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Sponsorship: Our Silent Legacy

When we think of leadership in A.A., we often think of our trusted servants — those A.A.s among us who have shown a willingness and an aptitude for leadership at the group, district, or area level and beyond. But what of those A.A.s who provide the Fellowship with a different kind of leadership — a more intimate leadership, perhaps?

In his article “Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need,” after discussing many of the qualities that go into good service leadership, Bill W. addressed this second, more personal, kind of leadership: “Every sponsor is necessarily a leader,” he wrote. (The Language of the Heart, p. 292) “The stakes are huge. A human life, and usually the happiness of a whole family, hangs in the balance. What the sponsor does and says, how well he estimates the reactions of his prospects, how well he times and makes his presentation, how well he handles criticisms, and how well he leads his prospect on by personal spiritual example — well, these attributes of leadership can make all the difference, often the difference between life and death.”

So, if our sponsors are leaders, how do they lead? The General Service Conference has focused on the topic of sponsorship numerous times over the years, and the following excerpts from Conference presentations shed some light on this question.

Vera M., from Southwest Ohio, shared in 1991, “When I came to A.A. nobody asked me to meet any specifications, they just accepted me as I was, with love. My first sponsor treated me with compassion, which, I believe, means with gratitude. She understood that sponsor and sponsee meet as equal people.”

“Sponsorship is important to ensure that A.A. will continue,” said Dorothy M. of Southern Indiana. “My sponsor was there to suggest the things I needed to do to stay sober. She was there to answer the questions I had about the program. She was there to explain the Steps and to help me work through them. She was there when I had no mind to think with. She was there to think for me. She was there with the kind of quality sobriety that I wanted. She was there to show me how to achieve quality sobriety. She was responsible.”

George B. of New Mexico drew this picture of sponsorship: “With my sponsor, Walt, at the wheel, we head north out of Alamogordo under the brilliant blue of the New Mexico sky. Reflecting upon the spring area assembly that has just concluded, we chuckle over some of the issues raised and comments made, yet talk earnestly of others. Our conversation is frequently

punctuated by long and comfortable silences. During one such moment of quiet, I glance to my right and notice that Sierra Blanca — White Mountain — has received a fresh dusting of snow. Far off to the left lie the glistening white sands of the missile range. Whiteness. Peace. Calm. Serenity. It suddenly occurs to me that after 12 years Walt is still driving me to meetings!

“I think back to when Walt would arrive at my door at 6:30 on Wednesday evening, regular as clockwork. How much I just wanted to be left alone to wallow in my self-pity, to begin another night’s bout with the vodka bottle! How I wished that just this once he would forget to come by or have car trouble, or at least more pressing business to attend to than to go to that damn meeting! But no, 6:30 came and there was Walt. And I, still enervated from the previous night’s boozing, would drag my aching body out to his car for yet another interminable trip of twenty miles down the mountain to his favorite meeting.”

In 1967, Herb M., an A.A.W.S. board member, explained about sponsorship, “That which we give away we keep. That which we keep we lose. Such is the basis of our responsibility — to pass on to another alcoholic the message of love and understanding that made our own sobriety possible.... There has been unanimous agreement among us that the very substance of our sobriety lies in our willingness and our readiness to share this recovery experience with another.” “We should be as careful with another’s sobriety as we are with our own,” added Clarence K. of Michigan, “remembering that the newcomer’s life and future may depend on us.”

Describing the privilege and responsibility that goes along with sponsorship in A.A., Peter W., a regional trustee from Eastern Canada, delivered the keynote address to the 26th General Service Conference in 1976, highlighting the fundamental role sponsorship plays in the Fellowship. “A.A. had its origin in the principle of sponsorship — the need we have for one another. Sharing our experience, strength, and hope with each other could mean our survival.

“This principle is equally as valid today as when Bill carried the message to Dr. Bob. The world of alcoholism has changed, will continue to change. But our need for one another remains as vital today as it was in Akron in 1935. The need is best exemplified by sponsorship.

