

NEW FRONTIERS

March 2002

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF
WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
We request that this newsletter be kept within the Fellowship to insure anonymity.

A.A. is Life with Purpose

AA is sobering up one more time than I got drunk. It is fellowship with others who have done the same things I have; who have known despair and remorse, as I have; who have experienced that awful urge to take a drink, but who have said, as I have, "Not today."

AA is an end to my lies and excuses and alibis. It is breaking the shackles of self-pity, self-deception, and self-loathing. It is saying, honestly and realistically, "Booze got me here. Not the bad breaks. Not anyone else. Just me and too many drinks, too often."

AA is loving the world I awakened to today. It is my reflection in the mirror, clear-eyes and calm. It is keeping an appointment at eight o'clock in the morning! It is living *just for today*.

AA is the acceptance of things and people and situations I can't change. It is courage to change what I can. It is the search for wisdom to know one from another.

AA is warmth derived from sharing strength and hope and experience with another alcoholic still suffering. It is life with depth and purpose.

Grapevine Nov. 1966

HONESTY

I can't begin to describe the relief and freedom that comes with telling the truth. Not the convenient truth, and not the mean and spiteful truth; but, the truth that expresses my feelings, free from shame and blame, no matter how vulnerable and stupid it seems to me at the same time. I encourage anyone who is having trouble being honest to ask his or her Higher Power for the willingness and strength to be honest anyway. He did that for me immediately after I stopped hiding behind a lie and told Him the truth, too.

Andy F. Nashville TN

Convention Coffee Fund 2002

At the first meeting of the 2002 Fall Convention Committee on Saturday 1/9/02, the Committee decided that there would be no per cup sales of coffee at the 2002 Convention site. We will continue as in the past with a bottomless cup of coffee. However, the total cost charged by the hotel is \$5,000 for the weekend. With a total of over 300 groups in our area, we should have no trouble raising this amount.

We, as members of the Convention Committee, are asking for personal and/or group donations to continue this past practice of free coffee at the convention. Let's welcome AA members and newcomers to our convention with a smile, a handshake and a free cup of coffee, and skip the buck a cup! Raising this amount of money will take time and cooperation from all groups, so we are starting early, can you help us?

We will periodically update your coffee fund donations so we all know how much more is needed. Look for updates in the *New Frontiers* monthly Newsletter. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity in continuing the practice of past conventions. Let's start early and get it done! Thanks.

Please send donations to:
Convention Coffee Fund 2002
PO Box 692
West Seneca, NY 14224

2002 Fall Convention Committee

A Simple Thank-you

Just a simple thank you for my life....
Just simple thank you for giving me back my family....
Just a simple thank you for my true friends....
Just a simple thank you for another chance....
Just a simple thank you for loving and being loved...
Just a simple thank you for my sobriety....
Just a simple thank you from my whole heart, for all that Alcoholics Anonymous and my fellows in these beautiful, life returning rooms that were shown to me. Without these precious people, I don't want to know where I would be.
Just a simple God Bless you all!!!!

Margo H. - Recovery Near the Gardens Group

Keep Gratitude in your Attitude

Step Three: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, *as we understood Him.*"

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!"

Alcoholics Anonymous p. 63

Practicing Step Three is like the opening of a door, which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key, and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingnessa beginning, even the smallest, is all that is needed. Once we have placed the key of willingness in the lock and have the door ever so slightly open, we find that we can always open it some more.

12 & 12 p. 34 & 35

Therefore, we who are alcoholics can consider ourselves fortunate indeed. Each of us has had his own near-fatal encounter with the juggernaut of self-will, and has suffered enough under its weight to be willing to look for something better.

12 & 12 p. 37 & 38

"Under God" The desire to drink was removed and never returned once I accepted Step Three – during a terrific storm in the North Pacific. After all, you don't have much to say about it. Lloyds of London's definition of a master of a ship is "captain under God."

AA Internationalists Came to Believe p. 31

Tradition Three: "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

The following was originally published in the AA *Grapevine* as a Tradition checklist. Originally intended primarily for individual use, they are very useful as a basis for a group inventory.

1. In my mind do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a new comer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

For Today Only

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is unborn.

This leaves only one day – today. Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities – yesterday and tomorrow – that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives people mad – it is remorse or bitterness for something that happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time.

Submitted by Paul G. – Lovejoy Group

The best time to do something is between yesterday and tomorrow.

Interested in receiving the New Frontiers?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to the AA Central Office earmarked the "New Frontiers" for \$ _____ for _____ copies.

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15	Copies	43.00	60 Copies	135.00

Mail to the Central Office:

845 Ellicott Square Building
295 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14203-2412

Our Group presents the following and a 1935-Nickel to speakers as a memento.

