

Alcoholics Anonymous

Happy
58th
Anniversary

June 10

1935 1993

"... Who Has Thoroughly Followed Our Path"

Cindy B. of Akron, Ohio writes...

When I was newly sober, I didn't know anything about Founders' Day here in Akron, Ohio. I had heard about it vaguely, but did not connect it in any way with my personal recovery and sobriety. All I knew when I started attending AA meetings was that the people there seemed to have a solution to my drinking problem, and they kept telling me to come back. I didn't understand why at the time, but I sure did keep coming back.

When I reflect on those early days in AA, I am in awe at how little I was able to comprehend beyond "don't drink today--this minute, or this hour." God was truly doing for me what I couldn't do for myself.

Living here in Akron, I had always just taken it for granted that this was where AA got its miraculous start. It was not a big deal that Dr. Bob lived right down the street from where I used to drink and party. It was not a big deal that the first meeting between Dr. Bob and Bill W. was right over at the Stan Hywet Gate House. So what! The Mayflower Hotel? I went right by the old hotel every time I went downtown. We had our high school prom there. It was like a museum full of marble and balconies.

Today, however, I get goosebumps thinking about the Stan Hywet Gate House -- that first meeting of two drunks doing something, anything, to keep from taking that first drink, sharing each other's experience, strength, and hope. The Mayflower Hotel is still standing. I can cry just thinking about Dr. Bob's house. As a matter of fact, I usually do when I am there. I can feel something in the atmosphere at Dr. Bob's. Right in the kitchen, over a cup of coffee, or sitting on the porch, I can feel love. I would feel the same, I am sure, inside of Bill W.'s old home, too.

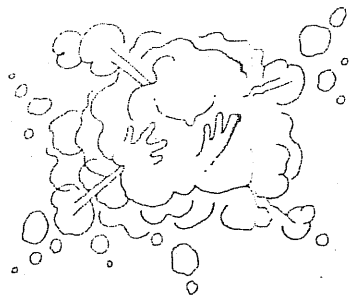
When I first started attending Founders' Day, I was blown away by the distances people were traveling. My mind was opened to something bigger than anything I had ever experienced.

If you are new and live in Akron, Ohio, be prepared to be loved just because you know where The Gate House is, or how to get to King School or to Dr. Bob's old home. If you have a vehicle, pile some folks in there and show them some of the special places here. Share in our guests' goosebumps.

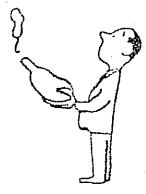
By staying sober, I am able to experience again and again the awe and gratitude first shared by Bill W. and Dr. Bob.
June 1991 Grapevine

NEW FRONTIERS

Central Committee of A.A.
Frontier Area



But if we tried to build hospitals, or clean up politics, or cure neurosis, or make people love one another...our power, somehow, seemed to vanish...



... no society of men and women ever had a more urgent need for continuous effectiveness and permanent unity. We alcoholics see that we must work together and hang together, else most of us will finally die alone.

Alcoholics Anonymous, p 563

THE POWER THAT BINDS US

A Review of 52nd Anniversary of AA in WNY

AA ought never be organized, the 52nd Anniversary sponsored by Powerless Group is proof of that. With only one business meeting, which consisted of writing down those names which would be instrumental in service committees, a vast undertaking developed. No additional meetings, or seed money, the hallmarks of AA endeavors, proved necessary. Everyone acted responsibly, knowing their jobs. Sonny J. conducted the program, John N., who developed the idea, assisted behind the scenes. Mona W. prepared hospitality, with help from Lue J. Derrie formed the greeter's committee. Money for the function accumulated from advance ticket sales only.

Kicked off by the "Surrender & Powerless Panel," moderated by Shawn D'L., Geneva R., (Remember When Group), Bob W., of Niagara Falls, and Jim M. detailed numerous adversities leading to their eventual surrender. "An alcoholic doesn't relapse because they are alcoholic," Jim concluded, "but because they fail to follow directions."

Cindy of Twin City Group, moderator of the "Came to Believe" panel selected speakers who shared their conversion experiences in AA. Jeannie A., (Happy Hour Group), Leo G., and Geno, of Niagara Falls once rebellious of the concept of a Higher Power, suffered from a lack of information. Each had to struggle with the God of their understanding, and had to find one or else face moments of desperation from not believing.

