

NEW FRONTIERS

MAY 2011

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

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

BUFFALO CENTRAL Gets It Done!

The May issue of the New Frontiers is devoted to Central Office for the happy reason that the office's birthday is May 1942. That makes your office 69 years old this year, which is a great tribute to the A.A. members of Buffalo/ Niagara Frontier who organized the office and who have kept it running all these years. Ideally, operating Central Office is one of the main ways that we all pursue our primary purpose in A.A. The office is a service center with the sole objective of helping groups reach out to suffering alcoholics.

How do we do that? The meeting directory lets people know where we are—and where they can come for help. The answering service does the same thing—anyone in the WNY area who wants to be freed from alcohol can call our office, to learn how he or she can find help through A.A. To make sure that groups have everything they need to carry A.A.'s message, the office stocks Conference-approved literature. To help one another stay sober, we maintain the 12-step list so that members have the opportunity to help themselves by helping others, we publish the New Frontiers so we can all share our

recoveries with one another, and we offer service opportunities to A.A. members throughout the area. Currently, the office gets about 5,000 calls a year. If, over the past 66 years, we have averaged, say, 3,000 calls a year, it would mean that your Central Office has responded to almost quarter a million inquiries about A.A. Of this quarter of a million, about 20 per cent are 12-step calls. Over 69 years, that would total almost 100,000 callers who have reached out—and found—the hand of A.A.

Unfortunately (Or who knows? Some of us would say we were very fortunate to have been alcoholics and found A.A.), alcoholism is a growth business. We can be pretty sure that there are at least another quarter of a million people out there who will need our help over the next 69 years. And with the constant help of the A.A. members of the Buffalo Niagara Frontier Area, we can also be pretty sure that our Central Office will be there to answer those calls, because: When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible



Even though we've been around for 69 years, an amazing number of people claim they know nothing about Central Office. Just for you, here is a Central Office clip-and-save Q&A that answers your most frequently asked questions about the office.

THE OFFICE

What does Central Office do?

Central Office (officially A.A. on the Niagara Frontier) is a one-stop service office that helps A.A. groups in Buffalo, WNY Area do the jobs that no one group can do alone. These jobs include publishing the meeting directory, operating the telephone service, distributing 12-step calls, maintaining the website, publishing the New Frontiers, and selling A.A. World Service publications to groups and individuals. Those are the office's main jobs—there are a lot of others.

Where is the office?

Our address is 681 Seneca Street, lower, Buffalo, NY 14210. Our phone number is 716-853-0388; Fax: 716-853-0389. Our website: www.buffaloaany.org and our e-mail is buffaloaa@hotmail.com.

When are you open?

The office is open 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., reopens 2:00 PM to 4:30 pm. every weekday.

Note: This is a one person office...so there's always a possibility that the executive secretary had to leave...feel free to call just to make sure :D

Who works at Central Office? Tradition Eight allows A.A. to employ special workers for our service centers. Central Office is a service center, so it has one-paid workers, Terry B., the Executive Secretary.

Volunteers from A.A. groups throughout the area are always welcome.

Who pays for the office?

We all do. Central Office is self-supporting through group and individual contributions, literature sales, New Frontier subscriptions, and a small income from special events.

How do I volunteer?

Just come by the office. Weekday daytime phone volunteers are always welcome. We need a lot of help around the 13th of every month as we have 800 copies of The New Frontiers that need to be folded and prepared for mailing.

Can I come visit?

Yes! Please do. Stop by any time during office hours just to look around, have a cup of coffee, and shoot the breeze. This is your office and you are welcome any time.

THE NEW FRONTIERS

Our newsletter, the ***New Frontiers***, is available to any A.A. member by subscription for \$10 per year. They are also supplied at The Central Committee meeting, the first Sunday of every month. There's a subscription form in each issue of the newsletter, or you can pick one up at the office.

My group wants to list its Anniversary's in the New Frontiers.

How do we do that?

You can send in your anniversary lists, obituaries, event listings, and miscellaneous items via e-mail, fax, regular mail, or in person. The important thing is the deadline. That deadline is no later than the 12th day of the month before you want the item published. If you want to get something in the November Messenger, get it to Terry by the 12th of October. For the December issue, turn in your news by the 12th of November, and so on. We welcome any group news, so send it on in!

My group wants to get a flyer in the New Frontiers. How do we do that?

You must supply the flyers, 450 for the group mailing only or 800 for all New Frontiers printed. There is also a \$25.00 mailing charge. We must receive it also by the 12th of the month prior also.

