

NEW FRONTIERS

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

GOD

GRANT ME THE

SERENITY

TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE,

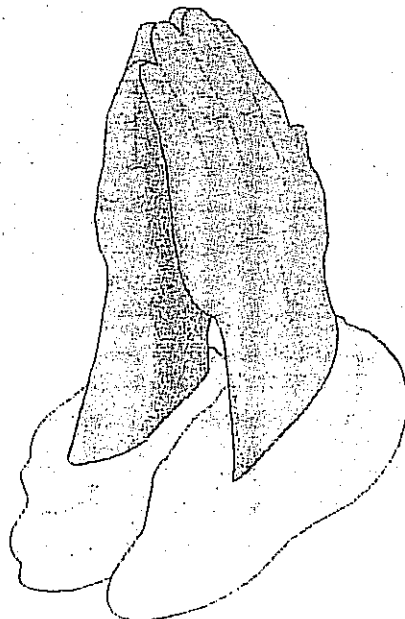
COURAGE

TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN,

AND

WISDOM

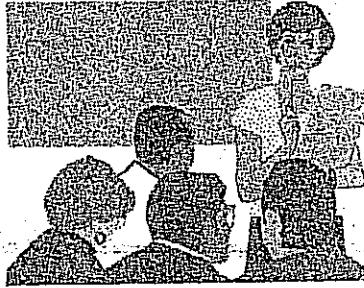
TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.



"EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST....."

Tradition Four states; "Each Group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole." Recently, at my Home Groups' business meeting, I had the opportunity to again attempt to stir up some interest in Central Committee. The response was less than enthusiastic from the six members in attendance. Two of those in attendance agreed that they might go to "a" meeting of Central Committee. The response saddened me greatly. Have we arrived at the depressing state of affairs here in WNY that only a token representation of suburban/ rural groups exists?

Are we at the juncture where "East is East, and West is West, and n'er the twain shall meet " as far as "Buffalo City" and



"Suburban/Rural" groups are concerned? I pray not!

In my relatively short span of "active" participation in AA, it seems to me that the "East is East and West is West..." philosophy exists among most (all) Suburban/Rural groups. If this is indeed the case, it appears that our AA society

in WNY is even sicker than we know!

I would like to lay down a challenge, draw the "line in the sand", if you will, to the "Suburban/Rural groups." Can you increase your attendance at Central Committee by 33.33% by the end of this year????

Sincerely,
Mel L.
Renewal Group

A HEARTY WELL DONE!!!!

Ron E. who has been Central Committee Corrections Chair is stepping down. Jim B. will fill his shoes until December elections. Ron has superbly guided the Committee in performing their tasks inside the walls.

I would like to thank all those who have been part of my Committee and shared my responsibilities. I am very proud to have served with all the unselfish volunteers who so freely gave of their time in order to carry the message inside the walls. My sincere thanks, God bless you all!

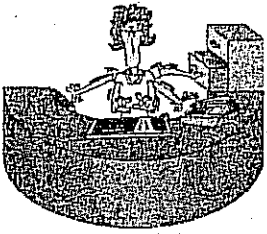
Ron E.
Common Problem

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"EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE...."

by Cindy N., Staff Reporter
Sunrise Court



I know that I worked very hard at being a drunk. I know I worked so hard at it, that in the end, it consumed every waking moment of my life. To my great horror, I was not receiving the same benefits

at the end as I was in the beginning, no matter how hard I tried!

I personally view my continued sobriety the same way. I must put the same ferocity in my sobriety as I did in my drinking, or I am going nowhere. I must do something for my gift of sobriety daily, or I am the loser. What have you done with your sobriety today? The token meeting? Have you called anyone? Are you wondering why you aren't as happy, joyous and free as you thought you'd be? Try moving your butt a bit, and extend yourself the same way you did for your alcohol.

Ron E., Central Committee Correctional Facilities Chair, is stepping down. Ron has worked very long and hard in his unselfish dedication as Corrections Chair. He has painfully decided, that he can no longer continue to fulfill his commitment as Chair. Jim B. will rotate from Co-Chair to Chair, until elections in December. Ron E. has been an inspiration to us all, his determination to help the

sick and suffering alcoholic inside the walls, was just beyond phenomenal.

Look around, you can probably tell who is walking the talk..... look for that air of contentment and the warm smile...ask them how they got it!

Need something different to do? Try an out of town meeting, there are a number of meetings outside the immediate Buffalo area. Get a new look at old problems. Listen to someone else's views, you needn't wait for a Convention or Conference to hear a new voice. There is life outside of Buffalo! Give it a try before the snow flies....get a caravan going and invade some small-town meeting. It's great fun, and you get five meetings for the price of one- the meeting in the car going and returning, the meeting there, before and after, and the actual meeting itself. Take newbies along, take someone you really don't know, but is part of the Fellowship. Build friendships and strengthen bonds. Who can beat that?

Speaking of road trips(?) here are a few ideas for a weekend.....6th Annual "Open Air" Fireside Gathering & Sobriety Pow Wow, September 5-7, New Credit Reservation, Hagersville Ontario..nice day trip! Please don't forget about the NY-Penn Intergroup Fall Workshop, Weston Mills, N.Y. September 13th at the Firehall.



AM I WILLING?

