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## Why Do We Have A Declaration of Unity?

News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A.® Box 4-5-9 Vol. 55, No. 1 / February - March 2009

In July, 1970, eleven thousand members of Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, made the following pledge in eleven different languages:

**A Declaration of Unity  
"This we owe to A.A.'s future:  
To place our common welfare first; To keep  
our fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity depend our lives; And the  
lives of those to come."**

The acceptance of this declaration at the 1970 International Convention of A.A. put a final seal of approval on a decades-long campaign by co-founder Bill W. to establish the preservation of unity as a priority to assure A.A.'s future. Twenty years earlier, at the first International Convention, in Cleveland, several thousand members had voted to accept the Twelve Traditions, which Bill had written and advanced for the express purpose of assuring that A.A. would survive as a society. The formal Declaration of Unity at the Miami Convention gave this added force.

Why was such a statement necessary? Almost from the very beginning of A.A., Bill had focused on the importance of maintaining Unity in the Fellowship. By working together, we could achieve and maintain sobriety that had eluded us when we were alone. Even when A.A. had less than a hundred members, most of them concentrated in New York and Akron, Bill and Dr. Bob had a vision of a unified fellowship that could reach out to alcoholics throughout North America and even the world. In Bill's own talks and writings, he always emphasized the need to preserve unity in order to maintain sobriety for ourselves and preserve A.A. for "the millions who still do not know." In introducing the Traditions, Bill had written, "So long as the ties which bind us together prove far stronger than those forces which would divide us if they could, all will be well.... We shall be secure as a movement; our essential unity will remain a certainty."

What were the forces that could divide A.A.? Bill often mentioned such issues as the struggle for property, power and prestige.

He felt it absolutely necessary that A.A. as a society should avoid controversies over politics and religion. He believed anonymity was also a factor in maintaining unity, and that A.A.'s assistance should be available to everybody without favor or prejudice. Bill had first described the Twelve Traditions as "Twelve points to assure our future." He viewed these as being essential for the preservation of the society, just as the Twelve Steps are essential for the recovery of the individual member. A.A.'s most challenging concern, he had written, "was to preserve among A.A.'s such a powerful unity that neither weakness of persons nor the strife and strain of these troubled times can harm our common cause.

We know that Alcoholics Anonymous must continue to live. Else, save few exceptions, we and our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion." Bill was ailing and had less than a year to live when the formal Declaration of Unity was adopted. Though attending the Convention in a wheelchair and appearing briefly on the platform, he was unable to make a major address as he had at past Conventions. But it surely must have given him a surge of pride to have this declaration endorsed by the Convention; just as the 1965 International Convention in Toronto had formally issued the Declaration of Responsibility.

According to information in the A.A. Archives, the declaration was probably authored by Al S., the same A.A. member and consultant who had composed the Responsibility Declaration. It also reflects the efforts of the committee that worked on the 1970 International Convention (which was A.A.'s 35th Anniversary). The theme for the Convention was, appropriately, "Unity Within Our Fellowship." At the Convention's Saturday night ceremony, Bob H. (who was G.S.O. general manager at the time) summoned several ex-delegates and overseas members to be on stage to participate in adopting the declaration.

"A.A. unity is the special quality that makes our Fellowship unique," Bob said. "It is the cement that holds our society together, the platform which makes A.A. 'Service' possible. It is more than an agreement on basic principles, more than freedom from destructive strife. It is a bond fashioned of shared experience, such as this one we share tonight. Unity is our most precious possession, our best guarantee of A.A.'s future. May we all value and preserve it, today and all the tomorrows to come." Bob H. then asked all participants on stage to recite the Unity Declaration, which was led by Dr. Jack Norris, the nonalcoholic trustee and chairman of the General Service Board. Bill's deteriorating health kept him from attending the Saturday night meeting, but he made it to the stage the next morning for a four-minute talk that brought a standing ovation. This, in Bill's final months, was poignantly reminiscent of Dr. Bob's brief talk at the 1950 Cleveland Convention, when he urged us to remember that the Twelve Steps resolve themselves into love and service, his last message before he died that fall.



**We Stand At The Turning Point... We Need to talk about it...**

A couple months ago a question was asked at Central Committee about our expenses. Here is a list of what have been done over the years to keep expenses as low as possible in this ever more expensive world.

First off, up until the late '90's the Central office employed both the executive secretary and one part time staff. Due to finances the part time staff was let go to fill with volunteers.

Since I took over at the office; we were sending the monthly newsletter, first class mail. We acquired a Non for Profit Bulk Permit that has saved us over \$5,000 annually.

The answering service, first we changed companies then a few years back we changed to the answering attendant saving close to another \$6,000 per year.

Early on we eliminated the bottle water at the office saving about \$250 annually.

Our website has not had an annual cost as it is paid by a member as has annual contribution saving us hundreds per year.

Yes our Rent/Utilities in our current space has gone up in the past

few years with the new owner...BUT we are saving in comparison to the current market. Our current space is 1643 sq'. Our current rent is \$9 per sq'. With the Archives within the Central Office we need at least 1568 sq'. Average rent in the Buffalo area is \$12-\$14/sq' which would cost at \$12 would be at least \$1568 plus utilizes and parking, costing more than our current location. It is important to note that it is important to have our office centrally located within the city as all groups have equal access to it.

Yes our wages have gone up, yet we did a study calling other areas of similar size and number of groups served...what we found is the average wage was \$40,000 with full benefits. Some areas even had a pension set up.. We currently raised our ES to \$37,000, still below average.

