

NEW FRONTIERS

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
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Practice these principles in all our affairs

What are "these principles" that we are supposed to be practicing in our sobriety journey? After all, isn't that is our life-long job, "as a result of these steps?" They had to be somewhere in the Big Book. We have lists - 12 steps, 12 traditions, concepts, and slogans.

Where is the list of the principles? I'd like something I could easily remember, so it would *have* to be simple. Memorizing the Big Book, the source for those principles, was *not* going to happen.

Why does it even matter? Why not just practice them with regard to my drinking? Am I really that messed up?

Then I found a book, by chance, at a convention. I was intrigued by its title and cover, and purchased it. I lost it for 15 years, and found it again in 2006 - it was like finding twenty pounds of gold. It had the list I'd been searching for! It describes some of the princi-

ples that this program is based on.

The title of the book is "The Golden Book of Principles," by Father John Doe.

Father Ralph P. (pen name John Doe) wrote this particular book, 54 pages in length, in 1954. He is the first Roman Catholic priest that became a member of A.A. Ralph is one of the three most published A.A. authors, along with Bill W. and Richmond W. (who wrote the Twenty-Four Hours a Day book). Ralph wrote seventeen books, from the 1940's through the early 1960's. He also invented the A.A. weekend spiritual retreat.

Ralph wrote about the active life in the world, and taught recovering people how to rise up from their meditations and begin to take concrete action. He taught us how to make authentic decisions and then make a real commitment.

Each month we will address

one of these principles in the New Frontiers. This book, along with other publications and fellow AA's experiences will be our guide. Today we set the stage, and introduce you to this rather fascinating member of A.A.

What it was like

Ralph (November 10, 1904 - February 19, 1967) was the youngest of 5 brothers. His father died when he was four. Brought up in a very devout Catholic family, Ralph's mother referred to him as her son who was going to become a priest. This put enormous pressure on him growing up. He graduated from high school, and then entered the seminary, to become a priest.

His first psychological breakdown started at age 24, and came at the time when seminary students were ordained as deacons. He had problems with obsessive perfection, and did not feel mor-

"Thanks, Shawn"

I'd like to thank Shawn C. for the work he has done as editor of the New Frontiers.

I have always enjoyed reading the New Frontiers. It has never been dull. Shawn has surprised us with articles from the past, taking on the issues that we're facing, and telling it like it is.

Shawn also believes rotation is a good thing, which is the reason why he no longer is our editor. Thank you, Shawn, for the past two years of service, as the editor of the "New Frontiers". You will be missed.

ally worthy to be a priest.

His inability to eat or sleep, along with constantly churning thoughts drove him frantic and he saw a doctor because of it. This doctor prescribed a barbiturate for him. Ralph would have as much of a drug problem as he did with alcohol - before he ever picked up a drink.

This lasted through the next year (1929), when he was ordained as a priest, during another crisis - a complete nervous and physical breakdown.

His first taste of alcohol was in 1930 (during Prohibition), at a friend's house. He began to meet with this friend frequently, had a drink or two, and it never seemed to bother him.

It gets worse

His story will sound familiar from that point: More breakdowns, lying about how much alcohol he was consuming (at one point, a quart a day of 190-proof moonshine), trips to sanitariums and cold water treatments.

There were some periods where he didn't drink, others when he blacked out, and said once he "didn't drink before noon, so he wasn't an alcoholic."

He also tried to smuggle an entire case of bourbon into a mental institution, lied about it, and the staff believed him {rehab was different in the 1940's - there weren't any}.

Next was shock therapy (ouch), where he received 1,000 milliamps of 110-volt AC

(enough to set some people's hair on fire) at each treatment. People caring for him, over a three week period, took him every two or three days for a treatment.

A week after he was released, he was offered a drink by a friend, took it, and promptly drank himself into a total blackout. For the first time, the thought occurred to Ralph: *maybe I have a problem with alcohol!*

What happened - 1943

Called at 2:00 AM to give last rights to someone thought to be dying, he found the person only passed out from a combination of drugs & alcohol (just what he was doing). As he was leaving, he saw a book in the living room with the title Alcoholics Anonymous. For some reason he could not explain, he asked to borrow it. The family told him he could.

At 3:00 AM, he started reading it. He could not put the book down until he finished the entire book (the original manuscript). For the next three or four weeks, he read the book at least once a day, sometimes twice. And he didn't drink. Something strange was happening.

He made a phone call on November 10, 1943 to someone he knew that dropped A.A. literature off in their church. The man's name is Doherty S., and he came over and visited Ralph. Doherty convinced him to go to a meeting, which was a few days away (7 total members at that meeting, one meeting per week there). Ralph attended that meeting, his first

A.A. meeting. Doherty became his sponsor.

The first two years Ralph encountered the same struggles most any newcomer has. He had a good deal of trouble admitting that he really was an alcoholic. Perhaps his real problems were all psychological, with maybe even some theological issues. Hit gut, however, told him from the start that A.A. had something that he desperately needed.

Finding his purpose

Having trouble on twelve-step calls, because he was a priest (would you want to talk to a priest?), he began to get frustrated. He discussed this several times with his sponsor. Doherty knew that Ralph had special things to give to the program, and the only problem was to discover what it was. As it turns out, the answer was obvious. Catholics have regular spiritual retreats, so couldn't A.A. members have the same thing?

He ran a simple one-day retreat, in 1945. Everything was centered purely on A.A. principles & beliefs. It was so successful he scheduled a weekend retreat in June, 1946, which was the first ever spiritual weekend. It was also a great success.

There's more to the story, but suffice to say hosting spiritual weekends and writing were his gifts to A.A. as a whole. Over the period from 1948 through 1958, he traveled over 750,000 miles, speaking to countless members of A.A. at retreats, conventions and meetings.

Why the principles

What is the reason for the people who achieve success, and are at the top of their profession? The simple answer is practice. All professional sports players and musicians could attest to this. They practice every day. They're exceptional at what they do to begin with. They don't have to practice to stay good. They practice to become masters at their profession. They will continue to practice - constant repetition - to continue to be masters.

