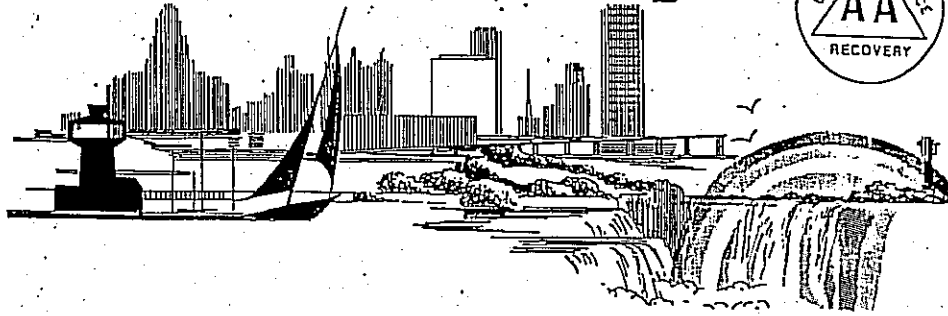


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# FRONTIERS



## WHAT PART OF A.A.'S STATED PURPOSE DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

There's a popular Country/Western song that is titled "What Part Of No Don't you Understand?" Let's substitute: "What part of A.A.'s stated purpose don't you understand?"

We go to an A.A. meeting and the chairman reads from the A.A. preamble:

"...Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism."

What part of that is hard to understand? It seems quite plain and simple to me.

Chapter 5 of the Big Book, "How It Works" will usually be read, including, "Remember that we deal with alcohol-cunning, baffling, powerful! ..." Also included in this chapter are two of three pertinent ideas: "(a) That we were alcoholic and could not manage our own lives. (b) That probably no human power could have relieved our alcoholism..."

From our Twelve Suggested Steps of Recovery: Step 1 "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol..." and Step 12 "...we tried to carry this message to alcoholics,..."

What part of that is hard to understand? It's clear, concise and to the point!

The Twelve Traditions are usually read at A.A. meetings, sometimes the long form, including: Tradition 3: "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism... Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

Tradition 5: "Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose--that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Is that so difficult to understand? One need not be a rocket scientist to figure out from that, what A.A.'s primary purpose is. Yet there are those who argue that what it says in A.A.'s Steps, Traditions and literature isn't really what it says! They are the "drug is a drug is a drug" people. If this ludicrous statement is true, then "a doctor is a doctor is a doctor" and "a treatment is a treatment is a treatment!"

Do we go to a dentist to cast a broken arm? these people contend "all problems have common roots and common solutions." They

persist despite overwhelming proof that they are wrong. Their position is, indeed, dangerous to others' health and welfare.

Such arrogance is more puzzling than frustrating. It can even be humorous. After all, when a seemingly intelligent, literate person reads something in A.A. literature and claims with a straight face it doesn't say what it obviously says . . . Well, we try not to laugh out loud! Actually, it's no laughing matter. It's ridiculous and a constant threat to A.A. unity and to the recovery of some.

From the A.A. Grapevine, February 1958, Bill W. states, "Sobriety - freedom from alcohol - through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps is the sole purpose of an A.A. group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that there is no possible way to make nonalcoholics into A.A. members. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone. ...

"Therefore, I see no way of making nonalcoholic addicts into A.A. members. Experience says loudly that we can admit no exceptions, even though drug users and alcoholics happen to be first cousins of a sort. If we persist in trying this, I'm afraid it will be hard on the drug user himself, as well as on A.A. We must accept the fact that no non-alcoholic, whatever his affliction, can be converted into an alcoholic A.A. member..."

"We cannot give A.A. membership to nonalcoholic narcotic addicts. But, like anyone else, they should be able to attend certain open A.A. meetings, provided, of course, that the groups themselves are willing."

What Bill W. wrote is what he and Dr. Bob and others active in the formation and molding of the A.A. program wanted it to be. Lots of discussion and compromise went into the Big Book, the 12 & 12, A.A. Comes of Age, and other A.A. literature before publication.

To repeat the question posed at the onset - "What part of A.A.'s stated purpose don't you understand?"

John H.  
We Care

**"The Area Assembly, the District, the Group-  
How It Works"**  
A Presentation by Joanne McC. For Special Forum  
"Being There"

A deceased colleague of mine used to announce our Union meetings with the admonition: "Be There." For me, that has been what service is all about, just being there. It started with the group. I have been a member of the Action Group in Orchard Park for over 24 years. I joined because someone simply asked me if I would like to be a member.

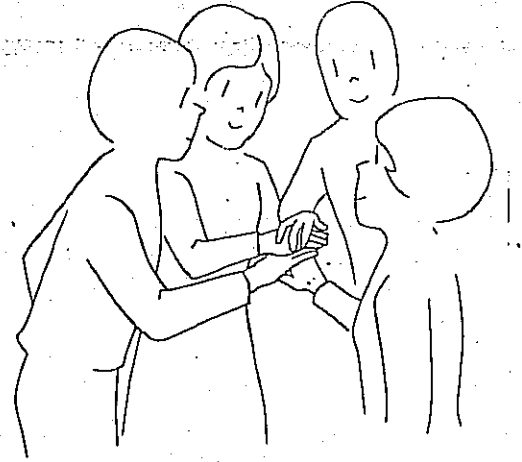
In my view a successful group follows traditions one through seven. Quoting from the pamphlet "The AA Group": "It becomes plain that the group must survive or the individual will not." The AA group pamphlet further states: "Each group is as unique as a thumbprint, and approaches to carrying the message of sobriety vary not just from group to group, but from region to region."

