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NEW FRONTIERS

A CENTRAL COMMITTEE JOURNAL FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS
OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER

M is for the million things she gave me.



MOTHER'S DAY

SERVICE IS GRATITUDE IN ACTION...

Hi! My name is Jim K. and I am a grateful, recovering alcoholic. At the Central Committee meeting on April 6th, I was honored by being appointed to serve as Chairperson of the Screeners Committee.



The current Screeners and 12 Step lists are dated July, 1995 and December, 1995 respectively. With your help and cooperation, the Screeners Committee will update both lists.

If your name and phone number are on the current lists, someone has probably already contacted you, or at least tried to contact you to determine if you wish to remain active. If we have

been unable to contact you, and you wish to remain active or be added to the list, please call 891-9059 anytime. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you. We must hear from you by June 1st, 1997.

Jim K., Chair
Screeners' Committee



THANK YOU



To say I was overwhelmed, is putting it mildly. God has truly blessed me to be in such a fine program, with so many wonderful and generous people.

The response received at the Spring Convention for literature for the Corrections Facilities was heartwarming. We even had donations from as far as Ithaca, N.Y.

We did manage to convince people that volunteering for corrections work is rewarding. Thank you to those who signed up!

I would also like to thank the "volunteers" on my panel. Again I say, service people are beautiful people. Thank you Larry W., Randy F., Jim R., and Jim B.

AND THANK YOU W.N.Y. FOR BEING THERE!!!!!!

Cindy N.
GSA CFC Chair



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John H., We Care, Editor

Dave W., Giving, Assistant to the Editor

TO GIVE IT AWAY.....

One of the many paradoxical expressions in AA is the one which says, "In order to keep it, you have to give it away". There are, fortunately, many ways to do this. We, as AA members, are so very grateful to God and AA for bestowing the gift of sobriety to us along with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and the men and women who are living examples of the Steps and Traditions in action. Service is one of our Three Legacies for a very good reason. "In order to keep it, you have to give it away".

Below are a few Committees that are in need of volunteers....

Central Committee - Sub-Committee Meetings

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC)

3rd Friday of the month--7:30 P.M.

St. Simons, 200 Cazenovia St.

Bob K. Southgate Chair 825-7343

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC)

1st Sunday of the month--5:30 P.M.

preceding the Central Committee Meeting
80 Goodrich St.

Ron E. Common Problem, Chair

General Service Assembly Committees (GSA)

Public Information Committee (PIC)

1st Friday of the month 7:00 P.M.

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Cindy N. Chair 883-5079

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

2nd Saturday of the month 9:00 A.M.

Maryvale Presbyterian Church

425 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Dave B. Chair 873-7784

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC)

3rd Friday of the month 7:30 P.M.

St. Simon Church, 200 Cazenovia St.

Mike B. Chair--492--2808

Anyone with at least one year of sobriety, and interested in being added to the list of speakers at Wende Correctional AA meetings....call Jim K. 891-9059

General Service Meeting

Sunday, May 11, 1997 1:00 p.m.

Hamburg Town Hall

6100 South Park Ave.

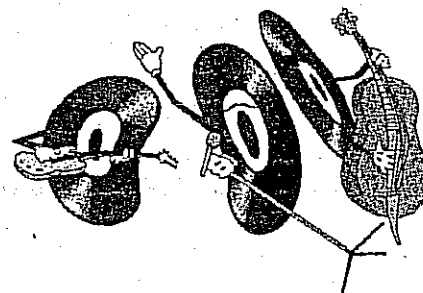
Hamburg, N.Y.

How about it? Want to get involved with service? Just pick up the phone!

LET'S ROCK AND ROLL! "50TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE"



Lockport No 1 Group is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a 50's 60's Dance on Saturday, May 17th, 1997 at the Plymouth Cong. Church, 98 East Ave, Lockport, N.Y. Chuck P., of Cleveland,



Ohio is our guest speaker. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door only. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Eats at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Speaker at 8:00 p.m. Dance to the music of a 50's 60's DJ from 9:00p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Please feel free to wear your 50's 60's outfits. Prizes will be awarded for the best outfits. We will also have a 50/50 drawing and raffles. SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN and GROUP HISTORY.

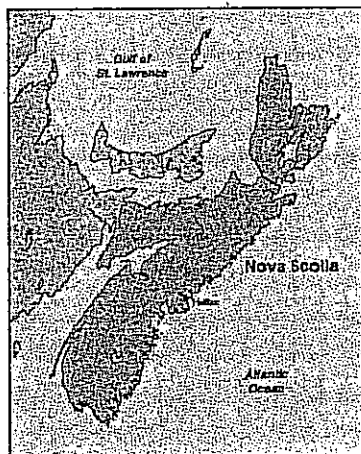
For more information call Sally or John at 439-9428
Hall Capacity is 200. Help us celebrate this wonderful event.

