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TRADITION SIX By Bill Wilson May 1948

The sixth of our Twelve Principles of AA Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the AA movement to money and property.

This tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property, and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an AA group must ever be on guard.

Tradition Six also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the AA name or money credit to any outside enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the AA name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual AAs who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the AA movement to its sole aim, and ensure (how-ever wealthy as individuals we may become) that AA itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk that distractions of corporate wealth. Years of experience have proven these principles beyond doubt. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

Thank God, we AAs have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property, and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well-meaning donor present an AA group with a sizable sum and we break, loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bankroll.

This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not AA?"

Of course, we of AA would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts money is usually primary; it is their lifeblood. But money is not the lifeblood of AA. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain this easily enough, we don't need money. The core of our AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It is the message, not the place, it is the talk, not the alms. That does our work.

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WE WELCOME YOU...

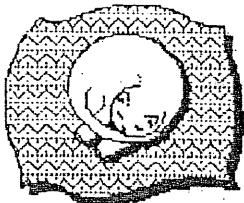
The following are the Themes for the coming issues of newsletter.

- July: Humility
- August: Brotherly Love
- September: Justice
- October: Perseverance

We hope that this will spur you to think about writing an article or some other demonstration of your thoughts on these Topics

THIS MONTH : THEME : WILLINGNESS

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Helen's Corner

There is only one person, on this planet, that can get us to the point that we become willing. Only we, ourselves can admit, accept and finally surrender to the fact that doing it our way had led us to the edge of destruction and only by an act of willingness could we hope to change our destiny.

The two words, in the Big Book on page 60, which have always spelled the difference, for me, between sobriety and relapse are - "Being convinced." No one, before AA, has ever been able to convince me of anything. Even now I find I need to convince myself before I become willing to change my point of view. Recovery is always an inside job.

When I ask myself what prevents me from being more willing - my answer is always fear. Fear is a four letter word which has been my constant companion for as long as I can remember. Sadly, fear (numerous fears, including anxiety attacks) has proved to be the one force capable of influencing my thoughts and actions. To become willing means I need to allow myself to risk. Taking risks is not easy for a person filled with fear.

The benefits, to my well-being of risk-ing was brought to my attention several years ago from a book marker, it reads:

*"I am responsible"
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA
always to be there
and for that
I am responsible.*

Was that the hand of AA, reaching out, flicking the lights on and off at Thursday morning's AA meeting? Telling everyone to be out by 11? I don't believe so.

Has it been our group conscience vote that is closing down our meetings after one short hour?

Telling everyone to get out before a table is finished is not at all AA as I know it. Yet it is happening, not just once in awhile, but on a regular basis at the morning meetings I treasure.

Three times this week we were asked to leave three different AA meetings so that the folks who have appointed themselves group conscience could clean up and go home early.

"To laugh is to risk
appearing the fool.
To weep is to risk
appearing sentimental.
To reach out for another
is to risk involvement.
To expose your feelings is to risk
exposing your true self.
To place your ideas, your dreams
before a crowd is to risk.
To love is to risk not being loved
in return.
To live is to risk dying.
To hope is to risk despair.
To try is to risk failure.
But, risks must be taken because
the greatest hazard in life is
to risk nothing at all.
The person who risks nothing,
does nothing, has nothing,
and is nothing.
They may avoid suffering
and sorrow but they cannot
learn,
feel, change, grow, love, live.
Chained by their certitudes,
they are a slave.
They have forfeited their
freedom.
Only a person who risks is free."

Yours in the Spirit of AA
Helen S.

We were doing the Second Step and were not half finished when the lights began to flick on and off and we were asked to leave. One man had come from Canada and passed because he knew we had to leave.

It's happening on a real regular basis and it is not AA. It is control, impatience, and intolerance. I would hate to think of the new person believing that "this is how it works".

Our churches are not asking us to leave early -- Why are our members?

I was told early on that AA was here long before I came and would go on long after I left. I was told an AA meeting was a caring, loving, sharing and safe place to be and that the doors would always be open for me. Thank God, this has been true up until now.

I only pray that no one is walking into any of these meetings in pain, hoping to find relief and understanding only to be turned away at 11 finding it necessary to drink by 12.

As a group we can put a stop to turning away from each other in our times of need and becoming "Responsible" once again.

Lucille F.

I REMEMBER DR. BOB
by B.M.B., Naples, Fla.
Excerpts - Grapevine - February 1977

In the words of the legendary Sister Ingatia, "He always seemed different from the rest..." And as a student nurse at City Hospital in Akron, Ohio during the early thirties, I felt precisely the same way.

For one thing, he was neither pompous nor condescending. He didn't ignore me or, for that matter, any other student. Obviously unimpressed by either rank or status, he had the same greeting for every female on the staff, from the first-year student to charge nurse or supervisor - a democratic "Hi ya woman!"

And in those pre-woman's-lib days, when we'd step aside at an elevator or door so that doctors could precede us, we all knew that Dr. R.H.S. would push us ahead of himself, just as he'd glare above his glasses and growl, "Sit down, woman!" when we'd automatically start to rise upon his entrance to the chart room. Most unusual of all, he'd thank us after we'd made rounds with him or helped change a dressing.

