

# NEW FRONTIERS

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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.

## ONE DAY AT A TIME

I'm not perfect – never will be – but I try to learn from my mistakes. That is okay as long as I don't forget to pray. You can love me anyway, God does.

When I first came around AA, me and God didn't get along very well. My **GOD** was a **Group Of Drunks**; but today we have a close relationship. When I wake up in the morning, I try to remember to say, "God, help me be all that I can for you today." Before I go to sleep I try to remember to say, "Thank you God for this day. I did some things right, some things wrong. I am truly sorry for the things I did wrong, but good, bad, or indifferent, I don't need it anymore, you can have it back." Tomorrow is a new day. One Day At A Time.

The unique thing about love is it is the only thing that never dies. AA is full of it and I love you all. The unique thing about that is there is nothing you can do about it, you can't stop me from doing it.

Webster's Dictionary states that an angel is a *messenger of God; a very kind, loving person; a helping or guiding spirit.* That being the case, AA is full of angels. With the help of the Twelve Steps, God, and his angels in AA, I can't lose. As long as I don't forget who I am, what I am, and what I have to do about it, I will stay sober *One Day At A Time.*

Smitty – WinnebagoLand Compass WI

## Freedom to Choose

"Looking back, we see that our freedom to choose badly, was not after all, a very real freedom.

When we chose because we 'must,' this was not a free choice either.

But it got us started in the right direction.

When we chose because we 'ought to,' we were really doing better. This time we were earning some freedom, making ourselves ready for more.

But when, now and then, we could gladly make right choices without rebellion, hold-out, or conflict, then we had our first view of what perfect freedom under God's will could be like."

Bill W. – Grapevine 5/1960

**Step Eleven:** Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, *as we understood him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

"Man is supposed to think, and act. He wasn't made in God's image to be an automaton.

"My own formula along this line runs as follows: First, think through every situation pro and con, praying meanwhile that I will not be influenced by ego considerations. Affirm that I would like to do God's will.

"Then, having turned the problem over in this fashion and getting no conclusive or compelling answer, I wait for further guidance, which may come into the mind directly or through other people or through circumstances.

"If I feel I can't wait, and still get no definite indication, I repeat the first measure several times, try to pick out the best course, and then proceed to act. I know if I am wrong, the heavens won't fall. A lesson will be learned, in any case."

As Bill Sees It pg 55  
Bill W. - Letter 1950

Excerpts from the 12 & 12 pgs 96-105

Prayer and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

We liked AA all right, and were quick to say it had done miracles. But we recoiled from meditation and prayer as obstinately as the scientist who refused to perform a certain experiment lest it prove his pet theory wrong. ... It has been well said that "almost the only scoffers at prayer are those who never tried it enough."

As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul. We all need the light of God's reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace. To an amazing extent the facts of AA life confirms this ageless truth.

*"Lord, make me a channel of thy peace - that where there is hatred, I may bring love - that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness - that where there is discord, I may bring harmony - that where there is error, I may bring truth - that where there is doubt, I may bring hope - that where there are shadows, I may bring light - that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted - to understand, rather than to be understood - to love, than be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. Amen."*

**"Thy will, not mine, be done."**

**Tradition Eleven:** Our public relation policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and film.

Excerpts from the 12 & 12

Much of the political, economic, and religious life of the world is dependant upon publicized leadership. People who symbolize causes and ideas fill a deep human need. We of A. A. do not question that. But we do have to soberly face the fact that being in the public eye is hazardous, especially to us. ... we knew we had to exercise self-restraint.

The way this restraint paid off was startling. It resulted in more favorable publicity for Alcoholics Anonymous than could have been obtained through all the arts and abilities of AA's best press agents. Obviously, AA had to be publicized somehow, so we resorted to the idea that it would be far better to let our friends do this for us.

In the beginning, the press could not understand our refusal of all personal publicity. They were genuinely baffled by our insistence upon anonymity. Then they got the point. Here was something rare in the world – a society which said it wished to publicize its principles and its work, but not it's individual members. The press was delighted by this attitude.

AA's Tradition Eleven represents far more than a sound public relations policy. It is more than a denial of self-seeking. This tradition is a constant and practical reminder that personal ambition has no place in AA. In it, each member becomes an active guardian of our Fellowship.

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## Faith

The dictionary lists many meanings for the word Faith. Some of them being; 'belief not substantiated by proof; loyalty, confidence or trust in a person or thing; belief in God; and spiritual acceptance of truth or realities not certified by reason.'

Faith is very powerful word, and these are all good definitions, yet, being in recovery, the last one is the one I can relate to the most. I know that my recovery (my growth) lives or dies on my ability to have faith.

Faith does not come from the mind, it is not something you think, or reason – "...not certified by reason." This is a good thing for me because my mind would not allow me any faith. My mind is that of an alcoholic & addict, full of faulty data and misconceptions. That is why I am in recovery. I need faith because of the lies my mind tells me. Faith does not come from my emotions, again a good thing for me because I have no idea how to deal with my emotions. Those same emotions I have denied and hid from behind drugs, alcohol, relationships, and of course denial.

"Spiritual acceptance of truth or realities ..." this then is where my faith resides, in my soul, in my innermost being, in the part of me that is closest to the truth – closest to God. Now I am not talking about my faith in God – which I absolutely have. I trust and love God very much. When I am close to God I have serenity, love and compassion. – Amen.

Unfortunately I must let my corrupt mind, a mind that is not yet healthy, run things from time to time. You know like when I have to cross a street or tie my shoes or any one of a million things I have to do to live. To live is to think. This is where the kind of faith I am talking about comes in. Faith that the pain and suffering will go away, faith that my life will absolutely get better if I do not use drugs or alcohol, faith that it is better to do for others than for myself. At times like these, when my mind is controlling my actions, I need to keep faith that I'm doing the right thing.

The faith it takes for me to heal, recover and grow comes from all those around me who care enough to tell me over and over - I am loved, that I can make it, and will as long as I have a desire to succeed, work for it and keep the faith. People just like me who know the pain and got past it, who love life, as I will again. In this I have faith!

Because of my alcoholic mind I must be reminded over and over of these things. That is why I go to meetings everyday. Why I talk to my sponsor everyday, pray everyday and why I listen and believe. I have faith that if I work the program of recovery, like those before me, I will become healthy - have peace of mind and that I will live a beautiful life.

All of these people that care what happens to me, I believe, are agents of truth, agents of a loving, forgiving and caring God.

Keep the Faith!

Daniel T. ~ Valley Group

**Maturity** is the ability to control anger and settle differences without violence and destruction.

**Maturity** is patience. It is the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of long term gain.

**Maturity** is perseverance, the ability to sweat out a project or a situation in spite of heavy opposition and discouraging setbacks.

**Maturity** is the capacity to face unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort and defeat, without complaint or collapse.

**Maturity** is humility. It is being big enough to say, "I was wrong." And when your right you need not say, "I told you so."

**Maturity** is the ability to make a decision and follow through. The Immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities and doing nothing.

**Maturity** means dependability, keeping ones word and coming through in a crisis. The Immature are masters of alibi. They are conflicted and disorganized. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, former friends, unfinished business and good intentions that never materialize.

AND ~ based on the serenity prayer, **MATURITY** is the art of living in peace with what we cannot change, the courage to change what we know can be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Submitted by Bill R. ~ Gardenville Group

## AA Love

AA love is friendship that goes to any length. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good times as well as bad. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weakness.

AA love is content with the present. It hopes for the future, and doesn't brood over the past. It's the day in and day out chronicles of minor irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories and common goals.

If you have this kind of love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else you have, it's not enough.

Anonymous

## *Rotation ~ A Catalyst for Personal Growth*

I will never forget my first experience with rotation. It was my first adventure as a group secretary, and I believed that I had piloted my little women's group with perfection for six months. "They have never had it so good!" I thought. But they did not seem to think so. They kept asking when we were going to hold elections for a new secretary. After all, my six-month term was almost up, and I had not once mentioned holding elections. Secretly, I was hoping they would tell me that, since I had done such a great job, they wanted me to continue. Certainly they could see that no one could possibly improve upon what I had been doing. I even fantasized how they would implore me to continue and then give me a standing ovation. It didn't happen. They elected someone new, and I went home to hemorrhage all over my bedroom floor. But I learned, and I have grown through many more rotations. Rotation is one of the most beautiful spiritual principles that we adhere to in Alcoholics Anonymous.

We trusted servants will rotate from the jobs we are currently doing, and more of God's kids will come in to take our places. One door closes and another one always opens if we are spiritually on track, keeping our recovery programs strong and practicing the principles of love and service in all our affairs. Rotation allows us to grow in God's grace as we move on to other opportunities and as we permit others to share the joys of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. It prevents us from becoming the experts that we once thought we were and from being so entrenched in a job that we get stale and unenthusiastic. Problems based on personalities are prevented; no power or prestige gets built up; no individual gets taken advantage of or imposed upon; and the

great blessings of giving service are shared by more and more members.

Stepping out of an AA service position you love very much can be a real step forward in growth – a step into the humility which is the spiritual essence of anonymity. Spiritual anonymity in AA means that we forgo personal prestige for any AA work that we do in order to help other alcoholics. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no AA "status" at stake, we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed; and we do not have to compete for any title or praise. AA jobs are not arranged upward like rungs on a ladder; they are all on the same level, the base of which is service to others – the foundation stone of our recovery through God's Grace.

