

**TRADITION ELEVEN**  
Bill Wilson  
Grapevine    October 1948

Providence has been looking after the public relations of AA. It can scarcely have been otherwise. Though we are more than a dozen years old, hardly a syllable of criticism or ridicule has ever been spoken of AA. Somehow we have been spared all the pains of medical or religious controversy and we have good friends both wet and dry, right and left. Like most societies, we are sometimes are scandalous-but never yet in public. From all over the world, naught comes but keen sympathy and downright admiration. Our friends of the press and radio have outdone themselves. Anyone can see that we are in a fair way to be spoiled. Our reputation is already so much better than actual character!

Surely these phenomenal blessings must have a deep purpose. Who doubts that this purpose wishes to let every alcoholic in the world know that AA is truly for him, can he only want his liberation enough. Hence, our messages through public channels have never been seriously discolored, nor has the searing breath of prejudice ever issued from anywhere.

Good public relations are AA lifelines reaching out the alcoholic who still does not know us. For years to come, our growth is sure to depend upon the strength and number of these lifelines. One serious public relations calamity could always turn thousands away from us to perish a matter of life and death indeed!

The future poses no greater problem or challenge to AAs than how best to preserve a friendly and vital relation to all the world about us. Success will rest heavily upon right principles, a wise vigilance and the deepest personal responsibility on the part of every one of us. Nothing less will do. Else our brother may again turn his face to the wall because we did not care enough.

So the Eleventh Tradition stands sentinel over the lifelines, announcing that there is no need for self-praise, that it is better to let our friends recommend us, and that our whole public relations policy, contrary to usual customs, should be based upon the principle of attraction rather than promotion. Shot-in-the-arm methods are not for us - no press agents, no promotional devices, no big names. The hazards are too great. Immediate results will always be illusive because easy shortcuts to notoriety can generate permanent and smothering liabilities.

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**WE WELCOME YOU....**  
The following are the Themes for the coming issues of newsletter.

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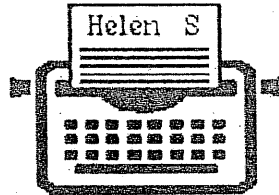
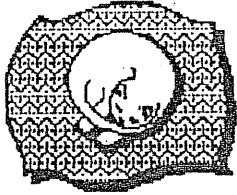
We hope that this will spur you to think out writing an article or some other demonstration of your thoughts on these Topics.

**THIS MONTH :**  
**THEME : SPIRITUAL**  
**AWARENESS**

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# Helen's Corner ...



When I first walked through the doors of AA just the mention of God would send the hairs on the back of my neck vibrating. I didn't want anything to do with anyone else's God. To my surprise AA did not demand I believe anything instead I was allowed to find a God of my own understanding. Today I realized that my relationship with the God of my own understanding is the most precious gift AA could have ever given me. AA allowed me to find a God I not only could live with but cherish with all my heart.

My journey of sobriety included developing a philosophy of living built upon the quote from the Big Book found on page 83 -

"The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it." Talking a program is useless unless you put it into action by living it moment by moment. This quote gave me a centering point for my spiritual development. I found if I viewed everything in my life as being spiritual it became easier to live one day at a time letting go and letting God. Spirituality, for me, gives everything a purpose with a meaning, connecting everything to everything else.

Having God in my life allows me to feel I am exactly where I am supposed to be for today, doing exactly what I am supposed to be doing, and if I make an error in judgment it isn't final but a learning experience.

In a pamphlet by Veronica Ray called "I Have Choices", she stated, "Life is full of decisions, choices, problems, errors, setbacks, and obstacles. We must find our happiness in life as it is. There will never be a more perfect time to be happy than now. There will never be a better place for happiness than here."

None of use will ever make perfect choices. But that doesn't mean we can't be happy. It means that happiness isn't perfection it's acceptance, contentment, enjoyment, peace and growth. Just as we must live our lives here and now, we choose happiness here and now...because that's the only place and time we'll ever find it.

Yours in the Spirit of AA  
Helen S.

## The Outstretched Hand

by Pat S., Toledo, Ohio  
Grapevine - October 1974

A few days ago, I was delivering some typing to the ward of the mental hospital where I work. As I went toward the nurses' station, I noticed a small, elderly lady seated in a geriatric chair (somewhat like high chair on wheels). She stretched out her hand, palm up, whenever anyone passed by.

The nurses and aides were all rushed; the doctor was with another patient; everyone seemed to be too busy to notice this small gesture. The lady had an orange on the tray in front of her, but she paid no attention to it. She just seemed to be waiting for something, or someone.

I delivered my work and was ready to go back to my office, but something made me stop and look at her. As I did, the hand was outstretched once more, without word or change of expression. Just the hand, palm up.

I could not pass her without taking her hand! I didn't know what to say, but I knew I had to take her hand in mine, so I did. She smiled and spoke of how cool my hand felt, and asked whether I would share her orange. I promised to come back if I could. I did, and spent a few moments with her.

I have not seen the lady since, but I pray for her - that wherever and whenever her hand is outstretched again, someone will feel, as I did, unable to pass it by.