Dear Higher Power, help me:

- To forget what I have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for me.
- To ignore what the world owes me, and to think what I owe the world.
- To put my rights in the background, and my duties in the middle distance, and my chances to do a little more than my duty in the foreground.
- To see that my fellow members are just as real as I am, and to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy as mine is.
- To own that probably the only good reason for my existence is not what I can get out of life, but what can I give to life.
- To close my book of complaints against the management of the universe and look for a place where I can sow a few seeds of happiness- Am I willing to do these things even for a day?
- Then I have a good chance of staying with the Program.

By Anonymous
"The 12 Step Prayer Book"

DEAR FELLOW AA'S;

My name is Guy and I'm an alcoholic. I'd like to share with you the miracle of my recovery. I'm 37 years old and an inmate at the Collins Correctional Facility. I ended up here after a very destructive relapse. I'd like to share with you, "what it was like-- what happened- and what it's like now."

In 1989 I entered a long term alcoholic rehab unit in Central New York. After a year I "graduated." I then went to a half-way house in Niagara Falls, N.Y. I was introduced to AA in my stay there, and I was a regular member of a South Towns Group for three years. I attended AA regularly but I was one of those alcoholics who did not believe that the Twelve Steps could work in my life. I tried to stay sober on my will power, not understanding God's will at all.

I went to AA only because it was suggested by the rehab and the halfway house. I never thought that "I" needed AA, nor did I believe alcoholism was a disease.

In December 1994, it all started with (1) split bottle of beer and within a month I was drinking every day! My life was truly unmanageable and the downward slide was well on its way. The "Disease", had resurfaced. I lost everything I had worked so hard for since 1989, and I was arrested in 1996. I thank God for my arrest, for It saved my life!

During the Summer of 1996, I got back to AA and the rooms of recovery. I knew that something was wrong with me. I accepted that I was an alcoholic! Today I can see the miracle of recovery in my life. I've allowed myself to be happy, and for the first time in my life, I really see my Higher Powers presence in my life.

During the first 4 months of my sentence, I was not allowed to attend AA meetings, but when I arrived here at Collins, I found out that AA meetings are held 4 days a week! These AA meetings are truly recovery based. Today I am the Sec/Tres of the "New Reformers Group", here at Collins. I've seen our group grow to over 20 members in the last 6 months. We share "our experience, strength and hope" at our inside meetings 4 times a week. I see the miracle of recovery not only in my life, but in the lives of others as well. Although I'm in prison, God has blessed me with a new way of life. I now belong to the fellowship of AA, I am one of you, and it feels great, not be alone.

In closing, I'd like to invite all of you to come share your "Experience, Strength and hope", with us! You are most welcome any time.

Guy Z. 96B2081

Collins Correctional Fa

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SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is a fundamentally satisfying, and necessary part of this program. I have had two sponsors in my 19 years of sobriety. One has passed away, and I still have the other one.

I don't know what I would have done without my sponsor. I have called her on numerous occasions with simple and sometimes inconsequential questions, but to me they were very important at the time. She has always been ready to answer questions in her calm and quiet way. Sometimes the quiet would annoy me, but not anymore. I realize that we are all in the same boat, but we don't all row the same.

Whenever I have felt threatened by John Barleycom, I called my sponsor and she reassured me



that whatever I am doing is just fine. I, at this precise time in my life, do not feel the need to call her as often. But when I do, I still have the same warm and comfortable feeling of talking to a very good friend.

A sponsor, I feel, is someone you should talk with when you have a very intimate problem that you don't want aired at a meeting. I have yet to hear anything I have discussed with my sponsor come back to me. That is why it is so important to be selective when picking a person or persons, to be your sponsor. It is not something one takes lightly. Being a recovering alcoholic is an ongoing affair, and you need to have someone you trust implicitly to take this trip with you.

Lori E., Chicago, Ill.
Here's How, May 1998

BONDAGE OF BAD HABITS?

Anyone who has ever "seen red" or been too angry to care what they said, or who they hurt, knows the bondage of character defects. Fear compels a man to pretend he is unmoved by a beautiful sunset, pride keeps a woman from saying "I'm sorry" and saving a relationship. The 12 & 12 says that instincts in collision cause many of our problems, and that character defects are instincts run wild.

Most people would prefer not to suffer the emotional swings and the repercussions caused by these defects, and would remove them if they could. Some have tried and found they could not. (sound familiar?)

To get relief from alcoholism, we had to surrender, and ask for help from a Higher Power. So it is with our shortcomings. The Seventh Step states, "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings." I was asked by a sponsee some years ago how he could tell if God had removed his shortcomings, as he had requested. I replied, "just ask, and act as if He has!" I can't remove my shortcomings, and they certainly still exist, but their hold on me is lessened as I continue on AA's path, believing in a Power Greater than myself.

John H.
Editor



ANONYMITY AND FREEDOM

The problem with taking credit for something is that you also have to take the blame if (or when) it blows up. Awareness of this aspect of responsibility tends to limit the appeal of the more short-lived fame and glory. So it goes sometimes in AA, when an enthusiastic AA gathers sponsees by the score. At first, all goes well, and then some get drunk. If the sponsor has been taking credit for their sobriety, he may feel as though he's responsible for their relapse. In either case, his ego has overestimated his power. A little perspective as to Who's really in charge always helps.