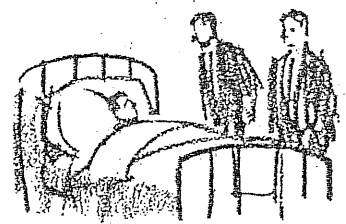
Stanley B., (Cold Springs), moderated "Our Primary Purpose." Herb, (Cheektowaga Group), Frank T., (South Buffalo Group), and Tom M., (Niagara Falls), met adversity today without drinking because God has forgiven us and that process helps us to work with others.

Joe H. introduced his panel "Service, the Third Legacy," by stating that there are a myriad of

other avenues to service than the standard representative. Frank D., (Amherst-Snyder Group), Annie S. (Cold Springs), and Buzz R., (Amherst-Snyder), stated good things happen in this program because it takes our drives and directs them toward good. AA's principles change our values, and we can put them into practice in our daily lives.

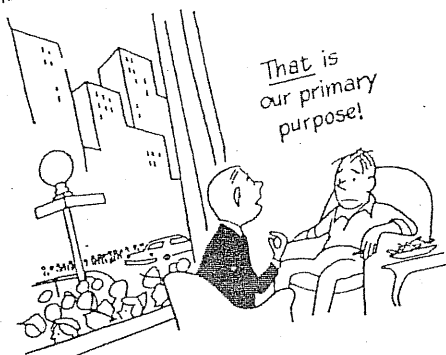
A reading of the history of AA in Buffalo by Griff N. illustrated a fellowship that initially endured the hard times of war, and blossomed because of our traditions, particularly not getting involved in property or money. Finally Joe R. (43+ years) dispensed with the usual AA presentation to relay his recollections of Buffalo's early AA members. Mable H., presented with her 47th year pin, shared her spirituality with all those in attendance, showing that love is the power that binds us together.

NF Editorial Committee



We will make every personal sacrifice necessary to insure the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous. We will do this because we have learned to love God and one another. A.A. Comes of Age, p 234

We have been given a power—the power to help suffering alcoholics...



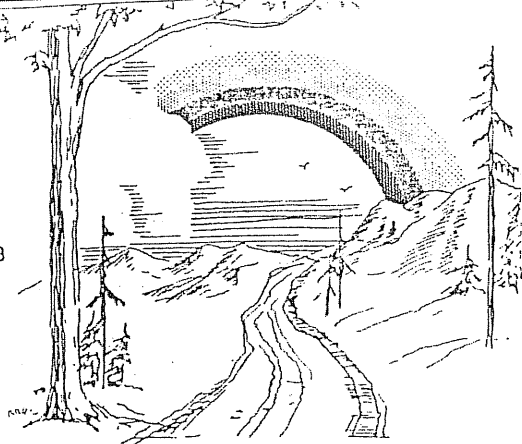
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52nd Annual
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Convention

Paul R. of the Freedom Group writes...

By Bill and Bob's first meeting inside the gate house on the Seiberling Estate May 7, 1935, Bill W. had six months in the Oxford Group, and Bob S. had two and one-half years of Oxford indoctrination. But it was Dr. Silkworth's "illness concept" of alcoholism that supplied the missing piece to help Bob take his last drink on June 10, 1935.

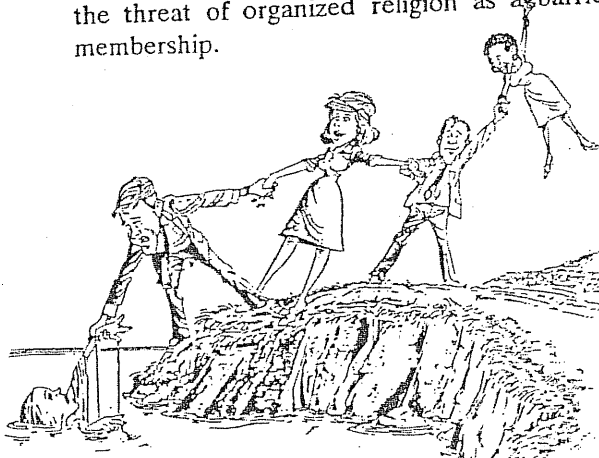
The Oxford Group was known to be very devout, and no alcoholic could find his way to a meeting without going through a rigorous screening process. Bill, Bob and other alcoholics would visit prospective members at St. Thomas Hospital. Typical treatment by Sr. Ignatia was a five-day, one time only stay where one would be administered the "St. Thomas Cocktail", a mixture of alcohol and an awful smelling sedative (paraldehyde). First day, AAers would visit relating their stories, and the second day allude to a solution without ever having disclosed the details of this program of recovery from drinking. The sick drunk would then have to kneel by bedside and "surrender" in order to be declared fit to be considered. No prospective drunk could go to a meeting unescorted, and even then a bouncer would appear at the door, careful to let in only those recommended for an intensive program of meditation and prayer. In those days, the Oxford Group was very pious, taking readings out of the King James version of the Bible.

