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A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER



I've Got Humility--and How! From the July 1955 Grapevine

IT TOOK ME quite a while to figure out this humility deal. . .but, brother, I've sure got it now! When the chips are down, I can be a Casper Milquetoast and Uriah Heep rolled into one. My humility is so thick, you can cut it with a butter knife.

It's a well-known fact that I've got more humility than any other member of our group--and, what's more important, *they* realize it. Whenever this subject comes up in a closed meeting, everybody looks to me to explain what humility is--and how to get that way. The rest of them sit like dumb clucks and don't have anything to say.

"If I can do it, you can do it," I always tell them. Then I explain how humility is just the art of acting like you don't know it all, and not being an egotistical SOB. like some of the other members I could name. (Yes, I *have* named them, too. I believe in calling a spade a spade, which is the honesty part of the program.)

Some of the older members of our group have started calling me "Mr. Humility," which just goes to show how they recognize my superiority in this respect. Naturally, a couple of them are a little jealous because I have so much more humility than they have, and I explain it so much better.

Now and then, a newcomer sticks his head in the noose by sounding off with some dumb question about humility, at our closed meetings.

"How long *you* been around AA?" I ask. That flattens them. They don't realize that, after so many years of alcoholic thinking, you don't get real *quality* humility right off the bat. However, I always believe in holding out some hope to the newcomer.

"Just act like me, bub," I tell him, "and it won't take you long to catch on."

I've been around AA a couple of years now, and I've seen 'em come and go. Slips? Well, sure, I've had a few, mostly in recent month's. . .but you could hardly call them slips. You see, I've been trying to prove something. I know the mill-run of alcoholics can't touch that first drink--the *hoi polloi*, so to speak--but I'm different.

I'll admit I'm trying to taper off a bender right now. I *admit* I have a drinking problem. I don't know all there is to know about the Twelve Steps and all that other malarkey.

But don't you see? That's the very basis of my humility--I *admit* these things! I may not have as much continuous sobriety as some of the stuffed shirts I know.

But I've got more damn humility than the whole pack of them put together!

-- Anonymous



The Six S's

To help you remember the ideals that make for happy sobriety

From Grapevine June 1971

UNQUESTIONABLY, I needed AA. Those wonderfully simple truths from the Big Book and the emotional support of friends around the tables were for me. However, this was strange ground--not just a matter of getting my life back on the track, but of finding specific rewards and purposes to give it meaning again. I had seen others fail because they chose the wrong subject for research: Would that first drink really throw them? So I decided instead to research the plus factors in being an AA member. "Sure, I need it," I told myself. Then I asked, "But is that enough? Where is the challenge, and what are the rewards?"

Basically, I have found, the challenge is the discovery of a new and better way of life. For me, AA provides rewards and bonuses I would not have believed possible in my drinking days. My life has been greatly enriched by what I choose to call the Six S's: *sobriety, sanity, serenity, spiritual growth, sharing, and service*. What a contrast to the hideous Four Horsemen of my drinking days: frustration, bewilderment, terror, and despair.

Sobriety is the foundation on which all the rest are built. Once this priority is established, the order of the other S's will vary with individual motivation, perception, and progress. A clear head helps me learn to cope with life's problems rather than to aggravate them.

Sanity returns slowly with sobriety, depending largely on how confused one has become. Like the five other S's, sanity may at first seem fleeting and difficult to maintain. Persistent working of the Twelve Steps on a day-to-day basis is essential. It is unrealistic to expect an immediate return to sanity; only with time can we put all things into perspective. Gradually, new patterns of thinking must be established and adhered to. I learned to encourage good thoughts to replace that stinking thinking.

Serenity has been called "a step beyond sanity." It is the ability to live comfortably with oneself and others in the world as it exists, whether or not that is the world of one's choice. The Serenity Prayer is an invaluable tool in making possible this high degree of acceptance of things as they are. Attaining the serenity to accept things (and people) I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can (including myself), and the wisdom to know the difference is a large order, requiring God's help.

Spiritual growth is a byproduct of the search for serenity by means of prayer and meditation. This lofty concept is the most difficult to communicate to others. However, when the Third Step becomes an essential part of our lives, people will marvel at how we have changed. AA friends will realize, however, that we are using that Higher Power, instead of being our own little gods.

Sharing the bounty of sobriety with those who still suffer is necessary in order to maintain the spiritual quality of sobriety.