I also say a prayer of thanks for this opportunity to "practice these principles" in all my affairs. May I never forget that moment.

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On Sunday, November 12, 1950, Bill went to Akron, Ohio to visit Dr. Bob for the last time. After a few hours, Bill said goodbye.

"I went down the steps and then turned to look back. Bob stood in the doorway, tall and upright as ever...This was my partner, the man with whom I never had a harsh word. The wonderful, old, broad smile was on his face as he said almost jokingly, 'Remember, Bill, let's not louse this thing up. Let's keep it simple!' I turned away unable to say a word. It was the last time I ever saw him."

Dr. Bob died at noon the following Thursday, November 15.

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More and more, therefore, are we emphasizing the principle of personal anonymity as it applies to our public relations. We ask of each other the highest of personal responsibility in this respect. As a movement we have been, before now, tempted to exploit the names of our well-known public characters. We have rationalized that other societies, even the best do the same. As individuals, we have sometime believed that the public use of our names could demonstrate our personal courage in the face of stigma, so lending power and conviction to news stories and magazine articles.

But these are not the allures they once were. Vividly, we are becoming aware that no member ought to describe himself in full view of the general public as an AA, even for the most worthy purpose, lest a perilous precedent be set which would tempt others to do likewise for purposes not so worthy.

We see that on breaking anonymity by press, radio, or pictures, any one of us could easily transfer the valuable name of AA over into any enterprise or into the midst of any controversy.

So it is becoming our code that there are things that no AA ever does lest he divert AA from its sole purpose and injure our public relations. And thereby the chance of those sick ones yet to come.

To the million alcoholics who have not yet heard our AA story, we should ever say, "Greetings and welcome. Be assured that we shall never weaken the lifelines which we float out to you. In our public relations, we shall, God willing, keep the faith".

GOD AS I DESIRE HIM  
Grapevine August 1977

Around the tables, strength of character and purpose, love of life, joy, and serenity are but a few of the benefits flowing from the AA program. Too often, however, the beneficiaries of AA begin to forget how and from where they gained such gifts. One AA meeting and soon many meetings are put aside for this study, that religion, and the other new mediation group. Before long, the inevitable drunk occurs.

When I was asked why I didn't hear so often from a certain friend, I explained that so-and-so had found religion and didn't need AA. Now, so-and-so has abandoned both AA and religion, to pursue a fantasy: "I really wasn't an alcoholic; so I can drink socially." Over and over, my life is filled with examples of where adherence or nonadherence to the AA program leads.

As AA has matured me, my concept of a Higher Power has grown and changed. It is a sweet-tasting experience to awake sober knowing that God has an immense storehouse of joy at my disposal, to be used this day to whatever degree I wish, so long as I don't take the first drink.

AA and my practice of its program have led me, not only to God as I understand Him, but also to God as I desire Him. The more I want my sobriety, the more of it I get, and the greater my sobriety, the more I desire to be closer to God. My relationship with God grows warmer and closer, because I want Him, and with this comes prosperity (not in the material sense only) beyond the wildest dream. Yet this desire is fed only by close attention to working the AA steps in all my affairs, for without AA I would have nothing.

## THOUGHTS ON SPIRITUAL AWARENESS

### FROM BIG BOOK

We have found that God does not make too hard terms with those who seek Him. To us, the realm of spirit is broad, roomy, all inclusive, never exclusive or forbidding to those who earnestly seek. It is open, we believe, to all men. -page 46.

We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. - page 85.

When we look back, we realize that the things which came to us when we put ourselves in God's hands were better than anything we could have planned. page 100.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### PLEASE NOTE:

TWIN CITIES - FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 8th will not meet at the N.Ton. Housing Authority Bldg. due to dinner dance - see Events.

HILL BILLY - FRIDAY - DECEMBER 6 will meet at 8 PM - this day only.

WHY - SUNDAY - 8:30 PM is now nonsmoking.

### MEETING CHANGES:

TUESDAY MEN'S DISC. - 10:30 AM now meets at the Windom Community Church, 3766 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, NY.

TFC-12 STEP CALL at Columbus Hospital Thursday at 7:00 PM and Friday at 8:00 PM have been cancelled.

### COMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 2 - SATURDAY - 1:00 PM - Christmas Vigil Planning Committee Meeting at ASEC, 210 Franklin St. A Call for talent to participate Christmas Eve and early Christmas Day. Open to individual and group participation. Groups wishing to occupy a time slot during the Vigil schedule, call Delphine at Central Office 853-0388.

NOVEMBER 2 - SATURDAY - JUST FOR TODAY - is celebrating their 1st Group Anniversary at 10:00 AM. Open meeting with guest speaker, George F. followed by a luncheon. Come help us celebrate and bring a dish if you wish!

NOVEMBER 8 - FRIDAY - TWIN CITIES - is having their annual dinner dance at Dom Polski Hall, 576 Oliver St., N.Tonawanda. Speaker - tickets \$6.00 - music by Asylum Productions. Time to be announced. There will be NO meeting at 33 Spruce, this evening only.

