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THE ONLY REQUIREMENT

The first time I attended a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, I was twenty-five. The month before heading to a meeting was mishaps, broken promises, terrible accidents, wrong turns, missed appointments, and crossed boundaries. I woke up hung over, ashamed, unsure of myself. I don't even know how I ended up at an AA meeting, how I figured out where it was, or if I was an alcoholic. I just made a feeble connection that every night that something bad happened, and I crossed my boundaries, that I was drunk. Booze was interfering with the person I thought I could be. I walked into the meeting unshowered from the night before, probably sweating out whiskey, and suffering from the shakes something fierce. No one told me to leave. No one told me that I didn't belong there because I was still drunk, or perhaps, not quite sober, or if I didn't know if I were an alcoholic. Our third tradition reminds us that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. But we don't have to be stopped. I didn't stay sober after my first AA meeting. In fact, I went to one more meeting and drank for another ten plus years. When I came into the rooms, I had three days of sobriety under my belt, and I listened to what everyone said with a willingness that only the dying possess. I jumped into step work, got a sponsor, home group, called women. I had about three months sober, hitting ninety meetings in ninety days, when I sat next to someone who was drunk. It was the first time the smell of alcohol overwhelmed me in a meeting, and the want, lust, obsession hit me full force. I wanted to cry for how much I wanted a drink in that moment. I stayed in my seat, shaking from fear of drinking and fear of not drinking. All that want turned into rage and anger--How dare someone come to an AA meeting drunk! I was indignant, full of righteous rage. I left the meeting, unsure of whether I could stay sober. I called my sponsor and told her the entire ordeal. I cried and yelled and she shushed me. "Our third tradition states that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. No one kicked you out of your first meeting, or your fifteenth or your fiftieth just because you smelled like booze, or perfume, or hairspray. You are still so cloudy, you probably just smelled hand sanitizer. Next time, switch seats, or go to another meeting, because that person needs a meeting as much as you and has as much right to be in that seat as you. One day, you will not react to the smell of alcohol with anxiety and fear, but until then, shut up and go to another meeting." So, I went to another meeting, humbled, reminded of our third tradition that once embraced me without judgment.



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

Step Six: Obligated to Go Forward

Especially when it hurts too much to stand still

Step Six has always seemed to me to be the most theoretical of the Twelve Steps. What, exactly, do we mean by "entirely ready"? What if I am only a little bit ready? Halfway ready? Seventy-five percent ready? Can I still approach Step Six? I think the answer is yes, and I'd go further: despite the degree of readiness I might or might not possess on a given day, I am obligated to go forward.

My first pass at Step Six occurred within the first few months of my sobriety. I had completed Steps Four and Five, and when I got to the Sixth Step, my sponsor asked me to read one paragraph a day--no more--of the essay in the "Twelve and Twelve." That took about three weeks. When I was finished, he suggested that I do the same thing again. I think now he was preparing me for the glacial pace at which we become ready to have any given defect of character removed.

At this point in my development, I was unclear about what a character defect was, never mind my readiness to have it removed. When members alluded to "character defects" in meetings, what they often referred to was the manifestation of these defects. Smoking is not a character defect. Playing the lottery is not a defect of character. Eating chocolate, which one well-meaning member assailed for about fifteen minutes when she spoke on this Step, is not a defect of character. Like this woman, I was confronting my shortcomings such as I understood them at the time. But nothing much needed to be done about them. The responsibilities and commitments of my new sober life were considerably more than I was used to, but they didn't amount to much, and so my own defects of character weren't really in the way of what I was seeking to accomplish. This was about to change.

As a natural result of my attempts to practice the principles of the program, my life got bigger. I married a beautiful girl. We were blessed with a daughter. My career appeared to be moving forward--and the manifestation of my character defects persisted. In particular, the one that our literature tells us leads the parade: Pride.

I can offer a couple mundane examples: After our daughter was born, my wife went back to grind it out at her nine-to-five while I took to the local playgrounds with our bouncing baby girl. Even in a city thought to be

on the cutting edge of social change, most of the playground parents were moms. I felt out of place, alienated, distant, ostracized. I should note that nobody made me feel anything. I manufactured these emotions on my own.

The small talk among folks I became acquainted with--I saw them sometimes twice a day--naturally centered on child care and education. I discovered right away that my own opinions veered wildly from the playground standard, and I took every opportunity (often forcing opportunities where they didn't exist) to articulate those distinctions. It was all about me being right, of course, and them being wrong.

I felt compelled to make it clear that I was destined for big things, great things; my ambition surpassed anything as pedestrian as raising a child. So when the subject of what I "did" came up (and it often would), I outlined in great detail the number of exciting projects I had in the works. One sympathetic mom asked me how I was doing; I gave her a resume. My aim was to make sure that everyone--in some cases a total stranger--was acutely aware that I was not merely a goateed, bespectacled child-care provider of the progressive new breed; I was a mover and a shaker with his eyes on the prize. I would keep talking until the person turned away, bored or offended. I became embarrassed on two counts: Number one, the person was not necessarily impressed, and number two, I was informing her of my career arc, letting her know who I thought I was, out of pure pride. As Bruce Willis asked Ving Rhames in *Pulp Fiction*, "You feel that sting, big boy? That's pride."

I felt that sting. I became painfully aware of that defect of character and duly mentioned it, with great specificity, to the Higher Power. I let him know that he ought to remove it just as soon as possible. I had become, according to me, entirely ready.