These characteristics and memories came flooding back into my mind years later when I became a member of AA and realized that my wonderful Dr. R.H.S. and AA's beloved Dr. Bob were one in the same.

His now-famous admonition to "Keep it Simple" was a pre-AA innovation. Dr. Bob always kept things simple, and the nurses who scrubbed for him loved him for it. His surgical skills were admired and highly respected by nurses and doctors alike, yet he used fewer instruments and other operating-room paraphernalia than any other surgeon.

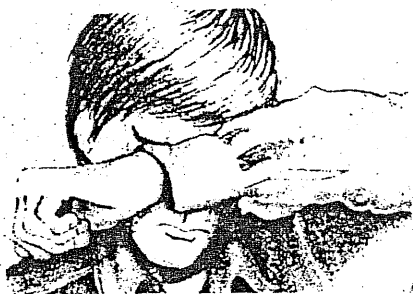
Most of all he was kind, with an innate kindness he didn't have to work at. He possessed an inner strength, yet never threw his weight around. He never fawned in the presence of prestige or wealth nor patronized those whose position in life was less than his. He told us students that pain was the greatest leveler and that our suffering patients were all the same and should be treated with equal solicitude and compassion regardless of the location of their beds, charity wards or posh private rooms. And he practiced what he preached.

As I put these memories down on paper, I'm again overwhelmed by the conviction that everything about our program has been providential. From what I've read by and about Bill W., and from what I know from personal experience of Dr. Bob, I'm sure no two men could have been more different: Bill W., the impulsive, competitive power-drive (by his own account) and the unassuming idealistic Dr. Bob. Yet, in my opinion, this was exactly as it should have been. They learned from each other and profited by their mistakes and shortcomings. They discarded their weaknesses and combined their strengths, and thus AA was born and has been kept alive and growing by members who follow the God-given guidelines set down by these two. God bless them both.

TO MY GOD

Life is not what I would like it to be. People don't do the things I would like them to do. Why-Oh-Why my God are people so cruel to one another. Oh my God I have done so many things wrong in my life, only you my God know that I ask forgiveness from the ones I wronged. Then I ask you my God and I know you have forgiven me. My God why have those who said they have forgiven me have not done so and why have they reminded me of the things I have done. God thank you for not letting me down. I know my God when I'm down and out I can count on you. Oh my God if only I could change the things I have done. Please my God forgive me for not forgiving myself. Help me to forgive myself my God. I need your love.

Tom, member
We Admitted Group



**Poor Me,
Pour Me**



ANNOUNCEMENTS**MEETINGS****MEETINGS****MEETINGS****NEW MEETINGS**

SHARING AND CARING - THURSDAY
8:00PM - OD - 80 Goodrich (Ellicott
Clinic Entrance), Non-smoking
and Wheelchair accessible.

EARLY BIRD - AMHERST SNYDER -
MONDAY - 6:30PM - Closed Discus-
sion - Non-smoking - Wheelchair
Accessible - Cleveland Hill Lu-
theran Ch., 261 Cleveland Dr, Cktg.

PLEASE NOTE:

TGIF - FRIDAY - 8:30PM - Our Lady
of Peace Church, 10950 Main Street,
Clarence, NY. This group needs
support and would welcome some
fresh faces. Come join this group
where sobriety abounds.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEETING

SUNDAYS - June 2 and July 7, 7:00
PM. at 80 Goodrich Street behind
Buffalo General.

REMEMBER
Everyone Welcome.

**FREEDOM OF CHOICE**

by B.W., Queens, N.Y.
Grapevine July 1977

I have come to believe that I have been
selling myself a false bill of goods in
believing that I am a victim of life, of
circumstances, and of people.

I was a victim of active alcoholism,
not through my own choosing, and I was
released from the obsession and the com-
pulsion to drink by a Power greater than
myself. In that release, I was given the
beautiful gift of choice.

Today, free in sobriety, I can say yes
and I can say no. I can walk away from
people, places, and things, or walk around
them with a smile, or stay and be happy
because I like where I am.

MEETING CHANGES:

SOBER TRAIL - OD - now meets on
MONDAY - 8:00 PM - at the Seneca
Nation Housing Authority, 50
Iroquois Dr., Irving, NY.

WE CARE - THURSDAY - 7:30 PM - now
is non-smoking and Wheelchair ac-
cessible.

COMMON HOUR - THURSDAY - 12 Noon
- will not meet until September '91

DAILY COMMITMENT - TUESDAY &
THURSDAY - OD - 1280 Main St, Meets at
7:30AM.

AMHERST SNYDER - will be a NON-
SMOKING meeting on Fridays only. It
is Wheelchair accessible.

SEASONAL MEETINGS :

MEETING IN THE PARK - SUNDAY
6:00PM - Cazenovia Park Pavillion.
Bring your own supplies.

REMINDER

OCTOBER 25th, 26th, 27th -
FIFTIETH FALL CONVENTION -
CONVENTION CENTER -
DOWNTOWN BUFFALO.

I have a freedom of choice that I never
knew existed. When I was drinking, I
thought of myself as the uninhibited rebel.
I now see, with the clarity of sobriety, that
I was a body locked in the prison of self,
again not through my own choosing, but
sentenced by the nature of my disease,
alcoholism.