Ralph says, "It is this same truth that is behind those who achieve mastery in A.A. Masters of sobriety, which means maintaining complete, total sobriety under every circumstance and in any situation. It is the truth behind those few in A.A. who achieve and maintain serenity, happiness and peace of mind in spite of the changing vicissitudes [unexpected changes] of life, and in the face of any obstacles. It is not necessarily perfection, which is reserved for our Higher Power, but mastery."

"It is also that truth that is the missing factor in all of those A.A.s who were sober or at least "dry" for a while, a few years, or many years and who then suddenly "slipped" into drinking again. What hap-

pened? Why do A.A.s slip? Why does the old-timer in A.A. often disappear from our meetings? All of these questions can be answered by the same answer - the same identical truth: **THEY QUIT PRACTICING.** They "learned" A.A.; they "learned" the steps; they "learned" all about alcoholism and the alcoholic. But they **QUIT PRACTICING ALL OF THOSE THINGS THEY LEARNED.** They seemed to have forgotten that all of the twelve steps are necessary for obtaining sobriety and happiness; and that all of the **TWELFTH STEP** is necessary for **MAINTAINING SOBRIETY AND HAPPINESS - FOR RETAINING the MASTERY IN SOBRIETY.**"

"They never learned, or they forgot, or they never accepted the truth that to **"PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OF OUR AFFAIRS"** means to **REPEAT AND REPEAT AND REPEAT. DAY IN AND DAY OUT, HOUR IN AND HOUR OUT, and, if necessary, MINUTE IN AND MINUTE OUT** those **PRINCIPLES** we learned in A.A. in **ALL OF OUR AFFAIRS, i.e., in EVERY** area of living: home life, social life, business life, financial affairs, spiritual life, emotional life, physical life, and thought life."

Do you have some ideas for the New Frontiers? Perhaps you have a story to pass along, or a topic we should address? Would you like to join our committee? We would like to know.

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"All slippees, all unhappy people in A.A., and all unhappy people - period, have never begun to, or have not continued to apply, the most important part of the whole program for continued sobriety and happiness: To practice these principles of our affairs." [CAPS used by Ralph in his booklet]

Please join me on this journey. Let's all become masters of sobriety!

Chip R. - editor

Sources: Sons of Matt Talbot (SMT) Guild; Ralph P (Father John Doe) & the Golden Books Short Outline of Life & Work, by Glen Chestnut (not an A.A. member); Fr. Ralph P, a.k.a. Fr. John Doe, by Nancy O.; The Golden Book of Principles, by A Member of Alcoholics Anonymous, The SMT Guild, Inc., 1954 (pages 8-9); hinds-foot.org website

Fall Convention Update: Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2008

Planning meetings are ongoing: The third Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon, at the Central Office.

For more information, or to get involved, call our Convention Chairman, John C, at (716) 884-0962 {home} or (716) 308-0951 {cell}.

He is VERY interested in your ideas. If you had the chance, what would you want done at the convention? Let him know!

Sneak Peek: What do people do, especially children, on October 31?

SETTING GOALS - WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YEAR?

The change of year, for some people, is time to clean the slate, and start off new. Last year is past, we've found we can't change that, the trees are hibernating, and we're inside more than outside. It can be a time of reflection on where we were 12 months prior.

What are your dreams? Will you do something this year to get closer to those dreams? Are your dreams self-serving, or are they part of the plan that our Higher Power has for us, individually and as a group?

We have a chance to put down on paper where we would like to be at the end of 2008. Any decent business does the same thing. Some end their year on December 31. The next day, all the accounts are at zero.

Even before the end of the year, they are planning where they want to be next year, and set some goals for various departments within the company. They realize that if they don't do that, the business will flounder. The goals are to improve certain areas, increase the amount of business they do, and to control some of the costs they encounter in the process. From there, the operations of the business carry that out, on a daily basis.

We can do the same thing in our lives, just as they do in a business. Simply put, inventory what we have now, the good and the bad. Let someone else know so we have a partner in the process of improving "the product - us." Deal with the damage the

bad inventory has caused, by working at improving ourselves.

FOCUS

We are members of A.A. That means, for those who have between 1 and 99,000 days sober, we have a primary purpose. That is found in our Preamble: "to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."

Whatever goals we set, the most critical ones will have something to do with that primary purpose. If the most important goal we set deals with something else, we essentially are back on the road toward another drink.

Take the time to reflect on your "inventory." Setting goals is not as hard as you think. Every day we set a goal - don't pick up a drink. Others add "help another alcoholic" or "go to a meeting today."

Like in step Four, be specific. 'Become a better person,' for example, is meaningless. You might become a better person, but you wouldn't know in which area you became better.

The key is to ask your Higher Power for help. I certainly needed His help to get through that first day without a drink. If He is that powerful, I'd be foolish not to ask Him what I should be working on in the coming year. He knows me better than anyone else, including myself. I did turn my will and life over to Him, didn't I?

Do you need more reasons to set some goals? All athletes set

them. Your doctor or counselor will set some FOR you if you have health problems. Governments set them for us, and set up organizations to make sure we meet them - like police departments and the IRS.

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What prevents me from setting goals? One reason is I still don't want to look at myself. All I see at times is the wreckage.

The second thing is I know pain is coming. I've had enough pain, haven't we all? Anything that I've improved on, with God's guidance, has included pain. I must remember the pain is both necessary and bearable.

To overcome those thoughts, I need to look at what God has done in my life. I also need another A.A. member's help.

ACTION!

Set some goals. WRITE them out. Is it time to commit to reading five pages of the Big Book or another A.A. related book every day? Become involved in your group's activities? Service work! Sponsor someone, if you have some time in the program. Organize a party or a dance! Join a committee at Central Office or Intergroup. The list is endless.

Set them with your Higher Power, and ask for His help to accomplish them. If we do what He wants us to do, we can't lose!

Chip R. - Grand II Joy of Living
& Holiday Village groups

SACRIFICE

As a 25 year old coming to Alcoholics Anonymous I can distinctly remember that the people I saw and talked to at my first meetings seemed to be a good deal *older* than I was. That was the second most striking impression I developed.