Can I write an article for the New Frontiers?

Yes, please do. Try to get longer articles in by the first of the month.

THE MEETING DIRECTORY

The Buffalo/Niagara Frontier meeting directory is available free on our website or in print format for 50 cents. Changes are listed in the next New Frontiers published after we get the change.

How often does the directory come out?

The printed directory comes out 2 times a year.

How do I get my group listed in the directory?

We have guidelines that must be filled out by new groups. After the paper work is received back, it is put in the bulletin section of the New Frontiers. 3 Months after they are received back they are voted on at Central Committee. After the vote they are placed in the next schedule. Changes have to be written and we have to have a contact person listed so we won't make mistakes. Come to the office and fill out a form telling us

the name of the group, the meeting place, the meeting times, the meeting types and whether or not your meeting is wheelchair accessible. The same information goes for changes in meeting times and places.

THE STORE

Intergroup policy is for the office to sell A.A. conference approved literature, Grapevine items, the 24 hr Book, Little Red Book and medallions & pins only. That means we do not sell gift items, like jewelry and t-shirts.

Do you have a price list?

Yes. You can get a copy at the office.

Do you take credit cards?

No. We take checks and cash only right now.

Can I charge?

Only groups can charge. All monies are due within 30 day's and there is a \$250 limit.

Can I use e-mail to order?

Yes. If you are ordering for a group, send your shopping list to buffaloaa@hotmail.com and your order will be charged to the group and be waiting for you to pick up. If you are ordering for yourself, let us know if you are going to pay by cash or check and include a phone number so we can make the invoice right.

Will you ship my order to me?

Yes. We charge 10% of the total purchase for shipping and handling, with a minimum of \$3.95. We ship via the U.S. post office.

If my group has a charge account, when are bills due?

Your bill is due within 30 days of the transaction. When the office re-orders stock, we have to include a check for the full amount with our order. We use the money you pay us to back that check. When you pay the office on time, we can order stock more frequently so we don't run out.

THE INTERGROUP

The A.A. on the Niagara Frontier Central Committee runs the office. It is composed of representatives from every group in our area that wants to send one and it meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month. A Steering Committee, composed of the Central Committee Chair, Co-chair, Financial Chair, Executive Secretary, and the 8 distinct representatives guides the Central Committee.

When does Central Committee meet?

I know we've already answered that, but everyone always forgets. Central Committee meets in the Central Office conference room at 7:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

How do I get to be in Central Committee?

Some groups have formal elections, but at most groups, all you need to do is volunteer at your business meeting and show up at the next Intergroup meeting. Serving on Intergroup is a great low-pressure way to get to know the ins and outs of being a trusted servant

CENTRAL OFFICE BEGINNINGS...

In trying to find out when the Buffalo Central Office first opened, We received this letter back from our inquiry with AA General Service Office. I found it not only informative, but a brief glimpse of our beginning's. I hope you may find this correspondence of interest.

September 26, 2007

Dear Terry:

Warm greetings from General Service Office Archives! It is a pleasure to be in contact with you.

Our earliest correspondence on file from the Buffalo Central Office is a May 10, 1945 letter from Eleanor S.

H. to Bobby B. (of the G.S.O.), which states that the office is close to being fully operational.

Hope you don't mind my being so familiar. I feel as though I knew you from hearing so much about you from the group. I just celebrated my first year of sobriety and what a grand and glorious feeling it is! Been with the Johnson Park group - Long may they wave!

We are opening a central office at the above address and yours truly was lucky enough to be made secretary. The central Committee feels one is needed to take care of the increasing paper work and calls of the groups, so we're starting in a small way at the Main Fillmore rooms. This typewriter is going to drive me nuts until I get onto it's whims but we are darn lucky to have it given to us. Got a second hand desk and chair and hope the phone will be in by Monday, as come hell or high water that is opening day. Believe it or not it's snowing today so anything is liable to happen. (Why does this thing keep bucking on the margin? Any suggestions most gratefully received)

So far we've heard of no casualties on V Day. No one seems to have had the urge to celebrate while the boys are still fighting in the Pacific. In that they certainly showed better taste than the non-alcoholics.

We're in need of some A.A. pamphlets. Could you send me a hundred of each?

We're all thrilled about the anniversary meeting in Cleveland. Imagine we'll have quite a few going over. I've wanted for so long to see Bill W. that I can't quite believe I'm really going to.

Hope the next letter I send you will look a lot better than this one. Shall practice madly. Sure am rusty.