Today, I am released and free in
sobriety to know and believe that through
the living of the Twelve Steps, I am no
longer sentenced to a life of woe-is-me-ism
and gloom and doom.

And for that, I thank God, I thank AA,
and I thank me.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 1 - SATURDAY - EARLY BIRD - 1st Anniversary with a speaker & eating meeting. Magic Show. United Meth. Ch., Ontario & Tonawanda - 10:00AM.

JUNE 2 - SUNDAY - JUST FOR TODAY - In thanksgiving for 50 years of sobriety on the WNY Frontier, we cordially invite all AA's to join us 2:30PM-4:30PM. in celebration of our "Moments of Spirituality"-Mother of Divine Grace, 120 Old Maryvale Dr. Cktg.

JUNE 2 - SUNDAY - KEEP ON COMIN' - 2nd Anniversary with a speaker & eating meeting - Faith United Pres Ch. 3150 Elmwood Ave. Speaker: 2:00PM - John "Ditto" - party: 3:00PM - 4:15PM.

JUNE 7 - FRIDAY - SOUTH BUFFALO - 47th Anniversary Celebration - 8PM to 1AM Speaker, food, dance. St. Simon's, 200 Cazenovia, South Bflo, bring a dish if you wish.

JUNE 14 - FRIDAY - TGIF - 8:30 PM - Invite all to their 14th Anniversary meeting. Desserts and coffee will be served. Bring your favorite dessert to share if you wish. There will be a guest speaker.

JUNE 16 - SUNDAY - SUNRISE COURT - 37th Anniversary Breakfast - 11:30AM. Hilton on the Waterfront. Donation: \$10.00. John L., Akron, Ohio is the speaker.

JUNE 19 - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY BIG BOOK STUDY - Is sponsoring a skating party at Rainbow Roller Rink, 101 Oliver St., No.Ton. 7:00-9:00 PM - \$2.00 tickets (skate rental 75 cents) see group members, at the meeting or at the rink.

JUNE 22 - SATURDAY - NEW FRONTIERS - 7th annual celebration commemorating AA's 56 years. St. Gerard's, Bailey & Delavan. Doors open at 5:30PM -Video: 6PM - Speaker: 7PM, Grand Buffet: 8PM, Dancing: 9PM - 1AM. \$6.00 donation.

JUNE 24 - MONDAY - BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S group - is celebrating its 5th Anniversary at St. Michael's Epis.Ch., Burke & Huntley near Kensington and Eggert. Speaker with snacks & desserts. All Women welcome.

JUNE 27 - THURSDAY - 8:30PM - LET GO & LET GOD - 4th Group Anniversary will be celebrated with a speaker and an eating meeting. They meet in the Perry Complex, 416 Louisiana St. (rear aud).

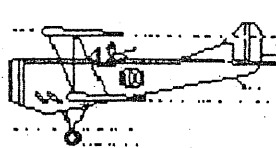
JUNE 29 - SATURDAY - CHEVY#1 - 20th anniversary, with dinner & dance at the U.A.W. Union Hall, River Rd. (next to the Chevy Plant) Dinner - 8PM, Dancing - 9PM -1AM. Donation \$5.00 per person. 200 tickets available.

JUNE 30 - SUNDAY - MATT TALBOT'S - 28th Group Anniversary will be at the Friendship Center in Como Park. Bring a Dish if you wish. Come on out.

JULY 6 - SATURDAY - GIVING - Group Anniversary "Dinner-Dance". West Hertel Middle School (corner of Hertel and Military Rd) Speaker: 7PM-Dinner: 8PM-Dance: 9PM-Donation \$5.00.

JULY 13 - SATURDAY - FEELINGS - is having a dance at the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton Park Circle and Broad St., Tonawanda. \$5.00 per person - limited to 200 people. 8PM to 1AM - FUN - FOOD - DANCING !!!!!





Movin' On In Sobriety

NEW FRONTIER

Yolanda C. 4yr.
 Joe H. 2yr.
 Mike G. 2yr.
 Jeff W. 1yr.
 Jim M. 1yr.
 Eugene F. 3mo.
 Jack W. 3mo.
 Daniel L. 3mo.

JUST FOR TODAY

Tom S. 6yr.
 Jim McC 1yr.
 Jerry S. 9mo.
 Pam H. 9mo.

THRUWAY

Norbert E. 15yr.
 Paul G. 13yr.
 Bill O. 11yr.
 Colleen M. 10yr.
 Rosemarie B. 8yr.
 Dave R. 8yr.
 Donna F. 8yr.
 Don H. 6yr.
 Tom S. 6yr.
 Tom L. 6yr.
 Mike F. 5yr.
 Al L. 5yr.
 Debra S. 4yr.
 James R. 4yr.
 Avda M. 2yr.
 Joseph G. 2yr.
 Richard M. 9mo.
 Russell M. 9mo.

NEW ZION

Sandy K. 9yr.
 Barbara McC 8yr.
 Barbara M. 6yr.
 Steven K. 1yr.
 Russell R. 9mo.
 Jonathan C. 6mo.
 Jeanette S. 6mo.

