



### GOD AS I UNDERSTAND HIM

Lately at meetings I have heard people saying they are not sure if God is working in their lives, and that they don't have time for him. In the beginning of my sobriety, I felt the same way, but discovered a simple solution. This feeling of God not being in our lives to me is a danger sign. Some of these people may or may not be planning a slip (Sobriety Lost It's Priority). For this alcoholic God plays an important part in his life. He lets me know that I am okay, and he may be the only person that feels that way at times. As an alcoholic, I need this reassuring fact that I am okay, and it's all right to be an alcoholic. If I lose this feeling of being okay, I will return to nothingness and return to drinking.

I remember as a child being taught that God was a punishing but forgiving God. I now realize that my God is loving and forgiving. I emphasized the word my in the previous sentence, because this is the clue to my understanding of God. When I came into A.A. I had to be willing to accept the fact that I was alcoholic, and that no human power could relieve me of my alcoholism. This fact I could accept, but as far as letting God run my life, and letting me do the foot work was terrifying to me. The thought of my childhood God came into my head. This idea frightened me. I would tell myself that I had been punished enough and did not need any more punishment. So the only thing I could accept was a part-time God just as I did when I was drinking. I was having great difficulty with accepting God on his terms and not mine.

Then one day at a step table (we were working on Step Three) I heard the phrase that I needed to change my concept of God. The phrase was, **CHILDLIKE FAITH**, these words gave a new meaning to the words 'as we understood him' (God). The idea of a childlike belief left me, and was replaced by this phrase. All I needed now was to find out how to renew this faith.

My sponsor tells me to use the Big Book as a text, and not read it as a novel. So what better place to look for this faith than in the Big Book. The section I chose to study was **We Agnostics**. Even though I am not an atheist, I skimmed over this section when first reading the Big Book. The fact that I believed in God, and that I was not an atheist, led me to believe I did not have to read this section carefully. I found out that this was a mistake. All the answers to my current belief in God are in there. It taught me how to start believing in God and how to grow spiritually with him.

So what is the simple solution to the question of God? We as alcoholics have to discard our old beliefs, and be willing to accept new ideas. To use God as we understand him, not someone else's idea of what or who God is. For I am a child who needs God's strength, love, and understanding to maintain my sobriety one day at a time.

The words I like most in this program are **desire** and **willingness**. I need a desire to stop drinking, and a willingness to accept God. These are not demands, but simple basic concepts that help me to grow in the program. So let's keep the **Childlike Faith** so that we can grow into responsible alcoholics. Praying and meditating sometimes during the day whether it be taking a shower, going to the bathroom, driving your car, or going to bed for the evening, thanking God for another day of sobriety.

W.M. (Just for Today Group)

*Life renewed*

**NEW**

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NIAGARA FRONTIER AREA

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## Memoriam to Jim McCartin

Jim McCartin began his journey in A.A. on February 19, 1961. He remained until his death on December 31, 1992.

His first sponsor took him to hospitals, jails, and to the City Court. At that time, public intoxication was a criminal offense. Empathetic judges would send people to the A.A. meeting which was and still is held in the Court Building.

Jim took to service early in his A.A. journey. He liked to express his views, so General Service was something he took to, readily. Eventually he became secretary-treasurer and after several tries, he became Delegate to the Conference in 1974, for Panel 24.

Jim liked to attend conventions. He attended every World Convention beginning in Toronto in 1965. He also attended many Northeast Regional Conventions, Founders' Days, Northeast Forums and Delegates' Reunions. The last convention he was able to attend, was in October 1992, at the Northeast Regional in Pittsburgh.

Jim was the first person I met in A.A. He was standing at the bottom of the stairs in St. Simon's, greeting people before the South Buffalo meeting.

In my early days of sobriety, Jim would call me and after listening to a half hour of my complaints, he would tell me that I would have a wonderful life, if I stayed in A.A. At the time, I thought he was crazy. But what he said, turned out to be true. Five years later, I began to share that life with him, until his death.

Our journey together, brought us to places and events, that we could have only dreamed about before. We were able to meet many A.A.'s in America and at overseas meetings.

Jim had a very basic view of A.A. He strongly believed in singleness of purpose, in sponsorship and in self-support. He believed we were allowing others (such as treatment centers and counselors) to do too much of our 12th Step work.

Jim contracted terminal cancer in the summer of 1992. At his last discussion meeting, he spoke of accepting his condition. He went through four hospitalizations, three operations, radiation and many visits to doctors' offices. He complained very little about his condition.

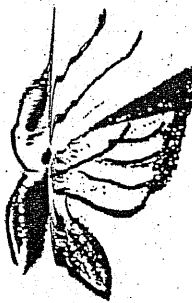
Jim was my A.A. mentor, my service sponsor, my best friend and my husband. The pain of my loss is softened by the knowledge that he would want all of us to continue the journey, following A.A.'s basic principles of love and service. Rest in Peace, Jim,

Love, Joanne

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*Life*



August 25

### Daily Reflections

-- the gift of bonding --

'Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will.' AA p. 63

Many times in my alcoholic state, I drank to establish a bond between myself and others, but I succeeded only in establishing the bondage of alcoholic loneliness. Through the A.A. way of life, I have received the gift of bonding--with those who were there before me, with those who are there now, and with those yet to come. For this gracious gift from God, I am forever grateful.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .

On behalf of the New Frontiers Committee I would like to express our thanks for your vote of confidence and support for all our efforts. January '93 subscriptions for groups and individuals totaled \$103.00!! In no way are we "self-supporting" but we seem to be progressing in the right direction.

We would like to keep the paper moving in its new direction -- only you, our readers, can allow this to happen, so we continue to need your input of articles, drawings, etc.

