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

Editors note: Having just returned from Founders Day in Akron OH celebrating the 68th AA anniversary we thought it might be fun to look at a little history from one of our co founders.

From "The Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous:"

"I [Bill W.] was in this anything-but-spiritual mood on the night [in December 1938] when the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous were written. I was sore and tired clear through. I lay in bed at 182 Clinton Street with pencil in hand and with a tablet of scratch paper on my knee. I could not get my mind on the job, much less put my heart in it. But here was one of those things that had to be done...."Finally I started to write. I set out to draft more than six steps [used by Oxford Groups]; how many more I did not know. I relaxed and asked for guidance. With a speed that was astonishing, considering my jangling emotions, I completed the first draft. It took perhaps half an hour. The words kept right on coming. When I reached a stopping point, I numbered the new steps. They added up to twelve."

c. 1957, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, pages 160-161

Six Original Steps:

1. Admitted Hopeless
2. Got honest with self
3. Got honest with another
4. Made amends
5. Helped others without demand
6. Prayed to God as you understand Him

Thejaywalker.com

"By April 1939, Alcoholics Anonymous was a fellowship with its own basic text and program. "There was one last question to be discussed and argued before the presses began rolling: What would be the list price? They finally decided on \$3.50, rather high for 1939. To compensate for the price, they chose the thickest paper...The original volume proved to be so bulky that it became known as the 'Big Book.'"

© 1984, *'Pass It On' - The Story of Bill Wilson and How the A.A. Message Reached the World*, pages 204-205

Quotes from Bill W.:

"Let go or be dragged."

"The peaks and valleys of my life have become gentle rolling hills."

"Sobriety is a journey, not a destination."

"Always remember you're unique ... just like everyone else."

"Honesty gets us sober – tolerance keeps us sober."

What is the International Women's Conference?

7
Months
until
IWAAC

In 1965, a woman in Kansas City, Mo., named Bernadette O'K., started a conference for women in Kansas City. The conference remained there until 1969, when it began to be held in other cities in the U.S. and Canada. It has been in 26 other cities but only 3 have been held in cities near to us in the East. It has never been in the Buffalo-Niagara area and we are very fortunate to have obtained the bid for the 40th International Conference. This forum for women has 3 aims:

1. Sharing of experiences common to women alcoholics.
2. Discussion of problems of particular interest to all women A.A. members.
3. Opportunities to hear A.A. women speakers from many areas.

In other words, this is a very special event, and won't come our way again in the near future. Since the convention usually has around 2000 women from the US, Canada and other foreign nations, we will need a great deal of help from our local women in AA.

At the very least we need to have every woman register for the Conference, which will be held February 19, 20, 21, 22, 2004 at the Buffalo Convention Center. Also, because the financial success of the conference is contingent upon room rental nights, we urge as many women as possible to stay at one of the convention hotels, the Hyatt Regency or the Adam's Mark. The Hyatt's rooms are filling up rather quickly so if you want to be near the Convention Center, we advise that you get your room reservations in, as soon as possible.

There are many committees in which women can be involved, before, in the planning stages or at the actual convention. For instance we will have a minimum of 10 panels, workshops and discussions running at the same time over several sessions for the weekend. We will need greeters at the Convention Center, the Hyatt, the Adam's Mark and even at the Airport. We will have to register around 2000 women, many of whom are from out of state. Many committees are quite different and bigger than our usual conventions. If you are interested in serving, you may call Joanne McC., Convention Chair at 688-2760 or consult our website at iwc2004.org. Our next large group planning meeting will be held on Thurs., August 14th at the Maryvale Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM. See you at the Conference!

Joanne Mc. -- IWAAC Chairperson

Founders Day Akron, Ohio June 6 - 7 - 8 2003

The following snips (sound bites) are from Akron. They touched me and I thought I would pass them on to you. If you have never been, consider making the trip. The experience is *Awesome!* A few of the many AA historic sites we visited were:

- the *Mayflower Hotel* where Bill W. made the first phone call looking for another alcoholic to work with so that *he* might stay sober.
- Dr. Bob's home, which has many of the original furnishings, and National Historical site status.
- St. Thomas Hospital in which Dr. Bob set up the first Alcoholic ward.

8,016 pre-registrations ~ largest ever!

Over 10,000 registrations in all!

Old timers panel

- **Chief Blackhawk** Detroit 36 years ~ "God is the founder of this program Bill W. was co-founder."
- **Liz B.** New York 51 years ~ "The doctor told me I had six months to live, I told him 'Don't talk to me like that I practice a program that teaches us to live one day at a time' - he's dead, I'm not."
- **Steve P.** Ohio 56 years ~ "Thank God for AA."

John H. 8 yrs from Ohio *What an order I can't go through with it* "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time" "Two things keep us sober God & willingness."