Service is to be shared willingly and gladly with others, but some people do need help in learning to really step down. We remember that these people are often great servants; and whatever they did, they did out of love and devotion to the Fellowship. We should not forget our gratitude to them but should pry them loose gently if we can. And if we cannot, we pry them loose anyway! This is a service that we owe to Alcoholics Anonymous. Each year, I believe more absolutely in the spirit of democratic idealism, which shines, throughout our Fellowship, and I realize that an important way to sustain this shining spirit is to pass on the torch of service to other hands.

Rotation is the catalyst for personal growth, a chance to learn again to surrender, with grace, to the wishes of our Fellowship. It symbolizes our Twelfth Tradition's reminder to always place principles before personalities, thus ensuring that the circles of love and service in Alcoholics Anonymous are ever widening.

*Diane O. ~ The Messenger - Nashville, TN*

Lay down the "weapons" of self and pick up the "tools" of AA.

## RULE 62

Sorry! I don't have any this month. If you have some please submit them to Central Office, the address is the same as for subscriptions and the E-Mail address is below. Thanks  
~ Editor

## *Heard at a meeting:*

- Pain is inevitable but suffering is optional.
- To get some acceptance you have to be willing as only the dying can be.
- When do you have a problem with alcohol? When you stop bragging and start lying about how much you drank last night.

## Sayings from around the fellowship

Submitted by John H. ~ Sunday Morning Breakfast

"AA is not where you wind up, it's where you start over."

"The Program is a marriage of hope and action, and it has to be both."

"Every AA Meeting is a payment on your sobriety."

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less often."

### IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

Ed L. ~ Lakeshore Group ~ 10 years

Kevin M. ~ Fr. Baker Group ~ 13 years

Marge M. ~ 24 years

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

Let's remember them and all the others who passed on in our prayers

## Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

Please submit your articles to Central Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> for next months issue.

E-Mail address: [buffalooa@hotmail.com](mailto:buffalooa@hotmail.com)

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# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**ACCEPTANCE**

LINDA V. 4Y  
 FRANK K. 4Y  
 MIKE C. 4Y  
 PAT H. 11Y  
 GREG P. 22Y

**Amherst/Snyder**

Steven R. 3m  
 Joe S. 6m  
 Keith R. 6m  
 Donald S. 9m  
 Tim G. 9m  
 David M. 1y  
 Johnny P. 1y  
 Joe F. 1y  
 Anne 1y  
 Linda F. 1y  
 Julia V. 2y  
 Scott P. 2y  
 Ed S. 3y  
 Bob V. 3y  
 Larry B. 3y  
 Mike S. 4y  
 Mark L. 4y  
 Mark S. 5y  
 Mark W. 6y  
 Toni K. 7y  
 Lester S. 7y  
 Rick G. 12y  
 David W. 13y  
 Pat K. 19y  
 Sister Mark 21y  
 Jane A. 22y  
 Buz R. 46y

**Basic**

Ruth Z. 25y

**Courage Group**

Larry J. 6m  
 Gene W. 6m  
 Patti K. 19y  
 Marie T. 24y

**FATHER BAKER**

JENNIFER D. 1Y  
 RAY B. 13Y

**Fireside**

Andres A. 9m  
 Sharon P. 3y  
 Richard D. 12y

**Lakeshore**

Marc L. 1Y  
 Ron B. 1Y  
 Mitchell A. 4Y  
 Wendy P. 4Y  
 Mike M. 4Y  
 Julie B. 6Y  
 Brian C. 12Y  
 Gary S. 21y  
 Bob H. 21Y

**LoveJoy**

Kevin S. 6m  
 Mary H. 6m  
 David 1y

**North Buffalo**

Kathleen McC 3m  
 Joe O'G. 3m  
 Mary Z. 6m  
 James M. 2y  
 Michael W. 3y  
 Ken I. 4y  
 Jay H. 9y  
 Gerry H. 15y  
 Bill G. 23y

**Main & High**

John J. 9y

**Renewal**

Kirt R. 21y

**Spirit of Hope**

Edwin C 11y  
 Jim R. 12y  
 Charles L. 13y

**Rise & Shine**

Rene' O. 3m  
 Bianca 3m  
 Greg H. 3m  
 Susan D. 6m  
 Denise F. 6m  
 James D. 9m  
 Linda K. 9m  
 Renea P 9m  
 Fred H. 9m  
 Dave K. 1y  
 Debra K. 1y  
 Leon W. 3y  
 James J. 5y  
 Robert F. 5y  
 Willie B. 6y

Ben W. 6y  
 Greg W. 8y  
 Michael R. 8y  
 Darlene T. 8y  
 Linda S. 10y  
 Greg J. 10y  
 Linda H. 19y

**Thruway**

David D. 6m  
 Bob M. 6m  
 Darryl D. 9m  
 Brenda B. 9m  
 Lisa B. 1y  
 Lisa B. 1y  
 Tom H. 1y  
 Rich M. 10y  
 Suzanne M. 12y  
 Jim K. 13y  
 Jane B. 14y

**Sun. Morning Br.**

Pat T. 2y  
 Rich M. 10y  
 Jan C. 11y

**Victory**

JeanMarie 3m  
 Ed C. 5y

**Welcome**

Daniel K. 9m  
 Gayla 5y  
 Tim D. 6y  
 Eleanor 9y  
 James H. 13y  
 Jim G. 15y  
 Annie O. 15y  
 Jack C. 17y



*Group Anniversaries*

- 4th Step Stumbers
- Amherst Snyder
- Any Lengths
- Blasdel
- Easy Does It
- Eternal Vigilance
- Happy Hour
- JC Big Book
- Keep it Simple Sister
- Live & Let Live
- Lockveiw
- Lower River
- McKinley Winners
- Miracle
- Chapter V
- Positively Living II
- Stepping Stones
- Sunday Morning Breakfast
- Sunday Niters
- T.P.H.
- Today
- Turning Point
- Twin Cities
- Women's Westside

*No F. Policy:  
 Anniversaries must  
 be submitted by  
 the 15th  
 of the  
 month previous.*





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## NOVEMBER 2002

### PLEASE NOTE

- **MOBILE MEETING- ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HOMEBOUND OR CONFINED IN A NURSING HOME AND UNABLE TO GET TO A MEETING? IF SO, AND YOU WANT A MEETING BROUGHT TO YOU, CALL CENTRAL OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, SOMEONE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.**
- **Screeners Committee: Attention screeners and 12 step list members. If your phone number or Any of your information has changed, please contact the central Office so that we can keep the information current. Thank you very much. Dave B. (Screeners Chairperson)**
- **The DAILY REFLECTIONS is NOW AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT for \$6.75. Currently in stock at the Central Office.**
- **If your meeting does not meet because of a holiday, could you please notify Central Office so we do not send people there? Thank you.**

### MEETING CHANGES:

**BUFFALO STATE MEETING** is now in Room B-108, Tues. & Thurs. 12:30 pm

**FIRESIDE;** Has moved. Still ECC North Campus @ Kittenger Hall, Room 137-138. Off Young's Rd. Saturday and Sunday's at 10:30 AM.

**TRY AGAIN,** will move Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to St. John's Lutheran Church at 3512 Clinton at Union. Sunday's at 7:30 PM. Open Discussion.

### NEW MEETINGS:

**PHOENIX GROUP;** Thursday's at 12 Noon, Open Discussion, William Seneca Building, Route 438, Irving, Basement Cafeteria. Non-Smoking.

