

# NEW FRONTIERS

September 2004

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.

## 12 Signs of a Spiritual Awakening

(Source Unknown)

1. An increased tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
2. Frequent attacks of smiling.
3. Feelings of being connected with others and nature.
4. Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
5. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fears based on past experience.
6. An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
7. A loss of ability to worry.
8. A loss of interest in conflict.
9. A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
10. A loss of interest in judging others.
11. A loss of interest in judging self.
12. Gaining the ability to love without expecting anything in return.

## Meetings from: "Dr. Fosdick Again Recommends Us"

"The meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are the only place, so far as I know, where Roman Catholics, Jews, all kinds of Protestants, and even agnostics get together harmoniously on a religious basis. They do not talk theology. Many of them would say they know nothing about it. What they do know is that in their utter helplessness they were introduced to a Power, greater than themselves.... I have listened to many learned arguments about God, but for honest-to-goodness experiential evidence of God...give me a good meeting of A.A.!"

**Step Nine ~ Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

### **My Step Nine Story**

We all have our AA "stories", some are Remember Whens, some are euphoric recall, some are our recovery stories. I love to talk about my Step Nine. It takes me back to the early days in AA when I was still 'green', doing what my sponsor told me to do without question (I slip into "know-it-all" a lot now.)

It took me a long time to get this step, mostly because of Step Four. But once I got past that hurdle, the rest moved along and there I was into Step Nine. It was my second year in AA and I was still hurting. Time to clear the wreckage. I had made amends to my living children early on. The guilt was so unbearable, it became a necessity in order not to drink. They made light of it, assuring me that I was forgiven and now needed to forgive myself. All five of my children have been such wonderful teachers!

It was a gorgeous day in May. I was headed to the cemetery, but had called ahead and asked if I could stop at the home of my first husband's second wife, (God, we live in complicated times!) it was on the way. I had been pretty cruel and even physically attacked this very kind young woman who had taken my children in at a time when I had 'lost it' during my drinking heyday. I approached the door with trepidation, believing that this would be the instance my sponsor warned me about where my amend would not be accepted. He (yes, 'he') said it was why amends were step nine not two or three. We had to get strong enough to handle a possible rejection. Answering the door, Susan (fictitious name) was accompanied by her very large second husband. No surprise, actually. She probably felt she needed his protection. We sat at their kitchen table and I told her how sorry I was for the way I had treated her. She/they were so gracious. Offered me coffee and said she understood what was happening at the time, twenty years previously and that she was glad I was in recovery - for my sake and for my children's. I left feeling as if a miracle had occurred.

I went from there to the cemetery, where my father, my brother, my husband and my son are all buried. I went to my son's gravesite first and just sat on the headstone, talking to him. I knew he had forgiven me. I thanked him for his gift. It had been his death from AIDS-related illnesses that had begun the wake-up call that would lead to AA. I often wonder if his soul intentionally set it up that way. He was like that.

Then I went to my husband's grave. I asked him to forgive me for blaming him for all of our difficulties. I had been at least 50% responsible for our troubles and, in many cases, 100%. I believe he was an alcoholic also, a *nicer* alcoholic than I was. He put up with unbelievable behavior from me. The tears poured out of me as I talked to him, again sitting on the gravestone. He'd given me five wonderful children, special beings whose love continues to heal us all.

My brother and my father were buried together, though they'd died about four years apart. I apologized to my brother for having been so caught up in my own stuff, so self-centeredly drowning myself in alcohol that I had not been there for him. I was the oldest, he the youngest of seven children. He'd returned from Viet Nam a heroin addict, having also been an alcoholic, and was just not able to make it. He'd taken his life at 29.

To my amazement, I found myself sobbing at my father's grave, begging his forgiveness for 'hating' him for so many years. I had used a childhood in an alcoholic home as an *excuse* to drink for thirty-eight years. I had *become* my father! It all poured out of me as I realized what I had done, no longer focusing on what *he* had done. In that moment, a process of releasing the past was begun a process that continues today. I drank a long time. I sometimes think that perhaps I am not only recovering for me and for my children, but for my father and my husband and my brother who had not been able to do so in their lifetimes.