I would say our Expenses are at bare bones, even though like everything in today's world continues to increase. So our problem is, though our income has increased, it's not at the same rate as our expenses: leaving us in a deficient and below budget. The convention has saved us 3 out of the past 4 years. **So how are we going to increase our Contributions?**

**What would we need to be our goal?** First off to be completely self supporting we would need from each group currently, at least \$35 monthly. Looking at our contribution sheets...a third of our groups don't contribute nearly enough, if anything. Our other avenue is individual contributions through our envelope system. At one time most of our fellowship were members, but over the years as our old-timers have died off, our contributions have diminished. If each member would sign up for at least \$5.00-\$10.00 per month this could **Solve** our income problem.

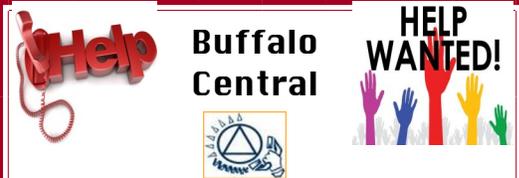
Our only other way to bring in income is to increase literature cost, which we are trying to lower not increase.

Our fate is solely in our own hands. We can all rise to the occasion and take the responsibility our founders bestowed solely on us...the members, to be there for the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

**So we need everyone's help in little ways. The dollar in the basket from the '70s is worth \$.14 today. We need to look within ourselves to do our part. No monies come from outside our membership!**



**!!!ATTENTION !!!**  
 Our monthly  
**Central Committee** meeting **HAS MOVED to:**  
 St. Michael's Parish  
 651 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY 14203



**Help** Buffalo Central **HELP WANTED!**

# archives



Hello Readers! For the article this month, our writer sent a copy of the obituary for Bill W. (died January 24, 1971) written in the Washington Post (located here: [www.recoverylane.com/more-wisdom.html](http://www.recoverylane.com/more-wisdom.html) named "Bill W.'s Obituary") for this month's article. I couldn't find any website where the actual website name did NOT have Bill's whole name in it so am directing you to the above website so you can read for yourself why after consulting the committee, I am not posting that re-print of that obituary. Both Bill's full name and Bob's full name are in the article and I don't know their families, myself. **The full names of persons dead or not, used without regard for their anonymity when speaking or writing publicly is in direct contradiction to our suggested tradition of public anonymity, those spiritual principles to guide us in our efforts toward unity.**

In checking, it actually came up at the General Service conference about posthumous public anonymity – so I got AA's stance FROM ALL OF US that it rests with the family and their decision.

Today my anonymity keeps my electric on & rent paid, so it is crucial and I've seen too many alcoholics leave because their jobs are more important than their faith in AA's tradition of anonymity. Two are dead on that road that I know of – we must keep anonymity a priority for those incoming A.A.'s who can cling to our intensity of purpose that the normal world just doesn't comprehend. The Traditions were created to save Alcoholics Anonymous from us alcoholics, and while I understand why some choose NOT to follow the path that alcoholics have been warned to stick to, I believe it's more a matter of not knowing than of purposeful wrongdoing. While it is not the public media's job to keep our traditions (that's completely our own task), I found out we do annually from GSO send out letters requesting public anonymity. In asking my nosy questions, I was given this public information letter that I think tells us a bit of our history and the viewpoint we present to the public-at-large that can be found at [www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/anonymity-letter-to-media](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/anonymity-letter-to-media) with just a portion of it here:

*“Second, we respectfully request that you continue to cooperate with us in maintaining the anonymity of A.A. members. The principle of anonymity is a basic tenet of our fellowship. Those who are reluctant to seek our help may overcome their fear if they are confident that their anonymity will be respected. In addition, and perhaps less understood, our tradition of anonymity acts as a restraint on A.A. members, reminding us that we are a program of principles, not personalities, and that no individual A.A. member may presume to act as a spokesman or leader of our fellowship. If an A.A. member is identified in the media, we ask that you please use first names only (e.g., Bob S. or Alice F.) and that you not use photographs or electronic images in which members' faces may be recognized.”*

For those offended that this page about history has a Public Information committee piece on it, get in line. I'll vote ya in!  
Yours in Service, with Gratitude, Lila M., your Area 50 Archives Committee Chair

## 1st STEP:

**“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”**

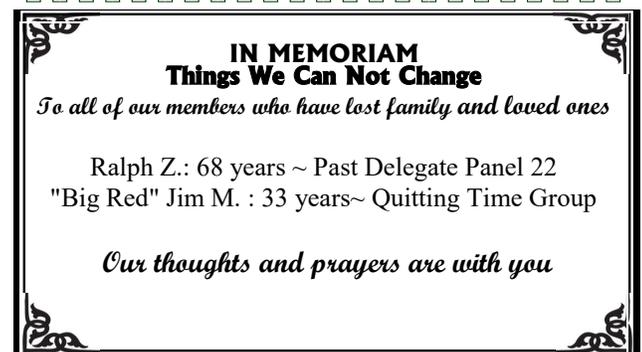
### Share your Experience, Strength and Hope

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

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or mail to:  
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Buffalo, New York 14210**

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**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**



**Acceptance/**  
 Pam C. 1y  
 Joe L. 2y  
 Genie F. 4y  
 Micheal A. 6y  
 Thomas B. 10y  
 Judy 12y  
 Ellen H. 14y  
 Jim G. 29y  
 Jack C. 31y  
 Alice B. 36y  
**Alexander**  
 Dave S. 13y  
 Tim B. 13y  
 Brian H. 27y  
 Dean S. 30y  
 Mary T. 31y  
**Amherst**  
 Tom S. 2y  
 Mike E. 6y  
 Paul S. 8y  
 Dave S. 12y  
 Lou B. 33y  
**Any Lengths**  
 David W. 2y  
 Rebecca B. 12y  
 Gerry B. 18y  
**All Is Well**  
 Margie G. 35y  
**Bldv Women's**  
 Marion G. 37y  
**Central City**  
 Walter 6y  
 Carol B. 24y  
**Cold Springs**  
 Bob P. 40y  
**Courage**  
 Louise F. 4y  
 Andy S. 22y  
 Pat M. 28y  
**Eyeopener**  
 Matthew 4y  
 Adam F. 5y  
 Henry J. 5y  
 Dan 5y  
 Joe 6y  
 John B. 6y  
 Rob B. 6y  
 Jerry R. 7y  
 Mike B. 7y  
 Sue M. 7y  
 Mary Lou 7y  
 Chris M. 8y  
 Susan B. 9y  
 Anne 10y  
 Mark R. 10y  
 John L. 10y  
 Gregg N. 12y  
 Jeff 14y  
 Gregg N. 16y  
 Art B. 27y  
 Dave G. 29y  
 John S. 30y  
 Len S. 31y  
 Lou B. 34y  
 Mary 45y