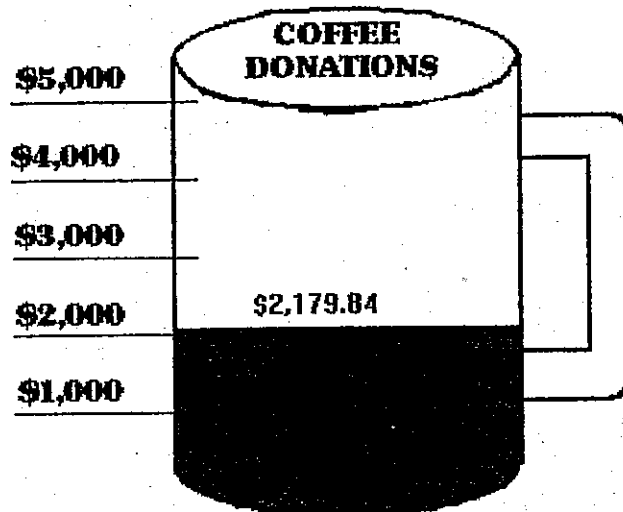
The original idea of anonymity stemmed from a feeling of shame about alcoholism, as well as a fear of being overwhelmed by appeals following the publication of the Big Book. Anonymity was later found to be a powerful spiritual principle which allows us to drop our demanding ego and need for attention, in order to help our fellow sufferers, and be a part of AA.

When I help someone without thought of reward, without having to share about my virtue, I am anonymous. In anonymity, I give up my need to distinguish from you, and I am free to explore what is same about us. When I am anonymous, I get relief of bondage of self.

A grateful recovering alcoholic

**TRY PRAYING..
NOTHING PLEASES GOD MORE
THAN TO HEAR A STRANGE VOICE.**

IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF A.A., THE COFFEE DONATIONS FOR THE FALL CONVENTION AS OF AUGUST 23, 1997 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

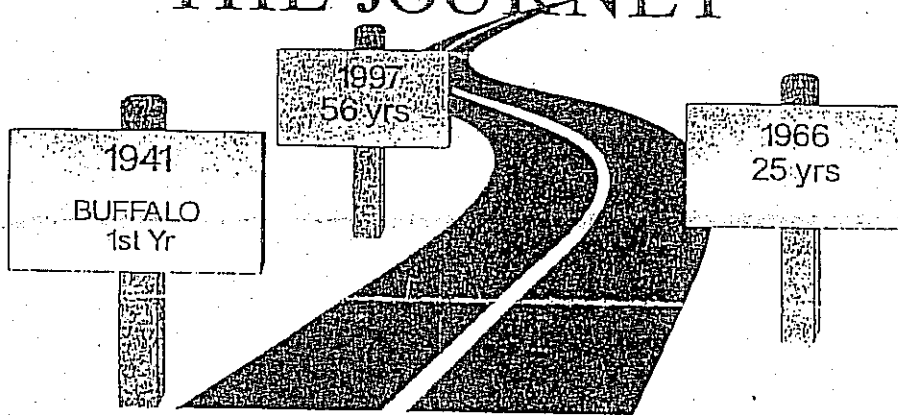


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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER

Joseph B. 6 mos.
 Laurie P. 6 mos.
 Donna D. 6 mos.
 Carol K. 9 mos.
 Mark L. 1 yr.
 Frank J. 2 yrs.
 Maureen M. 7 yrs.
 Herb SR. 10 yrs.
 Rhonda H. 11 yrs.
 Nancy F. 12 yrs.
 John N. 13 yrs.
 Toni F. 13 yrs.
 Joe R. 19 yrs.
 Jack SR. 20 yrs.
 Dan J. 21 yrs.
 George D. 25 yrs.
 Russell Q. 26 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS

Gary P. 3 mos.
 Tim S. 3 mos.
 Vincent A. 3 mos.
 Jim H. 9 mos.
 Kelly O'C. 2 yrs.

COLD SPRING

Gregory M. 3 mos.
 Myrdies S. 6 mos.
 Haywood E. 1 yr.
 Loretta H. 5 yrs.
 Dorothy M. 5 yrs.
 Winston M. 5 yrs.
 Reggie L. 8 yrs.
 Elizabeth G. 25 yrs.

FIRESIDE

Stuart S. 3 mos.
 Robbie E. 9 mos.
 Danny R. 1 yr.
 Bill B. 2 yrs.
 Aron R. 3 yrs.
 Robert S. 4 yrs.
 Keith L. 5 yrs.
 Pat N. 7 yrs.
 Al F. 8 yrs.
 Tony R. 8 yrs.
 David S. 8 yrs.
 Mike B. 10 yrs.
 Herb S. 10 yrs.
 Don K. 12 yrs.
 Chris R. 12 yrs.
 Charlie J. 17 yrs.

FRESH START

Margaret H. 19 yrs.

HARMONY

James S. 4 yrs.
 Sue G. 4 yrs.
 Fred S. 4 yrs.
 Jim B. 5 yrs.

HARMONY (CONT.)

Reggie W. 9 yrs.
 George M. 9 yrs.
 Bill R. 9 yrs.
 Jerry L. 10 yrs.
 Martin L. 27 yrs.