Clarence S., one of those early pioneers, describes that most all of those early drunks were Roman Catholic, and in those days the church frowned on Catholics attending any other church services. Since the king James version of the Bible was being used, this presented a difficulty to

Clarence and his ability to recruit new members. Therefore, Clarence led an exodus from the Akron Oxford Group and by May 19, 1940, Cleveland had its first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, named after the newly published Big Book, without religious affiliation, as we know it today. For that reason Clarence S. can be called the "Father of Alcoholics Anonymous".

Unity in AA, according to Clarence, is totally different from what one would expect it to be. It originates when a member forms a resentment against his group, and rather than being unhappy and remaining, decides to form another group. If that member were to remain he would be miserable, and so would the group that had to put up with him. It's best for both parties, that he leave. This way the original group flourishes, as well as, the newly formed group. This concept of unity helps AA to continue to grow.

Shortly after beginning the first Cleveland Group, Clarence persuaded Elrick B. Davis, A Cleveland "Plain Dealer" news reporter, to write a series of six editorials in the hopes of publicizing AA's work and enhancing its membership. Davis focused on AA's wider spirituality, thus minimizing the threat of organized religion as a barrier to membership.



The Miracle Continues - June 1993

COLD SPRING

6 mos Ramona D.
 3 mos Joann E.
 Annette K.
 Darryl H.
 Louise B.
 Norman H.
 Loretta H.
 Edward J.
 Karen R., William B.
 Orlando D.
 Clayton McL.
 Mona W.
 Fanny B.
 William G.
 Earl C.
 James W.
 Tina M.
 Mary M.

HAPPY HOUR

3 mos Fernando R.
 Marlene C.
 Ella H.
 Louie R.
 Jeff H.
 Gloria F.
 Derrick R.
 Lyle W.
 Arthur T.
 Jacqueline B.
 Carol A.
 Carl B.
 Spencer E.
 Timothy I.
 Willie H.
 Patricia A.
 Norman S.
 Theresa W.
 Mae B.
 Gary L.
 Sandy H.

CAZENOVIA

3 mos Troy C.
 Corrine C.
 Heather M.
 Sue F.
 Eugene M.
 Sarah M.
 Nancy H.
 Ron S.
 WE ADMITTED
 Sandy K.
 Dave L.
 Miller M.
 Jose M.
 Mark S.
 Terri L.
 Dennis G.

AMHERST SNYDER

3 mos Kenny L.
 Mary McD.
 Bob C.
 Larry F.
 David L.
 Dan W.
 Tom G.
 patti S.
 Sally M.
 Ken G.
 Ron J.
 Peter K.
 Joel R.
 Ray F.
 John M.
 Barb M.
 Kate K.
 Whitey D.
 Bill O.
 Mary Ann C.
 Roberta C.

HONESTY

8 yrs Barbara M.
 9 yrs Glenda G.
 11 yrs Martha G.
 16 yrs Patty T.
 17 yrs Sharon McC.
NORTH BUFFALO
 3 mos Diane N.
 6 mos Jolles B.
 1 yr Frank Z.
 Nelson G.
 Mury F.
 Lisa Y.
 Kevin C.
 Sharon McH.
 Jim S.
 Peter M.
 Bob G.

SUNRISE COURT

3 mos Jamie C.
 9 mos Yvette M.
 1 yr Orlando
 3 yrs Stephen Z.
 4 yrs Kevin S.
 6 yrs Alice B.
 35 yrs Joe V.

WHY

3 mos Mark K.
 2 yrs Dave F.

CHAPTER 9

3 mos Nancy M.
 Ken B.
 Richard M.
 Rudy T.
 Jim B.
 Don G.
 Vince R.

SHERIDAN

3 mos Rob L.
 1 yr Melissa D.
 3 yrs Susie C.
 Keith P.
 Brian R.
 Michael W.

LET GO & LET GOD

6 mos Georgia M.
 5 yrs Bill L.
 7 yrs Marcus W.

THE JOURNEY

5 yrs Tina F.

FIRESIDE

3 mos Ann H.
 6 mos Jeff S.
 9 mos Bob H.
 Gail L.
 Will M.
 Carl M.
 Jack K.
 Ralph H., Jim H.
 Walter M.
 Scott R.
 Lenny K.
 John S.
 Art M.
 Tom S.
 Mariene C.
 Leonard N.
 Colleen M.
 Bill O.
 Betty S.