**Eyeopener**  
 LuAnn S. 6m  
 Rosemary I. 6m  
 John S. 1y  
 Glenys B. 3y  
 Fran G. 6y  
**Fireside**  
 Scott M. 4y  
 Lynn G. 7y  
 Becky B. 12y  
 Mike M. 16y  
 Bob S. 20y  
**First Step**  
 Bob H. 11y  
 Audrey M. 15y  
**Golden Slipper**  
 Melissa G. 18y  
**Harmony**  
 Heather V 3y  
 Tina J. 3y  
 Larry G. 4y  
 Kelly B. 4y  
 Andre G. 6y  
 Wakeen B. 8y  
 Que A. 9y  
 Jesse M. 17y  
 Verbie P. 19y  
 Kevin J. 26y  
 Gene H. 32y  
**Helping Hand**  
 Ruth C. 25y  
 Doug S. 31y  
**Holland**  
 Jeff L. 9y  
**How It Works**  
 Dennis L. 1y  
 J.D. 16y  
 Jeff R. 18y  
 Dan 26y  
**Ironhorse**  
 Anne H. 4y  
 Paul D. 9y  
 Sheilla D. 40y  
**Lakeshore**  
 Mitchell A. 7y  
 Scott T. 36y  
**Lewport**  
 Cherie B. 24y  
 Shawn D. 35y  
**Lockport#1**  
 Steve B. 1y  
 Christina P. 1y  
 Raymond J. 2y  
 Freddy B. 2y  
 Steve C. 13y  
**Lockview**  
 Arthur H. 3y  
 Kenny R. 4y  
 Mark B. 4y  
 Bernie F. 6y  
 Mark W. 6y  
 James R. 6y  
 Brian K. 11y  
**OP Step**  
 Josh V. 4y  
 Mary H. 17y

**Purpose**  
 Stephen C. 7y  
 Loraine A. 18y  
 Carla J. 40y  
 Sister Ann 43y  
**Questions & Answers**  
 Mark H. 3y  
**Renaissance**  
 Gabrielle 1y  
 Pat S. 1y  
 Lud P. 11y  
 Rick C. 17y  
 John I. 26y  
**Remember When**  
 Tina J. 3y  
 Walter R. 5y  
 Andre G. 5y  
 Eric J. 5y  
 Derek N. 9y  
**Rise & Shine**  
 David T. 2y  
 Andre G. 5y  
 April P. 8y  
 Brian N. 12y  
 Eddie T. 13y  
 Gary C. 14y  
 Jeff R. 17y  
 Joe R. 20y  
**Sheridan**  
 Pam 2y  
 Nicole B. 3y  
 Lori H. 11y  
 Garry S. 28y  
 Patricia Mc 29y  
 Larry Z. 32y  
**Springville New**  
 Mark F. 2y  
 George S. 33y  
**Spiritual Progress**  
 Erica 9m  
 Maggie 9m  
 Caitlin L. 1y  
 Bette S. 3y  
 Beth V. 4y  
**The Grove**  
 Shawna H. 1y  
 David B. 1y  
 Don M. 1y  
 Nate 2y  
 Dale B. 3y  
**Thruway**  
 Eric M. 1y  
 Bernadette 19y  
 Pat M. 28y  
**We Care**  
 Jim L. 35y  
**Williamsville**  
 Ruby 2y  
 Jesse 2y  
 Dave B. 2y  
 Jim S. 3y  
 Matthew 4y  
 Sydney 6y  
 John G. 6y  
 Krystyna C. 14y  
 Ken H. 26y  
 Paul M. 32y  
 Lou 34y

**GROUPS CELEBRATING**

Central City Café: 10y  
 Daily Reprieve: 17y  
 Early Rising Obliging: 15y  
 It: 26y  
 Life Today: 26y  
 Main and High: 19y  
 New West Side on Serenity: 18y  
 Second Chance: 16y  
 Solidarity: 11y  
 Somerset: 30y  
 Starting Over: 23y  
 Tuesday Men's Disc.: 29y  
 Try Again: 24y  
 Williamsville: 64y

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

**Yes! Please enroll me in the "Envelope System"!**

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 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## January 2017

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

### MEETING CHANGES

- **Mew Group; Cemetery Gates**, Saturday's at 1:00 PM, South Bflo, 14210 Open Discussion.
- **Mew Group; Forestville In The Solution**; Monday's at 7:00 PM. Wesleyan Church, 9497 Prospect Rd., Forestville 14062 OD.
- **Sober Saturday** will now be an **Open Discussion**.
- **North Java Monday** will now **start at 8:00 PM**. Holy Family Parish, 4316 Rt. 98.
- **The Grove Group** will now have **Child-Care** on Monday's 6PM. Grove St. Christian Church, 85 Grove St., Tonawanda 14150.
- **Thankful Group, Friday's, 2PM** in East Aurora ; when schools are closed...they are closed.
- **If He Were Sought Group** has moved to **Emergency Pizza, 1868 Seneca St. South Buffalo, 14210**.
- **Sunday Morning Breakfast** has returned to the **Cheektowaga Recreation Center @** 2600 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga, 11 am Sunday's.
- **Lakeshore Group** in Hamburg **has moved to The Wesleyan Southtown Campus, 2063 South Creek Rd** (GPS: 2063 Shadagee Rd., Eden,) North Evans)14057 @ Rt 20. Same time; 8 PM Monday Evenings.