Thank you,
Sally T.W.,
Lockport No 1



EACH DAY

"Each day is Gods gift to us; we can reject it or we can thank Him by showing how much we appreciate it. I am never promised a tomorrow, all any of us have is today. Every day I try to repay in some way all that has been given so freely to me. A smile or a touch is



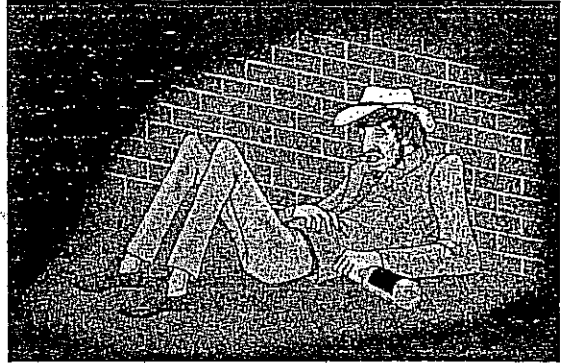
all that's needed to brighten someone's day.

We in Alcoholics Anonymous have the power and the choice to live each day to its fullest--simply by learning to live, One Day at a Time."

Grapevine, P.C.
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Submitted by
Bob W., Sheridan Group

MORE SIGNS YOU HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM!

1. Beer, it's not just for breakfast anymore.
2. The glass keeps missing your mouth.
3. Bill Clinton starts to make sense.
4. You donate blood, and they ask what proof?
5. Vampires get wozzy after biting you.
6. The only drinking problem is, not having a drink right now.
7. At AA meeting you begin: "Hi, my name is...uh..."
8. Your idea of cutting back is less seltzer.
9. When vomiting becomes a relief.
10. Having a hard time staying on the sidewalk--left, right, stumble, fall.
11. You wake up in the bedroom, your underwear is in the bathroom.
12. Barney, that dinosaur is darned funny!
13. You think, Four Basic Food Groups are Caffeine, Nicotine, Alcohol and Women.
14. Every night you're beginning to find your roommate's cat more attractive.
15. Hi ocifer, I'm not under the affluence of incohol.



THE SHADOW CREW

Are you part of the "Shadow Crew?" The Correction Facilities Committee would really like to get to know you. You'll know if you're part of the "Shadow Crew"; if you're claiming membership to a committee and not attending its meetings.

Your attendance at committee meetings is really needed. Your input, comments, and suggestions are part of the "we" in this program. Your participation at these meetings is essential to the existence of our committees. You may have that last bit of information that helps us make the right decision, sitting home isn't getting it!



Attendance at meetings is part of the responsibility of saying you are a member of a Committee. Regular attendance at meetings saves time spent recapping what has been going on and why changes were made without your knowledge or input.

The Corrections Facilities Committee meets the 1st Sunday of every month, at 5:30 p.m. 80 Goodrich. Same place as Central Committee, same night.

If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem.

Cindy N.
GSA CFC Chair

IT'S AN INVENTORY!

It took a little over three years into sobriety for me to awaken to a lot of fundamental understandings about AA, the Twelve Steps, and the responsibilities of truly living a sober, positive life.

In my early months, I had always been a little bothered by the Fourth Step. Whenever I fearlessly tackled a moral inventory, I kept running up against the fact that I had changed a great deal, and was no longer the unreliable lush I had been for almost 30 years. In short, I kept running up against **positive elements**.

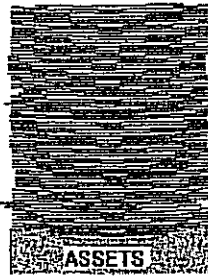
I was alive, when I shouldn't have been. I was sober. I lived by moral principles. I was charitable. I was becoming scrupulously honest. These were character **assets** I had always had. During my drinking years, they had been hidden by character defects, **liabilities** that were now beginning to diminish.

And yet, whenever the Fourth Step would be discussed at my home group, I kept hearing people tear themselves down, saying they were "no good," concentrating on their deficiencies to the point where they couldn't find anything positive about themselves.

I suddenly remembered what the word "inventory" meant, and it made a big difference in my outlook toward recovery.

Every business is required to periodically take an inventory of its **assets** and **liabilities**. The **assets** must outweigh the **liabilities**! Otherwise, sooner or later, they will be bankrupt. It is the same with me.

I began to visualize my daily life and my contacts with others by picturing myself at a front counter of my business—the business of living. At this counter I interact with others, I make decisions, I move about, I achieve, and I make mistakes.



When I turn around, whether for a Fourth Step or for a spot check inventory as part of the Tenth Step, I open a double swinging door and look at my inventory. My **liabilities** are stacked up on shelves, on pallets and in containers on the left side of a large room—a warehouse. My **assets** are similarly arrayed on the right,

The furnace that keeps the room warm is called "Life" and it is on the **asset** side. It is so important that all **liabilities** pale in comparison.

When an ever-increasing carton of sobriety is added to Life on the **asset** side, there is no possible way any total of my **liabilities** could ever exceed them. That was true on my very first day in AA, and it is even more true now, years later.

My job is to regularly examine my warehouse to see what **liabilities** I can throw out or diminish, and what **assets** I can strengthen or increase. As I proceed to run my "business" and I sense that I have made a mistake, I can quickly turn, open the double doors, and "see" the new defect or **liability** on the left-hand shelves. Turning back to the counter, I do as the Tenth Step tells me to do. Then, when I look back in the warehouse, that **liability** will, for now, disappear.

I am not cocky or prideful about my **assets**. They keep me grateful. On the other hand, I do not degrade myself because of my defects. They keep me humble and show me how I can grow.

To me, AA is a **positive** program. If I do not drink today, all opportunities are open to me. One reason for this optimism is the knowledge that my **assets** are always greater than my **liabilities**.