It is so important though that we keep to our primary and singleness of purpose -- alcoholism. Note the article entitled, "Topic for Discussion" by Anonymous. The NF Committee agrees that "outside issues" are not what we are about; yet, saw it as an opportunity for using the steps -- third month, third step. As we are all learning to live, within our reality, through the AA twelve step process, we invite our readers to submit a step four inventory applied in their life.

Any "anonymous" submission will be accepted for consideration, but please include (for the committee only) your name and home group. We accept only from A.A. members and trust that this month's article has been presented to you with honesty and willingness allowing all of us to take step three ... moving on with God's help to step four next month.

Anyone wanting to contact our committee may call the central office at 853-0388. Thank You. Mary Ellen S. and the New Frontiers Committee

STEERING COMMITTEE: One Members View

Hello, my name is Rosemarie C. and I am an alcoholic, a member of Liberty Women's Group and the Steering Committee Representative from District Two. I would like to share with you my feelings on what is involved in this part of AA service. I am new to this position, only being District Two representative for some months now. Since being involved in the Steering Committee, I have learned a lot regarding the workings of AA on the Niagara Frontier. I have learned the importance of AA unity as a whole. As a representative it has allowed me the opportunity to do service beyond going to meetings, being a sponsor, etc. It has given me the chance to express my thoughts and views on various happenings within our Central Committee. Being on Steering Committee makes me realize that all of us who are in AA are chosen people who have the ability to change, grow and to be the best we can be.

As a member of the Steering Committee, we come together to oversee AA matters where the individual groups action may effect either groups in the area or AA as a whole. We meet each month prior to the Central Committee Meeting to discuss matters which affect the Niagara Frontier AA. We also attend the Central Committee Meeting on the first Sunday of each month. It is there that each group on the Niagara Frontier has the chance to send a group representative to vote on matters which affect AA in this area. Both the Steering Committee Representative and the Central Committee Representative can work together to bring the AA message to all who want it. I am grateful to have this chance to be involved in AA on the Niagara Frontier.

# TWELFTH STEP WORKSHOP

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2669 Sheridan Drive

Town of Tonawanda, NY 14150

Saturday, March 27, 1993

8:30AM - 6:00PM

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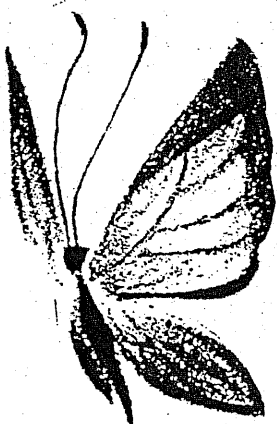
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Do you know who is your district representative?

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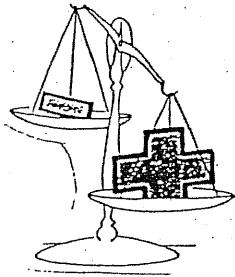
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Hand-drawn sketches of hearts and the text: "A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT"

# THIRD STEP PRAYER



"God, I offer myself to Thee—to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power. Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!"



Response to "Anonymous": Use the Steps

At first glance "Anonymous" letter appeared to be an outside issue. AA deals only with recovery from drinking. Closer reading reveals this letter has everything to do with the steps.

Historically, women have had a difficult time being accepted in AA. "Lil," the fellowship's first woman, started out to work on the "thirteenth step" before the twelve steps were on paper. Lil's case contains a powerful lesson, AA's pioneer members didn't know how to work with women. They were viewed as a "disruptive force." Lil had to seek help elsewhere as a result.<sup>2</sup>

AA's pioneers resisted the inclusion of "fallen women."<sup>3</sup> This stigma which breeds intolerance, because women were viewed as a threat, had to be overcome in order to help the influx of newcomers capable of twelve stepping scores of people. "Most AA's simply wanted to get people into the program rather than keep them out. This meant overcoming inbred prejudices...in order to carry the message of recovery to anyone, anywhere who needed help."<sup>4</sup> Dr. Bob found it a problem to help women, preferring to work with men instead. "It wasn't only men, however. "Even Sister Ignatia found it difficult to understand how a 'nice' girl could have a drinking problem."<sup>5</sup>

Double standards still are with the fellowship, but use of the twelve steps helps put the focus on ourselves. A sober person having been involved in destructive sexual situations, really needs a period of celibacy in order to capture recovery. Sex can be abused as much as alcohol. People sometimes transfer to new addictions in sobriety. People in early recovery need to distinguish love from lust. Removing lust leaves room for people to experience love, tenderness, and intimacy. "Plainly, I (Bill W.) could not avail myself of God's love until I was able to offer it back to him by loving others as he would have me. And I couldn't possibly do that so long as I was victimized by false dependencies. For my dependency meant demand, a demand for the possession and control of the people and the conditions surrounding me."<sup>6</sup>

In order to overcome the desire to control people, we must undergo a psychic transformation. "Ideas, emotions, and attitudes which were once guiding forces...are suddenly cast to one side, and a completely new set of conceptions and motives begin to dominate..."<sup>7</sup> The inner voice is a protective mechanism used as a warning device to tell whether it's a good idea to be involved with a particular person. It's also imperative that we talk to our sponsors, or someone we trust, to break the chain of secrecy that can lead to serious problems. "When an honest effort is made to practice these principles in all our affairs, well-grounded AA's seem to have the ability, by God's grace, to take troubles in stride and turn them into demonstrations of faith. We have seen AA's suffer lingering and fatal illness with little complaint, and often in good cheer." This is because the twelve steps allow us to turn adversity into spiritual opportunity.