### Support AA through the Envelope System:

This is another way to help carry the AA message by making a personal donation.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~ Jan. 6, **Envelope System Meeting**; FRIDAY, 4:00 PM, Tim Horton's 1750 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda

~ Jan. 8; **Committees that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM**  
**St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St., Buffalo 14203**  
**Steering Committee (4:30 PM)**  
**Public Information Committee meeting**  
**Treatment Facilities Committee**  
**Nightwatch Committee**  
**Followed By**  
**Central Committee Meeting @7:00 PM**  
**St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St., Buffalo 14203**  
**( hosted by The Grove Group)**

~ Jan. 8, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 5:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office. 681 Seneca St., Buffalo

~ Jan. 14, **Archives Committee Meeting**; 2nd SATURDAY, 10 AM, Buffalo Central Office, Work night's; 2nd & 4th Monday's.

# COMING EVENTS

~Dec 31, **Tri-County Group Annual New Years Eve Party**. St. Joseph's RC Church, 67 East Main St., Gowanda. Door's open at 7:30, Speaker at 8:30 food and fellowship & music, 9:30-12. Please bring a dish to share. For more Info call Percy; 532-1410.

~ Jan 7, **General Service Assembly, SATURDAY ,12 Noon.**, Orchard Park Town Hall,

~ Jan. 21, Williamsville Group will be celebrating its 63rd year Anniversary. Starts at 7pm with fellowship and eats, at 8 pm a brief history followed by regular speaker meeting. Area Archives will be displayed.

~ Jan. 22, **Going To Lengths 37th Anniversary**. Speaker followed by cake. Come help us celebrate.

~Jan 27 & 28, **Depth & Weight Speaker Group** celebrates their **1 yr Anniversary**. Friday will be a **pot luck dinner @6:30 followed by Speaker**. On **Saturday** 8am-6pm will be a **Workshop**. Special guests will be Harold L. & Henry B. from St. Louis, MO.. Kenilworth Church , 45 Dalton Rd., Buffalo 14223.

~ Feb 10-12, **Men of AA Spiritual Retreat**, Fun, Fellowship & the 12 Steps. Christ The King Church, 711 Knox Rd., East Aurora, 14052.. Registration;\$145.00. Contact: Tom C.:479-9847.

~ Mar. 17-19, **9th Annual Cataract City Convention**. Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St., NF 14303. Registration onlt; \$20, Registration w/Banquet \$55. Flyer on website.

~ May 19-21, **NY North Al-Anon Family Groups Spring 2017 Assembly/Convention W AA Presence**, Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyer on website; www.buffaloaany.org.

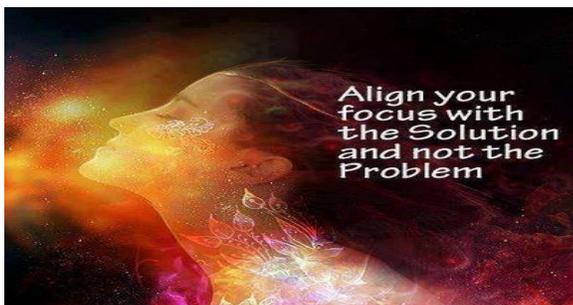
~ **Nov. 3-5, 76th Buffalo Fall Convention**. Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyers & info will be posted when they become available.

**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.**

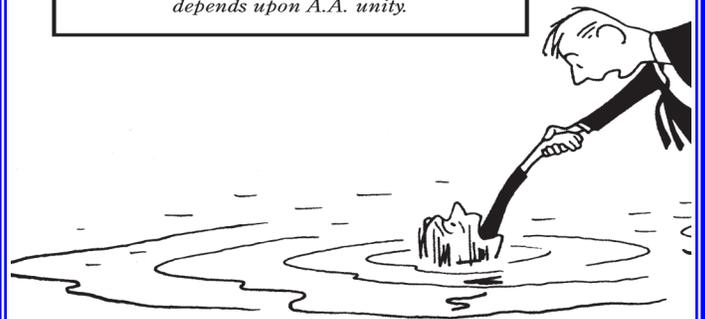
*Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.... Executive Secretary*



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## The First Tradition

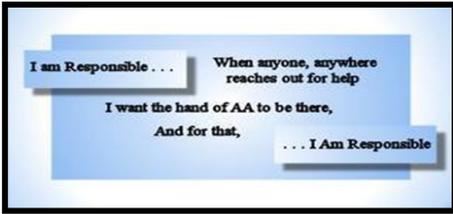
*Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.*



*Our individual sobriety depends on the group. The group depends on us. We soon learn that unless we curb our individual desires and ambitions, we can damage the group...*



Central Committee Minutes December 4, 2016



The meeting was opened at 7pm with a recitation of the Responsibility statement fol-

lowed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Pete P read the Preamble, Tina F read the 12 Traditions, and Jamie S read the Purpose of Central Committee.

Mike M gave a spectacular speech regarding the 11th Tradition, it was as well presented as it was received. Next month L will be discussing the 12th Tradition, and the only place to catch it live will be at the November meeting of the Central Committee, so come on out!