My group follows the spirit of rotation with the various positions of coffeemaker, speaker seeker, chairperson, greeters, secretary, treasurer, literature chair, central committee rep and GSR. All members share in the clean-up after the meeting. A person becomes a member of our group by simply stating that he/she desires to be a member. All group decisions are made at the monthly business meetings by group conscience. We support the Central Office, the GSA and the GSO. Speakers at our meetings are asked to speak about their alcohol problem so we adhere to our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Our group tries to be responsible. Quoting from the pamphlet "The AA Group": "In short, when newcomers walk into our meeting rooms, we want AA to be there for them as it was for us, something we can do continuously only if we function as a group."

The group gives me a sense of belonging, an identity, a feeling of self-worth. It was in the group that I became part of something greater than myself. In short, I found in the group what I had been searching for many years through my drinking.

The next level of service for me was becoming a GSR, and then a DCM. Unfortunately, these positions are not highly sought after in WNY. I became involved in service by just "Being There." Often jobs were obtained by default. How do we interest people in service beyond the group? I really don't know that answer, except I believe that too many people have "contempt prior to investigation" in regards to service.



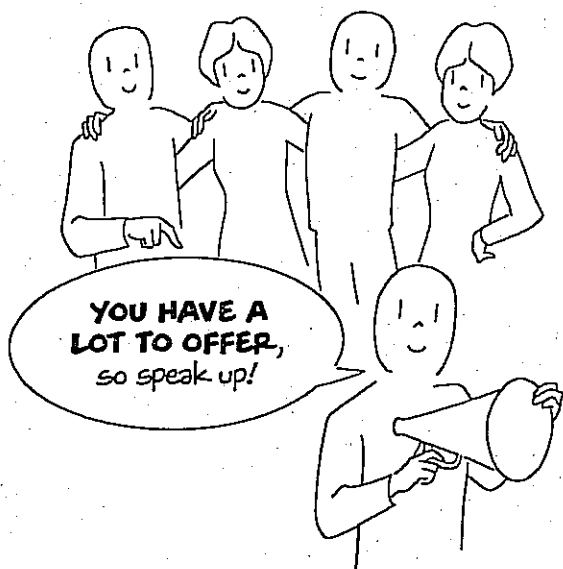
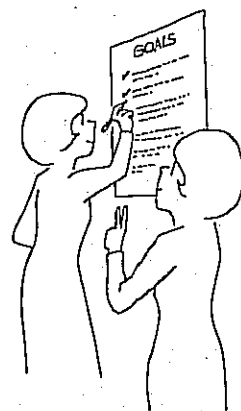
Service has been a fascination for virtually all my years of sobriety. I was sponsored into service before that expression became popular. I guess I was just curious as to what all the initials meant. I also wondered what all the arguing was about and how people could still remain friendly after the meetings

Sometimes it appears that much senseless argument goes on. Issues either go on and on, or resurface. Things seem to move very slowly. Does anything worthwhile get done?

Quoting from the pamphlet "GSR": "By choosing its most qualified man or woman as GSR, a group helps secure its own future, and the future of AA as a whole." The GSR brings the group conscience to the District and the General Service Assembly, bringing back to the group what is going on in the area in all vital areas of service.

The GSR learns about the Conference Agenda by listening to the Delegate Report to the assembly. It's here that the GSR and the group can have input into matters that will affect AA as a whole. By not having a GSR and being active in service beyond the group level, members are actually deprived of being a part of something greater than themselves.

Quoting from the Service Manual: "This is a two-way street, allowing the GSR to bring back to the group problems and remedies that affect AA unity, health and growth. To the extent that a GSR keeps the group informed, then expresses the group conscience, only to that extent can the Conference feel it is acting for AA as a whole."



In WNY we have fairly well attended GSA, although a majority of the groups are not represented. The Districts generally don't function well. This has been so since I started in service. We have expanded the number of districts to get more representation. We have encouraged district functions and workshops. The response has not been overwhelming. Perhaps our area is not large enough to have good functioning districts. Our intergroups seem to do a lot of what would be district jobs in other areas.

I had the pleasure of observing the election assembly in Eastern Pennsylvania. There the Districts are very strong and there's a strong identity of GSRs with their districts. I don't know if this could or should be transplanted to WNY. I only know that we don't function at the district level in the way described in the service manual.

Quoting from the Service Manual: "The job is one of two-way communication... The DCM gets reports from the group level through GSRs and through frequent personal contacts with the groups in the district." We are not getting that personal contact in WNY. Are we depriving ourselves of an essential link in AA service?

