

NEW FRONTIERS

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

July 2013

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 ensure anonymity



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

IN OUR OWN WORDS: Members share their thoughts on the Seventh Step

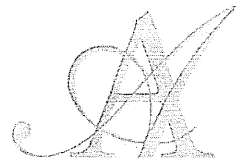
Step Seven is where the rubber meets the road. We take actions to implement the changes we need to make. We ask our higher and helping powers for help and guidance. We continue to ask for help and feedback because it usually takes a lot of time to make these changes and it's easy to revert back to our old coping strategies.

Step Seven was really a turning point for me in my ability to trust my Higher Power and the Program of recovery. Up till then I was mostly trying to stay straight and keep my act together one day at a time. All of a sudden I really wanted to change a lot more... to work at bringing myself into a more harmonious relationship with the world. To find out what this talk of serenity was all about.

For me, Step Seven involved considerable risk taking. Trying to do new things in new ways. It took practice to learn to reach out at meetings and develop new friendships. I took a big risk when I accepted a service position in my Home Group. It took

a lot of faith and help from my Higher Power to do these things... to not just say no automatically.

Step Seven starts with the word "Humbly" so we can gather that humility is an important key to this Step. Humility is just about the exact opposite of humiliation. It is a sense of our very humanness. A realistic acceptance of our strengths and weaknesses. We have been developing a more realistic acceptance of ourselves by working the first six Steps. Here's where I think humility really pays off. We get better on two levels. One we have a lot of control over. It's an intellectual choice as to how we behave and react to situations. We know what's right and we try to do it. But there's a deeper level of change that we can't really predict just when or how it happens. That's when we undergo changes on our personality and in our automatic reactions to what life throws our way. We can take all the Steps and do our best to use all the tools and assets we have, but those deeper changes happen in God's own time and manner. So when I say humility, I mean that we do what we can as best we can and the rest is up to our Higher Power.



Have you heard about it?

ENVELOPE SYSTEM? WHAT'S THAT???

The Envelope System was established to allow AA members to directly contribute monies to help defray the costs of operating the Buffalo Central Office, which in turn helps carry the message. By keeping the lines of AA open, through the Central Office, the hand of AA may be ever more accessible to the troubled alcoholic.

Joining the Envelope System gives you an opportunity to put our 12th Step into action and allows you to say in one more way...I am responsible.

There are many costs involved in keeping the Central Office open, such as telephones, postage, lights, rent, schedules, website up-keep, ECT.

To become a member is quite simple. Just call Central Office, leave your name and address and let them know that you are interested. The Envelope Chairman will send you a form, you decide on how much and how often...and we are off and running. Now wasn't that easy! What is better is the feeling you get.

Now we even have the options of putting it on a credit/ debit card. You can even set up automatic payments through your bank account. (At least I have this option with my online bill pay)

Don't know how much to contribute? Maybe consider putting in what you drank a day, all right so that is a little silly, maybe. But why not at least the cost of a drink per day. What's your sobriety worth?

Anonymity is kept. The Envelope Chairperson is the only one who knows who is contributing and the amount.

As Bill W. put it in 1957, "Our spiritual way of life is safe for the future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility---one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills paid.

But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

(The Language of the Heart, p. 221)

The survival of Our Office is in jeopardy... over the years we have seen a declining trend in contributions...

Are each and every one of us responsible... or is that someone else's Responsibility???

Envelope System	
Year	Total
2012	5,377.00
2011	5,021.00
2010	5,790.00
2009	5,656.00
2008	5,860.00
2007	6,517.00
2006	6,027.00
2005	5,870.00

2004	5,634.00
2003	6,409.00
2002	7,456.00
2001	4,983.00
2000	5,114.00
1999	6,258.00
1998	7,328.00
1997	7,281.00
1996	6,956.00
1995	5,867.00

1994	5,661.00
1993	6,359.00
1992	6,207.00
1991	6,563.00
1990	6,564.00
1989	7,975.00
1988	8,759.00

CAN YOU HELP!