THE BEST PILLOW I EVER LAID MY HEAD ON WAS A GOOD CONSCIENCE. Vic

Harry Maryland 33 yrs. ~ "There is a point where God will not allow us to endure any more pain, ~ we die or we go to AA. Either way we don't have to suffer anymore!"

Ed 32 years ~ "If it isn't good it's not God! Pretty simple!"

Met a man from England & overheard someone say: "You're a long way from home." His reply - "No I'm not."

Paul W. 13 yrs California ~

"Came to AA for my drinking, stayed for my thinking."

"I treat my disease with spirituality - love and service."

"Not sure when my drinking changed from Use to Abuse to Addiction, but it did!"

Debi C. ~ Victory Group

Step Seven: *Humblly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.*

Seventh Step Prayer

"My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength as I go out from here to do your bidding. Amen."

Alcoholics Anonymous p. 76

Humility

"Absolute humility would consist of a state of complete freedom from myself, freedom from all the claims that my defects of character now lay so heavily upon me. Perfect humility would be a full willingness, in all times and places, to find and to do the will of God."

Bill W. Grapevine 1961

from: "As Dr. Bob said..."

"On his desk, Dr. Bob had a plaque defining humility: 'Perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me; it is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble.'"

© 1980, *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, page 222

Tradition Seven: *Every AA group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.*

On the question of accepting outside contributions Bill (in part) writes:

"The groups weren't sending in enough for the support of the office; we had been tossing in all the book income and even that hadn't been enough. The reserve was melting like snow in springtime. 'Maybe,' some said, 'the groups will never fully support the office. We can't let it shut down; it's far too vital. Yes, let's take the money. Let's take all such donations in the future. We're going to need them.'"

"Then came the opposition. If outside donations weren't declined, absolutely cut off, then the Foundation would one day become rich. Where would that land us? Whoever pays the piper is apt to call the tune, and if the AA Foundation obtained money from outside sources, its trustees might be tempted to run things without reference to the wishes of AA as a whole. The pressure of a fat treasury would surely tempt the board to invent all kinds of schemes to do good with such funds, and so divert AA from its primary purpose.

Then our Trustees wrote a bright page of AA history. They declared for the principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation's financial policy."

“... practice these principles in all our affairs.”

The Twelve suggested Steps to recovery, in my opinion, are written in the order of their importance. As the twelfth step suggests, *“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”* Just what is this spiritual awakening? Simply put, it is that ability to do what we have been unable to do alone and unaided – stop drinking! We suddenly find ourselves believing that all is not lost. Our lives take on new meaning and we recognize some degree of tolerance, honesty and peace of mind. We have had a spiritual awakening because we have tapped into a Power greater than ourselves, which in the past, we thought never existed. This is the direct result of taking the previous eleven steps, preparing us to receive this gift.

“... we tried to carry this message to alcoholics ...” We AA’s find this unselfish act is a reward in itself. To gaze into the eyes of a still suffering alcoholic and offer them hope and understanding is truly AA in action. Every time we do a Twelfth Step call, we feel that sense of purpose and joy that defies description. We carry the message in many ways. The mere presence of those who have received the gift of sobriety at meetings is comforting and reassuring to the newcomer, whether we speak or just listen. Being active in our home group is Twelve Step work, doing those important but unattractive little jobs, making coffee, setting up or cleaning up after the meeting.

“... practice these principles in all our affairs.” Now comes the tough part. Can we accept life’s problems and pitfalls in our sobriety? Can we still be cheerful even if it ‘rains on our parade?’ The AA answer is called spiritual growth. We learned that our old solutions just didn’t work. We had to redirect and temper our attitudes and desires.

It is easy to be cheerful when life treats us well. To accept the difficult times is a challenge, but with the help of our Higher Power and the Strength of our AA friends we are able to reshape our lives to enjoy the peace and calm of sobriety. We try to live our new life on a give and take basis. Sobriety is more than just not drinking, it’s living life, respecting others, family friends and neighbors, obeying the laws of God and man. ‘...Practicing these principles in all our affairs.’

John H. – Sunday Morning Breakfast

My Early Sobriety

In my early sobriety of almost 6 months, I have come to the realization that the amazing fellowship of A.A. can be compared to a jigsaw puzzle. To attempt to work on the puzzle, you must start with the four corners:

1. Surrender
2. Humility
3. Acceptance
4. Forgiveness

Like any puzzle, the next step is to work on the borders. For stability, the borders consist of meetings, prayers and service.

The picture all comes together with the remaining pieces. These pieces represent the many friends and shared experiences one encounters.

The whole puzzle will probably never be fully completed, as we strive to work on it “one day at a time”. This is because our experiences are never ending. However, knowing that God placed all the needed pieces in the box is all that matters.

Respectfully submitted, Joy W. (Courage Group)

Sharing

from: A letter to the A.A. General Service Office

"I'll never forget the first time I met Bill Wilson. I was a couple of months sober and so excited, so thrilled to actually meet the co-founder that I gushed all over him with what my sobriety meant to me and my undying gratitude for his starting A.A. When I ran down, he took my hand in his and said simply, 'Pass it on.'"