New Frontier's Editorial Committee

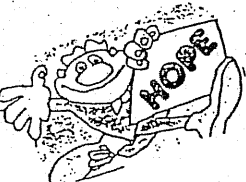
(Next Month: Blameless 4th Steps)

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Life

OUR PRINCIPLES



As a female member of "the Fellowship" I want to touch on a subject that is not often talked about at AA tables.

As more and more women enter the ranks of the newly sober I wonder how their vulnerability might be taken advantage of by long standing members of A.A. Last year I was infected with an incurable sexual disease by a member with 13 years sobriety. He lied about his sexual health to me and also about his feelings and intentions. I was conned and deceived by a veteran member of an honest program. When I informed him of what he had done he simply denied any responsibility. No amends were made.

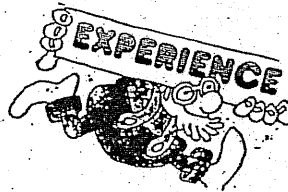
I want women in the program to know that just because a man is a member of a program which espouses the 12 Steps and promotes a healthy, sober lifestyle that does not mean he is himself an honest and healthy man.

"Don't Drink and Go to Meetings," is a start for coming to grips with the disease of alcoholism. However, some people go no further than this. The Big Book states "elimination of our drinking is but a beginning." After putting down the drink is it not time to work on emotional growth and all kinds of changes that need to be made for our new found lifestyle? Is it not time to look at letting go of other compulsions -- caffeine, nicotine, food, sex -- which we might be substituting for alcohol? Does total honesty not fit into our program?

My body has been damaged for life. I have been shaken emotionally. I have shut down sexually. The A.A. member who is responsible does not care. STEP 9, at least in dealing with me, is not a part of his program.

I do not want to be told I am taking someone else's inventory. I feel this is a "cop out" when nervous people want you to shut up and change the subject. I believe this matter is as serious as child abuse, assaults, thievery, rape, wife beating and all the other topics I have listened to at meetings. This subject has to be discussed especially in a time when dishonesty about sexual health can mean a life sentence --or a death sentence-- for another human person.

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ANONYMOUS

HAPPINESS IS ...  
Page 449 of  
the Big Book

Suddenly one day  
It happened.

I stood there in the crowd  
Cursing its density and anonymity,  
Angry that my feet had been stepped on  
And no one stopped to ask my pardon...

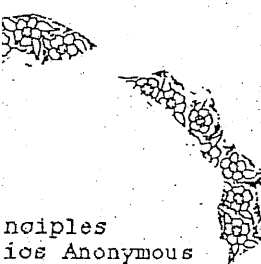
Then it hit me.

I felt the life flowing out of me  
Into the bodies around me,  
And their life flowing into mine.

I looked into faces for the first time,  
Realizing that I was not only myself,  
But I was a part of them as well.  
They and I were expressions of the same force -  
Life,  
Coming from somewhere,  
Housed in these bodies,  
Looking out of these eyes...

And then I recognized them -  
These were the faces of God!

Faces of God  
Gordon and Gladis DePree



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My experience as chair of AA's Christmas Vigil contains a timely parallel to this year's Buffalo Fall Convention to be held at the Marriott Hotel, Amherst, NY (October 22-24th) and to the value of service work in general. Service is an experience of love which binds disparate groups together, ever reminding me of what the Big Book says, "we are normally people who don't mix."

Over the years, controversy has surrounded the Christmas Vigil. It is seen as an expensive inner city party by Central Committee, an affair that has strayed from its original and primary purpose of being a place where the still suffering alcoholic can get through the holidays.

I sought single-handedly to rescue the Vigil, and save it from the throes of the party mongers. I deemed that this event needed to become an educational experience, featuring conference-approved AA films and videos, maybe even a traditions play. Plus, let's not get carried away with a turkey dinner. That's too big a deal. Let's have subs instead.

A committee was finally formed; meetings held. I suddenly realized I had become outnumbered by those who thought the traditional Christmas Vigil to be a pretty good thing. I had to let go of my old controlling ways absolutely.

I'm a believer that the Christmas Vigil Committee used their deep faith, prayer and meditation to propel themselves into action. Overcoming many obstacles, particularly financial, they taught me never to loose faith. With trust in AA and the God of our understanding, any adversity becomes an opportunity to do good for ourselves and others. Many last minute donations, and the persistent efforts of those selling 50-50s; the Christmas Vigil was able to break even.

Innately, committee members were aware of poor acoustics in the Lourdes' auditorium. Videos and films would never have worked. Instead, the entertainment for the Vigil exceeded everyone's expectations. Bethesda Tabernacle Choir brought the crowd to its feet doing heart warming renditions of many popular Christmas classics. Enthusiasm was high during the sobriety countdown. The crowd began to chant in unison. At that moment, the Vigil took on the power of a spiritual revival, all participants swept away with joy and the God of their understanding.

However, suburban members were conspicuously absent. Many suburban members expressed reservations of going downtown for fear of crime. The Christmas Vigil came off without an incident of any kind. Quite a claim when one realizes that almost a thousand people were in attendance.

This event illustrates a serious division in the fellowship between suburban members familiar with AA texts, but detached and aloof at meetings, and inner city members, fervent in their spirituality, but not as familiar with AA literature, as their suburban counterparts. This seems to me a mutually dependent group that has the potential to compliment one another. The upcoming Fall Convention will be the true acid test whether we can work together or not.