**SATURDAY NIGHT IN RECOVERY;** Buffalo East, 7:30 PM, Corner of Filmore & A Street. Open Meeting

### NEEDS SUPPORT:

**I Don't Know Group,** North Buffalo; Monday's at 7:00 Pm, St. Francis Church, 175 East Street and Amherst.

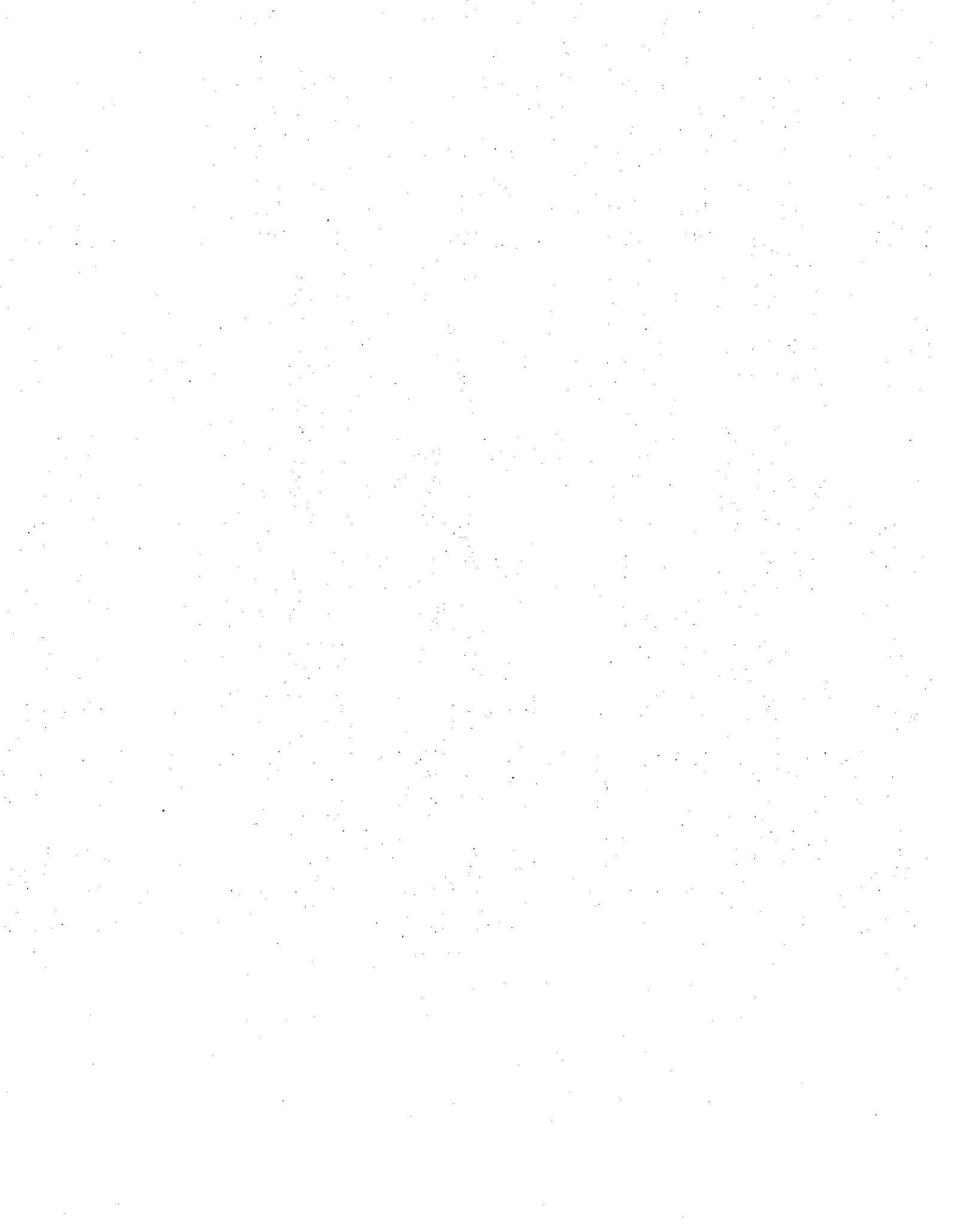
**Thankful Group,** Friday at 2:00 pm at the New Senior Center. 101 King Street, East Aurora.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

~Nov. 6, **International AA women's Conference** Planning Meeting, 6 PM @ the Ridge Group, 682 Ridge Rd in Lackawanna.

~ Nov. 3, **Central Committee Meeting,** 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Living Sober).

~ Nov. 3, **Corrections Committee Meeting,** 6:00 PM, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish.



- ~ Nov. 9, **BUFFALO GROUP, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Timers Panel**; Saturday, 6 PM. Eating Meeting (bring a dish if you wish). Old Timers panel at 8 PM. Ask-It Basket format. 241 Genesee St. Over 100 yrs. of combined sobriety on panel.
- ~Nov. 10, **CPC Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59<sup>th</sup> St., Niagara Falls.
- ~ Nov. 21, **New Frontiers Committee**, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.
- ~ Nov. 10, WNY General Service Assembly Meeting. 1:00PM. Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg.
- ~Nov.15, **Public Information Committee** will meet at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am.
- ~ Nov. 23, **Archives Committee Meeting**, 9 am, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. Archives are still available for group functions or Anniversaries; call Dick K. 668-8358, with 30 days notice.

## **COMING EVENTS**

- ~ November 8,9 &10, **BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION**: Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst. Registration: \$18, Registration & Banquet: \$43. Flyers are out, for more information call, Registration Chair: John C. (716) 884-0962 or Convention Chair: (716) 894-1199
- ~ Nov. 16, **13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 4<sup>th</sup> STEP WORKSHOP**; sponsored by: Living in the Solution Group. Where: The Amity Club, 340 Military Road, Buffalo. \$5.00, Donation to cover the food. Flyers available at the office.

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**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."**

**11<sup>th</sup> CONCEPT; The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM**

*... Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...*

*Terry Bateman*

*Executive Secretary*



**BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2002 MEETING**

Our Chairman Scott T., with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer, opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Scott read the Preamble. Bob read the Purpose of Central Committee, and Frank read the Traditions. John M. motioned that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, Lee seconded the motion.

**50 GROUPS ATTENDED:** Dist. #1: Cornplanters Again, Easier Softer Way, Main and High, Sunday Nitters, Sunrise Court, Those Too. Dist. #2: Chapter IX, Early Bird, Living Sober, North Buffalo, Three Legacies Men's Discussion, and Welcome. Dist. #3: Abbots Men's Discussion, Blasdell Monday Nite, Cazenovia, Courage, Father Baker, Gardenville, Iron Horse, Rainbow Group, Ridge, South Town, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Try Again, Victory. Dist. #4: Action Group, Holland, Keep It Simple Sister, Patchin, Serenity on the Lake, St. Marks. Dist. #5: Grand group, Niagara Frontier Men's Discussion, Lockport #1, and Wilson. Dist. #6: None. Dist. #7: Buffalo Group, Beginning in Sobriety 11, Community Center, Ellicott, Harmony, Higher Powered, Inner City, Let Go and Let God, Powerless, Remember When, Spirit of Hope. Dist. #8: Amherst Snyder, A Strong Desire, and Renewal. Dist. #9: Springville Tuesday Night & Dist. # 10: None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** Karen S. reported that the contribution for October \$478.00 giving a YTD total of (\$6360 .00) and she asks that we continue to encourage our Groups to contribute to this fund in order to give support to Central Committee.

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Derek gave us this report: Agenda items included #1. Possibility of moving Central Office: This was a general discussion with no motions. #2. Re-Districting. If we move the 4 groups from district 2 into district 7, we will have two reps from within one district (current district 2 rep. is a member of one of those 4 groups. Motion accepted to recommend to Central Committee to leave The Three Legacies Group, north Buffalo, Easy Does It and University Men's Group in their existing Districts. #3. Central Office/Inter group Seminar receipts total \$191.83. Reviewed and recommend that Central Committee accept the receipt total.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Joanne Mc. delivered the report. You will notice that there were some more expenses this month for such things as literature. This month there was a deficit. Since it is getting toward the end of the year, may we suggest that if groups have some money left they contribute it to the Central Office?

**TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE:** Winston F. gave this report. All meetings are covered with the exception of ECME Sunday 3:45 PM. New Business covered CPC Chair person and Winston met with two Doctors at ECMC this past week to discuss the possibility of AA members making twelve step calls with traumatized patients with alcohol problems. This effort could possibly start around Spring 2003. Also Winston reported that he would be meeting with the rehab Director at Tri-County Hospital next week. They'll like to Register the Friday evening AA meeting with TFC, and possibly other AA meetings there because of some existing problems. Last Friday was supposed to be the last meeting open to the public.

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Bob gave the report for this committee. Buffalo Work release has one meeting a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. If we can get the coverage we can add more meetings. Our first meeting was 10/22/02. Gowanda needs coverage on Friday nights. Wende can still use help Friday and Saturdays. Collins still has an opening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Corrections, Bridging the Gap needs volunteers in the City of Buffalo area and Niagara Falls area. Anyone interested in volunteering call Bob Gaffney @ 656-0784.

**SCREENERS COMMITTEE:** Dave B. stated no report

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** See Attached

**NEW FRONTIER:** Debbie reported that we need more articles.

**61<sup>st</sup> BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION 2002:** Chairperson Pat M. gave this report. The Convention is next weekend. The Banquet is sold out. We would like to thank you for helping to sell it out. We are still excepting coffee donations right to the convention over at the Marriott. (Sic)

**ARCHIVES:** Frank stated: Our regular meeting was held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The last display was at the Ridge Group Anniversary on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are preparing to display at the Fall Convention and that they are making plans to display at the Spring Convention.

**CPC COMMITTEE:** No Report

**IC COMMITTEE:** Adolph I. reported: Guy H. spoke on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Amherst Central High School; A committee member distributed literature at the West Side Community Center's Beggar's Night, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we received this request from Buffalo Mental health Services. He also stated that he did not get a speaker to Wilson Central School, (though he did have a speaker lined up). The assignment information was misplaced and found too late to comply. He is in contact with the Wilson rep. to arrange an alternate date. He



also met with one of the Committee members on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to divide up and coordinate PIC work for Radio, Television and Newspaper public service announcements.

**COURTESY REPORTS:** Joanne Mc. announced that General Service would meet next week, 1PM in Hamburg Town Hall; all are welcome to come out.

**RECAP:**

**TREATMENT:** Winston reported that there were 6 contacts for Bridging the Gap last month and that ECMC has a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday meeting that could use coverage.

**CONVENTION 2002:** John stated that coffee donations could be sent to PO Box 692, West Seneca NY, 14224. Make checks payable to Buffalo Fall Convention Coffee Fund.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Regarding the moving of Central Office; The Motion was restated to read: Motion to continue to pursue the possibilities of moving the Central Office. John motioned that the roll be called. Debbie asked for point of clarification on moving out of the Ellicott Sq. Bldg. Vote was taken and passed with 39 – yes; 9 – no; 2- no ans.; 1 abstention to continue the search.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominations to fill seats that will be vacated for 2003: Recording Secretary, Charmaine D. stood for this post. John C. stood for CoChair, Peter L. for District 5 Representative; Mark S. stood for District 4. He will finish Gary's term and then be elected. All of the nominations should be taken back to your Home Groups for discussion on which ones concern you and the vote will be taken in December at the regular Central Committee meeting.

7th Tradition was accepted. Motion to close at 7:50PM.





## NOVEMBER OFFICE REPORT 2002

With some events that happened over the past month, I want to remind those that have been around awhile, and explain to anyone that is new some of our procedures. All complaints about anything going on inside alcoholics anonymous in our area goes to our steering committee. I do not personally police any group or groups and I can only pass on to the body, information that is provided to me by the groups. Each group is autonomous.

