

## CONVENTION TIME ... HOW SPEAKERS ARE SELECTED

Get ready, it's convention time! Some big AA events are coming up. May 7,8,9, 1993 is the 29th Annual Blossom Time Convention, at the Skyline Brock Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. This year's theme is "Our Primary Purpose" and features Kick Off Speaker, Millie S. from Chesapeake, Va., and Banquet Guest Speaker, Frank M. from Chicago, Illinois.

Don't forget the 58th Annual AA Founders Day Weekend, at Akron University, June 11,12,13, 1993 with Al-Anon and AA Lead Speakers Donna and Jerry S. from Akron, Friday night, Jim M. from Cleveland, Ohio, the Saturday afternoon speaker, Joe M. from Little Rock, Ark. shares his story from the heart and twenty-plus years of sobriety from the Big Book for Saturday night's "Big Meeting", and Sunday's "Spiritual Meeting" features Tom B. from N. Canton with "the inability and unwillingness to see the truth about yourself."

Finally, don't be left out of Canada's 50th AA Anniversary July 2-4, 1993 at the Metro Convention Centre. Surely you won't be disappointed as our Canadian friends will showcase AA's finest speakers, among them Don with 50 years of sobriety.

Conventions bring people from other cities and towns together for AA camaraderie, dances and to spread the message. The more people you meet in sobriety, the more diverse your sobriety gets. But conventions are a breeding ground for grooming speakers, and most all of these will be taped. Some people who frequent AA conventions compile these tapes in a library to swap with others. These tapes carry AA's message to different parts of the country. Collectors often swap or trade tapes to augment their libraries, and to get different points of view.

Speaker seekers also use these tape libraries to preview and select those who will carry the message at conventions. They will look for individuals who can carry AA's message in a humorous, relaxed way, that will be easy to understand. He or she must refer to the twelve steps and Big Book through their own unique experiences. This is not a new practice by any means among AA circles. Since the early 40s, AA's message is documented on dictaphone recording spools, (some collectors have tapes of

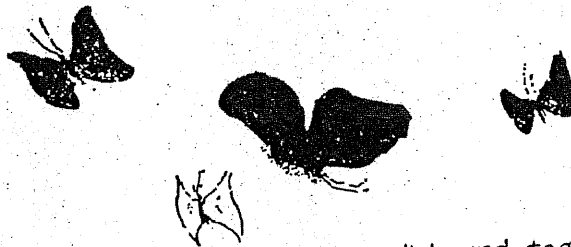
those cylinders). However, as old and as widespread as the practice of collecting and swapping tapes of AA convention speakers is, Buffalo does not use the tape system to select their speakers for conventions. Even though the advantages of the taping process are obvious, Buffalo convention speaker seekers tend to select speakers that they are familiar with, often times not responding to the diversity of those preserved on tape.

If you think you have what it takes to be a speaker at a convention, now's your chance. The 36th International Conference of Your People in AA held Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-31, 1993 is having an open call for tapes. Send a tape of your story to P.O. Box 951, Bronx, NY 10466.

May 14-16, 1993 the Western New York General Service Assembly (GSA) is having their Spring Convention "Sobriety and Beyond" at the Best Western Hotel, S. Transit Road in Lockport, NY - see flyer for more details.

Mark your calendar for the **52nd Buffalo AA Fall Convention - October 22 - 24, 1993** at the Marriott Hotel, Amherst, NY. This year's theme "Pathway to a New Life" promises to be a memorable weekend for all. Your committee, under the leadership of Patty T., is well underway in its planning stages - watch the paper and bulletins for upcoming details.

Paul R.  
Freedom Group



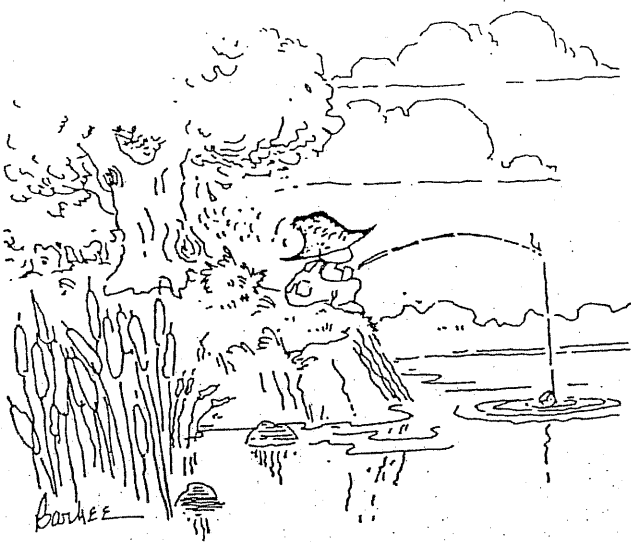
*we are all bound together*

# NEW

Central Committee of A.A.  
Niagara Frontier Area

# FRONTIERS

**May 1993**



... *Accept the things we can not change*

Henry K. 12 years  
Broadway Bailey Group

Martin R. 25 years  
Williamsville Group

### WHERE DID OUR TRADITIONS GO?

After our Central Committee meeting in December, and listening to reports, I started to think about "remember when". It seems some forget when they were drinking and the family needed something and money was short and the checkbooks low. How did we feel saying "we can not buy that!"