Marie C. ~ Lockport Ladies

**Tradition Nine ~ A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

## ***we May Create Service boards***

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TO MANY AA MEMBERS it is not clearly known just how the service boards mentioned in Tradition Nine serve us, and as a matter of fact, some members may wonder, do we need them at all? It is quite understandable that the publishing company is needed, and the Grapevine too, but these are both self-supporting businesses. In addition we have General Service Headquarters which is supported by the groups, but the conception of the nature of its services is pretty misty to many members.

Let me present a form of service offered by General Service Headquarters. I choose to present it because I am familiar with it, but to most members it is quite unknown.

This past summer I achieved seven years of continued sobriety, and I appreciate it very much. During these seven years I have seen the growth of AA in my country, Finland, and have been an active member in our society all these years. Over 180 of our alcoholics have received a birthday cake with a burning candle on it. A great many of them have received several cakes and many candles have burned.

How has this been possible in the country so far north that the Polar circle divides it in two. . . far from members of AA who know something about AA?

Well, we have been able to use the foreign department of General Service Headquarters. Of course, there has been correspondence with other special departments of Headquarters, but I tell only of what I am personally familiar with.

We have succeeded in being able to give a small annual contribution but naturally we understand that it has not in any sense covered the services we have received.

Not once have we been dissatisfied for the treatment we have got. We know Bill's words in our Traditions: "Of course you are at perfect liberty to handle this matter any way you please. But the majority experience in AA does seem to suggest. . ." We have been served in this way and it has been a way that produced good results. We have received all possible material free, and permission to translate it to our own language, and to forward it to the hands of our members.

We have asked many questions—maybe sometimes pretty funny ones—but always the answer has been clear and friendly. At our disposal has been all the experience gathered in AA, and many most talented members have offered their help personally.

What could our work be without the reliable knowledge of collected experiences? We are, like all alcoholics, great idealists. We have millions of "private ideas" and we could have killed AA in our country a long time ago had we not learned that it is always advisable to ask what kind of experience others have had before we start to practice our own "fineries." And thus time and again we have been "dropped on earth." And it is very important to us, for are we not living on the underside of the globe?

Now, one may ask, is it worth while for the members of AA to share in the expenses caused by us? What does it matter if the 100,000 Finnish alcoholics would drop into space? Well, maybe it would not trouble you at all. But would it be all the same for all of us if AA had not spread all over the world? Maybe it would be enough that there was only one group in action. . . The group I belong to?

Would it be quite all right if I was alone again?

We are not "halfway fellows." Either we are alone, or all together.

We have a good AA society here in Finland. You can all be proud, for the work—supported by your dollars—has borne a beautiful fruit.

The foreign department of General Service Headquarters is one of many "service boards." It is not meant to serve you, but it is meant to serve us on your behalf. It has served us magnificently.

A great many thanks to you all, who have made it possible.

V. K. - Helsinki

Hi, this is a poem I wrote a few years ago when in serious pain during withdrawal from alcohol. It is about my hopelessness and devotion to alcohol.

## WHAT WILL BECOME OF US?

What will become of me?  
alone I wait  
alone for death  
or a salvation  
a truth of my need  
a desire of my life  
seeping out through the light of our time  
What is it that cradles my inner fears?  
Do you see me  
Do you see it  
is it the devil?  
it waits  
ready to kill  
to tear at my soul  
and devour my life  
I cringe for I cannot stop it  
Its hunger is my death

What will become of you?  
your needs  
your thoughts  
your pain  
Do you carry it in your heart?  
this hate  
this sadness  
this need to kill  
an eternal gripping of unknown desires  
a fire of desertion  
Your passion drips dry  
leaving you hungry  
leaving you forgotten

I can feel it destroy you  
I cannot help you  
turn from your inner pain  
feel the depths of  
deranged suicidal freedom  
you escape your pain only  
to drown your love  
with death.