There were 30 groups represented, broken out as follows: Zone 1: Main and High. Zone 2: Acceptance, Grove, Depth and Weight, Freedom Group, How it Works, Kenmore Book Study, Living In the Solution, North Buffalo, Renaissance, Sober Train, Spiritual Progress, Step Action, Three Legacies Zone 3: Abbot Men's, Buffalo, Matt Talbot, South Buffalo, Thruway, 4: Orchard Park Step, Tuesday Men's Discussion. Zone 5: Twin Cities Group Zone 6: Carrying the Message, Going to Any Length, Lakeshore, Sobriety Men's Discussion Zone 7: Fresh Start, Zone 8: Amherst Snyder, Achievement, Williamsville group, Women Making the Effort, Step it Up

Joan Motioned to accept the minutes which was seconded by Alan, and not surprising because the minutes were spot on if I do say so myself.

Committee Reports

Envelope System - On December 2nd 2016 the envelope committee met. Diane D., pat G. And AL g. were present. We are continuing with our efforts to make presentations at groups in the area. We will ask Terry for a complete listing of all groups toward the goal of tracking our efforts. We are following through on the following:

- 1. ask Terry to make changes when the next printing of the envelope system brochure occurs.
\* add a box to check that states " one-time contribution"
\* and a box to check that states "on my AA anniversary and every year following I would like \$ \_\_\_\_\_be charged to my credit card"
2. Our committee will try to update our information box each month as it is appears in the New Frontier
3. Terry was approached about setting up an online contribution to the envelope system through PayPal or similar service. She is willing to have this arranged if it can be tackled after the first of the year and if someone knowledgeable about the programming will offer help.
4. The committee would like to ask all of you here tonight: if you would like a Committee Member to do a presentation at your group please see us after this meeting OR if you prefer we will give you the script and the handouts and you make your own presentation.
4. Also we would like to strongly suggest that when a member of your home group has an anniversary give them an envelope system brochure and suggest that they contribute to central office according to the amount of their sober years.

Our next meeting is Friday January 6th 4 o'clock at Tim Horton's 1705 Niagara Falls Boulevard. If you have a sponsee that needs service work please encourage them to help on our committee.

Yours and service, Pat G.

Steering - No written report.

PI/CPC - December PI/CPC Report

Met on 12/4/16; 3 people in attendance

- Starting to take action on re-vamping the library commitment. We are going to 3 groups this week to introduce the library commitment to them in hopes of them taking on the commitment. We are also reaching out to groups who are assigned to libraries already to see if they are still interested in being involved.
-Still working on coming up with format for the Adopt-A-Doctor program
-looking into starting to turn our focus onto the fellowship rather than the public for now. We will be brainstorming the best ways to get the fellowship involved and keep you updated as we go

Yours in service, Kristen H.

Treatment - The treatment committee is currently responsible for bringing the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous into 4 facilities. With the help of 30 groups, there are collectively 8 "TFC meetings" a week going on at these facilities.

We met 12/4/16 and had 7 members representing 5 groups. We

discussed the possibility of having a meeting at Reflections. The new requirements for speaking at ECMC were finalized and will be posted soon. Next month we will be voting on whether or not to take on a commitment at Turning point on Tuesdays at 8pm. Also there will be 3 jobs available and will be voted in the next meeting in January; Terrace house coordinator and 2 ECMC coordinator.

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

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

- 1. Individuals may take a speaking commitment at Horizon Village Terrace House on a Thursday at 6pm.
2. All groups who currently have commitments through the Treatment Committee can, and should, send a representative to our monthly committee meeting to inform us about anything more we could be doing to be of service to them, and also to allow us to inform their groups, through them, about anything pertinent to their continued Twelfth step work through TFC.
3. Treatment Committee is looking into taking on a new commitment at a facility that does not currently have an AA presence yet. If you have a suggestion please email us. We are currently looking into Turning Point and Reflections.
4. Area Treatment is forming a Bridging the Gap program for all of Area 50. At this moment any member willing to help clients leaving Treatment Facilities "bridge the gap" between treatment and AA can sign up on the new "Bridging the Gap Volunteer Form" found on the Area 50 web page.
www.wnyarea50aa.org.

Thank you to all groups and individuals who are involved in this vital 12th step work. To get involved, or if there are any issues you need to contact us about, please email us at buffalotfc@gmail.com or come to our monthly meeting the 1st Sunday of the month 12/4/16 at St. Michaels Church 5:30pm.

Yours in service, Jesse S. Treatment Committee Chair

Corrections - We met tonight @ 5:30 at Central Office. There were 9 of us in attendance. We discussed showing our presentation to the groups and the next presentation will be given at the Depth And Weight Speaker Group on Friday 12/16 at 9:30 pm. IF you would like us to come to your home groups business meeting to give the presentation see me after the meeting. We also discussing bringing full paperback BB into Alden/Erie county holding centers instead of the little pocket BB. We think the stories in the back of the book will be beneficial to inmates. Dave P is working on getting the video, "A New Freedom" from AA's website on disk to give to all corrections officers in the facilities we bring a meeting into. We Have lost a few corrections members over the last couple month so if you are interested in joining our committee we would love to have you. : Shannon G

Central Office - Central Office Report; December 2016

TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS ; AA Call's: 382, 12-STEP: 9, ALANON: 3,

VISITORS: 102, VOLUNTEERS: 5, Email's: 498, Website Hit's; 104,068/ of them 7,931 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 18,142; Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 0. We sent out the Newsletter via online sign-up to 60 person; of them only 28 were open :(

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: A VISSION FOR YOU-6, Quitting Time-6, Victory-3,

Reminder, If a group goes a year without a contact person, they will be removed from the schedule.

On Dec. 8th, I will be attending a class for the Bulk Mailing permit.

When completed, it will waive our Annual Fee for the permit.

Reminder that, with Christmas & New Years being on a Sunday, they are observed on the following Monday. So the office will be closed on the 26th & Jan. 2nd.. Central

(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

Committee & the Standing committee's due to the Holiday weekend will meet on Jan 8th.

