

NEW FRONTIERS

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

The cover story for the October 2007 New Frontiers issue contained some concerns about our A.A. program. The title of the article was "Think, Think, Think." Here is an excerpt from that article:

"A.A. newsletters throughout {the} world are echoing the same concerns that this newsletter has embraced. Those concerns seem to be:"

- Less involvement with and discussion of the Twelve Step Program for Recovery as discussion meetings have displaced speaker meetings.
- The lack of attention to the traditions of A.A. Too many groups and individual members are ill-informed about what the traditions really mean and as such are implying we are something we are not, which really waters down our message.
- The surrendering of our Twelfth Step responsibility to the treatment community.
- The cutesy, somewhat true sayings, that are detrimental to the singular message of A.A.
- Our legacy of self-support.
- Our Singular Purpose.
- The lack of knowledge of the Concepts.
- The low percentage of persons arriving at A.A. who remain sober.
- The weakening of groups.
- The difficulties encountered with Courts, Professionals and programs that mandate participation at A.A., whether alcoholic or not.

Now it's over a year later. Has *anything* changed at your home group since then? These concerns aren't "their" problem, GSO's problem, or Central Committee's problem; they are OUR problem.

Some groups have done something. Take the Back to Basics book by Wally P., for example. A few groups held a group conscious and decided to do that 4 week program, introducing the steps and the program to whoever attended. This was not necessarily without controversy, as it was in Rochester in the 1940's. Here's a story from Rochester AA The Early Years (p. 7-8):

"The September 1945 issue of the A.A. Grapevine reveals that the Genesee Group in Rochester had a unique way of indoctrinating newcomers. In the controversial article titled "Rochester Prepares Novices for Group participation," prospects were given a personal "canvas or workout" by their sponsors *before* they were permitted to attend their first meeting. This pre-indoctrination consisted of a series of talks on the twelve steps, the four absolutes, and the purposes of A.A. and member obligations. The topics of the four successive talks or lectures were in order: Steps 1-3, Steps 4-7, Steps 8-11, and the last on the Twelfth Step. When the prospect's *sponsor felt the member had sufficient working knowledge* of A.A.'s objectives and a *firm grasp of the fundamentals*, he was brought to his or her *first meeting*" {*emphasis mine*}

Something to think about!!!

REMEMBERING UNHAPPY HOLIDAYS

We alcoholics all can remember Christmases that were not merry and New Years that were not happy, along with other holidays and special events because of alcoholism.

A few years after God and A.A. restored me to sobriety and sanity, I was asked to say grace at a family Thanksgiving dinner. I offered a spontaneous prayer from my heart. My wife chuckled softly. Afterward, I asked her what was funny. She said, "I was just thinking that it's been a long time since you hurled a stuffed chicken against a wall, or a bowl of spinach against our new yellow wallpaper." I nodded, remembering when.

When I was eight in Buffalo, I spent hours decorating a tall Christmas tree in our family dining room. My father came home drunk, as usual, and fell against the tree, knocking it down with a crash. Heirloom ornaments were broken. I hated him for that. Yet, years later, I did the same thing.

Alcoholism contributed to the early deaths of my father and two brothers, and nearly was the end of me. Dad died at 48 about the year A.A. came into Buffalo. I can't help but wonder how different our family life might have been if he had found A.A.

Probably my most shameful Christmas debacle happened in 1946 when I was nineteen. I had a lovely girlfriend I'll call "Ronnie." She was a Julliard graduate and played my favorite classics on the grand piano in her palatial home. Her father and one brother were reputable doctors, and another brother was a popular priest. The mother had passed away.

I usually was under the influence of alcohol in Ronnie's presence. My feelings were hurt when she called me "a real souse." But it was true.

On Christmas Eve, we went to a house party with young folks. Ronnie and others wanted to go to Midnight Mass where her brother was preaching. Before we left, I chug-a-lugged half a bottle of rum on top of the ale, wine and

whisky I had been guzzling. By the time I got into the chauffeur's car, the booze hit me hard.

At church, Ronnie wanted to sit up front near the pulpit. I took an aisle seat next to her. Within minutes, my vision blurred and I became nauseous. Fearing that I would faint, I struggled to my feet without a word and staggered toward the exit, bouncing along the pews. About halfway, I fell to my knees and looked up to the stern face of Ronnie's father, the doctor. If looks could kill, I'd be dead. He growled, "Don't you ever enter my home again!"

An usher rushed to my assistance, thinking I'd had an attack. I threw up all over him and lurched to the lobby where I threw up again, and once more on the church steps. It was snowing and bitter cold but I had on my overcoat. I found an unlocked coupe on the street, crawled in and passed out until the wee hours of Christmas Day. I awoke shivering with teeth chattering. Apparently, the car owner had not been in church.

I staggered down the avenue, looking for a friendly tavern but they were all closed by that time. Two cabs slowed down, then sped away when they saw how drunk I was. Finally, one took me home to my worried mother who had to come up with the taxi fare.

I made no attempt to contact Ronnie, but I missed her. Months later, I was staggering toward a bar one day and saw Ronnie walking toward me. When she saw how drunk I was, she crossed the street and kept on walking.

I never saw her again. She died young of an illness. I'm still here at nearly 82, married to an angel for 55 years and sober 48 years on December 7th. We enjoy our holidays with our large and happy family. I thank God and A.A., and always Remember When.

Gene O.
First Step Group, Niagara Falls, NY

Principle: Twenty-Four Hours At A Time

{As a reminder, we are meandering through the book titled "The Golden Book Of Principles", written by Fr. Ralph P., the first priest that became an A.A. member. The booklet has his thoughts on various principles that are part of the A.A. program}.

One of the first slogans I ever heard was 'One Day At a Time', or ODAT for short. And, I was told at that time, that any "___" can stay sober for a day, and so can you! I never wanted to drink again, period. So why couldn't I just quit forever?

When I really think about living with booze, I think my time frame was based on drinks. How long since the last drink? Can I drink more now? How many hours till this bottle runs dry? Considering 24 hours at a time was too many hours at once.

Then add the "I make stuff up" and the rigorous DIS-honesty that defined my life, I was always living in either 2 weeks ago (remembering what story I made up so the new one would make sense), or somewhere further away than tomorrow (drunk and dreaming about when all my problems would be solved).

So this ODAT is new for me - and the people at the meetings are then ones who can teach me the how and why this needs to become a part of my life.