Even as disturbed beginners, we warmed to the compassionate sharing of experience, strength, and hope by those who welcomed us to the tables of AA. Gradually, we became willing to participate and to try to help others as we had been helped. Each experiences this need to share in his own way; it is akin to his need to be understood. Our early self-hatred and sense of alienation become a common meeting ground in AA. Where else can we meet people with whom we can so readily identify?

Service not only gives us a sense of rejoining the human race, but fills that awful gap left by the absent bottle. Like happiness, service is where we find it--in making coffee, emptying ashtrays, doing Twelfth Step work, meeting with alcoholics in hospitals and institutions, being on committees, or taking part in AA meetings--whatever the challenge. To be able to give freely of self is the ultimate in happiness.

If the concern for these Six S's seems selfish, perhaps it is. Self-centered, it is not. Here is a chance to be at peace with ourselves again. We cannot accept such rewards without a true sense of humility when we remember how God searches out that one lost sheep. If I had not been so lost, I might never have known the joy of finding a spiritual home in AA.

-- C. J. :Pleasant Hill, California ~~ Reprinted w/ permission of Grapevine; June 1971

!!!ATTENTION !!!

Our monthly
Central Committee

meeting is moving starting
July 11th to:

St. Michael's Parish
651 Washington Street
Buffalo, NY 14203



Buffalo Central Office



**Needs
Support**





The Grapevine has come a long way in its presentation to AA members since its first issue in June of 1944. The good people who have done the work and those who now do the work to make this happen, have successfully adjusted it's delivery to a digital age. As many of you know, it is now possible to purchase subscriptions that allow for reading and listening to audio presentations online and there will be an AA Grapevine app coming out soon as well! The online sobriety calculator can be a good tool and it is fun to submit captions for the monthly cartoons and vote on last months' favorite. Submitting your story or artwork is another great way to keep involved with our life-saving fellowship's legacy of service.

Looking back at its origin, as is listed on the Grapevine website, <http://www.aagrapevine.org/history-aa-grapevine> there is something spiritually beautiful, exciting and worth celebrating in the accomplishment of its début. It was a simple, powerful presentation. A valuable service; given in a labor of thoughtfulness and love to those that were benefited by it. Here is that description:

“The Grapevine was created by six AA members in the New York area — four women and two men. With the blessings of AA's co-founder Bill W., they published the first issue in June 1944, just nine years after the founding of AA. A copy of that first issue was sent to every AA group — about 300 at the time — and to all known AA members in the armed services overseas. An entire page with the heading, "Mail Call for All AA's in the Armed Forces," was devoted to letters from these members, who began calling the Grapevine their "meeting in print." The title stuck, and today the Grapevine and La Viña carry it on their covers.”

Nowadays, information is so readily available, from so many sources, and there is so much of it, that it is taken for granted and we can actually become in different to it. But that first delivery of the Grapevine was something extraordinary.

Here is an excerpt by Bill W. from the Grapevine, Vol. 1, No. 1, June, 1944:

“Now comes another lighted lamp-this little newspaper called “The Grapevine”. May its rays of hope and experience ever fall upon the current of our A.A. life and one day illumine every dark corner of this alcoholic world. The aspirations of its editors, contributors and readers could well be voiced in the last words of “A Vision for You”. “Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find, and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road to Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you-until then.” Bill

Submitted for the Area 50 Archives Committee by David C.; Orchard Park Step Group



6th STEP

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

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@hotmail.com

or mail to:

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Heard @ a Meeting

***“What's wrong with me ,
if I'm not loving you”***

IN MEMORIAM

Things We Can Not Change

To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones

Jerry F: 39years ~ Dunkirk Monday Night

Our thoughts and prayers are with you

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Alexander

Jose O. 13y
Sam F. 23y

Amherst/Snyder

Jason M. 2y
Doc C. 3y
Fred H. 4y
Jen R. 6y
Ed J. 9y
Marty P. 21y
Roger H. 27y
Dave L. 27y
Whitey D. 33y

Big Book-Lockport

John T. 1y
Amber B. 3y

Boulevard Women

Eileen S. 2y
Donna F. 33y

Courage Group

Rudy B. 26y
John S. 27y
Roger H. 32y
Donna F. 33y

Eyeopener

Andy S. 1y
Stevie D. 2y
Jim K. 3y
David V. 13y
Peter S. 13y
Iron John 20y
Peter M. 21y
Bernie B. 22y
Michael W. 29y
Rich S. 32y
Sandy S. 33y
Tim 40y

Eyeopener South

Kipp M. 3m
Lori S. 6m
Peter F. 4y
Charlie H. 9y
Alan H. 36y

First Step

Ebony E. 2y

Fireside

Ross G. 1y
Robin 2y
Sue D. 8y
Michelle R. 9y
Joyce 13y
Amy C. 16y
Tarrie K. 17y
John B. 20y
Judy C. 26y
John S. 28y

Friends Of Bill W.