Bill D., The Man On the Bed

July 4th, 1935 was A.A.'s first Independence Day. By then, Bill W. had put together a few months of sobriety and carried the message to Dr. Bob, who had a couple of weeks. Dr. Bob had suggested to Bill that they get busy helping other drunks in order to stay sober themselves, which had led them to a couple of wet ones who just couldn't seem to get it. They had finally gone to Akron City Hospital and talked to Bill D., who seemed just as hopeless. He thought he couldn't surrender to any kind of a God after everything he'd done—beaten up helpless people, ruined his own life, and done the same to others. He did say they could come back, because they seemed to understand. But he didn't feel any hope on the morning of July 4th. He couldn't sleep. The more he tried, the more he sank into darkness instead. He had drunk his way out of God's grace. He knew it. He could feel it.

But he thought about his two visitors more, and how much like him they really were. They could remember the same sensations, even the same smells from drinking that he could. They'd been where he'd been. They'd felt what he'd felt. They'd found a way out. When the next thought came, it brought real hope: "If they can do it, I can do it." And that became his path to God's grace—nothing but suffering, failure, and surrender, transformed by the fact that he shared it with others. If they could do it, so could he. He realized that the price for this new life was surrender. He couldn't run it. God had to. This was a God who could help him, though—the one who sent him this new hope. It was easier to surrender, then, and, finally, easy to sleep. He had found independence from alcohol through dependence on the God of his understanding.

Later on July 4th, Bill D. walked out of the hospital at the start of a sobriety that would last the rest of his life. He was not the same man who'd walked in. That man might have rushed to the office to get back to work, and would not have stayed sober. Bill D. celebrated sobriety by going on a picnic instead, by a lake where he was joined by Henrietta, the first two A.A. members, and their wives. He chose the fellowship over his professional life, and Mel B. says that his law practice never quite flourished after that. Here's what did instead: faith. Bill had found a quality of faith born out of absolute hopelessness, and he devoted his life to sharing it with alcoholics as hopeless as he had been. He may have been a quieter man than Bill W. and Dr. Bob, but he had their fire, and he passed it on with a real, human warmth. Henrietta said it best: "He liked people, and people liked him."

If you go to Akron's Inter- group office, you'll see its beautiful front window: a stained glass replica of the "Man On the Bed" painting that shows Bill W. and Dr. Bob with Bill D. In the stained glass, his face is left blank. That may be for practical reasons, but maybe it's easier for us to see ourselves in that white space, to really see what he came to believe: "If they can do it, I can, too." ...Chad P.

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

e-mail address: buffaloA.A.@hotmail.com

or mail to

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Buffalo, New York 14210**

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Heard @ a Meeting

~ Anonymous ~

A safe landing is promised ~
not a calm passage

IN MEMORIAM

Things We Can Not Change

~
To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones ~
Our thoughts and prayers are with you

PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFO

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JULY 2013

MEETING CHANGES

- July 17, Boulevard Women's Group will not meet due to church functions.
- Living In The Solution, meeting update: Wed. 8 PM, Sat. 8 PM, Thurs. Cancelled. Will restart Aug. 1st.
- **New Group: AA Breakfast Meeting**, Buffalo Psychiatric Center, 400 Forest Ave, Buffalo, 14213. Monday & Friday, 9:30 AM. Open Meeting.
- **Lakeview Group** has moved back to its original location, Lady Of Perpetual Help Church, 2052 Lakeview Rd., 14085.
- "Why" Group, Sunday's 8:30 PM, Kenmore Presbyterian Church, will be a Big Book Study the 1st & 3rd Sunday's.
- **Women In Recovery upcoming event**; Launching a New format "Big Book Study" the first 165 pages lead by Harriet G speakers on the last Wednesday 6 PM 1021 Main St , Buffalo.
- **Gahada Goh** is still in the same location but the actual address has changed to 11278 Southwester, Irving, NY 14081.
- Elmwood Group **has new meeting times**, 7:30 am and 7 pm daily Monday through Sunday so we now meet at 7:30am ,9 am ,1pm,4pm and 7 pm everyday if the year including all holidays that is the Elmwood group at 2590 Elmwood ave near Kinsey ave, Kenmore
- **New Group: HIP (Hope Is Promised); Friday's 6:30 PM**, Open Discussion. St. John's Grace, 50 Colonial Circle, Buffalo, 14222. Babysitting Available.
- **New Group: A Vision For You, Tuesday's 6:30 PM**, Harvest House, 56 Matteson, Fredonia, 14063 Non Smoking, Closed Discussion.
- **New Group: Friday Nite Early Call**, South Park United Methodist Church, 73 Ashton, South Buffalo, 14220. Friday's 7:30 PM. Closed Meeting.
- **Hamburg Early Bird**; All Saints Lutheran Church, Hamburg, 6:30 AM: **NO LONGER MEETS.**
- **IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.**