© 1984, "PASS IT ON"...The story of Bill Wilson and how the A.A. message reached the world, opposite copyright page

Service

from: "Doctor Bob's Nightmare"

"I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons: 1) Sense of duty; 2) It is a pleasure; 3) Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me; and 4) Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."

© 2001, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, pages 180-181

My Mind Is Out To Get Me

Submitted by John H. ~ Sunday Morning Breakfast

If I can keep my feet on the ground, God can come down to me.

Most of the things that irritate me today won't be important enough to remember tomorrow.

It hasn't been a bad day just because a few things haven't gone my way.

Come to meetings to see those you want to be like, and those you don't.

Happiness doesn't come from what we want, but from enjoying what we have.

Heard at a meeting:

I didn't get my life back in this program
... I got my life for the first time.

Do it first and understand it later.

Religion is for people who don't want
to go to Hell. AA is for people who
have been to Hell & don't want to go
back.

Sometimes the smartest person at the
table is the one suffering the most.

I can't choose how I feel, but I can
choose what I do about it.

Sobriety ~ you can't steal it ~ it's not
given to you ~ you have to earn it.

Stanley

RULE 62

We should be glad God doesn't give us
everything we ask for.

Money doesn't buy class.

I have to stay out of my head -
there's no adult supervision in there.

If I could drink like a normal person,
I'd start early and do it all day.

If everything seems to be going well,
you have obviously overlooked
something.

A closed mouth gathers no foot. (Dan D.)

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<p>IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change</p> <p>Elmer B. ~ Mercy Group ~ 20 years Johnny G. ~ We Care Group ~ 90 days</p> <p>To all our members who have lost family or loved ones, our prayers are with you. Let's remember them and all the others who passed on in our prayers</p>
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Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

Please submit your articles to Central Office by the 15th for next months issue.

E-Mail address: buffalooa@hotmail.com

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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Amherst/Snyder

Michelle F. 3m
 Michelle C. 9m
 Darius D. 9m
 Scott S. 9m
 Amanda K. 9m
 Michelle F. 1y
 Christopher M. 1y
 Dave P. 1y
 Larry J. 1y
 Chris B. 1y
 Mike G. 1y
 Mark D. 1y
 Mark S. 2y
 Joe F. 2y
 John F. 3y
 Kevin B. 5y
 MaryAnn L. 5y
 George P. 9y
 Dave P. 9y
 Dave Y. 9y
 Kevin M. 9y
 Rick S. 9y
 Tina D. 14y
 Holly M. 14y
 Guy M. 16y
 Bob L. 18y
 Dave F. 20y
 Charmaine D. 20y
 Rich H. 22y
 Don H. 31y

Courage Group

Michelle C. 9m
 Cheryl K. 2y
 Jerry F. 12y
 Mary M. 12y
 Donna P. 24y

Eyeopener

Mark Cam 1y
 Kip M. 1y
 Peter C. 3y
 Ivona P. 3y
 Dale P. 2y
 Lynn M. 3y
 Kathy E. 2y
 John G. 4y
 Robert E. 4y
 Chuck T. 6y
 Tom B. 6y
 Barb G. 6y
 Eva T. 6y
 Camille H. 6y
 Karen A. 6y
 Beth M. 7y
 Mike S. 7y
 Ed F. 7y
 Ted B. 7y
 Allison S. 8y
 Michael B. 8y
 Bob P. 9y
 John E. 9y
 Joe V. 9y
 Thomas W. 11y
 Brenda M. 11y
 Rich H. 12y
 Ken Z. 13y
 Julie M. 13y
 William W. 15y

Fireside

Barb H. 1y
 Megan M. 2y
 Nicki C. 5y
 Elaine C. 10y
 Jack W. 23y

Fresh Start

Ron D. 16Y

Giving

Lauren D. 3M
 Shannon R. 3M
 Margo J. 1y

Holland

Kevin O. 6m
 Jim G. 1y

Lakeshore

Charles H. 36y

LoveJoy

Terry S. 8y

Main & High

Janis C. 3m

North Buffalo

Mary D. 3m
 Brian D. 3m
 Jenny H. 6m
 Hugh H. 1y
 Brian S. 1y
 Ann L. 3y
 Peter H. 5y
 Todd S. 13y
 Karen R. 19y
 Joanne W. 22y

Rise & Shine

Justin B. 3m
 Linda K. 3m
 ValJean G. 6m
 Eddie T. 6m
 Laurie J. 6m
 Shawn Y. 1y
 Cretia A. 1y
 Denise H. 1y
 Roberta R. 2y
 Peggy M. 2y
 Jerry T. 2y
 Carmen C. 4y
 Doug G. 6y
 Faith B. 7y
 Vicky 7y
 Jack G. 10y
 Kim C. 16y

Thruway

Tim B. 6m
 Joe A. 1y
 Alex K. 2y
 Sandee W. 17y

Sun. Morning Br.