Also hope that I will get to meet you one of these days, Bobby. You sure have a lot of sincere friends around here.

Eleanor S. H.'s May 19, 1945 follow-up letter to Bobby B. reveals that a new group has started in Buffalo.

Slowly but surely we're getting along. All the groups seem darn glad to have this office as a clearing house, as it is a much quicker means of handling calls and mail. We are setting up files so we will have information of all kinds; on all the groups. We've eliminated the P.O. Box and all correspondence for the groups can be sent here.

A new group started last Monday, meeting at the Sheraton Hotel, 715 Delaware Ave. at 8:30. This is to be known as the Sheraton Group and was started by Curly, Roc R., Mark H. It's a discussion group, based on the Cleveland idea and everyone seemed to like it a lot. Particularly the women.

Arnie and Ed B. want to be remembered. Ed is doing swell. It's almost a year for him.

If there is anything I haven't made clear, just let me know, and I'll be glad to straighten you out.

Eleanor S. H.'s May 25, 1945 letter to Bobbie B. provides some insight into the structure of the Buffalo Central Office.

Thanks a lot for your letter. And particularly for the suggestion on listing the Buffalo area. Everyone feels they would like the one listing. You see we have a Central Committee and each group sends two representatives. They serve for six months, and guide the affairs of the various groups, so that we all work together rather than as distinct separate units. This job I have is permanent and paid. I'm secretary of the Central Committee and of the office. We use Niagara Frontier Area as a heading because Tonawanda sends representatives (Though they will continue their separate listing) and in time we expect Niagara Falls, and other small towns in this area, to form groups and be represented by the Committee. So if you will, list us as Buffalo, Central Office, 2378 Fillmore at Main, Telephone Parkside 1321, Sec'y Eleanor S. H. We have 119 active members in Buffalo and Tonawanda has 31.

With time and experience maybe I'll be better at explaining things! Sure hope this gives you a clearer picture of our set up.

Eleanor S. H.'s July 30, 1945 letter to Bobbie B. discloses that preparations are under way for an Anniversary dinner.

Been busy as bees trying to get our Anniversary Dinner going. You know how those things are. Everyone full of vim and vigor at first and then a gradual slump and a good hot fire has to be built under a lot of them to get things rolling again. Must be the weather.

Can you give me Art B.'s address? And is it possible to get a copy of Bill's Cleveland talk?

Curly and Mark are back in Buffalo. Mark has a job here now so I guess they will be staying for good. Sure hope so.

Brady, after completing his year of sobriety, has decided he is not an alcoholic. Why, after his other experiment, I certainly can't figure out. Feel darn bad about it because he sure seemed to have his feet on solid ground during the year. He is avoiding us so haven't had a chance to talk to him. But I'll get him yet. Something is definitely screwy. But aren't we all!

Don't seem to be making much progress on getting away but haven't given up hope yet.

Eleanor S. H.'s October 9, 1945 letter to Bobbie B. provides details on the outcome of Buffalo's Anniversary dinner.

At long last - greetings and salutations again. The banquet was the big success you predicted and we're still thrilled about it. Had 390 guests, which amazed us. Paul S. was wonderful! Are we ever glad we asked him! He's the most charming person - as is H. They stayed here several days as he was on his vacation and we sure had fun. Ben and Wilma W. had a lovely open house for them on Saturday night so it was a gala weekend.

Am enclosing a check for the Foundation from the North Buffalo group. (It is to be known as the North Buffalo and not as Main Fillmore) Guess you have received the Johnson Park one as they sent it direct. South Park is to be known as South Buffalo from now on. They and Kenmore will handle their own contributions. Sheraton quietly folded and is no more.

Will you please send me five copies of any bulletins or announcements from your office? Then instead of copying I can just give one to each group.

Arnie has gone back to Cleveland and we miss him terribly. However, he was offered a grand job in Elyria, Ohio, so it's a good break for him and he sure deserves it.

I think it's a good idea for the Grapevine to be our National journal. Everyone here always seemed to consider it as such and it certainly is worthy of such recognition.

Eleanor S. H.'s November 16, 1945 letter to Bobbie B. states that the Buffalo Central Office has plans to open an Alano Club.

Just had a letter from Eugene Z. of Bentley Brook Farm, Winsted, Conn., saying he has a place for alcoholics that is sponsored by A.A. Wanted to check with you before I recommend the place to anyone. Is the New York office in on this or is it the local group?

We have rooms now at Main and Utica for an Alano Club and as soon as it is open for permanent use will send you the details. The boys have been working hard painting, decorating and acquiring furniture for it and looks as though it really will be something. There's nothing like a gang of AAs to get things whipped into shape in a hurry! And well whipped!