John T. of the Kensington Group had as his first sponsor Ed Z., a member of the original Akron Group. Ed's hobby was coin collecting and he was particularly interested in the 1935 Indian Head Buffalo nickel which had a special sentimental value for him.

Bill Wilson, co founder of AA, was six months sober in Akron, Ohio, broke and despondent as a result of a failed business deal. He knew he would drink again unless he found another "drunk" to work with, and so he made that famous call on a pay phone from the lobby of Akron's *Mayflower Hotel* to Rev. Walter Tunks, a clergyman whose name he found in the hotel's church directory. The Rev. Tunks put him in touch with Henrietta Sieberling who knew Bob Smith, a doctor who was just coming off a drunk. When Bill told her he needed another drunk to help, she arranged a meeting between Bill and Bob in her home the next day, Saturday May 11, 1935. It was Mothers' Day weekend.

Doctor Bob took his last drink in the parking lot of the Akron Hospital just before performing surgery, and with Bill's help remained sober ever after. The date was June 10, 1935, the official date of the beginning of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ed Z., our members' sponsor, passed his collection on to John T. before his death. John has continued to collect 1935 nickels from coin collectors in the Akron area. The pay phone Bill used to place his call on May 10th 1935 has long been gone. A photo of Bill W. now stands in its place.

Who knows? This 1935-nickel might just be the one that Bill himself used!! At least it has very special value for those of us who are a part of what he started with that phone call in the spring of 1935.

The Kensington Group

Alcoholism is the only disease I know where the mind actually believes it can destroy the body and live!

IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

Dick B. 2/10/2002

Eternal Vigilance Group 16 years

Sue Smith Windows – The daughter of AA Co-founder Dr. Robert Holcomb Smith, 2/9/2002

She was the last living eyewitness to the earliest days of our fellowship.

Let's remember them and all the others who passed on in our prayers

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope. Please submit your articles to Central Office by the 15th for next months issue.

New Frontiers committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month - 7:00pm - St Michaels, corner of Warsaw & Electric in Lackawanna.

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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

ACCEPTANCE

Tom L. 6m
 Sue T. 6m
 Jackie S. 2y
 Elisabeth L. 11y
 Tom M. 17y
 Rosina L. 17y
Amherst/Snyder
 Amy E. 6m
 Joanne P. 6m
 Barry G. 6m
 Krystyna T. 6m
 Janine' M. 6m
 Christina C. 9m
 Steve H. 9m
 Jim S. 1y
 Greg W. 2y
 Patty C. 2y
 Ray H. 2y
 Joy W. 2y
 Randy McK. 2y
 Wesley B. 3y
 Dennis G. 4y
 Bob S. 4y
 Lydia G. 4y
 Nancy J. 4y
 Jennifer H. 6y
 Ken L. 9y
 Gina L. 9y
 Alan H. 11y
 Ron F. 12y
 Andrew C. 15y
Cold Springs
 Anthony H. 3m
 Vivian J. 3y
 Kenny B. 9y
 Al C. Jr 11y
 Elvester McR. 26y
Courage Group
 Kathleen K. 3m
 Eilleen N. 3m
 John W. 6m
 Dave McN. 3y
 Martha S. 11y
Ellicott
 Robert R. 5y
Fireside
 Andres A. 6m
 Greg E. 1y
 Robert G. 1y
 Jennifer L. 1y
 Robert S. 1y
 Peter M. 6y
 Steve W. 6y

Kensington

Pat O. 1y
 Neil C. 3y
 Peaches 19y
Lakeshore
 Ed L. 10y
 Jim McS. 11y
 Les T. 22y
LoveJoy
 Joe T. 9m
 Tom M. 1y
 Jim O. 1y
 Greg C. 3y
 Tom B. 6y
 Ron G. 28y
Main & High
 Mary C. 3m
 Denise C. 1y
North Buffalo
 Tom T. 1y
 Terrance H. 1y
 Lorraine Y. 1y
 Delbert K. 2y
 Michael K. 2y
 Jerry S. 2y
 Becky S. 4y
 Ken S. 5y
 Bob M. 5y
 Wesley K. 5y
 Glenn H. 12y
 Burt P. 13y
 Harvey S. 14y
 Peter B. 15y
 Janet T. 15y
 Joanne K. 19y
 Marcia W. 23y
Sheridan
 Roxanne W. 4y
 Jeff S. 5y
 Mike K. 6y
 Neal L. 6y
 Sheri B. 7y
Sunday Morning
Breakfast
 Dolores Z. 6m
 Craig F. 6m
 Maggie P. 2y
 Shawn M. 2y