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Jul 7, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office (Hosted by Orchard Park Step Group)
- ~ Jul 2, "**Nightwatch**" **Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, 6 PM , Central Office, 681 Seneca St.

~ Jul 6, **The Living In The Solution Group** is sponsoring their “ **23rd Annual Forth Step Workshop** “ Saturday, 10 A.M. To 4 P.M. Amity Club; 340 Military Rd @ Hertel Ave.. Speakers. Inventory work-sheets and other workshop materials provided - Guidance and Instruction's on writing a 4 Th Step.. Do-nation \$3.00 to help cover costs. NO MONEY, come anyway..No One turned away. Bring pencils, paper & bag lunch.

~ Jul 9,,**Archives Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street

~ Jul 9,**Public Information Committee meeting**, Monday, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what we are not to do, PLEASE come out and get involved.

Help keep A.A. around for your children. Buffalo Central Office, 6 PM.

~ Jul 15, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office,681 Seneca Street. Please if you or your group are taking a meeting into a treatment facility , could you please send a rep to this meeting

~ Jul 18, **72nd Buffalo Fall Convention Planning Meeting**, Thursday, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.

~ Jul 21, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 3rd-SUNDAY, 7:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Se-neca .

~ Jul 21, **Tri County Group annual summer picnic**, Sunday, starts at 12:00 until dark, speakers, fam-ily fun, bring a dish dinner, group will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and coffee or soda, music and games. Gowanda Firemen's park Rt. 62 Gowanda. Bring the Family

~ Jul 13, **Carrying The Message- "Acceptance"**, 15th Anniversary, sponsored by **Main & High** group.9:30 am-3:45 pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street (across from Wendy's). Panels & Speakers,50/50, Hot Lunch, Refreshments. Registration:\$6, Alateen: \$5.

~ Jul 27, Matt Talbot will be celebrating its 50th Group Anniversary. St. John's Lutheran Church, 67 Litchfield Ave, Depew. Food at 6:30pm, Speaker at 8:30pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and cake. Bring a dish if you wish. No children please. **Wednesday, July 31st will be a regular, closed meeting.

Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, **60th Annual Tri - State Assembly**, Labor Day Weekend. Bellinger Hall Retreat, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY. Free parking and no gate pass. For more information call Helen S. (716) 693 - 6543 after 7 PM Mon. through Fri. Or Email- maxter003@roadrunner.com.

~ Oct 4-6, **FALL SPIRITUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**: Saint Columban Center (Derby, NY). Speakers, groups, spiritual advisors & lots of food, fun & fellowship. Cost: \$145 (inc. meals & lodging). Contact per-son: Marilyn 799-4094.

~ Oct 25, 26 & 27 , **72nd. BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION** Adam's Mark Hotel. 120 Church St, Buffalo, 14202.

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

7th TRADITION: “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining out-side contributions.”

7th CONCEPT; The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instru-ments, 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 Executive Secretary