Kevin F., Chair  
'92 Christmas Vigil

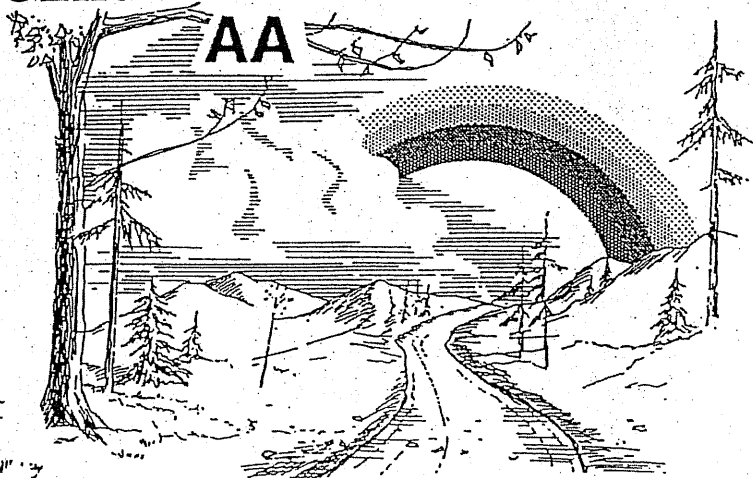
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**CAN YOU FEEL IT?**

**October 22, 23, & 24, 1993**

**Buffalo Marriott**  
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# 52nd Buffalo Fall Convention



MARCH 1993

BENECA 12 & 12

3 mos Kate D.  
 5 mos John G.  
 6 mos Richard G.  
 7 yrs Dennis W.

SHERIDAN

4 yrs Dennis W.  
 5 yrs Harvey S.  
 6 yrs Terry P.  
 24 yrs Jim E.

HONESTY

14 yrs Marcia W.  
 18 yrs Evelyn R.

SUNDAY MORN BKFT

5 mos Bruce B.  
 6 mos Sal S.  
 9 mos Chris K.  
 Christine D.  
 Mike B.

AMHERST SNYDER

6 mos Dan S.  
 9 mos Bob C.  
 2 yrs Alan H. Elizabeth T.  
 Frank C. David W.  
 Bob W. Mary G.  
 Martin E.

4 yrs Joe P. Paul B.  
 5 yrs Jay D.  
 6 yrs Andy C.  
 8 yrs Andrew P.  
 10 yrs Dick W.

EYEDOPENER

3 mos Rick B. Suzanne M.  
 6 mos Steve W. Carol P.  
 9 mos Amy J. Joe G.  
 Michelle M.  
 Alice V. Steve M.  
 Mary Beth S.

2 yrs Shannon R. Barb F.  
 John M. Dan P.  
 Mike P. Susan B.  
 Jeff S.  
 Mary C. Gus S.

4 yrs Tom M.  
 5 yrs Sue A.  
 6 yrs Karen A.  
 7 yrs Pat B.  
 8 yrs Marion P.

CORNPLANTERS

3 mos Greg W.  
 6 mos Kevin O.  
 9 mos Bev C.  
 3 yrs Ton S.  
 11 yrs Charley A.

FREEDOM

1 yr John Z. Jean B. 2 yrs  
 Bob D. Paul M. Lynn H.

WE CARE

1 yr Norman N.  
 3 yrs Larry B.  
 4 yrs Bill G.  
 11 yrs Bill R.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE

3 mos Julie B.  
 2 yrs Anne C.  
 Regina G.  
 Edna P.

LET GO & LET GOD

3 mos Clarence B. 4 yrs  
 Emma M.

LIBERTY WOMEN

9 mos Polly M. Pat R.  
 1 yr Patty C.  
 4 yrs Tina S. 5 yrs  
 Donna C.

CHAPTER 9

6 mos Rudy T. Richard M.  
 2 yrs Amy Lynn M.  
 3 yrs John H. Bob K.  
 Jeannie A.  
 4 yrs Mike M. Harvey S.  
 5 yrs Don L. Lisa S.  
 Donna C. Debby P.

COLD SPRING

6 mos Gertrude B. Roy B.  
 9 mos Karen R. Valarie B.  
 Orlando D. Clayton McE.  
 William B.  
 Al C.  
 2 yrs Isaiah W.  
 3 yrs Ed H.

12 yrs James G. Pearl H.  
 17 yrs Elvester McR.  
 18 yrs Ty E.  
 31 yrs Vernon G.

WHY

2 yrs Ed L.

SHERIDAN

6 yrs Mike B.  
 8 yrs Terri Louise P.

THE JOURNEY

6 mos Molly P. Bruce F.  
 3 yrs Ginny D.

WE ADMITTED

Marlene R. Lynn H.  
 Paul M.

CAZENOVIA

3 mos Tammie S.  
 6 mos Sarah M.  
 9 mos Nancy H.  
 2 yrs Anne D.

HAPPY HOUR

3 mos Derrick R. Gregory C.  
 6 mos Lyle W. Jacqueline B.  
 9 mos Carol A.

1 yr Douglas G. Homer I.  
 Willie H. Sharyn B.

2 yrs John G. Cynthia S.  
 Amy K. Bill C.

3 yrs Shirley J. Harold A.  
 Stan S. Donald W.

3 yrs Isaiiah W. Jone K.  
 Bonnie L. Cheryl D.

4 yrs Jerry C. Dave C.  
 Larry C. Tina W.

6 yrs Jerone H.  
 Ceclia B.

NORTH BUFFALO

1 yr Diane N.  
 2 yrs Susan G.  
 3 yrs David K. Sally H.  
 Kenny P.

4 yrs Gerald R. Victor C.  
 Darryl D.

5 yrs Bob W. Tom F.  
 6 yrs Janet T. Bobby S.  
 Peter B.

7 yrs Mike P.  
 9 yrs Paul L.  
 10 yrs Joan K.  
 14 yrs Marcia W. Bill B.

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 9 mos Dale M. Joe K.  
 1 yr George W. Cecelia L.  
 2 yrs Michael K. Terri B.  
 Mike P.