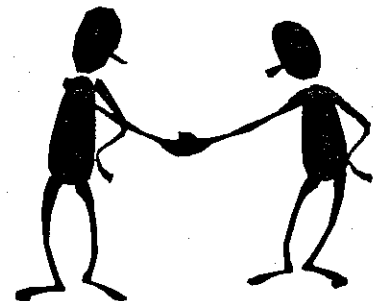
Thruway

Ray O. 3m
 Louren L. 6m
 Anita Q. 6m
 Henry R. 1y
 Don K. 1y
 Scott R. 1y
 Dave C. 2y
 John R. 3y
 Rosellie P. 7y
 Jim S. 13y
 Bob M. 15y
 Elvire W. 16y
 Ray O. 27y
Univ. Men's Disc.
 Patrick L. 6m
 Ken K. 1y
 Richard B. 1y
 Tom M. 3y
 Brian H. 5y
 Mark L. 10y
 George K. 13y
 Scott B. 22y
 Robert L. 24y
 Jerry F. 27y
 Loran M. 37y
Victory
 Joe J. 3m
 Paul K. 3m
We Care
 Al G. 3y
 Karen D. 3y
 Martin S. 3y
 Tom B. 4y
 Brian D. 6y
 Tim P. 7y
 Bill L. 7y
 Kim Mc. 9y
 Larry B. 12y
 Bill R. 20y
 Deloris K. 20y
Welcome
 Tammy C. 4y
Women's
Westside
 Charlotte J. 3m
 Patricia K. 2y
 Mary Kay H. 3y
 Micki 4y

GROUPS CELEBRATING

A Day At A Time
 Bodhisattva
 Brocton Discussion
 Clarence Men's Discussion
 Dunkirk Monday Nite
 Grand II Joy Of Living
 Higher Powered
 Just For Today/Albion
 Keep On Comin'
 Lake View
 Medina Big Book
 Medina New Life
 Perry Discussion
 Powerless
 Renaissance I
 Rochester Meeting
 Rural Is Plural
 Serenity
 Set Aside
 Sheridan
 Sober Saturday
 Sober Trail
 Southgate
 Stayin' Alive
 Sunday Third
 Surrender And Hope
 The Book Meeting
 Thruway
 Unity
 Women On The Rise

*Please remember to
 have the anniversaries
 submitted by
 the 15th
 of the month
 previous*



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PLEASE NOTE

- IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.
- IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT RECEIVING THE BULLETIN, PLEASE CALL THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO UPDATE THE GROUP CONTACTS. THANK-YOU.
- BECOME INVOLVED; PLEASE CHECK YOUR GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS WITH THE FINANCIAL REPORT TO MAKE SURE OUR NUMBERS MATCH. IT HELPS KEEP SAFE GUARDS ON THE CENTRAL OFFICE AS WELL AS YOUR TREASURE, IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE PLEASE INQUIRE, THANK-YOU
- THE CUT OFF DATES FOR ALL MONTHLY REPORTS IS NOW THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH. THIS INCLUDES NEW FRONTIERS, FINANCIAL REPORTS, ANNIVERSARIES AND ANYTHING FOR THE MONTHLY BULLETIN.
- *We are in desperate need for 12-Step People, particularly people that could be available during the daytime hours.*
- *If your group would like to E-Mail Articles or Anniversaries for the New Frontiers, they can be sent to buffalooa@hotmail.com*
- BEYOND YOU WILDEST DREAMS, Convention Sweatshirts and mugs are still available. Call Central Office, 853-0388
- In following the Spirit of the Grapevine; The Central Committee has voted to allow in our bulletin, Men's and Women's Spiritual Weekends, providing they are put on by AA members ONLY, For AA members ONLY and all panels and speakers are AA members ONLY.
- **In This Mailing Are Group Information Sheets, If You Could Fill Them In As Much As Possible And Return To The Office...THANK-YOU**

MEETING CHANGES:

1110 GROUP: Moved to 241 Genesee Street, Corner of Michigan. We also changed our name to The Buffalo Group.

Boulevard Helping Hands: has returned to Wheatfield Town Hall.

BUFFALO STATE: Now meets in the Classroom Building, Room B-106, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 pm.

Cold Springs has moved to the Crucial Center, 230 Moselle St. Monday's at 8:00

Community Center: Has moved to 118 E. Utica; Friends of the Elderly Center.

COURAGE GROUP; Starting in January will be having a Big Book table.

HARMONY; Now meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am.

KENMORE GROUP is now an open discussion group the last Thursday of the month.

NOTHING BUT THE BOOK, NO LONGER MEETS

RECOVERY NEAR THE GARDENS, now meets on Monday's at 6:30 pm. Lake Shore Behavior Health Building, 2600 South Park, Lackawanna.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS; has a new home. Church of the Advent, 54 Delaware Rd., Kenmore.

The Three Legacies (formally Unity Men's Stag); now meets at Good Shepherd Church, 96 Jewett Pkwy at 8 pm. Closed Men's Meeting

THANKFUL GROUP, Fridays at 2 pm have moved to the Senior Center, behind the fire hall at 101 King & Oakwood. Please join us in our new meeting place.