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"The privilege of being a sponsor insures our sobriety. It also helps us function effectively in recovery by recognizing the needs of others. It enables us to find within ourselves a response to those needs. Watching a fellow member grow in A.A. is a spiritual experience. It is a privilege for us to be used as instruments in the lives of others.... "Sponsorship is woven intricately through our Legacies. To deny it could weaken our Fellowship... Bill calls it the language of the heart. It transcends the appearance and the personality of the individual and goes directly to the soul.... "Sponsorship is the silent legacy of our Fellowship, given to us by those who went before us. It can spell the difference between survival and stagnation."

In closing, Peter noted, "To love the lovable requires very little effort, but you and I are called upon to love the unlovable, to help that person become lovable. Can you think of any greater responsibility? Can you think of any better way to do it than sponsorship?"

A.A. has many tools to help members with sponsorship — to sponsor and to be sponsored. In particular, A.A.W.S. publishes the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship," and the Grapevine publishes a booklet on sponsorship titled *One on One: AA Sponsorship in Action*, which shares the individual experience of sponsorship from a wide range of A.A.s.

Additionally, many groups focus regularly on sponsorship, making temporary sponsors available to newcomers, many of whom are fresh out of hospitals or prison. And sponsorship can also take place within the service structure, as noted by Christiana C. of Ireland at the 1975 European Service Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany: "With the help of my sponsors, I became

active in service at the group, area, and intergroup levels. Over time I came to realize that sponsorship into service is of vital importance. I cannot survive without A.A. Yet you and I are A.A. How well it functions abide by our principles and Traditions, on how much we give of ourselves."

Indeed, sponsorship takes many forms, even country-to-country sponsorship as A.A. continues to spread around the world, with more established service structures reaching out to those less developed. In one example, Germany sponsored Poland in the 1980s. Poland was then in a position to help spread A.A. to other eastern European countries. Other instances include Japan helping carry the message to Korea; Finland (among others) working with A.A.s in Russia and Estonia; and Mexico acting as a sponsor to Cuba, where meetings have now taken hold and the Fellowship is starting to grow strong.

As one workshop report from the 1991 General Service Conference summed things up, "In a nutshell: A.A. would not be A.A. without sponsorship."

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WHY DO WE NEED A CONFERENCE?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:

"We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life.

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services. "We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few.

We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

AA Service Manual; pg 20

archives



In March of 1940, on the mezzanine of the Cecil Hotel in Los Angeles, 12 or 14 people gathered - alcoholics and their spouses (based on a talk by Mort J., at recoveryaudio.org). However they looked on the outside, they may have felt like the hotel, once an elegant spot among other hotels on that block of the city, now on Skid Row. Getting to it may have meant stepping over the bodies of homeless, hopeless people, some there because of alcoholism, few if any maybe knowing it yet - the Big Book had just come out there year before, it would be another year before Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article came out and drew so many to Alcoholics Anonymous, and what little had been done in the fellowship there so far had pretty much petered out, by that point. But hope was growing inside of that building, for the group there and maybe for millions of alcoholics in the years since.

Like maybe many of the turning points in AA history, this one came from not knowing what to do. Mort J., who had convened the meeting, had the Big Book, a few months of sobriety, and the need to try and carry the message, but how? He might have felt how Bill Wilson did working on the book, when it came time to summarize the program. Both might have felt an incredible sense of burden, and fear of failure, after experiencing recovery themselves and seeing how it might help others. Gathered with him was a group of people maybe just as desperate as he had been in Denver not long before, and if he couldn't help them, what then, for his own sobriety, let alone theirs? It might have been a quiet moment, among them there between the hotel guests walking in, and the ones in the rooms above. The suspense might have been brutal.

But then that inspiration came, for Mort like it had for Bill as he began to write the 12 Steps, and at that same part of the book. He headed past that bright yellow and red jacketed cover, and in to chapter 5, where the words "How It Works" offered a simple promise. There it was, Step by Step. And rather than interpret or explain it, he read it out loud. Everyone there heard it in the voice of an alcoholic who was staying sober, staying blessedly sober simply by doing what it said. If he could, they could too. From there, it spread--"How it Works" began to be read at the start of more meetings, enough that by 1955 Bill W was able to call it, in A.A. Comes of Age, "a tradition for which AA on the west coast is now notable." By 1985, 30 years after that, Bob P wrote that the custom had spread "throughout the West and is followed today at many other A.A. gatherings throughout the world."