To those that question what I do with my time, " why all the fuss over volunteers", I have detailed this past month.

All total I had 311 calls; 283 AA Information, 14 Alanon, 11-12 step calls, 3 PIC calls. I mailed 66 schedules and handed out 29. We had 38 visitors and NO volunteers. I filled 63 literature orders. I ordered literature and stocked the shelves. On the 15<sup>th</sup> I took inventory of the stock in the office.

I keep records of the type of each call that comes in. I keep daily records of all money that come in. I pay our bills, make bank deposits and meet with our accountant and send out thank you notices. Also do all computer data entry.

I printed, cut, folded and stapled meeting corrections into about 700 schedules.

### Mailings:

- I create the monthly bulletin; 2 sided – 800 copies
- Created 12- Step Volunteer Form; printed 450
- Ad-hock Committee Report on Re-Districting; 4 pages, 2-2 sided, 2-1 sided; printed 350 each page and stapled.
- Ad-hock Committee Report on Moving Central Office: 9 pages, printed and stapled.
- Prepared envelopes for group mailing (about 350). Consists of printing the labels, attaching the labels, stamp return address on envelopes, stuff with bulletin, financial reports, minutes from Central Committee, Ad-hock Reports, 12- Step Form & flyers. Seal envelopes; attach postage to envelopes & mail.
- Financial Reports; insert information accumulated over the month into forms and create report. 2-pages, 2- sided. I assembled and stapled 800 copies.
- Minutes; I made 350 copies, 1 page, 2 sided.
- New Frontiers: 2 pages, 2- sided, print 500 copies. Fold all 1000 pages, assemble 500 copies, and insert bulletins, financial reports & flyers. Print Labels, attach to envelopes, stuff envelopes seal, & attach postage. About 200 mailed, the remainder is stacked for Central Committee.
- Make corrections as reported to the Screeners list and 12-Step List print and make copies for mailing. Print labels for Screeners. Prepare envelopes, stuff with 12-step list and monthly bulletin. Seal, attach postage and mail.
- Steering Committee: prepare agenda & print. Assemble with everything that has gone to groups, print labels, attach to envelopes, and return address postage seal and mail.
- Any literature orders are mailed the same day the order comes in, as well as all schedule requests.
- I am friendly and have conversation with everyone that comes to the office.
- On my own time I have shopped for office supplies, attended Steering Committee, Attended Central Committee, Attended General Service Meeting.

## NOVEMBER OFFICE REPORT 2002

As to an individual's insistence, that I re-answer questions I answered last month, I have been told by the Steering Committee that I do not have to re-answer questions.

From the procedures for the Intergroup/Central Office seminar it states: the purpose of the Seminar is to foster, through the exchange of ideas and experiences, greater unity among A.A. members, groups, areas, regions, and service boards; and to provide opportunity for Representatives to discuss the relevant A.A. and office operations issues.

- To this purpose a couple of the idea's that I heard there we are trying. One is every group that has donated money since the last meeting has received a thank you note in return.
- The other is on the financial reports, in front of your group if you attended Central Committee last month and signed in, there is a smiley face in front of your group name.

Both idea's are to personally acknowledge and encourage what groups are doing, rather than complain about what they are not.

Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit  
Terry Bateman

## **Ad-Hoc committee report for redistricting plan:**

On Oct 6, 2002, the Ad-Hoc committee on re-districting the Buffalo central region presented our suggested new re-districting layout to the central committee. The new plan would reduce the number of districts to eight from the existing ten. The guidelines we used consisted of incorporating outlying districts with sparse meeting presence, into larger more active districts, while leaving the centrally located, more populated districts largely untouched. The only major change proposed is in the southtowns where we suggest dividing district #4 along the RT. 219 corridor. The east side of the 219 would stay as district #4 extending from Springville, Ellicottville, and East Otto to Delevan, Arcade, and Machias. District #4 would also donate Elma and Marilla to district #3. The west side of district #4 would then become district #6 extending from Hamburg to Gowanda, and along Lake Erie from Lakeshore to Fredonia and Westfield. Here the proposed changes by district:

**District #1** - Westside of Buffalo (Unchanged)

**District #2** - Donate (4) groups to district #7 (see proposed district groupings.)

**District #3** - South Buffalo, Lackawanna, Depew, Lancaster, and Alden, with the addition of Elma, Marilla (from the existing district #4), and Darien and Bennington from district (#10).

**District #4** - Orchard Park, East Aurora, Wales, Colden and Holland with the addition of Concord (Springville), East Otto, Sardinia and Arcade from district #9, also Java and Sheldon from existing district #10.

**District #5** - Niagara Falls and Niagara County (Lockport), with the addition of Royalton and Shelby from district #10.

**District #6** - Dunkirk, Fredonia, with the addition of half of the existing district #4 including: Hamburg, Evans Eden, Angola and Silver Creek, with new additions: Brant, N. Collins Hanover and Sheridan from existing District #9.

**District #7** - Eastside of Buffalo would extend north on Main St. to include four additional groups: Three Legacies, North Buffalo, Easy Does It and University Men's Discussion.

**District #8** – Amherst, Clarence, Cheektowaga and Williamsville,  
with the additions of Newstead and Pembroke from district #10.)

The following are the proposed districts group by group:

**DISTRICT #1**- 4th Step Stumblers, Another Chance, Bidwell Mon. Night Disc. Buff State, Cathedral Park, Cornplanters Again, Downtown Men's, Easier Softer Way, Emergency, F.U.N., Faith, Frontier, Giving, How It Works, Journey, Live And Let Live, Main and High, Miracle, New Frontier, New West Side, Night Shift, One Day at a Time, Open Mind, Pathway to Peace, Positively Living I & II, Primary Purpose, Rise and Shine, Serenity Circle, Set Aside, Sober and Proud, Sun. Afternoon Ascension, Sunday Nighter's Sunrise Court, Those Too, Var. of Spiritual Exp., Wake up Call, We Choose Life, Westminster, Women's Westside Disc., Working, You'll Never Walk Alone.

**DISTRICT #2**- Acceptance, Age Doesn't Matter, Any Age, Boulevard Women's, Brass, But For The Grace of GOD, Chapter IX, Chevy #1, Daily Reflections, Daily Reprieve, Early Bird, Feelings, Freedom, Grand I, II Joy of Living, Grateful, Guiding Light, Handicapper's Sat. Night, Happy Hour, Honesty, How It Works-Men's Disc. Just Do It, Keep on Comin', Kenmore, Liberty Women, Living in the Solution,. Living Sober, Morning After, Niagara Frontier Men's, Positively Living II, Purpose, Renaissance I, Sally, Serenity, Sheridan, Somerset, Spiritual Progress, Stayin' Alive, Suburban, Surrender and Hope, Survivors, Turning Point, TFC – 12 Step Call, Welcome, Why, I Don't Know.

**DISTRICT #3** – Abbott Men's Disc. Alexander, Any Lengths, Blasdell, Blasdell Mon. Night, By The Book, Came to Believe, Caz Manor, Cazenovia, Cheektowaga, Courage, Crossroads, Crossroads Big Book Study, Father Baker, Gardenville, H.O.W., Helping Hand, Inspiration, Iron Horse, Matt Talbot, Mid-Day, New Life, Rainbow, Recovery Near The Gardens, Ridge, Roland, Sober Sat., Sobriety For Women, South Buffalo, South Town, Southgate, Springbrook, Starting Over, Sun. Morning Breakfast., Thruway, Thurs. Afternoon Disc., Try Again, tues. Women's, Valley, Victory, We Care.

**DISTRICT #4** – 12 Step, Action, A Day at a Time, Courage to Change, East Aurora, Ellicottville, Eternal Vigilance, First Things First, Freedom

Now, Hillbilly, Holland, Keep It Simple Sister, Main Street, Morning After, North Java, North Java Mon., Orchard Park Step, Patchin, PBP Book Study, Principles Before Personalities, Progress Men's, Ray of Hope, Rural is Plural, St. Mark's, Southwestern, Springville Tues. Night/Wed Noon/Sat Afternoon, Thankful, Tues Men's Disc, Varysburg.

**DISTRICT #5** – 6<sup>th</sup> Step, A New Freedom, Big Book Lockport, Boulevard Helping Hand, De Veaux Disc. Friendly, golden Slipper Grand, grand II Joy of Living, In The Solution, Intoxicated on Life, Johnson Creek Big Book Study, Just For Today, Lewport, Lock City, Lockport #1/Disc/Ladies, Lockview, Lower River, Medina Big Book, Medina New Life, New Outlook, Niagara Frontier Men's Disc., Open Arms, Pendleton-Ch #5, Sat. Midnights, Sober Winners, Sobriety Comes First, Sobriety on the Canal, Sobriety on Sat. Night, Sobriety on the Lake, Somerset, Step Work, Today, Twin Cities, Wilson, Women on the Rise, Youngstown.

**DISTRICT #6** – 11:45 Noon, 12-Step, A Little Bit of Everything, Amsdell, Anybody's, As Bill Sees It, Attraction, Big Book Study, Brown Baggers, Derby, Desire, Dunkirk Mon. Night, First Things First, Fredonia Friday Noon, Fredonia Disc. Go to Any Length, Half & Half, Hamburg, Ladies Night, Lakeshore, Lakeview, Look To This Day, McKinley Winner's, Saturday Night Sober, Serenity on the Lake, Serenity Trail, Silver Creek Friendship, Sobriety men's Disc., Sober Trail, Southtown Women's, Stepping Stones, Sunday night at 8, Sunday Third Group, Tri-County, Tri Step Beginners, TPH Men's Disc., Westfield, Wilson Smith Univ. Alumni.