IRONHORSE

Dorothy K. 3 mos.
 Mark W. 3 mos.
 Bob K. 6 mos.
 Jim G. 6 mos.
 Bryan H. 6 mos.
 Mike B. 1 yr.
 Kevin S. 2 yrs.
 Jerry C. 2 yrs.
 Kathi H. 2 yrs.
 Bill B. 3 yrs.
 Nancy F. 6 yrs.
 Al S. 8 yrs.
 Marcy M. 11 yrs.
 Dan O. 12 yrs.
 Mike K. 15 yrs.

LET GO & LET GOD

Ernie J. 8 yrs.

MATT TALBOT

Alison C. 3 mos.
 Anne Marie 6 mos.
 Michal E. 6 mos.
 Richard F. 6 mos.
 Mike M. 6 mos.
 Paul S. 1 yr.
 Jeff C. 2 yrs.
 Brian E. 2 yrs.
 Dave E. 2 yrs.
 Kelly O. 2 yrs.
 Stephen M. 2 yrs.
 Paul W. 2 yrs.
 John A. 4 yrs.
 Brian G. 5 yrs.
 Pam H. 7 yrs.
 Alex S. 7 yrs.
 Eric P. 8 yrs.
 Julie D. 9 yrs.
 Lori P. 15 yrs.

NORTH BUFFALO

Colleen N. 3 mos.
 Mark H. 3 mos.
 Sam M. 1 yr.
 Stan W. 2 yrs.
 Danielle B. 2 yrs.
 Aaron C. 2 yrs.
 Patti B. 2 yrs.
 Dan B. 3 yrs.
 Bev B. 4 yrs.
 Kari Li J. 4 yrs.
 Tut R. 6 yrs.
 Yvonne D. 11 yrs.
 Norma F. 14 yrs.

REMEMBER WHEN

Terrance G. 2 mos.
 Randy B. 2 yrs.
 Robert H. 2 yrs.
 Donald Y. 2 yrs.
 Harold A. 4 yrs.
 Kim S. 8 yrs.
 Isiah W. 19 yrs.

RISE & SHINE

Myrdies S. 6 mos.
 Pam L. 6 mos.
 Dorthy F. 6 mos.
 James M. 9 mos.
 Wende H. 9 mos.
 Joyce T. 9 mos.
 Brenda C. 9 mos.
 Chris L. 1 yr.
 Curtis W. 1 yr.
 Velvet J. 1 yr.
 Gloria D. 1 yr.
 Frawclove F. 1 yr.
 Mark S. 1 yr.
 Anthony T. 2 yrs.
 Linda C. 2 yrs.
 Mary G. 2 yrs.
 Josh 4 yrs.

SHERIDAN

August 16 yrs.
 Larry C. 16 yrs.
 September
 Vinny 3 mos.
 Sam V. 3 mos.
 Jeff S. 6 mos.
 Dave Z. 9 mos.
 Jerry G. 2 yrs.
 Jesse S. 3 yrs.
 Sean P. 3 yrs.
 John C. 4 yrs.
 Dan M. 7 yrs.
 Joe E. 8 yrs.
 Jean M. 12 yrs.
 Butch H. 17 yrs.
 Jack S. 20 yrs.
 Fred C. 22 yrs.

SUN. MORN. BREAKFAST

Mike E. 3 mos.
 Kathi A. 3 mos.
 Connie G. 3 mos.
 Dan M. 6 mos.
 Dan J. 21 yrs.

THRUWAY

Dennis T. 9 mos.
 Mark S. 1 yr.
 Jeff C. 2 yrs.
 Fred L. 6 yrs.
 Russell M. 7 yrs.
 Ellen P. 9 yrs.
 John K. 10 yrs.

THRUWAY (CONT)

Tom K. 10 yrs.
 Herb S. 10 yrs.
 Candy C. 10 yrs.
 Phillip G. 10 yrs.
 Norma H. 10 yrs.
 Pat D. 13 yrs.
 John N. 13 yrs.
 Lewis S. 13 yrs.
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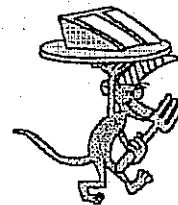
WE CARE

John G. 6 mos.

WILLIAMSVILLE

Sandra W. 3 mos.
 Jim B. 6 mos.
 Jerry G. 3 yrs.
 Vicki C. 3 yrs.
 Bob K. 4 yrs.
 Gordy F. 16 yrs.
 Charles T. 17 yrs.
 Audrey S. 17 yrs.
 James P. 18 yrs.

**OCTOBER 1997
 ANNIVERSARIES MUST BE
 IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE,
 IN WRITING,
 NO LATER THAN
SEPTEMBER 10, 1997**



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SEPTEMBER 1997

MEETING CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS.

THURSDAY - BIDWELL - due to lack of support this meeting no longer meets

WEDNESDAY - NORTH BUFFALO is marked wrong^{ly} the schedule. It is a Closed Discussion on Wednesday's.

THURSDAY - STEPPING STONES-TRI-COUNTY - is an Open Discussion meeting with a speaker on the third Thursday of the month.

MONDAY - CASSADAGA - Tri-County Hospital, should read 33 North MAIN Street

MONDAY - NEW LIFE - St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 13021 West Main Street, in Alden is now non-smoking.

TUESDAY - TUESDAY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION - Our Lady of Victory Hospital, Melroy St at Ridge Road is changing their meeting time to 7:00PM

FRIDAY - WILLING TO GROW - which meets at the Southern Erie Clinical Services 517 Sunset Drive in Hamburg will have a new starting time of 6:45PM.