Guess what? The next time I was asked how I was doing on the playground, I answered in precisely the same manner. Pushing my daughter's swing with my left hand, gesticulating with my right, I expounded on all my plans for the immediate future. My target's reaction was also the same. Her eyes glazed over while she looked frantically for some-thing else to occupy her time.

"Entirely ready" took on a new meaning. I had created as much willingness as I could on my own. The continued manifestation of this defect helped me realize that the remaining willingness--the short hop between the end of Step Six and the beginning of Step Seven--was in the hands of God alone. That was the point when my relationship to the Step, and to that nasty defect of character, pride, evolved yet again for the better. Today, on the playground, when somebody asks me how I'm doing, I say, "I am very well, thank you. How are you?" Period. If somebody inquires about what I do, I tell them. In one word. Pressed. I say, "Oh, I've got a lot going on." And that statement is truer now than it has ever been in my life.



In June of 1935, Dr. Bob took his last drink of alcohol; a bottle of beer that was given to him by Bill W. It was in the previous month that they had met for the first time, but as Bill wrote in the January 1951 AA Grapevine, "... Bob's travail with alcohol was not quite over." Five days after Dr. Bob left for a Medical Convention "...his office nurse and her husband found him early one morning at the Akron railroad station in some confusion and disarray--which puts it mildly."

Returning home and experiencing the awful effects of his binge, Dr. Bob became starkly aware of the fact that he was scheduled to perform a delicate and serious surgery in three days. After very little sleep the night before, Dr. Bob's last drink came on the day of the surgery. He decided to do the surgery and "...do what it takes to get sober and stay that way." He said to Bill "I have placed both the surgery and myself in God's hands." To help calm Dr. Bob's shakiness and uptightness and perhaps save the patient, Bill W. gave him one bottle of beer and that was his last one.

In truth, Dr. Bob often struggled internally with the thought of drinking in the days to come, yet kept his commitment to do what it takes to stay sober. In his written story, he stated: "Unlike most of our crowd, I did not get over my craving for liquor much during the first two and one-half years of abstinence. It was almost always with me. But at no time have I been anywhere near yielding. I used to get terribly upset when I saw my friends drink and knew I could not, but I schooled myself to believe that though I once had the same privilege, I had abused it so frightfully that it was withdrawn. So it doesn't behoove me to squawk about it for, after all, nobody ever had to throw me down and pour liquor down my throat." Dr. Bob's Nightmare, Alcoholics Anonymous.

Dr. Bob's story and experiences are such a big part of the life of Alcoholics Anonymous itself and beyond commenting on by me. I found his story helpful when I heard it years ago. It was his honesty and willingness to talk about his struggle with wanting to drink even when staying sober that I found helpful.

David C. Sobriety Men's Discussion 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

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Heard @ a Meeting

We will SURELY realize that
GOD is doing for us what we
could not do for ourselves.

IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones
Sally W. ~ Ironhorse Group; 10 years
Tom M.: Buffalo Creek Group
Our thoughts and prayers are with you

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance/Welcome

Steve W. 2y
Linda C. 6y
Liza W. 22y
Joan D. 38y
Mary Jo 46y

Alexander

Jose O. 14y
Sam F. 24y
Marty C. 25y
Jamie A. 30y

Amherst/Snyder

Kevin D. 6m
Doc C. 3y
Marty P. 22y
Dave L. 28y
Whitey D. 34y

Big Book-Lockport

Amber B. 4y

Boulavard Women

Eileen S. 3y
Donna F. 34y

Courage Group

Paul S. 28y
Roger H. 33y
MaryJo S. 34y
Donna F. 34y

Derby

Ryanne S. 1y
Michael S. 3y
Dakota S. 5y

Eyeopener

Joe D. 1y
Robert W. 1y
Karen M. 1y
Amy C. 1y
Stephanie K. 1y
Jeff S. 2y
Andy S. 2y
Stevie D. 3y
Jim K. 4y
Nisha P. 6y
Julie M. 10y
David V. 14y
Peter S. 14y
Mike T. 20y
Iron John 21y
Peter M. 22y
Bernie B. 23y
Michael W. 30y
Rich S. 33y
Sandy S. 34y
Tim 41y

Eyeopener South

Tom L. 1y
Mary G. 1y
Scott W. 1y
Maureen S. 1y
Kipp M. 4y
Peter F. 5y
Charlie H. 10y
John O. 28y
Alan H. 37y

First Step

Ebony E. 3y

Fireside

Ross G. 2y
Robin 3y
Sue D. 9y
Michelle R. 10y
Joyce 14y
Amy C. 17y
Tarrie K. 18y
John B. 21y
Judy C. 27y
John S. 29y

Golden Slipper

Scott W. 6y
Dave B. 26y

H.A.N.D.