Will Y. 1y
Peter J. 1y
Nora P. 1y
Sal V. 2y
Bill T. 5y
Michael M. 6y

Golden Slipper

Scott W. 5y
Ray W. 8y
Dave B. 25y
Jim S. 42y

H.A.N.D.

Al K. 22y

Helping Hand

John M. 14y
Diane S. 23y

Holiday Village

Linda 2y
Donna G. 2y
Jeff P. 31y

How It Works- Men's

Tim M. 10y
Jim G. 10y
Kevin S. 22y

Ironhorse

Patrick R. 2y
Leo G. 4y
Dan Z. 5y

Lakeshore

Cheryl G. 1y

Lockview

Tricia M. 2y
Karl S. 3y
Lynette F. 4y
Angel 11y
Dave N. 23y
Tim C. 26y

Orchard Park Step

Kristen G. 6m
Denise M. 6m
Kathleen S. 26y
Gerry S. 27y

Remember When

James m. 6y
Dennis E. 19y
Virgil D. 19y

Renaissance

Mary W. 3m
Mike K. 6m
Fred I. 6y
Bob S. 7y
Jean P. 8y
Jennifer R. 10y
Neal M. 13y
Wayne T. 15y
John J. 35y

Rise & Shine

Brittany D. 9m
Frank G. 9m
Kaitlyn Mc 2y
Lisa R. 3y
Anne K. 4y
Bill S. 4y
Kathy J. 8y
Sharon Z. 8y
Wanda W. 10y
Johnathan D 11y
Joe A. 19y
Walter C. 23y

Sheridan

Rachel 5y

Sun. Morning Br.

Cookie L. 31y

Thruway

Bob F. 2y
Megan 3y
Donna F. 33y

Unity

Jack W. 11y
John B. 20y
Dave D. 33y

Williamsville

Kyle M. 3m
Laura M. 3m
Sara U. 1y
Chris C. 1y
Barb C. 37y



Group Anniversaries

Any Age: 38y
Beginnings Women's: 30y
Downtown Men's: 40y
Helping Hand: 41y
High Noon: 21y
Kenmore: 49y
Lockport Tuesday PM
Lovejoy: 32y
Matt Talbot
Mercy: 29y
Questions & Answers: 13y
Spiritual Progress: 27y
Springville Tues Night: 49y
Starting Over (pm)
Sunrise Court: 62y
Victory: 27y

Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the **12th**

END OF BUSINESS DAY 4:30 PM of the month

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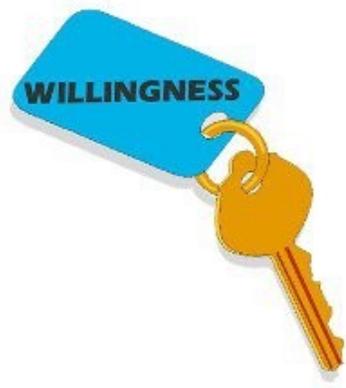
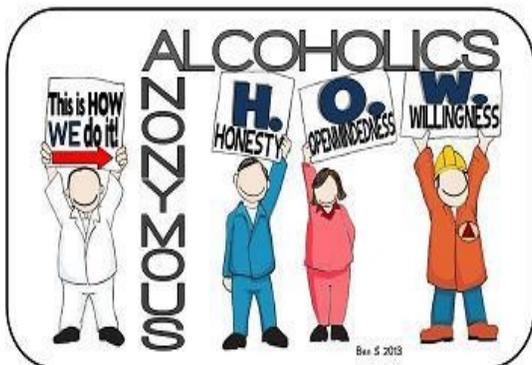
The Sixth Tradition

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.



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

...and the good name of A.A. could be smeared!



PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED :-)

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June 2016

IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.