Just today, in who knows how many countries, it's possible that hundreds or even thousands of meetings have been begun that way--the path laid out, not just on paper, but in the warm, human voice of an alcoholic who has followed it into sobriety. And who knows how many are hearing it and realizing, "if that alcoholic did it, I can too."

Submitted for March New Frontiers by Chad P.

3rd STEP:

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

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

Don't shoot the messenger

Before you get the message

IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

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

Dennis W.~ We Care Group: 3 years we Think

Donna P.~ Courage Group: 39 years

Ron T.~ Tuesday Morning Group: 9 years

Terry F.~ Holiday Village Group~ 30+ years

Jim S.~ Opportunity Group; 40+ years

Jim F.~ Holland Group: 53 years

Our thoughts and prayers are with you

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



Acceptance/Welcome

John G. 4y
 Siobhan C. 7y
 Rich B. 8y
 Mike B. 11y
 Farra F. 12y
 Christy H. 15y
 Elizabeth 24y
 David K. 31y
 Tom Mac. 33y

Alexander

Jerry M. 20y

All Is Well

Mary L. 1y
 Jim G. 14y
 Gail S. 29y

Amherst/Snyder

Jim E. 6y
 Bob M. 14y
 JoEllen H. 15y
 Jeff R. 24y

Cold Springs

Dorothy S. 22y
 Albert C. 26y

Daily Reflections

Pat L. 23y

Derby

Peter C. 3y
 Brian B. 7y
 Tony M. 8y
 Cathy S. 33y

Easy Does It

Scott O. 6m
 Alix 6m
 Bill T. 9m
 Steven W. 9m
 Suzan E. 4y
 Eric A. 3y
 Mark C. 3y
 Diane B. 4y
 Peter M. 8y
 Heather A. 12y
 Lin D. 18y
 Gina L. 25y
 Jim S. 30y

Eyeopener South

Aaron M. 1y
 Sarah B. 2y
 Bob O. 4y
 Ralph B. 24y
 Martha K. 27y

Fireside

Ciera C. 3m
 Lydia C. 9m
 Tom D. 2y
 Susan Y. 2y
 Tom S. 4y
 Kristin C. 12y
 Joan G. 19y

First Step (NF)

Robert M. 10y
 Jerome K. 12y

Golden Slipper

Cookie B. 6y
 Lou S. 7y
 Mike R. 11y
 Anthony R. 16y

H.A.N.D.

Maggie P. 18y

Harmony

Linda A 10y
 Greg P 11y
 Vivian J 19y
 Tina W 29y

Helping Thand

Dan B. 7y

How It Works

Ed R. 6y
 Rich B. 8y
 Steve J. 10y
 Tom M. 20y

Ironhorse

Kurt S. 2y
 Chris T. 7y
 Peter M. 8y
 John D. 11y
 Kathy R. 13y
 Ann D. 27y

Just For Today

Dan S. 26y

Lewport

Jeff E. 5y
 Bill B. 7y

Lockport Ladies

Aleza O. 1y
 Mandy W. 4y
 Cookie B. 6y
 Judy H. 10y

Marching Forth

Ellen H. 8y

Marilla

J. Frank H. 32y

New Life

Gary 29y

North Buffalo

Brian M. 3m
 Jake F. 3m
 Fred T. 6m
 Garrot A. 1y
 Michael N. 1y
 Pat N. 2y
 Sharon T. 3y
 Perry C. 15y
 Harvey S. 30y
 Joan K. 35y

Marching Forth

Ellen H. 8y
 Kay G. 32y

Purpose

Patrick F. 4y
 Faith B. 4y
 Lisa M. 5y
 Arlene P. 39y

Questions & Answers

Maggie P. 3m
 Jennifer K. 6y

Remember When

Sonya J. 6y
 Rhonda S. 7y
 Darnella J. 7y
 Charles T. 9y
 Steve S. 10y
 Greg P. 11y

Renaissance

Diane D. 5y
 Mary K. 17y
 Eddie L. 27y

Sheridan

Pat S. 11y
 Jim M. 19y
 Sheri B. 23y
 Jim E. 49y
 Kevin R. 13y

Sunday Morning B.