FIRESIDE

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 Dan S. Donald W.  
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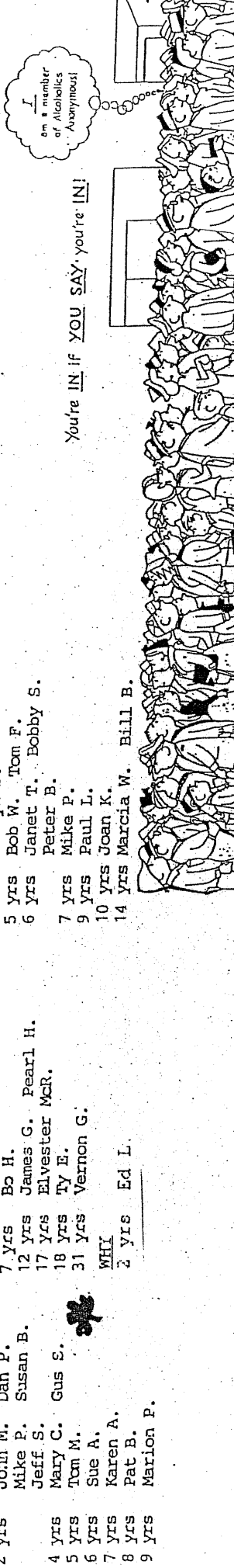
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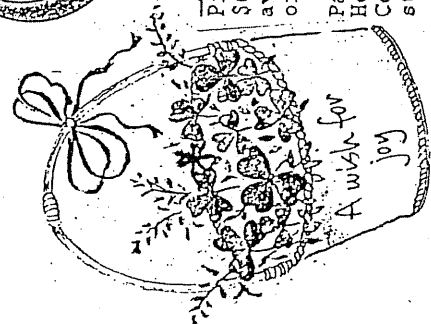
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853-0388**

MARCH 1993

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I.B.F.O Union Hall - Local 266, 117 Cushing Street, Fredonia. (*CORRECTION FROM  
LAST MONTH WHEN LISTED AS FRIDAY STEP*)

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS - CLOSED WOMEN'S DISCUSSION - MONDAY - 7:00PM  
NS - 2625 DELAWARE AV AT AVERY (VIDEO FACTORY PLAZA)

NAME TO BE DECIDED - SATURDAY - 3PM - Ken - Langfield Association,  
Senior Citizens Center,

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port group, Memorial Medical Center, Hooker Auditorium, 10th and Pine,  
Niagara Falls, NY

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Lockport, NY, 515 S Transit Rd. "SOBRIETY AND BEYOND" will be found at  
this year's WNY GSA Spring Convention, to be held at the Best Western Hotel,  
S. Transit Road (Rte. 78) in Lockport, New York Refer to the flyer for more  
details. *SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION !!!!*

**Never to early to plan: Bf1o FALL CONVENTION** will be OCTOBER 22-23-24, 1993  
at the Marriott on Millersport Hywy. Theme: "PATHWAY TO A NEW LIFE".  
Watch for monthly updates on whats happening!

**REMINDER:** Any announcement to appear in APRIL '93 bulletin must be  
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3rd MONTH - 3rd STEP "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over  
to the care of God as we understand Him."

3rd MONTH - 3rd TRADITION "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a  
desire to stop drinking."

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.  
Delphine A. Hoy  
Execoutive Secretary

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM!**

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

**GROUPS & ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPRESENTED:**  
**District#1** - Beginning in Sobriety II, Bidwell, Bidwell Mon, Happy Hour, e & Let Live, New Westside, Open Mind, Sunrise Court, The Journey  
**District#2** - Campus, Living Sober, Search for Serenity,  
 enity, WHY. **District#3** - Abbott Men's, Ellcott, Fr. Baker, Inner City  
 fenelle, Iron Horse, Lovejoy, Powerless, Rainbow, Ridge, Seneca 2&12, South  
 falo Southgate, Tues Women's, Urban, West Seneca Sat Nite **District#4**  
 ion-**District#5 District#6** - No Java **District#7** Amherst  
 nder, Easy Does It, Harmony, Honesty, Kensington, No Buffalo, University,  
**District#8** - Attitude Adjustment, Common Problem, Just for Today,  
 Life, Sunday Morning Bkft, Williamsville

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**VELOPE SYSTEM: Burr E**

	1993	change	% change
Receipts	\$317.00	\$717.00	126.18
Expenditures	\$2075.00	\$2386.74	15.02

**STEERING COMMITTEE: Sandra H.** - Report of March's meeting is attached

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Jerome D** - as attached

**MEETING FACILITIES - Brian B.**

Confirmed date and time of the 12th Step Workshop.  
 Logy to the Area Groups for the Tradition break on the slingers.

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES - No report**

**RECREATION: No report**

**CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H**

Information	802	6
literature requests	1	80
Refer to other agencies	62	24
Refer from other agencies	1	52
Central office	22	277
Outgoing calls	454	\$154.85
Mail costs	13	220
Visitors		

**Frontiers-Minutes/March 6th meet. reported & read by Kevin F**  
 Brief summary given as follows - The Committee would like to see the  
 er become more self-supporting, increase circulation. Kevin F was  
 ed co-editor. Dianna C to head committee for the '93 convention  
 play - October issue to be on the convention. Future anonymous  
 ters will be honored only if submitted with AA members name and home  
 up (but will be shown in paper as "anonymous". Upcoming issues: May-  
 pp Five; June AA's 58th Year Anniversary, July - Prisons/Correction Fac.

**ALL CONVENTION '93** - Jack B. for Chairperson, Pat T. - Registration  
 00 - AA & AI-Anon Registration with 2 dances added \$3.00 - it  
 ludes soft drinks available at no added cost at the Saturday Dance.  
 istration/br-nqv--/dance \$35.00. There will be a bottomless cup of  
 ee at th o tion.