MEETING CHANGES

- **June 3rd, Lockview Group** will be **moving** across the street on **Friday's** to the same location they meet on Monday's. United Church of Christ Church, 98 East Ave, Lockport 14094.
- **If He Were Sought** now meets **Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday's, 10PM**, Never Alone Club, 1864 Seneca St., Bflo South, 14210. Open Discussion.
- **New Group; More Friends of Bill W.;** **Friday 6:30 AM**. WNY Counseling, 388 Evans St, Williamsville, 14221. Open Discussion.
- **New Group; All Is Well, Saturday, 10:30 AM**. 1645 Southwestern Blvd, (Across from YMCA) West Seneca, 14224. Open Discussion.
- Through the end of September 2016, **Sunday Morning Breakfast** Group will **not be meeting at Cheektowaga Town Park**. We will instead be **meeting at the Alexander Community Center**, 275 Alexander, Cheektowaga. The building is diagonally across the back area from the current meeting. The meeting will continue to meet from 11AM-Noon.
- **Angola Early Birds** will **no longer Meet on Mondays**, Thursday's will continue to meet. Most Precious Blood Church, 192 Prospect St. (off Lake St.) 14006
- **Elmwood Group NO LONGER MEETS**. 2590 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore, NY 14217

Support AA through the Envelope System:

This is another way to help carry the AA message by making a personal donation.
Please call Central Office for more details; 853-0388

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ~ Jun 4, **General Service Assembly, SATURDAY ,12 Noon.**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 36 North 4th St., Allegheny NY 14706.
 - ~ Jun 5, **Central Committee Meeting, SUNDAY, 7 PM**, Buffalo Central Office (**Hosted by**).
 - ~ Jun 5,, **Steering Committee; SUNDAY, 5:30 PM**, Buffalo Central Office
 - ~ Jun 11, **Archives Committee Meeting; 2nd SATURDAY, 9 AM**, Buffalo Central Office
 - ~ Jun 13, **Public Information Committee meeting, 2nd-MONDAY**, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what do not, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office.
 - ~ Jun 16, **Convention Committee Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 6 PM**, The Hope Center, 781 Maple, Amherst 14221.
 - ~ Jun 19, **Corrections Committee Meeting, 3rd-SUNDAY, 6:00 PM**, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.
 - ~ Jun 20, **Treatment Facilities Committee, 3rd-MONDAY, 6 PM**, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- Please, if you or your group is taking a meeting into a treatment facility, could you please send a rep to this meeting?

COMING EVENTS

~ May 20-21, **12 Step Workshop**, hosted by Depth & Weight Speaker Group. Guest Hosts Gary B.- Indy, IN and Bob O.- Denver, CO. Friday: 5 PM & Saturday: 9 AM. Food & Coffee Provided. Voluntary Contributions. 6 focused Sessions. Kenilworth United Church of Christ, 45 Dalton Drive, Buffalo, 14223.

~ May 20, **South Buffalo 71st Group Anniversary**. Speaker, Food & Fellowship. Please bring a dish to share.

~ June 4th - **Ironhorse FAMILY Picnic** - noon to dusk - MacKinnon Lodge Chestnut Ridge Park. Burgers, hot dogs and French fries provided, bring a dish to pass. Pop, and coffee also provided. Speaker at 1:00 pm FREE for everyone - bring your family!!

~ Jun 28, **By The Wayside Anniversary**; Food at 5:00 PM, Speaker at 6:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share.

~ Jun 30, **Questions & Answers Group** will be celebrating their **13th Group Anniversary** with a Free Buffet at 6:00pm followed by an Open Speaker Meeting at St. Martin's in the Field 2587 Baseline Rd. Grand Island.

~ July 16, **Main & High Day of Sharing**, "A Day of Sharing of Alcoholics Anonymous". 9:30- 3:45PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo (across from Anchor Bar) Registration; \$6.00, Alateen \$5. 50/50, Hot Meal & Refreshments.

~ Sept 30- Oct 2, Women of **AA Annual Fall Spiritual Weekend** at Stella Niagara - Lewiston. Come for a weekend to share sobriety with fellow recovering AA women through speakers, small groups, spiritual advisors and meditation. Registration will begin late August.

~ Oct. 14-16, **75th Buffalo Fall Convention**, Adam's Mark Hotel. 120 Church St, Buffalo, 14202. Info & flyers coming soon on the website; www.buffaloaany.org (under Events)

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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."

6th CONCEPT; The Conference recognizes that chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Powerless Not Helpless

Humility is not thinking
less of yourself,
but thinking
of yourself less.