Would appreciate hearing from you on the Winsted business.

The Buffalo Central Office first appeared in the August, 1945 'List of A.A. Groups.' Eleanor S. H. was serving as Secretary at this time. The location of the Buffalo Central Office was 2387 Fillmore (Ave.) at Main St. The

Buffalo Central Office was comprised of five groups: Johnson Park Group, Sheraton Group, South Park Group, Kenmore Group and Main Fillmore Group.

I hope that the information supplied above is sufficient for your purpose.

Please keep in mind that the amount of available information about a group depends on the amount of information the group has sent the G.S.O. throughout the years. In addition, it is common for groups to organize meetings, prior to contacting the G.S.O.

Also, feel free to share with us any information you may have on the history of the Buffalo Central Office so that we can add it to our permanent area history files. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me by e-mail: carothersm@aa.org or by phone at 212-870-3400 ext. 4637.

We look forward to hearing from you if we can be of further service. In the meanwhile, the staff here at the Archives Department sends their warm regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely -Maureen Carother -Associate Archivist

JUST WANTED TO SHARE

Hi, my name is Debi, and I am an alcoholic. I wanted to share my latest miracle in sobriety. I am still alive today and am able to receive the blessings that God sends my way. And that is a miracle!

At the end of my drinking I was drinking around the clock. There was a bottle under my bed so I didn't have to go too far if I woke up (came to) and wanted (needed) another pull off the bottle. Mostly things like mixers, ice, and even glasses were too much trouble.

Personal hygiene was a thing of the past. I rarely showered or bathed as it required more effort than I could manage in my weakened/emaciated/undernourished state that I'd slipped into. Getting my next bottle was a task too. I would pull on sweats over my dirty, sweaty tee shirt & boxers that I had been in for days, put a hat over my skanky hair and off to the liquor store I would go. Often to wait for them to open at 9:00 am.

My sobriety date is 2/28/2000 and back then there were no liquor stores open on a Sunday. I was laying in bed detoxing and the voice in my head said:(God whispered in my ear) "If you keep this up you'll never be a grandmother!"

My son was a senior in high school and I didn't want to be a grandmother right away but I did want to be alive for the future possibility.

My son gave me a ride to ECMC that day and I did five days in detox. I got out on a Friday, went to my first meeting on the outside the next day and with the help of all those who kept the doors of AA open for me and a God in my life I have been sober ever since.

The Miracle? My son and his beautiful wife are having a baby in October!! I am alive today and with God's grace will still be alive in October to see the birth of my grandchild. Had I continued to drink as I was in February of 2000 I don't think I would have stood a chance!

So thank you, God & AA, for keeping the doors open and for teaching me a new way of life. My son thanks you too!

Debi C. – Orchard Park Step Group

IN MEMORIAM

Things We Can Not Change

Janet N-K; Past Delegate: 32 years

To all our members who have lost family & loved ones our prayers are with you.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Alexander

Matt S. 5y
Lee Ann B. 7y

Amherst Snyder

Tim D. 4y
Falena C. 5y
Ted M. 5y
Don L. 6y
William G. 6y
Kathleen K. 7y
Chris F. 9y
Joe S. 9y
Karen W. 11y
Mark C. 11y
Leroy J. 11y
Roger A. 12y
Michelle S. 12y
Jeannie F. 16y
Gretchen L. 20y
Mary Ellen M. 26y
Betty C. 30y

As Bill See's It

Terry B. 8y
Patti S. 20y
Bill H. 21y

Cold Springs

Lernez B. 14y

Courage

Mike K. 3y
John C. 13y

Eyeopener

Michael K. 2y
Jamie K. 2y
Jeff 2y
Mike K. 2y
Christne 2y
Tom 2y
Jodi 5y
Judy 5y
Ted 5y
Joanne 5y
Linda 6y
Mark C. 7y
Peter S. 8y
Mark H. 8y
Rich 8y
Frank C. 9y
Karen M. 9y
Christine S. 12y
Barry R. 14y
Mike T. 14y
Iron John 16y
Jim L. 28y
Jim C. 28y

Fireside

Mackenzie M. 6m
Ciny M. 3y
Nick R. 4y
Jack M. 12y
Jill J. 14y
Mark P. 26y

Fresh Start

Sandra B. 7y

Giving

Tom E. 11y

Golden Slipper

Anthony A. 2y
Bob K. 2y

H.A.N.D.