**COURTESY REPORTS:**

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY** - Marcia W - 1. Ad Hoc Committee Using  
 Intergrups of Buffalo, St Catharines, Rochester, Hamilton, & Batavia for  
 ideas to help with the upcoming World University Games in our area in  
 July to make AA available to our guests. 2. Next GSA meeting March 28, 1PM  
 - Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital - Lewport Group is hosting. 3. Spring  
 Convention 1993 - May 14, 15, 16 - Lookport - Need coffee monies- flyers  
 handed out at meetings.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE** - no report

**CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY:** Mike B: 1. Next  
 meeting March 16th, 7:15PM, 877 Ellcott Sq Bldg. 2. Tro-Caire -night  
 school-Nursing, Graduating classes, Alfred State College - Sub-stance  
 Abuse Dept. - McKinley High School-teachers & guidance Dept, Tro-Caire  
 Day School Graduating Class - nursing. 3. NERAASA '93 - Wilmington,  
 Delaware, Feb 26-28. 4. Committee member attended. Reports at next GSA  
 meeting. 4. Will go over presentation of CPC Committee at the next  
 meeting.

**RE-CAP:**

**FINANCIAL** - Bill M suggested representatives go to the groups and let  
 them know that Central Office needs support. Delphine explained that  
 nothing out of the ordinary is being purchased - only regular monthly  
 expenses need to be met.

**NEW FRONTIERS:** Kevin C. suggested that format changes be brought  
 before the committee.

**FALL CONVENTION '93:** Elvester questioned costs and Jack B.  
 explained.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bob H. questioned the financial report of the '92 Fall Convention.  
 Delphine explained. Bill M. stated that the Steering Committee will  
 look closely at the Convention finances in the future. A lengthy  
 discussion followed by several members.

Lue Johnson was accepted by acclamation to fill the rest of the  
 term as Central Committee secretary.

Bill M motioned and Kevin C. seconded that we accepted The  
 Chairman appointment of Lynne C as Screener Chairman. Motion accepted

**NEW BUSINESS:** District#7 Nominations: Gene H, Amherst-Snyder -  
 nominated by Kevin C. seconded by Marsha W. Margaret H, - Let Go & Let  
 God nominated by Lue J seconded by Elvester MoR. Elections will be at  
 the next meeting April 4th. Nominees are expected to attend.  
 1994 Buffalo Fall Convention: Jack B asked for \$500 to secure the  
 Marriot. It was moved and seconded to advance the seed money. Motion  
 carried

At this time it was motioned and seconded to close the meeting.  
 The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Lue Johnson

Recording Secretary

## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES - March 2, 1993

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. All Districts except District 4 were represented. Also present were Ralph P. (Central Committee Chairman), Bill M. (Co-Chairman 1993), Jerome D. (Central Committee Treasurer and Delphine H. (Central Office Manager). The minutes from the February 2nd Meeting were accepted as written.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. **The Christmas Vigil:** The Steering Committee, as a group of AA members representing all the Districts in the Area, solicited each individual rep's viewpoint on a couple of issues which keep re-emerging in Steering Committee discussions and which are felt to be of very genuine concern to all the Districts. Those concerns are

- (a). whether the Central Committee should be sponsoring this activity in it's present format and
- (b). can the format be changed to be more in keeping with an AA function *ie.* regard for the Traditions and our Primary Purpose. What follows is a summary of those individual representatives view. The AA members which were not District Reps but who were present as Officers of Central Committee were also asked for their view.

Of the total 11 members present - 6 were in favor of Central Committee continuing to sponsor the Vigil - however, all members present were opposed to the continuation of the present format. There was a strong consensus amongst the 7 District Representatives that the present format needs to be much more aligned with the Traditions and that our Primary Purpose should determine this format thus reducing the non-traditional AA content of the Vigil while at the same time reducing the large budget currently needed for it even though it doesn't usually end up losing money.

The Committee discussed at some length the fact that there seems to be a need for such a sponsored Christmas event in the Buffalo Area and that there are many groups in Central Committee that really love the Vigil in its present format and work very hard to put it on each year. The committee is extremely sensitive to the enthusiasm and love that is put into this event. As a Christmas party and celebration for folks who are trying to stay sober and help others to stay sober over the holiday season it is just fine. However, the committee feels unanimously and strongly that such a party, when it involves organized religious events and affiliations and other non-traditional AA trappings, that it is highly inappropriate and even dangerous to us all - for it to be sponsored as an AA function by an AA body.

The Traditions were hammered out from the painful and often tragic experiences of those who came before us. They were passed on to us with a lot of love and the sincere hope that we wouldn't have to harm ourselves in the ways they did. What seems like a wonderful idea often looks very different when viewed in light of the Traditions and often we're forced to consider giving up what looks like the good in order to preserve what is the best for the whole. The issue seems to be not whether Buffalo AA should put on a Christmas party or not. We all recognize a need for something over the holidays. The issue is, do we as a whole, want to take the risks to us all of literally voting to ignore AA Tradition?

It was felt that we might put these thoughts into the form of a recommendation from the Steering Committee with some possible suggested guidelines to be brought before the Central Committee for discussion by the groups. A notice could go out to the groups and an article might be placed in the New Frontier to promote as much group representation as possible for the open discussion at Central Committee. It was thought that May might be a good time to bring these recommendations to the floor.

A motion was made to have each district rep. come back to the next steering committee meeting with a list of no more than five guidelines that their district would want considered for discussion.