- C.S. Lewis

*But the actual or potential alcoholic, with hardly an exception, will be **absolutely unable to stop drinking on the basis of self-knowledge.***

This is a point we wish to emphasize and re-emphasize, to smash home upon our alcoholic readers as it has been revealed to us out of bitter experience.

"pg. 39 in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous"

Central Committee Minutes May 1st, 2016

The meeting was opened by chair at 7pm with the responsibility statement followed by a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Brian (eye opener read the Preamble), Dennis D (How It Works) read the 12 Traditions, Holly (Orchard Park Step) read the Purpose of Central Committee. Tina F (Step Action) gave a marvelous dissertation on the 5th tradition which was very well received by all! Next month the 6th Tradition will be discussed by: No representatives were present

31 Groups were represented: Zone 1 – Main & High; Zone 2 – Acceptance, Friends of Bill, How It Works, Questions & Answers, Step Action, Three Legacies, Depth & Weight; Zone 3 – Abbott men's, Buffalo, Iron Horse, South Buffalo, Thruway, Tuesday Women's; Zone 4 – Hillbilly, OP Step, Tuesday Men's; Zone 5 – Lockport #1, Twin Cities; Zone 6 – Carrying the Message, Derby, Going to Any Length, Lake shore; Zone 7 – Fresh Start; Zone 8 – Achievement, Amherst Snyder, East Amherst Traditions, Eye Opener, Step it Up, Williamsville

Committee Reports:

Envelope System (Sue B) – The "envelope system" committee met on April 29, 2016. Present: Pat G., Susan S., Diane D. John C. A first draft of the Script was discussed and edited. The script will be used by committee members who attend Group Business Meetings in area 50 for the purpose of informing the membership about the structure of AA service organizations, the services they provide and contact information. The focus will be on the role of Central Committee, and how groups and individuals can contribute financially so Central Office can continue to serve alcoholics and those interested in their recovery. We also asked for more volunteers to help in this effort. Our next meeting is on Friday June 3, 2016 4:00 p.m. Tim Hortons 1705 Niagara Falls Blvd. Amherst at Ridge lee rd. near the 290 ramps.

Steering Committee (Randy) – No Written Report

Financial (Dianne) – Presented in following pages

Treatment (Jesse) The treatment committee is currently responsible for bringing the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous into 4 facilities. With the help of 30 groups, there are collectively 8 "TFC meetings" a week going on at these facilities. Our last Committee meeting was held on 4/18/16, 6 members and 4 groups were represented. We discussed the current motion on the floor to change the meeting time and place for committees. Overall it was well liked and approved. Over the next year or two we would like to approach every group, currently holding a commitment through us, with an informational presentation at their business meetings. Also from now on all Groups interested taking a commitment with us will be given this presentation. The presentation can be downloaded a head of time from the Central Committee web page in the forms section. We spoke at Iron Horse and Williamsville this month. Outside of joining our committee, there are a few areas where AA members, and groups, can be of service through treatment.

1. Individuals may take a speaking commitment at Horizon Village Terrace House on a Thursday at 6pm.
2. All groups who currently have commitments through the Treatment Committee can, and should, send a representative to our monthly committee meeting to inform us about anything more we could be doing to be of service to them, and also to allow us to inform their groups, through them, about anything pertinent to their continued Twelfth step work through TFC.
3. Treatment Committee is looking into taking on a new commitment at a facility that does not currently have an AA presence yet. If you have a suggestion please email us. Thank you to all groups and individuals who are involved in this vital 12th step work. To get involved or if there are any issues you need to contact us about please email us at buffalotfc@gmail.com, or at our monthly meeting the 3rd Monday of the month 5/16/16, 6pm, at Central Office.

Corrections (Kristine) – No Report

Central Office (Terry) TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS ; AA Call's: 489, 12-STEP: 14, ALANON: 7 VISITORS: 116, VOLUNTEERS: 4, Email's: 286, Website Hit's: 97, 197/ of them 6,832, Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 14,771; Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 0. GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: A VISION FOR YOU-6, Women In Sobriety-5. Reminder, If a group goes a year without a contact person, they will be removed from the schedule.