Fr. Ralph has some thoughts for us:

"In our early drinking days we escaped reality constantly either by dreaming of past pleasures, accomplishments, or victories, or by a like dreamful anticipation of future pleasures, accomplishments, or conquests. Thus we became perfectionists, dreamers, procrastinators. Then as we approached the chronic stage of drinking we progressively drank more and, instead of pleasure anticipation and remembering, we either indulged in repeated sieges of remorse in respect to the past or in soul-shaking fear in respect to the future. WE WERE CONSTANTLY SPLIT BETWEEN THOSE TWO AWFUL ETERNITIES — YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW.

"When we came to A.A. we learned that the alcoholic temperament above all and even more

than so-called normal people must practice TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AT A TIME. We learned that we MUST, if we wanted peace of mind, serenity and sobriety, leave the past, and ALL of the past to God's mercy; and that we must leave the future, ALL of the future in the hands of God's Providence; that actually we never had never will have anything whatever but TODAY to live. We found that thus we bring life down to a size we can handle.

"And we learned the principle that the burdens of TODAY no matter how great never drive men mad; but that the persistent and constant thoughts of WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN, or WHAT MIGHT BE often crush even the strongest man, whereas ANYONE can bear the HEAVIEST burden -- JUST FOR TODAY. And so we learn to live twenty-four hours at a time -- day in and day out, hour in and hour out, minute in and minute out. BUT taking EACH day, and EACH hour, and EACH minute IN ITS OWN TIME."

Chip R.
Grand II Joy of Living

The Golden Book of Principles by Father John Doe, ©1954 The SMT Guild, Inc., pp. 15-16

The Corrections Committee is trying to update the list of individual and group members that are taking meetings into prisons and when. If you or your home group is bringing a meeting in to a prison facility, please contact me at dmcc@verizon.net, or call central Office and leave a message with Terry.

There have been some changes in the requirements by the state that may affect your meeting. Also I have some pre-release information that needs to get to the facilitators of our meetings.

Please feel free to come to the corrections meeting which meets on the first Sunday of the month @ 6:00 pm, 1 hour before the Central Committee meets.

Thank You,
Dan M., Corrections Committee Chairman

MIKESpace.AA – View from the young and sober

"So This is the New Year... and I Don't Feel Any Different"

I have never been much for holidays and organized celebrations. I am not excited for the New Year to come, nor does it seem that I have ever been. I'm cynical and grouchy about these types of things. Thanksgiving I rather like, but it seems to get ruined by the tragedy that is "Black Friday." I plan on ignoring this New Year as much as my girlfriend might possibly allow. This contempt isn't just a consequence of my drinking and poor experiences... I once ruined a whole party's viewing of the ball drop by flipping off the TV, and I couldn't have been more than 16 and was not drinking at the time.

I'll save you the quasi philosophical objections I might have to the actual, or possible, existence of time, and the idea that it passes in the form of a years (not that I consider the concepts of an hour, minute, second, or decade above dispute). It would be a safe bet that I am not going to be blowing on a plastic kazoo at midnight right before 2009 hits.

I'm going to make a proposal for anyone that doesn't want to be caught up in the hoopla, or simply doesn't want to get caught up in a slip. Replace January 1st as New Year's Day! This is a fine idea for a number of reasons. Ignore the drinking and partying that will be bubbling up everywhere. It is difficult to ignore your friends and drinking buddies, but a more important night to stay away from a drink than New Year's Eve you could not find (except of course, for a drunk like me, any night is a perfect night to not take a drink). Also, who picked this day? For what reason? Do you know? I surely do not. It's arbitrary and comes from some logic I probably don't even wish to under-

Don't Kill Yourself My Friend (The thief of paradise)

*Funny when a blind man
Looks inside to see
Funny how my own hate
Almost killed me*

*Had a friend
Across the Cross
Was a friend in need*

*Dropped 10 sticks of dynamite
Threw my drifting seeds
Ran far*

*Don't kill yourself my friend
Does it matter where you are?
Does it matter where you been?*

*And you who must be saved
Your trials are yours my friend
Are yours*

*(Traveled through a muddy sea
To be born to be)*

*Think
All the Money
In the whole wide spinning world
Couldn't buy a ticket from the side
Couldn't change a timeless road*

*(Traveled through a muddy sea
To be born to be)*

*From hid den's fear comes this release
Each time we're born anew
Love and all life's innocence*

*FROM ME WITH TIME TO YOU
DON'T KILL YOURSELF MY FRIEND
TAKE THE TIME TO SAY
I WAS BORN IN LIFE LIKE YOU
LIFE DON'T GO AWAY*

COME AGAIN

*Submitted to MikeSpace.aa
by Mike D.*

stand. Time is a construct, a mere theory, anyway.

However, let's not be arbitrary with our decision for a new marker. What important date could serve as a marker for a 'new' New Year? The fourth of July? First day a tulip blooms? First day of the NFL regular season? The autumnal equinox? Let's not be silly. It must be November 26th. Mark it down. On your calendar. Why haven't you programmed it into your Blackberry yet? Oh. I almost forgot that what is suitable for me may not be something you are comfortable with. That's the last day I took drink. You can use your own sobriety date as a new anniversary of a year passing.

I recently experienced that passing of a yearly milestone. I have been doing well, but no worse or better since that anniversary passed. Just like when I'm required to add one onto the last digit of checks I write and hang above my dresser Vincent van Gogh instead of last year's 12 different puppies photo, nothing has actually changed.

I may briefly feel different, but my life is not ruled by my moods or desires any longer. There are things that I ought to do. Actions that I need to take. Requirements that I must live up to. As an A.A. member and an aspiring grown up. No matter your age, there are things that you should be doing. A purpose of some kind, lined up for you to contribute to something beyond yourself. I am thankful that being a member of Alcoholics Anonymous has provided me with a sense of direction.

My plan for the next year is to be useful and of service to AA. I have been given the chance to give a lead twice recently. I'm sure that I didn't get anyone sober, or drunk

for that matter, much like I was assured by my sponsor. I tried my best to express what being an Alcoholics Anonymous member has done for my life. I hope that some people could identify with what I used to be like. I feel certain that the willingness to do what is asked of me around A.A. contributes greatly to what happened and what I am like now. More opportunities

will present themselves for me to help other alcoholics and A.A. I am sure.

I'm not the Grinch though. I am helping to organize the group Christmas party. I'll even attend for the second year in a row in green and red attire. So there. But I will have attended that party when you read this. Stupid time!