The first was the warmth and earnestness that I've encountered in A.A. since my first meetings.

The things these A.A. members talked about rang very true to me, and I soon came to accept that I belonged. I was an alcoholic who needed help. It wouldn't be easy stomaching the fact that this help would often be arriving in the form of a 'man old enough to be my father' taking me for coffee. I can confidently say that the feeling of being a young peg in an older hole is not unique to me.

At one of my first speaker meetings I encountered my soon-to-be close friend, John Q. His story was well delivered, and I know that at the time I tried to identify with it.

We crossed paths again a few months later. We have talked about life and about the recovery program many times since. I must thank him for saying to me one evening over coffee, "Don't let anybody tell you that sobriety isn't a sacrifice."

He was responding to my complaints about the difficulty of trying to have a social life (mostly griping about my inability to meet girls), and being a young member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

At the time this made me feel better, and somewhat justified about my complaints. I still know how to gripe pretty well, but I see the significance of John's comment in a very different light today.

After one or two more attempts at enjoyment and control, I accepted that powerless I had become. Humility helped me accept the hand of A.A., which had persisted in trying to pull my sorry ass out the bottle of the pain and despair. These were the first important sacrifices that I needed to make. I had to not drink, a day at a time, and I had swallowed my pride enough to ask for help.

I recently read that "if you want to know what someone's priorities are, look at their budget." Alcohol had certainly been top of my list for quite some time. Giving up what I seemed to value most may be the first real sacrifice I've made in my life.

Through the tables, my own experience, and the Big Book I saw that willpower would not be sufficient to keep me away from drinking. Well then, what was this willingness that I kept hearing

about? Today I see this is a willingness to sacrifice what I want when I want it.

Over the past year it has been abundantly clear that Honesty, Open-mindedness, and Willingness spell out HOW I can be successful in recovering from the drink problem.

There have been many occasions that the message I received was "grow up already," or "become a responsible person." Responsibility! Today this is where my attention is directed. Doing what I need to, am obligated to, and sacrificing what I claim to want is the spiritual task ahead of me each day.

If I am to make progress, than I will do the things required of me to be responsible. That goes for all facets of my life - the job I have, the family that cares for me, the Steps of recovery laid out for me, the home group I am a member of. These all require me to do things. I do not feel like doing many of those, but I usually do them anyway.

What I think, how I feel, and whether or not I want them is immaterial. It is the actions that I take which make me the person I am today. I owe a special thanks to my sponsor for drilling that point through my thick skull.

These principles apply to A.A. members of any age. We

must sacrifice our *precious* alcohol, our devotion to our own egos, and our persistent self-will to make progress. A.A. members of every age have spoken of the need to grow up in my presence. You need not be 20 or 25 years old to delude yourself into thinking the bars could still provide you will the thrill of "that lifestyle," or "the atmosphere."

Although I may have missed out on some good times, some fun adventures, and a few crazy stories by being a member of A.A. and making meeting attendance as my primary evening activity, giving up the social scene seems trivial today. Changing people, places, and things today seems like a small sacrifice considering the progress that's come after it. Sacrificing a few Bills and Sabres games, or some loud music,

accompanied by unorthodox lighting displays, in a dingy hole-in-the-wall were more or less the easy part.

That whole self-will thing - giving that up - was the beginning of a true journey.

Michael K. -
The Valley Group

Check out the minutes from the last Central Committee meeting

**We have some new officers and committee heads for 2008
We welcome and need your support**

IN MEMORIAM

Things We Can Not Change

Leo K; 30+ years

To all our members who have lost family & loved ones our prayers are with you.

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

Please submit your announcements by the 12th for next months issue.

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Amherst/Snyder

Adam P. 3m
 Timothy J. 6m
 Sam T. 6m
 Cindi G. 1y
 Dave J. 3y
 John K. 3y
 David S. 4y
 Jay M. 7y
 Helen H. 14y
 Barbara B. 18y
 Gene H. 24y
 Lou B. 25y
 Helen H. 33y

Cold Springs

Shevis A. 3y
 Brady P. 14y
 Willie D. 14y
 Henrietta W. 39y

Courage

John W. 4y
 Andy S. 13y
 Leo K. 21y
 JoAnne S. 23y
 Agnes H. 26y

Fireside

Carol Lee M. 9m
 Daryl Q. 1y
 Brett S. 4y
 Mike M. 6y
 Bret B. 8y
 Bob S. 11y

Fresh Start

Ralph W. 13y

Golden Slipper

Melissa G. 9y
 Mark B. 9y
 Joan H. 17y
 David S. 20y

Holland

Kevin O. 3y
 Carol Ann U. 7y

How It Works

Max C. 3y
 Steve G. 4y
 Brian McD. 5y
 Jay M. 6y
 JD H. 6y
 Mike M. 7y
 Joe K. 8y
 Dan G. 17y
 Roger R. 19y
 Guy H. 20y
 Frank W. 21y
 Franck C. 23y

HOLLAND

CAROLANN A. 9Y
HOLLIDAY VILLAGE
 CINDY T. 2Y
 COLLEEN B. 3Y
 TOM W. 5Y
 CARLA H. 5Y
 GINNY J. 8Y
 JEAN S. 8Y
 LYNN R. 18Y

Ironhorse

Dan McC. 18y
 Joanne F. 22y
 Dee R. 30y
 Shellia D. 31y

Kensington

Marilyn L. 27y

Lakeshore

Joli B. 12y
 Scott T. 27y

Lighten-Up

Colleen H. 1y
 Michael M. 1y
 Cindy W. 6y
 Dan McC. 7y
 John I. 17y

Living Sober

Kim V. 4y
 Dean B. 5y
 David D. 7y
 Kevin N. 98y
 Keith C. 10y
 Walter W. 15y
 Brian McC. 24y
 Bob Y. 28y