NOVEMBER 16 - SATURDAY - 4TH STEP WORKSHOP sponsored by the THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK STUDY group. Amity Club, 340 Military Rd. Registration: \$4.00 from 12noon to 1:00PM-Workshop:1:00PM-5:00PM. For more details see slinger.

NOVEMBER 21 - THURSDAY - BIG BOOK STUDY at the Amity Club, 340 Military Rd. at Hertel, is celebrating their First Anniversary with guest speakers at 7:30 PM spaghetti buffet will be served.

NOVEMBER 28 - THURSDAY - TURNING POINT - will be celebrating their 7th Anniversary with an open speaker meeting at 7:30 PM followed by refreshments. Please come and join us!

DECEMBER 31 - TUESDAY - THRUWAY GROUP will sponsor a New Year's Eve Party, Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. See group members for \$12.50 tickets - 250 limit - watch for further details!

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAYS - November 3 and December 1, 7:00 PM. at 80 Goodrich Street behind Buffalo General.

REMEMBER Everyone Welcome.



## Most Good Ideas Are Simple...

I have noticed AA's carrying the AA message of recovery into Treatment Centers, Correctional Facilities, etc., but we seem to have lost sight and contact with some still suffering alcoholics who are already members of our fellowship. I am referring to those who due to poor health, age or similar circumstances are unable to get out to local meetings - some are even in nursing homes.

With this in mind, I would like to seek out members who would like to join a "shut-in" type of step meeting and travel to these special members' homes for an AA meeting.

Anyone interested may contact me at 632-7198 from 7 - 9 PM. If you are not able to participate, I would welcome your suggestions and comments. Thank you. Mary Ellen S.

With the 1991 Buffalo Fall Convention just weeks away - we are not only dealing with the final preparations for this year's but anticipating 1992 and 1993! The Steering Committee met on Tuesday, October 1st with the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the '92 and '93 conventions to formulate ideas and suggestions. This being our first experience with the Convention Center we want to see how it fits our needs and, if we will again use their facilities. With this in mind we felt it productive to start canvassing the Buffalo downtown and surrounding area hotels/motels for prices and accommodations. The committee has really had "an awakening"!

Pat T., Chairperson for the '93 Buffalo Fall Convention has been in contact with hotel managers and her meeting with them has brought to light some disturbing reactions to accommodating Alcoholics Anonymous.

The results of her discussions are as follows: One hotel will not consider having the convention at there facility again. Another hesitated, but stated that they would only consider us, if we agree to a list of definite regulations.

Poor conduct, having to escort people out of the facility, damage to the facility, foods being brought in that were against hotel policy of only "fingerfoods" were some of the complaints given.

Most facilities requested that all in attendance be required to wear badges.

What the committee has found even more disturbing is the impression that we as members of A.A. are presenting to the public. We can say - "live and let live" and ignore what is being said - but it is the opinion of the Steering Committee that we must address this issue. *Our Step 10 suggests a daily inventory of ourselves - now we need to apply this to A.A. "as a whole" in Buffalo WNY area for conventions and meeting places.*

## Members Note

On Thursday, September 12, 1991, I arrived at the Erie County Home and Infirmary at 7:05 p.m. for the Never Too Late Group meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m. I put on the water for the instant coffee and tea, then I set up the tables for the meeting. Then I waited for some one to show for the meeting - No one came - so I had a meeting with myself and my Higher Power and read the Big Book. At 8:30 I cleaned-up and went home.

Many a time, I was told by one the resident gentlemen of the Home would tell me that I was crazy for being there in the hot weather or on a holiday. I told him I had to be there if someone needed my help the way AA people helped me when I first came into the fellowship.

I started to come here in the beginning of April, 1986 and received a lot of help and suggestions as on how to live a life without alcohol. I have had a few one-on-one meetings here that were great. You seem to open more that way, I have been able to take the good with the bad but I do wish that more people would show up at this meeting to help keep it going strong. I hate to see another meeting being taken off the schedule for lack of support. We are the hands of AA and we are responsible to show other alcoholics that are sick and suffering that there is a way.

Frank H.,  
Marilla Group

### LETTERS FROM BILL

#### Letter Written by Bill, 1955

"You are asking yourself, as all of us must: "Who am I?"... "Where am I?"... "Whence do I go?" The process of enlightenment is unusually slow. But, in the end, our seeking always brings a finding. These great mysteries are, after all, enshrined in complete simplicity. The willingness to grow is the essence of all spiritual development."

#### Letter Written by Bill, 1958

"Among AA's there is still a vast amount of mix-up respecting what is material and what is spiritual. I prefer to believe that it is all a matter of motive. If we use our worldly possessions too selfishly, then we are materialist. But if we share these possessions in helpfulness to others, then the material aids the spiritual.