John H.
Editor

WINNERS

The Lord helps the drunks and fools
If you're like me, use the tools
Tools you'll get at a meeting
OOPS, don't forget the greeting

Peace of mind I do cherish
Till the day I will perish
Please do remember your friends
To all those you make amends

The new ones you meet today
listen to what they have to say
Lie, cheat, steal and sin
Turn it around, and you can win

John M.
Lovejoy Group

EVERYWHERE, ANYWHERE

You are going to meet these new friends in your own community. Near you, alcoholics are dying helplessly like people in a sinking ship. If you live in a large place, there are hundreds. High and low, rich and poor, these are future fellows of Alcoholics Anonymous. Among them you will make lifelong friends. You will be bound to them with new and wonderful ties, for you will escape disaster together and you will commence shoulder to shoulder your common journey. Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life. You will learn the full meaning of "Love Thy neighbor as thyself."

Alcoholics Anonymous, pp. 152-3

MEETING!!



DID YOU KNOW.....

That today there are over 2,000,000 A.A. members meeting in 95,000 A.A. groups in 141 Countries?

MEETING!!



SPRING CLEANING!!!

Wondering what to do with those back issues of the Grapevine, the extra copies of the Big Book, 12&12, etc.? Take them to your home group and have your Central Committee Rep take them to the next Central Committee meeting, where a Correctional Facility Committee member will collect them for distribution to the prisons.

Speaking of the written word, ever think about corresponding with an inmate? Or perhaps being his first contact out of prison? Please consider this very important form of service. If you are interested, please call Cindy N. at 883-5079.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER

Rachel N. 6 mos.
 Brad C. 6 mos.
 Mike Z. 6 mos.
 Mark W. 6 mos.
 Ralph M. 9 mos.
 Keith C. 1 yr.
 Mary McD. 3 yrs.
 John D. 6 yrs.
 Dawn W. 6 yrs.
 Clair S. 10 yrs.
 Maryellen M. 12 yrs.
 Dick M. 14 yrs.
 Edmund L. 15 yrs.
 Betty C. 16 yrs.
 Richard M. 18 yrs.
 Frank D. 29 yrs.
 Virginia O. 43 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS

Stan B. 6 mos.
 Michael B. 9 mos.
 Rich N. 1 yr.
 Dave W. 2 yrs.

COLD SPRING

Cecil R. 3 mos.
 Richard M. 6 mos.
 Herman J. 1 yr.
 Pearl B. 3 yrs.
 Denise R. 4 yrs.

COMMON PROBLEM

John S. 6 yrs.
 Sue M. 7 yrs.
 Jim L. 15 yrs.

ELLICOTT

Winston F. 5 yrs.

EYE OPENER

Teresa T. 3 mos.
 Bill L. 3 mos.
 Ken L. 3 mos.
 Dave U. 3 mos.
 Annette L. 3 mos.
 Jim A. 6 mos.
 Jan J. 6 mos.
 Jackie H. 6 mos.
 Mike A. 6 mos.
 Dave W. 6 mos.
 Stanley M. 6 mos.
 Stephen G. 9 mos.
 Doug B. 9 mos.
 Lauren P. 9 mos.
 Eric S. 9 mos.
 Mike G. 9 mos.
 Archie A. 9 mos.
 Barry R. 1 yr.
 Robert G. 1 yr.
 Sue S. 2 yrs.
 Cindy D. 2 yrs.
 Tom B. 2 yrs.

EYE OPENER (CONT.)

Barbara W. 3 yrs.
 Mark H. 3 yrs.
 Barb F. 3 yrs.
 Doug P. 8 yrs.
 Terry L. 8 yrs.
 Dennis L. 12 yrs.
 Dianne C. 14 yrs.
 Jim L. 15 yrs.

FIRESIDE

Ann H. 6 mos.
 Maryann H. 9 mos.
 Lil B. 9 mos.
 Fred B. 9 mos.
 Patty W. 9 mos.
 Mike B. 1 yr.
 Cindy D. 2 yrs.
 Maura G. 2 yrs.
 Kevin B. 4 yrs.
 Gretchen F. 6 yrs.
 Scott S. 8 yrs.
 Karen O. 10 yrs.
 Mark P. 12 yrs.
 Catherine P. 13 yrs.
 Doris S. 14 yrs.
 Terry A. 14 yrs.
 Carol S. 17 yrs.
 Walter K. 17 yrs.

GIVING

Mike T. 1 yr.

HAPPY HOUR

Harry G. 6 mos.
 Josh G. 9 mos.
 Louis R. 1 yr.
 Akmol S. 2 yrs.
 Bob O. 3 yrs.
 John C. 4 yrs.
 Chris M. 6 yrs.
 Linda M. 8 yrs.
 Elvis R. 8 yrs.
 Chris B. 9 yrs.
 Marcus W. 11 yrs.

IRONHORSE

Dawn F. 3 mos.
 Jeffrey K. 3 mos.
 Brian McC. 6 mos.
 Gilbert H. 9 mos.
 Henry M. 9 mos.
 Jim H. 9 mos.
 Lorne J.P. 1 yr.
 Laramee C. 1 yr.
 Dolores C. 2 yrs.
 Andy B. 2 yrs.
 Colleen H. 2 yrs.
 Mike B. 2 yrs.
 Bill H. 2 yrs.
 Bill R. 4 yrs.
 Dave C. 5 yrs.
 Dave H. 11 yrs.