Lockport#1

Steve C. 4y
 Jack P. 5y
 Derek H. 10y

Lockveiw

Gary S. 8y
 Dianne P.F. 16y

Lovejoy

Crissie C. 3m
 Tom D. 6m
 Mike W. 6m
 Tim P. 6m
 Jay W. 9m
 Debra S. 1y

Main & High

Tom C. 10y

North Buffalo

Karen M. 2y
 Lane B. 2y
 Kevin P. 2y
 Gitti B. 3y
 Debbie P. 3y
 Ava D. 5y
 Walter P.. 12y
 Pam G. 17y
 Frank C. 23y

Rise & Shine

Theresa H. 2y
 Debbie H. 2y
 Wendy P. 2y
 Dani H. 2y
 Jackie H. 2y
 Melissa B. 3y
 Trisha B. 3y
 Tyra L. 3y
 Jeff F. 3y
 Kenneth T. 4y
 Theresa B. 4y
 Eddie T. 5y
 Joann T. 6y
 Gary C. 6y
 Yvone P. 6y
 Mary L. 7y
 Douglas W. 7y
 Sandra C. 8y
 Joe R. 12y

Sun. Morning

Breakfast

Ron E. 2y
 Charlie C. 21y
 Norm K. 23y
 Micky G. 28y

Surrender & Hope

Marty G. 3y
Thruway
 Tom B. 10y
 Pat M. 19y
 Kathy K. 21y
 Robin A. 23y
 Ellen M. 33y

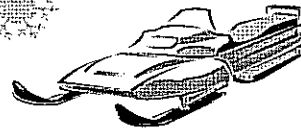
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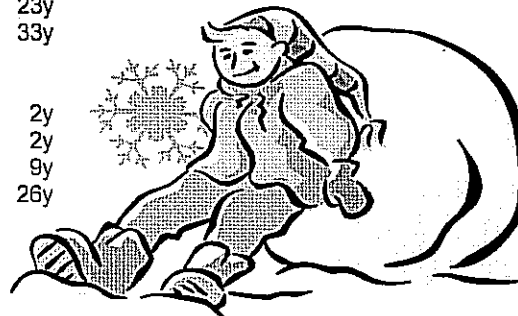
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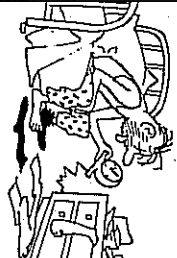

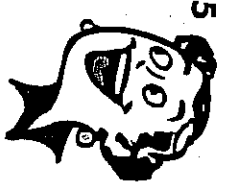
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 Williamsville: 55y
 New Awakening: 29y
 Survivors: 24y
 Somerset: 21y
 Cazenvoia
 Tuesday Men's Disc.: 20y
 It: 17y
 Life Today: 17y
 Try Again: 15y
 Starting Over: 14y
 F.U.N.: 13y
 Main and High: 10y
 New West Side: 9y
 Ellicott: 28y
 Daily Reprieve: 8y
 Constant Vigilance: 12y
 Living Clean: 3y
 Early Rising Obliging: 6y

*Please remember to
 have the anniversaries
 submitted by
 the 12th
 of the month
 previous*



God Grant Me The Serenity
 To Accept the things I cannot Change,
 Courage to change the things I can,
 and the Wisdom to know the difference.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		<p>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY</p> <p>1943: <i>Columbus Dispatch</i> reports first anniversary of Central Ohio AA group.</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Steering Committee, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.</p> <p>1941: Jack Alexander tells Bill W. that the Oxford Group will be in his <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> article on AA.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1941: Bill and Lois W. drive to Bedford Hills to see Stepping Stones and break in through an unlocked window.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1941: Bill W. tells Jack Alexander that Jack will be "the toast of AA—in Coca-Cola, of course."</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. Meeting, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Special Needs Committee, 6:30 PM, The Kenilworth Church of Christ Church, 45 Dalton St., Kenmore.</p> <p>*1984: <i>Pass it On</i>, the story of Bill W. and how the AA message reached the world is published.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1948: Polk Health Center Alcoholic Clinic for Negroes starts operation with 14 willing subjects. The Washington Negro Group of AA is cooperating with the clinic.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Website Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Kenmore Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd., Kenmore.</p> <p>*1942: <i>Drinks Are Square Pegs</i> is published.</p>	<p>10 MUHARRAM</p> <p>"We're just a bunch of nameless drunks..."</p>	<p>11</p> <p>**1940: San Quentin Prison AAs call newcomers "fish."</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1943: The press reports about the first AA group in Pontiac, Mich.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>General Service Assembly, 1 PM, Hamburg Town Hall, 3999 South Park Ave., Hamburg.</p> <p>2003: Dr. Earle M. sober for 49 years, author of <i>Physician Heal Thyself</i>, dies.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Treatment Facilities Committee, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1948: Polk Health Center Alcoholic Clinic for Negroes starts operation with 14 willing subjects. The Washington Negro Group of AA is cooperating with the clinic.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Public Information Committee meeting, 7 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>*1938: Jim B., a former athlete, gives AA "God as we understand Him."</p>	<p>18</p> <p>After 90 days in jail you might want to try 90 meetings in 90 days.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>57th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting, 12 NOON Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St</p> <p>1954: Hank P., early AA member who helped Bill W. start the New York office, dies in Pennington, NJ.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>**1965: "I attempted suicide four times...damn near killed myself"—Jack S., early West Virginia Aar.</p>	<p>21 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>22</p> <p>**1940: Pat C. in California gets sober "solo" by reading <i>The Big Book</i>.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1961: Bill W. sends an appreciation letter, which he considers long overdue, to Dr. Carl Jung for his contribution to AA.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1918: Bill and Lois marry. 1971: Bill W. dies in Miami.</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>1915: Dr. Bob marries Anne R.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St</p> <p>1971: <i>The New York Times</i> publishes Bill Wilson's obituary on page one.</p>
<p>27</p> <p>*1940: First AA meeting not in a home meets at King School, Akron, Ohio.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>*1951: <i>The AA Grapevine</i> publishes a memorial issue on Dr. Bob.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1961: Dr. Carl Jung answers Bill W.'s letter with "Spiritus Contra Spiritum" (Spirit against the ravages of spirits).</p>	<p>31</p> <p>THINK! THINK! THINK!</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center">BUFFALO CENTRAL OFFICE 681 Seneca Street- Lower Buffalo, NY 14210</p> <p align="center">Phone: (716) 853-0388 Fax: (716) 853-0389 E-Mail: buffalooaa@hotmail.com</p> </div>	