GIVING

Harriet G. 8yr.
 Jo Jo P. 6yr.
 Tina F. 3yr.

LET GO & LET GOD

Harriet G. 8yr.
 Tina M. 8yr.
 John D. 5yr.
 Earl C. 4yr.
 Fawoklyn W. 2yr.
 Harry McC. 2yr.
 Mona W. 1yr.
 Larry R. 6mo.
 Raul D. 3mo.

SHERIDAN HONESTY

Jack G. 19yr.
 Robert J. 18yr.
 Sharon McC 15yr.
 Patricia S. 14yr.
 Marge M. 12yr.
 Martha G. 9yr.
 Glenda G. 7yr.
 RobinMarie R. 6yr.
 Barbara M. 6yr.
 TinaMarie N. 4yr.
 David L. 2yr.
 George F. 2yr.
 Mike W. 2yr.
 Keith P. 1yr.
 Derek D. 1yr.
 Tony T. 3mo.

NORTH BUFFALO

Bob G. 15yr.
 Al C. 10yr.
 Marie K. 9yr.
 Pete M. 9yr.
 James S. 7yr.
 Sharon McH. 6yr.
 Earl C. 4yr.
 Jerri L. 3yr.
 Dave B. 3yr.
 Don N. 3yr.
 Brian M. 3yr.
 Debra C. 3yr.
 Rita O'B 2yr.
 Tom C. 2yr.
 Bernice O. 2yr.
 Kevin C. 2yr.
 Don P. 1yr.
 Michael C. 3mo.

HAPPY HOUR

Mae B. 4yr.
 Gary L. 4yr.
 Theresa W. 3yr.
 Timothy I. 1yr.
 Ramona I. 1yr.
 Donald E. S. Jr. 9mo.
 Barbara C. 9mo.
 Raymond W. 9mo.
 George W. H. 9mo.
 Jerry M. 9mo.
 James R. 6mo.
 Toni H. 6mo.
 Larry A. 6mo.
 Lisa H. 6mo.
 Joe R. 6mo.
 Shirley J. 3mo.
 Donald W. 3mo.
 Francine A. 3mo.
 Tony S. 3mo.
 Cynthia A. 3mo.
 Amy K. 3mo.

LIVING SOBER

Bob J. 18yr.
 Patti T. 14yr.
 Robin C. 6yr.
 Charlie L. 4yr.
 Julie W. 2yr.
 Jim C. 6mo.

IRON HORSE

Bob D. 21yr.
 Jim S. 17yr.
 Tamie R. 9mo.
 Kathy H. 6mo.
 Nancy W. 6mo.
 Chris W. 3mo.

COLD SPRING

Bob M. 36yr.
 Mary M. 14yr.
 Tina M. 8yr.
 James W. 5yr.
 Earl C. 4yr.
 William G. 3yr.
 Henry McC. 2yr.
 Val F. 1yr.
 Kevin S. 1yr.
 Mona W. 1yr.
 Keith P. 1yr.
 Fannie B. 1yr.
 Lester S. 1yr.
 Jose P. 1yr.
 Steve H. 9mo.
 Jerry M. 9mo.
 Dwayne G. 6mo.
 Linda S. 6mo.
 Jerome McC. 6mo.
 William B. 6mo.
 Timothy T. 3mo.
 Jerry M. 3mo.
 Richard S. 3mo.
 Alfred C. 3mo.
 Joanne C. 3mo.

EYE OPENER

Bob H. 18yr.
 Rick S. 7yr.
 Jan M. 4yr.
 John S. 3yr.
 Pat W. 1yr.
 Ralph S. 1yr.
 Kathy J. 9mo.
 Phil M. 9mo.
 Helen R. 9mo.
 Tom S. 9mo.
 Bill W. 9mo.
 Dave B. 6mo.
 Chuck D. 6mo.
 Butch K. 6mo.
 Jeff S. 3mo.

LOVEJOY

Iris D. 14yr.
 Henry M. 4yr.
 Ron S. 4yr.
 Brian W. 1yr.
 Jim M. 1yr.
 Steve K. 1yr.

SUNRISE

Alan B. 4yr.
 Kevin S. 2yr.
 Stephen Z. 1yr.
 Shirley J. 3mo.

SOUTH BUFFALO

Ruth H. 22yr.
 Blanche M. 15yr.
 Elmer E. 14yr.
 Linda P. 8yr.
 James V. 7yr.
 Bill O'D. 6yr.
 Steven G. 4yr.
 Frederick H. 1yr.
 Robert B. 1yr.

WHY

Jim W. 5yr.
 Dave K. 4yr.
 Julie S. 2yr.
 Ben G. 1yr.
 Peter McC. 9mo.
 Bruce H. 6mo.
 Dan C. 3mo.