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Alexander

Carl T. 27y

Amherst/Snyder

Ivan F. 2y

Jen H. 6y

Sheilla C. 10y

Janet M. 10y

Dave P. 19y

Rick S. 19y

Steve G. 24y

Thom D. 24y

Tina D. 24y

Bob L. 28y

Don H. 41y

Any Lengths

Mike J. 8y

Candy H. 8y

Ben H. 21y

Dianne Z. 22y

Ralph D. 30y

Blvd Helping Hands

Dom M. 3y

Boulevard Women

Jamie H. 6m

Carry The Message

Randy H. 9y

Coldsprings

Ron D. 26y

Dawn Of Hope

Dorothy C. 5y

Easy Does It

Tom E. 12y

Laurie J. 18y

Barbara M. 27y

Harriett G. 29y

Fireside

Ruth J. 3y

Wendy W. 5y

Arthur W. 8y

Megan H. 12y

Elaine C. 20y

Roseanne P. 27y

Eyeopener South

Scott W. 1y

Paul P. 2y

Tim J. 3y

Sue K. 5y

Jen H. 6y

Dyana G. 12y

David H. 15y

Larry H. 37y

Golden Slipper

Tito 23y

Ironhorse

Margaret A. 8y

Sue C. 23y

Steve K. 27y

Gene S. 29y

How It Works

Paul 3m

Bob H. 1y

Steve K. 1y

Nadav 3y

Burt 4y

Andy R. 5y

Brian 14y

Tom M. 15y

Doug K. 25y

Just For Today

Linda S. 21y

Kensington

Jo Jo G. 28y

Dick H. 34y

Lakeshore

Chris S. 1y

Paul P. 2y

Annie D. 5y

Charles H. 46y

Matt Talbot

Randy K. 7y

Mike J. 8y

Ralph D. 30y

North Buffalo

Bev B. 6m

Leandro R. 6m

Kati B. 6m

Dominic L. 6m

Stephanie T. 6m

Stephen A. 2y

Brett F. 2y

Vinny M. 2y

Kristalee M. 3y

Kim M. 5y

Judy D. 7y

Daniel B. 8y

Reggie R. 9y

Tim V. 12y

Donna H. 25y

Terry N. 27y

Mara O. 28y

Mike R. 34y

Orchard Park Step

Ray B. 7y

John G. 21y

Holly M. 24y

Renaissance

Simone L. 2y

Luther W. 12y

Rise & Shine

David T. 6m

Tanya M. 9m

Elaine E. 1y

Margaro M. 1y

Melanie M. 2y

Gary Z. 2y

Kim M. 5y

Delilah W. 5y

Lynn H. 6y

Joe R. 6y

Matt T. 6y

Raymond S. 6y

Mike V. 9y

Jack G. 20y

Kim C. 26y

Serenity

Gerry G. 2y

Janet F. 5y

Lee P. 5y

Don M. 7y

Sheridan

Christopher D. 1y

Olivia B. 2y

Bernie M. 5y

Joe B. 20y

Spiritual Progress

Maura L. 3y

Holly 3y

Lisa J. 6y

The Journey

Tim V. 2y

Jenn I. 2y

Brad 2y

Melanie M. 2y

Thomas S. 4y

Maqqie K. 5y

Jimmy P. 6y

Michael B. 20y

Suzie Z. 23y

Valley

O2 Tom G. 32y

Women In Recovery

Denise R. 9m

Brianna J. 3y

Carmen C. 4y

Harriet G. 30y

Williamsville

Bruce 2y

Sue H. 11y

Dave Y. 19y

Diane D. 31y

Don H. 41y

"Pass It On"



Bill W.

Group Anniversaries

Alexander; 31y
 Big Book Lockport; 32y
 Blasdell Monday Nite; 23y
 Brass; 51y
 Courage; 36y
 East Aurora; 43y
 Ellicottville; 32y
 Feelings; 27y
 Freedom; 28y
 Giving; 29y
 Hillbilly; 66y
 How it Works/Men's; 20y
 Inspiration; 45y
 Positively Living II; 32y
 Willing to Grow; 23y
 Women Making The Effort; 8



"TRUDGE THE ROAD
 TO
 HAPPY DESTINY"

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

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES June 2nd, 2013

Chip R. Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Vince (Lockport # 1) read the Preamble, Dave (Derby) read the Purpose of Central Committee, Inger (Williamsville) read the Twelve Traditions. It was moved by Alan (Brass) and seconded by Dave (Derby) to accept the May minutes. Refreshments were provided by the O.P. Step group (next month they will be provided by Highview). New groups were greeted and 31 groups were represented: Zone #1: . Zone #2: Acceptance/Welcoming, Boulevard Women's, Common Solution, Elmwood Group, North Buffalo, Questions & Answers, Sober Train, Step Action, Three Legacies, Sense of Duty. Zone # 3: Abbott Men's Disc., Courage, Ridge, Sober Saturday, South Buffalo, Thruway. Zone #4: Action, New Life. Zone #5: Lockport #1, Simplicity. Zone #6: As Bill Sees It, Carrying the Message, Derby, Go to Any Lengths, Lakeshore, WE. Zone #7: Zone #8: Achievement, Eye Opener, Midnight Discussion, Williamsville, Women Making the effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

•**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** No Report.