What has service meant to me? I believe any success in working on my character defects has actually come through service. One must develop a certain degree of patience and tolerance to survive in service. But I believe that my life has been enriched both in and out of AA by my work in service. To be able to be a small part of the whole AA structure is a wonderful experience. To me service is the fellowship at its finest. Come and join us. You may stay and be enriched beyond all measure. Be there!

## Screeners and Twelfth Stepper Guidelines

### Screeners

Screeners are AA members who are the initial point-of-contact for anyone calling the local AA phone number when our Central Office is closed after normal business hours. During non-business hours we have contracted with an answering service that will transfer incoming calls to people who are serving as screeners. The answering service is contracted to transfer calls each night until 10 PM and 10 AM to 10 PM on weekends.

Screeners are organized by their preferred times of availability and are encouraged to check in with the answering service during their chosen hours of service rather than sit at home and wait for the telephone to ring. Screeners may also contact others who are scheduled for the same hours to let them know they will not be available to take calls for some reason.

As the name implies, screeners "screen" telephone calls coming into our local number to determine who the caller might best be assisted. Calls are generally categorizable. Some are made by out-of-town AAers who want to know where the local meetings are. Some are made by those who, for whatever reason, are seeking information about what AA does and how it functions. Other calls (a possible majority) are made by friends or family members of persons perceived to be "alcoholics" and what can be done for them. As odd as it may NOT seem, the rarest sort of call is made by the actual suffering alcoholic him or herself.

Screeners should have sufficient experience in sobriety to understand no one calls AA for fun, (although some obvious prank calls have been logged.) It is up to the screener to determine the caller's needs and how best to fulfill them. The answering service itself should forward common information calls to the Central Office during normal business hours. Some callers would be better served by calling Al-Anon, Narcotics Anonymous, 911 or some other social or community service numbers. Remembering our "primary purpose" as members of AA is very helpful in determining just what and how much we can do for the caller.

When a screener gets that call which evidently is being made by someone who has a "desire to stop drinking," the spiritual wheels of our fellowship can be set in motion. At this point, the screener will refer to the "12th step list" of names of members who are available to directly assist the caller.

### Twelfth Steppers

Local AA members who volunteer for service on the 12th Step List are organized geographically (and sometimes by time of day) as to their availability. Some are known to be willing to respond to the call for help anytime and anywhere. Screeners attempt to contact 12th Steppers who are geographically near-the caller.

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Twelfth Steppers should be able to should get admitted to a meeting. Twelfth Steppers everything possible for including giving him or hospital in order to prevent the d.t.'s. Twelfth Steppers some basic food and shelter possible, keeping in mind mentioned above.

Although screeners "men with men and women principle for 12th Steppers members of either sex in areas served by our Central needs bolstering.

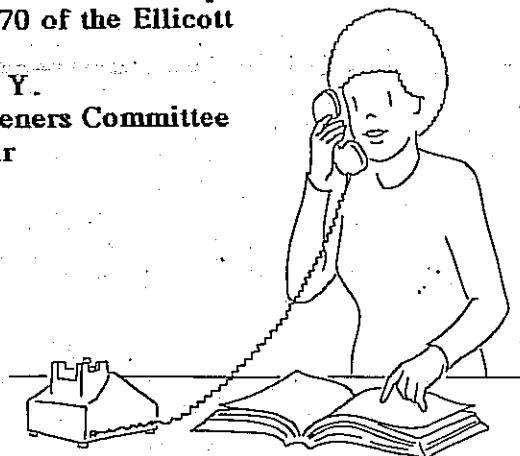
Screeners and 12th try to achieve our common understand Him, guiding our continued spiritual availability to our community

## Screeners and Twelfth Step Committee Invitation:

The members of the Screeners and Twelfth Step Committee are very excited about the work they are doing and want to pass it on to other members of AA who desire to discover the Service part of the triangle. Please take a moment to read the following piece.

Just a reminder: Everyone is invited to attend our committee meetings they are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM in room #570 of the Ellicott Square Building.

Lisa Y.  
Screeners Committee  
Chair



The following guidelines for our purpose are provided by G.S.O. in New York City and others:

1. Contracted help should answer by saying "AA answering service."
2. Screeners should not return a call by initially identifying themselves as members of AA. They should ask by name for the person who placed the call, then provide identification.
3. Don't insist on making the caller give his or her full name (we ARE anonymous:)
4. Try to determine the caller's condition and/or needs.
5. Don't argue with the caller, if you are criticized, tell the caller you are acting on the instructions of the screener committee which makes policy for handling calls.
6. Don't give the caller your personal telephone number.
7. Remember that alcoholics and their families are sick people and dealing with them can often be frustrating (Remember When)
8. If it is determined that the caller is serious about getting help, find a volunteer from the 12th Step List as quickly as possible and give them the caller's phone number or other details as necessary.
9. It may be advisable to have another AA member to talk to the caller while help is being sought from 12th Step volunteers so the prospect isn't "lost" in waiting. (But for the Grace of God)

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JULY 8 - SATURDAY - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY will be holding an Informational Workshop, "YOUR VOICE IN AA". It will be held at Fr Baker Hall in Lackawanna - entrance off South Park Avenue near Ridge Road. Begins at 9AM

JULY 9 - SUNDAY - EDEN-NORTH COLLINS will be celebrating its' 30th Anniversary with a "Special Eating Meeting" 7PM - Roast beef and ham dinner, 8PM - guest speaker, 9PM - Regular closed discussion meeting. The speaker will be Brad B who will be leaving the area with his wife, Judy.