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

**Night Watch** – I am Really Grateful to the groups that have been participating in Nightwatch. We are thankfully covered until April. The next task is to update the 12 step list to ensure that the people on the list are still sober, living in Bflo, etc. I am hoping to get more members next month so that we can finish updating the list and focus on recruiting more 12-step volunteers. If your group is interested in participating in N watch that would be great. I Would love to visit your group and talk to you about Night Watch.

Raeanne F

**Convention** - 2016 Fall Convention – November 2016

It's over!!!! The convention committee has not reconvened as of yet. To date, we have not heard about any problems just compliments, which was all because of the wonderful people who were on the committee. I'm very pleased with the outcome.

I tentatively plan on meeting the first or second week in December with the committee. Our treasurer, Debi C, is confident that we made a profit of about \$3,000. Our only suggestion we, Debi C and I, can make is that the bank account balance be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000. We were lucking so many people loved the discount pricing that we had sufficient funds to refund expenses and purchase merchandise early.

My other suggestion is that the chair should not work a full time job because this becomes a full time job. If it wasn't for my co-chair, David G. who did a tremendous amount of work it would have not run so smoothly. Another is to clearly mark phone numbers with the corresponding job for example registration and general questions should be different numbers.

In closing, I would like to thank the Central Committee for allowing me this opportunity. My hope was that we all have fun and learn about ourselves. I learned much about myself, my program, and became more trusting in my Higher Power. I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the Buffalo Fall Convention as much as I did. Yours in service, Your 2016 Convention Chair; Sue B.

**GSA Liaison** – There still is no GSA Liaison

**Archives** – December 4, 2016 regarding November Report to the Buffalo Central Committee Intergroup

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you this past month. We had the usual monthly mtg on the 2nd Saturday of Nov. We reported to just 3 of the 4 intergroups in Area 50.

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

In November, we displayed at the Beginners Group in Niagara Falls and at the Zone 6 Day of Sharing event in Derby. On Tuesday, December 13th, we'll be displaying at the Main & High group's Christmas Vigil in downtown Buffalo, and in January for the Williamsville Group Anniversary.

We had November donations from Thursday Mens Discussion, Purpose Group, Iron Horse Group, You've Got A Mug Group, Women Making The Effort and Niagara's First Step Group. We are a financially autonomous committee with our only resources being group contributions and special events. We receive NO funding from any part of AA for ANYTHING, so we rely upon your group and/or individual support to fund our archival work, pay rent for the repository, and participate in archival activities. Note that no funds are used to get members to events and each member pays their own way into events except out of area issues – donations are used ONLY for rent and archival efforts as approved by the entire committee and are protected by the multi-signature checking account. Please send any contributions to Area 50 Archives at 681 Seneca Street in Buffalo NY 14210. We thank you for your continuing support.

To Grapevine readers – if you see an article that's local to us in these 8 counties of WNY, please forward a message regarding which article (with what month and year it is in the Grapevine) to me via email or text.

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

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

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

**Accessibility** – I'd Like to thank the Buffalo Fall Convention Committee to allow me to setup a display. We also had a call from a person in a nursing home, who needed help. I was able to find someone in the Buffalo area to meet with him.; Pat M

#### **Recap**

**Treatment** – Jesse Inquired about groups that were interested in taking a commitment to Turning Point

**Corrections** – Can we look into Literature Accessibility in Alden?

**Convention** – no questions

**Archives** – No questions

**Central Office** – Where do we stand on an AA Facebook Page? Can you make that Contribution Letter available for all to read or possibly make available to the groups.

**PIC/CPC** – No Questions

**Old Business**

Unfilled Jobs

PIC – Open

Zone 1 – Open

Zone 3 – Kevin T Unopposed

Zone 4 – Owen O. Unopposed

Zone 7 – Open

Zone 8 – Mike S Unopposed

**KP Commitments for Next year** –

Jan 8 – The Grove group

Feb 5 – 3 Legacies

March 5 – Sober Train

April 2 – Questions and Answers

May 7 – Carry the message

June 4 – Depth and Weight

July 2 – North Buffalo

Aug 6 – The Brass

Sept 10 – Going to Any Length

Oct 1 – Lakeshore

Nov 5 – Sobriety Men's Discussion

Dec 3 –Williamsville Group

#### **New Business**

CC Contributions – \$ 70.61

Announcements – Dec 24 The Will be No Williamsville Meeting

January 21 Williamsville Group will be having their 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

The Grove Street group have child day care services available for parents with kids in need of a meeting