Michael K.
The Valley Group

The author wishes to point out that another unfortunate and unappreciated reference to indie rock exists in this submission as the title is taken from Death Cab for Cutie lyrics. A thousand apologies.

Anonymous Survey Results 2008 Fall Convention

As promised, the **2008 Buffalo Fall Convention Survey** results are as follows:

- 94% said the quality of the convention was "excellent to good"
- 74% said the quality of the panels and speakers was "excellent to good"
- 88% reported that the quality of the Marriott hotel accommodations and facilities was "excellent to good"
- 68% reported that a 3 day convention was preferred versus 1 or 2 days
- For more information on being involved with the 2009 Convention, contact Frank @ 674-4041. Committee meetings start January 31, 2009 @ noon.

For the entire Steering Committee Report, please e-mail jrbvsa@yahoo.com. Thank you for your participation!

Yours in Service
Joli B.

2008 Fall Convention

I want to thank everyone who helped make the convention a success. The committee made this trusted servant's task easy, they worked very well together and guided me when I needed it. Kudos also to all who attended, the turnout was overwhelming especially Friday night. Thank you also to all who took the time to fill in the surveys as they will help make future conventions better.

I would like to answer some of the concerns you had about our convention. The first item is FREE coffee; there is no such thing, and someone has to pay. When we had "free" coffee it cost the convention over \$8,000.00 and there was a lot of waste. When we started charging for coffee waste went down and the cost to the convention decreased to just over \$4,000.00 of which attendees paid half. The lack of coffee on Sunday was totally my call, whether to order to much or run out and I apologize to all who were left out.

The next item is the hospitality room. We are under certain restraints as to what we can serve in the hospitality room. The cost to put food in the room and free coffee would increase the cost of registration by about \$10.00 and probably out of reach for the majority of attendees.

I can't speak to all the specific concerns about the Panels as I was not able to attend them fully but, I believe the Program Chair picked moderators with good and lengthy recovery, and that Bill and Dr. Bob wrote about drugs. I hope this is taken in the spirit of knowledge will make for an informed fellowship.

Yours in love and service,
John C., 2008 Convention Chair

Will We Squander **Our Inheritance?**

Bill W. wrote to Dr. Bob in 1949: "The groups will eventually take over, and maybe they will squander their inheritance when they get it. It is probable, however, that they won't. Anyhow, they

really have grown up; A.A. is theirs; let's give it to them."

As a sober member of A.A. for more than twenty-seven years, I see some disturbing differences between what I was taught in the beginning and what is happening now. What has happened to the pride we A.A.s have traditionally taken in saying, "I belong to the so-and-so group?" To our feeling that each one of

us takes part in the group's primary purpose – carrying the message? I see groups that regularly have thirty people at meetings, but only five active members. Who takes responsibility for the necessary jobs – group offices, sponsorship, coffee making? Is the A.A. group dying because of individual apathy?

The Responsibility declaration is basic to A.A. thinking: "I am responsible.

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible." Yet central offices seem to be having more and more difficulty finding sober A.A.s to make Twelfth Step calls. One of the first things I learned is that I need the newcomer as much as he needs me, yet some members feel they are doing new people a favor by getting in touch with them. Are we trying to hold on to sobriety now by *not* giving it away?

I wonder how many are lost because we don't have the time – or won't make the time – to share or care. What about the still-suffering drunk who calls A.A. and is told where the meeting is – and to go by himself? What of the newcomer

who goes to a meeting and finds no one to talk to? Or is told to call other members but is given no names or numbers? When I was called on by an A.A. member, I joined a group and got a sponsor. The group gave me a list of members, with addresses and phone numbers, to use when needed. Today, there seems to be little follow-up, little caring, few phone calls.

How many alcoholics have we lost simply because they were never really accepted? Do sober members still say, "Hey, how are you doing? Call me if you get shook up, no matter what time it is. Remember, we need you?" Alcoholics may be getting sober, not because of us, but in spite of us.

I have talked to many older members who feel as I do. Remember, A.A. is not going to preserve itself automatically. What are we, each one of us, doing with the gift of sobriety, so freely and lovingly given? Will we soon squander our magnificent inheritance?

Perhaps each one of us should hold on to these thoughts: "Keep me mindful of the responsibilities that accompany the blessings of freedom. The only time that wrong can prevail is when good people do nothing."

G.G., Phoenix, AZ
A.A. Grapevine June 1978

IN MEMORIAM

Things We Can Not Change

(Big) Dick D.- Lockport #1- 24y

(former Archivist) Bill C.- formally Thruway Group

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. Articles should be submitted by the 8th of the month for the next month's issue, space permitting.

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Alexander

Dave S. 5y
 Bradley S. 12y
 Dean S. 22y
 Mary T. 23y

Amherst/Snyder

Kevin Z. 6m
 Alan B. 9m
 Paul S. 1y
 Cindy G. 1y
 David J. 3y
 John K. 4y
 David S. 5y
 Barbara B. 19y
 Gene H. 24y
 Lou B. 26y

Carry the Message

Mary H. 9y
 Dan E. 28y

Cold Springs

Shevis A. 4y
 Brady P. 15y
 Willie D. 15y

Courage

John W. 5y
 Andy S. 14y
 Leo K. 22y
 JoAnne S. 24y
 Agnes H. 27y

Easy Does It

Barbara H. 3m
 Kristen A. 6m
 Lud P. 4y

Feelings

Glenda F. 23y

Fireside

Daryn Q. 2y
 Brett S. 5y
 Mike M. 8y
 Bob S. 12y

Fresh Start

Ralph W. 14y
 Tyrone H. 17y

Golden Slipper

Melissa G. 10y
 Mark B. 10y
 Joan H. 18y
 David S. 21y

How It Works

Max C. 4y
 Steve G. 5y
 Brian McD. 6y
 Jay M. 7y
 JD H. 7y
 Mike M. 8y
 Joe K. 9y
 Dan G. 18y
 Roger R. 20y
 Guy H. 21y
 Frank W. 22y
 Franck C. 24y

Ironhorse

Paul D. 1y
 Kurt S. 1y
 Dan McC. 19y
 Sheilla D. 31y

Kensington

Marilyn L. 28y

Lakeshore

Joli B. 13y
 Scott T. 28y

Lighten-Up

Colleen H. 2y
 Michael M. 2y
 Cindy W. 7y
 Dan McC. 8y
 John I. 18y

Living in the Solution

Tammy S. 2y
 Bobie R. 4y
 Amy E. 5y

Living Sober

Kim V. 5y
 Dean B. 5y
 David D. 7y
 Kevin N. 9y
 Keith C. 11y
 Walter W. 16y
 Brian McC. 25y
 Bob Y. 29y