IRONHORSE (CONT.)

Helen B. 15 yrs.

LET GO & LET GOD

Larry S. 5 yrs.
 Elvis R. 8 yrs.
 Bill L. 9 yrs.
 Markus 11 yrs.

NORTH BUFFALO

Joe N. 1 yr.
 Steve W. 1 yr.
 Winfrey J. 1 yr.
 Bob S. 3 yrs.
 Carol B. 4 yrs.
 William D. 4 yrs.
 Liz S. 5 yrs.
 Don H. 7 yrs.
 Dennis L. 12 yrs.
 Terry A. 14 yrs.
 Roger P. 16 yrs.
 David P. 19 yrs.
 Mel R. 20 yrs.

RISE & SHINE

Frank J. 3 mos.
 James M. 6 mos.
 Ben W. 6 mos.
 Willie B. 6 mos.
 Randy B. 9 mos.
 Robert S. 9 mos.
 Dorthea A. 1 yr.
 Rose A. 1 yr.
 Lorie R. 1 yr.
 Vicky W. 1 yr.
 Renee P. 1 yr.
 Jerome H. 2 yrs.
 Rebla B. 2 yrs.
 John M. 3 yrs.
 Donna D. 3 yrs.
 Luis C. 3 yrs.
 Robert D. 5 yrs.
 Elvis R. 8 yrs.
 Willia G. 8 yrs.

SHERIDAN

Hal M. 3 mos.
 Patrick M. 1 yr.
 Sarah D. 4 yrs.
 Thomas M. 4 yrs.
 Mark H. 7 yrs.
 Chris B. 10 yrs.
 Annie D. 10 yrs.
 Richard L. 14 yrs.
 Gwen K. 14 yrs.
 Carol R. 15 yrs.
 Chuck S. 16 yrs.
 John T. 26 yrs.

SUNDAY MORN. BREAKFAST

Kevin D. 3 mos.
 Joe B. 3 mos.

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Carmen e. 3 mos.
 David P. 9 mos.
 Jim P. 9 mos.
 Lynn N. 1 yr.
 Mark M. 1 yr.
 Vicki W. 1 yr.
 Jeff K. 6 yrs.
 Buffy B. 16 yrs.

WE CARE

Stephen P. 2 yrs.

WHY

Bob P. 1 yr.
 Toni J. 5 yrs.
 Robin T. 7 yrs.



*** REMINDER ***

JUNE 1997

ANNIVERSARIES MUST
 BE IN THE CENTRAL
 OFFICE IN WRITING
 NO LATER THAN
 MAY 10, 1997.

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JUNE 15 - SUNDAY - LOVEJOY GROUP will be holding its' Picnic at Como Park Shelter#1. Watch next months' bulletin for further information.

JUNE 15 - SUNDAY - SUNRISE COURT GROUP'S FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST \$8.00 per person - BUFFET - Held at the Holiday Inn in Cheektowaga, 4600 Genesee Street.

JULY 18, 19 20 - STATE CONVENTION - HOWARD JOHNSON - ALBANY, NY

JULY 25, 26, 27 - ANY AGE is sponsoring a LIVING SOBER WEEKEND Don Miller Park, 1600 Sweeney Street in North Tonawanda (near the Robinson Street bridge)

THE 56TH BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 21, 22, & 23 1997
Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy

5TH MONTH - 5TH STEP "AMITTED 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
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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Speaker: Jim D of Cortland, New York.

JUNE 15 - SUNDAY - LOVEJOY GROUP will be holding its' Picnic at Como Park Shelter#1. Watch next months' bulletin for further information.

JUNE 15 - SUNDAY - SUNRISE COURT GROUP'S FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
\$8.00 per person - BUFFET - Held at the Holiday Inn in Cheektowaga, 4600 Genesee Street.

JULY 18, 19 20 - STATE CONVENTION - HOWARD JOHNSON - ALBANY, NY

JULY 25, 26, 27 - ANY AGE is sponsoring a LIVING SOBER WEEKEND Don Miller Park, 1600 Sweeney Street in North Tonawanda (near the Robinson Street bridge)

THE 56TH BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 21, 22, & 23 1997
Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy

5TH MONTH - 5TH STEP "AMITTED 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
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

AS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE BY DONATING TO IT DIRECTLY THROUGH THE **ENVELOPE SYSTEM** IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW IT WORKS CALL THE OFFICE AT 853-0388

Joanne McC, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:05PM with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Lilly from Ellicott read the Preamble. Jim B from Ridge read the Purpose of the Central Committee and the Traditions were read by Charles from Spirit of Hope.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by John H of We Care seconded by Pat M of Rainbow.