You hear around A.A. the books are too high. But did you check Hazelden prices plus shipping charges? Instead of steak picnics, pizza and chicken wing parties we could send the money to Central Office and they could order in volume and we would have a lower price.

Yes, we should go back to the basics of A.A. tradition. We are suppose to be self-supporting; outside issues are not our concern. We are in A.A. to stay sober and help another alcoholic stay sober as Dr. Bob and Bill W. taught us. We are not a financial institution so why spend money on gifts for children for our christmas vigil. People could bring cookies, food dishes like they did when the christmas vigil started. To me the christmas vigil is so I can be with my A.A. family. My blood relatives are all in my Higher Power's care.

Yes, we should try to live the 12

steps and 12 traditions in all of our affairs. Our group wants the door of A.A. open as it was for us when we needed help to stay sober. Are we responsible in our everyday living? Let us in 1993 support "the envelope system" and send group money to our Central Office and GSO. Do it in memory of Dr. Bob and Bill W. and those early people who gave us all a start on a new life - one day at a time and remember to keep it simple and live just one day at a time. All we have is a daily reprieve. Take advantage of it.

You will be surprised how much gratitude you'll have helping another alcoholic stay sober. Keep the doors of A.A. open for others, as they were for us. Be grateful. Let us all start using the word **we** instead of **I** and help another alcoholic stay sober and have the hand of A.A. there. Yes we are responsible. I guess to start living "a change in attitude" will help the fellowship -- not **I** but **WE** can do it.

In 1993 let us all say we believe in the fellowship with our support. Go back to your home group and bring it up, but do it. Support A.A. and help others find the way that as given to us for free. Let us in 1993 start living our traditions in all our group affairs.

Tom M., Chapter 9 Group

## THE PURPOSE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Central Committee is a clearing house for the exchange of information between the affiliated groups on the Niagara Frontier. Through a monthly business meeting, we hope to improve area-wide communication by answering questions and solving problems affecting the groups or A.A. as a whole.

Each A.A. group may appoint a representative who will attend the Central Committee meeting, participate in the discussions, and vote on the issues brought to the floor. Any member of the fellowship may attend the meeting and has the right to be heard in the discussions. However, that person may not vote on the issues. Those attending the meeting will be able to carry any information back to their groups and keep them informed on current A.A. happenings.

This is your meeting. Any business that takes place is exercising the conscience of those groups represented at the meeting for the area. We ask each group and their representative to be responsible.

The Sub-Committees of the Central Committee and their chairperson are as follows:

Envelope System - Burr E.	Screeners - Lynn C.
Steering Committee	Central Office - Delphine H.
Financial Secretary - Jerome D.	New Frontiers - Mary Ellen S.
Treatment Facilities - David D.	Christmas Vigil '93 -
Correctional Facilities - Frank M.	Convention '93 - Patty T.

The Central Committee consisting of the Steering Committee is divided by the following districts and their representative:

Central Buffalo...District 1 - Sandy H.  
North West Buffalo...District 2 - Rosemarie C.  
South Buffalo...District 3 - Shawn C.  
Southtowns...District 4 - John B.  
Northern Tier...District 5 - Tom McM.  
Southern Tier...District 6 - Mike B.  
North East Buffalo...District 7 - Margaret H.  
Eastern Tier...District 8 - Al Casell

**Sunday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm** is the next Central Committee Meeting, 80 Goodrich Street (Community Health Center) behind Buffalo General Hospital.

**Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.**

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the *limitations* of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

No matter how different our own personal concerns,

# "The Miracle Continues"

MAY 1993

## LET GO and LET GOD

5 yrs. Tim F.  
John McB.

## LIBERTY WOMEN

25 yrs Isabel F.  
13 yrs Sue R.  
3 yrs Robin T.  
1 yr Joan S.

## THE JOURNEY

9 mos Jenny S.  
6 mos Jenny S.

## JUST FOR TODAY

13 yrs Mary Ellen S.

## CHAPTER 9

6 mos Jeff B.  
David H.  
3 mos Robert M.  
Brian C.  
Joseph M.

## WHY

15 yrs Eugene N.  
12 yrs Donna B.  
6 yrs John W.  
5 yrs Fred R.  
3 yrs Robin T.  
2 yrs Tim K.  
Jay J.  
9 mos Dave M.

## CAZENOVIA

4 yrs Mike M.  
3 yrs Jennifer M.  
Don E.  
9 mos Roy B.  
Julie B.  
3 mos Mary Jo

## WE ADMITTED

3 yrs Joe M.  
1 yr Maria B.  
6 mos Sandy K.  
Dave L.