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

Motion to close the meeting by Joan and seconded by Jenny

New Frontiers ~ January 2017

Cash Flow Statement	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	YTD: 2016
<b>Beg Bal Cash on hand</b>	<b>13,756.62</b>	<b>13,810.08</b>	<b>13,683.23</b>	
<b>Contributions</b>				<b>48,927.69</b>
Groups	3,370.22	4,881.43	4,254.97	774.80
Joint Meeting	83.30	59.00	90.00	6,903.98
Envelope System	907.66	531.66	507.66	599.00
New Frontiers Subs	30.00	70.00	50.00	39,760.89
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,921.10	3,597.72	3,391.60	2,535.24
Literature Sales Tax	214.05	212.03	208.26	310.46
Literature Postage	56.57	48.59		395.24
Sales+/-	55.22	(6.53)	25.12	550.00
Archives Room Rent	280.00			220.25
Com. Meetings	25.00	28.00	18.25	
Mail/Misc.				
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drccr)				
Tax Returns				5,000.00
Transfer from PR				
Income Transfer				
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)				
Conventions/Day of Sharing			428.00	428.00
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>8,943.12</b>	<b>9,421.90</b>	<b>8,973.86</b>	<b>106,591.80</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building Rent/Utilities	1,489.41	1,489.41	1,489.41	15,441.51
St.Michaels Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00	
Payroll Gross	2,824.62	2,824.62	2,824.62	32,178.54
Employment Taxes	216.08	216.08	216.08	2,665.78
Unemployment Surchar	(2.40)	(2.40)	(2.40)	32.40
NYS Sales Tax	630.92			4,536.38
Insurance				
State Ins Fund(Travelers)				372.00
Health	535.30	535.30	535.30	5,907.67
D&O Insurance				1,071.00
Liability				1,103.15
Postage	206.85	666.29	5.44	2,950.48
Phone/Internet	138.84	138.63	138.63	1,570.86
Accounting				1,175.00
Paychex	119.48	129.43	119.48	1,468.47
Advt				
Talking Phone Book				
Dex Media	181.55	184.06	182.80	2,102.56
website				
Local Edge				1,068.60
Yellow Pages				
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine		375.00	28.97	1,075.33
World Services Inc	1,281.10	2,123.55	2,481.60	17,026.73
Hazeldon			418.95	1,859.03
Printers				5,883.75
Medallions	209.84			783.36
Petty Cash				
Office Supplies	566.59	108.00	139.97	2,660.35
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00	2,299.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	1,771.00
Bank Fee's including credit ca	86.48	73.18	70.77	943.35
literature returns reimbursement				
Convention				155.00
CO Seminar		282.60	513.72	1,260.02
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>8,889.66</b>	<b>9,548.75</b>	<b>9,568.34</b>	<b>109,536.32</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>53.46</b>	<b>(126.85)</b>	<b>(594.48)</b>	<b>(2,944.52)</b>
<b>End Balance</b>	<b>13,810.08</b>	<b>13,683.23</b>	<b>13,088.75</b>	
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>16,810.08</b>	<b>16,683.23</b>	<b>16,088.75</b>	
<b>PRUDENT RESERVE</b>	<b>23,141.49</b>	<b>23,141.88</b>	<b>23,142.26</b>	
Assets: Literature& Medallions	12,117.12	12,169.73	12,869.09	
Literature R eceivable(outstanding)	658.58	749.75	702.91	
PIC Removed from Stock				
<b>Corrections Facilities</b>	<b>2,195.55</b>	<b>2,287.55</b>	<b>2,086.75</b>	
Contributions	95.00	362.20	100.00	
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drccr)				
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Expenses		560.00		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>2,287.55</b>	<b>2,086.75</b>	<b>2,183.75</b>	
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>	<b>738.95</b>	<b>551.91</b>	<b>646.91</b>	
Contributions	95.96	98.00	89.69	
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drccr)				
Expenses	280.00		560.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>551.91</b>	<b>646.91</b>	<b>173.60</b>	

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

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

**Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody**

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We commenced to make many fast friends and a fellowship has grown up among us of which it is a wonderful thing to feel a part of."  
 -Bill W.

**Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.**

- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?
- Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

New Frontiers ~ January 2017

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016							
Zones	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
			0.00		0.00		0.00
4	7 Clans		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)	10.00	10.00		0.00		0.00
2	AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		140.00		0.00		0.00
6	A VISION FOR YOU		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		260.00		0.00		100.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		75.00		0.00		75.00
4	Action		150.00		45.00		45.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
	All Is Well	50.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst Snyder		399.84		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdel Step		150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Angola Early Bird		67.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	30.00	330.00		0.00		0.00
4	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		230.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		150.00		75.00		75.00
5	Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction	50.00	330.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study	35.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Saturday		90.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		10.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek	17.25	57.25		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside		260.00		15.00		25.00
6	Carry the Message		50.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Castle		60.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake- Up Call		900.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		300.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Cafe'		153.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga	95.00	765.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment	170.00	310.00		0.00		0.00
8	Common Problem		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		406.50		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Dawn of Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight		105.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		495.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		80.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst Traditions		217.37		10.00		10.00
4	East Aurora		801.65		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	430.00		210.00	30.00	330.00
6	Eden		140.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville	25.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Elmwood		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		172.52		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	198.47	2588.16		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		1921.50		768.60		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		350.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside		768.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		350.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		185.00		0.00		0.00
1	Friday Night Lights		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016							
Zones	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
2	Friends of Bill W.		100.00		75.00		75.00
3	Gardenville		220.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		9.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		1583.50		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grace Point		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony	27.00	71.00		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand	25.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		900.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		100.00		40.00		50.00
1	H.I.P.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village	100.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Holland		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		90.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's		375.00		0.00		0.00
1	HUDSON & WADSWORTH		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)	150.11	200.11		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	158.00	1304.00		0.00	12.00	67.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		275.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister	70.00	70.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeshore		1030.00		0.00		10.00
6	Lakeview		150.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		50.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		200.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		150.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today	20.00	40.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP		200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Living Sober		70.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		280.00		90.00		290.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		200.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		55.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		25.00		25.00		0.00
5	Lower River		150.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	60.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		200.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth		75.00		0.00		0.00
4	Manila	35.00	360.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	63.00	974.98		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		30.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		20.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day	2.00	52.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		600.00		0.00		0.00
2	Mustard Seed II		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		30.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		25.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life	20.00	270.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Niagara Falls Convention		500.00		0.00		0.00
	Niagara Intergroup	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		105.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo	196.00	584.00		0.00		0.00