Lockport#1

Bob I. 1y
 Jack P. 5y
 Steve C. 6y
 Derek H. 11y

Lockveiw

Gary S. 9y
 Dianne P.F. 17y

Lovejoy

Kennie G. 6m
 Mike L. 1y
 Debra S. 3y

Maple Men's

Brett S. 5y

Main & High

Tom C. 11y

North Buffalo

Karen M. 3y
 Lanee B. 3y
 Kevin P. 3y
 Gitti B. 4y
 Debbie P. 4y
 Ava D. 6y
 Walter P.. 13y
 Pam G. — 18y
 Frank C. 24y

Orchard

Park Step

Jean Marie 6y
 Mary H. 9y

Remember

When

Gen B. 1y
 Portia J. 21y

Rise & Shine

Theresa H. 3y
 Debbie H. 3y
 Wendy P. 3y
 Dani H. 3y
 Jackie H. 3y
 Melissa B. 4y
 Trisha B. 4y
 Tyra L. 4y
 Jeff F. 4y
 Kenneth T. 5y
 Theresa B. 5y
 Eddie T. 6y
 Joann T. 7y
 Gary C. 7y
 Yvone P. 7y
 Mary L. 8y
 Douglas W. 8y
 Sandra C. 9y
 Joe R. 13y

Sheridan

David H. 1y
 Larry Z. 24y

Sun. Morning

Breakfast
 Ron E. 3y
 Charlie C. 22y
 Norm K. 24y
 Micky G. 29y

Surrender & Hope

Julie S. 3m
 Marty G. 4y

Thruway

Mary S. 3m
 Mary H. 9m
 Tom B. 11y
 Pat M. 20y
 Kathy K. 22y
 Robin A. 24y
 Ellen M. 34y

We Care

Bernedette S 11y
 Agnes H. 27y
 Jim L. 27y

GROUPS CELEBRATING

Father Baker: 28y
 Williamsville: 56y
 New Awakening: 30y
 Survivors: 25y
 Somerset: 22y
 Cazenvoia
 Tuesday Men's Disc.: 21y
 It: 18y
 Life Today: 18y
 Try Again: 16y
 Starting Over : 15y
 F.U.N.: 14y
 Main and High: 11y
 New West Side: 10y
 Daily Reprieve: 9y
 Constant Vigilance: 13y
 Living Clean: 4y
 Early Rising Obliging: 7y

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



Congratulations!

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

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Tri-County Group Annual New Years Eve Party. St. Joseph's RC Church, 67 East Main St., Gowanda. Doors open @ 7 PM, speaker @ 8:00 PM

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 1943: *Columbus Dispatch* reports first anniversary of Central Ohio AA group.



2
 1941: Jack Alexander tells Bill W. that the Oxford Group will be in his *Saturday Evening Post* article on AA.

4
Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca
 1941: Bill and Lois W. drive to Bedford Hills to see Stepping Stones and break in through an unlocked window.

5
 1941: Bill W. tells Jack Alexander that Jack will be "The toast of AA—in Coca-Cola, of course."

6
A journey of 1,000 miles begins with... the FIRST step!

7
 *1984: *Pass it On*, the story of Bill W. and how the AA message reached the world, is published.

8
 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.

9
 *1942: *Drunks Are Square Pegs* is published.

10
"We're just a bunch of nameless drunks..."

11
 **1940: San Quentin Prison AAs call newcomers "fish."

12
 1943: The press reports about the first AA group in Pontiac, Mich.

13
 2003: Dr. Earle M., sober for 49 years, author of *Physician Heal Thyself*, dies.

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 *1942: *Drunks Are Square Pegs* is published.

17
 *1938: Jim B., a former atheist, gives AA "God as we understand Him."

18
After 90 days in jail you might want to try 90 meetings in 90 days.

19
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY
 1954: Hank P., early AA member who helped Bill W. start the New York office, dies in Pennington, N.J.

20
 **1965: "I attempted suicide four times... damn near killed myself." —Jack S., early West Virginia Aaer.

21
 Main & High 14th Group Annl. 6 PM. Bring a dish if you wish. 899 Main St. near Carlton St

22
 **1940: Pat C. in California gets sober "solo" by reading *The Big Book*.

23
 1961: Bill W. sends an appreciation letter, which he considers long overdue, to Dr. Carl Jung for his contribution to AA.

24
 1918: Bill and Lois marry.
 1971: Bill W. dies in Miami.

25
Try Again Group 16th Annl. 7:30 PM. St. John Lutheran Church, 3512 Clinton St. West Seneca
 1915: Dr. Bob marries Anne R.

26
 1971: *The New York Times* publishes Bill Wilson's obituary on page one.

27
 *1940: First AA meeting not in a home meets at King School, Akron, Ohio.

28
 Main & High 14th Group Annl. 6 PM. Bring a dish if you wish. 899 Main St. near Carlton St

29
 *1951: *The AA Grapevine* publishes a memorial issue on Dr. Bob.

30
 1961: Dr. Carl Jung answers Bill W.'s letter with "Spiritus Contra Spiritum" (Spirit against the ravages of spirits).

31
THINK! THINK! THINK!

* OCCURRED SOME TIME DURING THIS MONTH ** OCCURRED SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR

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

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JANUARY 2009

MEETING CHANGES:

- IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.
- IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT RECEIVING THE BULLETIN (New Frontiers), PLEASE CALL THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO UPDATE THE GROUP CONTACTS. THANK-YOU.
- **Second Chance Group** will **resume meeting on Jan 12, Time has changed to: 7:30 PM.** SS Columba- Bridgid, 75 Hickory @ Eagle, Buffalo.
- **Father Baker Group**, Friday's, Our Lady of Victory , South Buffalo, 8 PM, **Needs Support.**
- **Ride Sober**, Saturday's, 10 AM, Victory Assembly of God Church, Buffalo; **NO LONGER MEETS**
- **Early Bird**; Wednesday's, 10 Am, United Methodist Church, Buffalo; **NO LONGER MEETS**
- **Wehrle Group**, starting January 6th, is **changing their start time to 2 PM.** Will close the current time **New Years Eve with an Eating Meeting**, 10 AM. St. Stephen's Bethlehem Church, 750 Wehrle, Cheektowaga.
- **Lockport Ladies Group is Moving** to St. John Baptist School, 160 Chestnut St., Lockport. 10 AM, Saturday's.
- **Arcade Meeting Change, address has changed** to: Arcade United Methodist, 219 East Main St. **Time has changed** to 8 PM.
- **New Group; The Derby Lunch Group**, Monday's 12 Noon, TLC Outpatient Clinic, 7020 Erie Rd., Derby.
- **New Group;Saturday 12 & 12**, Saturday's at 9 AM, 66 Englewood (Old Church Bldg), Buffalo.
- **We Care Group, Is Moving**, New Hope Church, 358 Reiman St. @ Michael, Sloan. Open meeting, 7:30 PM, Thursday's.
- **Survivors Group**, Weds, 7:30 Pm, GM Power train Plant, **NO LONGER MEETS.**
- **Sunday Ascension, Has Moved to:** Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 592 Lafayette Ave @ Elmwood. Buffalo, 4 PM. Open Discussions.
- **Positively Living, Has Moved to:** St. Clares, 193 Elk St. Buffalo, Tues, Wed. & Thurs. @ 12:30PM. Open Meeting
- **Rise And Shine, Has Moved to:** St. John's Grace, 51 Colonial Circle, Buffalo, Mon-Sat, 7:30 AM.

- **Arcade Group, Has Moved to:** Arcade United Methodist Church, 212 E. Main St. Thursday's. Also has **changed time** to 8 PM.
- **New Group: Lancaster Daily Reprieve,** Monday's @ 6:15, Faith United Methodist Church, 5505 Broadway, Lancaster. Big Book Open Discussion.
- **New Group: 4th Dimension Big Book Study,** Tuesday's @ 7:30 PM, United Methodist Hamburg, 116 Union St.
- **Amherst Snyder Group is MOVING** to St. Aloysius Church, 157 Cleveland Drive. Monday's @ 8 PM. **Friday's meeting is moving to THURSDAY'S @ 8 PM.**
- **Cayuga Wake Up Call has moved** to Cleveland Heights Church, 4774 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Tuesday's & Thursday's 7:30 AM. Men's Group.
- **H.A.N.D.,** Tuesday's @ 10 AM, **has moved** to St. Stephen Bethlehem Church, 750 Werhle Dr., Cheektowaga.
- **MONDAY Big Book, No Longer Meets;** United Church of Christ, 98 East Ave, Lockport, 8 PM.

COMING EVENTS

~ **Special Needs Committee**, meets before "As Bill See's It Group", 6:30 PM, Hamburg Presbyterian Church, 117 Main St., Hamburg

~ Dec 30, **Steering Committee**, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.

~Dec 31, **Tri-County Group Annual New Years Eve Party**. St. Joseph's RC Church, 67 East Main St., Gowanda. Doors open @ 7 PM, speaker @ 8:00 PM, food & music to follow. Family & friends welcome. Please bring a dish to pass. For directions or more information contact Sheldon R: 716-532-1202.

Jan 4, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street. (Hosted by Women Making the Effort)

~ Jan 4, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower)

~ Jan 22, **Main & High 11th Group Anniversary**, 6 PM. Bring a dish if you wish. 899 Main St. near Carlton St.- Parking in the rear (Washington Street). Speaker; Maureen M.

~ Jan 25, **Try Again Group will celebrate their 16th Anniversary** at 7:30 PM. Regular Open Meeting held at St. John Lutheran Church, 3512 Clinton St. West Seneca. All are welcome.

~ Feb 14, **Any Age presents the 27th Blizzard Ball**, St. Andrew's RC Church (corner of Sheridan & Elmwood, parking lot off Elmwood at Lowell Rd.) 1525 Sheridan Dr., Kenmore. Doors open at 6 pm, Speaker @ 7 PM. Music and dancing from 8 pm- 1 am. Tickets \$9.00 in advance/ \$11.00 at the door. Pizza-Coffee-Tea- Pop- 50/50. No Children under 12. Smoke ONLY in your vehicles & please keep butts in the car.

~ March 27-29, **Cataract City Convention**, Days Inn at the Falls, 443 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY. Registration: \$15, Dinner add \$25, Commemorative Mug, add \$3. For more info. Cal; Zeny C. 283-6508 or Joanne Z. 284-5806.

1st STEP: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."

1st TRADITION: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity."

1st CONCEPT: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Buffalo Central Committee Minutes December 7, 2008

Jay H. Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Gilbert Try Again Group read the preamble, Joli Lakeshore Group read the Purpose of the Central Committee, Patrick North Buffalo Group read the Twelve Traditions. It was moved by John H. Sunday Morning Group, and seconded by Tom B. Lovejoy Group to accept November's minutes as written by John H. Sunday Morning Group; adopted.