**DISTRICT #7** - A Strong Desire, Buffalo, Beginner's Table, Beginning in Sobriety II, Beginnings- Women's, Bodhisattva, Casting, Central Park, Coldspring, Community Center, Easy Does It, Ellicott, Harmony, Higher Powered, Hope Big Book Study, Inner City, Last days Fellowship, Let Go and Let GOD, LOVE, Lovejoy, Lunchtime, New Awakening, N. Buffalo, Pass It On, Perry Disc. Powerless, Remember When, Rochester, Second Chance, Spirit Of Hope, TFC-12 Step Call, , Three Legacies, Thursday Night Steppers Univ. Men's Disc, We Are Not Saints,

**DISTRICT #8** - Achievement, After Midnight, Amherst Snyder, Attitude Adjustment, Big Book Workshop, Clarence Men's Disc. I & II, Common Bond, Common Problem, East Amherst, Eye-opener, Fireside, Georgetown, H.A.N.D., High Noon, Highview, IT, Kensington, Lighten-Up, Mercy, New Beginnings, Renewal, Saint Barnabas, Saratoga, Stepping stones-

Williamsville, Sunday Morning Breakfast. SUNY-Amherst Campus, TGIF,  
Today's Woman, Unity, Wehrle, Williamsville.

These changes are only suggested and being a humble committee we understand that discussion will ensue. Therefore, we look forward to any and all input, suggestions, comments and/or questions the central body might have to ensure that the group conscience can make an informed and responsible decision. We, as a committee would also like to apologize for any oversights, omissions or errors that occurred in putting this proposal together. Thank you for your understanding.

The committee would also like to show its appreciation to our Executive Secretary, Terry Bateman, for all her unselfish devotion of time and energy to this project by giving her a hearty "Thank You Terry".

Sincerely-in-service

Mark D. Saunders  
(Lakeshore Group Dist. #4)

Ⓢ	ATTENDED C.C.	CO	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative	Ⓢ	ATTENDED C.C.	CO	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative
									Dunkirk Monday Night	65.00	320.00				
	11:45							Ⓢ	Early Bird						
	12 Step							Ⓢ	Easier Softer Way						
	4th Step Stumblers								East Amherst		50.00				
	6th Step								East Aurora	100.00	300.00				
	A Day At A Time								Easy Does It						
	A Little Bit of Everything														
	A New Freedom		117.00					Ⓢ	Ellicott		105.00		20.00		20.00
Ⓢ	A Strong Desire								Ellicottville						
Ⓢ	Abbott Men's	80.00	395.00	80.00	395.00	80.00	395.00		Emergency						
	Acceptance/Welcomer		1375.00		50.00		50.00		Eternal Vigilance		100.00				10.00
	Achievement		500.00						Everybody's	80.00	200.00				
Ⓢ	Action		230.00		35.00		35.00		Express		250.00				
	After Midnight								Eyeopener	285.00	1483.20				
	Age Doesn't Matter		50.00						F.U.N.						
	Alexander		100.00						Falsh						
Ⓢ	Amherst/ Snyder	459.62	1216.90					Ⓢ	Father Baker		515.00				
	Amsdel Lakeshore	20.00	180.00						Feelings		125.00				
	Another Chance								Fireside		975.00		175.00		
	Any Age		115.00						Fireside PM						
	Any Length	75.00	350.00						First Things First						
	Anybody's		140.00						Fredonia Discussion		160.00				
	As Bill Sees It								Fredonia Friday Noon						
	Attitude Adjustment		220.00						Freedom		200.00				
	AW Group								Freedom Now						
	Attraction		500.00						Fresh Start		20.00				
	Beginner's Table								Friendly	75.00	225.00				
Ⓢ	Beginning In Sobriety II		25.00						Frontier(New)		470.00				
	Beginning's Women							Ⓢ	Gardenville	50.00	250.00				
	Bidwell Monday		175.00		175.00		175.00		Georgetown		400.00				
	Big Book Lockport		125.00						Getting Better	15.00	56.00				
	Big Book Study		60.00						Giving						
	Big Book Workshop		100.00						Going to Any Length		400.00				
	Biasdel								Goklen Gilpper		600.00				
Ⓢ	Biasdel Monday Night		85.00					Ⓢ	Grand		100.00				
	Bodhisattva								Grand II Joy of Living						
	Boulevard Helping Hand								Grateful	50.00	50.00				
	Boulevard Women		275.00						Guiding Light						
	Brass	25.00	85.00						H.O.W.						
	Broadway Bailey								Half and Half						
	Brocton AA								Hamburg		50.00				
	Brownbaggers								Hand						
Ⓢ	Buffalo Group	1.00	14.00						Handicappers		300.00				
	But For the Grace of God		130.00						Happy Hour						
	By The Book							Ⓢ	Harmony		325.00		125.00		
	Came To Believe		129.50						Helping Hand	20.00	170.00				
	Casting		206.00		40.00		40.00		High Noon		100.00				
	Cathedral Park	25.15	203.80	10.00	80.00	10.00	80.00		High View						
	Caz Manor		20.00					Ⓢ	Higher Power		45.00		30.00		30.00
Ⓢ	Cazenovia		328.00		164.00		164.00		Hubbly	50.00	300.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
	Central Park								Holiday Village	300.00	1275.00				
Ⓢ	Chapter IX		120.00		120.00		120.00	Ⓢ	Holland		150.00				
	Cheektowaga		50.00						Honesty		60.00				20.00
	Chevy #1	30.00	30.00						Horizon		70.00		35.00		
	Clarence Men's								Hope Big Book Study						
	Clarence Men's II								How It Works		472.00				
	Cold Spring	15.00	105.00						How It Works/Men's						
	Common Bond								Humboldt Riley						
	Common Problem							Ⓢ	Inner City						
Ⓢ	Community Center		50.00						Inspiration		150.00				
Ⓢ	Complaniers								Inoxicated on Life		75.00		100.00		100.00
Ⓢ	Courage		370.00		196.75		206.75	Ⓢ	Ironhorse		231.50		103.50		101.50
	Arcade		100.00						IT		25.00				
	Crossroads		99.00						Jamestown Groups						
	Cross Talk Big Book	25.00	75.00						Johnson Creek Big Book		80.00		5.00		5.00
	Daily Reflections		120.00						Journey		156.00				
	Daily Reprieve								Just Do It						
	DeVaux Discussion								Just For Today/ Abton						
	Derby		150.00						Just For Today/Cheek						
	Desire							Ⓢ	Keep It Simple Sister		150.00				
	Downlow Men's	9.00	47.00						Keep On Coming						
									Kenmore		109.20				

	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative		CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
Kensington							Ⓢ	Renewal					
Ladies Night							Ⓢ	Ridge	250.00				
Ⓢ Lake Shore						14.05		Ridge/Pink Can					
Lakeview		175.00						Rise and Shine	70.00		20.00		10.00
Last Days Fellowship								Rochester	200.00				
LewPort								Roland					
Ⓢ Let Go and Let God		50.00						Rural Is Plural					
Liberty Women		125.00						Sally					
Life Today		200.00						Saratoga					
Lighten UP		687.50						Searching For Serenity	300.00				
Live and Let Live								Second Chance					
Living In the Solution		50.00		25.00		25.00		Serenity	100.00				
Ⓢ Living Sober		80.00						Serenity Circle	10.00	80.00			
Lock City		150.00					Ⓢ	Serenity on the Lake					
Ⓢ Lockport #1		500.00		75.00		75.00		Serenity Trails					
Lockport Discussion								Setaside	300.00				
Lockport Ladies		50.00						Sheridan	40.00	240.00			
Lockview		600.00		50.00		50.00		Silvercreek Friendship					
Look To This Day								Sober and Proud	40.00				
Love		100.00						Sober Saturday	225.00				
Lovejoy		190.00						Sober Trail					
Lower River								Sober Winners	140.00				
Lunch Time								Sobriety for Women					
Ⓢ Main and High	5.00	65.00		35.00		25.00		Sobriety Men's Disc.					
Main Street								Sobriety On The Canal	40.00				
Marilla		155.00						Sobriety on a Sat. Night	25.00				
Matt Tebot		350.00						Sobriety on the Lake					
Mayville Uptown Group		103.00						Somerset					
Medina Grapevine								South Buffalo					
McKinley Winners	75.00	275.00					Ⓢ	South Town	200.00				
Medina Big Book								Southgate	30.00				
Medina New Life		150.00						Southtown Women's	166.00				
Mercy		25.00						Southwestern	60.00	301.00			
Mid-day		183.00					Ⓢ	Spirit of Hope	5.00	305.00			
Miracle								Spiritual Progress	150.00				
Morning After								Springville Sat Afternoon					
Monday Morning Lockport							Ⓢ	Springville Tues. Night	60.00	60.00			
New Awakening		50.00						Springville Wed. Noon	20.00				
New Freedom								St. Barnabas					
New Beginnings/St. Vincent							Ⓢ	St. Mark's	100.00				
New Life		30.00						Starting Over	208.40		35.00		35.00
New Outlook								Staying Alive					
Niagara Intergroup								Step Work					
New Westside								Stepping Stones/Gov.	250.00				
Ⓢ Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		75.00						Stepping Stones/Wil.	61.00				
Nightshift								Suburban	10.00	110.00			
Ⓢ North Buffalo	100.00	1000.00	25.00	250.00	25.00	250.00		Sunday Afternoon Ascension					
North Java Monday							Ⓢ	Sunday Morning Breakfast	1050.00		150.00		150.00
North Java Morning After							Ⓢ	Sunday Nites	10.00				
North Java Sunday								Sunday Third Group	45.00				
One Day AIA Time							Ⓢ	Sunrise Court					
Open Arms	28.00	103.00				75.00		SUNY Amherst Campus					
Open Mind								Surrender and Hope	275.00		25.00		
Orchard Park Step		198.50						Survivors					
P.B.P. Big Book Study								T.P.H.					
Pass It On								TGIF					
Ⓢ Patchin		325.00						Thankful					
Pathway to Peace								The Book Meeting	47.90				
Pendleton Chapter Five								The Moonshiners					
Perry Discussion		56.00		10.00		10.00		There's A Solution	53.00				
Pink Can							Ⓢ	Three Legacies	30.00		20.00		20.00
Pioneer							Ⓢ	Those Too	5.00	75.00			
Positively Living		2000.00					Ⓢ	Thruway	200.00	2197.00	20.00	220.00	20.00
Ⓢ Powerless		25.00						Thursday PM Discussion	\$ 450.00				
Primary Purpose	50.00	300.00						Today					
Principles Bef. Personalities		100.00						Today's Woman	10.00				
Progress								Tri County	192.50		10.00		
Purpose/Tonawanda		290.00						Tri-Step Beginners					
Ⓢ Rainbow	25.00	150.00		25.00		25.00	Ⓢ	Try Again	200.00		100.00		
Ray of Hope		245.00						Tuesday Men's AM	250.00				
Recovery Near the Gardens	30.00	90.00						Tuesday Women	150.00		60.00		60.00
Remember When		175.00						Turning Point	6.25	56.25			