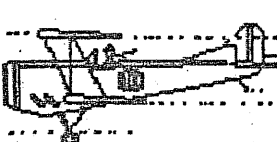
## Members Note

Before we came to AA Christmas time was for all the parties. Gifts from the company, friends. Now that we are not drinking today in early sobriety. What great tiding of joys can we find. A friend of mine before a Sunday night meeting gave me a great suggestion...why not attend the AA Christmas Vigil. He told that young and old people of all color and lifestyles would meet together to share plus passing 'it' on; and that could help me live one day at a time without picking up that first drink and I would not be around people who don't understand alcoholism. He told me I could celebrate the Christmas season by helping out - by setting up places for the lonely and those people still trying to get a hold on the AA program. He asked me to go to my home group and request donations for coffee and food for the Vigil. That evening in December I met a person from out of town by himself miles from any family or old friends. We greeted each other Happy Holiday and living sober.

He was friendly but you could tell he felt alone. I said lets have a cup of coffee and talk. I think we needed each other this night. After the meal and the AA program his face had a smile and with a grin said..."this is one of my best Christmases and it came when I was sober." I agreed with him but the spiritual awakening can come one more time. Just being with my new found friend, we are still in contact with each other. I just got a letter form him and his question is Buffalo still going to have a Christmas Vigil? Because to him it was a day of Good Tiding and has helped him one day at a time. If you want tidings of great joy joy attend the Christmas Vigil (for yourself) and don't forget to have your home group donate a little money to defray expenses.

Yours for a Festive  
and Sober Season,  
Tom M.,  
Morning After Group





# Movin' On In Sobriety

<u>JWAY</u>		<u>KENMORE</u>		<u>AMHERST</u>		<u>SENECA 12 &amp; 12</u>		<u>IRON HORSE</u>	
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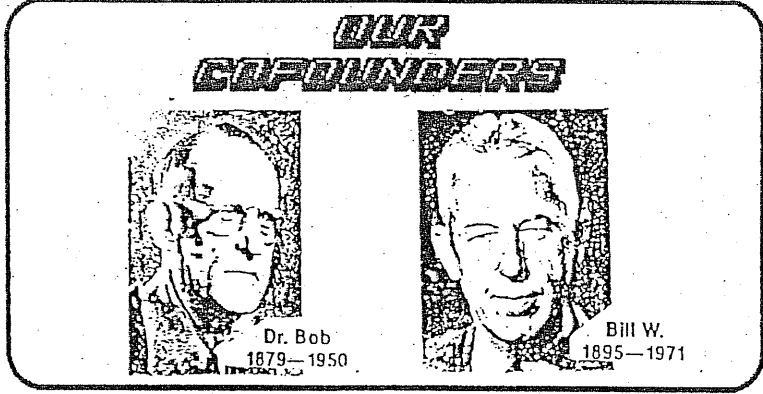
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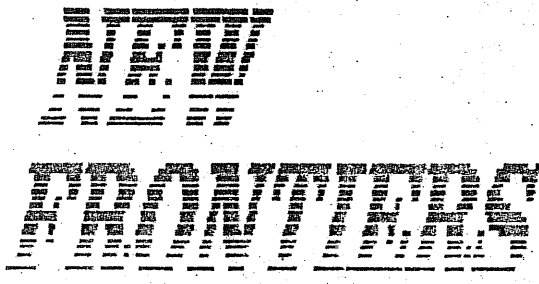
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**REMEMBER: WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.**

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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE GSA MEETINGS.**



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**NEXT MONTH'S THEME : SERVICE**

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NOVEMBER 1, 1991

**PLEASE NOTE:**

TWIN CITIES - FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 8th will not meet at the N. Ton. Housing Authority Bldg. due to dinner dance - see Events.

HILL BILLY - FRIDAY - DECEMBER 6 will meet at 8 PM - this day only.

WHY - SUNDAY - 8:30 PM is now non-smoking.

**MEETING CHANGES:**

TUESDAY MEN'S DISC. - 10:30 AM now meets at the Windom Community Church, 3766 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, NY.

TFC-12 STEP CALL at Columbus Hospital Thursday at 7:00 PM and Friday at 8:00 PM have been cancelled.

**COMING EVENTS:**

NOVEMBER 2 - SATURDAY - 1:00 PM - Christmas Vigil Planning Committee Meeting at ASEC, 210 Franklin St. A Call for talent to participate Christmas Eve and early Christmas Day. Open to individual and group participation. Groups wishing to occupy a time slot during the Vigil schedule, call Delphine at Central Office 853-0388.

NOVEMBER 2 - SATURDAY - JUST FOR TODAY - is celebrating their 1st Group Anniversary at 10:00 AM. Open meeting with guest speaker, George F. followed by a luncheon. Come help us celebrate and bring a dish if you wish!

NOVEMBER 3 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 8 - FRIDAY - TWIN CITIES - is having their annual dinner dance at Dom Polski Hall, 576 Oliver St., N. Tonawanda. Speaker - tickets \$6.00 - music by Asylum Productions. Time to be announced. There will be NO meeting at 33 Spruce, this evening only.