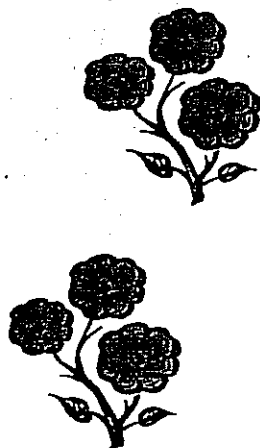
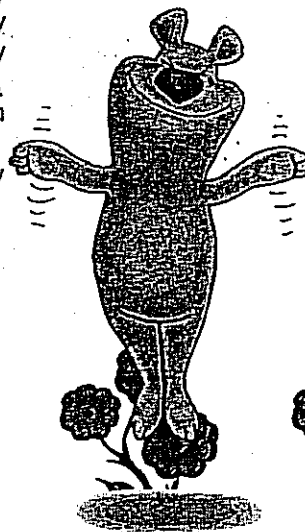
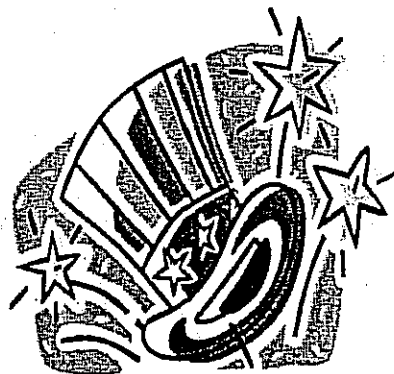
Steve R. 6m

Victory

Tom G. 22y

Group Anniversaries

Alexander
 Inspiration
 Courage
 Ladies Night
 Suburban
 Positively Living
 Giving
 Feelings
 Blasdell Monday Nite
 Willing to Grow
 Hillbilly
 How it Works/Men's
 Brass
 Ellicottville
 Freedom



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JULY 2003

MEETING CHANGES:

MOONSHINERS which met on Friday's at 11:00 PM at the Windom Community Church on Abbott Rd. **NO LONGER MEETS.**

NEW MEETING; QUESTIONS & ANSWERS; Thursday's, 7- 8 PM. Closed Meeting. St. Martin in the Field, 2587 Baseline Rd., Grand Island

The THANKFUL GROUP NEEDS SUPPORT on Friday's at 2 PM @ The Senior Center, 110 King St and Oakwood in East Aurora.

PLEASE NOTE

- **MOBILE MEETING- ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HOMEBOUND OR CONFINED IN A NURSING HOME AND UNABLE TO GET TO A MEETING? IF SO, AND YOU WANT A MEETING BROUGHT TO YOU, CALL CENTRAL OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, SOMEONE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.**
- **If your meeting does not meet because of a holiday, could you please notify Central Office so we do not send people there? Thank you.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- ~ July 6, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Let Go, Let God).
- ~ July 6, Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish.
- ~ July 13, CPC Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59th St., Niagara Falls.
- ~ July 17, New Frontiers Committee, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.
- ~ July 26, Public Information Committee will meet at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am.
- ~ July 26, Archives Committee Meeting, Archives are still available for group functions or Anniversaries, with 30 days notice.
- ~ July 31, 62nd Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting, Thursday. 7:00 PM @. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo
- ~ August 14, International AA Women's Conference, large planning meeting. Thursday, 6:00 PM, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga.

COMING EVENTS

- ~ July 6, 6th Anniversary, Main & High Group Day Of Sharing, Saturday, 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo. Panels & Speaker - 50/50 - Hot Meal - Refreshments - Registration \$6.00.
- ~ July 11-13, NY State Convention, Crown Plaza Hotel, White Plains, NY. Registration Fee: \$12, & 38 with banquet.
- ~ July 13, Gowanda Area Annual Picnic; Sunday from noon until dark at the firemen's picnic grounds on Rt. 62 just North of McDonalds restaurant. Family day, hot dogs and hamburgers, soda and coffee supplied, please bring a dish to share.

~ July 18-20, **"We Humbly Asked Him" AA Men's Spiritual Weekend.** Speakers, Meetings, Fellowship, Great Food, Campfire. Registration Fee \$110, \$25 Deposit, flyers included or @ Central Office.

~ July 19, **The Remember When group,** will be celebrating our **41st Anniversary** with a **Picnic** at LaSalle Park, Shelter #4. Food and music is **FREE**, but you may bring a dish to share if you wish. Come on out and enjoy yourself.

~ August 1, 2 & 3, **Any Age Annual Family Summer Campout;** Don Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney St., N. Tonawanda. Speakers, Music, Campfires, Games & Fellowship, Giant 50/50. Tickets are \$8.00/ person/day, or \$15.00 for the weekend. Children 8 and under are free. We provide Hot dogs, hamburgers, pop and coffee. Bring a dish to pass.