•**STEERING COMMITTEE-** No Report.

•**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Income – Currently \$6,128 is the lowest total income for the year. Contributions were \$2,921, \$700 below average. Envelope system was \$127, by far the lowest of this year and \$200 below average. Literature sales of \$2,490 were also down \$1,200 from average. We have started to accept credit cards for literature, pins, medallions, and donations this past month.

Expense – Our expenses for the month totaled \$7,986 which was \$1,731 below average and still resulted in a loss of \$1,858. I made a point of mentioning averages this month to illustrate one crucial point. We have lost, on the average, \$833 per month so far this year. We will not be able to continually dip into the Prudent Reserve and are currently not even in the position to repay the \$5,000 from last year. The office rent will only increase \$100 per month as opposed to the original \$400 proposed by the building's new management. Our executive secretary, Terry B. successfully negotiated a reduction. Next month, we anticipate extra expenses of \$1,500 for schedules and \$770 for sales tax. The answering service has been replaced by Nightwatch, currently manned by Terry B., Jason and Jake, with a savings of \$170 per month. The savings will be offset by the rent increase and credit card fees. Our current checking balance for Central Office is \$15,938.79 and our Prudent Reserve is \$23,112.61. The Prudent Reserve's interest was not yet recognized for May.

Accounts Receivable – The accounts receivable total is \$131.32 all current with one group having a small credit.

Corrections – Contribution of \$106.58 and expenses of \$71.00 resulting in a checking balance of \$1,475.59

Treatment – Contributions of \$25.00 and an expense of \$3.00 resulting in a checking balance of \$2,355.46.

Yours in AA, Sue B.

•**TREATMENT:** No report.

•**CORRECTIONS:** On May 19th the Corrections Committee met from 6:00pm to 7:00pm here at central office. Other than myself one other person attended and that was my sponsor. We meet every third Sunday at 6:00 pm at central office. Thanks to the generosity of some home groups we are able to bring in literature to all the facilities regularly, thank you. We discussed that there are still a number of open days for Gowanda and Wendy. We are also looking for volunteers to go into the holding center. Every Friday the women go in and Thursday is for men. If anyone is interested in helping us and really experiencing something great please call my daytime number 716-777-2245 and night time 716-602-3648. You may also contact the co-chair Pete, 716-597-7831.

Respectfully submitted, Matt D.

•**CENTRAL OFFICE:**

TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER HOURS:

AA INFO: 401, 12-STEP:21, ALANON:3, VISITORS:133, VOLUNTEERS: 5

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: A New Life-1, Kiss-1, Spirit of Hope-7, VIP-2.

- 1) After negotiating back and forth with the building I negotiated the \$400/month rent increase down to \$100/month effective next month. This is a 2 year lease.
- 2) With new weight/page limits on the non for profit bulk mailing, we are going to have to reduce the article section of the newsletter from 7 pages to 3 pages.
- 3) Traditionally, any communications group changes and/or updates concerning groups has needed to be submitted in writing to avoid any miscommunications.
- 4) I will be taking vacation days on June 20 & 21.

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

•**NEW FRONTIERS:** No Report.

•**PIC:** The committee met last on the 13th of May. There were 6 members in attendance. We have no presentations or health fairs coming up this month, but we are setting up plans to do a presentation with the special needs committee at a nursing home. We are also putting up flyers on public message boards in the community. Our next committee meeting will be on the birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous, June 10th (debated to actually be June 17th) at 6:00 PM at the central office. WE are currently accepting new members to the committee. To learn more, you can contact Zach Fxxxxxx @ 405-623-8395 or email the committee at buffaloPICPC@gmail.com
Sincerely, Zach F.