NOVEMBER 16 - SATURDAY - 4TH STEP WORKSHOP sponsored by the THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK STUDY group. Amity Club, 340 Military Rd. Registration: \$4.00 from 12noon to 1:00PM-Workshop:1:00PM-5:00PM. For more details see slinger.

NOVEMBER 21 - THURSDAY - BIG BOOK STUDY at the Amity Club, 340 Military Rd. at Hertel, is celebrating their First Anniversary with guest speakers at 7:30 PM spaghetti buffet will be served.

NOVEMBER 28 - THURSDAY - TURNING POINT - will be celebrating their 7th Anniversary with an open speaker meeting at 7:30 PM followed by refreshments. Please come and join us!

DECEMBER 1 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 Goodrich - 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 31 - TUESDAY - THRUWAY GROUP will sponsor a New Year's Eve Party, Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. See group members for \$12.50 tickets - 250 limit - watch for further details!

11th MONTH - 11th STEP " Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. "

11th MONTH - 11th TRADITION " Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. "

Delphine A.  
Executive Secretary

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM!

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Purpose of Central Committee, and the Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by Gene L. and seconded by Marcia W. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

41 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED:

DISTRICT #1 Bidwell - Delaware Disc. - Fresh Start - Happy Hour - Live & Let Live - New Zion - Open Mind - Rush Hall - Sharing & Caring - Sunday Niters - Sunrise Court - Womens Westside Disc DISTRICT #2 Early Bird - Kenmore - Why DISTRICT #3 Cazenovia - Ellicott - Father Baker - Iron Horse - Lovejoy - Rainbow - Security - Seneca 12 & 12 - South Buffalo - South Gate - Tues. Women's Disc. - Urban DISTRICT #4 Keep it Simple, Sister DISTRICT #5 Twin Cities - We Admitted DISTRICT #6 North Java DISTRICT #7 Central Park - Faith and Actions - Harmony - Honesty - Kensington Disc DISTRICT #8 Common Problem - Inspiration - Matt Talbot - New Life - Williamsville.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Burr E.

	1990	1991	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
OCTOBER	\$ 730.00	\$ 780.00	(\$+50.00)	( +6.84%)
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 6053.87	\$5,960.61	(\$-93.26)	( -1.54%)

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES 10/29/91 - Delphine H.

Bill M. opened the meeting at 6:10pm. Minutes of last month approved. Others present were Delphine H., Kevin C., Jerome D., Larry B., Cindi C., and Bryan McK. Old Business: The up and coming nominations were noted and discussed. Fall Convention - all business concerning the event was tabled until the full report of this year's Convention is given. Christmas Vigil: It is suggested that Central Committee consider renaming the event to "Open House" as it originated. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Larry B. (See Attached)

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Dave D.

1. Brylin (Alden) facility has been closed due to economic conditions. Clients moved to Delaware Ave. facility. 2. Our Committee will recommend to the Steering Committee Dave D. as our new Chairman and Shawn C. as our Co-Chairman. Both have participated actively for the last two years in running meetings and being involved in the group conscience meetings held by the committee. 3. Our committee will be sending out notices in the November mailing asking for volunteers who will do 12 Step work and also be willing to take people coming out of Treatment Facilities to meetings. We hope this effort will build-up our current 12 Step list and add to it some new people who will be willing to help those looking for help. 4. We discussed at our last meeting the importance of cleaning up our language when speaking at a Treatment Facility. AA is judged by how you say and do. 5. We reviewed a letter we received from the TGIF Group on how they are handling the problem of too many TF buses coming on the same night. Our committee got them the names of people involved at the facilities, the group had group conscience meetings and finally decided how they will handle these groups and reported this to the facility. It was all handled in a manner that avoided any animosity among those involved. We compliment the TGIF Group in how they handled this problem.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Toni H.

We have received a request for a second meeting at Albion Correctional Facility. The appropriate person will be contacted to determine if this is possible. No correspondence received this month.

SCREENERS REPORT: Norma F.

480 calls in/32 calls out - complete up-dated screeners and 12 step list mailed. Requests for: meetings, times and places; rides; just to talk; convention information.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H.

A. A. INFORMATION	948		
PIC	4	12 STEP	35
CPC	0	LITERATURE REQUESTS	71
AL-ANON	47	REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES	29
ALATEEN	5	REFERRAL FROM OTHER AGENCIES	18
ACOA	19	CENTRAL OFFICE	
METROCOMM SERVICE GROUP		OUTGOING CALLS	196
INCOMING CALLS	480	OUTGOING MAIL	\$310.77
OUTGOING CALLS	32	VISITORS	248

NEW FRONTIERS: Larry B. - all is well.

BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Margaret H. and Ralph K.

Margaret H. - The Convention was a success. Just wish to thank everyone for your support. Also, special thanks to our hard-working Committee who made it all possible. Ralph K., Registration Chairman - 735 dinners; 1161 registrations - total 1896.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL: Bob J.