Night watch (Christian) – No written report was provided except to say that people are required to help with the committee, and they are looking for folks to help announce the info for night watch at meetings

PIC CPC (Kristen) -We created a flyer with general information about Alcoholics Anonymous with the phone number for central office to rip off and have been posting them (with permission) to community boards around Buffalo

-We have reserved a booth at an upcoming health fair this summer, date and location to be included in next month's report

-Looking into similar health fairs to be able to have a booth at in the area

-Setting up a time and date to give a presentation to the nursing students at ECC North campus

-We have our months ECMC rehab commitment on the second Tuesday of this month which has been well attended and received If you have any questions or interest regarding the committee you can reach me at [\(919\) 348-3558](tel:9193483558) or come visit us the second Monday of every month here at central office

Current Convention (Sue B) - The convention will be held October 14-16, 2016 at the Adam's Mark Hotel with free parking and limitless coffee. Our fourth meeting on April 21, 2016 was well attended and represented by most committee chairs. We are hoping to have the registration flyers on line and in print by the end of May. Unfortunately, we do not have the time or funds needed to set up online registration. We do have the Square system set up for the day of the event, so we will be able to accept credit cards at the hotel. We have instituted a pricing change as follows: the earliest bird for the convention & dinner included is \$50 postmarked by July 15, early bird is \$55 postmarked by August 15, and the price for August 16 through cut-off of September 30, 2016 is \$60. Also prepaid convention only is \$20 and day of is \$25, if available day of banquets will be \$65. We are hoping that the price break encourages people to register early. The entertainment committee is looking into live entertainment for Saturday evening following the banquet and a DJ on Friday evening. We will be selling sweatshirts and tee shirts as well as travel mugs and ceramic cups. Our sixth meeting will be at The Hope Center, 781 Maple at Forest on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Please mention these topics in your home groups.

General Service Liaison – (Position to be filled)

(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

Archives (Lila) – The Archives Committee displayed at the 69th Anniversary of Lockport#1 on the first of April. Upcoming displays are at Blvd Helping Hands in Wheatfield on May 7th, June 30th at Grand Island’s Questions & Answers group, July 16th’s Main & High Day of Sharing in Buffalo, the 2016 Day of Learning by NY-Penn Intergroup on Sept 23, 2016 in Olean, NY, the Orchard Park Step Group Sept 27th and the Buffalo Fall Convention Oct 14-16! Much THANKS to all of the almost 300 attendees at the Archives Breakfast! Report on the outcome of this event will be coming in the next report and apologies for forgetting the Memorial Mention segment that didn’t fit in. We had donations from Iron Horse and Main and High groups! Please note we are a financially autonomous committee with our only resources being group contributions and special events. We receive NO funding from ANY unorganized part of AA for ANYTHING. We rely upon your group and/or individual support to fund our archival work, pay rent for the repository, and participate in archival activities. Note that no funds are used to get members to events and each member pays their own way into events except out of area issues – donations are used ONLY for rent and archival efforts as approved by the entire committee and are protected by the multi-signature checking account. Please send any contributions to: Area 50 Archives Committee, c/o Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. We thank you for your continuing support. Many tasks are in process at this time and much help is needed, and volunteers are starting to appear to help! Amazing how help can be provided that wouldn’t be through to pray for – like a former radio station employee being able to get a record to play that seemed useless – and record it to an MP3 file. In Niagara Falls, a volunteer has become an active archives member who now records the CASSETTES that are now being donated to archives (not yet accessing the thousands currently in the archives repository). If you have an interest in helping archives, even just providing carrying help for displays or careful archival tasks, please let me know or come to the 2nd Saturday of each month committee meeting at 9:00 am in the office of the Buffalo Central Committee where we rent a room. Archives meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays for work-nights, when we do some fascinating work. We also have conference calling abilities available – just ask! Also if you are not yet receiving your free incredibly interesting newsletter on the history of AA called “Markings”, please subscribe on AA.ORG or if you don’t know how, please send your email address to us at ARCHIVES@AREA50WNY.ORG at your convenience. I’ve GOT YOU!

Accessibility (Pat M) “Special needs” is more than just working with those that have disabilities. Beside seeing if your meeting place is accessible for those with disabilities. Do you provide baby sitting or care for a child service, so the parent can be at the meeting? Are there members that speak a foreign language? Do you have a table for them? There are many more ways that you could make your meetings fully accessible to the alcoholic that is out there. You can reach me through our GSA web page, Special Needs.