Trail End; Cherry Creek, Saturdays at 8, NO LONGER MEETS.

There's A Solution Group, 7:00, Saturday on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation, NO LONGER MEETS.

Unity Group, Will begin meeting at Calvary Episcopal Church, corner of Cayuga and Milton, one block south of St. Peter & Paul. This is only a temporary move.

NEW MEETINGS:

Sunday At 8:00; 8:00 pm, Smoking, Closed, Open last Sunday of the month. Good Shepherd Church, Rt. 438 Extension, Irving.

Early Rising Obliging; Friday's at 10:00 AM. 6560 Niagara Falls Blvd at the 190, behind Timberland Lodge Restaurant. In Horizons Health Center.

Another Chance; Monday 8:00 PM, Church Of The Ascension, 16 Linwood At North; Downtown; OD

Saturday Nite Sober; Fredonia, Open Discussion, WC, Buttrick Hall; Central Ave & Cottage

Sobriety Comes First; Tuesday's, 8 PM, OD, 1206 Niagara St., Niagara Falls

BUFFALO STATE GROUP; Rm. B-106, Classroom Building, Tues. & Thurs. 12:30 pm, Open Discussion

IDON'T KNOW GROUP; starts Feb. 18th at St. Francis Church, 175 East Street and Amherst. Smoking in one room, Non-Smoking in another. It will be an open speaker meeting the first and last weeks, and discussion the rest the month. Monday's at 7:00 PM.

MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

DeVeau Discussion- First Presbyterian Church, Rainbow Blvd at North.

Early Rising Obliging; Friday, 10:00 AM, 6560 Niagara Falls Blvd.

INSPIRATION - St. Barnabas, 2049 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, 10 am Thursdays

NEW LIFE GROUP-Monday's at 8:00 pm, St. Aidan's Church, 13021 Main St., Alden

PERRY DISCUSSION - 344 Perry Street, Tuesdays, 12:15 pm Tuesdays

RECOVERY NEAR THE GARDEN- Lake Shore Behavior Health Building, 2600 South Park, Lackawanna, Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

ROLAND GROUP- Roland Methodist, 168 Roland, Lackawanna Saturdays at 8 pm

Serenity On The Lake-WED. At St. Anthony's Church, Route 249 in Farnham

ST. BARNABAS- 63 John Street, Akron, 8 pm Mondays

ST.MARK'S-Orchard Park Saturdays, need Home group members, large group, no members; need help

THANKFUL GROUP, needs support

Women's Westside Discussion, Casa Di Vita, 200 Albany Street, Bflo West.

COMING EVENTS

~ March 3, Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Micheal's Parish. (Hosted by Lakeshore)
Reminder this is the Election Date for our Executive Secretary, it is very important that the groups send their voice on this very important vote.

~ March 9, CPC Meeting, 10:00 am, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59th St., Niagara Falls.

~ March 10, General Service Assembly, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue. (Hosted by The Downtown Men's Group)

~ March 10, 12th Annual 4th Step Workshop, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. \$5.00 donation to cover costs. The Amity Club, 340 Military Rd, Buffalo (corner of Hertel). Seating limited to 40 people. Register by mail or at the door.

~ March 16, 2002 Buffalo Fall Convention Committee Meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome. Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. 9:00 AM before the Courage Group.

~ March 23, Archives Committee, 9 am, At Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Dr

~ March 22, Lockport #1, 55 Year Anniversary, 8:00 PM, Grace Episcopal Church, 100 Genesee St, Lockport

~ March 24, Serenity Groups 38th Anniversary Breakfast, Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. 9:30 am
Breakfast followed about 11:00 by speaker. \$9.00 pre-sale tickets only-No tickets will be sold at the door.

~ March 30, Tri-County Group's 44th Anniversary, St. Joseph Church In Gowanda. Speaker at 8:30 Pm, Food And Fellowship to follow. Please bring a dish to share.

~ April 6, Any Age 16th Blizzard Ball Rescheduled, St. Andrew's RC Church (corner of Sheridan & Elmwood, Parking off Elmwood at Lowell Rd). 1525 Sheridan Dr., Kenmore. Doors open at 7pm, Speaker at 8pm, Music and dancing from 9pm-1am. Tickets \$5.00 in advance/\$6.00 at the door. Pizza-Coffee-Pop-50/50. No children under 12.

~ April 20, Buffalo Group Round-Up, 11:00 am-Lunch, Speakers at 12 Noon and 4:00 pm Eating meeting at 6:00 pm, last speaker at 8:00 Pm. Please Bring a dish to share. 241 Genesee Street, Buffalo.