AMHERST/ SNYDER

Veronica N.
 Roberta C. 19yr.
 Howard D. 16yr.
 MaryAnn C. 12yr.
 Bill O'C. 11yr.
 S. Mary V. 10yr.
 Tom C. 8yr.
 Whitey D. 8yr.
 Joel R. 5yr.
 John M. Jr. 5yr.
 Ray F. 5yr.
 Peter K. 4yr.
 Ron S. 4yr.
 Ken G. 4yr.
 Alan B. 4yr.
 Sally M. 3yr.
 Patti S. 3yr.
 Tom G. 3yr.
 Dan W. 2yr.
 Walt V. 2yr.
 David L. 2yr.
 Pam H. 9mo.
 Gregory M. 9mo.
 Willie A. 9mo.
 Bill B. 6mo.
 Richard A. 6mo.
 Andy H. 6mo.
 Jim F. 6mo.
 Dawn G. 6mo.

WE CARE

Bob M. 5yr.
 James McC 4yr.

NICK L.
Born April 12, 1967
Died October 5, 1990

Why do some make it,
 But others don't?

Some go to meetings
 But others won't!!

We miss you
 Love Mom [Lucille K.]

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Just places to meet and talk, that's about all AA needs. Beyond these, a v small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars apiece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, our expenses!

Nowadays, the AA group answers it well-wishers saying: "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"

DENIAL

by J.S., Denver Colo.
Grapevine - September 1975

It occurs to me that many thousands of alcoholics die each year simply because they would rather die than admit they are powerless over alcohol. It also occurs to me that many people do not achieve and maintain sobriety in simply because they would rather die than do what the program suggests.

Perhaps you do not feel that, for an alcoholic, to drink is to die. Perhaps you're right. Just the same, please translate and join me in testing the following statements:

- 1) I'd rather die than admit I can't drink.
- 2) I'd rather die than admit other people know more than I do.
- 3) I'd rather die than ask for their help.
- 4) I'd rather die than take a long hard look at myself.
- 5) I'd rather die than expose my weaknesses to another person.
- 6) I'd rather die than change my mind.
- 7) I'd rather die than ask God for help.
- 8) I'd rather die than admit I've hurt other people.
- 9) I'd rather die than swallow my pride in front of people I've hurt.
- 10) I'd rather die than admit I'm wrong.
- 11) I'd rather die than ask God what He wants me to do.
- 12) I'd rather die than help somebody.

For an alcoholic, to drink is to die. AA means learning how to live sober.

REMEMBERING BILL...

November 26, 1895 - January 24, 1971
Grapevine - March 1971

Bill's old desk is clear today. His voice is as lucid as ever, on tape, in books, in filing cabinets. He still has much to tell us.

Two of Bill's familiar concerns about AA's future bear repetition here. The first concerns the destiny of AA; the second concerns the memory of Bill himself in the unfolding of that destiny.

Of our Fellowship he said, "Beyond a Higher Power as each of us may vision him, AA must never, as a society, enter into the field of dogma or theology. We can never become a religion in that sense, lest we kill our usefulness by getting bogged down in theological contention."

And he made the caution still clearer: "As a society, we must never become so vain as to suppose that we have been the authors and inventors of a new religion. We will humbly reflect that each of AA's principles, every one of them, has been borrowed from ancient sources. We shall remember that we are laymen, holding ourselves in readiness to cooperate with all men of goodwill, whatever their creed or nationality...."

"There are those who predict that AA may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things, they are both generous and sincere. But we of AA must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us—that is, to behave accordingly. Our society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area, we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody."

In these paragraphs, Bill asks us simply to preserve our humility as a fellowship.

Much the same humility was infused into Bill's confidence that AA would continue into the future — and continue in health — without him.

Once he wrote: "It seems proved that AA can stand on its own feet anywhere and under any conditions. It has outgrown any dependence it might once have had upon the personalities or efforts of the older members like me. New, able, and vigorous people keep coming to the surface, turning up where they are needed. Besides, AA has reached enough spiritual maturity to know that its final dependence is upon God."

For those of us who might wish to see our Bill regarded by posterity as a saint in the pantheon of modern gods, now is the time to reflect carefully upon his humility and wisdom. For, in truth, Bill was not a saint. He would have recoiled — and did — at the suggestion. He was a plain man.

AA CENTRAL OFFICE

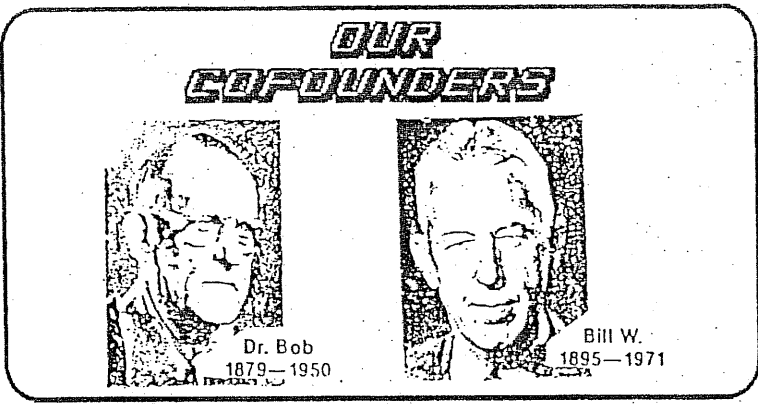
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Central Committee meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7.00 PM at the COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, 80 Goodrich Street (behind Buffalo General Hospital).