What will become of us?  
will we die  
will we search for a life of pining?  
of distress? of loss?  
are we doomed for desires unanswered  
our needs unfulfilled.  
in our search of hate and love  
do we leave our sanity behind  
do we drown in this pain  
this agony  
victimized by trying  
hung by crying  
our pain  
our time has come  
will we live a life  
beneath our whims  
or will our time be  
swiveled into an unknown  
a void of hopelessness  
our ending song  
our final act.

Grace C. Now a proud member of the Victory Group!

## Chinese Proverb

If you want happiness for an hour—take a nap.  
If you want happiness for a day—go fishing.  
If you want happiness for a month—get married.  
If you want happiness for a year—inherit a fortune.  
If you want happiness for a lifetime—help others.

Have completed 7 Steps and working on 8!! Life is better today than yesterday and there is Hope for tomorrow. Only by the grace of God and AA and people like you, yes you, have I been able to live this day, in this day, for this day, without even so much as a thought of drinking or drugging. This Program of Recovery (Discovery) is working for me! Where else on Earth are you encouraged to openly discuss character defects and how to solve the problems they cause? Where else does a person hear about self-centered fear and a hundred forms of self delusion being the problems that we carry and the solutions on how to move past them? I can't, God can, I think I'll let Him!

Rory Nashville, TN

### ***Secret Organization!***

I want to share a story about my friend, Cynthia; her sobriety date was March 13 1940. Her father was a lawyer and gave her an address of a secret organization that could help her with her alcoholism. This address was on Clinton St. Brooklyn NY. She rang the doorbell and a woman came to the door it was Lois, Bill W's wife, she was feeding the drunks that Bill brought home. Cynthia was directed to the parlor where 10 people were sitting she told them that her father sent her to this address and because of her drinking and she told them that all her friends abandoned her. Bill turned around and told her now you have 10 friends also Bill became her sponsor because in 1940 there were only 4 woman sober in the AA program. Bill spoke at her first anniversary Cynthia's father told her to stick closely to this guy, it seems like he knows what he's talking about. The NY Archives gave her a 60-year coin 4 years ago 1 week later she passed away sober at age 91.

Alan S. Bronx NY

### **Guidelines for writing *New Frontiers* articles**

**Format:** If possible, manuscripts should be typed. If you don't have a typewriter or computer just write clearly and legibly, on one side of the paper only. If you quote from AA literature (or another source) in your article, please give the correct name of the source, along with the page number.

**Length:** Maybe you heard a one-liner at a meeting that you'd like to pass along, or maybe you just want to relate one short but sweet incident, or maybe you really want to go in depth on a particular subject - no matter how long or short, the important thing is that you say what you want to say. Please keep articles to one typewritten page since space is limited.

**What We Do Not Publish:** Personal prayers, tributes to individual AA's, drama, anything not related to Alcoholics Anonymous (such as articles about the field of alcoholism treatment, legislation, medical advances, etc.).

## **My gross income the last year of my drinking was \$672**

I got sober this time in August of 1966 in Nashville. There were others earlier starting in 1963 in fact you might say my efforts at staying sober started as early as 1960. That is the first time in my life I decided to quit drinking.... FOREVER (that was the decision I made... to quit drinking forever!!) I was in a brig, on board a ship bound for Japan. I was 17 years old. In Honolulu Hawaii I had gotten drunk, stolen a car and was arrested driving the wrong way down an Interstate highway. This was not the first time I had driven drunk, it was not the first time I had been locked up, nor was it even the first time I had been locked up for stealing a car. In fact this event in the Navy was just one more of a series of screw-ups starting when I was 14 and discovered alcohol.