Mike T. 20y
Al K. 23y

Helping Hand

Joe K. 2y
John M. 14y
Diane S. 23y

Holland

Mike S. 3y
Dennis S. 4y

How It Works- Men's

Tim M. 11y
Jim G. 11y
Kevin S. 23y

Ironhorse

Patrick R. 3y
Leo G. 5y
Dan Z. 6y

Lakeshore

Jenny C. 4y

Lockport #1

Darren C. 1y

North Buffalo

Garret A. 3m
Michael M. 3m
Mary Rose K. 6m
Adam W. 6m
Megan F. 6m
Suleiman 1y
Kevin R. 2y
Matthew K. 3y
Nikolai S. 4y
Eric H. 5y
Dan H. 5y
Rachel C. 6y
Chuck S. 7y
Jennifer R. 11y
Wayne T. 16y
Bernie B. 23y
Patricia T. 32y
Tom C. 34y

Orchard Park Step

Kathleen S. 27y
Gerry S. 28y

Remember When

Michelle J. 6m
Derrick J. 9y
Dennis E. 20y
Virgil D. 20y

Renaissance

Kevin E. 9m
Fred I. 7y
Jennifer R. 11y
Neal M. 14y
Wayne T. 16y
John J. 36y

Rise & Shine

Andres S. 3m
David F. 3m
Laurie B. 6m
Kevin O. 9m
Eli M. 1y
Gary Z. 1y
Garrett A. 1y
Lisa N. 4y
Anne K. 5y
Bill S. 5y
Kim D. 7y
Kathy J. 9y
Sharon Z. 9y
Wanda W. 11y
Johnathan D. 12y
Virgil D. 20y
Walter C. 24y

Sheridan

Rachel 6y

Sun. Morning Br.

Cheryl P. 12y
Cookie L. 32y

The Grove

Louis S. 1y
Jason W. 1y

Tri-County

Barry H. 30y

Thruway

Bob F. 3y
Donna F. 34y

Unity

Jack W. 12y
John B. 21y
Dave D. 34y

Williamsville

Sara U. 2y
Chris C. 2y
Barb C. 38y

**Group Anniversaries**

Any Age: 39y
Beginnings Women's: 31y
Downtown Men's: 41y
Helping Hand: 42y
High Noon: 22y
Kenmore: 50y
Lockport Tuesday PM
Lovejoy: 33y
Matt Talbot
Mercy: 30y
Questions & Answers: 14y
Spiritual Progress: 28y
Springville Tues Night: 50y
Starting Over (pm)
Sunrise Court: 63y
Victory: 28y

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

previous

**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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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

- **Grateful Group** on Wednesday's has **changed its start time to 7 PM**. Church of the Nativity, 1530 Colvin Boulevard, Tonawanda 14223.
- **Tri-Step Beginners; No Longer Meets**, Tuesdays in Dunkirk
- **Sunday's @ 8; No Longer Meets**. 8 pm in Westminster Hall, Dunkirk Presbyterian Church
- **Life Today** has **changed its start time to 7:30 PM**. East Aurora Christian Church, 464 Main @ North Grove, 14052.
- **What's Going On; No Longer Meets**. Evergreen Common's, 262 Georgia St., Buffalo
- **Stargazers; No Longer Meets**. The Hope Center, Tuesday's 10PM.
- **Pride Group**, has **moved** to Trinity Episcopal Church, 371 Delaware @Tupper, 14202 on **WEDNESDAY'S** at 7:30PM. Gay & Lesbian OD.
- **Sober Trails; Has Resumed**; Monday's, 8 pm, American Legion 81Versailles. 1587. Open Discussion
- **Fredonia Discussion** has **MOVED** to St. John's Church, 733 Central Ave (parking off Eagle St.), Dunkirk 14048. Wednesday, 8:30PM.
- **New Group: Rainbow North**; Saturday's 7:15 PM, LGBT, Hope Center, 781 Maple Rd., Williamsville, 14221
- **Page 33**, is a Women's Group. Thursday's, 8PM, Kenilworth United Church of Christ, 45 Dalton St., Buffalo 14223.
- **New Group: Position Of Neutrality**: Thurs. Noon, Northern Erie Services Bldg, 2282 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo 14216 Open Discussion.
- **Depth& Weight** has expanded to having a **Big Book Study**. Tuesday's 8:15 PM. 45 Dalton St., N. Buffalo, 14223. Open Discussion
- **Step Action III (Not Step Action) group** has **changed its name and start time**. Will now be Thurs. On Walnut and starts at 7PM. Open Discussion. Clubhouse, 344 Walnut St., Lockport 14094

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Jun 2, **Envelope System Meeting**; **FRIDAY**, 4:00 PM, Tim Horton's 1750 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda

~ Jun 4 **Committee Meeting that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM**

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

Followed by Central Committee @ 7 PM

(hosted by Depth & Weight Group)

Steering Committee (5:00 PM)

Corrections Committee Meeting

Public Information Committee meeting

Treatment Facilities Committee

Nightwatch Committee

~ Jun 4, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 5:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office. 681 Seneca St., Buffalo

~ Jun 5, **Convention Committee Meeting**, 6:00PM, Buffalo Central Office. 681 Seneca St., Buffalo

~ Jun 9, **Archives Committee Meeting**; **2nd SATURDAY**, 10 AM, Buffalo Central Office, Work night's; 2nd & 4th Monday's.

~Jun 17, **General Service Assembly**; **SATURDAY** 12 Noon, Olean- NY Penn ???