## COLD SPRING

12 yrs Lynn C.  
4 yrs Willie G.  
3 yrs Betty R.  
2 yrs Bill H.  
Althea M.  
1 yr David W.  
Etta B.  
9 mos Van R.  
Penny J.  
Dorothy M.  
6 mos Michelle M.  
3 mos Diamond D.  
Ed H.

## AMHERST SNYDER

6 mos David M.  
9 mos Mike E.  
1 yr Steven A.  
2 yrs John D.  
Dawn W.  
5 yrs Kate M.  
6 yrs Clair S.  
Roy H.  
7 yrs Don B.  
Dave C.  
8 yrs Maryellen M.  
10 yrs Dick M.  
Doris S.  
11 yrs Edmund L.  
12 yrs Betty C.  
14 yrs Richard M.  
17 yrs Donnette K.  
35 yrs Frank D.  
39 yrs Virginia O.

## BIDWELL MONDAY DISC

3 mos Milton S.  
Sonny N.  
Leon W.  
6 mos Randy T.  
Sandy T.  
Hal W.  
Don R.  
Dennis T.  
Al K.  
9 mos Joseph M.  
Dave H.  
2 yrs Tom S.  
Patty T.  
Jimmy S.  
Cherry S.

## THRUWAY

6 yrs Elizabeth D.  
6 mos Nancy M.  
Rich M.  
1 yr Keith A.  
2 yrs Judy M.  
Sue M.  
3 yrs Sus S.  
William S.  
Debra S.  
Carol H.  
5 yrs Diane L.  
Mildred M.  
6 yrs Lee M.  
Wesley D.  
7 yrs John C.  
8 yrs Diane Z.  
9 yrs Mark P.  
George L.  
Brian J.  
13 yrs Judy F.

## BIDWELL (THURS.)

9 mos Dave B.  
Cleveland S.

4 yrs Rob H.

## SENENCA 12 & 12

6 mos Jerry H.  
Jerry C.  
2 yrs Kathy M.  
16 yrs Mel R.

## WOMEN'S WESTSIDE

6 mos Michelee B.  
Nancy H.  
Pam L.  
9 mos Shannon M.  
2 yrs Gilda R.  
Cheryl S.  
3 yrs Sarah S.  
Velma C.  
Lynette T.  
4 yrs Pat C.  
Janice G.

## SUNRISE COURT

3 mos Scott W.  
6 mos Brian B.  
John B.  
Jessie L.  
Greg M.  
9 mos Ida LaB.  
Elijah G.  
Joy M.  
1 yr Winston F.  
3 yrs Alice H.  
12 yrs Lynn C.  
13 yrs Esther L.  
22 yrs Annie H.

## FIRESIDE

3 mos Tom B. Suzanne O.  
Jean Marie G.  
6 mos Erie B. Brian S.  
Patricia L.  
9 mos Henry J.  
1 yr Ken U.  
2 yrs Ken D. Karen K.  
Gretchen F. John S.  
4 yrs Scott S.  
5 yrs Pat B. Karen O.  
8 yrs Mark P.  
10 yrs Terry A. Doris S.  
Ron Z.  
11 yrs Walter K.

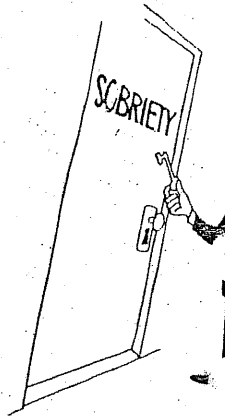
Anniversaries for June '93 edition are to be in to Central Office by May 10th or bring to Central Committee meeting Sunday May 2, 7:00 pm.

## NORTH BUFFALO

3 mos Laura S.  
Roz S.  
George D.  
2 yrs Charles B.  
Ken D.  
Dan V.  
Stan W.  
3 yrs Chris F.  
Don H.  
7 yrs Kristina G.  
9 yrs Diane Z.  
10 yrs Terry A.  
12 yrs Roger P.  
14 yrs David P.  
Tom B.  
16 yrs Mel B.

## SHERIDAN

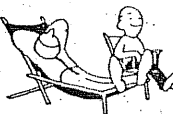
3 yrs Mark H.  
6 yrs Chris B.  
10 yrs Carol R.  
22 yrs John T.



Helping drunks is the one thing we  
supremely well. Not because we're e  
but because, as alcoholics, we found  
key to sobriety.

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Each group has but one primary purpose —  
to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.



And we can't keep it... unless we give it away.

Then it grows f

## Courage Group Cancels St. Patrick's Day Dance

I haven't appeared at an AA dance in a long time. When I committed to purchasing an advanced sale ticket, green beer seemed not to be such a temptation. I'm not one to make ready decisions, but I feel it imperative to get through St. Patrick's Day without trouble. I do hang out in bars lately. I say it's to meet people.