Jim C. 9m

Helping Hand

Terri P. 1y
Andy Z. 3y
Johnny J. 11y

Holland

Don S. 21y

How It Works

Chuck K. 6y
David Z. 6y
Dudley G. 6y
Mike H. 6y
Dan S. 7y
Mike H. 10y
Don McH. 29y
Dan G. 32y
Dave Pf. 31y

Ironhorse

Cheryl Z 5y
Peter K 5y
Mike M 6y
Bill R. 18y
Dave C. 19y

Kensington

Ron W. 34y

Lakeshore

Cheryl H. 2y
Milt B. 5y

Lighten Up

Dan P. 4y
Judi S. 6y
Jack M. 12y

Living Sober

Joe Z. 7y
Jim M. 7y
Lauel K. 15y
Barbara C. 32y

Lockport #1

Adam P. 2y
Tim G. 4y
Pete L. 5y

Lockport Ladies

Virginia 4y
Carrienne J 4y
Kathy K 17y

LoveJoy

Jim R. 9m
Mike A. 9m
Jim R. 21y

Main & High

Winston F. 19y

North Buffalo

Pam C. 5y
Thomas E. 5y
Elizabeth M. 5y
Dave R. 6y
Maureen M. 7y
Brenda S. 7y

Gary S. 8y
Liz S. 19y

Catherine P. 27y

Terry A. 28y
David P. 32y

Orchard Park Step

Karen G. 9m
Ben G. 2y

Rise & Shine

Pam A. 3y
Tom H. 3y
Cathy W. 5y
Lily M. 5y
Jack M. 12y
Bill P. 13y
Vicky W. 15y
Ivan O. 26y

Remember

When

Jerry G. 2y
Alicia W. 10y
Arthur E. 21y
Ivan O. 29y

Sheridan

Stephanie J. 2y

Sober Train

Nick M. 3y

Sobriety On

the Canal

Sandy Z. 6y
Gino N. 32y

Spiritual Progress

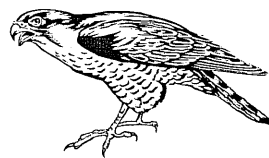
Mary Z. 9y

Sun. Morning Br.

Mike W. 3y

Surrender & Hope

Barb K. 9m
Sal A. 11y



Group Anniversaries

BOULEVARD HELPING HAND: 14y

CARRYING THE MESSAGE: 6y

COMMON BOND: 11y

FIRESIDE: 31y

HIGH VIEW: 25y

HOLIDAY VILLAGE: 18y

JUST FOR TODAY: 12y

LIBERTY WOMEN: 24y

LIVING SOBER: 43y

MIDNIGHT DISCUSSION: 11y

MORNING AFTER: 32y

REDEEMERS: 8y

REMEMBER WHEN: 48y

SEARCHING FOR SERENITY: 22y

SOBRIETY MEN'S DISC.: 35y

SOUTH BUFFALO: 66y

SPRINGVILLE WED. NOON: 15y

T.G.I.F.: 22y

THURSDAY NIGHT STEPPERS: 18y

T'nT: 4y

UNIVERSITY MEN'S DISC.: 42y

WE: 4y

WHY: 37y

Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the **12th** of the month previous



PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED:-)

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MEETING CHANGES

- **Holiday Village Group**; 12:30 PM in Hamburg, **will now meet Mon, Tue, Wed. & Friday** at
- **Sunrise Court meeting**, Sunday's, will start **an half hour earlier**. Now starts at 9:30 AM. City Court House, 50 Delaware Ave., Buffalo.
- **New Westside Group & Cornplanter's Group both are Moving** to "Friends of the Night People", 394 Hudson @ Wadsworth St's. 8 PM.
- **Willing to Grow Group** is **moving** to Grace Lutheran Church in Hamburg . We will be starting meetings there on April 22 at 7:00 PM. Friday's at 6:45 PM.
- **Friends of Bill W. Group now meets all 7 day's** at 6 PM. Grove Street Christian Church, 85 Grove St in Tonawanda.
- **Women in Recovery**, Please join us on Wednesday's @ 6pm 245 Elmwood Ave between Summer & North use back door entrance, child friendly environment, W/C ,NS. If you need addition information about our wheelchair accessibility please call Judy T at 994-3872
- **Rigorous Honesty** Women' s group, will continue to meet on Saturdays 1PM , 144 Mills St, We need your sober support.
- **Father Baker Group**, Friday's @ 8pm, Lackawanna ; **NO LONGER MEETS**.
- **Williamsville Group** on Tuesday's now **start at 8 PM**. Amherst Presbyterian Church, 151 Youngs Rd., Williamsville.
- **New Group; Albion; New Beginning**. Wed., 7 PM. First Baptist Church, corner of Liberty & Beaver Sts. 14477.
- The **Elmwood** group has **added** a 10 PM meeting on Fri, Sat & Sun., Sobriety Emporium Coffee House, 2590 Elmwood, Kenmore, 14217.
- **All Meetings that met at the Allsaints Episcopal Church**, 781 Maple in Amherst; **STILL MEET**. only the name of the building has changed to the Hope center.
- **Erie County Fair**: I am the GSA Pubic Information Chair. I will need 72 volunteers to work shifts for the Erie County Fair. The shifts will run from 10-2, 2-6 and 6-10. The dates will be August 10-21. Contact Dave G. : 866-6612. Thank you.
- **IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.**