THRURWAY

3 mos Darryl
 1 yr Joe K.
 Dale M.
 Jim M.
 Joseph G.
 Anda M.
 James R.
 Debra S.
 Mike F.
 Al L.
 Don H., Tom L.
 Rosemarie B.
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HARMONY

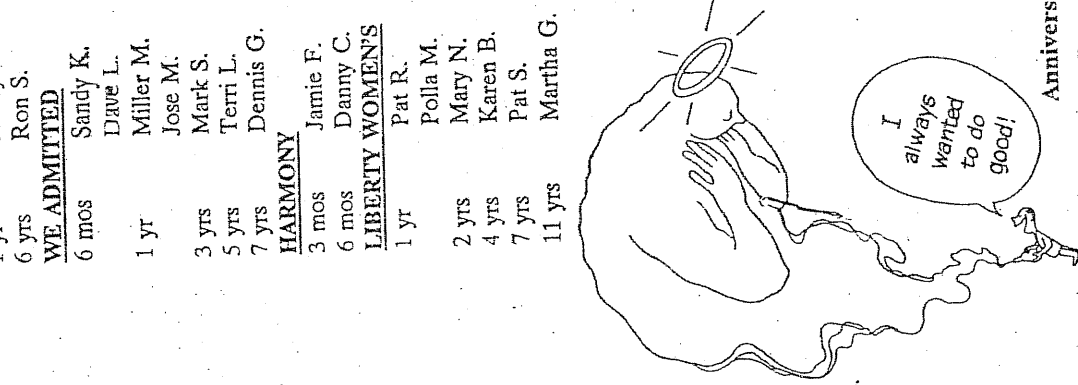
3 mos Jamie F.
 6 mos Danny C.

LIBERTY WOMEN'S

1 yr Pat R.
 Polla M.
 Mary N.
 Karen B.
 Pat S.
 Martha G.

WE CARE

3 mos John K.
 Harry G.
 James McC.
 Bob M.



Anniversaries for the July issue are to be submitted by Thursday, June 10th.

**Does Central Committee Have
The Courage to Change...**

Maybe the Central Committee (CC) Meetings should rotate through the different districts of AA, thus giving a more representative sampling of groups in WNY, is the suggestion that Rosemarie C. of Steering Committee aired at the Sunday, May 2, 1993 CC meeting.

Early D. of Cold Springs Group opposed because this might decentralize the traditional strong core downtown. His rebuttal attributed the inner city as being the backbone of service, an already functioning body that is not in need of repair. Scattering CC around might lead to decreasing involvement. Shawn C., present chair of Steering Committee, illustrated that the present system of doing things is flawed in at least one respect; that representatives are voted on by an entire body of eight districts and that the same few that always attend CC (approx.45-55 reps.) can't possibly know who would be a good representative of his district. "Does the whole country vote for a senator for New York? Then why should the whole of CC vote for a representative of my district?" This has prompted Shawn to organize meetings in his district so some interest in becoming involved in running for committees in CC could be generated. His appointment to Steering Committee happened by default...no one opposed him. Perhaps some healthy competition to hold these positions in CC might stimulate more group involvement. There are over 300 groups (and still growing) in WNY, that means 300+ group representatives should be in attendance at CC meetings. A visit to CC meetings the first Sunday of each month reveals this is surely not the case.

May 2nd's meeting is a good example that many don't attend CC because it disintegrates into

a shouting match, many times bickering over money. Yet, not risking personal involvement for these reasons is not living in a solution. The May 2nd meeting has symbolized a turning point for CC, since it seems evident that it can't continue to function in its present fashion. It is so difficult to hear at 80 Goodrich, the ventilation system is deafening, meeting room holds only 50-60 people. Could the environment have anything to do with influencing people's moods? An out of town visitor observed that she didn't know the history of CC in WNY, but believes people in attendance are playing out old resentments that go back years. These factors make the meeting very uncomfortable and difficult to tolerate.

Many lingered afterwards and voiced suggestions and aspirations for CC. Why don't we have copies of the guidelines available to newcomers at CC; have it setup as a "regular" AA group making "newcomers" welcomed and informed? Perhaps, the districts themselves are too large and unmanageable, and need to be broken down into smaller units, i.e. 12 or 16 districts so that district representative doesn't have to be responsible for so many groups, allowing a more personal approach with groups in their district. Or...why couldn't we rent a facility to house Central Office, Central Committee, and General Service Assembly (GSA)? Maybe it could be a nice home in the suburbs, a plaza site on a major bus route (ample parking, etc.), which would allow easier access for people buying literature, a larger space for volunteers to become involved, or visiting for any AA business and just a "place to call home". Some views were expressed that there is little representation for their group and individual dollar donations. There is a financial report, an announcement sheet, a few copies of NF and little else. Couldn't there be much more?