NYSIW (Sean C) The New York State informational Workshop will be held from July 29th-31st at Canisius College on Main St. We have set aside the dorms, meeting spaces, archives room, and hospitality. Every measure has been taken to ensure that this will be a 100% accessible event. The website – nysiw.org is up and running with registration ability coming soon. Have decided upon the theme: “Securing our Future through Service”

Recap

Envelope System: Question about which Tim Horton’s on NFB is the one at which you meet. A:

Steering – Q – will members from Steering committee be reaching out to groups within their zone to inform groups that the Central Committee meeting will be moving, the answer was that the representative present could not speak for other members of steering committee. After some back and forth the general sense was conveyed by Tina (Step Action) that Steering committees should be more communicative with the groups in their zones, and Randy responded quite eloquently that this is part of a roadmap type plan.

What zones aren’t represented? 3 and 7, no one present would stand or was eligible to stand for a steering committee position.

Corrections – Q – why did Renaissance House remove all 12-step meetings and tighten the controls as to who can take clients out? A – Apparently there was contraband found on residents following meetings so they were all cancelled. We are working to get the AA meeting back in.

PIC-CPC – Q – PI is still taking info to Libraries, there wasn’t anything at the Library on Harlem Rd. in Cheektowaga.

Convention – Q – Can you preregister for the convention with a credit card? A – We’re working on that. Q – What is the Theme? A – Action Lights our Path. Q – If we pay for early bird but don’t know who we want to sit with now, can we pay now and choose our table later when we know who we want to sit with? A – Probably not going to happen.

7th Tradition was \$71

Old Business:

Open Steering Committee Positions zones 3 & 7 no one stood

GSA Liaison – no one stood.

Change to Bi-Laws regarding Co-Chair, amendment was read again.

Passed with 26 for, none opposed and one abstention! Yay!

Motion to have all permanent committee’s meet at the new location of Central Committee immediately prior to central committee at 5:30 at St. Michael’s church. There was much discussion over this, including the fact that there is a 5pm mass at St Michaels on Sundays, thus parking may be an issue. A Catholic mentioned that in their experience there shouldn’t be rush of people at a 5pm mass. There was a motion to table this until could be brought to the committees this motion was seconded and thus tabled.

New Business:

None

Motion to close was brought at 8:24



New Frontiers ~ June 2016

Cash Flow Statement	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	YTD: 2015
Begin Cash on hand	16,033.27	14,111.56	10,325.75	15,762.33	
Contributions					17,398.18
Groups	3,560.58	3,931.38	5,443.79	4,462.43	257.40
Joint Meeting	72.00	46.40	57.00	82.00	2,651.00
Envelope System	1,005.00	532.00	667.00	447.00	229.00
New Frontiers Subs	20.00	59.00	78.00	72.00	14,525.92
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,123.04	3,157.88	4,859.25	3,385.75	965.31
Literature Sales Tax	183.54	193.57	361.69	226.51	78.27
Literature Postage	9.59	18.85	28.92	20.91	230.40
Sales+/-	98.02	48.59	(33.38)	117.17	72.00
Archives Room Rent:					
Com. Meetings at CO	9.00	15.00	24.00	24.00	5,000.00
Mail/Misc.					
Tax Returns					
Transfer from PR			5,000.00		
Income Transfer					
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)					
Conventions/Day of Sharing					
Monthly Income	8,080.77	8,002.67	16,486.27	8,837.77	41,407.48
Expenses					
Building Rent/Utilities	1,283.79	1,283.79	1,312.49	1,312.49	5,192.56
Payroll Gross	2,769.24	2,769.24	2,769.24	2,769.24	11,076.96
Employment Taxes	270.02	270.02	258.94	252.53	1,051.51
Unemployment Surchar	(2.40)	(2.40)	(2.40)	(2.40)	(9.60)
NYS Sales Tax			3,008.62		3,008.62
Insurance					
State Ins Fund(Travelers)		312.00			312.00
Health	554.67	535.30	535.30	535.30	2,160.57
D&O Insurance	1,071.00				1,071.00
Liability	1,103.15				1,103.15
Postage	171.91	628.92	244.90	0.98	1,046.71
Phone/Internet	126.07	196.67	138.64	138.64	600.02
Accounting					
Paychex	200.90	115.13	115.13	121.31	552.47
Advt					
Talking Phone Book					
Dex Media	349.80	175.55	175.55	175.55	876.45
website					
Local Edge		291.60			291.60
Yellow Pages					
Literature Expenses					
Grapevine		210.00			210.00
World Services Inc	884.76	1,123.03	1,920.80	1,094.85	5,023.44
Hazeldon		1,021.13			1,021.13
Printers		2,275.00			2,275.00
Medallions		9.85	105.49		115.34
Petty Cash					
Office Supplies	611.59	40.59	36.99	74.57	763.74
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00	209.00	836.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	644.00
Bank Fee's including credit c	237.98	63.06	60.00	79.23	440.27
literature returns reimbursement					
Convention add to make Seed \$\$		100.00			100.00
CO Seminar					
Monthly Expenses	10,002.48	11,788.48	11,049.69	6,922.29	39,762.94
Monthly Income (Loss)	(1,921.71)	(3,785.81)	5,436.58	1,915.48	1,644.54
End Balance	14,111.56	10,325.75	15,762.33	17,677.81	
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Total Balance	17,111.56	13,325.75	18,762.33	20,677.81	
PRUDENT RESERVE	28,138.32	28,138.77	23,139.18	23,139.18	
Assets: Literature & Medallions	11,787.37	14,156.21	12,935.25	11,841.89	
Literature Receivable (outstanding)	406.50	532.52	726.18	733.01	
PIC Removed from Stock					
Corrections Facilities	1,928.45	2,047.15	2,149.15	2,206.15	
Contributions	270.00	105.00	60.00	323.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Expenses	148.30				
Balance	2,047.15	2,149.15	2,206.15	2,516.15	
Treatment Facilities	655.60	817.60	645.92	827.92	
Contributions	165.00	391.32	185.00	118.00	
Expenses		560.00		280.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Balance	817.60	645.92	827.92	652.92	