Then '93's big snowstorm hits. No need for concern, I can still go through with my plans. I've never known AA to cancel anything, it's as reliable as the U.S. Postal Service. I walk part way to St. Al's Church visualizing a blazing hearth at the other end, hot coffee, and warm companionship. This keeps me going through the gale force winds. I'm on a mission, I strongly desire to be with AA friends this night and not brood in my apartment, suffering from cabin fever.

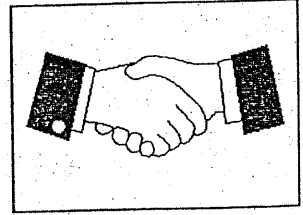
I get to St. Al's and nobody's there! I walk around the building three times, trying every entrance. Only a plow shows up to remove snow. I'm filled with anger and self-loathing. I trek down the middle of the street, defying anyone who gets in my way. No vehicles of any kind are out. Down the street I stop at the Oz Bar. I peer through the window. Music's blaring, disco lights are flashing, but nobody's in there either.

I make my way home. I curse God for playing me the fool. "If you're out there, blow me off the face of the earth, I dare you!" See nothing happened. But someday I know you're going to nuke me.

Weeks later I get a nice letter from someone in Williamsville. I don't know anybody in Williamsville. It's my six bucks! Courage Group sent me back

my money with a hand written letter. Well, my hats off to you for acting responsible.

Signed,  
Snowed Again!



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**Courage Group announces the winner of the giant 50-50 from the canceled St. Patrick's Day Dance. It was drawn Saturday, April 3rd at our meeting and won by Dave, Ticket #361.**

**Thanks,  
Helen S.**

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Did you ever think about what a great fellowship A.A. is? I just returned from Florida and it was wonderful. I went to A.A. meetings there and made lots of new friends.

It was amazing!! All we have to do is walk into a meeting, anywhere in the world and instantly we're among friends. No explaining, no questions asked; we're just accepted.

It really gives new meaning to "you never have to be alone again". I was even asked to speak.

I learned something in Florida. I learned that I'm a member of the greatest fellowship in the world. I've paid "my dues" and all I ever have to do if I need a friend, a meeting, or just someone to talk to, is look in the phone book and call A.A.

If you let your mind ponder this...it's really amazing.

If you see someone new or a person from out of town reach out your hand, take a minute to say a few words and make sure the person has a schedule of local meetings. That person will take you home in their heart just as I brought my new "friends" home with me.

You never have to be alone again!!

Lucille K.  
Acceptance Group



## FELLOWSHIP SPLIT ON CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Spirited discussion characterized proposed guidelines delivered by the Steering Committee on the upcoming Christmas Vigil '93. Steering Committee is concerned what should be a simple event is totally out of proportion. Therefore, in the best interests of AA, if Central Committee is to continue to sponsor the event, seed money is to be limited to \$250, (since the Buffalo Fall Convention only uses \$1,000). Activities involving music, dance and other non-AA related activities will be replaced by meetings all night long. A full-course turkey dinner will be eliminated for simple finger foods, coffee and donuts only. A list of the proposed guidelines are to be circulated to groups so that they may vote on them come Sunday, June 6th at the 7:00 pm Central Committee meeting. (80 Goodrich Street, Buffalo)

As reported in the Steering Committee minutes for March 2, 1993,

"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?"

John N., originally of the Trinity Group, was involved with the Christmas Vigil from the very start. According to John N., the Christmas Vigil developed so AA members could have one day out of the year to have fun, socialize, and meet people they haven't seen in a long time. It's function was not intended to conduct meetings. Because of the complexity, and size of the Vigil, Central Committee had taken control of an event that needed organization. John N. stated that the Trinity Group desired to take back the Christmas Vigil, and, therefore, not be limited to guidelines issued by Steering Committee.

Come June, get set for a good discussion between those people who believe the Christmas Vigil serves an important function with entertainment and turkey dinners, and those bent on reforming it to conform with AA tradition. I suggest you come prepared for a heated discussion at the June 6th Central Committee Meeting.

*New Frontiers*  
Roving Reporter

one common **RESPONSIBILITY**... to carry the message  
to the suffering alcoholic.

## Founders' Day Weekend: Akron A.A.s Celebrate the 'Good Oldtimers'

In Akron, Ohio where the Fellowship began A.A.s from around the world will gather **June 12-14** for the **58th Annual Founders' Day Weekend**.

"It's a wonderful time," says Linda N. who, together with Walter C., chairs this year's event, which is hosted by the Akron Intergroup. "The city of Akron is a veritable archive of A.A. history and nostalgia. Everywhere you go, there's a reminder of Dr. Bob or Bill W. and all the oldtimers who never dreamed that the little group they formed to help each other stay dry would grow so astonishingly. Founders' Day Weekend gives us the opportunity to connect with our past and each other and so strengthen our common bond. Last year we attracted approximately 8,000 A.A.s, Al-Anons and Alateens; this year we expect even more."