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Jun 3- **Ironhorse FAMILY Picnic** - 11 AM to ?, Count down @ 12:45 pm, Speaker @ 1 PM. 50/50 - MacKinnon Shelter Chestnut Ridge Park. Burgers, hot dogs and French fries provided, bring a dish to pass. Pop, and coffee also provided. - Bring your family, chairs, doggie do bags & a dish to share. Live music by Dos Fogies.
- ~ Jun 24, **Emotional Sobriety Workshop**; hosted by Depth & weight Speaker Group. Guest Presenter & Speaker is Mildred F. from Toronto, Canada. 10 am- 2 pm. Come out Friday night at 8pm to also hear her story as well. Kenilworth United Church, 45 Dalton St., Buffalo 14223.
- ~ Jun 29, **Questions & Answers Group** will be celebrating their 14th Group Anniversary with a Buffet at 6:00pm followed by 7:00 Speaker Meeting at St. Martin's in the Field 2587 Baseline Rd. Grand Island.
- ~ Jul 14-16, **"Improving Our Conscious Cont" Men's Retreat**. Christ the King Seminary, 711 Knox Rd., East Aurora, 14052. Registration \$150.00. Flyer on the website.
- ~ July 15, **Main & High Day of Sharing**, "Pass It On". 9:30- 3:45PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo (across from Anchor Bar) Registration; \$6.00, Alateen \$6. 50/50, Hot Meal & Refreshments.
- ~ Jul 16, **Tri County Group annual summer picnic**, Sunday, starts at 12:00 until dark, speakers@ 2 PM & 5 PM, family fun, bring a dish dinner to share. Gowanda Firemen's park Rt. 62 Gowanda. Bring the Family :)
- ~ Jul 28 & 29, **Queen City Round-Up**, Trinity Episcopal Church, 317 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, 14202. \$25 per person includes food, Speaker & Workshops. Friday, 6-9pm, Saturday, 10am-4pm.
- Aug 17-20; **7 Clan Day of Sharing**; 5075 Susies Lane (off Upper Mountain Rd.), Sanborn 14132. See flyer for details.
- ~ Oct. 21, **Memorial for John C.** (past delegate). 1PM - 5PM, The Hope Center, 781 Maple Rd., Amherst.
- ~ Nov. 3-5, **76th Buffalo Fall Convention**. Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyers & info are out

Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.... Executive Secretary

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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.

Deadly Drunken Driving

My name is Jim, and I am an alcoholic. I think we should all be reflective and grateful that we can make amends. Some people, because of the gravity of their crimes, aren't so lucky. "But for the Grace of God"!!!

In the AA Big Book, the personal stories are sectioned off: "They Stopped In Time", "They Lost Nearly All". I kind of put myself in between those two categories. In spite of the fact my drinking was ghastly- every bottom has a trap door. A speaker at Williamsville said that.

If you kill someone drunk driving, how are you going to make amends? Buy a tombstone? By far the most horrible, ghastly example of this I ever heard took place in 1987. I had three years of sobriety then. Thank God! I used to work out at this place.

I met a sweet high school kid from Dunkirk there. His parents drove him to Buffalo. One time he came white as a ghost. Shocked. "What's wrong Billy?" I asked. "Oh Jim, it's just terrible! Yesterday, six of my dearest friends went out drinking and driving. They got to these railroad tracks... Apparently in an attempt to try to beat the train...It was a tie...Crushed. Imagine that poor engineer. There was no way he could stop in time.

There's another part of this story that's always haunted me. I rarely talk about it. I did with a psychologist when it first happened in 1987. It's a small world. I was in Dunkirk myself that day...visiting a friend...stopped at a store...bought coffee...a cute high school girl walked in...bought a pack of gum...I saw her get in a car with five other kids...the next day, I thought I saw their pictures in the paper.

Many people have told me, "You were very upset by this terrible tragedy, and you did know one of their classmates. Maybe the six you saw weren't them. Maybe. Photos don't always do justice. I only got a real good look at the girl.

But it is mind blowing ..One fleeting second...One moment of insanity...In a small town like Dunkirk... Death tolls six times, for six kids who weren't even 18 yet. Your opinion of someone can alter in a flash. Bill told me the kid driving the car was his favorite person. "Not now. I feel sorry for his family. Not him". His bitterness was increased by the fact one victim wasn't killed instantly.

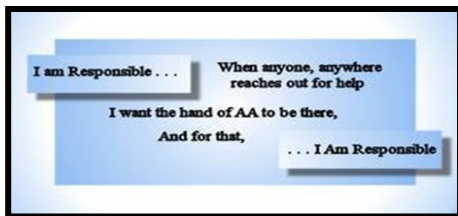
They sawed open the car... A bunch of bottles...one girl was still alive...barely...she was crying...she said, "Mom"... then she died...maybe they goaded him into it. "Come on! You can beat it? Chicken?" But he was driving. I remember when I was young and very drunk. I was driving on a very crowded intersection. I did a extremely dangerous weave, and criss crossed between many cars.

Fortunately no one was hit. No one was hurt. One person followed me for a while. I don't think he wanted to shake hands. After a while, he gave up the chase. It's extremely rare when a high school kid walks through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. And even when they do, how long can they have if they die at 16 or 17?

My parents both died 3 years ago. I had 30 years in this heaven sent fellowship. Thirty years! This year I celebrate 33 years. That's twice the age of those Dunkirk kids. I did a lot of stupid things in both high school and college. But, while both my parents were still alive, I wrote heartfelt eulogies as a last act of love.

I told them, "I'd like to believe you'll be invisible onlookers at their own funerals. If not, here's what I have to say. "They were deeply moved. They had me late in life. They died in their sleep in their 90's. They had a good run. Maybe...I'll bring this Dunkirk horror story up at another AA meeting...In 20 years...probably never...It was too awful! (Those six I saw- if that was them-it would have been about two hours before they were killed)

Jim S.; University Men's Discussion



Central Committee Minutes May 7th 2017

Meeting was opened up at 7:00 and was kick started by our meeting chair Zach F with the responsibility statement. After a moment of silence, the group all joined in with the serenity prayer. Next we had a couple of readings by Mike, David and Dan with the AA preamb-

ble, the purpose of Central Committee and the 12 traditions. After the readings Wally gave a brief talk on tradition 5. Join us next month to hear Harvey S give a talk on Tradition 6. A motion to accept last month's meeting minutes was made by Rich and seconded by Harvey.