NF Roving Reporter

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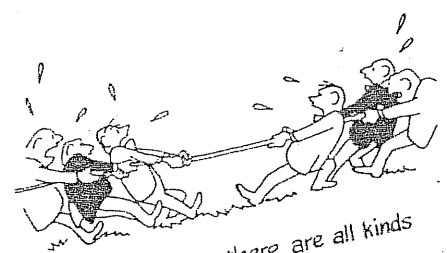
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- New Frontiers Committee

Comments/suggestions _____

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When Available _____



We found that there are all kinds of goals, motives and ambitions...

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR A.A.
OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
ARTICLE I

Group membership in the Central Committee shall be open to all groups, located within the Western New York General Service Area and who are not affiliated with any other Central Committee or Intergroup. There shall be two classes of membership in the Central Committee.

Section 1. Participating membership is a group having one (1) elected representative to the Central Committee. This representative is expected to fully participate in all activities of the Central Committee. Participating groups shall be privileged to sponsor the monthly Joint Meeting. Each representative from participating groups shall have one (1) vote on any issue presented

to the Central Committee. Participating groups are expected to lend all possible financial support to the Central Office. All officers of Central Committee shall be elected by participating group representatives and from participating group membership.

Section 2. Associate membership is open to a group which shall have all privileges extended to a participating group including floor discussion at Central Committee meetings but excluding the right to vote and hold office. A group may elect to become an associate member due to the geographic location of the group.

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6 Were entirely ready
to have God remove
all these defects of character.



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NEW MEETINGS

PUR-AL IS PLURAL - WEDNESDAY - 7:30PM - Open Discussion - Non-smoking - wheelchair accessible - East Otto Methodist Church, East Plate Road, East Otto, NY

YOUNG & SOBER - TUESDAY - 4:30PM - S/OD - 1280 Main St. This is a meeting, not a group, generally for young people coming to AA for their 1st time

VISION OF HOPE - SUNDAY-OPEN, MONDAY-6PM, TUESDAY-6PM, WEDNESDAY-WOMEN'S-6PM, THURSDAY-7PM, FRIDAY-6PM ODYSSEY CLUB, 1444 Broadway between Goodyear & Koons Av. No activities during the meetings.

SEASONAL MEETINGS

MARINA - SATURDAY - 8:00PM - OD - will resume for the summer months commencing June 5th at the Pavillion directly across from boarding the Miss Buffalo Charter Boats at the Erie Basin Marina. Bring your own coffee.

SERENITY IN THE PARK - MONDAY - 7:00PM - Delaware Park Rose Garden. Bring your own coffee.

MEETING CHANGES:

TWIN CITIES - MONDAY & FRIDAY - 8:30PM - has moved to a new meeting place which is AMVETS, NIAGARA FRONTIER POST #26, 600 Ward Road at the corner of Ruie Roads in North Tonawanda. The 1st and 3rd Mondays will be Open Discussion - the 2nd and 4th Mondays will be speaker meetings

KEEP IT SIMPLE, SISTER (women's grp) - THURSDAY - is now NON-SMOKING. This meeting is a OPEN SPEAKER meeting the FIRST THURSDAY of the month

SPRINGVILLE NO SMOKING - new name - SPRINGVILLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON
NORTH BUFFALO - Interpreting services for Deaf Alcoholics will no longer be available on a regular scheduled basis - only as needed. Any individual who has need for these services and wishes to attend the Sunday night meeting should contact Deaf Adult Services at 885-3323 and they will arrange for an interpreter for the desired meeting.

NOTICE:

VILLA - FRIDAY - 3:30PM - Villa Maria College, 240 Pine Ridge Road - will meet during the summer.

SATURDAY NITE LIVE which meets at midnight at the Amity Club needs support time or it will be closing

BROADWAY-BAILEY - MONDAY at St John Cantius, PASS IT ON - TUESDAY at the Polish Community Center and HONEST DESIRE - THURSDAY at the Kolbe Ctr are Eastside meets that need support.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 5 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - BUFFALO

JUNE 6 - SUNDAY - A DAY AT A TIME group will be cancelled, however, there will be a picnic at Sprague Brook Park starting at 8:00AM until whenever. If you wish bring a dish to share!!!

JUNE 20 - SUNDAY - SUNRISE COURT will be having their 39th ANNIVERSARY FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST at the Holiday Inn, 620 Delaware Avenue. \$10.00 donation for the buffet brunch.