While in that brig I begin to think I was miserable, I was locked up in a very small cell (about the size of a closet as space on board a ship was at a premium) it was hot as hell for the brig was located close to the ships boiler rooms. The Marine Corps guards were harassing me for sport. I knew that the only reason I was there was because I had gotten drunk, stolen a car, driven like a lunatic down an interstate tried to evade the police and been arrested. My commanding officer had sentenced me to the brig at a Captains mast. This too was not a first for my first captains mast had occurred before I got out of boot camp. It too involved drinking. Well at this point of my life I thought this is getting old. I was able to conclude the common denominator was my drinking. Ever since I was 14 and started drinking whenever I found myself in trouble drinking was present. Now I didn't get in trouble every time I drank but every time I was in trouble I had been drinking. I decided to quit.... Forever! Forever lasted about an hour after my ship arrived in Sasebo Japan and I got off the ship. Eventually through a series of screw-ups I was kicked out of the U S Navy with a bad discharge.

My moment of truth came in a treatment center for indigent alcoholics located in Nashville Tennessee about six years later. It was not my first treatment experience for by this time I had been in a couple of mental institutions another treatment center in and out of AA for over a three-year period. I was divorced and had lost the right to see my children. I had multiple arrests by this time (in six different states) I was jobless, I couldn't hold a job. My gross income the last year of my drinking was \$672. My bad discharge, lack of education, institutional career, lack of any skills all added up to I was going nowhere (but downhill) fast. Now back to October 1966. I was in a treatment center for indigent male alcoholics. It is significant that I mention I was the son of the founder of the center. Special thought had been given to this in order to limit my contact with my father. In fact this suited me, as we had not spoken in quite some time as the result of his refusal to be part of my problem. I now know this is known as tough love. I attended only his lectures never his groups. Now I had all the proper credentials to be at the Samaritan Center I was sober about 90 days or so when an incident happened. Ed another resident who was in his 60's (I was 23 at this time) had started drinking again. We had come into the program about the same time in August of that year. I encountered Ed on the porch of the center. When he saw me he began to cry. I mean he just lost it, he began to sob and big tears ran down his cheeks as he looked at me and said, "I think it just terrible what your daddy's done to you". Having no idea what he meant I asked him "what's that Ed? What do you mean?" He answered, "Making you live here with all of us drunks. You ain't no alcoholic" I was stunned! I am sure that for that moment I was speechless.

It was at this time in my life that the reality of my disease became clear to me. Here was my friend Ed. At 60 something he had been homeless & indigent for several years. He sometimes drank a form of alcohol known to cause blindness or even death. Ed had lost everything that ever mattered to him in his life through drinking. I'm sure at some time in the past his life had some measure of success, certainly more than I had in mine for I knew that he had supervised others in his prior work life. Here was Ed telling me "You ain't no alcoholic!"

It was then that it came to me. How could Ed accept my alcoholism? He could not accept his own. How could this 60ish man accept that I had a disease that meant I was powerless over alcohol that I cannot start drinking without developing the phenomenon of craving? He could not accept this fact about himself. More importantly, it was this moment of my life that I realized it did not matter what he thought. When I drink they don't put him in jail, they put me in jail. When I drink he doesn't loose his job I loose my job. When I drink his wife doesn't leave him my wife leaves me. He doesn't loose his family I loose my family, he doesn't loose his dignity I loose my dignity and so on. In other words I suddenly understood that the only person on earth who had to grasp the fact of my powerlessness was Chris. My wife, parents, siblings, police, boss, minister, psychiatrist, as well as friends like Ed could decide I was or decide I was not an alcoholic and it did not matter. Nothing would change until I admitted and accepted this fact of my life. Then I could begin the process called recovery.

Chris Louisville, KY

**Some words to live by** submitted by O2 Tom ~ Victory Group

"Don't waste time waiting for inspiration. Begin, and inspiration will find you."

"Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know."

"Don't confuse mere inconveniences with real problems."

"Judge people from where they stand, not from where you stand."

"When there is a hill to climb, don't think that waiting will make it smaller."

"Hold yourself to the highest standards."

"Be tough minded but tenderhearted."

"Don't forget that the quality of your life will be determined by the quality of the people in your life."