Dave R. 30y

Swormsville

Aidan 4y
 Judy H. 9y
 Joan O. 18y
 Bill M. 30y

The Grove

Bill Y. 1y
 Kate B. 1y
 Stephanie S. 1y
 Pete H. 2y
 Mark O. 3y
 Nathan L. 3y
 Terry W. 4y
 Paul G. 9y
 Pat L. 23y

Tri County

Ginny K. 27y
 Carmen M. 5y

Thruway

Keith D. 4y
 Debby K. 4y
 Maggie M. 18y
 Jim S. 30y
 Ray O. 43y

Williamsville

Chuch P. 4y
 Dean C. 15y

GROUPS CELEBRATING

A Day At A Time: 35y
Attitude Adjustment: 34y
Big Book/Spiritual Studies: 14y
Bodhisattva: 18y
Clarence Men's Discussion: 38y
Dunkirk Monday Nite: 69y
Forestville Serenity: 34y
The Grove: 8y
Grand II Joy Of Living: 31y
Holland: 23y
Honest Solutions: 15y
Just For Today/Albion: 20y
Keep On Comin': 20y
Lake View: 37y
Lockport#1: 71y
Medina Big Book: 21y
Medina New Life: 30y
Powerless: 25y
Renaissance: 29y
Rise & Shine: 26y
Rochester Meeting: 25y
Rural Is Plural: 25y
Serenity: 55y
Set Aside: 20y
Sheridan: 44y
Sober Saturday: 19y
Sober Trail: 41y
Southgate: 41y
Surrender & Hope: 26y
Steps 1,2 & 3: 18y
Thruway: 45y
Unity: 44y



Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the 12th

END OF BUSINESS DAY 4:30 PM
 of the month
 previous



"It's not a resentment really, she just makes me sick!"

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

- **New Group: Lighthouse; Tues. 7:30 PM**, Grove St. Christian Church, 85 Grove St., Tonawanda 14150. Open Discussion. WC.
- **New Group; Keys of The Kingdom; (Women's) Wed. 6:30 PM**. Presbyterian Church, 1822 Huth Rd., Grand Island 14072. Child Care \$5.00 per child.
- **Grateful Group has added a Sunday, 7:30 PM meeting**. Church of the Nativity, 1530 Colvin Boulevard, Tonawanda 14223
- **Casting Group** is changing it's start time to 6:30 PM. Tuesday's, Jesse Nash Center, 608 William St., Buffalo 14212
- **New Group: Perseverance; ECMC Clinic, 5087 Broadway, Depew, 14043. Wednesday's 12 Noon**. Open Big Book Discussion.
- **MID-DAY Group** now meets at **ENDEAVOR** formally Mid-Erie Clinic, Mon @ 12:30 PM, 1520 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga.
- **Arcade Group** on Thursday's has **moved to Yorkshire** Free Methodist Church, 3172 Main St., Yorkshire, 14173. Thursday, 8PM.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

St. Andrew's Church Parish, 111 Crocker & Reiman, Sloan, 14212

Steering Committee (5:30 PM) in CO

Public Information Committee meeting

Treatment Facilities Committee

Corrections Committee

Education & Participation

Nightwatch Committee

Envelope System (6:30 PM)

Followed By **Central Committee 7:00 PM:** (Hosted by Question & Answers)

~ Mar 5 Convention Committee Meeting, 6:00PM, St. Andrew's Church Parish, **111 Crocker & Reiman, Sloan, 14212**

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Mar 7, **Holland Group Anniversary**, Speaker (Rich E), Eating meeting food at 7PM speaker at 8PM. Holland Methodist Church, Partridge Road off Route 16, Holland 14080.
- ~ Mar. 16-18, **10th Annual Cataract City Convention**. Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St., NF 14303. Registration only; \$20, Registration w/Banquet \$55. Flyer on website.
- ~ Mar. 25 **55th Annual Serenity Palm Sunday Breakfast**; The Saturn Club, 977 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, 14209. Doors open at 9am, breakfast served at 9:30 am, Speaker at 11 am. Tickets \$15. PRESALE TICKETS ONLY. NO TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR OR AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR. (There are a limited number of tickets that will be available to ensure that everyone is able to view and hear the speaker).
- ~ Mar 26, **Dunkirk Monday Night 69th Anniversary, Dinner** at 7PM, Speaker at 8PM. Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle. Please bring a dish to share, Meat and beverage provided.
- ~ Apr. 20-22, **Women of AA Annual Spring Spiritual Weekend** at Stella Niagara - Lewiston. Come for a weekend to share sobriety with fellow recovering AA women through speakers, small groups, spiritual advisors and meditation. Information & Flyer on website.
- ~ Apr. 28; **Sober Jam II**, Doors open @5PM, Speaker @ 6 PM, Music @ 7 PM. Please Bring A Dish to Share. If you play an instrument, sing, write music or play cover songs, come share your gifts. The Hope Center; 781 Maple Rd., Amherst.