Most of the events will happen on the campus of Akron University. Besides a wide variety of panel discussions and workshops, there will be an early-bird meeting, a late-night alkathon, dances, and a performance of "The Silver Buzzard" by members of the Amateur Actors Guild--all of them members of the greater A.A. family.

On Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. and leaving every hour on the hour, buses will transport visitors to various locations that have become part of our A.A. heritage, among them: St. Thomas Hospital, the first institution of its kind to open its doors to alcoholics and where Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia created an eight-bed alcoholic ward; the King School, which became the first regular A.A. meeting place; and a visit to the home of Dr. Bob and his wife, Anne.

For registration forms and more information, write: **Founders' Day Committee, P.O. Box 12, Akron, Ohio 44309-0012**

Box 459, April-May 1993

**BUFFALO CENTRAL OFFICE  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
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853-0388**

LEFT OFF

MAY 1993

**NEW MEETINGS**

HOLIDAY VILLAGE - MONDAY thru FRIDAY - 12:30PM - OD - Southern Erie Clinical Services, 517 Sunset Dr, Hamburg, NY. NS - WC

WESTCOURT GROUP - TUESDAY - 8:00PM - OD-O Last week of the month - Westcourt Association Community Ctr, 303 Noth 15th St, Olean

TRAIL'S END - WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY - 8:00PM - C - meets at the former St Elizabeth Ch on Main St next to the Masonic Lodge in Cherry Creek, NY.

**SEASONAL MEETINGS**

MARINA - SATURDAY - 8:00PM - OD - will resume for the summer months commencing June 5th at the Pavillion directly across from boarding the Miss Buffalo Charter Boats at the Erie Basin Marina. Bring your own coffee.

SERENITY IN THE PARK - MONDAY - 7:00PM - Delaware Park Rose Garden. Bring your own coffee.

**MEETING CHANGES:**

NORTH BUFFALO MEN'S Group will now be known as the FAITH IN ACTION GROUP- 8:30PM - Amity Club, 340 Military Rd - OD - W/C - Smoking

SHARING AND CARING - THURSDAY - 8:00PM at 80 Goodrich no longer meets.

GAY, LESBIAN, SOBER & PROUD - SATURDAY - 10:00PM has moved to 367 Delaware Avenue near Tupper.

**NOTICE:** The Women's Westside Discussion Group is updating its membership list. To become or remain a member, please sign up at the business meeting on the first Friday of the month.

**COMING EVENTS**

MAY 1 - SATURDAY - SPRINGVILLE TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP - 2nd Annual Spring Dance at St. Al's Ch Hall, Franklin & Academy Sts., Springville, NY. Speaker at 7PM, buffet and dancing from 8PM to 12PM. Bring a dish if you wish. Tickets \$5.00.

May 2 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00 PM

MAY 8 -THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK STUDY is sponsoring a Spagetti Dinner - All You Can Eat - Adults \$3 Children (10 yrs and under) - \$1.50 Free coffee with dinner. 1-6PM at the Amity Club, 340 Military Rd at Hertel.

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**MAY 12-13-14 - BNY-GSA SPRING CONVENTION - Best Western Lockport Inn, Lockport, NY, 515 S Transit Rd. "SOBERITY AND BEYOND" will be found at this year's BNY 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 !!!!**

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MAY 15 - SATURDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION - is sponsoring a "Spring Fling Dance" at the Amity Club, 340 Military Rd. Doors open at 7PM - Dancing at 8PM to 1AM \$3 donation at the door. Coffee and Pop \$.40 Free parking at the West Hertel Middle School.

MAY 19 - WEDNESDAY - LIVING SOBER - is celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a speaker meeting, food and fellowship. The Group meets at the Kenmore Methodist Ch, 150 Delaware Rd at Landers at 8:30PM. Non-smoking!

MAY 21 - FRIDAY - LIBERTY WOMEN'S - is celebrating their 6th Anniversary at 8:00PM, Church of the Advent, 54 Delaware Rd, Kenmore

MAY 22 - SATURDAY - GAY & LESBIAN GROUPS - are sponsoring an AA SPRING DANCE at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 695 Elmwood Av, from 8:00PM to Midnight plus, \$4 donation in advance or \$5 at the door.

MAY 22 - SATURDAY - NORTH BUFFALO presents "SPRING FLING '93" at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1530 Kenmore Av. Doors open at 6PM Dinner at 7PM Dancing from 9PM to 1AM Donation is \$13. See group members for tickets.

MAY 31 - MONDAY - CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 4 - FRIDAY - SOUTH BUFFALO will be celebrating their Anniversary, however, watch for slinger and listen to announcements for other particulars in that it may not be at the regular meeting place.