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

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JANUARY 2008

HOLIDAY INFO: GROUPS THAT WILL NOT MEET:

6th Step; Christmas & New Years Eve
Lakeshore; Christmas Eve

MEETING CHANGES:

- **Lockport (not yet named) group**, NO LONGER MEETS. Horizon's Health Center, 63 East Ave, Lockport.
- **Lockport Nooners**, NO LONGER MEETS. 178 Transit Rd. Lockport.
- **Sober & Proud Group** will now start at 8 PM. Friday's at Pride Center, 18 Trinity Place. Buffalo.
- **Living in the Solution, Amity Club, 340 Military Rd**, has **changed its time** for Mon. & Tues. to 5:30 PM, Starting Dec. 10 & 11. They will be discontinued until then. Wed. & Thurs. will remain the same. Friday will be discontinued.
- **Big Book Workshop** 9:30 AM in Eggertsville, Saturday Mornings, **NO LONGER MEETS.**
- **New Woman's Group; Women's Step Action**, Thursday, 6- PM, St. Martin in the Field Church, 2587 Baseline Rd., Grand Island. Closed meeting.
- **Earl Bird**, Wed. @ 10-AM, United Methodist Church, Corner of Ontario & Tonawanda Str's., Buffalo, **NEEDS SUPPORT.**
- **Ride Sober**, Sat. @ 9-AM, Victory Assembly of God Church, 688 Tonawanda St, N. Buffalo, **NEEDS SUPPORT.**
- **Beginnings Women's Group, Monday's moved** to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 1395 George Urban Blvd9Near Dick Rd.), Cheektowaga. Also has **changed their time to 7 PM. Pm**
- **New Meeting** in Lockport; **Monday Night Big Book Workshop**, United Church of Christ Church of Christ, 98 East Ave. 8 PM- 9:30 PM. Open Discussion.

November 2007

Mark S. Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Mark S., read the Preamble, Patrick from North Buffalo Group read the Purpose of the Central Committee. Gilbert R from Try Again read the Twelve Traditions. A motion was made to accept October's minutes as written by John H. Sunday Morning Breakfast Group. Minutes accepted.

23 Groups were represented: Dist.1: Main and High; Dist.2: Grand II Joy of Living, Living Sober, North Buffalo, Three Legacies; Dist.3: Courage, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Try Again, Valley; Dist. 4: Orchard Park Step; Dist.5: Lockport # 1, Lockview; Dist.6: Carrying The Message, Lakeshore, Serenity On The Lake, Wilson Smith Univ. Alumni; Dist.7: Lovejoy, Solidarity, Spirit of Hope; Dist. 8: Amherst Snyder, Eye Opener, Williamsville;

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** No Report

STEERING COMMITTEE: Report respectfully submitted by Cindy Reiner Dist.4 Steering Comm. Rep. The Committee met on November 27, 2007 at 6pm. Present were, Central Office Secretary, Central Comm. Chair, Financial Chair, and the following Dist. 1,2,4,6,7,8. Dist. 3 and 5 were not present, nor was there an alternate. **Exec. Sec. Report:** The next Steering Comm. meeting would fall on January 1, 2008, voted and agreed to have next meeting by Thursday January 3rd. There are 4 new Groups requesting to become members of our Intergroup. **Financial Report:** Discussion on contributions being down about 5% of needed revenue. **Dist. Reports:** Dist.2 Notes that increased expenses, such as Insurance, and decreasing value of \$1 affects group contributions to central office. **Inc.** Nothing to report. **New Business:** Motion recommended that an AD-Hoc Comm. of past convention chairs be formed to explore venues and initiate contact for possible multiple year contracts with local hotels for annual Convention. Meeting ended at 7:04 pm with the Our Father.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Report given by Scott T. Lakeshore Group. Beginning balance for the month of Nov. was \$11,885.64, Income for the month \$8,347.01, Expenses for the month \$8,336.34, so we're in the black for \$10.67, ending balance is \$11,996.31. Corrections Beginning balance \$750.43, after contributions and expenses the Ending balance is \$905.52, Treatment Beginning balance \$991.02, Ending balance after contributions of \$628.90 was \$1619.31. Scott also put together a report based on Financial report and the Group contributions for the year of 2007. There are 308 Groups listed on the contributions sheet. Out of the 308, 176 contribute to Central Office; total \$46,712.79. Group donating percentage, 57% Percentage of Groups not donating, 43%. Monthly Expenses to date, \$98,631.88, Contributions \$46,712.79, making the difference of \$51,919.09. Part of the difference was made up by personal contributions, Literature and medallion sales, and we still have a negative balance of \$2,830.52. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, I really do appreciate it, most of it has been fun.

TREATMENT: Report given by Patty S. 1.) Meetings are covered. 2.) Most meetings have been rotated as per TFC Guidelines. 3.) Letter submitted to Steering Comm. concerning TFC experience at 2007 Convention. 4.) Copy of TFC Guidelines given to Executive Secretary. 5.) Thank you for allowing me to serve for this last two years. The experience has been an honor and a privilege to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Respectfully Submitted, Patty S. As Bill Sees It

CORRECTIONS: Report given by Chair, Andrew. Letters were sent to all volunteers from Molly Kennedy, supervisor of Volunteer Services. In this letter is a revised statement from the Commissioner Brian Fisher, on the policy on the prevention of sexual abuse of inmates. Basically anyone who volunteers at Collins or Gowanda State Facility must sign and date, and have a witness sign and date; that they have received and read the revised notice from the Commissioner regarding this policy.

SCREENERS REPORT: No Report**CENTRALOFFICE:** A.A. INFO: 179, 12 Step: 3, Alanon: 1, PIC: 1, Visitors: 114, Volunteers: 20

Anyone that knows of any Groups not meeting for the Holiday's please let me know so that I'm not sending people from out of town or anyone else to Groups that are not open. The 6th Step Group will not meet on Christmas Eve or New Years Eve. Tuesday Men's will not meet on New Years Day. Lakeshore Group will not meet on Christmas Eve.

Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit, Terry Bateman, Exec. Sec.

NEW FRONTIER: No Report

PIC: Report given by Michael Malota. The last meeting for PIC Comm. was Nov. 21, 2007 at 7pm at. Present were Michael M., Jen, and Mike, all from the Lakeshore Group. We continue to fill local libraries with pamphlets and Big Books if needed. We talked briefly about the positions that are up for re-election for the first of the year. It was my responsibility last month to compile a list of Re-Habilitation Centers, so we can begin sending letters for people who are interested in knowing what A.A. is about. We looked over the standard letters in the PIC workbook to begin sending them out. PIC calls: I received a call from Central Office that an individual at Tonawanda High School called for PIC to come in and talk to some kids about what we do here and about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. The date scheduled to attend the school, Jan. 14,2008

PAST CONVENTION: No Report

CURRENT CONVENTION: Report given by Convention Chair John C. Courage Group. The 2008 Buffalo Fall Convention meeting will be Saturday December 15th at 12pm, at the Buffalo Central Office. All meetings will be on the third Saturday of every month at noon at the Central Office. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call me John at 884-0962

AD-HOC COMMITTEE

INCORPORATION: No Report

WEBSITE: No Report

GSA LIAISON: Report given by Patty S. our new Liaison GSA and CC. Due to the length of the report please see attachment.

CPC: No Report

ARCHIVES: Report given by Tom area 50 Archivist. I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers. We have been getting the travel kit to most of the Groups that have requested them. I would like to apologize to the Hillbilly Group, for not being able to attend. Also thanks to the Groups for their donations that keeps our Archives up and running. The Thruway Group, Valley Group, Southgate Group and the Lakeshore Group. We started the planning committee meeting for the National Archives Workshop for 2008 that's going to be held at the Days Inn in Niagara Falls. Right after our Archives Committee meeting that is held on the 4th Saturday of every month at 9:00 am, we will meet for the National Archives Workshop that I am chairing, and that will be at 10:00am. Please come down and join us we need help on a number of committees. We will be asking the different Intergroups to host the Hospitality room. I understand this Intergroup requested Saturday September 13th. We thank you and what your Group will have to do is work with Walt E. our Hospitality Chair.

RECAP: Steering Committee; Jake suggested that everyone read the final report from the last GSA Conference because there was a lot of food for thought given in some of the presentations concerning the value of a dollar and how it's just not cutting it anymore, and about the spiritual value of donating in A.A. The Steering Comm. spent some time talking about it.

OLD BUSINESS: John H. from Sunday Morning Breakfast Group nominated Tina C. from the Fresh Start Group for Dist. 7 Steering Committee Rep. seconded by Patty S. The representatives from Dist. 7 voted yes, and the vote was unanimous. Congratulations to all those that have been voted in to position to serve as trusted servants.

NEW BUSINESS: John H. Sunday Morning Breakfast, made a motion to accept four new Groups into the schedule, seconded by Les T. from the Eyeopener Group. Motion passed. John H. on behalf of the entire Committee, made a statement thanking all the outgoing officers that held office for the New Frontier, Recording Sec., Chairman, Treatment and Corrections did a marvelous job. Thanks for stepping up. The Steering Comm. recommended that Terry be given an extra day vacation because she had to use a holiday to travel to the Seminar that we asked her to go to. John H. made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Steering Comm. to grant Terry the extra day, seconded by Danny E. There was no minority opinion. Motion approved. Terry B. made a motion to do a Group Conscious Inventory. Steering Committee will handle the logistics. Motion seconded by Charmaine. Motion passed. Jake expressed a concern regarding the amount of abstentions in the last Central Committee vote. Also from the Committee's point of view there is sometimes a tendency to rush things to an answer. Not spending enough time on issues, wanting a vote right away. I think that may have contributed to some of the excessive abstentions. I think that as a body the Groups should be allowed more time to vote on serious issues that are going to make a difference in Alcoholics Anonymous. Also I attended a business meeting one person said that when they had brought something up as a question they were personally attacked. So for the upcoming year please let us be patient, loving and tolerant when we're answering questions and talking about some of these issues, because that is part of our primary purpose. Cindy R. member of the Steering Comm. from the Orchard Park Step Group made mention of other new business and Scott T. gave explanation that the Steering Comm. suggested that an AD-Hoc Comm. be formed of past Convention Chair people to go to the hotels to gather information and bring it back to the body and then take it to the Groups to find out whether it would be smart to enter into a five year contract to hold the Conventions. Jay H. current Central Comm. Chair appointed Charles L. Spirit of Hope Group, Chairman of this new AD-HOC Comm. Charles willingly accepted.