28 Groups were represented which broke as follows. 52 people were present at the meeting.

Zone 1 – Main and High. Zone 2 – Acceptance, Depth & Weight, how it works men's discussion, North Buffalo, Questions and Answers, Step Action Group, Three Legacies, Welcome. Zone 3 – Abbott Men's Discussion, Any Lengths, Buffalo, Matt Talbot, Thruway. Zone 4 – Orchard Park Step, Tuesday Men's Discussion. Zone 5 – Twin Cities Group. Zone 6 – Carrying The Message, Changing our Ways, Derby Group, Going to Any Length, Sobriety Men's Discussion. Zone 7 – none. Zone 8 – Achievement, Amherst Snyder, Fireside, Lighten Up, Step it up, Williamsville.

Committee Reports

Central Office - Central Office Report; May 2017

TOTAL CALL's INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS; AA Call's: 422, 12-STEP: 13 (10 more than last month), ALANON: 4, VISITORS: 146, VOLUNTEERS: 4, Email's: 481, Website Hit's: 10, 3452/ of them 9,546 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 19,451... Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 0. We sent out the Newsletter via online sign-up to 91 person; of them only 39 were open :(, 20 more signed up...but only 2 of them opened them from last month's numbers. GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: St. Barnabus-8

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

Corrections – We met tonight at central office at 5:30. We discussed ways on how to get more people involved in carrying the message to inmates. We will be ordering 160 pamphlets of corrections and pre-release forms. Will Bring them into the facilities and the committee is going to bring them to groups. We will be forwarding the new application for state facilities to Terry to update the one we have on our website. We are also attending an event called corrections connection to better inform ourselves with the volunteer coordinators for our facilities. Last month we spent 40 dollar's on pamphlets for Niagara County. In the near future we are going to need help with Erie, Alden and women's meetings. Women's Fridays at 7pm and men's are Thurs at 7. Simple applications can be found on our website and mailed to Central Office or you can contact me and I'll forward your application. Our next meeting is June 4th at Central Office at 5:30. Please come join us. If you have any questions or comments you can contact me. Thank you for letting me serve. - Shannon G

Treatment - The treatment committee is currently responsible for bringing the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous into 6 facilities. With the help of 35 groups, there are collectively 11 "tfc meetings" a week going on at these facilities.

We met 5/7/17 at St. Michael's church. There were 11 members, representing 8 groups, in attendance. We discussed the meeting format at Turning Point and decided that we will not support the facility in their desire for us to pass a basket at our meeting. We also decided to approach each facility asking them if we can create a lending library through them instead of continuing to buy and pass out Big Books, this would eliminate a lot of the expenses of the committee. We also filled three positions that were vacant.

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. Any group that is interested in taking on a commitment at one of our facilities is more than welcome to contact us and we will do what we can to fit them in. Groups are currently bringing meetings into ECMC, Salvation Army, Turning Point, the V.A., and Reflections
4. Area Treatment is forming a Bridging the Gap program for all of Area 50. At this moment any member willing to help clients leaving Treatment Facilities "bridge the gap" between treatment and AA can sign up on the new "Bridging the Gap Volunteer Form" found on the Area 50 web page. www.wnyarea50aa.org. We will be approaching facilities soon to get this program started.

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 come to our monthly meeting the 1st Sunday of the month 6/4/17 at St. Michaels Church 5:30pm.

Yours in service, Jesse S. Treatment Committee Chair

(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

Nightwatch – Nightwatch commitments are covered until July. If any group present is interested in taking a commitment this fall please let me know and I will tell you everything you need to know about it. Please encourage your fellow homegroup members to sign up on the 12th step list. – Raeanne F

PIC/CPC – Currently working on a new presentation for ECMC, Working on getting new books and Pamphlets to Libraries. Getting Presentations ready for Non AA events, Getting in Contact with UB for Med student presentations. Getting in Touch with NFTA and BECPL H.R. info. – Randy

2017 Buffalo Fall Convention Report – Since our last central committee meeting we've met on 4/3/17 and 5/1/17. We are moving along very well. I have the registration flyers. If everybody would kindly take some and announce and distribute at meetings I would greatly appreciate it. The flyer is also on our Buffalo AA website. I also forwarded it to Chuck B. He will be putting it on the WNY GSA Area 50 website. Our 6th committee meeting will be on 6/5/17 at 6pm at the Central Office. If anybody has any suggestions good, bad, and/or indifferent please contact me at 7168666612. Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA. Your Buffalo Fall Convention chair David G

Steering Committee – Had a Quorum. Discussed Facebook. Respectfully Alan D

Accessibility – At the Conference we learned of more ways to help the Alcoholic who is still out there. We will be talking about it at our next meeting of GSA on June 17th in Olean

GSA Liaison – The delegates pre-conference Roundtable General Assembly was on Saturday April 15th 2017 at 12 p.m. at the Hope Center on Maple Road in Williamsville.

The importance of this pre-conference area meeting, it is our chance to inform our area 50 delegate Wally E for the 2017 general service conference in New York City. This is our opportunity as spokespersons of our area AA groups to inform Wally of what we want with regard to specific agenda items for the general service conference.