31 groups were represented: Dist #1 Main And High; Dist #2 Grand II Joy Of Living, Living Sober, North Buffalo, Turning Point; Dist #3 Courage, South Buffalo, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Try Again, We Care; Dist #4: Hillbilly, Orchard Park Step; Dist #5: Golden Slipper, Lockport #1, Lockview; Dist #6: As Bill Sees It, Carry The Message, Holiday Village, Lakeshore, Serenity On The Lake, Sobriety Men's' Disc; Dist #7: Fresh Start, Lovejoy, Solidarity, Spirit Of Hope, Reflection; Dist #8: Maple Mens, Williamsville, Women Making The Effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** no report
- **STEERING COMMITTEE:** Jake J. reported the last meeting was Tues Dec 2, 2008, which started at 6 pm at the Buffalo Central office. Present were the Executive Secretary and Dist #2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The Executive Secretary gave a report and we received the fall convention surveys. It was suggested that in the future we find a way to allow members who don't attend to share their thoughts as well. Jack P. Dist #5 thanked the body for allowing him to serve. Dave E. Dist #6 also thanked the body and said it had been an honor. There was much discussion about apathy and how to best combat it.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mark Financial Secretary read the report.
- **TREATMENT:** Bill L. read the report of George W. Chair who was at an AA commitment tonight.. 1) Next meeting to be held Dec 15, 2008 (third Monday) at central office at 6 pm. 2) All meetings covered this month. 3) TFC Chair George W. is meeting with ECMC counselors on Friday Dec 12 to discuss how we are being perceived at ECMC, and smoothing over any issues. 4) We are looking for one group to volunteer at Salvation Army, the third Monday. Right now we have a group filling in until a permanent replacement can be found. 5) One box of Little Big Books was purchased for VA and the Salvation Army, and two boxes for ECMC. 6) By the end of the year, we will be using left over funds in our account to buy a supply of brochures and more Little Big Books from central office.
- **CORRECTIONS:** Dan M. Chair Iron Horse reported: 1) Any one taking a meeting into a prison, would they please contact him (716-207-9178), to let him know which meetings are being covered and where. 2) The Correction Committee would like to know which groups are taking monthly meetings into ECCF. Please contact Dan M. with that info. Any group wishing to get involved, please contact Dan M. These meetings are held on Wednesday at 7 pm. To best of Dan M's knowledge, women are allowed in most facilities. 3) The State is now requiring finger printing along with the other requirements (applications, TB test, orientation, and picture ID). 4) Anyone needing literature to take into a facility, please contact Dan M.
- **SCREENERS:** Jeanmarie C. Orchard Park Step reported that we are going to be entering a new year and there is still much work ahead. She still needs volunteers to go to different meetings in each area and announce a need for more people on the 12 Step call list. She is seeking a reliable Co-Chair. Please contact Central Office to join this committee or see Jeanmarie.
- **CENTRAL OFFICE:** Terry B. reported AA INFO 12; 12-STEP 2; ALANON 2; VISITORS 96; VOLUNTEERS 10. Her last two vacation days are Dec 19 and Dec 26. She would like to thank all those who filled in while her husband was hospitalized, and thanked all for their thoughts and prayers, As of January 1, 2009, the answering service is going up \$20 per month.
- **NEW FRONTIERS:** Chair Chip R reported. Topics to address in 2009: 1) Describe each subcommittee of the Central Committee, one per month. 2) Continue with The Principle articles, as well as MikeSpace, and Gene O,'s articles from the long timers. 3) Other articles pertinent to AA in WNY, and from the Grapevine. 4) Articles, stories, poetry, jokes, etc. submitted by AA members. Due to the financial situation we find ourselves in, he had some recommendations to Central Committee regarding the New Frontiers that Central Committee should consider. This is in light of the fact that we are spending more money than we collect. 1) Change the newsletter to every other month, or quarterly. 2) To only publish submissions from our members, which may cut down on the number of pages for each issue. Chip R. believes that these proposed changes are not the Editor's responsibility, and even if it is, the entire Central Committee should have a voice in any changes in our newsletter.
- **PIC:** no report
- **PAST CONVENTION:** John C. will have a written report at next Past Convention meeting.
- **CURRENT CONVENTION:** Patrick M. Chair Patchin Group said the first meeting will be Sat Jan 31, 2009 at noon Central Committee Office.

- **AD HOC COMMITTEES:**
 - **INCORPORATION:** no report
 - **WEBSITE:** no report
 - **INTERGROUP FORMAT:** Chip R. read the report from Randall H. The committee met for the first time on Nov 16, 2008, which began with a discussion on what the Ad Hoc committee was charged with doing and the reason for its existence. It was the consensus of the group that they are not investigating or evaluating the Buffalo Central Office. During the course of the committee, they may need to call on Central Office staff/volunteers for information, however their first priority is to see what other intergroups are doing and how Buffalo Central Committee may be able to benefit from doing things differently. The group agreed to contact the following cities and also put together a list of questions to ask: Chip – Cleveland, Shawn – Albany and CSO, Tom – Akron, Curt – Pittsburg, Pat – Rochester, Randy – Hamilton. Questions to be: a) do you have an office? b) how is the office staffed FT/PT vol? c) how do you handle info requests, who answers the phone, do you have an answering service at all, how does the Newcomer get info? d) where do you store materials, literature? e) what are your sources of revenue, donations, literature, medallions, etc? f) have you undergone any changes to your intergroup/central office? The committee has been able to make contact with 4 intergroups, resulting in info from cities that are similar in size and socioeconomic status as Buffalo, and have obtained a good mix of answers to the above questions. This info should prove valuable as the committee moves forward. The next meeting will be in January, and a full report of the survey of other cities will be given at the next Central Committee meeting.
- **GSA LIASON:** no report
- **CPC:** no report
- **ARCHIVES:** Tom B. Archivist reported that they haven't had any displays since the last report, but that they have been asked to take their travel display to the Main & High Group anniversary in January. They have been asked to have a display at the convention being put together in Niagara Falls next year. Tom B. said they would like to thank the following groups for their contributions: Valley, Lovejoy and Sunrise Court, and all the other groups who supported them in past year. He wished all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
- **RECAP: Central Office:** Jake J. asked the number of calls to Central Office and Terry B said an average of 150. For Current Convention, Terry B. stated that conventions on Halloween are unfair to family. Intergroup Format, Jack explained in detail.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** Some vacancies in the Steering Committee were filled with volunteers: Dist #8 Tina Amherst-Snyder; Dist #1 & 5 are still vacant. Jack Lockport Group volunteered as GSA Liaison.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **ELECTIONS:** Central Committee Co-Chair; Cindy R.: Orchard Park Step, Recording Secretary
Cathy S.: Lovejoy, PIC; Patrick: North Buffalo, Screeners; Jeanmarie C.: Orchard Park Step
 - Joli B. Lakeshore Group moved up to Chair, thanked the past officers for their service.
 - **Schedule for central committee meeting hospitality** was volunteered:

Jan: Women Living Sober	Feb: Living Sober
Mar: Lockport #1	Apr: Try Again
May: North Buffalo	June: Thruway
July: Fresh Start	Aug: Amherst-Snyder
Sept: Turning Point	Oct: Courage
Nov: Lakeshore	Dec: Grand II
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jake – Niagara Intergroup is for Niagara Falls City not Niagara County. John – General Service Assembly has a website area50wny.org

It was moved by Constance W. Fresh Start and seconded by John C. Courage that we adjourn; adopted. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy S. Recording Secretary Lovejoy Group