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

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."

3rd CONCEPT: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staff, committees, and executives- with a traditional "Right of Decision."

General Service Assembly

- ~ Mar 3 , **GSA Area 50**, 12 Noon. Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga 14225.(Hosted by Buffalo Central Committee)
- ~ Mar. 17, **Archives Committee Meeting**; 10 Am @ Cataract Convention, NF
- ~Mar. 12 & 26, **2nd & 4th MONDAY 6:30PM**. Buffalo Central Office, **Archives Work night's**.
- ~ Mar. 21, **GSA District 16 (Southtown's) Meeting**. 7:00 PM(3rd Wednesday's), at 2063 Southcreek Rd., Eden

Greetings from the Delegate

My name is Chuck B, I am a member of the How It Works men's discussion group. We meet Saturday mornings at 7:30 at the Deerhurst Presbyterian Church in Kenmore. Last September I was elected by the Area 50 General Service Assembly to serve as the Area's Delegate to the General Service Conference held each year in late April or early May. I have the honor and privilege of serving as the Area's Delegate for the next two years. During that time, I will be available to discuss with you any issues that you think impact AA Traditions, might be detrimental to AA as a whole or that are affecting your group in light of the Traditions.

In order to represent you most effectively, I will need your input. I will make the Agenda and background materials for the 68th General Service Conference available as soon as I receive them in early February. I then hope to meet with clusters of Districts in February and March of this year to get input as to how your district feels about the issues that will be discussed at the Conference. The Delegate's pre-conference Assembly will be held on April 15. I urge the members of the fellowship to attend and participate in some of the roundtables that will be set up to discuss agenda items pertaining to the Committees that meet at the Conference. This will be an opportunity for you to let me know what your concerns are and how you would like me to vote on issues at the conference. The more members, groups and districts I hear from, the better I will be able to discern the Area conscience on key issues. For the next two years I can be reached at delegate@area50wny.org. Please email with any ideas, questions or concerns and I will try to assist

Envelope

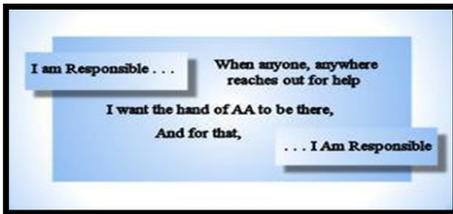
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***"personally
helping to ensure
AA for the future"***

"Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself."

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p. 166

Central Committee Minutes February 11, 2018



The meeting was opened at 7 pm by our committee chair Tina D. Everybody then joined in with the responsibility statement and after a moment of silence the meeting started the serenity prayer, recited by all. Hanna W. read the traditions, Bob G. read the purpose of central committee and Jill read the AA preamble. After the readings, Jeff B. (Depth and Weight) gave a very well prepared presentation on tradition 2. Come on out to join us next month to hear Jessica (Nightwatch) speak on tradition 3. A motion to accept last month's minutes was made and seconded. 38 groups in attendance 54 people in attendance

Groups in attendance break down by zones as follows. Zone 1 - Buffalo Group, Main and High, Zone 2 - Brass, Daily Reflections, Depth & Weight, North Buffalo, Position of Neutrality, Step Action Group, Three Legacies, Turning Point Zone 3 - Abbott Men's Discussion, All is Well, Any Lengths, Iron Horse, South Buffalo, Thruway. Zone 4 - Orchard Park Step, Zone 5 -, Lockport #1, Lockport Ladies, Newfane Living Sober. Zone 6 - As Bill Sees It, Derby Group, Lakeshore, North Evans, Sobriety Men's Discussion. Zone 7 - Fresh Start, Zone 8 - Achievement, Amherst Snyder, Eye Opener, Fireside PM, High Noon, Highview, Lighten Up, Step it up.