~ August 22, 23 & 24, **50th ANNUAL TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY;** Chautauqua, NY. Flyers in the office. \$10 gate fee + \$10(Pre)\$12 Registration. \$27 Banquet.

~ October 17-19, **33rd North East Regional Convention,** Southern New Jersey, Radisson Hotel. Registration \$26. Forms in the office.

~ October 17, 18 & 19, **BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION;** Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst. Registration: \$20, Registration & Banquet: \$45. Flyers are out, for more information call, Registration Chair: Charles L. (716) 881-1567 or Email: johnjczermerys@adelphia.net or Convention Chair: Terry (716) 853-0388

~ February 19-22, **40th Annual International AA Women's Conference,** Buffalo Convention Center. Flyers available at the office.

7th STEP: "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

7th TRADITION: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

7th CONCEPT; The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

... Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...

Terry Bateman.... Executive Secretary

Buffalo Central Committee

July 6, 2003

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by Mike D., with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Mark McB. from Abbott Mens' read the purpose of Central Committee, Steve H. of Springville Tuesday Night read the traditions. There were two new group representatives, Rita from Lovejoy and Ryan from Williamsville. John H. from Gardenville moved to dispense with the reading of last months minutes, seconded by Pat M. of Rainbow.

40 Groups Attended: **District #1:** Complanters Again, Journey, Main and High, Sunday Niters, Sunrise Court, Those Too, You'll Never Walk Alone. **District #2:** Early Bird, North Buffalo, Three Legacies. **District #3:** Abbott Men's, Cazenovia, Gardenville, Iron Horse, New Life, Rainbow, Ridge, Southgate, Sunday Morning Breakfast, The Book Meeting, Thruway, Victory. **District #4:** Action, Holland, Patchin, Springville Tuesday Night. **District #5:** Big Book Lockport, 5th Tradition, Lockport #1, Lockport Ladies'. **District # 6:** Go To Any Lengths, Lakeshore, Serenity on the Lake. **District #7:** Buffalo, Ellicott, Let Go & Let God, Lovejoy, Remember When. **District #8:** Amherst Snyder, Williamsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen S. gave this report. \$220.00 has been donated as of June 15th.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Charmaine D., Amherst Snyder gave this report. The central office will be getting a new copier. Costs will remain the same. The ad hoc committee gave a report on moving the Central Office.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joanne C. gave this report. Joanne encouraged groups to continue donations during the summer. We are looking for someone to take over the job of Financial Chair. The position requires going to the Central Office 2x a month to reconcile financial accounts.

TREATMENT: Tom C. gave report. There have been some changes in meeting coverage. Also, moving the monthly Treatment meeting from Iron Horse to the Main and High group is being considered.

CORRECTIONS: Bob G. gave this report. The group is focused on generating ideas to encourage AA members to attend prison meetings.

SCREENERS: Dave P. gave the report. A new answering service, AAA Abbott Answering will be operational as of 7/14/03.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Terry B. gave the report. AA info 221 calls; 12th step - 10 calls; Alanon: 8, Visitors, 30, Volunteers; 18. Thank you. Office is pursuing getting not for profit status with the post office, to cut down postal costs. All checking accounts have been upgraded to free checking. As a reminder, if you wish to have a flyer included in the bulk mailing, there is a cost of \$25, to cover postage. New copier is being installed with no increase in cost.

PIC: No report

NEW FRONTIER: Debbie C. gave this report. Please continue to send in articles.

62nd BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Terry B. gave this report. The committee is working hard. Flyers have been distributed at many events. There are some changes in the registration form and individuals will now be able to pre-order souvenirs from the convention. Next meeting is 8/28/03.

ARCHIVES: Frank M gave this report. All is well.

RECAP: Several items were discussed during recap. Steve H. wanted clarification regarding the postage issue. Terri B. asked for info regarding the "Man in the bed" idea proposed by ECMC. The Treatment Committee is working on this and will bring a report back to Central Committee. Questions were also asked regarding the \$25.00 cost to groups re: flyers in the mailing.

OLD BUSINESS: We are still looking for an alternate to learn the treasurer's job.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike D. opened with a statement of what we would be voting on in August. 1st: Should we move the Central Office to the Tri-Main building? 2nd: If we vote to move then there will be a vote on the following options: 1.) Renovate the space ourselves, at an approximate cost of \$12,000. The rent will then be between \$585 and \$625 per month. 2.) Have the Tri-Main building do the renovations, resulting in a monthly increase in rent to \$775 indefinitely. The ad-hoc committee presented their report regarding the use of the space. Scott T. and Lee M., explained that the owners of the Tri-Main would work with us regarding having to pay rent in two places. Many questions were asked and much discussion was generated. Here is a list of the questions and concerns: If we do the work ourselves, does the committee think we will be able to find enough volunteers to do the work? How would we raise the money, if we do the renovations ourselves? Have we looked for other sites? Will there be room for Central Committee to meet where the new office will be located? Have we investigated staying in the Ellicott Square Building under a new lease? Do we have someone experienced to do the negotiating with the Tri-Main building if we decide to locate there? Are we aware of various liabilities we might incur were we to do the work ourselves? What happens if we don't generate enough money to complete the renovations if we do the work ourselves? Most of these questions were discussed and the committee in general seemed clear as to what to bring back to each home group. We appreciate the work the ad hoc committee is doing. Thanks.