SEASONAL MEETING

MONDAY - SERENITY IN THE PARK - 7PM - Delaware Park Rose Garden

PLEASE NOTE

TUESDAY - FAITH - 7PM - St John's on Goodell at Michigan needs support.

SATURDAY - BY HIS GRACE which meets in North Buffalo at 34 Elam Place is now a 12 Step Study Group. Come, go through the 12 steps of A.A. with us each Saturday morning at 11AM. Be refreshed at the Refreshing Springs Tabernacle. Open meeting - non-smoking.

AMHERST-SNYDER - is updating its' membership over the next three months. If you are currently a member and would like to remain a member please notify the membership Chairpersons (Machele P or Mary O) or any member of the Amherst-Snyder Group. Also, please let Machele or Mary know if you have changed your address, phone number or sobriety date so that the membership card can be updated.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - (TFC) meets on the third Friday of the month at St Simon's, 200 Cazenovia at 7:30PM.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE - (PIC) meets the first Thursday of the month at St Simon's, 200 Cazenovia a 7:30PM.

ACHIVE COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, September 13 at the Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive, 9AM to 10AM. (Where Courage meets)

COMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 6 - SATURDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT #9 will be holding its' SECOND ANNUAL DAY OF SHARING at the L. K. Painter Center in Collins, New York. There will be speakers, panels and different Committees. No registration fee. Lunch may be purchased for \$3.75. Come share with us. Donations to the Day of Sharing can be sent to: PO Box 37, Perrysburg, New York, 14129. Doors will open at 8:00AM.

SEPTEMBER 7 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00PM

SEPTEMBER 13 - SATURDAY - NY-PENN INTERGROUP presents its' ANNUAL SERVICE WORKSHOP at the Weston Mills Fire Hall, Rt. 417 in Weston Mill, New York. Starts at 9:00am. Pre-registration is \$2.50, at the door \$3.00

SEPTEMBER 28 - SUNDAY - RENEWAL is celebrate their 25TH ANNIVERSARY at 7:30PM, Brothers of Mercy Campus, 10500 Bergtold Road in Clarence. Scheduled speaker is Marcia W of the North Buffalo Group. "Rumor has it' that the North Buffalo Group is the oldest A.A group in the Western New York Area." This is the only day of the year that this group will be an open speaker meeting.

SEPTEMBER 28 - SUNDAY - FRESH START - will be celebrating it's 14TH GROUP ANNIVERSARY with a guest speaker. This is a 9:00PM meeting at the Triedstone Baptist Church, 559 Woodlawn at Humboldt Parkway.

SEPTEMBER 30 - TUESDAY - H.A.N.D. Group's 15TH ANNIVERSARY will be celebrated with a guest speaker, Patsy N, from Sunrise Court. Cake and coffee will be served. Please bring a dish to share. This is a 10AM meeting at the Cleveland Hill Lutheran Church, 261 Cleveland Drive

OCTOBER 4 - SATURDAY - OPEN MIND Group is celebrating its' 30TH ANNIVERSARY with a Dinner and Dance at the Unitarian Church Hall, 695 Elmwood Avenue. Dinner at 6:30PM, Speaker at 8:00PM, Dancing at 9:30PM. Tickets are \$7 Dance only - \$4. For advance sale - call 497-0822.

OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00PM

OCTOBER - THURSDAY - HAMBURG - is celebrating there Anniversary. Watch for details in the October bulletin.

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9TH MONTH - 9TH STEP "MADE DIRECT AMENDS TO SUCH PEOPLE WHEREVER POSSIBLE. EXCEPT WHEN TO DO SO WOULD INJURE THEM OR OTHERS."

9TH MONTH - 9TH TRADITION "A.A., AS SUCH, OUGHT NEVER BE ORGANIZED, BUT WE MAY CREATE SERVICE BOARDS OR COMMITTEES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE THEY SERVE."

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

DELPHINE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

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

Joanne McC, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:00PM with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Yvonne read the Preamble. Pat M from Rainbow read the Purpose of the Central Committee and the Traditions were read by Mark W from Williamsville.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Mark W of Williamsville seconded by Dick L of Everybody's.

Corrections to the minutes - Bob K is from Southgate not Abbott Men and from the July minutes, Joanne McC did not propose the Ad Hoc Committee for the Fall Convention as in the Steering Committee report.

29 GROUPS ATTENDED - DISTRICT #1 - Delaware, Giving, One Day at a Time, Sunrise Court, The Journey DISTRICT #2 - MOD/Living in the Solution, Sheridan. DISTRICT#3 - Abbott Men's, Cheektowaga, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Southgate, Try Again, Urban, Victory, We Care DISTRICTS#4, Lake Shore DISTRICT#5,#6 - DISTRICT# 7 - Cold Springs, Lovejoy, Powerless, Remember When, Spirit of Hope - DISTRICT #8 - Amherst-Snyder, Common Problem, Renewal, Saratoga, Williamsville - DISTRICT #9 - Everybody's & DISTRICT #10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Cindy N of Sunrise Court

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
January	920.00	692.00	May	976.00	588.00
February	670.00	652.00	June	521.00	477.60
March	335.00	825.00	July	463.00	503.00
April	799.00	374.00	August	<u>598.00</u>	<u>522.00</u>
			Year to date	\$5,241.00	\$4,633.60