Each of these agenda items were discussed at their respective tables. CPC. Corrections. Finance. Grapevine. Literature. Policy admissions. Public information. Report and Charter. Treatment /access. Trustees. Archives. International Convention / Regional forums.

Each of these tables discussed then voted on different agenda items that were to be brought to our delegate's attention. Then with this information Wally can make decisions when asked to vote at the general service conference in New York City. Through the concepts of World Service Wally has the right of decision along with the information we provide him at the pre-conference to represent and cast our areas vote.

If any member would like any more information please feel free to talk to me Nick buscarino general service liaison I have the minutes of the pre-conference. Wally also is very well informed and I'm sure can answer any questions.

Recap – Treatment - What's going on with the turning point meeting?

The groups conscious was to stop passing the basket at the meeting as it was breaking traditions in doing so.

PIC/CPC – Have you pursued libraries outside of Erie County?

Not yet

GSA Liaison – Will the Minutes be posted on a public website?

Nick will forward you the email if you'd like

Old business -

Voting on a new Group Position of Neutrality – 2282 Elmwood Ave buffalo NY 14216

Open meeting/ topic discussion/ thurs at noon

Passes unanimously

- Discussion of Facebook Website – voted on 17 for 8 against 1 abstention

Motion Passes

Discussion of Motion to move Central Committee Meeting back to the Central Office as of June 4th
2 for 26 against 0 abstentions motion does not pass

All groups were in favor for voting Judy T. from the Harmony Group as the new Buffalo Fall Convention 2018 Co-Chair

New Business

Discussion/Vote to send Executive Secretary to the Central Office/Intergroup Seminar

Passes unanimously

Motion to close was made and seconded by Dave and Alan

Definition of Buffalo Central Intergroup Office

Your Intergroup office services all groups in the Buffalo Niagara Frontier area. It is not a governing body and does not attempt to, nor can it, rule any AA Group. Its sole purpose is to act as a clearinghouse for the convenience of members and groups desiring assistance, and to extend the Twelve Step Work "carrying the message" to the sick alcoholic. The Intergroup Central Office is supported entirely by contributions from groups & members, usually a specified amount each month or at intervals throughout the year. The office purchases and sells all conference-approved books and literature to groups throughout our area..

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| Cash Flow Statement | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Mar-17 | Apr-17 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Beg Bal Cash on hand | 11,967.00 | 17,903.68 | 20,985.05 | 23,428.38 |
| Contributions | | | | |
| Groups | 5,811.55 | 6,511.86 | 6,461.77 | 4,147.39 |
| Joint Meeting | 50.00 | 56.56 | 84.00 | 70.00 |
| Envelope System | 1,415.56 | 506.83 | 1,035.66 | 750.66 |
| New Frontiers Subs | 23.00 | 50.00 | 57.00 | 77.00 |
| Literature/Medallions/Pins | 3,880.99 | 4,706.60 | 5,043.20 | 4,001.25 |
| Literature Sales Tax | 300.51 | 295.74 | 284.38 | 225.60 |
| Literature Postage | 49.66 | 37.56 | 35.04 | 9.85 |
| Sales+/- | (2.07) | | 59.11 | 1.59 |
| Archives Room Rent | | | | - |
| Committee Meetings | 8.00 | 39.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 |
| Mail/Misc. | 25.00 | | | 25.00 |
| Transfer from PR | | | | - |
| GSA Hosting 3/2017 | | | 5.00 | |
| "Gratitude Month" (NOV) | | | | - |
| Conventions/Day of Sharing | 3,561.32 | | | 3,561.32 |
| Monthly Income | 15,123.52 | 12,204.15 | 13,095.16 | 9,298.34 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Building Rent/Utilities | 1,489.41 | 1,489.41 | 1,489.41 | 1,503.59 |
| St. Michaels Rent | 35.00 | 35.00 | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| Payroll Gross | 2,824.62 | 2,824.62 | 2,824.62 | 2,824.62 |
| Employment Taxes | 264.10 | 264.10 | 252.80 | 247.62 |
| Unemployment Surchar | (2.40) | (2.40) | (2.40) | (2.40) |
| NYS Sales Tax | | | 878.80 | |
| Insurance | | | | |
| State Ins Fund(Travelers) | | 312.00 | | 312.00 |
| Health | 623.30 | 625.39 | 625.39 | 621.21 |
| D&O Insurance | 1,080.00 | | | |
| Liability | 856.00 | | | |
| Postage | 371.57 | 206.51 | 241.96 | 0.49 |
| Phone/Internet | 138.63 | 137.97 | 137.97 | 138.21 |
| Accounting | | | 1,175.00 | |
| Paychex | 224.52 | 119.56 | 119.56 | 139.85 |
| Advt | | | | |
| Dex Media | 182.80 | 184.10 | 184.10 | 184.10 |
| website | | | | |
| Local Edge | | | 291.60 | |
| Literature Expenses | | | | |
| Grapevine | | | 40.00 | 631.16 |
| World Services Inc | | 2,300.60 | 1,751.60 | 5,536.84 |
| Hazeldon | 618.24 | | | |
| Printers | | | | 2,325.00 |
| Medallions | 222.23 | 304.64 | 136.06 | |
| Office Supplies | 50.30 | 76.13 | 221.98 | 242.89 |
| Copier leasing | (209.00) | | | |
| Copies/ service contract | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 |
| Bank Fee's including credit ca | 256.52 | 84.15 | 87.38 | 81.97 |
| GSA Host | | | | |
| Convention | | | | |
| CO Seminar | | | | |
| Monthly Expenses | 9,186.84 | 9,122.78 | 10,651.83 | 14,671.15 |
| Monthly Income (Loss) | 5,936.68 | 3,081.37 | 2,443.33 | (5,372.81) |
| End Balance | 17,903.68 | 20,985.05 | 23,428.38 | 18,055.57 |
| Petty Cash | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Total Balance | 20,903.68 | 23,985.05 | 26,428.38 | 21,055.57 |
| PRUDENT RESERVE | 23,143.04 | 23,143.40 | 23,143.79 | 23,144.17 |
| Assets: Literature& Medallions | 13,544.02 | 11,046.99 | 11,396.82 | 16,562.31 |
| Literature Receivable (outstanding) | 722.62 | 581.35 | 121.48 | 714.75 |
| Removed from Stock | 286.30 | | | 135.71 |
| Corrections Facilities | 2,260.75 | 2,767.15 | 2,476.65 | 1,990.15 |
| Contributions | 509.40 | 60.00 | 90.00 | 241.20 |
| Bank Fee's | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Expenses | | 347.50 | 573.50 | 519.50 |
| Balance | 2,767.15 | 2,476.65 | 1,990.15 | 1,698.85 |
| Treatment Facilities | 541.60 | 443.60 | 535.88 | 504.88 |
| Contributions | 185.00 | 375.28 | 252.00 | 159.00 |
| Expenses | 280.00 | 280.00 | 280.00 | 280.00 |
| Bank Fee's | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Balance | 443.60 | 535.88 | 504.88 | 380.88 |