We also spent time generating ideas for the Corrections Committee. Bob asked for help in finding ways to increase participation in prison meetings. Several suggestions were made: New Frontier, visiting meetings not represented at the Central Committee, contacting individuals on 12th Step list. Peter L., District 5 Steering Committee rep requested applications be brought to CC.

Thank you for the Seventh Tradition donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM Motion to close by Pat M.second, Lee M.

⊕	ATTENDED C.C.	CD	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative	⊕	ATTENDED C.C.	CD	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative
									Dunkirk Monday Night						
	11:45							⊕	Early Bird		50.00				
	12 Step								Easier Solter Way						
	4th Step Stumblers								East Amherst		30.00				
	6th Step								East Aurora		200.00				
	A Day At A Time		60.00						Easy Does It		75.00				
	A Little Bit of Everything							⊕	Ellicott	30.00	55.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	20.00
	A New Freedom								Ellicottville						
	A Strong Desire								Emergency						
⊕	Abbott Men's	80.00	260.00	80.00	260.00	80.00	260.00		Eternal Vigilance						
	Acceptance/Welcome	297.50	797.50						Everybody's	40.00	90.00				
	Achievement		500.00				100.00		Express		413.00				
⊕	Action	125.00	275.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00		Eyeopener		588.00				
	After Midnight								F.U.N.		10.00				10.00
	Age Doesn't Matter		150.00						Faith						
	Alexander	100.00	100.00					⊕	Father Baker		500.00				
⊕	Amherst Snyder	199.69	655.20						Feelings						
⊕	Amsdell Lakeshore	20.00	140.00						Fireside						
	Another Chance		26.00						Fireside PM						
	Any Age								First Things First		189.55				
	Any Length	30.00	120.00						Fredonia Discussion						
	Anybody's								Fredonia Friday Noon						
	As Bill Sees It	25.00	405.00						Freedom	100.00	275.00				
	Attitude Adjustment		50.00						Freedom Now						
	AW Group							⊕	Fresh Start						
	Attraction		280.00						Friendly		100.00				
	Beginner's Table								Frontier(New)		250.00				
	Beginning In Sobriety II		40.00					⊕	Gardenville		100.00				
	Beginning's Women		100.00		25.00		25.00		Georgetown	87.50	87.50				
	Blidwell Monday		75.00		75.00		75.00		Getting Better		17.66				
	Big Book Lockport		50.00				5.00		Giving						
	Big Book Study							⊕	Go to Any Length	100.00	400.00				
	Big Book Workshop								Golden Sipper		200.00				11.00
	Blasdell								Grand	80.00	120.00				
	Blasdell Monday Night		60.00						Grand If Joy of Living						
	Bochisatva		34.00						Grateful		60.00				
	Boulevard Helping Hand								Guiding Light						
	Boulevard Women		150.00						H.O.W.						
	Brass		50.00						Half and Half						
	Broadway Bailey								Hamburg						
	Brocton AA								Hand						
	Brownbaggers								Handcappers		500.00				
⊕	Buffalo Group	3.00	6.00						Happy Hour						
	But For the Grace of God								Harmony		50.00				
	By The Book								Helping Hand		90.00				
	Came To Believe								High Noon	200.00	600.00				
	Casting		75.00		10.00		10.00		High View		180.00				
	Cathedral Park	13.00	126.48	10.00	50.00	10.00	50.00		Higher Power						
	Caz Manor		13.00						Hibilly	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
⊕	Cazenovia		65.00		45.00		45.00	⊕	Holiday Village	125.00	900.00				
	Central Park							⊕	Hotland						
⊕	Chapter IX		120.00		60.00		60.00		Honesty	30.00	160.00			10.00	50.00
	Cheektowaga								Horizon						
	Chevy #1							⊕	Hope Big Book Study		25.00				
	Clarence Men's		50.00						How It Works						
	Clarence Men's II								How It Works/Men's		155.03		12.92		12.92
	Cold Spring		30.00						Humboldt Riley						
	Common Bond								Inner City						
	Common Problem								Inspiration		100.00				
⊕	Community Center		30.00		5.00		5.00		Intoxicated on Life	50.00	110.00			50.00	50.00
⊕	Complainers								Ironhorse	42.50	179.50	17.00	71.00	17.00	71.00
⊕	Courage		100.00		20.00		20.00		IT		10.00				
	Arcade								Jamestown Groups						
	Crossroads		188.00						Johnson Creek Big Book		80.00				
⊕	Cross Talk Big Book		75.00					⊕	Journey		13.00		10.00		10.00
	Daily Reflections		110.00						Just Do It						
	Daily Reprieve								Just For Today/Abion						
	DeVeaux Discussion								Just For Today/Cheek						
	Derby		150.00						Keep It Simple Sister	50.00	50.00				
	Desire								Keep On Coming						
⊕	Downtown Men's		2.00						Kenmore						