STEERING COMMITTEE - Janice O - One Day at a Time

Meeting opened at 5:30PM by Joanne McC with the Serenity Prayer. Present were John H, Central Committee Co-Chairperson, Janice O, District #1, Rick S, District#8, Dick L, District #9, Pat M, District #3, Joe F, District #4 & Delphine, Executive Secretary. Guests - from the Niagara Intergroup: Carl V, Chairman and Lucy L, Co-Chair. From the NY-Penn Intergroup - Walt C, Chairman, Paddle M, Secretary, Bonnie S (Bradford,Pa) and Terry W, Past Delegate, Area#50

We had two Intergroups committee members attend our meeting at our request - NY-Penn and Niagara.

After much discussion Niagara and Buffalo Intergroups decided to strongly suggest to groups, when they ask if they can belong to our Intergroup but are actually from another Intergroup Area, that they join and participate in the one in their geographic area.

John H motioned the the Buffalo Central Committee mail monthly minutes. "New Frontiers" and announcements to NY - Penn and Niagara Intergroups. Pat M second. Motion passed.

Pat M of Rainbow made a motion that the Intergroups in Area #50 meet annually in September. John H of We Care second. Motion passed

The meeting was closed at 6:50pm with the Lord's Prayer

FINANCIAL REPORT - Delphine - read attached

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Bob K, Southgate

1. Due to the number of Treatment Facility meetings we now have in the Buffalo area and the funds that we have in treatment brought up a motion that we should purchase 50 back issues of the "Grapevine" for \$10 instead of purchasing Big Books. The motion was defeated 1 to 9. We will keep purchasing Big Books when we have funds available.

2. Due to people going back to school and work schedules changes we need people to chair meetings all over in every facility as soon as possible. You can contact me at home - 825-7343.

3. I was informed that District #9 will be holding a "Day of Sharing" in Collins and that we will be there with a table and give a presentation on what we do and what we don't do in treatment.

4. The idea for "Beginner Packets" was discussed and we felt that this is why we have literature racks at facilities.

SCREENERS - no attendance

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Jim B - Ridge Grp

Meeting was held on September 7th at 5:40pm. Present were Jim B, chairman, Cindy N, GSA Chairperson, Jim R, Jim K and Charles L.

Buffalo Work Release: Working out well.

Erie County Correctional Facility for Women: Still looking for sponsors to co-ordinate the Saturday morning meeting.

Gowanda: going well

Collins - Collin II: volunteers have been transferred to Collins I as a result of lack of interest on the part of Collins II. Meetings are going well. We will miss John B who passed away last week.

Erocton: Women-no meeting - Holiday. Men - going well.

Wende: - Going well.

Niagara Women: - no chairperson as yet

Day of Learning, L K Painter Center in Collins on September 6th - table was set up with Correctional Facility literature, and presentation given. One male, two females, and one correspondent volunteer.

CFC has decided to fund Correction pamphlets from the Correction Fund Meeting closed at 6:30pm with the Lord's Prayer.

CENTRAL OFFICE - Delphine H.

		AUGUST '97	
AA Information	467	12 Step	1
PIC	1	Literature requests	28
CPC		Referred to other agency	19
Al Anon	22	Referred from other agency	2
Ala Teen	4	<i>CENTRAL OFFICE</i>	
ACOA	8	Outgoing Calls	93
<i>ANSWERING SERVICE</i>		Mailing cost	\$271.80 (619pieces)
Incoming Calls 432 outgoing 114		Visitors	71

NEW FRONTIER - John H, We Care

As usual, the Staff of the "New Frontiers" needs articles. We know you're out there. How about sharing your experience strength and hope with us?

56TH FALL CONVENTION - John H, Registration Chairperson

FALL CONVENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE - John H - Chairperson

COURTESY REPORTS -

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY - Cindy N on Corrections

Much discussion was done on bringing "Bridging the Gap" to WNY for the Correctional Facilities. Cindy N was voted in to handle this.

Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee - CPC -visits are being requested for Gowanda, Collins and Wende.

RECAP - none

OLD BUSINESS:

Cindy N motioned to remove the issue of sending cards to *Absentee Groups* from the table. Bob K, Southgate, second. Janice O, ODAT, made a motion we send the cards. Mark W, Williamsville, second. Discussion followed, vote taken, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob K, Southgate, made a motion to have Central Committee pay his expenses to attend an inter-area conference, November 1st. Cost \$75. to \$85. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer after a motion made by Mark W, Williamsville, and second by Dick L, Everybody's.