36 GROUPS ATTENDED - DISTRICT #1 - Delaware, Getting Better, Giving, One Day at a Time, Sunrise Court DISTRICT #2 Discovery, MOD/ Living in the Solution, North Buffalo, Sheridan, University DISTRICT#3 Abbott Men's, Any Length, Cheektowaga, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Seneca 12 & 12, Southgate, Sunday Morning Bkft, Try Again, Victory, We Care DISTRICT#4, Action, Lake Shore, Progress DISTRICTS#5.#6 - DISTRICT# 7 - Cold Springs, Decision, Choices, Changes, Ellicott, Faith, Lovejoy, Spirit of Hope - DISTRICT#8 - Amherst Snyder, Beginnings, HAND, Saratoga -DIST#9 - Everybody's & #10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Cindy N of Sunrise Court

For the month of April \$793.00 was collected - total year to date - \$2721.00 1996 - yr to date - \$2543.00

STEERING COMMITTEE - Janice O - ODAT

Meeting opened at 6:20PM by Joanne McC with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Rick S, District#8, Joe F, District#4, John H, Co-chair, Kevin C, treasurer, Dick L District #9, Janice O, District#1, Pat M, District#3, Jim K, Screeners Chair, Bob K, TFC Chair

Tabled: Open meeting schedules printing issue. Tell Delphine to get printing price from the new printer we are using.

Tabled: Convention Chair wasn't here to discuss need for hotel deposit in advance.

Screeners Chair: Jim K is updating the voluteer lists.

Steering voted to recommend the approval of the proposed change to the Operating Procedures.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:05PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Kevin C of North Buffalo - read attached

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Bob K, Southgate

Meeting held at St Simon's, 200 Cazenovia, Friday, April 18 at 7:30PM.

We had Kent K and Victor J from Reflections in Lockport at our meeting and as of now we are not sure if they would like to go under our format or if they will stay the way they area We, as a Committee would like to get into Reflections at least once a week. We have people out in that area who want to get active.

All the other meetings are going the way we want them to.

All the meetings at the VA have been changed and the Staff would like who ever has cabinets up there to get in touch with the Staff as soon as possible. The cabinets are on 10A, locked up.

SCREENERS - Jim K, Sunday Morning Bkft - no report

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Jim B - Ridge Grp

Correctional Facility Committee meeting - May 4, 1997 - Time 5:40PM

Attended by: Ron E, Central Committee Corrects Chair, Jim B, Co Chair, Cindy N, GSA Chair, and Jim K. Gary S came from Niagara south.

Garry S shed light on the AA in Corrections in Canada, also, he is willing to help with bringing volunteers to WNY Correction Facilities.

At the Buffalo Work Release there are no outside AA's going at the present time The Staff wants us there but we need more voluteers

Wende's meetings on Friday and Saturday are okey.

Cindy reported that she received a call from Frank R, Corrections Chair of the Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area to talk about the feasibility of another Correction Connection and how we felt about it on this side of the state.

A Correctional facility presentation was done at the Amity Club for their 18th Anniversary.

Received an invitation to Volunteer Thank You Dinners at the Gowanda and Collins Correctional Facility.

Bridging the Gap - 5 received - 3 women and 2 men.

Further work was done on a localized pamphlet of general information for the WNY Area.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

CENTRAL OFFICE - Delphine H, Executive Secretary

AA Information	502	12 Step	10
PIC	9	Literature requests	52
CPC	2	Referred to other agency	35
Al Anon	20	Referred from other agency	9
Ala Teen	4	<i>CENTRAL OFFICE</i>	
ACOA	3	Outgoing Calls	104
<i>ANSWERING SERVICE</i>		Mailing cost	\$220.32
Incoming Calls 449	outgoing 49	Visitors	137

NEW FRONTIER - John H, We Care, Editor

The Staff of the "New Frontiers" would like to increase our members. We are looking for people who wish to be "roving reporters" for our new column entitled "Around The Area in A.A." Volunteers are needed from stratigically located areas who attend different meetings and report back with group events and concerns.

If you or someone you know would like to become a staff reported for the "New Frontiers", please call or write to the Central Office.

56TH FALL CONVENTION - no report

COURTESY REPORTS -

GSA - CHAIRMAN Scott T, Lakeshore, reminded everyone of the GSA meetings at the Harnburg Town Hall May 11 at 1:00PM.

ARCHIVES - Minutes from meeting held on April 26th

The meeting was opened at 9:05AM with a meoment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Spring Convention was discussed and it was decided that it went very well. We also discussed our taking the Archives to Lewport, Jamestown and then to the Thruway Group.

On May 4th the Archives Committee will attend the Central Committee Meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the showing of the Archives display at the 18th Anniversary of the Amity Club. Due to a miscommunication the Archives was not displayed. The committee felt that a letter or form should be drawn up and used as a request to be presented to the Archives Committee in the future.

A.A. Local History - The committee discussed audio taping of the Old Timers. It was felt that two committee members should be present at all audio taping of personal histories. The discussion was tabled until the next Archives meeting to arrange for date and times of taping.

Everyone will go to a different meeting to present the Archives displays.

The next meeting was changed from May 24th to the 31st because of Memorial Day Weekend.

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS: May 17th - Lockport #1 Group's 50th Anniversary.
June 14th - GSA Day of Learning, June 15th City Court's Fathers Day Bkft

RECAP

TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE - Clarify that meetings at the Veteran's Hospital were on the 10th floor. The lockers are there, too.

OLD BUSINESS:

JoAnne, Chairperson read the proposal to change the Operating Procedures. Kevin C moved to take the motions off the table and put it to the floor. Second by John H, We Care.

Motion made to change the name of Chairman to Chairperson where ever it appears. Passed with the proper majority vote.

Motion to change the Procedures as follows:

Article I Section 1 (Add last sentence) Participating membership is for groups which are geographically within the boundries of Buffalo and Eris County.