JUNE 6 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - BUFFALO

JUNE 6 - SUNDAY - A DAY AT A TIME group will be cancelled, however, there will be a picnic at Sprague Brook Park starting at 8:00AM until whenever. If you wish bring a dish to share!!!

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*The World University Games will be hosted by our city from July 8th through the 18th. There is a General Service Ad Hoc Committee working to see if there will be any special needs that we might possibly face for the people attending the events. For those of you, who in some capacity would like to help during the time of this event, please call the Central Office.*

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

**REMINDER:** Any announcement to appear in JUNE '93 bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Central Office by MONDAY, MAY 17th.

5th MONTH - 5th STEP "Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

5th MONTH - 5th TRADITION "Each group has but one primary purpose---to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

Delphine A.  
Executive Secretary

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM!



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

#### 45 GROUPS & ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPRESENTED:

**District#1** - Bidwell, Delaware Disco, Happy Hour, Live & Let Live, New Awakening, Open Mind, Sunday Nitters, Sunrise Court, The Journey, Women's Westside. **District#2** - But For the Grace of God, Early Bird-Wed, Liberty Ladies, Searching for Serenity, WHY. **District#3** - Abbott Men's, Cazenovia, Ellicott, Fr. Baker, Gardenville, Inner City, Iron Horse, Lovejoy, Powerless, Rainbow, Ridge, Seneca 12&12, South Buffalo, Southgate, Tuesday Women's Urban, West Seneca Sat Nite. **District#4** - Action - **District#5** We Admitted **District#6** - No Java **District#7** Cold Springs, Harmony, Honesty, Kensington, VIP **District#8** - Common Problem, Just for Today, Matt Talbot, New Life, Sunday Morning Bkft.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Burr E

	1992	1993	change	% change
March Receipt	\$593.00	\$628.16	\$35.16	5.93
Year to Date	\$2981.58	\$3165.90	\$184.32	6.18

#### STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES - April 27, 1993

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. All Districts except District 6 were represented. Also present were Ralph P. (Central Committee Chairman), Bill M. (Co-Chairman 1993), Jerome D. (Central Committee Treasurer, Delphine H. (Central Office Manager), Mary Ellen and Kevin of the New Frontier Committee, Larry S., and Early D. The minutes from the March 30th Meeting were accepted as written.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Co-Chairmen for the Correctional Facility Committee:** Larry S. was recommended with a motion from the Steering Committee to be appointed by Central Committee Chairman at the next Central Committee Meeting.
- 2. Creation of a Manual of Operating Procedures for the management of Central Office:** Delphine will start preparation of a general outline of procedures.
- 3. Steering Committee Inventory Agenda Item for April: Setting up of District Meetings for Group Central Committee Representatives.** The first district meeting is scheduled for June 12 and a letter has gone out to all the groups in District 3. It was decided that these meetings would coincide with the new nominations for Steering Committee as it rolls around for each district. This meeting in District 3 will be at 10AM at the Woodside Methodist Church on Abbott Road. This new venture, hopefully, will begin to move us toward having enough participation in the districts to have them nominate and vote on their own representative to the Steering Committee rather than the current method of having the full body of Central Committee voting on each District Representative. This will involve a policy change and it was suggested to bring this up for discussion by Central Committee. **A motion was passed to offer for discussion under NEW BUSINESS at the next Central Committee Meeting, the issue of having the District Representatives for the Steering Committee be nominated and voted on by the Districts themselves and not the Central Committee as a whole.**

The Inventory Agenda item for discussion at next Steering Committee is the question of re-districting along councilmanic lines and the possibility of creating more districts because of the growth of our area since these district lines were originally drawn.

**FALL CONVENTION '93 - Pat T, Chairperson;** The 1993 Buffalo Fall Convention now has its own P.O.Box. The address is : AA Buffalo Fall Convention, P.O.Box 923, Amherst, NY 14226. Please don't forget we need coffee donation! Also, it's not too early to make reservations at the Buffalo Marriott. They have given us two numbers to call--1-800-334-4040 or 1-800-228-9290. The cut off date to reserve rooms is October 1st. Start saving now for a wonderful fellowship weekend on October 22,23,24.

**COURTESY REPORTS:**

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - Marcia W.** - Spring Convention - May 14,15,16 - Lockport Best Western, \$10-registration, \$23-registration & banquet \$3-Friday & Saturday dances. Next meeting is at 1PM in Alfred, NY, Union Universalist Church on Church Street. (smoking meeting)  
AdHoc Committee for the World University Games July 8-18 is going well.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE** - no report

**CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Mike B:** non-written

**RE-CAP:**

**Steering Committee :** Early D. questioned the distracting plan. This matter will come up under new business.

**Financial:** Warren - Abbott Men's discussion group asked if Caz Manor is a group and should they be allowed to contribute to the Central Office. After a discussion, it was decided to send "The Letter" to the group.