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618.24

2,325.00

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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 AA 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

7TH TRADITION CHALLENGE

"Now that we are sober in A.A., the word 'support' has to do with sharing, people, self-respect, gratitude, and what we are privileged to give - not take - in material terms."



We are self-supporting through our own contributions ~ Many of our branches are suffering from lack of support (GSO, Area, H&I, Central Office). How much does one drink cost? If it were not for Alcoholics Anonymous, we'd be drinking plenty!

Drop the cost of one drink into your home groups basket when it comes by . . . you can't afford not to!



"Though our decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and to be rid of, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us."

Under Construction



Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions."

~Alcoholics Anonymous page 64

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?

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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

| 2017 | 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 | | 100.00 | | 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 | | 200.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Abbott Corners | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Abbott Men's | 70.00 | 145.00 | | 0.00 | | 75.00 |
| 2 | Acceptance/Welcome | | 100.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Achievement | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 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 |
| | All Is Well | 175.00 | 300.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Amherst Snyder | | 131.63 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Amsdell Step | | 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 | | 150.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville) | | 50.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Attitude Adjustment(NF) | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Attraction | | 150.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Backdoor | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Beginning In Sobriety II | | 75.00 | | 0.00 | | 25.00 |
| 8 | Beginning's Women | 100.00 | 100.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Big Book Lockport | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Big Book Study | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Blasdel | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Blasdel Saturday | 40.00 | 40.00 | | 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 | 25.00 | 50.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Brass | | 5.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Buffalo Group | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Buffalo Creek | 105.00 | 140.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | By the Wayside | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Carry the Message | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Casting | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Castle | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Cathedral Park | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Cayuga Wake-Up Call | 200.00 | 325.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Caz Manor | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Caz Manor Sunday | | 125.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Central City Café | 125.00 | 125.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Changing Our Way's | | 100.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Chapter IX | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Cheektowaga | | 75.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Changing Our Way's | | 0.00 | | 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 | | 40.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Commitment | | 140.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Contemporary Women | | 2.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Cornplanters | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Courage | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Daily Reflections | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Daily Reprieve | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Dawn of Hope | | 260.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Depth & Weight | | 45.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Derby | 192.00 | 366.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Derby Lunch | | 25.00 | | 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 | | 500.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | East Amherst Traditions | | 84.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | East Aurora | | 200.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Easy Does It | 100.00 | 260.00 | 100.00 | 160.00 | 100.00 | 230.00 |
| 6 | Eden | | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Ellicottville | 50.00 | 50.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Everybody's | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Express | | 1326.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Eyeopener | 187.33 | 1787.37 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Eyeopener South | 203.00 | 1276.50 | 81.20 | 510.60 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Fireside PM | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Fireside | | 455.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | First Step (NF) | | 50.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Forestville Sunday Serenity | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Fredonia Discussion | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Freedom | 100.00 | 200.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Fresh Start | 75.00 | 150.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Friday Night Lights | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Friendly | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