The group meets at the Eden Methodist Church at 2820 East Church Street in Eden. If you plan on attending, please call Barry at 897-1500 or 549-4839

JULY 16 - SUNDAY - ARCADE will hold their FAMILY PICNIC at Arcade Park off route 39 at 11AM til dark. Please bring a dish to pass if you wish.

JULY 22 - SATURDAY - THRUWAY will be having a "heck-of-a-good-time picnic" at Cheektowaga Town Park, Harlem Road. Shelter #7 - noon to ? Please bring a dish to share!

JULY 30 - SUNDAY - The FREEDOM group will be celebrating their Anniversary with a BREAKFAST at 9:00AM at the Classic V Banquet Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd (Amherst/Tonawanda) Donation is \$6.00 for breakfast with a speaker following. There are only 125 tickets available. Please get them at the Saturday evening meeting at St. Amelia's.

AUGUST 10 - THURSDAY - GRAND - will not be meeting due to church function that day only.

AUGUST 13 - SUNDAY - A DAY AT A TIME will be holding its' 3RD ANNUAL GROUP PICNIC at Sprague Brook Park in Glenwood NY. The shelter to be announced. Please plan on bringing a dish to share.

SEPTEMBER 23 - SATURDAY - A VISION FOR YOU and Miss Buffalo welcome you to a private charter - three hours of SOBER SAILING. Buffet Dinner - three speakers - dancing. Boarding at 7:30PM til 11PM - 125 tickets available - \$20 per person. For more information call Carolyn C 443-8484