COMING EVENTS

- ~ May 1, **Steering Committee**, SUNDAY 5 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca
- ~ May 1, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office(Hosted by 3 Legacies).
- ~ May 1, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca
- ~ May 7, **70th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, Saturday, 12 NOON Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street
- ~ May 7th, Blvd Helping Hands Group is celebrating it's 14th anniversary w/ our free brunch. Doors open at 9:00 AM- Speaker @ 10:00 AM. Area Archives will be present.
- ~ May 15, **WNY Area 50 Archives Breakfast," History Lights The Way"**, \$16. Days Inn at the Falls, 443 Main St. Niagara Falls, NY. For info contact; PAM90@aol.com

- ~ May 16, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office,681 Seneca Street. Please if you or your group are taking a meeting into a treatment facility , could you please send a rep to this meeting
- ~ May 16, **GSA, Area 50, District 11 Business Meeting**, Monday, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Niagara Branch Library, 280 Porter Ave, Buffalo. Contact Maureen M., 716-310-5885 for more info.
- ~ May 17, **Public Information Committee meeting**, Tuesday, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what we are not to do, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. Buffalo Central Office, 6 PM.
- ~ May 28, **Archives Committee Meeting**, SATURDAY, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office.
- ~ May 28, **Ironhorse Picnic**; 9am-?. Speaker is Wally K. @ 1 PM. Please bring a dish to share. Chestnut Ridge Park, McKinnon's Shelter.
- ~ Jun 12, **General Service Assembly**, 12 Noon., Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg.
- ~ **June 18, Chautauqua Big Book Experience: 8 AM-9 PM.** Speakers, 3 meals. Registration \$25. Flyer enclosed.
- ~ Oct 21-23, **70th. BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION:** Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst.

5th STEP: “Admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

5th TRADITION: “ Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

5th CONCEPT; throughout our structure, a traditional Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that the minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM...

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

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 3rd, 2011

Jake Three Legacies Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Tina Amherst Syder read the Preamble, Sheryl Lakeshore read the Purpose of Central Committee and Joe Three Legacies read the Twelve Traditions. It was moved by Rick Lockveiw and seconded by Vernon Solidarity to accept the February minutes as written by Annie from the WE group.

New groups were greeted and 28 groups were represented: Dist #1 Main & High Dist #2 Desperate, Freedom, Step Action, Three Legacies, Common Solution Dist #3 Abbott Men's Discussion Courage, Iron Horse, New Life, OLV Women's, Ridge, Thruway; Dist #4 Orchard Park Step; Dist #5 Lockport #1; Dist #6 Carry The Message, Derby, Lakeshore, Serenity On The Lake, Sobriety Men's Discussion; Dis#7 Central Park, Lovejoy, Solidarity, Thursday Night Steppers, Reflections Dist #8 Eye-opener, Women Making The Effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

•**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** No Report

•**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Jean Maire reported that all districts were present. There is still no one to represent district 5. There are no current recommendations for central office.

•**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Rick reported that we had revenue of \$10,238.10 and cash outflows of \$12,133.39. The difference of \$1895.29 was covered by operating cash which now stands at \$22176.38. Some bank fees were refunded to accounts for corrections and the convention for balance of less than \$2,000.00

•**TREATMENT:** Joe reported we are looking for groups to cover meetings including the 2nd Monday of the month at The Salvation Army at 8pm and the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Transitional Services at 5pm in May.

•**CORRECTIONS:**

Pete E. reported there was no correction committee meeting on 4/3/11. The committee needs members to volunteer for the committee and to take meetings into correctional facilities. We need volunteers for the Wende Correctional facility and Buffalo Work Release Program which meets at 8pm Tuesdays. The meeting for the Erie Correctional facility (Alden) are covered for the month of April. Thank you to the members that stepped up to cover that meeting. If you are interested in serving please contact Milt B. at 716-990-2717.