Income Statement	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08
Beg Bal Cash on hand	9,199.35	8,698.88	7,102.70	9,249.06
Contributions				
Groups	2,823.93	4,852.85	5,554.55	3,344.35
Joint Meeting	55.00	59.65	70.94	53.00
Envelope System	405.00	247.00	352.00	347.00
New Frontiers Subs	30.00	73.00	40.00	24.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	2,094.35	3,986.47	2,850.55	3,750.03
Literature Postage	56.31	49.75	45.05	107.75
Archives Room Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00	141.25
Meetings at CO	35.00	49.73	113.80	
Mail/Misc.	25.00	25.00		25.00
US Treasury				
Reconcille				
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)				
Conventions/Day of Sharing				
Monthly Income	5,574.69	9,393.45	9,076.89	7,792.38
Expenses				
Office Rent	869.94	869.94	869.94	869.94
Electric	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Payroll				
Salaries - gross	3,150.50	2,520.40	3,150.50	2,520.40
Federal Withholdings	(523.35)	(418.68)	(523.35)	(418.68)
NYS Withholdings	(130.00)	(104.00)	(130.00)	(104.00)
Disability Insurance	(3.00)	(2.40)	(3.00)	(2.40)
Payroll Tax Deposits				
Federal	611.48	611.48	792.97	582.80
State			428.10	
Insurance				
State Ins Fund				
Health	354.00	354.00	354.00	354.00
Liability				
Postage	49.87	348.33	49.08	47.10
Phone	166.83	166.88	168.50	166.89
Accounting				
Advt				
PIC Lit.				
Talking Phone Book			99.00	
Verizon; Idearc Media website	140.85	141.25	141.25	140.85
white directory				
Yellow Pages				
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine		180.00		
World Services Inc	464.01	3,050.40	443.20	1,364.00
Hazeldon				
"In All Our Affairs"				
Printers		1,787.00		
Medallions	286.36			
PINS				
Office Supplies	33.13		369.53	169.82
Answering service	161.44	156.00	144.31	138.33
Minolta leasing (copier)	223.00	223.00	223.00	223.00
Minolta Copies/ service contract	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
PIC		160.00	13.50	
Convention/Day of Sharing Seed \$		200.00		
Seminar		526.03	120.00	
Depreciation	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Monthly Expenses	6,175.06	11,089.63	7,030.53	6,372.05
Monthly Income (Loss)	(600.47)	(1,696.18)	2,046.36	1,420.33
Depreciation add back (non-cash)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
End Bal Cash on hand	8,698.88	7,102.70	9,249.06	10,769.39
CD PRUDENT	6,490.61	6,498.81	6,506.74	6,514.95
CD#2 RESERVE	8,946.46	8,955.88	8,965.01	8,974.45
Assets: Literature & Medallions	14,076.30	14,971.95	15,670.30	14,506.35
Literature Receivable; (oustanding)	575.44	2,352.05	1,364.25	596.71
Corrections Facilities	1,672.46	1,693.64	1,698.14	1,875.59
Contributions	171.18	229.50	386.45	160.00
Expenses	150.00	225.00	209.00	
Balance	1,693.64	1,698.14	1,875.59	2,035.59
Treatment Facilities	2,627.42	2,773.60	3,008.10	3,384.55
Contributions	146.18	234.50	378.45	155.00
Expenses				
AT & T Bridging The Gap				
AAA Abolt Answering Service				
Literature				800.00
Balance	2,773.60	3,008.10	3,384.55	2,739.55

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Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so love the people who treat you right, forget about the ones who don't, and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.' Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. And enjoy your life.'

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

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DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
6	11:45		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		300.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Slumbiers		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbot Men's		105.00		105.00		105.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome		200.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter	48.00	98.00		50.00		50.00
8	Akron Awareness		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amhers/ Snyder		1378.77		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Lakeshore	40.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		30.00		10.00		10.00
3	Any Length	30.00	300.00	10.00	100.00	10.00	100.00
4	ArCADE		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	As Bill Saes II		320.00		27.17		0.00
4	Atlica		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Atlica Big Book		5.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment		50.00		25.00		25.00
8	Attraction		400.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Back To Basics		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Back To Basics Office		18.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		100.00		25.00		25.00
5	Big Book Lockport		225.00		0.00		0.00
5	BB Spiritual Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Big Book Study		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Monday Night		120.10		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	B.S.C.		20.00		10.00		10.00
3	By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Carry the Message		358.80		10.00		10.00
7	Casting		157.35		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Cayuga Wake-Up Call		885.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor	50.00	415.25		0.00		0.00
2	Chapler IX		240.00		240.00		240.00
3	Cheektowaga	100.00	1000.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chevy #1		75.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Constant Vigilance(Varysburg)		5.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		117.50		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		25.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire	40.00	345.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		35.00		0.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		0.05		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		250.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	50.00	309.00	50.00	209.00	50.00	85.00
4	Ellicottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Eyeopener	195.00	864.61		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		720.00		0.00		0.00
1	F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Father Baker		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Feelings		50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside	89.35	1322.75		0.00		0.00
6	First Things First		288.55		0.00		0.00
8	Forestville Sunday Serenity		50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fredonia Discussion		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		225.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		60.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		150.00		0.00		0.00

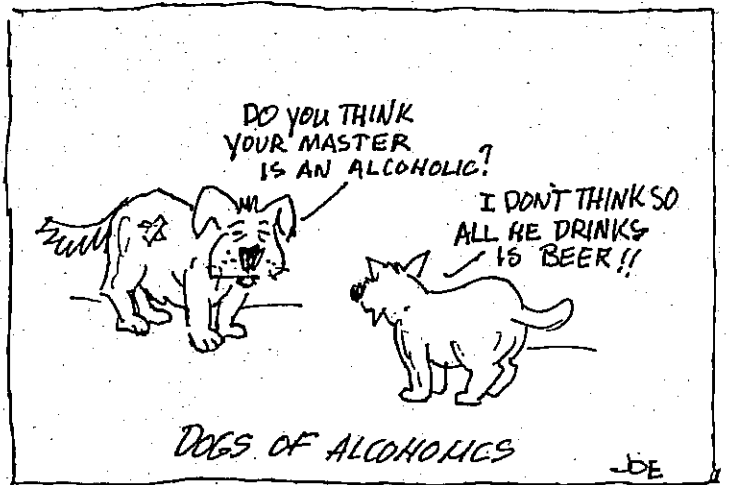
DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
1	Frontier(New)		605.05		0.00		0.00
6	GAHA: DAGOH #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville	100.00	104.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting With It		80.30		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Go to Any Length		808.00		80.00		80.00
5	Golden Slipper	50.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		130.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		150.00		0.00		0.00
5	Hamburg Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Handicappers		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Happy Hour II		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Harmony		320.00		0.00		0.00
3	Helping Hand	25.00	175.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		250.00		0.00		0.00
7	Higher Power		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		150.00		50.00		50.00
8	Holiday Village	200.00	2200.00	25.00	100.00		75.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty	30.00	140.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	100.00	975.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse		1095.66		109.66		109.66
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Johnson Creek Big Book		120.00		0.00		0.00
1	Journey		72.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		30.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/Cheek		300.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		75.00		25.00		25.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		25.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lake Shore	50.00	515.00		50.00		50.00
6	Lakeview		150.00		0.00		0.00
7	Last Days Fellowship		2.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lawyers		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		70.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		22.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP	60.00	735.25		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living In the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living Sober		125.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		140.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		750.00		75.00		75.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lockport Ladies		125.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lockport Tuesday		190.00		20.00		20.00
5	Lockview		900.00		150.00		150.00
6	Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		150.00		50.00		50.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lunch Bunch Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		65.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Maple Men's		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Manilla		155.05		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Madina Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Madina New Life		90.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		215.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion	30.00	320.00		0.00		0.00
5	Miracle Happen		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Monday Big Book		114.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		200.00		0.00		0.00
7	New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Freedom (Niagara Falls)		100.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		25.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		230.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo		800.00		200.00		200.00
4	North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00