~ April 26, 27 & 28, BLOSSOM TIME CONVENTION, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Registration \$12.00(USA); Banquet \$27(USA); Dance \$8.00(USA). Flyers in Central Office.

~ April 26, 27 & 28, 29th Annual Women's Spiritual Week-End, St. Columbian Center in Derby. Space Is limited and registration forms will be available to AA women at local meetings and the Central Office.

~ May 4, Boulevard Helping Hands 5th Anniversary; 10:00 Am., 2800 Church street. Speaker and Brunch.

~ May 4, JAMESTOWN 57th ANNIVERSARY, 1 day only. St. John's Church, 270 Newton. \$20 including banquet, \$14 for just registration and dance.

3rd STEP: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

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

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

... Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...

Terry Bateman... Acting Executive Secretary

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MARCH 3, 2002 MEETING

The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM by our Chairman with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Scott T. also read the Preamble. Gary read the Traditions and Mike read the Purpose. John H. motioned that the reading of the minutes be waved, seconded by Mark W.; motioned carried.

60 Groups attended:

Dist. #1: Buffalo Group, Bidwell Monday Discussion, Cathedral Park, Giving Group, Journey, Live and Let Live, Main and high, Sunday Nitters, Sunrise Court. Dist. # 2: But For The Grace of God, Chapter IX, Early Bird, Easy Does It, North Buffalo, Serenity, Three Legacies Men's Discussion, Welcome, I Don't Know. Dist. # 3: Abbot Men's Discussion, Cazenovia, Courage, Gardenville, Iron Horse, Rainbow Group, Ridge, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Victory, We Care. Dist. # 4: Action Group, Amsdell-Lakeshore, As Bill Sees It, Crossroads, Derby Group, East Aurora Group, Eternal Vigilance. Holland, Keep It Simple Sister, Lake Shore, Lake View, Marilla, Serenity On The Lake, Sobriety Men's Discussion, The Moonshiners, Valley. Dist. # 5: Lock City, Wilson. Dist. # 7: Coldspring, Crosstalk Big Book, Ellicott, Let Go and Let god, Lovejoy, Remember When, Spirit Of Hope. Dist. # 8: Amherst Snyder, Eyeopener, H.A.N.D., Renewal, Turning Point, Wehrle. Districts 6, 9, 10 no attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen S. Chairperson reporting. February contributions totaled \$788.00. YTD \$1,642.00. Please carry the message back to all the groups for more support.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Mike read Derek's report in his absence. Persons in attendance: Charmaine D., Charles, Gary S., Mike D., Scott T., Terry B., Joanne M. Agenda items include 1. Cookie's registration/ Election Tonight, Terry still needs 2/3's vote. 2. Group contributions to our central Office: ways that we can increase that contribution: Joanne will create a letter or flyer for review by steering committee and then distribution. 3. Self-Supporting for all events: Reviewed and discussed changing the first paragraph of "General suggestions for guidance of planning committees" "of guidelines for events sponsored by WNY C.C. of AA. 4. Pros and cons of moving Central Office: I asked Lee M. to research this subject with me. We will probably start this month. 5. District Representatives. 6. Possibility of moving the Steering Committee back to 80 Goodrich: Terry will call Church and find out if we can meet in a different room of the Church. 8. If anyone has something they want added to the agenda for the Steering Committee, call central Office one week before the meeting and I will add to the agenda. Do we want the agenda mailed to Steering Committee Rep Prior to the meeting, like we used to? Respectfully Submitted Derek H.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Submitted by Joanne M. Chair: It may appear to be a good starting balance for February but it is due to literature assets, not income. Group contributions are down from January. The outstanding invoices (word not understood) - July 1, 01 have been written off. Check the column of Group contributions and notice the vast majority does not contribute to the Central Office but they receive the same services as those who do contribute. If you attend other group meetings regularly, and notice that they aren't giving, you could indicate to them that the Central Office needs support from all groups.

TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE: Report given by Chair, Winston F. who reported that all meetings are ongoing but that it must be stressed that if you make a commitment to chair these meeting you should honor that commitment. We are invited to these meetings and if we don't keep our commitments it reflect on AA. Bridging the gap, volunteers are needed for Bridging the Gap in the Buffalo area. Please take an application and fill out the information. All information that you give will be confidential.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Bob submitted the report: Attica needs coverage on the 5th Wednesday and 5th Friday. Buffalo Work release wants to start a meeting on Thursday 7:00- 8:30 PM. ECCF/Women needs a new Chairperson. (Donna E.'s last day is 2nd Saturday in March). ECCF/Men's Needs 1st and 3rd (unclear). Gowanda needs help on Wednesdays. Wende needs help Fri. 6:30-9:00, Sat. 1-1:30. Niagara Men all is well. March 14th 6:00PM at the jail for an orientation. Call me for information. New Business: Ask groups to get involved as a whole. In Rochester different Groups take the meetings different nights of the week to carry the message.