•**SCREENERS:** No Report

•**CENTRAL OFFICE:** AA Info: 126, 12-Step: 2 Alanon: 2 PIC: 1 Visitors: 124, Volunteers: 8.

•**NEW FRONTIERS:** No report

PIC: There is still no chairperson for this committee. Sheyrl Lakeshore announced that volunteers are needed for the table at the Erie County Fair this year August 10th-21st. Please call Dave G at 716-866-6612 if you are interested

•**CONVENTION:** No Report

•**GSA LIASON:** No Report

•**ARCHIVES:** Pat reported we had three displays Thruway Group anniversary, Lockport #1 Anniversary, and The 3rd Catarac Convention. Future displays are Blvd. Helping Hands and Main and High day of sharing. We would like to thank all the groups that have donated to us. It is a great help to keep and preserve our archives. We are having a breakfast on May 15th, 2011 at 10am at the Days Inn at The Falls 443 Main st. Niagra Falls, NY. We hope to see you there. Ticket cost is only \$16.00. On a sad note we had the passing of one of our members Janet N. on March 25th please keep her and her family in your prayers.

•**OLD BUSINESS:** District 5 is still looking for a steering committee representative. PIC is still looking for a chairperson.

•**NEW BUSINESS:** New group Albion New Beginning was voted on; Unanimous passed. New group Abbott Corners was voted on; Unanimous passed. District 8 is up for the co-chair position of the Buffalo Fall Convention. District 8 Steering Committee Rep. has stepped down we are currently looking for a new representative.

Jake Three Legacies Group Committee Chair thanked Sober Men's Discussion for this month's refreshments and May's to be provided by Three Legacies.

NEXT MEETING May 1st 2011

It was moved by Vernon Solidarity Group and seconded by Paula Reflections that we adjourn; adopted. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Annie C. Recording Secretary WE group.

Income Statement	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-10	YTD
Beg Bal Cash on hand	29,362.07	29,756.02	23,471.65	
Contributions				
Groups	4,977.64	2,939.50	4,939.99	12,857.13
Joint Meeting	51.00	47.00	38.50	136.50
Envelope System	1,395.00	155.00	463.00	2,013.00
New Frontiers Subs	10.00	60.00	20.00	90.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,131.95	3,063.95	4,305.35	10,501.25
Literature Sales Tax	230.85	209.69	289.01	729.55
Literature Postage		2.25	38.20	40.45
Sales+/-	17.18	(5.92)	(37.95)	
Archives Room Rent	150.00		150.00	300.00
Meetings at CO	14.50	21.00	7.00	42.50
Mail/Misc.		25.00	25.00	50.00
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)				-
Conventions/Day of Sharing				-
Monthly Income	9,978.12	6,517.47	10,238.10	26,733.69
Expenses				
Office Rent	907.44	907.44	907.44	2,722.32
Electric	90.00	90.00	90.00	270.00
Payroll Gross	1,926.60	2,569.00	3,853.50	8,349.10
Employment Taxes	176.44	235.26	352.89	764.59
Payroll Tax Deposits				
Federal	51.15			51.15
State	542.53			542.53
NYS Sales Tax			683.59	683.59
Insurance				
State Ins Fund(Travelers)			302.00	302.00
Health	522.93	522.93	2,032.63	3,078.49
Liability	1,227.18			1,227.18
Postage	618.14	479.44	494.64	1,592.22
Phone	167.22	173.03	267.03	607.28
Accounting				-
Paychex	67.70	67.70	101.55	236.95
Advt				
Talking Phone Book				
Super Media	159.85	160.85	160.85	481.55
website				-
white directory				-
Yellow Pages				-
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine	588.19			588.19
World Services Inc	1,847.60	2,844.35	1,811.80	6,503.75
Hazeldon		501.42		501.42
Printers		3,246.00		3,246.00
Medallions		205.34		205.34
PINS				-
Petty Cash				
Office Supplies	137.20	242.76	416.70	796.66
Answering service	164.00	169.32	171.77	505.09
Minolta leasing (copier)	161.00	161.00	161.00	483.00
Minolta Copies/ service contract	223.00	223.00	223.00	669.00
PIC				-
Bank Fee's	6.00	3.00	3.00	12.00
Prudent Reserve				-
Seed \$\$				-
Seminar				-
Depreciation	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Monthly Expenses	9,684.17	12,901.84	12,133.39	34,719.40
Monthly Income (Loss)	293.95	(6,384.37)	(1,895.29)	(\$7,985.71)
Depreciation add back(non-cash)	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
End Balance	29,756.02	23,471.65	21,676.36	
Petty Cash	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Total Balance	30,256.02	23,971.65	22,176.36	
PRUDENT RESERVE	28,041.29	28,047.57	28,054.87	+
Assets: Literature& Medallions	10,537.01	16,581.91	14,795.13	
Literature Receiveable:(outstanding)	2,732.05	1,134.87	1,802.26	
Corrections Facilites	1,456.53	1,638.44	1,343.70	
Contributions	413.45	356.00	417.00	1,186.45
Bank Fee's	15.99	12.99	(16.98)	12.00
Expenses	215.55	637.75	54.00	907.30
Balance	1,638.44	1,343.70	1,723.68	291.15
Treatment Facilities	2,758.77	3,166.22	3,526.22	
Contributions	413.45	363.00	137.00	913.45
Expenses			352.00	352.00
Bank Fee's	6.00	3.00	3.00	12.00
Balance	3,166.22	3,526.22	3,308.22	364.00
				561.45