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7TH MONTH - 7TH STEP

*" HUMBLY ASKED HIM TO REMOVE ALL SECRET COVERINGS. "*

7TH MONTH - 7TH TRADITION

*"EVERY A. A. GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS. "*

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

Delphine

# Anniversaries July

<u>Amherst-Shnyder</u>									
David B.	3 mo.								
Michael J.	6 mo.								
Dennis B.	6 mo.								
Greg S.	9 mo.								
Rick S.	1 yr.								
Dave P.	1 yr.								
Roxanne H.	5 yrs.								
Holly M.	6 yrs.								
Debbie H.	7 yrs.								
Bill F.	8 yrs.								
Guy M.	8 yrs.								
Bob L.	10 yrs.								
Dave F.	12 yrs.								
Sheila C.	12 yrs.								
Bob D.	13 yrs.								
Jim H.	14 yrs.								
Rich H.	14 yrs.								
Don H.	23 yrs.								
<u>Any Lengths</u>									
Tim D.	3 mo.								
Dave H.	6 mo.								
Eugene P.	1 yr.								
Ben H.	3 yrs.								
Diane C.	4 yrs.								
Ralph D.	12 yrs.								
<u>A Vision For You</u>									
Neal L.	1 yr.								
<u>Cazenovia</u>									
Craig S.	3 mo.								
Felix R.	3 mo.								
Gary G.	6 mo.								
Kim W.	6 mo.								
Ron W.	9 mo.								
Natalie S.	3 yrs.								
Richard E.	5 yrs.								
Tina C.	6 yrs.								
<u>Gold Spring</u>									
Carl C.	3 mo.								
Terry A.	6 mo.								
James J.	6 mo.								
Mona D.	6 mo.								
Robin P.	1 yr.								
Marcus C.	2 yrs.								
John B.	3 yrs.								
Donald W.	3 yrs.								
William B.	3 yrs.								
Larry S.	11 yrs.								
Dan E.	19 yrs.								
<u>Elliscolt</u>									
June:									
Mary M.	18 yrs.								
July:									
Bobby C.	7 yrs.								
Ron D.	8 yrs.								
<u>Flieside</u>									
Frank B.	6 mo.								
James E.	6 mo.								
Fred B.	9 mo.								
Tyronne F.	6 mo.								
Bob H.	6 mo.								
Tom O.	6 mo.								
Karen C.	1 yr.								
Dunbar S.	2 yrs.								
Elaine C.	2 yrs.								
Mike A.	3 yrs.								
John B.	3 yrs.								
John B.	3 yrs.								
Jerry F.	4 yrs.								
Phil C.	4 yrs.								
Mark P.	5 yrs.								
Ken M.	7 yrs.								
Rose Ann P.	9 yrs.								
Lucille K.	11 yrs.								
Dorothy F.	16 yrs.								
<u>Giving</u>									
George F.	8 yrs.								
<u>Harmony</u>									
Rhuben G.	9 mo.								
<u>Iron Horse</u>									
Mary P.	3 mo.								
Neil E.	3 mo.								
Tom C.	6 mo.								
Joe F.	6 mo.								
John A.	9 mo.								
Shawn P.	1 yr.								
Aron S.	1 yr.								
John M.	1 yr.								
Tom G.	1 yr.								
Bob M.	1 yr.								
Dave K.	1 yr.								
Bill D.	1 yr.								
Dan C.	1 yr.								
Steve K.	9 yrs.								
<u>Kennore</u>									
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Nancy M.	1 yr.								
Steve B.	1 yr.								
Joe K.	3 yrs.								
<u>Vince R.</u>									
Eric B.	4 yrs.								
Joan D.	5 yrs.								
<u>Matt Talbot</u>									
Walter A.	2 yrs.								
Mike H.	2 yrs.								
Ben H.	3 yrs.								
Linda S.	3 yrs.								
Gerry L.	5 yrs.								
Tom K.	5 yrs.								
Paul V.	6 yrs.								
Skip W.	6 mo.								
Pat K.	9 yrs.								
Ed	9 yrs.								
Ralph D.	10 yrs.								
Gary B.	12 yrs.								
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Phil M.	6 mo.								
Chris C.	8 yrs.								
Sarah P.	8 yrs.								
Joan G.	9 yrs.								
Karen R.	11 yrs.								
Joanne W.	14 yrs.								
Bob O.	15 yrs.								
<u>Renewal</u>									
Linda K.	4 yrs.								
Gary M.	6 yrs.								
Patrick R.	7 yrs.								
Bob C.	14 yrs.								
Mike W.	23 yrs.								
<u>Rise 'N' Shine</u>									
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Robert J.	3 mo.								
Hank J.	3 mo.								
Kenneth L.	6 mo.								
Rebba B.	6 mo.								
Muriel W.	6 mo.								
Leona	9 mo.								
Jerry S.	1 yr.								
July:									
Pat C.	3 mo.								
Royce B.	3 mo.								
Brenda G.	6 mo.								
Michael G.	6 mo.								
Bennie P.	6 mo.								
Berry W.	6 mo.								
Venita E.	6 mo.								
Ricky H.	9 mo.								
John G.	9 mo.								
Jonathan H.	1 yr.								
<u>Christy C.</u>									
Doug G.	1 yr.								
Jack G.	2 yrs.								
Tony C.	3 yrs.								
Robert M.	4 yrs.								
Kim C.	4 yrs.								
<u>Sheridan</u>									
Sheri B.	3 mo.								
Glenn D.	6 mo.								
Patrick McC.	1 yr.								
Jim L.	4 yrs.								
Matt R.	4 yrs.								
Linda M.	8 yrs.								
Jim V.	9 yrs.								
<u>Sunday Morning Breakfast</u>									
Linda J.	3 mo.								
Mike L.	3 mo.								
Art B.	6 mo.								
Jeff S.	6 mo.								
Dave McN.	9 mo.								
Robert M.	1 yr.								
Susan M.	2 yrs.								
Mark M.	2 yrs.								
Zeke S.	2 yrs.								
Tom K.	3 yrs.								
Al K.	3 yrs.								
Donna E.	8 yrs.								
Hilda H.	13 yrs.								
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JULY 7 - 9 - ANY AGE GROUP presents a LIVING SOBER WEEKEND of picnicing, camping, fellowship, dancing and fun at Don Miller Park, Sweeney Street and East Robinson in North Tonawanda. Speaker Saturday at 8PM, dancing at 9PM - 1AM. Friday and Saturday food and beverages are supplied. Event starts 5:00PM Friday the 7th. Tickets: \$8.00/per person - whole weekend. \$5.00/per person - 1 day. Kids under 12 - free. Kids over 12 half price.

JULY 8 - SATURDAY - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY will be holding an Informational Workshop, "YOUR VOICE IN AA". It will be held at Fr Baker Hall in Lackawanna - entrance off South Park Avenue near Ridge Road. Begins at 9AM

JULY 9 - SUNDAY - EDEN-NORTH COLLINS will be celebrating its' 30th Anniversary with a "Special Eating Meeting" 7PM - Roast beef and ham dinner, 8PM - guest speaker, 9PM - Regular closed discussion meeting. The speaker will be Brad B who will be leaving the area with his wife, Judy.

The group meets at the Eden Methodist Church at 2820 East Church Street in Eden. If you plan on attending, please call Barry at 897-1500 or 549-4839

JULY 16 - SUNDAY - ARCADE will hold their FAMILY PICNIC at Arcade Park off route 39 at 11AM til dark. Please bring a dish to pass if you wish.

JULY 22 - SATURDAY - THRUWAY will be having a "heck-of-a-good-time picnic" at Cheektowaga Town Park, Harlem Road. Shelter #7 - noon to ? Please bring a dish to share!

JULY 30 - SUNDAY - The FREEDOM group will be celebrating their Anniversary with a BREAKFAST at 9:00AM at the Classic V Banquet Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd (Amherst/Tonawanda) Donation is \$6.00 for breakfast with a speaker following. There are only 125 tickets available. Please get them at the Saturday evening meeting at St Amelia's.

AUGUST 10 - THURSDAY - GRAND - will not be meeting due to church function that day only.

AUGUST 13 - SUNDAY - A DAY AT A TIME will be holding its' 3RD ANNUAL GROUP PICNIC at Sprague Brook Park in Glenwood NY. The shelter to be announced. Please plan on bringing a dish to share.