Article I Section 2 (Add to last sentence)

These groups shall include those which geographically belong to Niagara, Genesee-Wyoming, and Southwestern New York (NY-Penn) Intergroups.

Article V - Section I - Steering Committee - This committee shall be composed of seven (7) district members. These seven districts shall be: 1. Buffalo West, 2. North Erie County, 3. Southeast Erie County, 4. Central Erie County, 5. Buffalo East, 6. Northeast Erie County, 7. So Erie County

Discussion: Rick S, Amherst Snyder, asked if groups outside the geographic area have an intergroup representative. "No."

Lee - "Did any groups respond from the groups represented."
Delphine had said that a representative from 7 Clans came to the office to asked for clarification, as well as, the chairperson from the Niagara Intergroup.

Mike B, Progress, stated that Wyoming would be forced to go to another area. "What is the motive?"

Scott T, Lake Shore, "There are groups unaware of the possible change as Gowanda, North Tonawanda and Tonawanda."

Dick L, Everybody's, commented on Gowanda being divided and stated that the district representative was not informed.

Richard F, Iron Horse, commented that Delphine was going to contact all groups. This issue was handled too quickly.

John H, We Care, read Article VII of the operating procedures which explains how to amend the Procedures and the Central Committee followed exactly.

Elizabeth G, Cold Springs, said she was confused.

Roxanne E, Discovery, tried to clarify that geographic boundaries are in existence in other parts of the country successfully.

Mike B, Progress, stated that they have their own schedules. This would not hurt them. Does not see the problem.

Fred G, Southgate asked if this would be beneficial.

Barry stated that there are 3 districts that do not have representatives on the Steering Committee.

Dave W, Giving, called for the vote.

Joe asked why we are trying to leave these groups out when they are contributing members.

Kevin C, North Buffalo, moved to calling of question. Second by Paul of Any Lengths.

On the question of changing Intergroup boundaries, there were 14 groups infavor and 19 opposed with 2 abstentions.

9 - The 2 other Amendments were not discussed - issue dropped. Issue was poorly presented. We should be more clear about the reasons for new additions or proposals.

Scott T asked what was being done to try and get support.

Kevin C, North Buffalo, suggested lengthy letters submitted to "New Frontiers"

- hold Central Committee in other areas.

-this should be a central issue for the Steering Committee.

Elizabeth G, Cold Springs, suggested setting up a committe to inform groups of their obligations to the Central Committee.

Ron E, reminded us to spend our money economically.

Mike B, commented on his service in Central Committee.

Roxanne E, Discovery, stated that we do not get disciplined and sober over night. The Central Committee representatives must bring back the information to the groups.

Motion to adjourn by made by Elizabeth G of Cold Springs and second by Dick L of Everybody's group. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in AA,

Cindy H, Beginnings
Recording Secretary

pg 1 GROUP	Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.
12 Step - Holiday Village				
12 Step - Medina				
3rd Step				
4th Step Stumblers				
6th Step				
AA Lunchtime				
A Day At A Time				
A Vision for You				
Abbott Mens Discussi	30.00	70.00	30.00	70.00
Acceptance/Welcom	430.00	601.00		
Achievement		100.00		
Action				
Age Doesn't Matter		200.00		
Albion		12.00		
Alexander				
Amherst Snyder		275.00		
Amsdell Lakeshore				
Any Age		500.00		
Any Length	50.00	210.00	15.00	15.00
Anybody's Group				
Arcade				
As Bill Sees It		20.00		
Attitude Adjustment				
Attraction		100.00		
Awakening				
Beginner's Table				
Beginning in Sobriety I				
Beginning in Sobriety II				
Beginnings-Women's	75.00	75.00		
Better Days (Bilingual)				
Bidwell				
Bidwell Monday Disc		50.00		
Big Book - Lookport				
Big Book Workshop				
Blasdell				
Blasdell Monday Nite				
Boulevard Women's		75.00		
Brass				
Broadway-Bailey		15.00		
Brocton Discussion				
But for the Grace of God		80.00		
Came To Believe				

pg 2			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.
Cassadaga						
Casting		50.00				
Cathedral Park	36.80	47.30				
Caz Manor				25.00		25.00
Cazenovia		125.00				
Central Park						
Chapter IX			40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Cheektowaga		100.00		50.00		
Chevy #1		200.00				
Circle of Recovery						
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Clarence Men's Discsion		400.00				
Cold Springs	25.00	100.00				
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center						
Cornplanter's Again						
Courage		160.00		10.00		10.00
Decision, Choices, Changes						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby		100.00				
Design For Living						
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Discovery		48.00				
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion						
Dunkirk	10.00	20.00				
Early Bird						
Easier Softer Way						
East Amherst						
East Aurora		25.00				
Easy Does It	10.00	55.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott	75.00	75.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance		200.00				
Everybody's	20.00	100.00				
Express		122.00				
Eye Opener	69.25	69.25				
F.U.N.						
Faith						
Faith in Action						
Father Baker	140.00	340.00	35.00	135.00	35.00	135.00
Feelings						