Yours in AA,

Cindy H, Central Committee Secretary

pg 1			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '97	Accum	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.
12 Step - Holiday Village						
12 Step - Medina						
3rd Step						
4th Step Stumblers						
6th Step						
AA Lunchtime						
A Day At A Time						
A Vision for You						
Abbott Mens Discussion		90.00		90.00		90.00
Acceptance/Welcome		801.00		20.00		20.00
Achievement		100.00				
Action		100.00				
Age Doesn't Matter		200.00				
Albion		12.00				
Alexander						
Amherst Snyder	152.00	821.00				
Amsdell Lakeshore	25.00	50.00				
Any Age		500.00				
Any Length	250.00	490.00		15.00		15.00
Anybody's Group						
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It		20.00				
Altitude Adjustment						
Attraction		170.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's		75.00				
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell						
Bidwell Monday Disc		75.00		25.00		25.00
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Workshop						
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Women's		175.00				
Brass		200.00				
Broadway-Bailey		15.00				
Brocton Discussion		75.00				
But for the Grace of God		125.00				
Came To Believe						

pg 2			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.
Cassadaga						
Casting		100.00				
Cathedral Park		115.30				
Caz Manor				25.00		25.00
Cazenovia		155.00				
Central Park						
Chapter IX				40.00		40.00
Cheektowaga		350.00		110.00		
Chevy *1		200.00				
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Clarence Men's Discsion		400.00				
Cold Springs	25.00	200.00		12.00		
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center						
Cornplanters Again						
Courage		260.00	100.00	110.00		10.00
Crossroads		40.00				
Decision, Choices, Changes						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby		130.00				
Design For Living						
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Discovery		48.00				
Downtown Men's Discussion		50.00				
Dunkirk	10.00	55.00				
Early Bird						
Easier Softer Way						
East Amherst						
East Aurora	25.00	80.00				
Easy Does It	25.00	105.00		5.00		5.00
Eden-North Collins		100.00				
Ellicott		90.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance		300.00				
Everybody's	20.00	140.00				
Express	112.00	234.00				
Eye Opener	194.40	552.85	25.00	50.00	25.00	50.00
F.U.N.						
Falth						
Faith in Action						
Father Baker	22.00	454.00	10.00	168.00	10.00	168.00
Feelings						

pg 3			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.
Fireside	85.39	1199.38		100.00	25.00	200.00
Fireside P.M.						
First Things First		225.00				
Fredonia Discussion						
Freedom	50.00	275.00				
Fresh Start						
Friendly		25.00				
Friendship						
Frontier		100.00				
Gardenville		50.00				
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		30.00				
Getting Better		30.00				
Giving		70.00				
Go to Any Length		170.00				
Golden Slipper		100.00				
Good Life		31.00				
Grand		75.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living		175.00				
Grateful						
Guiding Light						
H.A.N.D.	120.00	520.00				
H.O.W.						
Half & Half		50.00				
Hamburg						
Hamburg Literature Study Group						
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour						
Harmony		30.00		10.00		10.00
Helping Hand	20.00	60.00				
High Noon						
High View		40.00				15.00
Higher Powered						
Hill Billy		120.00		15.00		15.00
Hold On						
Holiday Village	100.00	900.00				
Holland						
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	270.00	10.00	80.00		
Hope - Big Book Study						
Horizon Sunset						
How It Works		308.00				
Humbly Willing						
In the Solution						
Inner City						

pg 4 GROUP			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.
Inspiration		50.00				
Inloxicated on Life						
Iron Horse		639.50		64.00		64.00
1st Step						
IT		25.00				
It's About Time	31.50	31.50				
Just for Today		50.00				
Keep It Simple. Sister		110.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore		375.00		75.00		75.00
Kensington		75.00				
Lake Shore	30.00	115.00		500.00		55.00
Lake View						
Let Go & Let God		20.00				
Leuname Women's AA						
Lew-port 5						
Liberty Women's		300.00				
Life Today						
Lighten Up	120.00	480.00				
Live and Let Live		50.00				
Living Sober	20.00	80.00				
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion						
Lockport Ladies		100.00				
Lockview		180.00				
Lovejoy		200.00				
Lower River						
Main Street						
Marilla		125.00				
Matt Talbot		275.00				
Mc Kinley Winners		100.00				
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD/Living in the Solution		1015.00		20.00		20.00
Morning After						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings		25.00				
New Frontier		120.00				
New Frontier Womens						
New Life						

pg 5			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.
New Life - New Beginning		50.00				
New Westside		50.00		33.00		
Niagara Frontier Men's		60.00				
North Buffalo	200.00	1300.00	50.00	250.00	50.00	250.00
North Java		40.00				
One Day at a Time (ODAT)		375.00		50.00		100.00
Open Arms						
Open Mind				10.00		
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step	50.00	150.00				
Pass It On						
Palchin		100.00				
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Pioneer	25.00	25.00				
Positively Living III						
Powerless				20.00		
Primary Purpose						
Progress		20.00				
Purpose		100.00				
Rainbow	25.00	85.00		25.00		25.00
Ray of Hope		80.00				
Remember When	25.00	25.00				
Renaissance/Post Livl		1500.00				
Renewal		150.00		10.00		10.00
Ridge		445.00		55.00		30.00
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine		90.00				
Rochester Meeling						
Rur-al is Plural		60.00				
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga		288.00				
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searching for Serenity		45.00				
Second Chance						
Seneca 12 & 12	25.00	25.00				
Serenity						