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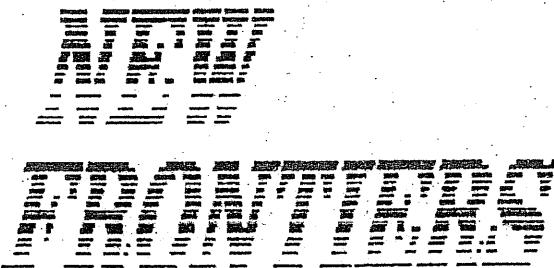
REMEMBER: WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

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- 7 - Northeast Buffalo: Kevin C.
- 8 - Eastern Tier: Bill M.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE GSA MEETINGS.



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JUNE 1, 1991

NEW MEETINGS

SHARING AND CARING - THURSDAY 8:00PM - OD - 80 Goodrich (Ellicott Clinic Entrance), Non-smoking and Wheelchair accessible.

EARLY BIRD - AMHERST SNYDER - MONDAY - 6:30PM - Closed Discussion - Non-smoking - Wheelchair Accessible - Cleveland Hill Lutheran Ch., 261 Cleveland Dr, Cktg.

PLEASE NOTE:

TGIF - FRIDAY - 8:30PM - Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main Street, Clarence, NY. This group needs support and would welcome some fresh faces. Come join this group where sobriety abounds.

MEETING CHANGES:

SOBER TRAIL - OD - now meets on MONDAY - 8:00 PM - at the Seneca Nation Housing Authority, 50 Iroquois Dr., Irving, NY.

WE CARE - THURSDAY - 7:30 PM - now is non-smoking and Wheelchair accessible.

COMMON HOUR - THURSDAY - 12 Noon - will not meet until September '91

DAILY COMMITMENT - TUESDAY & THURSDAY -OD- 1280 Main St, Meets at 7:30AM.

AMHERST SNYDER - will be a NON-SMOKING meeting on Fridays only. It is Wheelchair accessible.

SEASONAL MEETINGS:

MEETING IN THE PARK -SUNDAY - 6:00PM - Cazenovia Park Pavillion. Bring your own supplies.

COMING EVENTS:

JUNE 1 - SATURDAY - EARLY BIRD - 1st Anniversary with a speaker & eating meeting. Magic Show. United Meth. Ch., Ontario & Tonawanda - 10:00AM.

JUNE 2 - SUNDAY - JUST FOR TODAY - In thanksgiving for 50 years of sobriety on the WNY Frontier, we cordially invite all AA's to join us 2:30PM-4:30PM. in celebration of our "Moments of Spirituality"-Mother of Divine Grace, 120 Old Maryvale Dr. Cktg.

JUNE 2 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 PM

JUNE 2 - SUNDAY - KEEP ON COMIN' - 2nd Anniversary with a speaker & eating meeting - Faith United Pres Ch. 3150 Elmwood Ave. Speaker: 2:00PM - John "Ditto" - party: 3:00PM - 4:15PM.

JUNE 7 - FRIDAY - SOUTH BUFFALO - 47th Anniversary Celebration - 8PM to 1AM Speaker, food, dance. St. Simon's, 200 Cazenovia, South Bflo, bring a dish if you wish.

JUNE 14 - FRIDAY - TGIF - 9:30 PM - Invite all to their 14th Anniversary Meeting. Desserts and coffee will be served. Bring your favorite dessert to share if you wish. There will be a guest speaker.

JUNE 16 - SUNDAY - SUNRISE COURT - 37th Anniversary Breakfast - 11:30AM. Hilton on the Waterfront. Donation: \$10.00. John L., Akron, Ohio is the speaker.

JUNE 19 - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY BIG BOOK STUDY - Is sponsoring a skating party at Rainbow Roller Rink, 101 Oliver St., No. Ton. 7:00-9:00 PM - \$2.00 tickets (skate rental 75 cents) see group members, at the meeting or at the rink.

JUNE 22 - SATURDAY - NEW FRONTIERS - 7th annual celebration commemorating AA's 56 years. St. Gerard's, Bailey & Delavan. Doors open at 5:30PM - Video: 6PM - Speaker: 7PM, Grand Buffet: 8PM, Dancing: 9PM - 1AM. \$6.00 donation.

JUNE 24 - MONDAY - BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S group - is celebrating its 5th Anniversary at St. Michael's Epis. Ch., Burke & Huntley near Kensington and Eggert. Speaker with snacks & desserts. All Women welcome.

JUNE 27 - THURSDAY - 8:30PM - LET GO & LET GOD - 4th Group Anniversary will be celebrated with a speaker and an eating meeting. They meet in the Perry Complex, 416 Louisiana St. (rear aud).

JUNE 29 - SATURDAY - CHEVY#1 - 20th anniversary, with dinner & dance at the U.A.W. Union Hall, River Rd. (next to the Chevy Plant) Dinner - 8PM, Dancing - 9PM - 1AM. Donation \$5.00 per person. 200 tickets available.

JUNE 30 - SUNDAY - MATT TALBOT'S - 28th Group Anniversary will be at the Friendship Center in Como Park. Bring a Dish if you wish. Come on out.

JULY 6 - SATURDAY - GIVING - Group Anniversary "Dinner-Dance". West Hertel Middle School (corner of Hertel and Military Rd) Speaker: 7PM-Dinner: 8PM-Dance: 9PM-Donation \$5.00.