| 2017 | GROUP | CENTRAL | | CORRECTIONS | | TREATMENT | |
|------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | | APRIL | YEAR | APRIL | YEAR | APRIL | YEAR |
| 3 | Gardenville | | 275.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Georgetown | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Getting Better | | 185.00 | | 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 | 450.00 | 450.00 | | 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 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Grateful | | 0.00 | | 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 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Helping Hand | | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | High Noon | | 150.00 | | 0.00 | | 100.00 |
| 8 | High View | 200.00 | 200.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Hillbilly | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | H.I.P. | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Holiday Village | 200.00 | 500.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Holland | | 100.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Honest Solutions | | 0.00 | | 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 | 300.00 | 300.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | HUDSON & WADSWORTH | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | I Am Responsible | 24.00 | 78.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | IF HE WERE SOUGHT | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Independence (NF) | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Inspiration | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Intoxicated on Life | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Ironhorse | 133.00 | 508.05 | 7.00 | 9.00 | 19.00 | |
| 8 | IT | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Just For Today/ Cheektowaga | | 0.00 | | 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 | 50.00 | 650.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| 6 | Lakeview | 75.00 | 75.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Lancaster Dailey Reprieve | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Lasalle | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Lawyer's | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | LewPort | 50.00 | 150.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Liberty Women | | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Life Today | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Lighten UP | | 0.00 | | 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 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Lock City | | 100.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Lockport #1 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 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 | | 200.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Love | 20.00 | 80.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Lovejoy | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Lower River | | 100.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Main and High | | 20.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Main Street | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Maple | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Marching Forth | 25.00 | 75.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Manilla | 40.00 | 145.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Matt Talbot | | 90.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 | McKinley Winners | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Medina New Life | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Mercy | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Mid-day | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Midnight Discussion | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Morning After | | 400.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 | New Beginnings/St. Vincent | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Newfane Living Sober | | 0.00 | | 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 | 33.00 | 191.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | New Outlook | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1 | New Westside | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Niagara Falls Convention | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Niagara Intergroup | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Niagara Frontier Men's Disc. | | 74.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2 | North Buffalo | 98.00 | 392.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |

New Frontiers ~ June 2017

| GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017 | | | | | |
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| | GROUP | CENTRAL | CORRECTIONS | | TREATMENT |
| 4 | North Java Monday | 300.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | North Java Sunday | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | One Day At A Time | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Open Arms | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Open Mind | 13.75 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Orchard Park Step | 444.27 | | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| 8 | Our Meeting @ the VA | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Point of No Return | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Powerless | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Pride | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Primary Purpose | 5.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Principles Bef. Personalities | 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Purpose/Tonawanda | 300.00 | | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Questions & Answers | 100.00 150.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Quitting Time | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Quo Vadis | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Ray of Hope | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Recovery Near the Gardens | 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Reflections | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Reflections on Recovery | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Remember When | 9.17 93.02 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Renaissance | 760.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Renaissance Women | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | Renewal | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Ridge | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Rise and Shine | 30.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Rochester | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Rural is Plural | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Sally | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | Saratoga | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Saturday 12 & 12 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | Saturday Night Alive | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Sat. Nite Sober | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Searching For Serenity | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Second Chance | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Serenity | 200.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Serenity on the Lake | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | Serenity Sister's | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Serenity Trails | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Setaside | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Sheridan | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Silvercreek Friendship | 235.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Simplicity | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Sister's & Brother's | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Sober Saturday | 100.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Sober Trails | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Sober Train | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Sober Winners | 50.00 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Sobriety Men's Disc. | 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Sobriety On The Canal | 75.00 150.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Sobriety on a Sat. Night | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Sobriety on the Lake | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | Sobriety Sisters | 55.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Solidarity | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Somerset | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | South Buffalo | 275.00 | | 5.00 | 20.28 |
| 3 | South Town | 100.00 100.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Southgate | 60.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Southwestern | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Spiritual Progress | 23.89 113.89 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Springville Sat Afternoon | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Springville Tues. Night | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Springville Wed. Noon | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Springville New Life | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Sprout into Sobriety | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | St. Barnabas | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | St. Mark's | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | Stargazers | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Starting Over/By The Book | 315.17 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Step Action Group | 400.00 | | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| 8 | Step it Up (Wehrle) | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | Stepping Stones/Will. | 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Steps 1, 2 & 3 | 200.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Sunday @ 8:00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Sunday Grapevine | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Sunday's Best | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | Sunday in Cattaraugus | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Sunday Morning Breakfast | 150.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Sunrise Court | 100.00 240.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | SUNY Amherst Campus | 64.11 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Surrender and Hope | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | TGIF | 100.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Thankful | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | The Absolutes | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | The Beginnings Of Recovery | 75.00 | | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| 6 | The Derby Lunch | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | The Grove | 150.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | The Herd | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | The Journey | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | The New Group | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | The Noon Meeting | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Three Legacies | 189.58 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Thruway | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Thurs. Nite Steppers | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | T'nT | 120.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Today | 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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| 6 | Tri County | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Tri-Step Beginners | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Try Again | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Tuesday Men's AM | 200.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Tuesday Afternoon | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Tuesday Women's | 100.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Turning Point | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Twin Cities | 100.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 6 | TWO PONDS | 55.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Unity | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Unversity Men's Disc. | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Valley | 150.00 | 0.00 | | | 100.00 |
| 3 | Victory | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 3 | Victory Women's | 115.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | VIP | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Wake Up Call | 100.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 6 | WE(Women's Experience) | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 2 | WE BELIEVE | 50.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 3 | We Care | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 7 | We Don't Know | 4.00 | 62.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Westfield | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Westminster | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 1 | What's Going On | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Why | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Williamsville | 139.12 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Willing To Grow | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Wilson Group | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Wilson Smith Alumni | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Women In Recovery | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Women In Sobriety | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Women Making the Effort | 150.00 | 20.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Women's West Side | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| 1 | Working | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Harry D. | 10.00 | 40.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Randall M. | 55.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Rai | 29.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Susan M. | 30.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Gabrielle R. | 5.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Donna F. | 25.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Paul | 1.11 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
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| | TOTALS | 4147.39 | 22981.46 | 241.20 | 907.60 | 169.00 |
| | | | | | | 744.28 |

Tradition Six: *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.*

- Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
- Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
- Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
- Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
- Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

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