Approval received for use of Our Lady of Lourdes Church - Christmas Eve 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM Christmas Day. Restrictions and guidelines 1) committee to have a security guard. Donations needed to be sent to Central Office c/o Christmas Vigil. Groups needed to assume responsibility for specific time slots especially 1-2 AM; 2-3 AM; 3-4 AM; 4-5 AM; 5-6 AM - contact C.O. and leave name and phone number. Next Vigil organizational meeting scheduled for Sat., Nov. 16 - 1 PM, 210 Franklin St. (Franklin & Huron)

COURTESY REPORTS

G.S.A. - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: No report.

P.I.C. - PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Marcia W.

Coming up: 11/5 Community Psych Class UB Amherst Campus-3 speakers-racks & questions 12:30-1:50pm-125 people. Completed: 10/16 UB Amh.Campus Resident Hall 9pm-2 speakers plus rack-7 persons; 10/21 Erie Co Public Library-Red Ribbon Day-10:30am-3:30pm-1 person and rack; 10/24 Medaille College-9:30am-10:50am-2 persons-rack-questions-25 people; 10/24 Cattaragus Indian Reservation-3-9pm-Health Fair-1person(added Al-Anon lit.); 10/29 St. Mary's School (Swormsville) 12:30-1:30pm-2 people-talk, questions & rack-7th & 8th graders-30 students.

C.P.C. - COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Bernie A.

One call in October at Spaulding Fiber. Informational Workshop August 7-9, 1992 at Daeman College - Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Correctional Institutions, Treatment Facilities and Grapevine - Registration only \$10 - Rooms: single \$90 - 2 nites/5 meals; double \$80 - 2 nites/5 meals.

RE-CAP

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations: Steering Committee - District I - Sandy K.-Happy Hour - nominated by Liz G., seconded by Bernie A. Nominations for 1992 Central Committee Chairman - Jack C., New Zion, nominated by Larry B., New Zion, seconded by Bernie A., Rush Hall. Co-Chairman; Ralph P., Cold Springs, nominated by Elizabeth G., seconded by Rick, Irving. Recording Secy.- self nominated - Jim W., Twin Cities, Kim seconded. Motion to close nominations by Al C., New Life - Pat M., Rainbow, seconded. Patrick Hayes resigned as Recording Secretary as of 11/3/91.

Meeting ended at 7:55pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Recording Secretary

	This Month	Accum. Totals
Abbott Men's Disc		20.00
Achievement		25.00
Action		125.00
Amherst Snyder		150.00
Broadway Bailey		20.00
Chapter IX	10.00	140.00
Chevy #1		25.00
Common Problem		25.00
Cornplanters Again		15.00
Delaware Discussion		20.00
Eternal Vigilance		60.00
Father Baker		50.00
Fireside		25.00
Happy Hour		45.00
Hill Billy		45.00
Honest Desire	5.00	15.00
Honesty	10.00	110.00
Kenmore	25.00	150.00
Lake Shore	20.00	150.00
Live & Let Live		50.00
Living Sober		50.00
New Zion		75.00
North Buffalo	10.00	110.00
Orchard Park Step		10.00
Rainbow		60.00
Remember When		25.00
Rush Manor		60.00
Seneca 12 & 12		10.00
Sheridan	10.00	110.00
Sobriety Men's Disc.	7.50	57.50
South Buffalo		10.00
Spirit of Hope		25.00
Sunday Niters	15.00	90.00
Sunrise Court	60.00	170.00
Thruway		20.00
Twin Cities		30.00
We Care	10.00	90.00
WHY		100.00
Williamsville	-20.00	40.00
Reimbursement-Wende		100.00
	202.50	2507.50
Expenses	Check #	Amount
Central Office - Collins - Spanish literature	1027	110.75
Central Office - Attica - Fran A.	1028	53.50
Central Office - Attica - literature	1029	440.00
RECAP	Total expenses	604.25
Balance Per Checkbook 10/25/91	242.57	
Add Receipts 10/25/91 - 11/25/91	202.50	445.07
Deduct Expenses 10/25/91 - 11/25/91		604.25
Balance Per Checkbook 11/25/91		(159.18)
Operating (debit) 11/25/91	(401.75)	

	This Month	Accum Totals
Abbott Men's Disc.		46.00
Achievement		20.00
Action		125.00
Arnherst Snyder		100.00
Beginnings	25.00	50.00
Broadway Bailey		20.00
Came to Believe		20.00
Chapter IX		130.00
Chevy #1		25.00
Common Problem		50.00
Cornplanters Again		15.00
Delaware Discussion		20.00
East Aurora	10.00	110.00
Eternal Vigilance		60.00
Fireside	25.00	175.00
Freedom		50.00
Happy Hour		45.00
High View		10.50
Hill Billy		45.00
Honest Desire	5.00	15.00
Honesty	7.00	49.00
H.O.W.	10.00	30.00
Kenmore	25.00	150.00
Lake Shore	10.00	190.00
Lakeview		200.00
Live & Let Live		50.00
Living Sober		15.00
New Zion		75.00
North Buffalo	10.00	110.00
Orchard Park Step		10.00
Rainbow		87.00
Remember When		25.00
Rush Manor		70.00
Sobriety Men's Disc.	7.50	7.50
South Buffalo		10.00
Spirit of Hope		25.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast		20.00
Sunday Niters		50.00
Sunrise Court	60.00	170.00
TGIF		50.00
Thruway		20.00
Twin Cities		30.00
University Men's	25.00	275.00
We Care	20.00	180.00
WHY		150.00
Williamsville	20.00	40.00
Anonymous		40.00
	259.50	3260.00