Motion to Adjourn John C. Courage Group seconded Charles L Spirit of Hope

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Tina C. Recording Secretary Fresh Start Group. I would like to say thank you for allowing me serve in this capacity, and I am looking forward to continue to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Income Statement	July-07	August-07	Sep-07	October-05	Nov-07
Beg Bal Cash on hand	11,821.79	12,547.00	14,286.94	12,224.93	11,885.64
Contributions					
Groups	4,395.85	6,405.75	3,593.55	3,059.00	4,227.91
Joint Meeting	61.50	43.99	46.00	39.00	99.90
Envelope System	352.00	283.00	540.00	674.00	318.00
New Frontiers Subs	120.00	105.00	77.00	34.00	-
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,628.55	2,589.25	2,668.80	3,067.80	3,585.00
Literature Postage	52.55	64.72	43.45	84.45	35.20
Archives Room Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Meetings at CO	9.00	22.00	33.00	44.00	31.00
Mail/Misc. Copier Buyout		25.00			
US Treasury					
Reconcille					
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)			25.00		
Conventions/Day of Sharing					
Monthly Income	8,669.45	9,588.71	7,074.80	7,052.25	8,347.01
Expenses					
Office Rent	855.49	855.49	855.49	855.49	855.49
Electric	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Payroll					
Salaries - gross	2,423.48	2,423.48	3,029.35	2,423.48	2,423.48
Federal Withholdings	(397.40)	(397.40)	(498.75)	(397.40)	(397.40)
NYS Withholdings	(86.00)	(86.00)	(120.00)	(86.00)	(86.00)
Disability Insurance	(2.40)	(2.40)	(3.00)	(2.40)	(2.40)
Payroll Tax Deposits					
Federal	769.67	728.50	655.00	590.72	632.25
State	385.72				
Insurance					
State Ins Fund					
Health	354.00	354.00	354.00	354.00	354.00
Liability					
Postage	49.94	349.43	46.91	52.71	49.05
Phone	137.77	215.48	134.33	139.34	143.11
Accounting					
Advt					
PIC Lit.				88.00	
Talking Phone Book					
Verizon	135.45	135.45	135.45	135.45	135.45
website					
white directory					
Yellow Pages	399.95				
Literature Expenses					
Grapevine		274.50			
World Services Inc	862.40	1,283.15	2,015.60	984.00	2,865.80
Hazeldon	600.81	411.11		411.11	
"In All Our Affairs"					
Printers			1,638.00		
Medallions					
PINS					
Office Supplies	387.21	452.13	265.45	310.76	231.80
Answering service	156.00	138.87	161.98	171.23	161.71
Minolta leasing (copier)	702.15	488.00	245.00	681.00	468.00
Minolta Copies/ service contract	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
CD					
Day of Sharing Seed Money					
Seminar		35.00		460.05	
Depreciation	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Monthly Expenses	8,044.24	7,948.77	9,236.81	7,491.54	8,144.34
Monthly Income (Loss)	625.21	1,639.94	(2,162.01)	(439.29)	202.67
Depreciation add back (non-cash)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
End Bal Cash on hand	12,547.00	14,286.94	12,224.93	11,885.64	12,188.31
CD PRUDENT	8,634.48	8,656.56	8,678.69	8,700.16	8,722.40
CD#2 RESERVE	6,322.59	6,339.77	6,357.00	6,373.72	6,391.04
Assets: Literature & Medallions	19,688.10	14,213.15	16,625.25	17,213.20	17,692.95
Literature Receivable: (outstanding)	978.65	1,781.55	2,138.05	1,390.15	610.75
Corrections Facilites	1,725.56	1,078.81	1,287.31	990.61	750.43
Contributions	172.00	208.50	281.80	129.37	448.09
Expenses	818.75		578.50	369.55	293.00
Balance	1,078.81	1,287.31	990.61	750.43	905.52
Treatment Facilities	1,245.98	895.14	989.11	852.81	991.22
Contributions	172.00	217.05	329.30	199.37	628.09
Expenses					
AT & T Bridging The Gap	59.09	49.33		60.96	
AAA Abott Answering Service	63.75	73.75	65.60		
Literature	400.00		400.00		
Balance	895.14	989.11	852.81	991.22	1,619.31

YTD

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Today's Quote
Forgiveness means giving up all hope of a better past.

-Landrum Bolling

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

ID	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
6	11:45		180.00		0.00		0.00
6	12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
	12 Steps/12 Traditions		30.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	8th Step		15.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Abball Men's	60.00	410.00	60.00	410.00	60.00	410.00
2	Acceptance/Welcme	100.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		100.55		0.00		50.00
	Albion	15.00	15.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amhers/ Snyder		1073.35		0.00		0.00
1	Amsdell Lakeshore	40.00	140.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length		330.00		110.00		100.00
4	Arcade		20.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It	25.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
1	Attitude Adjustment		100.00		50.00		50.00
1	Attraction	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
1	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Back To Basics		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		448.25		0.00		0.00
1	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bidwell Monday		150.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		200.00		0.00		0.00
1	BB Spiritual Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Big Book Study		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Big Book Workshop	25.00	25.00		0.00		0.00
1	Blasdel		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel Monday Night		60.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Brass		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message	100.00	321.00	20.00	79.50	20.00	79.50
7	Casting		350.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cayuga Wake-Up Call	225.00	595.35		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor	25.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		120.00		100.00		100.00
3	Cheektowaga	100.00	700.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chevy #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Clarence Men's		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commlitment		432.00		0.00		0.00
4	Constant Vigilance(Varysburg)		5.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cornplanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		125.00		8.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections	5.00	185.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby	40.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
1	Desire		272.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downlow Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	East Amherst		100.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora	50.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	25.00	275.00	25.00	25.00		0.00
7	Ellcott		66.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellcottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		310.00		0.00		0.00
1	Eyeopener	89.00	1438.43		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	300.00	1505.00		31.25		31.25
1	F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Falher Baker		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Feelings		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Fireside	79.92	783.16		50.00		50.00
1	First Things First		200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		300.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start	120.00	180.00		0.00		0.00
1	Friendly		25.36		0.00		0.00

ID	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
1	Frontier(New)		1000.00		0.00		0.00
1	GAHA: DAGOH #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Gahada Gon(Good Shepard)		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville		20.00		20.00		20.00
1	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		8.50		0.00		0.00
1	Go to Any Length		937.00		68.00		45.00
1	Golden Slipper		109.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand	50.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		160.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		60.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Hamburg		209.00		0.00		0.00
1	Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Handicappers		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Happy Hour II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony	100.00	400.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
3	Helping Hand	25.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
1	High Noon		350.00		0.00		0.00
1	High View		300.00		0.00		0.00
7	Higher Power		75.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		250.00		25.00		25.00
1	Holiday Village		2200.00		75.00		225.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		90.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	75.00	1050.00		0.00		0.00
7	Inner City		100.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	275.50	1899.60	27.55	170.95	27.55	170.95
1	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Johnson Creek Big Book		120.00		0.00		0.00
1	Journey		40.00		40.00		40.00
1	Just Do It		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Just For Today/Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Just For Today/Cheek		300.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister	30.00	45.00	25.00	35.00	25.00	35.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Kensington		25.00		0.00		0.00
1	Ladies Nite Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lake Shore	50.00	750.00	50.00	150.00	50.00	150.00
1	Lakeview	50.00	225.00		0.00		0.00
7	Last Days Fellowship		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lawyers		750.00		0.00		0.00
1	LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		185.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		25.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lighthouse		720.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living Sober		180.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lock City	40.00	140.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lockport #1	200.00	620.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lockport Discussion		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lockport Ladies		135.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lockport Tuesday	50.00	250.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lockview		860.00		110.00		110.00
1	Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		150.00		10.00		10.00
1	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lunch Bunch Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		55.00		10.00		5.00
4	Main Street		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Maple Men's		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla		65.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot		25.00		0.00		0.00
1	McKinley Winners		30.00		0.00		0.00
1	Medina Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Medina New Life		90.00		0.00		0.00
1	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		241.50		0.00		0.00
1	Midnight Discussion	30.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
1	Miracle Happen		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After	100.00	500.00		0.00		0.00
7	New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Freedom (Niagara Falls)		70.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		25.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Life		66.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Niagara Intergroup		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		65.00		0.00		0.00
3	No Human Power		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo	200.00	1000.00	50.00	275.00	50.00	275.00
4	North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00