Committee reports

Envelopes - The envelope committee met Sunday February 11th 2018. 1. The envelope system was established to allow individual AA members to directly contribute money to Buffalo central office to help with operating expenses and ensure that it continues to carry the message. 2. Our committee continues to inform AA groups about the financial needs of central office and how to use the envelope system purple brochure to contribute financially. We do so during business meetings or an announcement times within the meetings. 3. please suggest at your home group that when a member has an anniversary of sobriety that they use the envelope system as a way of giving back. For example 11 years sober could give \$11 in a one time payment or \$11 monthly for the year. It is tax deductible and can use check or credit card. 4. we ask that each Home Group keep a supply of these purple brochures on your literature rack. They are free from central office. Our next meeting will be Sunday March 4 6:30 prior to the central committee meeting. Yours in service Pat G

Steering committee - The Steering Committee met on 2 /11/18 @ 5:30 pm. There were 7 People in attendance. Need Reps for Zones 1 and 7. Yours in Service, Bob G.

Financial - Report enclosed. Financial statement included in this publication.

Treatment- The TFC met prior to Central Committee on February 11th 2018. There were 9 people in attendance. All of our group's commitments have been met at each facility according to reports given by the separate facility coordinators. The new edition of Stutzman to our growing list of facilities has asked us to also provide speakers at their facility on the 1st, the 4th, as well as any 5th Tuesday's of the month. Rich G. from the 3Legacies Group stepped up as the speaker Seeker for the facility for the next year. All facilities have been stocked with both pocket big books as well as open meeting schedules. We have also have completed a treatment facility committee brochure to be available at central office. All groups with commitments at any of our facilities are encouraged to join us. In service, Bobby B

Corrections - Committee met on 2/11/18. Erie and Alden Facilities just cut a bunch of people that were previously on the approved list. Some of the people cut were attending regularly and some were not attending regularly. We discussed ways to proceed with this event, and the possibility of people needing to get re-cleared. 10 Books went to Attica. Committee Chair will be attending NERASSA in a few weeks. Looking forward to learning what other correction committees are doing!

Central Office -TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOUR'S ; AA Call's: 456, 12-STEP:21, ALANON: 5, VISITORS: 284, VOLUNTEERS: 4 volunteers Email's:547, Website Hit's; 112,286 / of them 10,460 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 21,468. All Numbers are up from last month by at least 1,000. Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 1. We sent out the Newsletter via online sign-up to 116 people; of them only 11 were open :(

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: MERCY-8, Sober Train-2 & The Journey-1

~I have redesigned our 12-Step pamphlet to include the 12-Step form with. Prior they were 2 separate items :)

~All our 2017 records have gone to our accountant for taxes.

~Still praying over the boiler :(

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

Night watch - Verbal report given.

PIC/CPC - Met on 3/11/18 with 4 persons present. 1) Information packet is on it's way to Premier Liquor 2) Getting a secretary position 3) Gewisy's Center commitment once a month. 4) Planning to attend NERASSA at the end of the month. 5) Reach us at buffalopicpc@gmail.com

(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

Education/Participation – The Education and Participation committee met at 5:30 pm on February 11th with 6 members in attendance, including two first time attendees. We reviewed information from various sources and discussed what we want to include in an orientation for new intergroup representatives. For our next meeting, members of the committee will be editing these resources and putting together a PowerPoint presentation for new IRs. Our next meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Sunday, March 4th prior to Central Committee at that location. The committee can be reached via email at buffaloepc@gmail.com. Hannah W.

Buffalo AA Fall Convention 2018 – No report given

Archives - Brevity effort: Thank You for my recovery. Archives reported to 3 of the 4 intergroups last month! Worknights on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings each month at 6:30 in the archives office. Special attention has been going toward getting oral histories from long-timers. Donations recvd from Ironhorse, Women Making the Effort, Sobriety Men's Discussion in Hamburg and a learning issue for me - from an anonymous donor. Thank you SO MUCH for your support of our efforts to maintain the history of this area that spans these 8 counties of western New York!

The monthly archives meeting is now on 3rd Sat each month @ 10am @ 17 Gierlach in Buffalo NY (backdoor). Interested in history or love how this process has evolved? STOP BY PLEASE for more info!