RECAP	410.27	669.77	12.30	657.47
Balance per Checkbook 10/25/91	410.27			
Add Receipt 10/25/91 - 11/25/91	259.50			
Deduct Expenses 10/25/91 - 11/25/91				
Balance per Checkbook 11/25/91				247.20
Operating credit 11/25/91				

Expenses	Check #	Am't
Richard M. - TFC-VA - Coffee supplies	191	12.30

GROUP			Chapter IX	10.00	140.00	Giving		
1st Things 1st	25.00	25.00	Cheektowaga			Golden Slipper		
6th Step			Chevy #1		400.00	Good Life		
A Day At A Time		156.00	Clarence Men Disc II	270.00	270.00	Grand		
A Helping Hand	30.00	180.00	Clarence Men Disc		350.00	Grand II Joy Of Living	60.00	240.00
Abbott Mens at VA			Cold Springs		75.00	Grateful		
Abbott Mens Disc		60.00	Common Hour			H.A.N.D.	60.00	340.00
Acceptance	100.00	430.00	Common Problem		50.00	Half & Half		
Achievement		480.00	Community Center		100.00	Hamburg		
Action		150.00	Cornplanters Again		370.00	Handicappers		50.00
Active Achievement			Courage		360.00	Happy Hour		110.00
Age Doesn't Matter			Delaware Disc		356.55	Harmony	10.00	104.00
Albion		30.00	Derby	25.00	195.00	High Noon		
Alexander		50.00	Desire	75.00	150.00	High View		42.00
All Women			DeVeaux Disc		25.00	Hill Billy		255.00
Amherst Tree of Life		170.00	Downtown Disc			Honesty	30.00	330.00
Amherst Snyder		500.00	Downtown Men's		50.00	Humbly Willing		
Amsdell Lakeshore			Dunkirk		40.00	Ignatia		
Any Age			Early Beginnings			Inner City		180.00
Arcade			Early Bird			Inspiration		25.00
As Bill Sees It		10.00	Early Start			Iron Horse		20.00
Attitude Adjustment			Easier Softer Way			It		10.00
Attraction		480.00	Easy Does It			It's About Time		10.00
Awakening			East Amherst		60.00	Just for Today		
Back To Reality			East Aurora	40.00	440.00	1st Step		
Beginner's Table			Eden-North Collins		150.00	Keep It Simple, Sister		110.00
Beginning in Sobriety I			Ellicott		175.00	Keep on Comin'	20.00	40.00
Beginning in Sobriety II			Ellicottville			Kenmore	25.00	150.00
Beginnings	50.00	75.00	Emergency			Kensington		135.00
Bidwell		240.00	Eternal Vigilance		250.00	Ladies Night		
Bidwell Monday Disc			Everybody's		100.00	Lakeshore	20.00	145.00
Big Book-Lockport		48.20	Eye Opener	300.00	760.00	Lakeview		
Big Book Study		30.00	Faith and Actions			Lazy Bee Ranch		
Blasdell			Father Baker		350.00	Let Go & Let God		100.00
Blasdell Monday Nite		100.00	Feelings		100.00	Lewport		
Blissfully Sober			Fireside	270.00	2400.00	Liberty Women's		299.00
Boulevard Women,		120.00	Fireside P.M.	50.00	125.00	Life Today		171.75
Brass	20.00	120.00	Ford			Lighten Up		225.00
Broadway-Bailey		115.00	Fredonia Bkft. Meeting			Live and Let Live		199.00
Brocton Discussion		50.00	Fredonia Discussion		120.00	Living Sober	70.00	420.00
By the Book			Freedom	25.00	275.00	Lock City	78.00	169.00
Came To Believe	20.00	116.25	Fresh Start			Lockport #1	25.00	525.00
Campus - Buff State			Friday Nite Disc.			Lockport Disc		50.00
Casting			Friendly	78.00	128.00	Lockport Ladies		100.00
Cathedral Park		327.00	Friendship Fireside			Lockview	100.00	200.00
Caz Manor			Frontier		25.00	Lovejoy		
Cazenovia	100.00	100.00	Gah Nee Goin Geh			Lower River		72.00
Central Park			Gardenville			Marilla		50.00

