statement is on its way. OUT-GOING CHAIRMAN: Bernie A. stated that the committee should recognize the service performed by JEROME D. for the year 1991 as Chairman of the Central Committee. NEW BUSINESS: Nominations were requested for the District 6 representative. Jack G. of the Grateful Group nominated Mike B. of North Java Group. No other nominations were heard from the assembled representatives. TREATMENT FACILITIES: Jack C. Central Committee Chairman appointed Dave D. as Chairman of the Treatment Facilities Committee and Sean C. as Co-Chairman. FALL 1993 CONVENTION: Marcia W. made a motion that Central Committee advance the Committee in charge of the Fall 1993 Convention \$500.00 in order to place a deposit on the appropriate facility. Seconded by Bernie A.. Voted and carried by the assembled representatives.

Having no further business to attend to, Tom M. made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bernie A.. The meeting ended at 7:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by James Woodhead, Recording Secretary

Amherst Snyder				15.00
Chapter IX				10.00
Clarence Men's Disc. I				25.00
Honesty				10.00
Lakeshore				20.00
Morning After				5.00
New Life				5.00
North Buffalo				25.00
North Java				50.00
Pass It On				5.00
Sheridan				10.00
South Buffalo				30.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast				25.00
Sunday Niters				15.00
Twin Cities				100.00
Urban				20.00
We Admitted				5.00
We Care				10.00
Williamsville				10.00
Anonymous				10.00
			Total receipts	405.00
RECAP				
Balance per checkbook 12/25/91			(480.58)	
Add receipts 12/25/91 - 1/25/92			405.00	(75.58)
Deduct expenses 12/25/91 - 1/25/92				None
Balance per checkbook 1/25/92				(75.58)
Operating credit 1/25/92			405.00	

Treatment Center Account - Financial Statement 602-089-5 December 25, 1991-January 25, 1992				
				This month
Amherst Snyder				10.00
East Aurora				10.00
H.O.W.				10.00
Lakeshore				20.00
North Buffalo				25.00
Pass It On				5.00
South Buffalo				30.00
Twin Cities				30.00
University Men's				25.00
We Care				20.00
Williamsville				10.00
			Total receipts	195.00
Expenses		Check #	Am't	
Central Office-ECMC-books		194	128.00	
RECAP				
Balance per checkbook 12/25/91		704.97		
Add receipts 12/25/91 - 1/25/92		195.00		899.97
Deduct expenses 12/25/91 - 1/25/92				128.00
Balance per checkbook 1/25/92				771.97

GROUP			Cazenovia			Frontier		
1st Step			Central Park			Gah Nee Goin Geh		
1st Things 1st			Changing Times			Gardenville		
6th Step			Chapter IX	10.00	10.00	Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		
11th Step			Cheektowaga			Giving		
A Day At A Time			Chevy #1			Golden Slipper	221.25	221.25
A Helping Hand			Clarence Men's Disc I	350.00	350.00	Good Life		
Abbott Mens Discussion			Clarence Men's Disc II			Grand		
Acceptance			Cold Springs			Grand II Joy Of Living		
Achievement			Common Hour			Grateful		
Action			Common Problem			H.A.N.D.	60.00	60.00
Age Doesn't Matter			Community Center			H.O.W.	10.00	10.00
Albion			Cornplanters Again			Half & Half		
Alexander			Courage			Hamburg		
All Women			Daily Commitment			Hamburg Big Book		
Amherst Snyder	50.00	50.00	Delaware Discussion			Handicappers Sat. Nite		
Amherst Tree of Life			Derby			Happy Hour		
Amsdell Lakeshore			Desire	75.00	75.00	Harmony	10.00	10.00
Any Age			DeVeaux Discussion			High Noon (Gay)		
Arcade			Downtown Discussion			High View		
As Bill Sees It			Downtown Men's Disc			Hill Billy		
Attitude Adjustment			Dunkirk			Honest Desire		
Attraction	100.00	100.00	Early Beginnings			Honesty	30.00	30.00
Awakening			Early Bird			Humbly Willing		
Beginner's Table			Early Start			Ignatia		
Beginning in Sobriety I			East Amherst			Inner City		
Beginning in Sobriety II			East Aurora	40.00	40.00	Inspiration		
Beginnings			East Side			Iron Horse		
Better Days			Easy Does It			IT		
Bidwell	160.00	160.00	Eden-North Collins	80.00	80.00	It's About Time		
Bidwell Monday Disc			Ellicott			Just for Today		
Big Book			Ellicottville			Keep It Simple, Sister		
Big Book-Lockport			Emergency			Keep on Comin'		
Big Book Study			Eternal Vigilance			Kenmore		
Blasdell			Everybody's			Kensington Disc		
Blasdell Monday Nite			Eye Opener	300.00	300.00	Ladies Night		
Blissfully Sober			Faith and Actions			Lakeshore	20.00	20.00
Boulevard Women	30.00	30.00	Father Baker			Lakeview		
Brass			Feelings			Let Go & Let God		
Broadway-Bailey			Fireside			Lew-port		
Brocton Discussion			Fireside P.M.			Liberty Women's		
But/Grace of God			Ford			Life Today		
By the Book-Batavia			Fredonia Bkft. Mtg			Lighten Up	100.00	100.00
By The Book-Buffalo			Fredonia Discussion			Live and Let Live (Gay)		
Came To Believe	21.05	21.05	Freedom	25.00	25.00	Living Sober	35.00	35.00
Campus-Buff State			Fresh Start			Lock City		
Casting			Friday Nite Discussion			Lockport #1	140.00	140.00
Cathedral Park			Friendly			Lockport Discussion		
Caz Manor	50.00	50.00	Friendship Fireside			Lockport Ladies		