JULY 7 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 PM

JULY 13 - SATURDAY - FEELINGS - is having a dance at the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton Park Circle and Broad St., Tonawanda. \$5.00 per person - limited to 200 people. 8PM to 1AM - FUN - FOOD - DANCING !!!!!

OCTOBER 25th, 26th, 27th - **FIFTIETH FALL CONVENTION** -
CONVENTION CENTER - DOWNTOWN BUFFALO.

6th MONTH - 6th STEP "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

6th MONTH - 6th TRADITION "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Yours in the Spirit of AA,

Delphine A. ..
Executive Secretary

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

JUNE 2 , 1991

The meeting was opened at 7:04 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of Central Committee, and the Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by Bob H., Bidwell, and seconded by Ed, Bidwell Monday Nite, to dispense with readings of the minutes from the last meeting.

44 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED:

DISTRICT #1 Bidwell - Bidwell Monday Nite - Community Center - Delaware Discussion - Live & Let Live - New Zion - Open Mind - Rush Hall - Sharing & Caring - Sunday Niters - Sunrise Court - Womens Westside Disc.

DISTRICT #2 Brass - Kenmore - Purpose - Why

DISTRICT #3 Abbott Mens Disc - Broadway Bailey - Casting - Iron Horse - Lovejoy - Pass It On - Rainbow - Security - Seneca 12&12 - South Buffalo - Urban

DISTRICT #4 Hamburg Big Book - St. Mark's - The Way - Willing to Grow

DISTRICT #5 Morning After - Wilson DISTRICT#6

DISTRICT #7 Cold Springs - H.A.N.D. - Harmony - Honesty - North Buffalo - Sheridan - Spirit Of Hope - United Brotherhood

DISTRICT #8 Attitude Adjustment - Common Problem - Thruway - Williamsville

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Roger P. & Burr E.

	1990	1991		
MAY	\$ 318.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 90.00	(28.3%) Increase
YEAR TO DATE	\$3,525.00	\$3,542.00	\$ 17.00	(0.4%) Increase

STEERING COMMITTEE - MAY 28, 1991 Delphine H.

The Steering Committee meeting was opened by Scott T. at 6:05PM. Others present were Shawn C, Bill M., Kevin C., Cindi C., Larry B. and Delphine H.

After reviewing the previous Central Committee minutes, it was noted that no report of any kind has been made for the Christmas Vigil. It was strongly felt that about 3 consecutive failures to report should be considered an automatic dismissal and a new person appointed. Also as per the minutes, it was felt that the Screener Committee Chairman should give the statistics from the answering service and a brief comment on what is happening in general with a few specific examples.

The Convention Survey reports were briefly scanned. What was most obvious was that fact that so few groups sent their comments back. Shawn C. has taken the sheets to review and will report on the general consensus of pertinent issues. It was agreed to send out the letter to the groups in District #2 making them aware of the new policy so that individuals may speak up if they would like to be considered as Co-chair for the 1992 Convention.

Martha C. has resigned as Correctional Facility Chairman. The consensus was that as co-chair, Toni H. should be elevator to Chairman. A letter will be sent to her to this effect and an invitation to attend the next Steering Committee meeting to go over the Guidelines of the committee.

This brought up an issue for consideration, that all officers of committees have a co-chair who automatically takes over as Chairman upon the dismissal, term end or absence of the Chairman. To have a Co- chairman for Central Committee is a position we should consider, as in all cases it would serve as an apprenticeship.

A few names were giving of people to be contacted in the District#5 which is still in need of a Representative.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

FINANCIAL REPORT: Larry B. (See Attached)

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Delphine H. for Don H.

Nothing new at this time.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H.

I have received the letter informing me of Martha's resignation. I will attend the next Steering Committee meeting, as requested, to discuss my becoming Chairperson of the Correctional Facilities Committee.

SCREENERS REPORT: Marcia W. for Norma F.

No changes at this time.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H.

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METROCOMM SERVICE GROUP		OUTGOING CALLS	186
INCOMING CALLS	384	OUTGOING MAIL	\$261.51
OUTGOING CALLS	26	VISITORS	220

NEW FRONTIERS: Larry B.

Everything running smoothly.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Elizabeth G. for Margaret H.

We had a meeting June 1st at the Hyatt Regency. The flyers will be out this month for registration & money for the Hospitality rooms from the groups. Everything is running smooth.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL: No Report.

COURTESY REPORTS

G.S.A. - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY Bill M.

1. Next full assembly will be Sunday, June 30th at the Orchard Park Municipal Building.
2. 25th New York State Convention July 5,6,7, 1991 at the Holiday Inn Arena, 8 Hawley St., Binghamton, NY.
3. Traditions Day - September 7, 1991 - Best Western Hotel, Lockport.

P.I.C. - PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Marcia W.

Completed: 5/14 Orchard Park High School - help with "research paper" for Senior Students. 20 minutes - one speaker-25 students.