SCREENERS COMMITTEE: Dave would like to update the list. Call Central Office for my number if you are interested.

CENTRAL OFFICE: FEBRUARY OFFICE REPORT: AA INFO: 446; 12- STEP: 9; ALANON: 26; PIC/CPC: 5; VISITORS: 57; VOLUNTEERS: 26. The office is doing OK. The phones are now switched over to Choice One

Communications to reduce cost. This will combine the AT&T and ACC Business phone bills into one bill. I'm checking into Secrophones rates, once I understand their billing I'm going to check out other answering services to see who has the best rates.

I ask that everyone continues to talk up the envelope system, and if we're currently not on it maybe we all should think about giving back on a personal level. Again, Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit, Terry Bateman, Acting Executive Secretary

NEW FRONTIER: No Report

61st BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION 2002: Submitted by Chair Pat M. Everything is going OK. The majority of our speakers are confirmed. The next meeting will be March 16 at 9:00AM. The meetings are held at the Maryvale Pres. Church where the Courage and Cheektowaga groups meet.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Jack submitted the report. Regular meeting was held February 23. Business as usual and we have new members. Preservation work is in progress, taping of old-timers for early history of AA in Western NY to be put on DVD. Also working to find a repository to store, view and maintain Archives. On March 15 we will display archives at Lockport #1 55th Anniversary.

General Service Assembly meets 3/24 in Hamburg.

RECAP:

FINANCIAL: Mel L. stated that his group is unable at this time to make contributions to Central Office. Mike asked are we still spending more than we take in. Joanne ans. Yes we are. Kevin asked that statement be arranged so assets and liabilities show with more clarity. Joanne and Scott that they would be willing to take suggestions. Debbie suggested that maybe we should have a balance sheet to show income and expenses instead of the way it is currently shown, which is not clear.

TREATMENT: Charmaine D. suggested that Bridging the Gap be explained because many didn't understand the concept. Winston explained that flyers were available as he gave the explanation.

OLD BUSINESS: Vote for Executive Secretary. Cookie L. made herself available to answer any questions that committee members might have and ended with a motion that Terry B. be made Exec. Sect. It was seconded from the floor. Scott thanked Cookie for her fellowship. Mike kept the tally as the vote was taken. Terry received a unanimous decision by all present and voting.

PIC still needed a chairperson. Adolph agreed to take the position if he could delay the start because of work at home. It was agreed that starting in May he would be the new Chair. Lee motioned and Dan seconded; All ayes, no opposed. Dist. 1, 6, 9 still needs Dist. Rep's. The Giving group had a volunteer but she was shy of the three years needed to serve. Scott reminded all about the need and importance of the Dist. Rep's. Charmaine D. asked that an explanation be given of the responsibilities. Ans. It is a two year term; meeting on the 1st Sunday at 5:30 for 1-1 1/2 hours. The Steering Committee oversees the working of the Central Office. The purpose is to compile information and report to the committee and make suggestions. Paul gave input on what he did as a past Dist Rep: basically bringing group concerns to the Steering Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Debbie reports delivered by Mike contained new guidelines for articles submitted to the New Frontier. Unanimous vote that we follow these guidelines. They will be made available to all. Debbie stated that she hopes that with the guidelines in place we may receive more articles. Joanne commented on attendance, stating that a crisis brings people out, but she hopes we don't become apathetic. Terry B. thanked everyone for their overwhelming vote, and stated that she still needs the support of all. Lee M. would like to see the Officer's of Central Committee terms of service go to two years instead of one year. Scott suggested that a written proposal be submitted and studied. Don and Kevin both addressed this issue and we were cautioned to look long and hard before making a decision to change what is in place. Scott stated that once it is submitted it can go to the floor. Mike suggested that Terry's start date be backdated to when she began as acting Sect. This would only effect vacation, not pay backdates. Tom G. motioned and Paul/ Lovejoy seconded. Lee M. motioned that the meeting be closed Don seconded. 7th tradition had been collected and we closed with Prayer.