Hatt Talbot	25.00	300.00	Salamanca			Thursday Afternoon Disc	75.00	275.00
Mc Kinley Winners			Salamanca Freedom			Thursday Nonsmokers		
Medina New Life			Sally			Today		
Mercy		60.00	Salvation Army			Tri-County		25.00
Mid-day			Saratoga			Tuesday Men's Disc		134.50
Midnite			Saturday Earlybird			Tuesday Women's Disc.		10.00
Miracle			Saturday Night Disc		150.00	Turning Point		25.00
MOD			Saturday Night Alive			Twin Cities	50.00	325.00
Morning After	5.00	5.00	Saturday Nite Live	40.00	40.00	United Brotherhood		
Never Too Late			Searching for Serenity			Unity	60.00	349.00
New Awakening			Second Chance			University Mens	160.00	1760.00
New Beginnings			Security		10.00	University 12 & 12		
New Frontier			Seneca 12 & 12		20.00	Urban	30.00	210.00
New Frontier Womens			Serendipity			V.I.P.		
New Life	10.00	100.00	Serenity	60.00	390.00	V.I.P. Sunday		
New Westside			Sheridan	30.00	330.00	Valley		
New Zion	50.00	400.00	Silver Creek	100.00	150.00	Veterans		
Niagara Frontier Men's			Sober Trail			Victory		
Nite People			Sober Winners		25.00	We Admitted	5.00	15.00
North Buffalo	100.00	1100.00	Sobriety Men's Disc		50.00	We Are Not Saints		
North Java		50.00	Somerset			We Care	30.00	270.00
One Day at a Time			South Buffalo		60.00	We Choose Life	75.00	87.00
Open Arms			South Town		10.00	We Have a Dream	5.00	10.00
Open Mind		90.00	Southgate		31.20	We Need You		
Opportunity			Southwestern		164.00	Wednesday Lunch		
Orchard Park Step		30.00	Spirit of H.O.P.E.		50.00	Welcome		267.00
Pass It On			Spiritually Willing			Welcome Home		
Patchin			Springville		60.00	West Seneca Sat. Nite	25.00	95.00
Peaceful			Springville-no smoki	10.00	40.00	Westfield		
Pendleton-Chapter V			St. Barnabas		120.00	Westminster		
Perry			St. Mark's		60.00	WHY		340.00
Positively Living			St. Thomas Group			Williamsville	70.00	240.00
Positively Living II		83.85	Step		30.00	Willing To Grow	25.00	75.00
Primary Purpose			Stepping Stones			Wilson		
Progress		200.00	Suburban		100.00	Women's Westside Disc.		
Purpose			Sunday Morning Bkft.		100.00	Working		
R.I.P.			Sunday Nilers	20.00	220.00	You'll Never Walk Alone	50.00	50.00
Rainbow		150.00	Sunday Third			Young, Sober & Free		
Ray of Hope		300.00	Sunrise Court	60.00	220.00	Youngstown		
Remember When		100.00	SUNY-Amherst Campus		60.00	Sharing & Caring	5.00	30.00
Renaissance I		150.00	Survivors			H.O.W.	10.00	30.00
Renaissance II			Swinging Door			Honest Desire	10.00	30.00
Renewal	150.00	200.00	Thru-way			But for the Grace of God	3.00	3.00
Restored to Sanity			TGIF		100.00			
Rush Hall		200.00	Thankful		185.00	58 Groups contributed		3334.00
Rush Hour			The Road To Recovery			Last month accum.contr.		28353.37
Rush Manor		150.00	The Way			Accumulated total		31687.37
S.S. Sobriety		89.07	Thru-way		3050.00	NOVEMBER 1991		



Central Committee Acct-Financial Statement #50d-771-7 November 25, 1991-December 25, 1991			
58 Groups Contributed			3334.00
Joint Meeting (expenses \$10.55)			23.37
New Frontiers Subscription			72.00
Envelope System			257.58
Literature			5403.22
Miscellaneous:	Christmas Vigil	270.00	
	Lovejoy Vigil	25.00	
	Postage	25.00	
	Slingers	34.00	
	Service charge-bank adj.	36.01	390.01
	Total receipts		9480.18
DISBURSEMENTS			
	*10 Ellicott Square Court Corp.-rent		542.00
	Community Mental Health Center-CC mtg		35.00
	Buffalo News - monthly		294.00
	Happy Spring Water - monthly		18.45
	A.A. World Services - books		4049.80
	Office Warehouse - paper		217.10
	A.A. World Services - books		75.70
	M & T Bank - Federal Withholding Tax		625.04
	Delphine A. Hoy - Health Insurance		815.63
	Copies, Inc. - overage		137.17
	Lockport Memorial-subscription reimbursement		7.00
	NY Telephone - monthly		139.10
	Metrocomm - monthly answering service		185.97
	Salaries - Central Office		2172.86
	Petty Cash		50.00
	Bank charges		25.36
	Total disbursements		9390.18
Balance Per Checkbook 10/25/91		8300.88	
Add Receipts 10/25/91 - 11/25/91		9480.18	17781.06
Deduct Expenses 10/25/91 - 11/25/91			9390.18
Balance per checkbook 11/25/91			8390.88
Operating credit for 11/25/91		90.00	
	M & T Time Deposit	9267.35	
	M&T Money Market	12580.86	
	M&T Checking Accounts	8390.88	
	Total Monetary Assets	30239.09	
	Projected Prudent Reserve	36000.00	
	Reserve (debit)	(5760.91)	