•**NIGHT WATCH:** The Nightwatch program is up and running. The committee and our executive secretary have begun testing the program and it has been working well. The committee will be contacting the groups that volunteered to participate.

Yours in service, Jason D.

• **CONVENTION:**

- 1) Prices are set at
 - a. General Admission badge only: \$20.00
 - b. Banquet Admission: \$60.00
- 2) Next convention meeting at 6:00 PM, June 20, 2013, Thursday at central office.

Respectfully, Alan D.

• **GSA LIAISON:** There was no meeting this month. They had a post Conference report from our Delegate on May 18th. There were many interesting items for the different committees that would help them. One of the items was recommended that a commemorative 75th Anniversary Edition of the first edition, first printing of Alcoholics Anonymous be published in April 2014. It is important that all groups send their GSRs to the meeting on July 14th at 12:00 PM at the Hamburg Town Hall, so that your group has a say to what's happening in our General Assembly Area 50.

Yours in Service, Pat M. GSA Liaison.

• **ARCHIVES:** We thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you this past month. We have attended and or reported to the four intergroups in Area 50. We continue to have work nights each Tuesday at Buffalo Central Office. We had one display this month at the Boulevard Helping Hands 16th Group Anniversary. It was well attended by local groups and by most members of the Archives Committee. We also had good representation at the Post-Conference Workshop May 18th. It was hosted by the "Women in Recovery." We learned that a replica of the First Edition Big Book will be available in April 2014 through the International Convention in Atlanta in 2015. The price has not been determined yet. It will have a new dust jacket, but the size and paper quality of the book will be representative of the 1939 printing. We look forward to this First Edition copy being available to the fellowship. We will have at display June 12th at the 22nd Anniversary of the Winner's Circle Group at 529 E. Main Street, Batavia. It is a 7 pm meeting at the Salvation Army--entrance and parking in the rear of the building. There is a display scheduled July 13th at the Main-High Day of Sharing.

Our monthly meeting in June is scheduled for June 15th at 10 am at Buffalo Central Office. The information in the New Frontiers scheduling it on a Tuesday evening is incorrect. The July monthly meeting will be July 13th at the Main-High Day of Sharing and will take place in the Library after the first speaker. In August, we should be back to a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on the second Saturday of the month at 10 am at Buffalo Central Office.

We had contributions in May from the Iron Horse Group and Women Making The Effort Group. We are an autonomous committee and depend upon donations from the groups and special events to continue our work. Please send contributions to Area 50 WNY Archives, c/o Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Buffalo, New York 14210.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Service,

Wally E.

Area 50 Archives Chair

• **AD HOC – Central Committee Inventory:** The committee met Wednesday 5-29-2013 at 7:30 PM, 4 members in attendance. We received info from other intergroups and how they did their central committee inventories, including the inventory from a couple years ago. We've been considering different formats and what the inventory will address and how. We are concerned about how to: have representation on the committee from each of our geographic zones, properly publicizing the event, and budget.

Our next meeting will be held at 7:30 on Wednesday 6/12 after the Step Action Group meeting held at Deerpark Presbyterian Church. 257 Deerpark street in Kenmore. We've been meeting every other week.

Respectfully Submitted, Derik H.

• **AD HOC – 12 Step Call:** On May 28, I received a list of 89 people's names that Terry had organized on an excel sheet of volunteers, where they were from and other pertinent information, to find the right person for the 12 step call. We have volunteers from 24 different areas of Western N.Y., which represents mostly all of the areas we need to cover. I am so happy to see the response from all of you and our fellow A.A. members. There is a need to get more people in the outer edges of our area but I think this is a great start. Al D. would like to set up a sign up sheet at the fall convention for the 12 step call list.

Susan M.

• **RECAP:**

• **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

• **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

NEXT MEETING: June 7th, 2013 at 7pm.

It was moved by Jason (Lakeshore) and seconded by Alan (Brass) that we adjourn; adopted. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Nadav W., Recording Secretary, How It Works.