pg 3			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.
Fireside	44.00	850.85		50.00	25.00	125.00
Fireside P.M.						
First Things First		75.00				
Fredonia Discussion						
Freedom	25.00	125.00				
Fresh Start						
Friendly		25.00				
Friendship						
Frontier						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		30.00				
Getting Better		30.00				
Giving		50.00				
Go to Any Length		120.00				
Golden Slipper		100.00				
Good Life		20.00				
Grand	10.00	50.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living		100.00				
Grateful						
Guiding Light						
H.A.N.D.		300.00				
H.O.W.						
Half & Half		50.00				
Hamburg						
Hamburg Literature Study Group						
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour						
Harmony						
Helping Hand		20.00				
High Noon						
High View		40.00				15.00
Higher Powered						
Hill Billy	120.00	120.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Hold On						
Holiday Village		500.00				
Holland						
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	150.00	10.00	50.00		
Hope - Big Book Study						
Horizon Sunset						
How It Works	18.00	188.00				
Humbly Willing						
In the Solution						
Inner City						

pg 4			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.
Inspiration		50.00				
Intoxicated on Life						
Iron Horse	101.50	395.50	10.00	40.00	10.00	40.00
1st Step						
IT		25.00				
It's About Time						
Just for Today		50.00				
Keep It Simple, Sister		60.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore	150.00	300.00				
Kensington						
Lake Shore	20.00	65.00				15.00
Lake View						
Let Go & Let God		20.00				
Leunamie Women's AA						
Lew-port 5						
Liberty Women's		200.00				
Life Today						
Lighten Up		60.00				
Live and Let Live						
Living Sober	20.00	20.00				
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion						
Lockport Ladies		100.00				
Lockview		60.00				
Lovejoy		100.00				
Lower River						
Main Street						
Marilla	25.00	100.00				
Matt Talbot	50.00	175.00				
Mc Kinley Winners	100.00	100.00				
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD/Living in the Solution		1015.00		20.00		20.00
Morning After						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings	25.00	25.00				
New Frontier		120.00				
New Frontier Womens						
New Life						

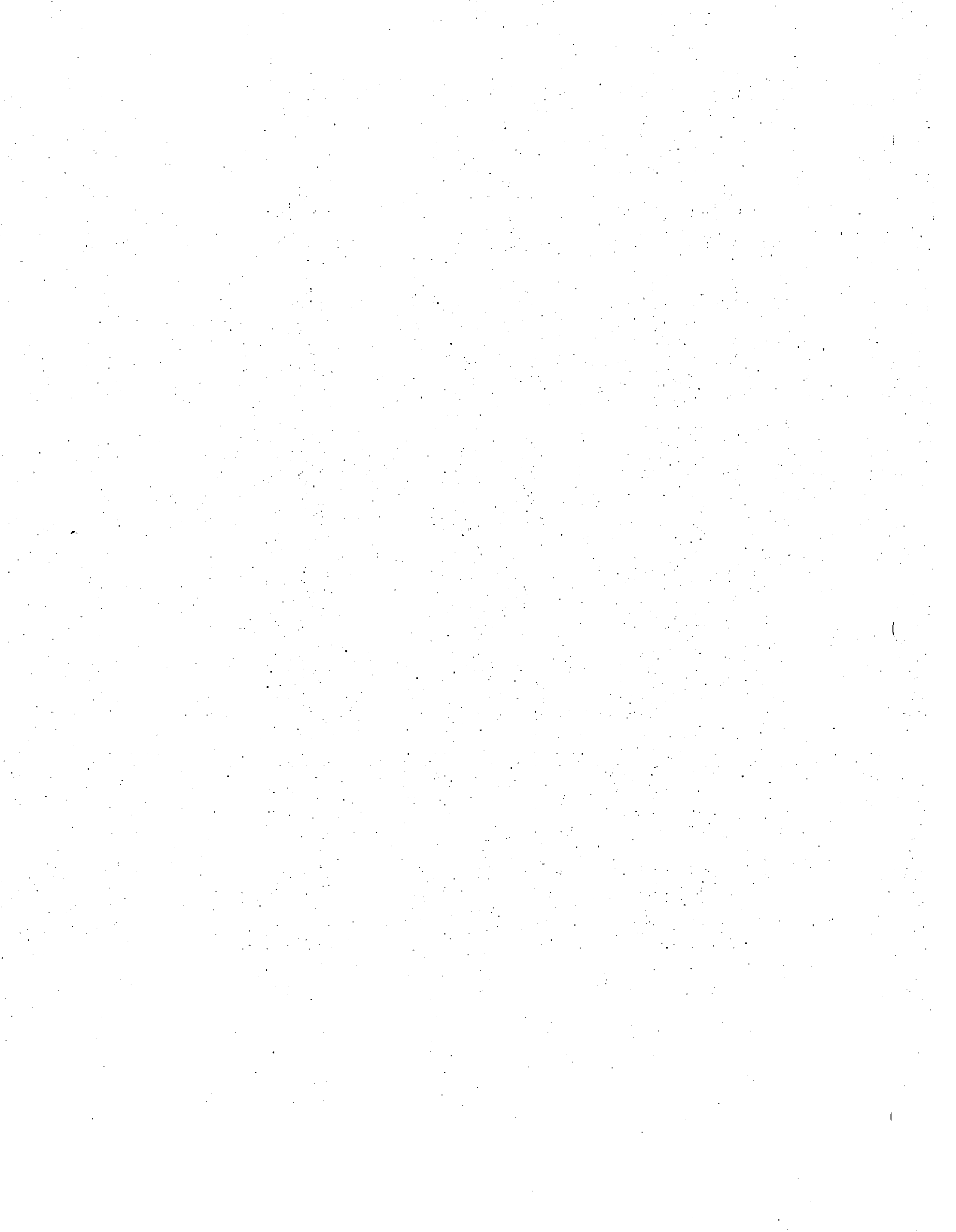
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GROUP	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.
New Life - New Beginning		50.00				
New Westside		50.00				
Niagara Frontier Men	10.00	25.00				
North Buffalo		800.00		125.00		125.00
North Java						
One Day at a Time (ODAT)		250.00				50.00
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step	50.00	100.00				
Pass It On						
Patchin		100.00				
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Pioneer						
Positively Living II						
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress		10.00				
Purpose		100.00				
Rainbow		35.00		25.00		25.00
Ray of Hope		55.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance/Post LivII		1000.00				
Renewal		150.00		10.00		10.00
Ridge		270.00		30.00		30.00
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine		60.00				
Riverside						
Rochester Meeting						
Rur-al is Plural		30.00				
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga		195.00				
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searching for Serenit	25.00	45.00				
Second Chance						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity						