Upcoming displays are the NYPenn Day of Sharing in Eldred PA Feb 23-25, Lakeshores anniversary Feb 26 and the March 2018 Cataract City Spring Convention in Niagara Falls, New York. Then 3 on the last weekend of March: Lockport#1's 71st Anniv Mar 23, SouthGate's 41st Anniv Mar 24, Dunkirk's Anniv Mar 26 and the full display May 5th for the Archives Breakfast at Infant of Prague!

We'd love to display the archives at your group anniversary or special event – your PRIMARY PURPOSE efforts may be assisted by this sharing the history of AA at YOUR MEETING more than you can know.

And the usual reminder to all AA members of these 8 counties of Western New York – throw NOTHING group-related away without considering your unborn alcoholics to come, which is the purpose we work hard at keeping our area documented accurately and the reason for the existence of this ARCHIVES Committee.

Archives Committee Chair

Accessibility: No report given

General Service Liaison - The GSA held its first assembly meeting for panel 68 on January 6th. The theme for panel 68 is "together we can". The meeting was well attended by approximately 150 people. The GSA outlined its plan for the next two years. The GSA is committed to supporting a resurging district structure in area 50, thus more aligning itself with the service structure as suggested by the Service Manual. See area50wny.org for more information on the area plan (turning the lights on). Billy N. Was the key note speaker. His service resume is second to none, he was both informative and inspiring. His presentation was recorded and is available. We closed by sharing that it had been a while since he felt enthusiasm like he did from the assembly.

Old Business:

Concerns over 12 Step emails coming into central office. How do we address them, who should address them? Should they be referred to the web site and AA phone number? Steering committee to discuss and. bring some suggestions/options to next central committee meeting.

New Business

Welcome 4 new group representatives to Central Committee, Elizabeth (Women Making The Effort), Cheryl (Lighten Up), Kelly (Step Action), and Larry (Main and High)

Discussion was held over the microphone system set up at our meeting today. Many are interested in keeping the system so that all may hear and be heard. A motion was made to purchase a PA system for Central Committee was tabled for further recommendations/research from the steering committee. The steering committee will also explore options for storage and transport of the system.

Coffee Makers/Snacks- Thank you to the coffee maker (Terry) and the Group providing snacks for the meeting tonight (Derby Group). Next month, we look forward to snacks provided by the Questions and Answers Group

Group Announcements –

SoberJam II to be held at The Hope Center on Saturday April 28th see bulletin section

38th Annual Blizzard Ball Saturday February 17th, [St Andrews Church](#) [see bulletin section](#)

55th Annual Palm Sunday Serenity Breakfast, March 25th, Saturn Club (bulletin section)

Ist SoberJam planning meeting Tuesday, Feb 20th 85 Grove St, Tonawanda @ 7:00pm

GSA Meeting, March 3rd (Agenda items for conference) see bulletin section

Yours in Service, Guy R. (Central Committee Recording Secretary)

New Frontiers ~ March 2018

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2018

Zones	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JAN	YEAR	JAN	YEAR	JAN	YEAR
5	7 Clans		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome		0.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst Snyder		0.00		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	110.00	110.00		0.00		0.00
4	Arcade	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Saturday		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Book	79.00	79.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cayuga Wake- Up Call	220.00	220.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Café'		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Ways		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Contemporary Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst Traditions		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora	450.00	450.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	30.00		0.00		0.00
6	Eden		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	709.81	709.81		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	385.00	385.00	154.00	154.00		0.00
8	Fireside		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)	108.14	108.14		0.00		0.00
	Forestville In The Solution		0.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Friday Night Lights	385.00	385.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

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Zones	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JAN	YEAR	JAN	YEAR	JAN	YEAR
3	Gardenville		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It	40.00	40.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length	400.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		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	51.00	51.00		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand	25.00	25.00		0.00	25.00	25.00
8	High Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		0.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Holland		0.00		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	75.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
	I Am Responsible		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT	75.00	75.00		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	78.05	78.05		0.00	6.00	6.00
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		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		0.00		0.00		0.00
	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	LawPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		0.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Discussion	500.00	500.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
	More Friends Of Bill W.	118.00	118.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		0.00		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
3	New Life	77.00	77.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
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