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

RCPT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		MARCH	YEAR	MARCH	YEAR	MARCH	YEAR
	11:45		0.00		0.00		0.00
	12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
	12 Steps/12 Traditions	80.00	130.00		0.00		0.00
	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		0.00		2.00		0.00
	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Abbott Men's	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Acceptance/Welcoming		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Action		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Akron Awareness		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Amherst/ Snyder		125.00		0.00		0.00
	Amsdell Lakeshore		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Any Length		70.00		30.00		30.00
	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
	As Bill Sees It	40.00	40.00		60.00		60.00
	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Attraction		200.00		0.00		0.00
	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Back To Basics		61.00		0.00		0.00
	Beginners Group (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Big Book Lockport		0.00		0.00		0.00
	BB Spiritual Studies		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Big Book Study		80.00		0.00		0.00
	Blasdel		15.00		0.00		0.00
	Blasdel Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Boulevard Helping Hand		20.00		0.00		0.00
	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Brass		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Building Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
	By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Carry the Message		75.00		0.00		0.00
	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Cayuga Wake- Up Call	400.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
	Caz Manor	80.00	140.00		0.00		0.00
	Central City Café		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Cheektowaga	50.00	250.00		0.00		0.00
	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Common Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Constant Vigilance(Varysburg)		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Courage		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Daily Reflections		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Dawn of Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Derby		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Derby Lunch		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Early Bird South		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
	East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
	East Aurora		100.00		100.00		100.00
	Easy Does It	30.00	90.00	30.00	90.00	30.00	90.00
	Ellicottville		25.00		0.00		0.00
	Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Eyeopener		272.81		0.00		0.00
	Eyeopener South		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Father Baker	75.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Fireside PM		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Fireside	151.00	508.00		0.00		0.00
	First Things First	175.00	175.00		0.00		0.00
	Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Fredonia Discussion		33.00		0.00		0.00
	Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Fresh Start		45.00		0.00		0.00
	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

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RCPT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		MARCH	YEAR	MARCH	YEAR	MARCH	YEAR
2	Friends of Bill W.	25.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Frontier(New)	50.08	128.62		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville		55.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Gifted		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length	69.87	599.37		35.30		35.30
5	Golden Slipper	50.00	100.00		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
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Hand		40.00		0.00		10.00
2	Handicappers		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Happy Faces		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Helping Hand	50.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Higher Power	60.00	60.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		450.00		50.00		50.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		30.00		0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon	25.00	25.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	200.00	350.00		0.00		0.00
7	Humbolt		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		480.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	81.96	81.96		0.00		0.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Johnson Creek Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Journey		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		15.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		50.00		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	Lake Shore	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		75.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprise		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP	90.00	90.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		300.00		30.00		30.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview	240.00	240.00	80.00	80.00		0.00
6	Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		25.00		25.00		25.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		0.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
4	Main Street	300.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	50.00	152.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	40.00	130.00		0.00		0.00
5	McKinley Winners	40.00	90.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day	31.02	31.02		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Miracle Happen		50.00		0.00		0.00
7	Monday CO		10.00		0.00		0.00
5	Monday Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After	100.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
7	New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent	30.00	30.00		0.00		0.00
	New Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
	New Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life	30.00	30.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo	200.00	400.00	50.00	100.00		50.00
4	North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00

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