5/15 Bryant&Straton (Boulevard Mall) 10:00AM-11:00AM speaker & phamplet rack- 36 students

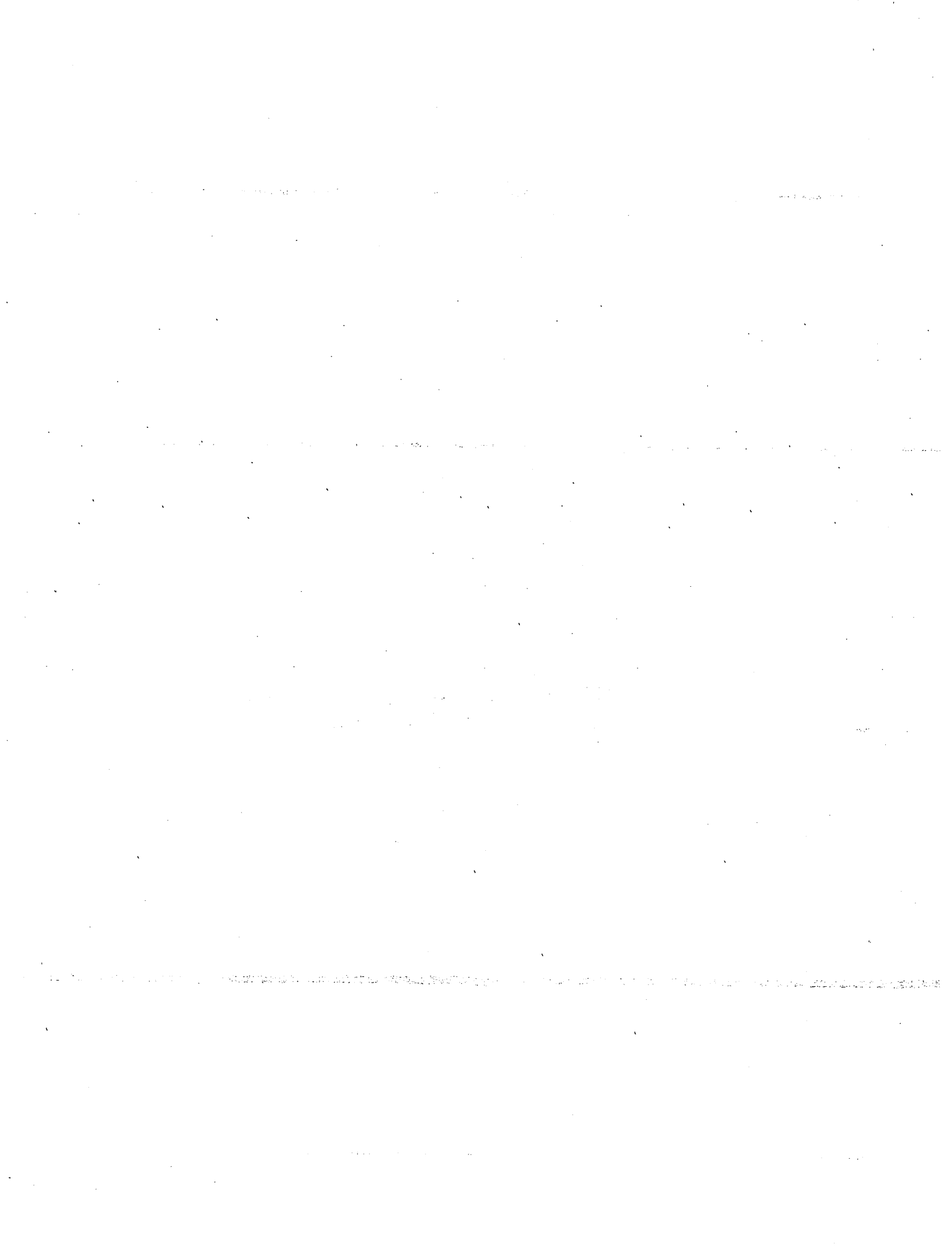
To Be Completed; 6/4 Lockport High School 7:30AM-2:10PM 6 Sociology & Psychology classes-2 speakers phamplet rack & VCR presentation of HOPE-ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

C.P.C. - COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Bernie A.

In April Julie R. and myself did a workshop for the Counciling Staff of Horizons. We had a very rewarding one and a half hours explaining AA. We were also able to answer questions directed at us on how we can work together.

In May Julie R. spoke with 12 staff members of Erie County Neighbor Helping Neighbor whospend time in the field and come in contact with people who maybe alcoholic.

On June 12&13 we will participate in a Conference/Workshop hosted by Erie County Social Services for its case workers. We will have a display table using a borrowed 4 foot by 9 foot exhibit, plus hand out literature. The two days will be covered by Julie R., Cindy B. and myself.



RE-CAP

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bob H. wanted a report for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: price per person is \$26.00.

G.S.A. Elvester is trying to get the General Service Forum in Buffalo. Made further comments on the State Convention in July. For hotel reservations call 1-800-Holiday.

OLD BUSINESS: Steering Committee District #5 has no representative.

NEW BUSINESS: Marcia W. 38th Tri-State Convention in Chautauqua. New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio & Canada. \$6.00 per person registration. Must be registered by August 15, 1991 for parking lot privileges.

A motion was made by Bill M., Attitude Adjustment to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bernie A. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by

Patrick H.

Recording Secretary