	CO	Cummulative	Treatment	Cummulative	Corrections	Cummulative
Twin Cities		200.00				
Unity	100.00	200.00				
University Men's Disc.		150.00		100.00		
Valley	100.00	255.00		50.00		50.00
Varieties of Spiritual Exper.		30.00				
Varysburg		15.00				
Ⓢ Victory		175.00		75.00		75.00
Wake Up Call	72.00	72.00				
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	60.00	330.00	20.00	200.00	40.00	1110.00
We Choose Life						
Wehrle	40.00	110.00				
Ⓢ Welcome						
Westfield						
Westminster						
Why						
Williamsville		870.00				
Willing To Grow		400.00				
Ⓢ Wilson Group		125.00				125.00
Wilson Smith Alumni		100.00				
Women on the Rise						
Women's West Side		150.00				
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Dale M.		4.80				
60 Fall Convention		14.00				
A.D.D.		30.00				
TFC Printing & Folding		15.00				
Leo K		21.00				
Misc.		42.00				
Nancy H.		13.00				
Lucille D.		100.00				
M & H Breakfast Com.		25.00		25.00		25.00
Thomas F.		100.00				
Thomas C.		4.00				
Jay		1.25				
Jimerson		25.00				
Terry B.		9.72				
Anon#1		20.00				
Anon#2		20.00				
Anon#3		5.00				
Marcella M.	60.00	60.00				
Anon#4		50.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2996.02</b>	<b>42,704.92</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>3,509.25</b>	<b>225.00</b>	<b>4,081.30</b>

Ⓢ ATTENDED CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Income Statement	15-Sep-02	15-Oct-02	15-Nov-02
Beg Bal Cash on hand	18,435.94	19,217.96	15,475.87
Contributions			
Groups	3,611.40	3,115.50	2,996.02
Joint Meeting	59.50	75.45	77.65
Envelope System	256.00	478.00	453.00
New Frontiers Subs	23.00	53.00	105.00
Literature	2,657.37	2,827.27	2,783.94
Misc.	1,023.86		25.00
Monthly Income	7,631.13	6,549.22	6,440.61
Expenses			
Office Rent	636.00	636.00	636.00
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll			
Salaries (Net)	2,078.65	1,662.92	2,078.65
Federal Withholdings	517.65	414.12	2,044.88
NYS Withholdings		309.04	59.44
Insurance			
State Ins Fund			
Health	304.00	304.00	304.00
Liability			
Postage		671.23	600.00
Phone	101.78	80.03	83.11
Accounting	975.00		
Advt			
PIC Lit.	9.10		
Talking Phone Book			
Verizon	70.75	70.75	72.00
website		100.00	
white directory			
Yellow Pages		288.00	149.00
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine		323.30	
World Services Inc	1,203.94	3,107.06	1,678.70
Hazeldon		1,025.52	
Printers			
Office Supplies		542.89	35.32
Answering service	530.65	511.20	364.45
Minolta leasing (copier)	187.00	187.00	187.00
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Crystal Rock (water)	14.50	14.50	14.50
Bank Charges	8.00	8.75	6.25
Monthly Expenses	6,849.11	10,291.31	8,348.30
Monthly Income (Loss)	782.02	(3,742.09)	(1,907.69)
End Bal Cash on hand	19,217.96	15,475.87	13,568.18
Literature Assets:	4,660.07	6,847.51	6,689.58
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	577.81	734.71	1,869.53
Corrections Facilites	1,155.90	1,431.90	1,515.30
Donations	288.00	339.60	205.00
Expenses		244.20	500.50
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00	12.00
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Treatment Facilities	1,322.99	1,194.53	1,162.29
Donation	453.00	276.00	225.00
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AAA Abott Answering Service	32.25	32.50	40.60
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Beg Bal Cash on hand	18,435.94	19,217.96	15,475.87
Contributions			
Groups	3,611.40	3,115.50	2,996.02
Joint Meeting	59.50	75.45	77.65
Envelope System	256.00	478.00	453.00
New Frontiers Subs	23.00	53.00	105.00
Literature	2,657.37	2,827.27	2,783.94
Misc.	1,023.86		25.00
Monthly Income	7,631.13	6,549.22	6,440.61
Expenses			
Office Rent	636.00	636.00	636.00
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll			
Salaries (Net)	2,078.65	1,662.92	2,078.65
Federal Withholdings	517.65	414.12	2,044.88
NYS Withholdings		309.04	59.44
Insurance			
State Ins Fund			
Health	304.00	304.00	304.00
Liability			
Postage		671.23	600.00
Phone	101.78	80.03	83.11
Accounting	975.00		
Advt			
PIC Lit.	9.10		
Talking Phone Book			
Verizon	70.75	70.75	72.00
website		100.00	
white directory			
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TO THE  
SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC

*written by Bill W. in A A Comes Of Age*

BENEFITS OF RELOCATING	PROBLEMS AT PRESENT LOCATION
<p>~FREE PARKING</p> <p>~MORE ACCESSABLY - Through public transportation , the 90 and the 33</p> <p>~ARCHIVES - Permanent display Space - Currently moved from basement to basement</p> <p>~MEETING ROOM - all committee meetings, Central Committee - if members want to start a daily meeting</p>	<p>~ DIMINISHED DOWNTOWN ACTIVITY</p> <p>~ LIMITED SPACE - current office is 572 square foot</p> <p>~ NO FREE PARKING - sometimes have to walk blocks with literature</p> <p>~ CANNOT HOLD MEETINGS AT PRESENT LOCATION</p>

## COST COMPARISON

~ **CURRENTLY:** \$11.25 per square foot / YEAR  
including utelties for 572 square feet

~ **PROJECTED COST:** \$8-\$10 per square foot / YEAR  
including utilities for 1500 - 1700 square feet