SEPTEMBER 23 - SATURDAY - A VISION FOR YOU and Miss Buffalo welcome you to a private charter - three hours of SOBER SAILING. Buffet Dinner - three speakers - dancing. Boarding at 7:30PM til 11PM - 125 tickets available - \$20 per person. For more information call Carolyn C 443-8484

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## 54TH BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 1995

*"FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT"*

BUFFALO HARRIOTT HOTEL, 1340 MILLERSPORT HWY,  
AMHERST, NY 14226

1-800-334-4040 1-716-689-6900

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ONCE MORE IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT RESERVING YOUR BANQUET TABLES. THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PAY ON TIME PLAN - PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 853-0388 & SPEAK WITH DELPHINE. COST WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR - \$35 per person/registration & banquet. FOR DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMITTEE - WRITE: PO BOX 58

PLEASE SEND HOSPITALITY DONATIONS TO THIS ADDRESS: ORCHARD PARK NY 14127

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7TH MONTH - 7TH STEP

*" HURIBLY ASKED HIM TO REMOVE ALL SHORT COMINGS. "*

7TH MONTH - 7TH TRADITION *"EVERY A. A. GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS. "*

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

Delphine

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

JULY 2, 1995

The meeting was opened by Co-Chairman, Ron E. Preamble was read by Wayne, Father Baker Group. Purpose of the Central Committee was read by Ron S, Powerless and the Traditions were read by Pat M of the Rainbow group.

Motion to accept the minutes as they are was made by John H of the We Care group and second by Ron S, Powerless.. Motion carried with correction that Ellicott's group representative was present last month.,

Attendance sheets not available at this printing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM - MEL L -Renewal Group**

May receipts	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
Average monthly receipts (per	\$ 89.00	\$469.00
month) for the previous 3 months	196.00	414.67

Also of interest to me, and hopefully to you, is the following:

	As of June '94	June '95
Number of participants in the Envelope System over the prior 12 months	72	84

On June 26th, a note was mailed to all current members of the Envelope System. A copy of that note is submitted as part of this report.

*Dear Member:*

*This is just a little note to let you, a fellow member of the Envelope System, know how the Envelope System is doing.*

*On the other side of the note is a copy of the June 1995 report on the Envelope System that is scheduled to be submitted to Central Committee on July 3, 1995.*

*It appears to me that we're doing O.K.*

*If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please let me know. I can usually be found at the Sunday night meeting of the Renewal Group or the monthly meeting of Central Committee.*

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - Delphine for Tina F JUNE 27**

The meeting was opened at 6:05pm by Tina F with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Tina F, District #1, Bill D, District #4, Larry S, Central Committee Chairman, Gary S, treasurer and Delphine H, Executive Secretary. Guest was Lisa Y.

Kevin F has rescinded his offer to chair the Screening Committee at this time.

Phamplet "Problem Other than Alcohol" has been mailed to the Rehab sending drug addictions to closed meetings and the letter of complaint was forwarded to the CPC Chairman, Dave B.

At the last Central Committee Meeting Ralph K resigned as Chairman of the Screeners' Committee. Lisa Y will be appointed by the Central Committee Chairman and will ask for her approval at the July 2nd meeting.

Bill D motioned to adjour the meeting, seconded by Larry S. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:55PM.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Gary S, Matt Talbot - see attached**

**TREATMENT FACILITIES - none**

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES - Linda, Co-chair, Lockport #1**

Our regular meeting was held earlier today, July 2, 1995. Schedule changes were discussed. The Pink Can Fund is going well and Ron has cans available if your group needs one.

Linda reported briefly on the New York State Informational Workshop. Cooperation among the committees was stressed; afterall, we all carry the same

**SCREENERS - LISA Y North Buffalo**

Present at the meeting were Adam S, Don S, Lisa Y, Salli, and Kevin F.

Discussion: a. Literature for screeners and 12 steppers. Motion was made to accept Al Z's piece as our literature. Second, 4 in favor - none opposed.

Discussion had on putting Al's article in the "New Frontier" after speaking to Al. 5 infavor. None opposed.

**CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H**

JUNE '95

AA information	322	12 Step	3
PIC	1	literature requests	33
CPC		Refer to other agencies	8
Alanon	14	Refer from other agencies	80
Alateen	2	Central office	
ACOA	3	Outgoing calls	179
Answering Service		Mail costs	\$276.69
Incoming calls 552 - Out going 63		Visitors	58

**NEW FRONTIER - none**

**54th FALL CONVENTION '95 - Dave P -**

Program Committee has been meeting and the agenda is well on its way. As for for reserving tables, you must have money to put done as a deposit.

**COURTESY REPORTS:**

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - none**

**PIC - NONE**

**C.P.C. - none**

**RE-CAP:**

**FINANCIAL** - Delphine invites all groups to review their groups records of contributions with the report and make her aware of any discrepencies. One group already had pointed one out.