JUNE 26 - SATURDAY - LOVEJOY - is having their ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC, at Como Park. All are welcome. Good food, games for the children and adults. Great fellowship.

JUNE 26 - SATURDAY - SILVERCREEK FRIENDSHIP is having their 2nd ANNUAL PICNIC at the Hannover Fish and Game Club, Overheiser Road, Smith Mills, NY. Hamburgers, hotdogs, refreshments, fun and games provided. Please bring a dish to pass. It starts at 1:00PM to

JUNE 26 - SATURDAY - SOUTH BUFFALO will be celebrating their 48th Anniversary. It will be held at the Seneca Fire Co. No.1 at 2801 Seneca St (across from the Rt. 400 ramp) The speaker starts at 8PM followed by a buffet and dancing. Bring a dish to share.

JUNE 26 - SATURDAY - EARLY BIRD WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY celebrate their 15th & 4th Anniversary with a speaker, Big Book raffle, eats, held at the United Methodist Church, Ontario & Tonawanda Sts. at 10 AM

JULY 9, 10, 11 - ANY AGE - is sponsoring a LIVING SOBER WEEKEND of outdoor fun & activities. It will be held at Don Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney St near East Robinson, No Tonawanda. Dance Friday and Saturday from 9PM to 1AM, speaker on Saturday from 8-9PM, overnight camping, campfire meetings, hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. All weekend \$15 a couple, \$8 single. One day - couple \$8 - single \$5

AUGUST 27-28-29 - TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY which encompasses the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the Province of Canada WHERE: the Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, NY. COST: Registration Fee \$8 Per Person, in advance - \$10 at the Gate. Admission to the grounds for the Weekend costs \$20 per person (\$10 per day) Come join us for AA speaker, Al-anon, along a with hospitality room for warm friendship and fellowship. If you plan on staying for the weekend or just for a day make your reservations for accomodation sooner than later by picking up a flyer for this event with registration form attached and short list of hotel and motel accommodations, Hope to see you there for a relaxing good time.

The World University Games will be hosted by our city from July 8th through the 18th. There is a General Service Ad Hoc Committee working to see if there will be any special needs that we might possibly face for the people attending the events. For those of you, who in some capacity would like to help during the time of this event, please call the Central Office.

Buffalo FALL CONVENTION will be OCTOBER 22-23-24, 1993 at the Marriett on Millersport Hywy. Theme: "PATHWAY TO A NEW LIFE" Watch for monthly updates on whats happening!

REMINDER: Any announcement to appear in JULY '93 bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Central Office by TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH.

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

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

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50 copies	113.00
60 copies	130.00

The Committee meeting of the Buffalo/Niagara Frontier Area of Alcoholics Anonymous, voted that the New Frontiers monthly paper is offered as a subscription only to A.A. members. It is a publication by A.A. members, for A.A. members, through the Alcoholics Anonymous - Buffalo/Niagara Frontier Area Central Committee.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT #3 MEETING
JUNE 11, 1993**

Groups represented: Blasdell Monday Nite, Tuesday Women's Disc., Cazenovia Manor, Villa, Thruway, Urban, Iron Horse

Members of Steering Committee Present: Shawn C. (District #3), Sandy H. (District #1)

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer and the Traditions.

DISCUSSION:

I Purpose of the Meeting: This is the first district meeting for central committee representatives. The purpose is to encourage greater participation among groups and individuals in the business of Central Committee and to clarify the roll of Steering Committee.

II Purpose of Steering Committee: The Steering Committee is made up of an elected representative from each of the eight current districts in the Buffalo area. It serves the Central Committee by providing advice or council as requested by CC or the executive secretary when time considerations prevent presentation to the CC.

The SC oversees matters where the individual actions of groups could affect other groups or AA as a whole.

The SC makes suggestions and recommendations to the CC. It has no governing power but can function for the CC in emergency situations.

The SC provides personal and private contact for the executive secretary for council or review.

The SC has initiated a yearly inventory in which it looks at its purpose and whether it has been effective. Problems in the area are discussed and prioritized as agenda items for discussion throughout the year. Any recommendations are presented to the CC for discussion and any further action.

III Structure and Qualifications:

There are currently 8 districts and the SC is considering the possibility of increasing that number to 12.

Steering Committee District representative should have 3 years of sobriety.

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These representatives should be elected from their district - currently each is voted on by the full Central Committee.

The term is 2 years and requires a commitment to attend the once monthly Steering Committee and Central Committee Meetings.