2. **Co-Chairmen for the Correctional Facility Committee:** There have been two volunteers for consideration - Larry S. and Frank M. There are a large number of facilities in our area and the job will entail a lot of co-ordination and a knowledge of the criteria for meetings in each institution. A motion was made to invite the two volunteers to the next Steering Committee Meeting in order to let them know what the job entails. The guidelines from GSO for Correctional Facility work will be available for discussion and any questions.

3. **Screeners:** Lynne C. has offered to be Chairman of the Screeners. A motion was made to recommend to the Chairman of Central Committee that Lynne be appointed at the next Central Committee Meeting.

The Central Office Manager advised the Steering Committee that she would be taking money out of savings account in order to purchase a large amount of literature, etc. before the prices are increased later this month at GSO. She also advised us that the new schedules will be out in a couple of weeks.

Next month's discussion issue from the Steering Committee Inventory Agenda will be the **Setting up of District Meetings for Group Central Committee Representatives.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Nominations for District #7 (Buffalo North) Representative:** Gene H. has been nominated by the North Buffalo Group. The election will be at the April Central Committee Meeting.

2. **The World University Games scheduled for this summer:** A Steering Committee Member was asked whether the Central Office had made any plans for the possible large influx of calls, etc. The Central Office Manager said that she as well as someone in General Service had been approached and that the GSA is setting up an ad hoc committee to investigate how other areas have handled such large groups and they will be working with Central Office Buffalo, Rochester, Niagra, St. Catharines and Hamilton Intergroups will be involved.

3. **The Renaissance II Group** has started a new women's group on Monday night. Sally is the AA contact and the Committee decided to have the Representative from District #2 contact her and advise her of the guidelines for a group in order for it to be listed with the Central Office.

4. **An Announcement Flyer from the Treatment Facility Committee** which was sent to all the groups in the area contained a note at the bottom of the flyer that the services were donated by a printing company. This is a flagrant 7th Tradition break and the Committee will contact the Chairman regarding this.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

GROUP	Central Office Contr.		Correctional Facil.		Treatment Ctrs.	
	March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.
Chapter IX	10.00	30.00	10.00	30.00		
Cheek Lowaga						
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Discussion		400.00				
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Cold Springs	25.00	25.00				
Common Problem						
Community Center	25.00	25.00				
Complainers Again						
Courage						
Delaware Discussion		100.00				
Derby		60.00				
Desire						
DeVaux Discussion						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Disc						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Early Start						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	40.00	60.00			10.00	30.00
East Side						
Easy Does It						
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott	10.00	20.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance	525.00	525.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Everybody's						
Everyone's A.A. Group						
Eye Opener						
Falsh						
Father Baker	300.00	300.00	60.00	60.00		
Feelings						
Fire Side	510.00	990.00			25.00	75.00
Fire Side P.M.	50.00	50.00				
First Things First	25.00	25.00				
Fredonia Bkft. Meeting						
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom	25.00	75.00				
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Discussion						
Friday Noon Meeting						
Friendly						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gah Nee Goin Geh(Of the Mind)						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		30.00				

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	March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step						
11th Step						
A Day At A Time		40.00				
A Helping Hand						
A New Beginning						
Abbott Mens Discussion						
Acceptance						
Achievement						
Action		50.00				
Age Doesn't Matter						
Albion						
Alexander		50.00				
All Women						
Amherst Snyder						
Amherst Tree of Life						
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age						
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It						
Attitude Adjustment		60.00				
Attraction	100.00	200.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's		33.00	34.00	34.00	33.00	33.00
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell	30.00	60.00				
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Group						
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)		25.00				
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Women's						
Brass	20.00	60.00				
Broadway-Bailey						
Brocton Discussion						
But for the Grace of God	10.00	40.00				
By The Book-Buffalo						
Came To Believe		11.00				
Campus (Buff State Col)						
Casting						
Cathedral Park	82.15	133.24				
Caz Manor	50.00	175.00	25.00	25.00		25.00
Cazenovia						

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		March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.
Medina New Life							
Mercy							
Mid-day							
Midnight							
Miracle							
MOO (Serenity Room)							
Morning After	5.00	10.00	5.00	15.00			
Never Too Late							
New Awakening							
New Beginnings							
New Freedom							
New Frontier							
New Frontier Womens							
New Life		10.00		5.00			
New Westside							
New Zion							
Niagara Frontier Men's							
Nite People							
North Buffalo	100.00	300.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00	75.00
North Buffalo Men's							
North Java							
One Day at a Time (ODAT)							
Open Arms							
Open Mind (Gay)	60.00	60.00	10.00	10.00			
Opportunity							
Orchard Park Step							
Pass It On		10.00		5.00			
Patchin							
Pendleton-Chapter V							
Perry							
Positively Living II							
Positively Living III							
Powerless							
Primary Purpose		50.00					
Progress							
Purpose	30.00	172.00					
Rainbow		42.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Ray of Hope	50.00	50.00					
Remember When							
Renaissance I		50.00					
Renaissance II							
Renewal		100.00					
Restored to Sanity		50.00					
Ridge	10.00	30.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	30.00	30.00
Rise & Shine		10.00					
Rush Hour							
S.S. Sobriety							
Sally							
Salvation Army							
Saratoga							