**TREATMENT** - Ralph P mentioned the success of the Informational Workshop in Utica.

**FALL CONVENTION:** Mel L complimented the committee on the design of the flyers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

John H of the We Care group asked about the business of the Treatment Facility Committees as they reported last month - the question was "Who is responsible for the support of the Clearview Treatment Facility meetings?". Central Committee's Treatment Facility Committee and General Service's Treatment Committee hve yet to discuss this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS: none**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mel L, Renewal and seconded by John H of We Care. Meeting ended in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Y, North Buffalo

GROUP			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step						
7 Clan *				10.00		
12 Step-Holiday Village						
A A F U N						
A Day At A Time						
Abbott Mens Disc		50.00		10.00		10.00
Acceptance/Welcom	250.00	350.00				
Achievement						
Action		200.00				
Age Doesn't Matter		50.00				
Albion						
Alexander						
All Women						
Amherst Snyder		330.00		35.00		40.00
Amherst Tree of Life						
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age		300.00		100.00		100.00
Any Length	20.00	20.00				
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It						
Attitude Adjustment						
Attraction	80.00	280.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning In Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's	100.00	100.00				
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell						
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Study (Thur Nite)		25.00				
Big Book Workshop						
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Blissfully Sober						
Boulevard Women's	45.00	45.00				
Brass	20.00	20.00				

pg 2			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
Broadway-Balley		75.00				
Brocton Discussion						
But for the Grace of	<b>60.00</b>	96.25		5.00		5.00
By The Book-Buffalo						
Came To Believe		106.70				20.00
Campus (Buff State)						
Casting		40.00				
Cathedral Park	<b>29.00</b>	75.00				
Caz Manor		37.50		37.50		37.50
Cazenovia	<b>17.50</b>	67.50	<b>8.75</b>	39.25	<b>8.75</b>	39.25
Central Park						
Central Park II						
Chapter IX		120.00		120.00		120.00
Cheektowaga		50.00				
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Disc		300.00				
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Cold Springs		25.00				
Common Problem	<b>50.00</b>	100.00		12.00		
Community Center		25.00				
Cornplanters Again						
Courage		50.00		12.50		12.50
Delaware Discussion						
Derby		125.00				
Design For Living						
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Discovery						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Dis						
Dunkirk		10.00				
Early Bird						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	<b>80.00</b>	290.00			<b>20.00</b>	70.00
Easy Does It	<b>20.00</b>	85.00				
Eden-North Collins	<b>240.00</b>	240.00				
Ellicott		100.00				
Ellicottville						

pg 3			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	JULY '95	Accum	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance		200.00		50.00		50.00
Everybody's	30.00	120.00			20.00	20.00
Eye Opener	375.77	827.02				
Faith						
Faith in Action						
Father Baker		600.00		100.00		
Feelings		225.51				
Fellowship in the Spirit						
Fireside	61.03	1686.24			25.00	150.00
Fireside P.M.	50.00	50.00				
First Things First		150.00				
First Ward						
Fredonia Discussion						
Freedom	50.00	350.00		150.00		150.00
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Discu						
Friday Noon Meeting						
Friday Step Beginners						
Friendship						
Friendly		50.00				
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gardenville		50.00				
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Getting Better						
Giving		40.00				
Going to Any Length						100.00
Golden Slipper		100.00		19.22		
Good Life						
Grand						
Grand II Joy Of Living		100.00				
Grateful						
Guiding Light						
H.A.N.D.		100.00				
H.O.W.		75.00				
Half & Half						
Hamburg						

pg 4			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
Hamburg Big Book						
Handicappers		50.00				
Happy Hour		35.00		35.00		35.00
Harmony						
Helping Hand	20.00	60.00				
High View		150.00				
Higher Powered	25.00	50.00	27.00	72.82		25.00
Hill Billy		70.00		25.00		25.00
Hold On						
Holiday Village	317.50	1062.50		75.00		75.00
Honest Desire		10.00				
Honesty	30.00	210.00	10.00	70.00		
Hora de Refleccion						
How It Works		200.00				
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia						
Inner City						
Inspiration		60.00				
Iron Horse		154.00		154.00		154.00
IT						
It's About Time						
Just for Today						
Keep It Simple, Sister						
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore		80.00				
Kensington		50.00				
Ladies Night						
Lake Shore		20.00				20.00
Lake View						
Let Go & Let God		65.00				
Lew-port						
Liberty Women's		115.00				
Life Today						
Lighten Up		150.00				
Live and Let Live		140.00				
Living Sober	35.00	210.00				
Lock City		100.00				
Lockport #1		60.00		127.00		60.00
Lockport Discussion		25.00		5.71		



pg 5			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
Lockport Ladies						60.00
Lockview	30.00	90.00	7.87	41.51		
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Lunch Bunch						
Main Street						
Marilla	25.00	155.00				
Matt Talbot	40.00	265.00		25.00		
Mc Kinley Winners						
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day		47.75				
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD (Serenity Rm)						
Morning After/We Admitted		20.00		20.00		20.00
Never Too Late						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings		25.00				
New Freedom						
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Hope (institu)				20.00		
New Life		50.00		40.00		
New Life - New Beginning		100.00				
New Westside		25.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's		150.00				
Nite People						
North Buffalo	200.00	800.00	50.00	200.00	50.00	200.00
North Java		55.00				
One Day at a Time(ODAT)		160.00				
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step	50.00	150.00				
Page 30						
Pass It On		150.00				