	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
Kensington							Renewal						
Ladies Night							Ridge						
Lake Shore							Ridge/Pink Can						
Lakeview							Rise and Shine						
Last Days Fellowship							Rochester	100.00	100.00				
LewPort							Roland						
Let Go and Let God							Rural's Parul						
Liberty Women							Saly						
Life Today	100.00	100.00					Saratoga						
Lighten UP		600.00					Searching For Serenity						
Live and Let Live							Second Chance						
Living in the Solution							Serenity						
Living Sober	30.00	30.00					Serenity Circle	10.00	40.00				
Lock City							Serenity on the Lake						
Lockport #1							Serenity Trails						
Lockport Discussion							Setside	300.00	300.00				
Lockport Ladies		50.00					Sheridan	40.00	80.00				
Lockport		300.00					Silvercreek Friendship						
Look To This Day							Sober and Proud						
Love							Sober Saturday	50.00	50.00				
Lovejoy	100.00	100.00					Sober Trail						
Lower River							Sober Winners	20.00	40.00				
Lunch Time							Society for Women						
Main and High	10.00	15.00		10.00			Society Men's Discussion						
Main Street							Society On The Canal		25.00				
Maria		50.00					Society on a Saturday Night						
Matt Tabot	50.00	150.00					Society on the Lake						
Mayville Uptown Group							Somersel						
Medna Grapesvine							South Buffalo						
McGrady Winners		100.00					South Town						
Medna Big Book							Southgate						
Medna New Life							Southtown Women's		73.00				
Mercy							Southwestern	30.00	118.00				
Mid-day		52.00					Spirit of Hope		100.00				
Miracle							Spiritual Progress		150.00				
Morning After							Springville Saturday Afternoon	60.00					
Monday Morning Lockport							Springville Tuesday Night						
New Awakening		50.00					Springville Wednesday Noon						
New Freedom							St. Barnabas						
New Beginnings/St. Vincent							St. Mark's						
New Life		20.00					Starting Over						35.00
New Outlook							Staying Alive						
Niagara Intergroup							Step Work						
New Westside							Stepping Stones/Gowanda		30.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.							Stepping Stones/Williamsville						
Nightshift							Suburban	10.00	30.00				
North Buffalo		200.00		50.00		50.00	Sunday Afternoon Ascension						
North Java Monday							Sunday Morning Breakfast		50.00		50.00		50.00
North Java Morning After							Sunday Nites	10.00	10.00				
North Java Sunday							Sunday Third Group						
One Day At A Time							Sunrise Court						
Open Arms		25.00				25.00	SUNY Amherst Campus						
Open Mind							Surrender and Hope						
Orchard Park Step							Survivors						
P B P Big Book Study							T.P.H.						
Pass It On							TGIF						
Patchon	150.00	150.00					Thankful						
Pathway to Peace							The Book Meeting	15.00	15.00				
Perdleton Chapter Five							The Moonshiners						
Perry Discussion							There's A Solution						
Pink Can							Three Legacies						
Pioneer							Those Too	25.00	35.00				
Positively Living	500.00	1000.00					Truway	300.00	750.00	20.00	60.00	20.00	60.00
Powerless							Thursday PM Discussion		150.00				
Primary Purpose		100.00					Today						
Principles Before Personalities		100.00					Today's Woman						
Progress							In County		40.00		10.00		
Purpose/Tonawanda		150.00					Tri-Step Beginners						
Rainbow		75.00					Try Again	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00		
Ray of Hope		75.00					Tuesday Men's AM	50.00	50.00				
Recovery Near the Gardens		10.00					Tuesday Women	25.00	75.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	30.00
Remember When		100.00					Turning Point						

	CO	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative
Twin Cities						
Unity		100.00				
University Men's Discussion						
Valley	30.00	30.00				
Varities of Spiritual Experience	10.00	10.00				
Varysburg						
Victory	75.00	75.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Wake Up Cal						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	50.00	20.00	50.00	10.00	30.00
We Choose Life						
Wehlc	50.00	50.00				
Welcome						
Westfield						
Westminster						
Why						
Williamsville		220.00				
Widing To Grow		200.00				
Wilson Group		25.00				25.00
Wilson Smith Alumni	100.00	100.00				
Women on the Rise						
Women's West Side		100.00				
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Dale M.		4.80				
50 F22 Conversion		14.00				
A.O.D.	30.00	30.00				
TFC Printing & Folding	15.00	15.00				
TOTAL	5082.20	13,096.82	398.75	957.75	338.57	877.75