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		March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.	March '93	Accum.
Good Life							
Grand	30.00	60.00					
Grand II Joy Of Living							
Grateful		120.00					
H.A.N.D.		5.00				5.00	
H.O.W.							
Half & Half							
Hamburg							
Hamburg Big Book		50.00					
Handicappers Sat. Mite							
Happy Hour	10.00	25.00					
Harmony							
High Noon (Gay)							
High View		50.00		10.00		10.00	
Hill Billy							
Honest Desire							
Honesty	30.00	90.00	10.00	30.00			
Hor a de Reflecion (Spanish)							
Humbly Willing							
Ignatia		10.00					
Inner City							
Inspiration		20.00		20.00			
Iron Horse							
IT							
It's About Time		20.00					
Just for Today		60.00		10.00			
Keep It Simple, Sister	30.00	30.00					
Keep on Comin'							
Kenmore							
Kensington Disc							
Ladies Night		20.00		20.00		20.00	
Lakeshore							
Lakeview				50.00		50.00	
Last Chance							
Let Go & Let God	20.00	20.00					
Lew-port		78.00					
Liberty Women's							
Life Today							
Lighten-Up							
Live and Let Live (Gay)		35.00	105.00				
Living Sober							
Lock City							
Lockport #1		125.00					
Lockport Discussion							
Lockport Ladies							
Lockview	500.00	500.00					
Lovejoy							
Lower River							
Yrll							

GROUP Page 5	Central Office Contr		Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	March'93	Accum.	March'93	Accum.	March'93	Accum.
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Saturday Nite Live						
Searching for Serenity	20.00	20.00				
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12		60.00				
Serenity		10.00				
Serenity Circle		30.00				
Sharing and Caring						
Sheridan	60.00	90.00	20.00	20.00		
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety and Beyond						
Sobriety (Men's Disc)						
Somerset		60.00		40.00		40.00
South Buffalo						
South Town						
Southgate	64.90	64.90				
Southtowns Women's	5.00	5.00				
Southwestern	15.00	15.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress						
Springville		120.00				
Springville-no smoking		20.00				
St. Barnabas		50.00		50.00		
St. Mark's						
Stay Clean						
Step						
Stepping Stones		30.00				
Suburban						
Sunday Morning Bkft.	100.00	100.00	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00
Sunday Nlters	20.00	60.00	20.00	40.00		10.00
Sunday Thrd	30.00	30.00				
Sunrise Court						
SUNY-Anhst Campus		224.50				
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
TnT		200.00				
TGIF						
Thankful		50.00				
The Journey						
The Way		50.00				
Thruway		900.00		60.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc						
Today						
Town Hall	100.00	100.00				
Tri-County	75.00	75.00				

GROUP Page 6	Central Office Contr		Correctional Facil		Accum	
	March'93	Accum.	March'93	Accum.	March'93	Accum.
Tuesday Men's Disc		30.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc	50.00	50.00				
Turning Point						
Twin Cities	25.00	100.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity		60.00				
University	160.00	480.00			25.00	75.00
Urban						
V.I.P.						
Valley						
Varysburg						
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa						
We Admitted	5.00	10.00	5.00	15.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	90.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	60.00
We Choose Life		66.00				
We Need You						
Wehrle		10.00				
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield		75.00				
Westminster						
WHY						
Williamsville						
Willing To Grow		15.00				
Wilson				25.00		25.00
Women's Westside Disc.						
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Youth Gone Wild		9775.64		859.00		688.00
48 Groups-March '93	3517.05		335.00		240.00	
Last month accum.totals	6258.59		524.00		448.00	
Year-to-date totals	9775.64		859.00		688.00	

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES Account #484-185-4**

Expenses	Check #	Amount
AA Central Office-Inmate to Inmate	1082	231.00
Balance pr checkbook 2/25/93		1082.41
Add receipts 2/25/93-3/25/93		335.00
Deduct expenses 2/25/92-3/25/93		-231.00
Balance per checkbook 3/25/93		1186.41
Operating credit for March '93	104.00	

**TREATMENT CENTER Account #602-089-5**

EXPENSES	Check #	Amount
Sheila G - Hospitality for 12 Step wksp	228	200.00
AA Central Office - Lockport Memorial	229	39.06
AA Central Office - ECMC - Big Bka	230.00	130.00
		369.06
Balance per checkbook 2/25/93		266.45
Add receipts 2/25/93-3/25/93		240.00
Deduct expenses 2/25/93-3/25/93		-369.07
Balance per checkbook 3/25/93		137.38
Operating debit for March '93	(129.06)	

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNT #504-771-7**

RECEIPTS	2/25/93-3/25/93	Amount
48 Groups contributed		3517.05
Joint meeting (expenses \$11.67)		31.45
New Frontiers Subscriptions		66.00
Envelope System		151.00
Literature		4342.78
Miscellaneous:	Anonymous	3.00
	Mailing	109.00
	Spring Convention	135.00
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>8355.28</b>
DISBURSEMENTS		
#10 Ellicott Sq Corp - rent		542.00
Comm Mental Health Ctr-C.C. meeting		35.00
Delphine A. Hoy - Seminar / Mesa 9/92		744.86
Happy Spring Water		18.45
Image Office Equipment - maintenance contract		1445.00
General Service Assembly - spring conv-hospitality		100.00
AA World Services - Literature		2388.20
M & T Bank Federal Withholding tax		492.16
AA World Services, Inc - Lit		1596.03
The Grapevine - Books		548.00
The Message Connection		133.45
Breitwieser Printing Co., Inc - Schedules		2615.00
The Paper Shop - supplies		84.00
New York Telephone		153.84
U S Postmaster - meter refill		500.00
US Postmaster - Stamps - Envelope System		29.00
AA World Services Inc - books		1542.00
Salaries - Central Office		1422.04
Petty Cash		50.00
Bank service charges		56.98
Misc		2.30
	<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>14498.31</b>

R E C A P		
Balance per checkbook 2/25/93		1971.06
Withdrawal from Money Market		5000.00
Add receipts 2/25/93-3/25/93		8355.28
Deduct expenses 2/25/93-3/25/93		-14498.31
Balance per checkbook 3/25/93		828.03
	M & T Time Deposit	9650.30
	M & T Money Market	8108.14
Operating debit for March '93	(-6143.03)	