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⊕		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative	⊕		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
	Kensington								Renewal						
	Ladies Night							⊕	Ride Sober						
⊕	Lake Shore	20.00	445.00				61.00		Ridge	100.00	300.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	40.72
	Lakeview		50.00						Rise and Shine		50.00				10.00
	Last Days Fellowship		3.00						Rochester						
	Lewyers		293.00						Roland						
	LewPort								Rural Is Plural						
	Let Go and Let God		10.00		5.00		5.00		Saty						
	Liberty Women	40.00	90.00						Saratoga						
	Life Today		300.00						Searching For Serenity		150.00				50.00
	Lighten UP		352.40						Second Chance						
	Live and Let Live								Serenity		110.00				
	Living in the Solution								Serenity Circle	10.00	45.00				
⊕	Living Sober		60.00						Serenity on the Lake						
	Lock City		100.00						Serenity Trails						
	Lockport #1	640.00	640.00	80	80.00	92.85	97.36		Setaside						
	Lockport Discussion								Sheridan		40.00				
	Lockport Ladies	11.00	11.00						Silvercreek Friendship						
	Lockview		200.00				5.00		Sober and Proud						
	Look To This Day								Sober Saturday		100.00				
	Love								Sober Trail						
⊕	Lovejoy		90.00		50.00		20.00		Sober Winners	15.00	95.00				
	Lower River								Sobriety for Women						
	Lunch Time								Sobriety Men's Disc.		60.00		20.00		20.00
⊕	Main and High		15.00						Sobriety On The Canal						
	Main Street								Sobriety on a Sat. Night						
	Marilla		75.00						Sobriety on the Lake						
	Matt Talbot	100.00	300.00						Somerset						
	Mayville Uptown Group								South Buffalo						
	Medina Grapevine								South Town						
	McKinley Winners		100.00						Southgate		60.00				
	Medina Big Book								Southtown Women's						
	Medina New Life		30.00						Southwestern		200.00				
	Mercy							⊕	Spirit of Hope		150.00				
	Mid-day		42.95						Spiritual Progress		30.00				
	Miracle								Springville Sat. Afternoon		30.00				
	Morning After		75.00					⊕	Springville Tues. Night						
	Monday Morning Lockport								Springville Wed. Noon						
	New Awakening								St. Barnabas						
	New Frontier		380.00						St. Mark's		100.00				
	New Beginnings/St. Vincent								Starting Over	32.40	116.45				
⊕	New Life		20.00						Staying Alive						
	New Outlook								Step Work						
	Niagara Intergroup								Stepping Stones/Gow.		75.00				
	New Westside								Stepping Stones/WIL.		100.00				
	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		38.00						Suburban	10.00	60.00				
	Nightshift								Sunday Afternoon Ascension						
⊕	North Buffalo	200.00	500.00	50.00	125.00	50.00	2600.00	⊕	Sunday Morning Breakfast		450.00		125.00		125.00
	North Java Monday							⊕	Sunday Nilers		25.00				
	North Java Morning After								Sunday Third Group		10.00				
	North Java Sunday							⊕	Sunrise Court		300.00				
	One Day At A Time		50.00						SUNY Amherst Campus						
	Open Arms								Surrender and Hope	50.00	250.00		75.00	50.00	125.00
	Open Mind								Survivors						
	Orchard Park Step		200.00						T.P.H.						
	P.B.P. Big Book Study								TGIF						
	Pass It On								Thankful		45.00				
⊕	Patchin							⊕	The Book Meeting		40.00				
	Pathway to Peace								The Moonshiners						
	Pendleton Chapter Five								There's A Solution						
	Perry Discussion		10.00		15.00		25.00	⊕	Three Legacies		50.00		50.00		50.00
	Pink Can								Those Too	5.00	30.00				
	Pioneer							⊕	Thruway	100.00	1100.00	20.00	120.00	20.00	100.00
	Positively Living/Rena.		1000.00						Thursday PM Discussion		\$ 200.00				
	Powerless	10.00	10.00						Today						
	Primary Purpose		50.00						Today's Woman	1.00	31.00				
	Principles Bel. Personalities								Tri County	100.00	260.00				
	Progress								Tri-Step Beginners						
	Purpose/Tonawanda		250.00					⊕	Try Again	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		
⊕	Rainbow		50.00		25.00		25.00		Tuesday Men's AM	50.00	100.00				
	Ray of Hope		115.00						Tuesday Women		80.00		30.00		40.00
	Recovery Near the Gardens	25.00	85.00						Turning Point						
⊕	Remember When		50.00												