Lovejoy			Rush Hour			Thruway	300.00	300.00
Lower River			S.S. Sobriety			Thursday Afternoon Disc	75.00	75.00
Marilla	25.00	25.00	Salamanca			Today		
Matt Talbot	25.00	25.00	Salamanca Freedom			Tri-County		
Mc Kinley Winners			Sally			Tuesday Men's Disc		
Medina New Life			Salvation Army			Tuesday Women's Disc.		
Mercy			Saratoga			Turning Point		
Mid-day			Saturday Earlybird			Twin Cities	50.00	50.00
Midnite			Saturday Night Disc.	20.00	20.00	United Brotherhood		
Miracle			Saturday Night Alive			Unity		
MOD			Saturday Nite Live			University Men's	160.00	160.00
Morning After	5.00	5.00	Searching for Serenity			Urban	30.00	30.00
Never Too Late			Second Chance			V.I.P.		
New Awakening			Security			V.I.P. Sunday		
New Beginnings			Seneca 12 & 12			Valley		
New Freedom			Serendipity			Veterans		
New Frontier			Serenity			Victory		
New Frontier Womens			Sharing and Caring			We Admitted	5.00	5.00
New Life	10.00	10.00	Sheridan	30.00	30.00	We Are Not Saints		
New Westside			Silver Creek Friendship			We Care	30.00	30.00
New Zion			Sober Trail			We Choose Life		
Niagara Frontier Men	25.00	25.00	Sober Winners			We Have a Dream		
Nite People			Sobriety Men's Disc			We Need You		
North Buffalo	100.00	100.00	Somerset			Welcome		
North Java			South Buffalo	30.00	30.00	Welcome Home		
One Day at a Time(ODAT)			South Town			West Seneca Sat. Nite		
Open Arms			Southgate			Westfield		
Open Mind (Gay)	30.00	30.00	Southwestern			Westminster		
Opportunity			Spirit of H.O.P.E.			WHY		
Orchard Park Step			Springville			Williamsville	35.00	35.00
Pass It On	10.00	10.00	Springville-no smoking			Willing To Grow		
Patchin			St. Barnabas			Wilson		
Pendleton-Chapter V			St. Mark's	60.00	60.00	Women's Westside Disc.		
Perry			Stay Clean			Working		
Positively Living I			Steel City			You'll Never Walk Alone		
Positively Living II			Step			Young, Sober & Free		
Positively Living III			Stepping Stones			Youngstown		
Primary Purpose			Suburban			Youth Gone Wild		
Progress			Sunday Morning Bkft	25.00	25.00			
Purpose			Sunday Nites	20.00	20.00			
R.I.P.			Sunday Third					
Rainbow			Sunrise Court					
Ray of Hope	50.00	50.00	SUNY-Amherst Campus					
Remember When			Survivors					
Renaissance I			Swinging Door			47 Groups contributed		3317.30
Renaissance II			TnT					
Renewal			T&IF	50.00	50.00			
Ridge			Thankful			JANUARY 1992		

Central Committee Acct.-Financial Statement #504-771-7 December 25, 1991-January 25, 1992				
47 Groups contributed				3317.30
Joint Meeting (expenses \$10.00)				30.76
New Frontiers Subscription				105.00
Envelope System				1758.00
Literature				2813.52
Miscellaneous:	Christmas Vigil	50.00		
	Vigil returned	67.36		
	Postage/Slingers	34.00		151.36
1991 Fall Convention				4969.99
			Total receipts	13145.93
DISBURSEMENTS				
	#10 Ellicott Square Court Corp. - rent			542.00
	Community Mental Health Center - CC mtg			35.00
	L.R. Frank & Assoc. - insurance			316.97
	Pitney Bowes, Inc. - postal meter			72.00
	M & T Bank - Federal Withholding Tax			626.24
	Marriott Hotel - Deposit '93 Buffalo Fall Convention			500.00
	NYS Unemployment Insurance - 4th quarter			8.78
	NYS Tax Dept - semi-annual			473.80
	Happy Spring Water - monthly			18.45
	Buffalo News - monthly ads			294.00
	State Insurance Fund - disability			48.59
	U.S. Postmaster - meter refill			1000.00
	A.A. World Services, Inc. - pamphlets			657.80
	Office Warehouse - supplies			156.53
	NY Telephone - monthly			131.07
	Metrocomm - answering service - monthly			174.66
	A.A. World Services, Inc. - pamphlets			108.00
	RJD Security, Inc. - '91 Fall Convention			144.78
	Salaries - Central Office			2633.66
	Petty Cash			50.00
	Bank charges			30.73
		Total disbursements		8023.06
Balance per checkbook 12/25/91		6858.35		
Add receipts 12/25/91 - 1/25/92		13145.93		20004.28
Deduct expenses 12/25/91 - 1/25/92				8023.06
Balance per checkbook 1/25/92				11981.22
Operating credit 1/25/92		5122.87		
	M & T Time Deposit		9267.35	
	M&T Money Market		12627.39	
	M&T Checking Accounts		11981.22	
	Total Monetary Assets		33875.96	
	Projected Prudent Reserve		36000.00	
	Reserve (debit)		(2124.04)	