"Don't accept unacceptable behavior."

"Spend less time worrying WHO'S right, and more time deciding WHAT'S right."

"Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage."

"Someone will always be looking at you as an example of how to behave. Don't let that person down."

IN MEMORIAM  
Things We Can Not Change

Gary S. ~ Lakeshore Group ~ 22 years  
Dave W. of Lancaster ~ Long time member of AA

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

**Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.**

Please submit your articles by the 12<sup>th</sup> for next months issue.

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 Chautauque, NY. Flyers in office. No gate fee. \$10 Advanced - \$12 Registration

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**5** \*1935 - Hank P., the New York group's member #2, takes his last drink but after 4 years of sobriety goes back to drinking again.

**6** LABOR DAY

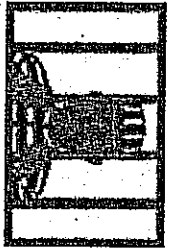
**7** 1998 - Eddy The Man Who Sponsored Bill W. by Mel B. is published.

**8** \* Sept. 1939 - The 1st AA group in Chicago is founded.

**9** \* Sept. 1943 - Tucson Arizona, Star reports about an AA group with 8 men and 3 women.

**10** \* Sept. 1940 - The AA Billerith found 9 "secure" groups in NYC, Wash. D.C., Detroit, Chicago, Philly, Houston, Akron, Los Angeles, and Cleveland.

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Whaddaya mean keep coming back? I'm sick and tired of this jail!

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**15** Alcoholism is a cancer of the soul.

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**24** 1954 - Bill D. "The man in the bed" dies in Akron, Ohio.

**25** Atrophia Communit Meeting, 9 AM, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 42 Maryvale Dr., Cheektow

**26** RENEWAL GROUPS

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1940 - Bill W. makes a 12th Step call on Bobbie V. who will replace Ruth Hook as NY's, AA office secretary.

1947 - Dallas Central opens its doors.

Unit, Service & R Day of Sharing, hosted District 5, Victory Christs Center, 6886 South Transpandleton, NY. 2 speakers Old Timers Panels, Luncheon.

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Most AA's are going to owe their guardian angels a lot of overtime.

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## SEPTEMBER 2004

### MEETING CHANGES;

SUNDAY THIRD has changed it's name to SUNDAY GRAPEVINE starting Sept. 5. 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, Rt. 20 in Sheridan. 8:00 PM, Closed meeting, open speaker the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

BODHISATTVA Thursday's has moved to Lafayette Presbyterian Church at 7:30 PM.

NO HUMAN POWER, Wednesday's at 12 Noon. Cleveland Heights Church 4774 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Open

Page 69, Sunday's at 7:30 PM. Cleveland Heights Church, 4774 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Closed MEN'S group.

PRIDE, Monday at 8 PM, OD, Gay & Lesbian. Pride Center of WNY, 18 Trinity Place, Buffalo.

EASY DOES IT, Saturday's at 10am in North Buffalo has **MOVED** to St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 10 Main Street at Lisbon.

SUNDAY THIRD in Sheridan, is moving Sept.5<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist, Rt 5 & 20, NS. 8 PM.

POSITIVELY LIVING GROUP has gone back to meeting Tuesday & Thursday's ONLY. Ascension Church, Linwood & North at 12:30 PM.

**NEW MEETING: MAPLE MEDITATIONS**, Thursday, All Saints Church 781 Maple Rd., Williamsville 8 PM. Open.

JUST DO IT, Friday's, NO LONGER MEETS.

LIVE & LET LIVE, Friday's, NO LONGER MEETS.

BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, Tuesday's, NO LONGER MEETS.

DOWNTOWN MEN'S GROUP, Thursday's at 8PM NEEDS SUPPORT. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main St., Buffalo.