Cash Flow Statement	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-12
Beg Bal Cash on hand	14,432.31	14,481.03	17,796.70
Contributions			
Groups	3,775.95	5,773.41	2,920.64
Joint Meeting	46.77	50.00	52.15
Envelope System	419.00	697.00	127.00
New Frontiers Subs	33.00	10.00	20.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	4,375.35	3,325.65	2,490.35
Literature Sales Tax	319.40	247.60	203.85
Literature Postage	50.22	45.28	3.95
Sales+/-			
Archives Room Rent:May-Aug			240.00
Com. Meetings at CO	22.41	19.00	20.00
Mail/Misc. -refund from Verizon	32.18	71.81	50.00
Tax Returns			
Transfer from PR			
Income Transfer to Corrections/Treatment			
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)			
Conventions/Day of Sharing			
Monthly Income	9,074.28	10,239.75	6,127.94
Expenses			
Office Rent	892.23	918.81	859.54
Electric	90.00	90.00	90.00
Payroll Gross	3,857.10	2,571.40	2,571.40
Employment Taxes	345.40	196.70	196.70
Unemployment Surcharge			
NYS Sales Tax	809.88		
Insurance			
State Ins Fund(Travelers)	(3.60)	(2.40)	(2.40)
Health	686.03	686.03	686.03
Liability			
Postage	289.08	210.56	300.66
Phone/Internet	125.48	125.82	125.49
Accounting			1,600.00
Paychex	137.17	110.01	105.00
Advt			
Talking Phone Book			
Super Media website	332.30	166.15	166.15
Local Edge Yellow Pages			143.00
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine			
World Services Inc	861.60	1,306.00	
Hazeldon			523.60
Printers			2,007.50
Medallions			457.72
PINS			
Petty Cash			
Office Supplies	52.69		30.00
Answering service	177.20	172.20	162.70
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00
PIC			
Bank Fee's including credit cards fee's	3.00	3.00	57.98
literature returns reimbursement			
Seed \$\$			626.60
Seminar			
Transfer to Corrections/Treatment			456.00
Monthly Expenses	9,025.56	6,924.08	7,985.85
Monthly Income (Loss)	48.72	3,315.67	(1,857.91)
End Balance	14,481.03	17,796.70	15,938.79
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Balance	17,481.03	20,796.70	18,938.79
PRUDENT RESERVE	23,111.66	23,112.61	23,112.61
Assets: Literature & Medallions	12,922.31	12,273.20	11,317.82
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	647.50	475.80	131.32
PIC Removed from Stock			
Corrections Facilities	1,234.26	1,368.01	1,440.01
Contributions	212.95	75.00	106.58
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00
Expenses	77.00		68.00
Balance	1,368.01	1,440.01	1,475.59
Treatment Facilities	2,644.46	2,801.46	2,333.46
Contributions	160.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses		490.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00
Balance	2,801.46	2,333.46	2,355.46

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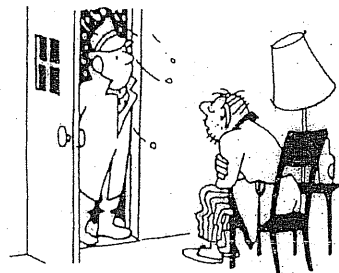
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New Frontiers ~ July '13