New Frontiers ~ January 2017

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GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
4 North Java Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 North Java Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 One Day At A Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Open Arms	135.00	0.00	0.00
1 Open Mind	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Orchard Park Step	947.73	25.00	75.00
8 Our Meeting @ the VA	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Pendleton Chapter Five	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Point of No Return	40.00	0.00	0.00
7 Powerless	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Pride	10.00	0.00	0.00
1 Primary Purpose	50.00	0.00	0.00
4 Principles Bef. Personalities	60.00	0.00	0.00
2 Purpose/Onawanda	150.00	690.00	20.00 110.00 20.00 110.00
2 Questions & Answers	100.00	450.00	0.00
6 Quitting Time	300.00	0.00	0.00
Quo Vadis	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Ray of Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Recovery Near the Gardens	68.46	0.00	0.00
1 Reflections	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Reflections on Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Remember When	28.95	451.69	0.00
1 Renaissance	1200.00	0.00	0.00
3 Renaissance Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Rise and Shine	20.00	0.00	0.00
7 Rochester	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Rural is Plural	35.00	0.00	0.00
2 Sally	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Saratoga	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Saturday 12 & 12	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Saturday Night Alive	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sat. Nite Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Searching For Serenity	300.00	0.00	0.00
7 Second Chance	10.00	0.00	0.00
2 Serenity	300.00	0.00	0.00
6 Serenity on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Serenity Sister's	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Setaside	489.90	0.00	0.00
2 Sheridan	50.00	200.00	50.00
6 Silvercreek Friendship	100.00	0.00	0.00
5 Simplicity	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sister's & Brother's	39.64	0.00	0.00
3 Sober Saturday	300.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sober Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Sober Train	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sober Winners	50.00	250.00	0.00
6 Sobriety Men's Disc.	140.00	346.00	0.00
5 Sobriety On The Canal	57.69	257.69	0.00
5 Sobriety on a Sat. Night	60.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sobriety on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Sobriety Sisters	171.25	0.00	0.00
7 Solidarity	56.88	0.00	0.00
5 Somerset	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 South Buffalo	282.50	1639.47	10.00 40.00 7.69 75.00
3 South Town	225.00	0.00	0.00
3 Southgate	60.00	0.00	0.00
4 Southwestern	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Spiritual Progress	185.00	0.00	0.00
4 Springville Sat. Afternoon	222.00	222.00	0.00
4 Springville Tues. Night	50.00	50.00	50.00
4 Springville Wed. Noon	65.00	0.00	0.00
4 Springville New Life	30.00	0.00	0.00
3 Sprout into Sobriety	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 St. Barnabas	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 St. Mark's	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Stargazers	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Starting Over/By The Book	600.00	0.00	0.00
2 Step Action Group	254.00	0.00	254.00
8 Step it Up (Wehrle)	40.00	0.00	0.00
8 Stepping Stones/Will.	150.00	0.00	0.00
5 Steps 1, 2 & 3	465.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sunday @ 8:00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Sunday Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Sunday's Best	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Sunday in Cattaraugus	248.69	0.00	0.00
3 Sunday Morning Breakfast	100.00	750.00	0.00 50.00
1 Sunrise Court	500.00	0.00	0.00
8 SUNY Amherst Campus	76.08	0.00	0.00
2 Surrender and Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 TGIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Thankful	25.00	25.00	0.00
7 The Absolutes	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 The Beginnings Of Recovery	75.00	0.00	25.00
6 The Derby Lunch	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 The Herd	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 The Journey	78.50	0.00	0.00
2 The New Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 The Noon Meeting	500.00	0.00	0.00
2 Three Legacies	217.00	330.57	0.00
3 Thruway	15.00	25.00	0.00
7 Thurs. Nite Steppers	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 TnT	480.00	0.00	0.00
5 Today	60.00	0.00	0.00

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GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
6 Tri County	20.00	110.00	0.00
6 Tri-Step Beginners		0.00	0.00
3 Try Again		110.00	0.00
4 Tuesday Men's AM	200.00	400.00	0.00
Tuesday Afternoon		0.00	0.00
3 Tuesday Women's		200.00	0.00
2 Turning Point		100.00	0.00
5 Twin Cities		100.00	0.00
6 TWO PONDS		0.00	0.00
8 Unity		60.00	0.00
2 University Men's Disc.		300.00	0.00
3 Valley		0.00	0.00
3 Victory		0.00	0.00
3 Victory Women's		227.00	0.00
VIP		0.00	0.00
1 Wake Up Call	100.00	281.00	0.00
6 WE( Women's Experience)		200.00	0.00
2 WE BELIEVE		200.00	0.00
3 We Care	250.00	950.00	0.00
7 We Don't Know	5.00	159.18	0.00
Westfield		100.00	0.00
1 Westminster		0.00	0.00
1 What's Going On		0.00	0.00
2 Why		10.00	0.00
8 Williamsville		100.00	0.00
6 Willing To Grow		0.00	0.00
6 Wilson Group		50.00	0.00
5 Wilson Smith Alumni		0.00	0.00
1 Women In Recovery		0.00	0.00
5 Women In Sobriety		0.00	0.00
8 Women Making the Effort	150.00	450.00	20.00 60.00 20.00 60.00
1 Women's West Side		0.00	0.00
Anonymous		20.00	0.00
Anonymous		20.00	0.00
Anonymous		10.00	0.00
Anonymous		10.00	0.00
Donna F.	30.00	130.00	0.00
Victor		5.00	0.00
Bank Credit		0.00	23.00
Anonymous		500.00	0.00
Robert H.		150.00	0.00
Anonymous		34.00	0.00
Randal M.	40.00	97.58	0.00
Anonymous		50.00	0.00
Harvey S.	100.00	100.00	0.00
Michael M.	25.00	25.00	0.00
Judy T.	10.00	10.00	0.00
Anonymous		0.00	0.00
TOTALS	4254.97	47730.11	100.00 1688.60 89.69 1871.00



**Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.**

- Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other member's inventories?
- Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
- Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
- Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
- Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
- Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
- Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
- Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
- Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
- Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of the fellowship?

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