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GSA 11/11/07 Report to CC 12/2/07

- 1.) Question was raised why the full report from a DCM was not printed in the minutes? The group conscience of GSA is to condense committee reports because of the cost of printing. It is recommended that from time to time should a lengthy report be submitted an attachment will be made to the minutes.
- 2.) A vote was carried that in election years for GSA (every two) an additional assembly be held in September. This is to give the new Chair the opportunity to meet with the outgoing Chair & not go into the new job cold.
- 3.) Treasurer Report: Approx ending balance is \$9485.00
- 4.) Registrar's Report: Please call Walt C. (716) 665-4163 to register home groups with New York World Services. Groups registered with Central Office are not automatically registered with New York.
A vote was carried to extend the Registrars' appointed term from two to four term. Walt C., current Chair accepted the extension to his term for another two years. Groups in Area 50 are encouraged to elect a home group General Service Rep for their group and attend the GSA meetings.
For Information Only: The Registrars' and Archivist position are appointed rather than elected, however, the Archive Chair position is elected and nominations are being accepted and voted on at the 1/13/08 GSA meeting. Nominees should have five years continuous sobriety and the term is two years.
- 5.) I checked with Terry before I wrote this report and she confirms that she has a contact person for about 99% of the meetings held in the 8 Districts Buffalo covers for CENTRAL COMMITTEE NOT GSO.
This list was copied by Terry and forwarded to Walt sometime this past year so the list could be used for the Registrar to contact the groups and to help in registering with New York.
- 6.) 2008 GSA Meeting Schedule held Sundays at Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Ave in the downstairs conference room. One meeting exception is the August meeting that is typically held either in Morganville or Jamestown.

January 13, 2008	Hosted by Three Legacies
March 2, 2008	Hosted by Lockport #1
April 13, 2008	Hosted by Amherst Snyder
June 1, 2008	Hosted by As Bill Sees It
August 10, 2008	Hosted by Lakewood Group in Jamestown
October 12, 2008	Hosted by LaSalle Big Book
November 9, 2008	Hosted by Abbott Mens
- 7.) A GSA meeting is scheduled for all incoming and outgoing Officers and Chairs on Saturday December 8, 2007 at noon at the Buffalo Central Office.
- 8.) Outgoing Chair and Delegate Report: Grateful for serving and thanked the Committee. Please see GSA minutes for further comments.
- 9.) Archives Report: Committee is selling 2008 pocket calendars to help support the 2008 September International Archives Workshop to be held in Buffalo.
- 10.) Corrections Report: Volunteers are needed at Collins One and Two and The Buffalo Work Release Program.
Corrections is asking for anyone to donate old Grapevines so these can be taken into the prisons. At this time, it was not sure if staples had to be removed. Please bring to Buffalo Correction meeting or call Bob G. at (716) 743-0645. Outgoing Chair thanked the Committee. Please see GSA minutes for further comments.
Niagara Intergroup does not have a Corrections Chair position.



- 11.) Treatment Chair: Absent
- 12.) Public Information Report: Outgoing Chair thanked the Committee. Please see GSA minutes for further comments.
- 13.) Grapevine Report: Participated at the Amherst Snyder group on 11/16 anniversary. Outgoing Chair thanked the Committee. Please see GSA for further comments.
- 14.) Special Needs Chair: Absent
- 15.) DCM Reports: No DCM'S reported at the meeting.
- 16.) Spring Convention: Chair Joyce W. (716) 205-7064
The Western New York GSA Spring Convention will be held April 25-27, 2008 at the Day's Inn in Niagara Falls. Registration Forms Available.
Anyone interested in getting involved the next meeting is at Amber T. house on Saturday, December 8. Please call Joyce for time and directions to the meeting.
- 17.) NERAASA 2008 is being held February 21-24 in West Atlantic City, Southern New Jersey. Registration Forms available.
- 18.) Ad Hoc Committee: Derek H. Lockport #1 Group
Guidelines for Area 50 - Committee has not yet met. No meeting scheduled.
Will be about 3/4 months before first guideline information will be available.
- 19.) Area 50 is in need of DCM'S (District Committee Members) DCM'S are the link between the GSR'S and the area Delegate to the General Service Conference.
There are 22 districts and I am not sure how many are covered at this time.
DCM'S should generally have four/five year's continuous sobriety and term is two years.
- 20.) Intergroup Reports:
Niagara Intergroup: Nominations for positions but not yet voted
NY/Penn Intergroup: Absent
Genesee/Wyoming Intergroup: Absent
Buffalo CC: Report submitted
- 21.) A motion was made that a 10 minute slot be set aside at GSA for a presentation on a Concept. It was decided that in January the Co Chair would speak on Concept One at which time the assembly would re-evaluate if the presentation will become part of GSA's format.
It was reminded that there is a time restraint for the rental of the Town Hall is from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and that the Town has a custodial worker overtime to accommodate this meeting.
- 22.) GSA requested Buffalo guidelines for liaison position.

Respectfully Submitted:
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Liaison GSA and CC