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⊕	Group	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
	Twin Cities	300.00	300.00				
	Unity		47.85				
	University Men's Disc.	153.00	384.00				90.00
	Valley						
	Varieties of Spiritual Exper.		20.00				
	Varysburg	5.00	5.00				
⊕	Victory		250.00		100.00		100.00
	Wake Up Cal						
	We Are Not Saints	21.72	21.72				
	We Care	30.00	150.00	20.00	120.00	10.00	60.00
	We Choose Life						
	Wehrie		50.00				
	Welcome						
	Westfield						
	Westminster						
	Why						
	Williamsville		200.00				
	Willing To Grow						
	Wilson Group		50.00				50.00
	Wilson Smith Alumni						
	Women on the Rise						
	Women's West Side						
	Working		190.00				
	You'll Never Walk Alone						
	Youngstown						
	In The Solution		20.00				
	Maryanne B.		12.30				
	Barbara B.		100.00				
	Jimerson		25.00				
	Anon.		126.04				
	TOTAL	4157.31	25716.13	587.00	1,953.92	499.85	4714.00

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ATTENDED CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Income Statement	15-Jan-03	15-Feb-03	15-Mar-03	15-Apr-03	15-May-03	15-Jun-03
Beg Bal Cash on hand	14,451.77	11,137.91	9,802.79	12,592.75	13,812.44	12,589.58
Contributions						
Groups	4,593.66	3,198.39	6,058.27	4,496.55	3,494.95	4,157.31
Joint Meeting	65.00	50.70	50.00	64.00	52.90	73.31
Envelope System	931.00	518.00	490.00	582.00	255.00	220.00
New Frontiers Subs	24.00	20.00	33.00	54.00	43.00	10.00
Literature	1,878.80	2,258.57	3,408.90	2,537.76	2,557.90	2,459.70
Misc.	30.00		1,113.64	25.00	6.00	500.00
Monthly Income	7,522.46	6,045.66	11,153.81	7,759.31	6,409.75	7,420.32
Expenses						
Office Rent	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll						
Salaries (Net)	2,078.65	1,662.92	1,662.92	1,662.92	2,078.65	1,679.56
Federal Withholdings	1,040.00	834.18	832.00	832.00	725.00	580.00
NYS Withholdings	326.60			354.60		
Insurance						
State Ins Fund				195.61		58.78
Health	304.00	304.00	304.00	304.00	304.00	304.00
Liability	993.86					
Postage	600.00	600.00		1,135.77	600.00	600.00
Phone	86.96	89.46	93.60	94.63	97.25	115.05
Accounting						
Advt						
PIC Lit						
Talking Phone Book						
Verizon	72.75	72.75	72.75	72.75	72.75	72.75
website						
white directory	359.55					
Yellow Pages		398.00		149.00		
Literature Expenses						
Grapevine			102.90			
World Services Inc	927.36	1,372.60	3,566.40		1,400.14	2,788.58
Hazeldon	601.11		313.63	348.48	348.48	
Printers	1,986.25					
Office Supplies		368.79			317.20	503.48
Answering service	577.98	796.83	523.65	504.61	641.51	535.78
Minolta leasing (copier)	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00
Minolta Copies					166.88	
Crystal Rock (water)	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Bank Charges	8.75	8.75	19.50	12.75	8.25	10.75
Monthly Expenses	10,836.32	7,380.78	8,363.85	6,539.62	7,632.61	8,121.23
Monthly Income (Loss)	(3,313.86)	(1,335.12)	2,789.96	1,219.69	(1,222.86)	(700.91)
End Bal Cash on hand	11,137.91	9,802.79	12,592.75	13,812.44	12,589.58	11,888.67
Literature Assets:	6,088.04	5,877.80	4,368.25	6,857.60	6,206.96	6,502.16
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	870.09	1,214.64	1,125.45	937.85	900.80	928.39
Corrections Facilites	1,046.56	1,428.64	1,716.06	1,769.06	1,804.58	1,832.08
Donations	455.58	299.42	410.00	350.22	224.00	499.85
Expenses	61.50		345.00	302.70	184.50	534.95
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	17.00
Balance	1,428.64	1,716.06	1,769.06	1,804.58	1,832.08	1,779.98
Treatment Facilites	821.71	483.15	657.82	865.82	571.60	669.19
Donation	295.00	309.42	255.00	324.50	183.00	587.00
Expenses						
AT & T Bridging The Gap	37.56	44.96	37.45	37.07	42.16	41.02
AAA Abott Answering Service	44.00	34.75	35.00	36.75	31.25	35.50
Literature	540.00	88.00		532.90		
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	17.00
Balance	483.15	657.82	865.82	571.60	669.19	1,162.67