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	GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
5	"Not Yet Named"	200.00	0.00	0.00
1	One Day At A Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	On The Cliffs	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Open Arms	150.00	350.00	0.00
1	Open Mind	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Opportunity	50.00	0.00	0.00
4	Orchard Park Step	154.00	748.60	25.00
7	Pass It On	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Patchin	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Pathway to Peace	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Pendleton Chapter Five	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Point of No Return	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Positively Living/Ret. Guiding Light	1650.00	0.00	0.00
7	Powerless	45.00	0.00	0.00
1	Pride	40.00	5.00	5.00
1	Primary Purpose	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Principles Bel. Personalities	10.00	110.00	0.00
4	Progress	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Purpose/Tonawanda	400.00	0.00	0.00
2	Questions & Answers	100.00	0.00	0.00
4	Ray of Hope	80.00	0.00	0.00
1	Reco.: Women in the BB.	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Recovery Near the Gardens	10.00	0.00	0.00
2	Redeemers	30.00	0.00	0.00
1	Reflections	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Reflections on Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Remember When	40.00	0.00	0.00
8	Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Ride Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Ridge	40.00	20.00	20.00
1	Rise and Shine	100.10	0.00	0.00
7	Rochester	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Roland	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Rural is Plural	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Sally	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Saratoga	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Sat. Night in Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sat. Nite Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Searching For Serenity	300.00	150.00	150.00
7	Second Chance	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Serenity	550.00	0.00	0.00
1	Serenity Circle	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Serenity on the Lake	80.00	10.00	0.00
7	Serenity Shack Nooners	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sataside	500.00	0.00	0.00
2	Sheridan	40.00	0.00	0.00
8	Silvercreek Friendship	60.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sober and Proud	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sober Saturday	250.00	50.00	50.00
6	Sober Trails	40.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sober Winners	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety Comes First	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sobriety for Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sobriety Men's Disc.	160.00	160.00	160.00
5	Sobriety On The Canal	100.00	0.00	0.00
5	Sobriety on a Sat. Night	40.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sobriety on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Solidarity	45.50	606.72	0.00
5	Somerset	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	South Buffalo	850.00	0.00	0.00
3	South Town	600.00	0.00	0.00
3	Southgate	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Southwestern	130.00	0.00	0.00
7	Spirit of Hope	100.00	0.00	0.00
2	Spiritual Progress	165.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville Sat. Afternoon	78.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville Tues. Night	240.00	0.00	0.00
4	Springville Wed. Noon	15.00	115.00	0.00
4	Springville New Life	20.00	0.00	0.00
8	St. Barnabas	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	St. Mark's	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Starting Over	200.00	750.10	0.00
2	Staying Alive	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Step Action Group	137.50	737.50	0.00
5	Step Work	30.00	0.00	0.00
8	Stepping Stones/Gov.	20.00	0.00	0.00
8	Stepping Stones/Will.	25.00	25.00	0.00
1	Sunday Afternoon Ascension	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sunday in Callanugas	50.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sunday Morning Breakfast	650.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sunday @ 8:00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sunday Nites	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Sunday Third Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sunrise Court	100.00	545.00	50.00
4	SUNY Amherst Campus	96.85	0.00	0.00
2	Surrender and Hope	100.00	400.00	70.00
2	TFC-12 Step Call	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	TGIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Thankful	40.00	0.00	0.00
2	Three Legacies	58.19	7.63	7.63
1	Those Too	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Thruway	600.00	1175.00	20.00
7	Thurs. Nite Steppers	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Thursday Big Book	384.00	0.00	0.00
3	Thursday PM Discussion	100.00	0.00	0.00
8	Trit	300.00	0.00	0.00
5	Today	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT	
8	Today's Woman	10.00	0.00	0.00	
8	Tri County	250.00	322.00	36.00	
8	Tri-Step Beginners	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Try Again	280.00	20.00	20.00	
4	Tuesday Men's AM	150.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Tuesday Women's	188.00	100.00	100.00	
2	Turning Point	100.00	25.00	25.00	
5	Twin Cities	100.00	0.00	0.00	
8	Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2	University Men's Disc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Valley	300.00	0.00	0.00	
1	Victory	100.00	200.00	0.00	
3	Victory Women's	50.00	0.00	0.00	
1	Wake Up Call	25.00	50.00	0.00	
6	WE	55.00	4.00	4.00	
7	We Are Not Saints	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	We Care	250.00	50.00	100.00	
7	We Don't Know	35.00	892.92	0.00	
8	Wehrle	120.00	0.00	0.00	
0	Westfield	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1	Westminster	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2	Why	0.00	0.00	0.00	
8	Williamsville	50.00	175.00	0.00	
6	Willing To Grow	400.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Wilson Group	77.95	17.49	0.00	
6	Wilson Smith Alumni	160.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Women In Sobriety	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Women Making The Effort	60.00	408.00	15.50	
5	Women's Step Action	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1	Women's West Side	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1	Working	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Young at Heart	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Youngstown	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Anonymous	101.50	0.00	0.00	
	Frank & Margie P.	50.00	0.00	0.00	
	Gary K.	62.00	0.00	0.00	
	John F. H.	22.00	0.00	0.00	
	Edward O'D.	80.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hennetta W.	50.00	0.00	0.00	
	Fran T.	150.00	0.00	0.00	
	Arthur	100.00	0.00	0.00	
	Martha M.	50.00	0.00	0.00	
	Terry B.	80.00	0.00	0.00	
	Chuck B.	1.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTALS	3344.35	46584.49	160.00	
			2711.45	155.00	
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