IV Where are we Going:

The yearly Steering Committee Inventory has provided direction. This years inventory produced an agenda which includes the following;

1. redistricting to increase # of districts
2. better use of the central office space
3. develop procedures for Central Committee meetings
4. better use of the New Frontiers
5. possible split of Central Office (it now covers such a large area)
6. move the Central Committee meeting throughout the district
7. voting for district members within the districts

V Nominations for Steering Committee:

Must be made at the July Central Committee Meeting.

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of the Central Committee and the Twelve Traditions were read.

41 GROUPS & ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPRESENTED:

District#1 - Bidwell, Community Center, Delaware Disc, Early Start, Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud, Happy Hour, Live & Let Live, New Awakening, Open Mind, Rise & Shine, Second Chance, Spiritual Progress, Sunday Nitters, Sunrise Court, The Journey, Women's Westside. *District#2* - Early Bird-Freedom, Liberty Ladies, WHY
District#3 - Abbott Mens, Cazenovia, Fr Baker, Inner City, Iron Horse, Lovejoy, Powerless, Ridge, Seneca 12&12, South Buffalo, Southgate, Urban. *District#4* - Action - *District#5* We Admitted *District#6* - *District#7* Amherst Snyder, Cold Springs, Harmony, Let Go & Let God, No Buffalo, VIP *District#8* - Clarence Mens' II, Fireside, Just for Today, Matt Talbot, New Life, Williamsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Burr E

	1992	1993	change	% change
May Receipt	\$405.00	\$270.00	(\$135.00)	-33.33
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COURTESY REPORTS:

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Attending will be the Northeast Regional Delegate and the General Service Office Manager. We are also looking to have a Class A non-alcoholic trustee attend. Groups are asked to sponsor members to attend at \$15 registration or \$35 registration & dinner. Also, coffee money is needed. Send to PO Box 33, Amherst, NY 14226-0033

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE - no report

RE-CAP:

Steering Committee: Elizabeth asked if the Steering Committee is finalizing everything. Rosemarie explained that the only thing finalized is where the meetings are held. She also stated that the re-districting is only in discussion stages.

Mary Ellen wanted clarification on the "New Frontiers" printing, subscriptions, etc. Pat responded that help is needed with folding, mailing, etc of the "New Frontier".

Bob H stated that the Treatment facility fund was low.

Gary B. asked if we send 24 Hour a Day books to prisons. It was explained that is a Hazelden rather than an AA publications.

Bernie A asked if Central Committee is sending people to a workshop in August in Rochester.

OLD BUSINESS: Christmas vigil: Mickey made a motion to support the recommendations from the Steering Committee. John N stated the Vigil should have no connection with Central Committee. Early D stated he never heard it was a AA Christmas vigil and people with families need it. Warren H stated that AA has no religious affiliation, atleast in name. Bernie A called for a roll call vote and the suggestions by Steering Committee were voted down. Joanne made a motion (seconded by Warren H) that Central Committee have nothing to do with the Christmas Vigil. Vote was taken by a show of hands and this motion was approved. Minority opinion - Gary B expressed concern that if Central Committee doesn't sponsor a Vigil, people will have no place to go on Christmas. He stated that he just wants to see that there will be meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: Delphine asked for approval to give \$200 to the World University Games Ad Hoc Committee, to purchase space in the Games Directory to place the appropriate phone numbers of Alcoholics Anonymous in the areas in which the Games will be held. A motion was made and seconded. Early D asked how we can vote against \$200 seed money for the Vigil but approve money for the University Games. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to close the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah S
Acting Recording Secretary

GROUP	June '93		Correctional Facil.		Treatment Ctrs.	
	Accum.	June '93	June '93	Accum.	June '93	Accum.
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step	25.00					
11th Step	40.00					
A Day At A Time	60.00					
A Helping Hand	70.00					
A New Beginning						
Abol. Mens Discussion						
Acceptance						
Achievement						
Action	88.52					
Age Doesn't Matter						
Albion						
Alexander	50.00					
All Women						
Amherst Snyder						
Amherst Tree of Life						
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age	40.00					
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It	10.00					
Attitude Adjustment	75.00	135.00			25.00	25.00
Attraction		300.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's		66.00		68.00		66.00
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Blidwell	30.00	90.00				
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Group						
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)		25.00				
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Women's		25.00				
Brass		60.00				
Broadway-Bailey						
Brocton Discussion						
But for the Grace of God	15.00	80.00				
By The Book-Buffalo						
Came To Believe		56.00				
Campus (Brio State Col)						
Casting		50.00				
Cathedral Park	34.45	299.15				
Caz Manor		200.00		25.00		25.00
Cazenovia						
Central Park						