pg 6			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
Patchin						
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Positively Living II		100.00				
Positively Living III						
Powerless		60.00	106.23	241.02		
Primary Purpose						
Progress						
Purpose		150.00				
Rainbow		45.00		25.00		25.00
Ray of Hope		50.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I		100.00				
Renaissance II						
Renewal		75.00				
Ridge	50.00	150.00				
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine	30.00	225.00	10.00	50.00		
Rochester Meeting		60.00				40.00
Rur-al Is Plural						
Rush Hour						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searching for Serenity		100.00				
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity	60.00	180.00				
Serenity Circle		62.00				
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	10.00	70.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						

pg 7		Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities		
GROUP	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Somerset						
South Buffalo	10.00	50.00	10.00	50.00	10.00	50.00
South Town		100.00				20.00
South Town Women's		30.00		5.00		5.00
Southgate		32.00				
Southwestern	20.00	20.00	9.00	9.00		
Spirit of H.O.P.E.		5.00		5.00		5.00
Spiritual Progress						
Spiritual Progress(wo)						
Springville						
Springville Sat Aft.						
St. Barnabas		60.00				
St. Mark's		60.00				
Starting Over						
Step						
Stepping Stones						
Suburban	30.00	55.00				
Sunday Morning Bkf	150.00	500.00	50.00	150.00	50.00	150.00
Sunday Nilers						
Sunday Third						
Sunrise Court	100.00	300.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope		100.00				
Survivors						
TnT		290.00				
TGIF		50.00				
Thankful		160.00				
The Journey		151.00				
The Way						
Thruway	100.00	1400.00	20.00	120.00	20.00	120.00

pg 8				Treatment Facilities		
GROUP	JULY '95	Accum.		Accum.	JULY '95	Accum.
Thursday Aft Disc		225.00				
Today						
Tri-County						
Tri-Step Beginners						
Try Again		100.00				
Tuesday Men's Disc						
Tuesday Women's Disc.		20.00				
Turning Point		30.00				
T.P.H.						
Twin Cities		160.00				
Twin Cities II						
Unlty		60.00				
University	150.00	1050.00			20.00	100.00
Urban						
V.I.P.		10.00				
Valley						
Varysburg	15.00	30.00				
Veterans						
Victory	40.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Vision of Hope (women's)						
Wake Up Call	31.16	210.39				
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	210.00	10.00	70.00	20.00	140.00
We Choose Life						
We Need You						
Wehrle				10.00		10.00
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY		75.00		15.00		15.00
Williamsville	100.00	250.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	20.00
Willing To Grow		125.00				
Wilson						
Women's Westside Disc.		75.00		75.00		75.00
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Rob't D	150.00	150.00				
Dennis B		20.00				
	3426.96	21511.36	393.85	2551.53	308.75	2468.25
45 Groups-JULY '95		3426.96		393.85		308.75
Last months accum total		18084.40		2157.68		2159.50
Year to date totals		21511.36		2551.53		2468.25

<b>CENTRAL COMMITTEE #504-771-7</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Groups contributed			3426.96
Joint Meeting (expenses 8.00)			25.80
New Frontier subscriptions			14.00
Envelope System			343.00
Literature			1817.36
Miscellaneous:	Fall Convention monies		810.00
	In memory of Mother-Russ		50.00
	Total receipts		6487.12
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
#10 Ellcott Square Court Corp	rent		608.00
Community Mental Health Ctr	rent		35.00
Breitwieser Printing Co Inc	schedule booklets		2630.00
Pitney Bowes	mtr rt		91.50
M & T Bank	fed withholding tax		714.90
Secrephone	answer ser		177.60
Happy Spring Water			18.45
Internal Revenue sevice	Withhold tax		123.03
NYS Income Tax			351.00
State Insurance Fund	Disability Insur		57.46
NYNEX			189.63
U S Postmaster	meter refill		500.00
AT&T			5.41
Fall Convention Committee - registrations			770.00
Fall Convention Committee - hospitality			40.00
Salaries			1712.04
Petty Cash			50.00
Bank Charges			64.06
	Disbursements		8138.08
Balance pr checkbook 6/25/95			5763.88
Add Receipts 5/25/95-6/25/95			6487.12
Deduct expenses 6/25/95-7/25/95			-8138.08
Balance per checkbook 7/25/95			4112.92
Operating debit for 7/25/95	(-1650.96)		

RE-CAP		6/25/95-7/25/95			
<b>CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT</b>		<b>*484-185-4</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>CHECK#</b>			
AA Central Office - bks - Bflo Cor		113	258.50		
Balance pr checkbook 6/25/95				699.48	
Add Receipts 6/25/95-7/25/95				393.86	
Deduct expenses 6/25/95-7/25/95				-258.50	
Balance per checkbook 7/25/95				834.84	
operating credit for 7/25/95		135.36			
<b>TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT</b>		<b>*602-089-5</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>CHECK#</b>			
AA Central Office - lit - ECMC		301	121.00		
Balance pr checkbook 6/25/95				475.40	
Add Receipts 6/25/95-7/25/95				308.75	
Deduct expenses 6/25/95-7/25/95				-121.00	
Balance per checkbook 7/25/95				663.15	
Operating credit for 7/25/95		187.75			