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Income Statement	15-Jan-02	15-Feb-02	15-Mar-02
Beq Bal Cash on hand	14,075.94	17,902.46	20,163.37
Contributions			
Groups	4,457.80	3,833.82	5,082.20
Joint Meeting	54.55	75.00	105.00
Envelope System	1,642.00	788.00	243.00
New Frontiers Subs	96.00	23.00	10.00
Literature	3,204.82	3,137.74	3,890.82
Convention (Fall 2001)	1,950.00	112.00	
Monthly Income	11,405.17	7,969.56	9,331.02
Expenses			
Office Rent	636.00	636.00	636.00
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll			
Salaries (Net)	1,260.08	1,575.10	1,403.74
Federal Withholdings	679.84	849.80	33.50
NYS Withholdings	184.60		
Insurance			
State Ins Fund			331.16
Health			
Liability	838.84		
Postage			795.37
Phone	104.19	103.84	112.59
Accounting			
Advt			
Talking Phone Book			
Verizon	141.50	70.75	
Yellow Pages		149.00	
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine	43.50	132.00	73.50
World Services Inc	806.65	1,341.10	2,132.22
Hazeldon	681.12	-	340.89
21st Cectury Press	1,477.00	-	
Office Supplies	125.38	66.56	275.95
Answering service	355.45	530.50	487.70
Minolta leasing (copier)	187.00	187.00	187.00
Minolta Coples			112.95
Crystal Rock (water)	14.50	14.50	14.50
Bank Charges	8.00	17.50	18.25
Monthly Expenses	7,578.65	5,708.65	6,990.32
Monthly Income (Loss)	3,826.52	2,260.91	2,340.70
End Bal Cash on hand	17,902.46	20,163.37	22,504.07
Literature Assels:			6,605.24
Literature Receiveable:(outstanding)			722.86
Correction Facilltes	1,188.00	1,522.50	1,386.75
Donations	346.50	192.00	338.57
Expenses		315.75	74.70
Bank Charge	12.00	12.00	12.00
Balance	1,522.50	1,386.75	1,638.62
Treatment Facilities	510.83	440.87	298.64
Donations	371.50	222.00	398.75
Expenses			
AT&T Bridging The Gap	25.71	27.28	29.90
AAA Abbott Answering Service	30.75	35.95	46.85
Literature	373.00	289.00	
Bank Carges	12.00	12.00	12.00
BALANCE	440.87	298.64	608.64

Income Statement	JUN/JUL	15-Aug-01	15-Sep-01	15-Oct-01	15-Nov-01	15-Dec-01	15-Jan-02	15-Feb-02	15-Mar-02
Beg Bal Cash on hand	2,431.95	6,514.19	9,234.70	10,590.27	9,554.85	10,029.49	14,075.94	17,902.46	20,163.37
Contributions									
Groups	10,609.69	4,991.35	4,968.75	3,325.53	3,216.10	2,942.50	4,457.80	3,833.82	5,082.20
Joint Meeting		70.00	64.25	83.75	67.00	59.75	54.55	75.00	105.00
Envelope System	793.00	381.00	319.00	474.00	444.00	239.00	1,642.00	788.00	243.00
New Frontiers Subs	10.00			108.00			98.00	23.00	10.00
Literature	2,492.49	1,259.29	1,818.12	2,701.32	3,439.99	4,949.10	3,204.82	3,137.74	3,890.82
Convention (Fall 2001)				25.00		2,000.00	1,950.00	112.00	
Monthly Income	13,905.18	6,701.64	7,170.12	6,717.60	7,167.09	10,190.35	11,405.17	7,969.56	9,331.02
Expenses									
Office Rent	1,270.00	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00
Meeting Room Rent	70.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll									
Salaries (Net)	1,077.85	634.00	1,575.10	1,575.10	1,260.08	1,260.08	1,260.08	1,575.10	1,403.74
Federal Withholdings	16.20	458.66	344.12	1,586.80	679.84	679.84	679.84	849.80	33.50
NYS Withholdings	348.00			169.11			184.60		
Insurance									
State Ins Fund	56.40								331.16
Health									
Liability							838.84		
Postage	621.69	85.91			400.00	37.24			795.37
Phone	190.42	9.10	103.64	103.17	105.39	101.49	104.19	103.84	112.59
Accounting		500.00	1,200.00						
Advt									
Talking Phone Book				142.80		408.00			
Verizon	553.50		61.50	61.50	65.75		141.50	70.75	
Yellow Pages	181.00	288.00	149.00					149.00	
Literature Expenses									
Grapevine				90.00			43.50	132.00	73.50
World Services Inc	2,763.24	432.10	459.84	2,388.90	2,476.60	2,298.95	806.65	1,341.10	2,132.22
Hazeldon	488.50	346.50	676.50	69.30	20.79		681.12	-	340.89
21st Century Press	1,704.24						1,477.00		
Office Supplies	5.00	46.46	176.65	5.00	480.70		125.38	66.56	275.95
Answering service	262.50	267.90		560.65	319.80	272.15	355.45	530.50	487.70
Minolla leasing (copier)	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00
Minolla Copies				117.19		205.65			112.95
Crystal Rock (water)	27.40	14.50	20.95	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Bank Charges		40.00	189.25	11.00	11.00	8.00	8.00	17.50	18.25
Monthly Expenses	9,822.94	3,981.13	5,814.55	7,753.02	6,692.45	6,143.90	7,578.65	5,708.65	6,990.32
Monthly Income (Loss)	4,082.24	2,720.51	1,355.57	(1,035.42)	474.64	4,046.45	3,826.52	2,260.91	2,340.70
End Bal Cash on hand	6,514.19	9,234.70	10,590.27	9,554.85	10,029.49	14,075.94	17,902.46	20,163.37	22,504.07
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