GROUP Page 2	Central Office Contr.		Correctional Facil.		Treatment Ctrs.	
	June '93	Accum.	June '93	Accum.	June '93	Accum.
Chapter IX	10.00	50.00	10.00	60.00		
Cheeklowaga						
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Discussion		400.00				
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Cold Springs		50.00				
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center		25.00				
Complainers Again		110.00				
Courage		120.00				
Delaware Discussion		110.00				
Derby		150.00				
Desire	70.00	190.00				
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Disc						
Dunkirk						
Early Blvd						
Early Start						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	40.00	200.00			10.00	60.00
Easy Does It	25.00	25.00				
Eden-North Collins		140.00				
Ellicott	20.00	50.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance		525.00		50.00		50.00
Everybody's		40.00				
Everyone's A.A. Group						
Eye Opener						
Faith						
Father Baker		300.00		60.00		
Feelings						
Fireside	225.00	1548.00			25.00	150.00
Fireside P.M.		50.00				
First Things First		25.00				
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom	25.00	150.00				100.00
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Discussion						
Friday Noon Meeting						
Friendly						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gah Nee Goin Geh(Of the Mind)						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		30.00				
Giving						
Golden Slipper		300.00				

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	June '93	Accum.	June '93	Accum.	June '93	Accum.
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Saturday Nite Live						
Searching for Serenity		40.00				
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12	60.00	160.00				
Serenity		30.00				
Serenity Circle						
Sharing and Caring						
Sheridan	20.00	120.00		20.00		
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail		50.00				
Sober Winners						
Sobriety and Beyond						
Sobriety (Men's Disc)						
Somerset						40.00
South Buffalo		80.00		40.00		
South Town	10.00	35.00				
Southgate		92.90				
Southtowns Women's	10.00	25.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	20.00
Southwestern		15.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress						
Springville	540.00	660.00				
Springville-no smoking		20.00				
St. Barnabas		110.00		50.00		
St. Mark's		60.00				
Stay Clean						
Step						
Stepping Stones						
Suburban		30.00				
Sunday Morning Bkft.		250.00		150.00		100.00
Sunday Nites	20.00	120.00	10.00	70.00		20.00
Sunday Third		30.00				
Sunrise Court	20.00	20.00				
SUNY-Amherst Campus		224.50				
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
TnT		200.00				
TGIF		50.00				
Thankful		110.00				
The Journey						
The Way		50.00				
Thruway	300.00	1958.00	20.00	120.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc						
Today						
Town Hall		150.00				
Tri-County		75.00				

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	June '93	Accum.	June '93	Accum.	June '93	Accum.
Tuesday Men's Disc		70.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc		50.00		10.00		10.00
Turning Point						
Twin Cities		100.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity		115.00				
University	160.00	960.00	25.00	25.00		125.00
Urban						
V.I.P.						
Valley						
Varysburg		10.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa						
We Admitted		5.00	5.00	30.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	180.00	10.00	60.00	20.00	120.00
We Choose Life		66.00				
We Need You						
Wehrle		10.00				
Welcome	100.00	100.00				
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield		75.00				
Westminster						
WHY		50.00				50.00
Williamsville	100.00	100.00				
Willing To Grow		30.00				
Wilson				75.00		75.00
Women's Westside Disc.						
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Youth Gone Wild						
36 Groups-June '93	2276.45		155.00		135.00	
Last month accum. totals	1404.82		1453.00		1441.79	
Year-to-date totals	17121.27		1608.00		1576.79	
	17672.9					

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3. Steering Committee Inventory Agenda Item for May: Re-districting of the Buffalo area - possibly along councilmanic lines. It's pretty much agreed upon that that the districts in our area have gotten too large in terms of number of groups per district. At present there are 8 districts covering almost 300 groups. It was suggested that a committee might be formed to do some of the foot-work such as getting a map of the area and developing some possibilities for district re-organization. Dividing the groups along councilmanic lines has been suggested as a possible starting place as there are such maps available through the city. A committee was volunteered consisting of 3 district reps and the Central Committee Finance Chairman to begin the initial work. It was noted that the first district meeting will be held on June 12 at the Woodside Methodist Church on Abbott Rd. at 10AM in District #3. Letters have been sent to all those groups and Steering Committee will also personally contact a member of each group by phone in order to hopefully maximize attendance.

The Inventory Agenda item for next month is how we can better utilize the space at Central Office. Each member will bring a list of 5 possible items for discussion.