Pg #	GROUP	Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities			
		SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.
	Serenity Circle		25.00				
	Serenity Trail						
	Sheridan		80.00				
	Silver Creek Friendship		50.00				
	Sober Trail						
	Sober Winners	50.00	50.00				
	Sobriety Men's Disc		35.00				
	Sobriety on the Lake		20.00				
	South Buffalo	30.00	270.00	30.00	270.00	30.00	270.00
	South Town		40.00				
	South Town Women's		55.00		10.00		10.00
	Southgate		70.00		10.00		10.00
	Southwestern		180.00		20.00		20.00
	Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
	Spiritual Progress-women's		200.00				
	Springville						
	Springville Saturday Afternoon		60.00				
	Springville Wed Noon						
	St. Barnabas		100.00		50.00		50.00
	St. Mark's		180.00				
	Starting Over		70.00		40.00		40.00
	Step						
	Stepping Stones		84.00				
	Stepping Stones-Tri County		320.00				
	Suburban	25.00	25.00				
	Sunday Morning Bkft.		300.00		100.00		50.00
	Sunday Nites						
	Sunday Third						
	Sunrise Court		251.25				
	SUNY-Amherst Campus						
	Surrender & Hope		45.00				
	Survivors		50.00				
	TnT		288.00		50.00		
	T.P.H.						
	TGIF	200.00	200.00				
	Thankful		190.00				
	The Book Meeting	20.00	63.00				
	The Journey						
	The Present		25.00				
	There's A Solution						
	Thruway	400.00	1450.00	20.00	100.00	20.00	100.00
	Thursday Afternoon	100.00	450.00				
	Today						
	Today's Woman						
	Tonawanda						

pg 7			Correcional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.	SEPT '97	Accum.
Trail's End		25.00				
Tri-County		105.00				
Tri-Step Beginners		100.00				
Try Again		50.00		12.50		12.50
Tuesday Men's Disc		60.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		50.00				
Turning Point	31.35	56.35				
Twin-Cities		150.00				
Twin Cities II		135.00				
Unity		160.00				
University	120.00	960.00			10.00	80.00
Urban		60.00				
V.I.P.		90.00				
Valley		85.00				
Varysburg	10.00	30.00				
Veterans						
Victory	20.00	90.00	10.00	40.00	10.00	40.00
Vision of Hope (women's)						
Wake Up Call		54.00				
We Admitted						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	270.00	10.00	90.00	20.00	180.00
We Choose Life						
Wehrle		40.00				
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY		40.00				
Williamsville	100.00	800.00				
Willing To Grow		450.00				
Wilson	25.00	50.00				
Wilson Smith University Alumni		50.00				
Women's Westside Disc.		100.00				
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown		20.00				
41 Grps contri	2978.64	32067.13	265.00	2779.50	200.00	2179.50
		-2978.64		-265.00		-200.00
Total as of 7/25/97		29088.49		2514.50		1979.50

CENTRAL COMMITTEE		*504-771-7	8/25/97 - 9/25/97	
RECEIPTS				
41 Groups contributed			2978.64	
Joint Meeting	expenses		42.00	
New Frontiers subscriptions			95.00	
Envelope System			545.00	
Literature			3566.41	
Miscellaneous --	Day of Sharing-Dist*9		42.00	
			Total Receipts	7269.05
*10 Ellicott Court Corporation			rent	598.00
Community Mental Health Center			rent	35.00
Vermont Pure Spring Inc				14.50
The Paper Shop				194.50
M & T Bank			Fed WithholdTax	784.10
World Services Inc			Bg Bks	984.00 984.00
World Services Inc			12 & 12/phamplets	1027.00 1027.00
Secrephone/Mediphone			Ans service	178.04
Bell Atlantic			(old NYNEX)	196.43
Pilney Bowes Credit Corp			qtr mt rll	155.12
Print Plus			schedules	2036.94 2036.94
World Services Inc			Bg Bks/sft cv	886.00 886.00
Hazelden			24 Hr Bks	260.63 260.63
US Postal Service			Meter refill	200.00
Salary				1837.24
cash				50.00
Bank Charges				61.94
			Disbursements	9499.44 5194.57
				-5194.57 literature
				4304.87 office expenses
Balance pr checkbook 7/25/97			4983.99	
Add Receipts 7/25/97-8/25/97			7269.05	
			12253.04	
Deduct expenses 7/25/97-8/25/97			-9499.44	
Balance per checkbook 8/25/97			2753.60	
Operating debit for 9/25/97			(-2229.39)	
MONEY MARKET			4772.11	11097.16 savings
CERT OF DEPOSIT			6325.05	2753.60 checking
			11097.16	13850.76

At the August Central Committee meeting, a figure of \$25,000 was adopted by the Representatives present, as our desired **Prudent Reserve**. This would be a three month amount for operating the Central Office. At this time, September 25, 1997, we are **(-\$11,149.24)** short of our goal.

RE-CAP		8/25/97-9/25/97			
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4					
EXPENSES		CHECK*			
Cindy N Printing phamplets		1165	108.00		
AA Central Office Wende		1166	300.00		
AA Central Office Wende		1167	200.00		
			608.00		
Balance pr checkbook	8/25/97			502.30	
Add Receipts	8/25/97-9/25/97			265.00	
				767.30	
Deduct expenses	8/25/97-9/25/97			-608.00	
Balance per checkbook	9/25/97			159.30	
Operating debit for 9/25/97		(-343.00)			
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5					
EXPENSES		CHECK*			
Central Office	phamplets / TFC	360	169.40		
Balance per checkbook	8/25/97			318.88	
Add receipts	8/25/97-9/25/97			200.00	
				518.88	
Deduct expenses	8/25/97-9/25/97			-169.40	
Balance per checkbook	9/25/97			349.48	
Operating credit for 9/25/97		39.60			