**Estimated Cost PER MONTH:** \$1500.00

## HOW CAN WE AFFORD NEW SPACE

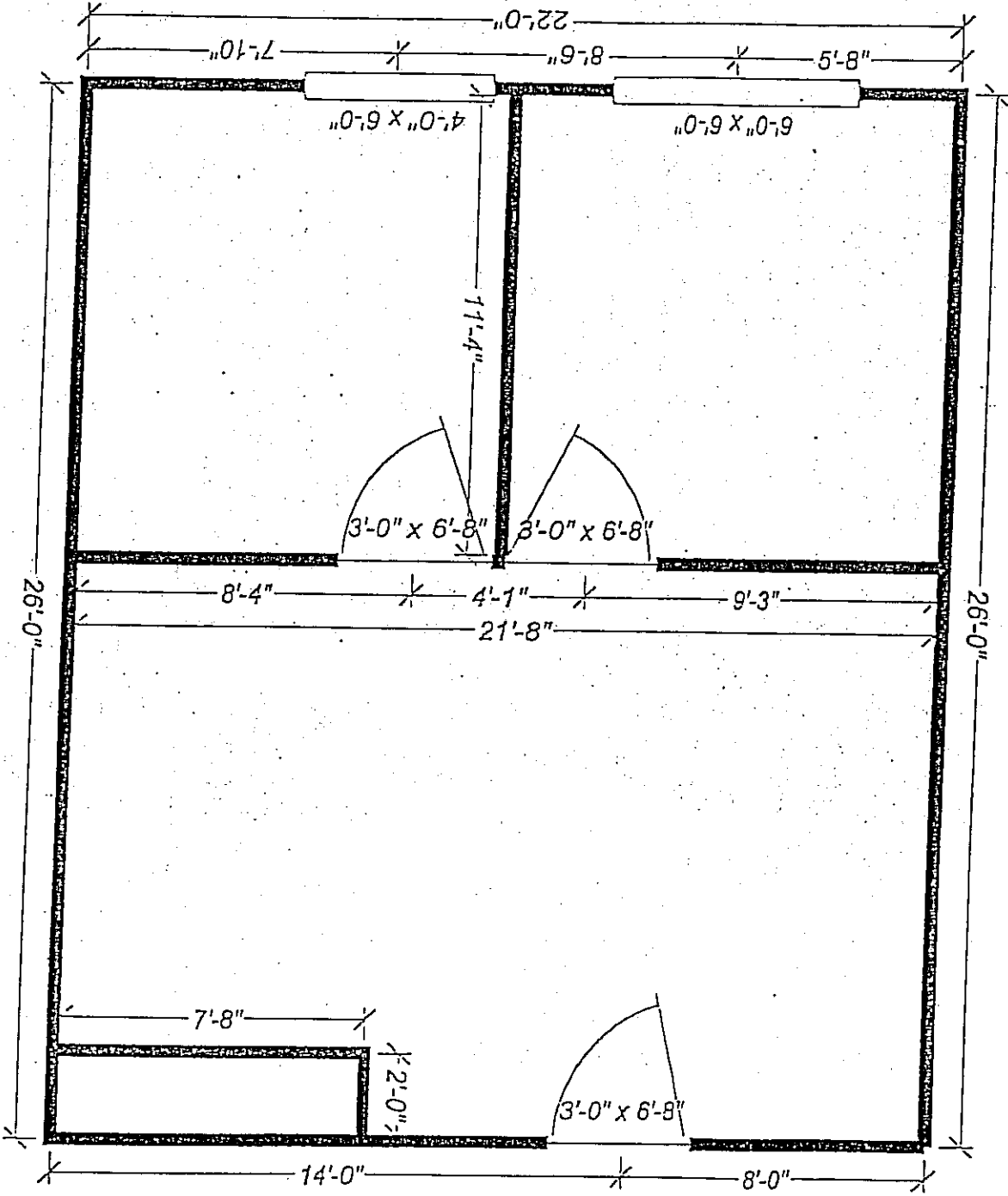
Encourage groups to buy literature and supplies through the office

Increase group donations and volunteer support

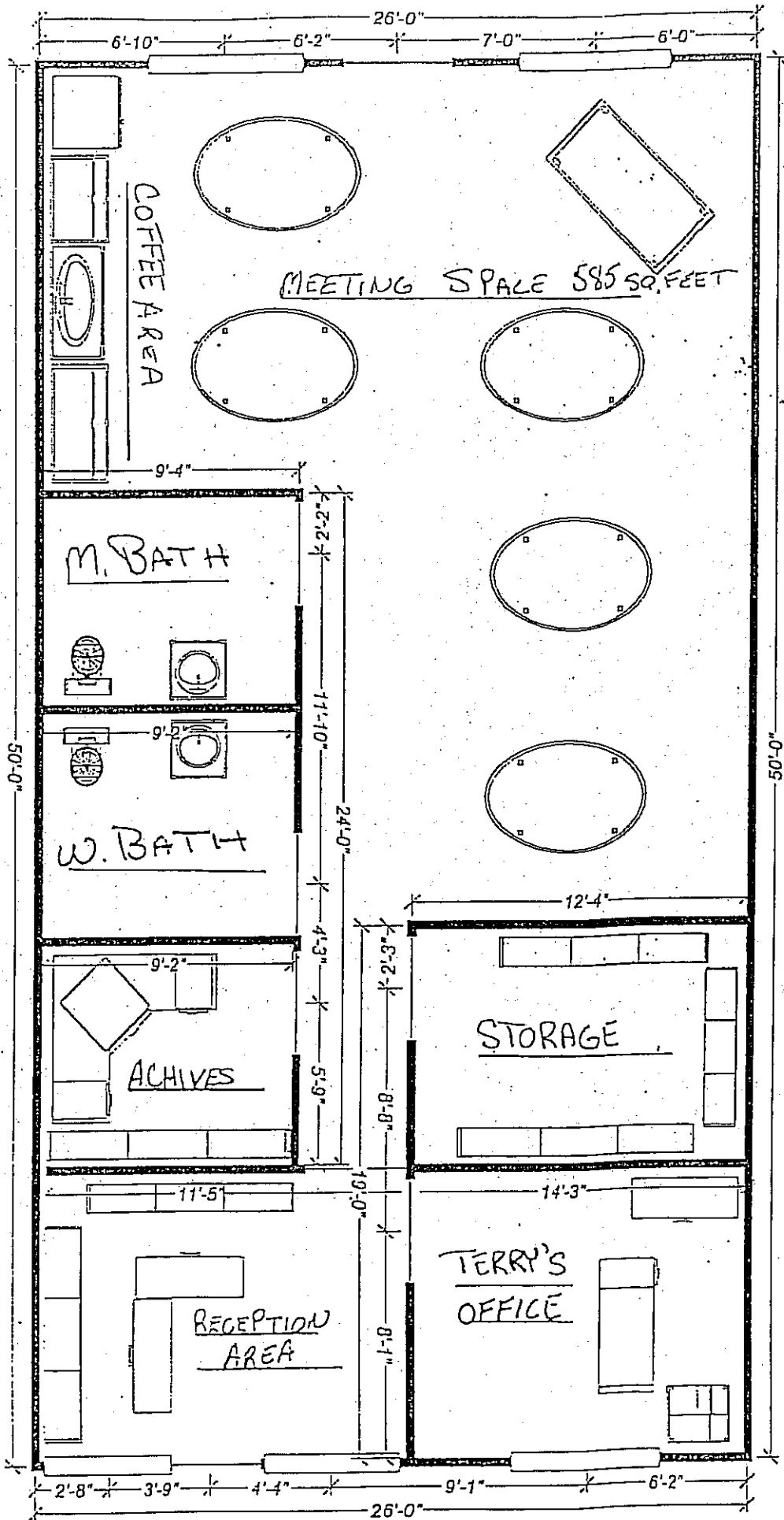
### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY :

- > A Dollar in the basket just does not do what it did 50 Years Ago!!!!
- > Envelope system; a way that each individual member can make anonymous, tax deductible contributions

# CURRENT OFFICE



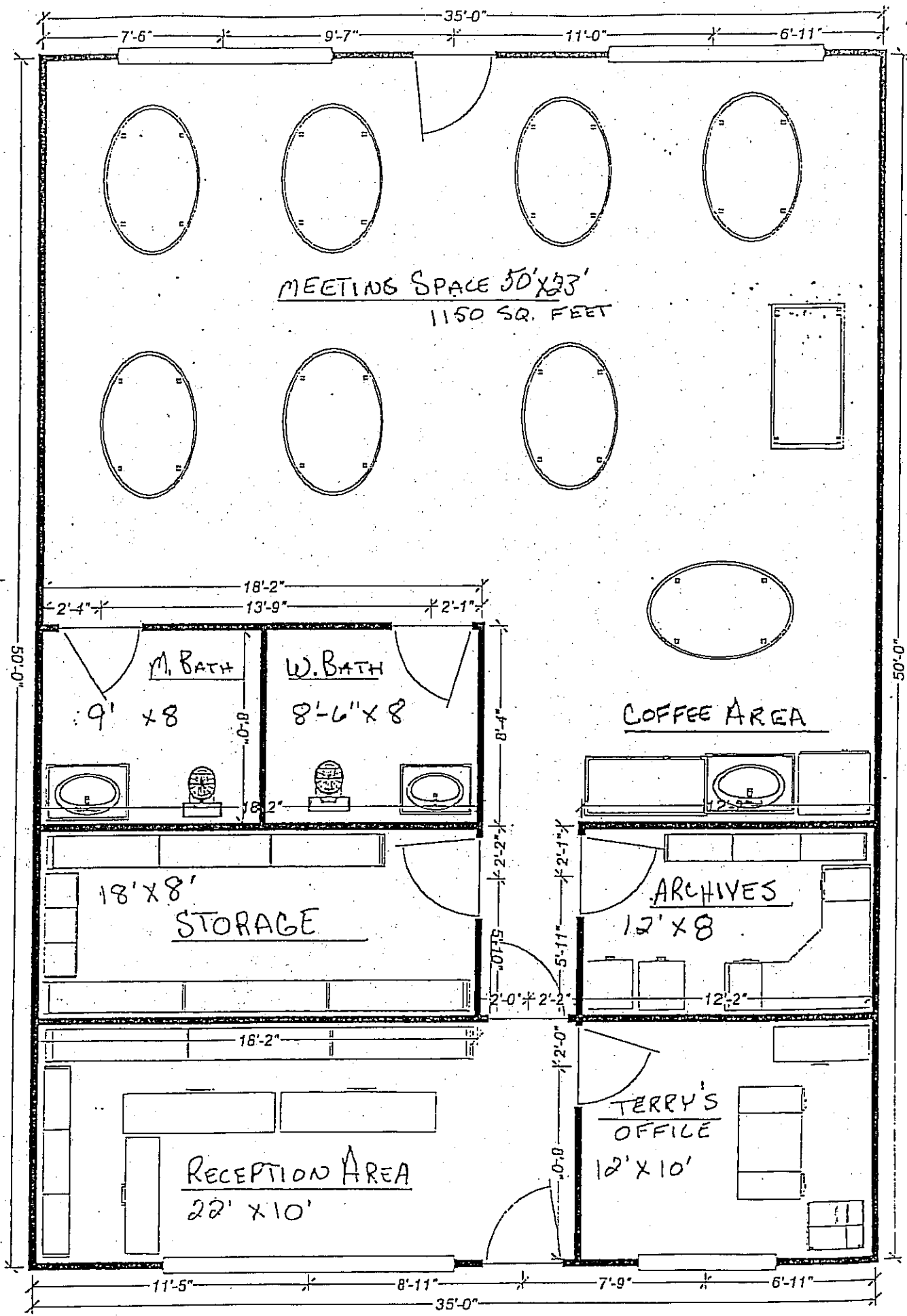




1300 sq. feet

PROPOSED OFFICE SPACE

17/5  
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PROPOSED OFFICE SPACE

WHAT DO WE WANT  
OUR OFFICE  
TO DO  
FOR US?