Mike B. questioned check #234 as to what it was for in the TFC fund. It was literature for the TFC meeting at Renaissance House.

**TFC & CFC** - John N offered tapes from the 52nd Anniversary to these two service areas on behalf of the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John N gave a reminder to review the Christmas vigil guidelines.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Margaret H was recognized as the new Steering Committee representative for District 7.

Larry S was appointed and approved as the Co-chairman of the Correctional Facilities Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lue J.,  
Recording Secretary

RECEIPTS		4/25/93-5/25/93				
45 Groups contributed				2774.46		
Joint meeting (expenses \$18.08)				21.17		
New Frontiers Subscriptions				177.00		
Envelope System				270.00		
Literature				3803.35		
Miscellaneous:	In memory Louis K		25.00			
	GSA-Spring Conv Hosp		30.00	55.00		
			Total Receipts	7100.98		
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>						
# 10 Ellcott Square Court Corp - rent			542.00			
Comm Mental Health Ctr-C.C. meeting			35.00			
David F. Williamson, Co, Inc. - UPS Chg.			167.48			
Happy Spring Water			18.45			
Central Office Seminar '93 - Registration fee			20.00			
M & T Bank - Federal withholding tax			492.16			
Delphine A Hoy	Health Ins		1062.41			
New York Telephone			159.52			
The Message Connection	- Answering Service		163.43			
AT&T - Long distance calls			10.90			
The State Fund Insurance - Disability Ins			137.02			
GSA - Convention hospitality contribution			30.00			
World Services, Inc. - literature			1781.80			
Salaries - Central Office			1422.04			
Petty Cash			50.00			
Bank service charges			55.22			
	<b>Total disbursements</b>		6147.43			
<b>Re-cap</b>						
Balance per checkbook 4/25/93			2060.74			
Add receipts 4/25/93-45/25/93			7100.98			
Deduct expenses 4/25/93-5/25/93			-6147.43			
Balance per checkbook 4/25/93			3014.29			
	M & T Time Deposit			9781.93		
	M & T Money Market			8172.11		
Operating credit for May '93		953.55				

**RECAPS 4/25/93 - 5/25/93**

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

Expenses	Check #	Amount
AA Central Office - Attica - liter.	1056	25.08
AA Central Office - Attica - Literature	1057	453.75
AA Central Office - Collins - literature	1058	283.03
		761.86
Balance per checkbook 4/25/93		1107.07
Add receipts 4/25/93-5/25/93		264.00
Deduct expenses 4/25/92-5/25/93		-761.86
Balance per checkbook 5/25/93		609.21
Operating debit for May '93	(497.86)	

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

EXPENSES	Check #	Amount
Richard M - VA - supplies	234	26.89
AA Central Office-ECMC-Big Books	235	110.00
AA Central Office-Bflo Gen- MICA- lit	236	161.15
AA Central Office - lit - VA	237	21.48
AA Central Office - lit - Research Inst	238	63.95
Good Shepherd Ch - donation - wksp	239	50.00
AA Central Office - Renaissance -liter	240	121.00
		554.47
Balance per checkbook 5/25/93		223.18
Add receipts 4/25/93-5/25/93		408.00
Deduct expenses 4/25/93-5/25/93		-554.47
Balance per checkbook 5/25/93		76.71
Operating debit for May '93	(146.47)	

	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step	25.00	25.00				
11th Step						
A Day At A Time		20.00				
A Helping Hand	20.00	<del>20.00</del>				
A New Beginning						
Abbott Mens Discussion	70.00	70.00				
Acceptance						
Achievement						
Action		88.52				
Age Doesn't Matter						
Albion						
Alexander		50.00				
All Women						
Amherst Snyder						
Amherst Tree of Life						
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age	20.00	40.00				
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It	10.00	10.00				
Attitude Adjustment		60.00				
Attraction		300.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's	33.00	66.00	34.00	68.00	33.00	66.00
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell		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	25.00	25.00				
Brass		60.00				
Broadway-Bailey						
Brocton Discussion						
But for the Grace of God	11.00	65.00				
By The Book-Buffalo						
Came To Believe		56.00				
Campus (Brlo State Col)						
Casting		50.00				
Cathedral Park	82.01	264.70				
Caz Manor		200.00		25.00		25.00
Cazenovia						
Central Park						

GROUP Page 2	Central Office Contr		Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.	May	Accum.
Chapter IX		40.00	10.00	50.00		
Cheektowaga						
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Discssion		400.00				
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Cold Springs	25.00	50.00				
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center		25.00				
Cornplanters Again		110.00				
Courage		120.00				
Delaware Discussion		110.00				
Derby		150.00				
Desire		120.00				
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Disc						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Early Start						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	40.00	160.00			10.00	50.00
East Side						
Easy Does It						
Eden-North Collins	140.00	140.00				
Ellicott		30.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance		525.00		50.00		50.00
Everybody's		40.00				
Everyone's A.A. Group						
Eye Opener						
Faith						
Father Baker		300.00		60.00		
Feelings						
Fireside	333.00	1323.00			50.00	125.00
Fireside P.M.		50.00				
First Things First		25.00				
Fredonia Bkft. Meeting						
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom	25.00	125.00			100.00	100.00
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				
Giving						
Golden Slipper		300.00				