Intergroup wants to express our appreciation for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a **special thank you** to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.

Bill W. wrote of Intergroup Offices, "Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill!"
"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet

Concept VI: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

April 2016

Proposal to change the By-Laws
1st Proposed change to Section 4.07:
Section 4.07 Envelope System Chairperson

A. The Envelope System was established to allow A.A. members to directly contribute monies to help defray the costs of operating the Buffalo Central Office, which in turn helps carry the message. Anonymity is kept.

B. The Central Office Executive Secretary is responsible to accept and record contributions made, send receipts, compile year end statements and give monthly accounting totals to the Envelope System Chairperson to report to Central Committee.

C. The Committee is responsible to inform/ educate the Membership on what the Envelope System is, how it benefits them and how to contribute.

Submitted by Pat G. Envelope System Chairperson; seconded by Pat M. Thruway Group

2nd Proposed change to the By-Laws:
 Wherever the "Envelope System" is referenced, change the name to, "Gratitude Guardians".

Submitted by Pat G. Envelope System Chairperson; seconded by Sue B.; Tuesday Women's Discussion

New Frontiers ~ June 2016

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

ZON	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR
			0.00		0.00		0.00
5	7 Clans		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		0.00		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
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	A VISION FOR YOU		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's	25.00	100.00		0.00	25.00	100.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		75.00		0.00		75.00
4	Action		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst Snyder		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Angola Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	30.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
4	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		230.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		50.00		25.00		25.00
5	Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction		80.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		40.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Saturday		30.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		10.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek		40.00		0.00		0.00
	By the Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside	50.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Castle		60.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake-Up Call	200.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		150.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Cafe		75.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Common Problem		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections	25.00	201.50		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Dawn of Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight	15.00	45.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		192.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		20.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		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
8	East Amherst Traditions		117.37		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	120.00	30.00	90.00	30.00	120.00
6	Eden		90.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville		25.00		0.00		0.00
2	Elmwood		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	507.55	693.60		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	657.50	857.50	263.00	343.00		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM	150.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside	303.00	516.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start	55.00	130.00		0.00		0.00
1	Friday Night Lights		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

ZON	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR	APRIL	YEAR
2	Friends of Bill W.		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville		220.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		9.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		737.00		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grace Point		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		15.00		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand	25.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		400.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
1	H.I.P.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		90.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's		100.00		0.00		0.00
1	HUDSON & WADSWORTH		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	110.00	503.00		0.00	8.00	8.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		80.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeshore	100.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		75.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		50.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women	25.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP	200.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Living Sober		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		100.00		0.00		200.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lower River	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	20.00	30.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth		25.00		0.00		0.00
4	Manilla	35.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	77.00	165.98		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK	20.00	20.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		300.00		0.00		0.00
2	Mustard Seed II		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		25.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		125.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		35.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo		100.00		0.00		0.00

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