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS						
GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	MAY	YEAR	MAY	YEAR	MAY	YEAR
6 11:45		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 12 Steps/12 Traditions		50.00		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
4 A Day At A Time		180.00		0.00		0.00
3 Abbott Corners		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Abbott Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Acceptance/Welcome		100.00		0.00		0.00
3 Achievement		100.00		100.00		100.00
4 Action		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Akron Awareness		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Albion Grapevine		20.00		0.00		0.00
3 Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Amherst/ Snyder		289.96		0.00		0.00
6 Amsdell Lakeshore		100.00		0.00		0.00
1 Angola Early Bird		25.00		0.00		0.00
2 Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Any Length	35.00	175.00		0.00		0.00
4 Arcade		40.00		0.00		0.00
6 As Bill Sees It		104.00		104.00		0.00
Attica		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		50.00		25.00		25.00
5 Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Attraction		34.00		0.00		0.00
6 Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Back To Basics		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Beginners Group (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Beginning's Women		25.00		0.00		0.00
5 Big Book Lockport		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 BB Spiritual Studies		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Big Book Study		80.00		0.00		0.00
3 Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Blasdell Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Blasdell Saturday		40.00		0.00		0.00
1 Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Boulevard Helping Hand		50.00		0.00		0.00
2 Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Brass	10.00	10.00		0.00		0.00
1 Building Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 By The Wayside		50.00		0.00		0.00
6 Carry the Message		150.00		0.00		0.00
1 Castile		50.00		0.00		0.00
7 Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Cayuga Wake-Up Call		200.00		0.00		0.00
1 Caz Manor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Central City Cafe		75.00		0.00		0.00
2 Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Cheektowaga		275.00		0.00		0.00
6 Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Common Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Complainers	0.82	46.89		0.00		0.00
3 Courage	50.00	195.00		0.00		0.00
2 Daily Reflections		100.00		0.00		0.00
2 Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Dawn of Hope		25.00		0.00		0.00
5 Derby	150.00	250.00		0.00		0.00
6 Derby Lunch		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Downtown Men's		59.12		0.00		0.00
6 Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
4 Early Bird South		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
East Amherst Traditions		101.72		0.00		0.00
4 East Aurora		300.00		0.00		0.00
2 Easy Does It		320.00		90.00		90.00
4 Ellicottville		100.00		0.00		0.00
2 Elmwood	10.00	30.00		0.00		0.00
6 Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Eyeopener	64.26	904.44		0.00		0.00
4 Eyeopener South		118.00		29.00		0.00
2 Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Fireside PM		335.27		0.00		0.00
8 Fireside		204.21		0.00		0.00
6 First Things First		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Fresh Start		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS						
GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	MAY	YEAR	MAY	YEAR	MAY	YEAR
2 Friends of Bill W		0.00		25.00		0.00
1 Frontier(New)	17.19	51.34		0.00		0.00
3 Gardenville		110.00		0.00		0.00
8 Georgetown	300.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
2 Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Gettin With It		148.55		0.00		0.00
1 Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Go to Any Length		228.01		228.00		228.00
5 Golden Slipper		250.00		0.00		0.00
2 Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Grand II Joy of Living		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 H.O.W.		10.00		0.00		0.00
6 Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Hamburg Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Harmony		21.00		0.00		0.00
3 Helping Hand	25.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
8 High Noon	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8 High View		150.00		0.00		0.00
7 Higher Power		0.00		0.00		0.00
4 Hillbilly		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Holiday Village	200.00	700.00		0.00		0.00
4 Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Honesty		50.00		0.00		0.00
1 Hope's Horizon		100.00		0.00		0.00
2 How It Works/Men's		250.00		0.00		0.00
3 Inspiration		3.30		0.00		0.00
5 Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Ironhorse	177.41	635.45	31.58	103.70		0.00
8 IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Journey		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		50.00		0.00		0.00
5 Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4 Keep It Simple Sister		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8 Kensington	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
6 Lake Shore		400.00		0.00		0.00
6 Lakeview		75.00		0.00		0.00
3 Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		192.47		0.00		0.00
1 Lawyer's		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 LewPort	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
2 Liberty Women		115.00		0.00		0.00
4 Life Today		45.00		0.00		0.00
8 Lighten UP		240.00		0.00		0.00
1 Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Lockport #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Lockport Discussion		80.00		0.00		0.00
5 Lockport Ladies		0.00		0.00		0.00
6 Lockport Tuesday		90.00		0.00		0.00
5 Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7 Lovejoy	25.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
5 Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 Main and High		30.00		0.00		0.00
4 Main Street		200.00		0.00		0.00
8 Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
4 Manila	50.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
3 Matt Talbot	2.26	30.59		0.00		0.00
6 McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		0.00		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		115.00		0.00		0.00
8 Midnight Discussion		205.00		0.00		0.00
5 Miracle Happen		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 Monday Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
2 Morning After		200.00		0.00		0.00
7 New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 New Beginnings/St. Vincent		140.00		0.00		0.00
5 Newfane Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5 New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3 New Life		40.00		0.00		10.00
5 New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1 New Westside		30.00		0.00		0.00
5 Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		36.00		0.00		0.00
2 North Buffalo	200.00	400.00		0.00		0.00

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