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GROUP	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.
Serenity Circle	15.00	25.00				
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan		80.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc	35.00	35.00				
Sobriety on the Lake		20.00				
South Buffalo	30.00	150.00	30.00	150.00	30.00	150.00
South Town		20.00				
South Town Women's	45.00	55.00		10.00		10.00
Southgate		60.00				
Southwestern		80.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress (women's)		100.00				
Springville						
Springville Saturday Afternoon		60.00				
Springville Wed Noon						
St. Barnabas		100.00		50.00		50.00
St. Mark's		120.00				
Starting Over	20.00	60.00	20.00	30.00	20.00	30.00
Step						
Stepping Stones		213.00				
Stepping Stones-Tri C	80.00	80.00				
Suburban						
Sunday Morning Bkft.		150.00		50.00		50.00
Sunday Neters						
Sunday Third						
Sunrise Court		126.25				
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope	25.00	45.00				
Survivors		50.00				
T'n'T		88.00				
T.P.H.						
TGIF						
Thankful	25.00	135.00				
The Book Meeting	18.00	43.00				
The Journey						
The Present		25.00				
There's A Solution						
Thruway		700.00		40.00		40.00
Thursday Afternoon Disc		200.00				
Today						
Today's Woman						

pg 7		Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities		
GROUP	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.	MAY '97	Accum.
Trail's End		25.00				
Tri-County	10.00	75.00				
Tri-Step Beginners		100.00				
Try Again		50.00		12.50		12.50
Tuesday Men's Disc		60.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		25.00				
Turning Point						
Twin Cities		150.00				
Twin Cities II		135.00				
Unity		160.00				
University	120.00	600.00			10.00	50.00
Urban						
V.I.P.		70.00				
Valley		35.00				
Varysburg		20.00				
Veterans						
Victory		70.00		30.00		30.00
Vision of Hope (women's)						
Wake Up Call		54.00				
We Admitted						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	150.00	10.00	50.00	20.00	100.00
We Choose Life						
Wehrle	10.00	20.00				
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY		40.00				
Williamsville	100.00	400.00				
Willing To Grow		450.00				
Wilson						
Wilson Smith University Alumni						
Women's Westside Disc.		100.00				
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown	20.00	20.00				
44 Grps contri	2377.55	19708.15	205.00	1137.50	240.00	1292.50
Total as of 5/25/97		19708.15		1137.50		1292.50

RE-CAP	3/25/97-4/25/97		
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4			
EXPENSES	CHECK#		
Balance pr checkbook 4/25/97			326.80
Add Receipts 4/25/97-5/25/97			205.00
			531.80
Deduct expenses 4/25/97-5/25/97			
Balance per checkbook 5/25/97			531.80
Operating credit for 5/25/97	205.00		
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5			
EXPENSES	CHECK#		
Balance per checkbook 4/25/97			288.46
Add receipts 4/25/97-6/25/97			240.00
			528.46
Deduct expenses 4/25/97-5/25/97			
Balance per checkbook 5/25/97			528.46
Operating credit for 5/25/97	240.00		

CENTRAL COMMITTEE #504-771-7		4/25/97-5/25/97	
RECEIPTS			
44 Groups contributed			2377.55
Joint Meeting expenses	15.23		27.27
New Frontiers subscriptions			42.00
Envelope System			976.00
Literature			2738.95
		Total Receipts	6161.77
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation	rent		598.00
Community Mental Health Center	rent		35.00
David F Williamson Co Inc			13.94
World Services Inc			30.00
Vermont Pure Spring Inc			14.50
Print Plus			2255.94
M & T Bank	Fed WithholdTax		627.28
Secrephone/Mediphone			231.56
NYNEX			194.64
World Services Inc			241.48
The Paper Shop			165.00
Salaries			1837.24
Cash			50.00
Bank Charges			91.80
	Disbursements		6386.38
Balance pr checkbook	4/25/97		5318.38
Add Receipts	4/25/97-5/25/97		6161.77
			11480.15
Deduct expenses	4/25/97-5/25/97		-6386.38
Balance per checkbook	5/25/97		5093.77
Operating debit for 5/25/97	(-224.61)		
MONEY MARKET	4731.76	11056.81	savings
CERT OF DEPOSIT	6325.05	5093.77	checking
	11056.81	16150.58	



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