WHAT IS BEST  
FOR AA AS A WHOLE?

WE  
TRULY NEED  
AN INFORMED  
FULL  
GROUP CONSCIENCE  
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AT OUR  
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MEETING

11/3/02

## **Ad-Hoc committee report for redistricting plan:**

On Oct 6, 2002, the Ad-Hoc committee on re-districting the Buffalo central region presented our suggested new re-districting layout to the central committee. The new plan would reduce the number of districts to eight from the existing ten. The guidelines we used consisted of incorporating outlying districts with sparse meeting presence, into larger more active districts, while leaving the centrally located, more populated districts largely untouched. The only major change proposed is in the southtowns where we suggest dividing district #4 along the RT. 219 corridor. The east side of the 219 would stay as district #4 extending from Springville, Ellicottville, and East Otto to Delevan, Arcade, and Machias. District #4 would also donate Elma and Marilla to district #3. The west side of district #4 would then become district #6 extending from Hamburg to Gowanda, and along Lake Erie from Lakeshore to Fredonia and Westfield. Here the proposed changes by district:

**District #1** - Westside of Buffalo (Unchanged)

**District #2** – Donate (4) groups to district #7 (see proposed district groupings.)

**District #3** - South Buffalo, Lackawanna, Depew, Lancaster, and Alden, with the addition of Elma, Marilla (from the existing district #4), and Darien and Bennington from district (#10).

**District #4** - Orchard Park, East Aurora, Wales, Colden and Holland with the addition of Concord (Springville), East Otto, Sardinia and Arcade from district #9, also Java and Sheldon from existing district #10.

**District #5** – Niagara Falls and Niagara County (Lockport), with the addition of Royalton and Shelby from district #10.

**District #6** – Dunkirk, Fredonia, with the addition of half of the existing district #4 including: Hamburg, Evans Eden, Angola and Silver Creek, with new additions: Brant, N. Collins Hanover and Sheridan from existing District #9.

**District #7** – Eastside of Buffalo would extend north on Main St. to include four additional groups: Three Legacies, North Buffalo, Easy Does It and University Men's Discussion.

Now, Hillbilly, Holland, Keep It Simple Sister, Main Street, Morning After, North Java, North Java Mon., Orchard Park Step, Patchin, PBP Book Study, Principles Before Personalities, Progress Men's, Ray of Hope, Rural is Plural, St. Mark's, Southwestern, Springville Tues. Night/Wed Noon/Sat Afternoon, Thankful, Tues Men's Disc, Varysburg.

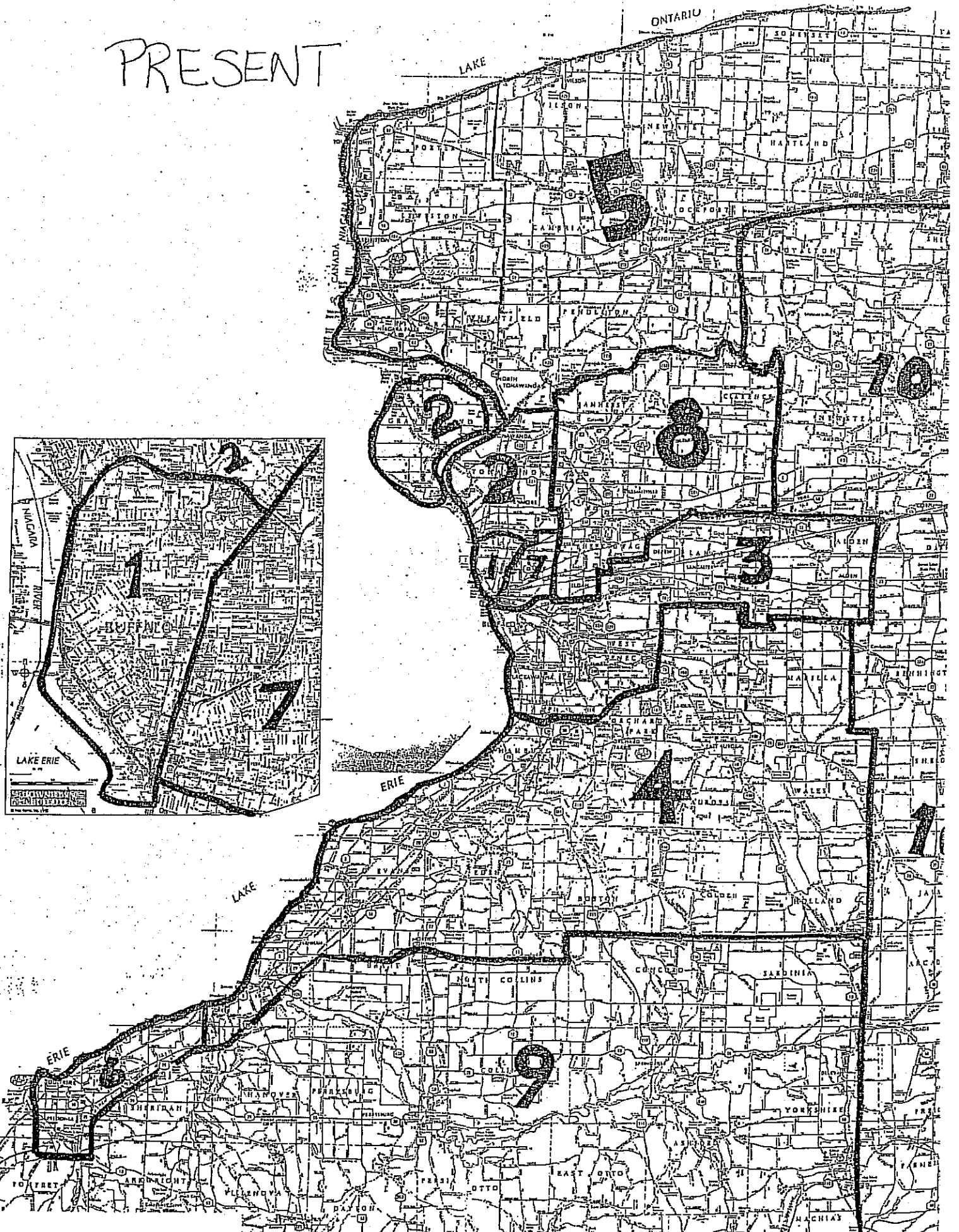
**DISTRICT #5** – 6<sup>th</sup> Step, A New Freedom, Big Book Lockport, Boulevard Helping Hand, De Veaux Disc. Friendly, golden Slipper Grand, grand II Joy of Living, In The Solution, Intoxicated on Life, Johnson Creek Big Book Study, Just For Today, Lewport, Lock City, Lockport #1/Disc/Ladies, Lockview, Lower River, Medina Big Book, Medina New Life, New Outlook, Niagara Frontier Men's Disc., Open Arms, Pendleton-Ch #5, Sat. Midnights, Sober Winners, Sobriety Comes First, Sobriety on the Canal, Sobriety on Sat. Night, Sobriety on the Lake, Somerset, Step Work, Today, Twin Cities, Wilson, Women on the Rise, Youngstown.

**DISTRICT #6** – 11:45 Noon, 12-Step, A Little Bit of Everything, Amsdell, Anybody's, As Bill Sees It, Attraction, Big Book Study, Brown Baggers, Derby, Desire, Dunkirk Mon. Night, First Things First, Fredonia Friday Noon, Fredonia Disc. Go to Any Length, Half & Half, Hamburg, Ladies Night, Lakeshore, Lakeview, Look To This Day, McKinley Winner's, Saturday Night Sober, Serenity on the Lake, Serenity Trail, Silver Creek Friendship, Sobriety men's Disc., Sober Trail, Southtown Women's, Stepping Stones, Sunday night at 8, Sunday Third Group, Tri-County, Tri Step Beginners, TPH Men's Disc., Westfield, Wilson Smith Univ. Alumni.

**DISTRICT #7** - A Strong Desire, Buffalo, Beginner's Table, Beginning in SobrietyII, Beginnings- Women's, Bodhisattva, Casting, Central Park, Coldspring, Community Center, Easy Does It, Ellicott, Harmony, Higher Powered, Hope Big Book Study, Inner City, Last days Fellowship, Let Go and Let GOD, LOVE, Lovejoy, Lunchtime, New Awakening, N. Buffalo, Pass It On, Perry Disc. Powerless, Remember When, Rochester, Second Chance, Spirit Of Hope, TFC-12 Step Call, , Three Legacies, Thursday Night Steppers Univ. Men's Disc, We Are Not Saints,

**DISTRICT #8** - Achievement, After Midnight, Amherst Snyder, Attitude Adjustment, Big Book Workshop, Clarence Men's Disc. I & II, Common Bond, Common Problem, East Amherst, Eye-opener, Fireside, Georgetown, H.A.N.D., High Noon, Highview, IT, Kensington, Lighten-Up, Mercy, New Beginnings, Renewal, Saint Barnabas, Saratoga, Stepping stones-

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