	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.
Good Life						
Grand	26.45	86.45				
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful						
H.A.N.D.		120.00				
H.O.W.		5.00				5.00
Half & Half						
Hamburg						
Hamburg Big Book						
Handicappers Sat. Nite	50.00	100.00				
Happy Hour	100.00	100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Harmony	5.00	40.00				
High Noon (Gay)						
High View						
Hill Billy		50.00		10.00		10.00
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	150.00	10.00	50.00		
Hora deRefleccion(Spanish)						
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia		10.00				
Inner City						
Inspiration						
Iron Horse		45.00		45.00		
IT						
It's About Time		20.00				
Just for Today	60.00	120.00		10.00		
Keep It Simple, Sister		40.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore		100.00		100.00		100.00
Kensington Disc						
Ladies Night						
Lakeshore		40.00		40.00		40.00
Lakeview				50.00		50.00
Last Chance						
Let Go & Let God		20.00				
Lew-port						
Liberty Women's	96.75	174.75	25.00	25.00		
Life Today						
Lighten Up						
Live and Let Live (Gay)	30.00	30.00				
Living Sober	35.00	175.00				
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion		125.00				
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		500.00				
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Marilla	30.00	30.00				
Matt Talbot	25.00	100.00				
McKinley Winners						

GROUP Page 4	Central Office Contr	Correctional Facil	Treatment Ctrs			
	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD (Serenity Room)						
Morning After	5.00	15.00	5.00	25.00		
Never Too Late						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings						
New Freedom	20.00	20.00				
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	10.00	30.00	5.00	15.00		
New Westside						
New Zion						
Niagara Frontier Men's						
Nite People						
North Buffalo	100.00	500.00	25.00	125.00	25.00	125.00
North Buffalo Men's						
North Java						
One Day at a Time(ODAT)						
Open Arms						
Open Mind (Gay)		60.00		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						
Progress		100.00				
Purpose	30.00	202.00				
Rainbow		42.00		25.00		25.00
Ray of Hope	50.00	100.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I		100.00				
Renaissance II						
Renewal		100.00				
Restored to Sanity		75.00				
Ridge	10.00	50.00	10.00	50.00	10.00	50.00
Rise & Shine		10.00				
Rush Hour						
S.S. Sobriety						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Earlybird		40.00				



GROUP Page 5	Central Office Contr		Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Saturday Nite Live						
Searching for Serenity		40.00				
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity		120.00				
Serenity Circle		30.00				
Sharing and Caring						
Sheridan		100.00		20.00		
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail	50.00	50.00				
Sober Winners						
Sobriety and Beyond						
Sobriety (Men's Disc)						
Somerset						
South Buffalo	20.00	80.00		40.00		40.00
South Town		25.00				
Southgate	28.00	92.90				
Southtowns Women's		15.00		10.00		10.00
Southwestern		15.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress						
Springville		120.00				
Springville-no smoking		20.00				
St. Barnabas		110.00		50.00		
St. Mark's	60.00	60.00				
Stay Clean						
Step						
Stepping Stones						
Suburban		30.00				
Sunday Morning Bkft.		250.00		150.00		100.00
Sunday Niters	20.00	100.00	20.00	60.00		20.00
Sunday Third		30.00				
Sunrise Court						
SUNY-Amherst Campus		224.50				
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
TnT		200.00				
TGIF	50.00	50.00				
Thankful		110.00				
The Journey						
The Way		50.00				
Thruway	300.00	1658.00	20.00	100.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc						
Today						
Town Hall	50.00	150.00				
Tri-County		75.00				

GROUP Page 6	Central Office Contr		Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.	May '93	Accum.
Tuesday Men's Disc	40.00	70.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Turning Point						
Twin Cities		100.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity		115.00				
University	160.00	800.00			25.00	125.00
Urban						
V.I.P.						
Valley						
Varysburg		10.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa						
We Admitted	5.00	20.00	5.00	25.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	150.00	10.00	50.00	20.00	100.00
We Choose Life		66.00				
We Need You						
Wehrle		10.00				
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield		75.00				
Westminster					50.00	50.00
WHY		50.00				
Williamsville						
Willing To Grow	15.00	30.00				
Wilson						
Women's Westside Disc.			50.00	75.00	50.00	75.00
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown					WkSp col & ref	65.79
Youth Gone Wild						
45 Groups-May '93	2400.21		264.00		408.00	
Last month accum.totals	12444.61		1189.00		1033.79	
Year-to-date totals	14844.82		1453.00		1441.79	