### Service Opportunities:

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## COMING EVENTS

- ~ Sept. 3,4 & 5, **51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY**: Chautauqua, NY. Flyers in the office. No gate fee. \$10 Advanced -\$12 Registration. Flyer available.
- ~ Sept. 12, **Holiday Village Annual Family Picnic**, Sunday, Noon to Dusk. Glen Meadows Park (off Sunset Dr.) in the Village of Hamburg. Speaker at 4 PM. Flyers in the office.
- ~ Sept. 25, **Unity, Service & Recovery Day of Sharing, hosted by District 5**. Victory Christian Center, 6886 South Transit Rd., Pendleton, NY. 2 speakers and 2 Old Timers Panels. Lunch at 12 NOON. Pre- Registration: \$8, Registration at door: \$10. Any questions contact: Cynthia at 695-4324 or e-mail: [adchtess@aol.com](mailto:adchtess@aol.com).
- ~ Sept. 26, **RENEWAL GROUP'S 31<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY**: 7:30 PM, Open Speaker Meeting. Deserts and Fellowship to follow. 4520 Ransom Rd. at the Sacred Heart Home. Take the Ransom Rd. entrance to the back parking lot and enter through #8 door.
- ~ Oct. 2, **Matt Talbot Group** is hosting a **TRADITION'S DAY**. 10:00 AM- 3:30 PM. St. John's Lutheran Church, 67 Litchfield. 50/50 Drawing, eats, coffee, bring a dish to pass if you would like.
- ~ Oct. 22- 24, **AA Men's Spiritual Retreat**, Sponsored by University Men's Group, Stella Niagara Renewal Center. For information call Guy H. 871-0644 or John K. 694-7929.
- ~ Nov. 5,6 & 7, **63<sup>rd</sup> BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION**: Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst. Registration: \$20, Registration & Banquet: \$45. For information call, Registration Chair: John C. or Email: [johnjczermerys@adelphia.net](mailto:johnjczermerys@adelphia.net) or Convention Chair: Jim R. (716) 491-8301. Coffee donations may be sent to: P. O. Box 747 Station C., Buffalo, NY 14209.
- ~ Nov. 13, **"Keep Coming Back", Day of Sharing**, Lockport United Church of Christ, 98 East Avenue (route 31) near Washburn, Lockport, NY. Registration: 9:30 AM, Donation: \$4.00. Panel, Speaker, 50/50, Basket raffle & a surprise for all. Please join us for a day of fun, food & fellowship! A dish to pass & a basket for the raffle will be gratefully appreciated.

**9th STEP**: "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

**9th TRADITION**: "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

**9<sup>th</sup> CONCEPT**; Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

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

*Terry Bateman....*

*Executive Secretary*

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Income Statement	31-May-04	30-Jun-04	31-Jul-04
beg Bal Cash on hand	19,346.03	16,019.22	5,256.11
<b>Contributions</b>			
Groups	2,863.45	2,958.26	4,395.59
Joint Meeting	49.00	51.50	32.00
Envelope System		696.00	670.00
New Frontiers Subs	33.00		91.00
Literature	2,864.00	2,465.83	2,659.09
Mail/Misc.	75.00		335.00
Conventions/Day of Sharing			
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>5,984.45</b>	<b>6,171.59</b>	<b>8,182.68</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Office Rent	1,389.04	636.00	1,506.08
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00	
Payroll			
Salaries (Net)	1,696.16	1,696.16	2,120.20
Federal Withholdings	588.60	588.59	735.75
NYS Withholdings			365.81
Insurance			
State Ins Fund		48.38	
Health	304.00	304.00	304.00
Liability			
Postage	643.31	51.26	46.07
Phone	122.89	104.55	260.31
Accounting		2,000.00	
Advt			
PIC Lit			
Talking Phone Book			
Verizon website		176.00	88.00
white directory			
Yellow Pages			
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine			185.00
World Services Inc	1,799.34	2,641.96	1,745.80
Hazelton			524.70
"IN All Our Affairs"			
Printers	2,240.00		
Office Supplies	114.96	291.57	912.40
Answering service	102.51	100.78	105.98
Minolta leasing (copier)	260.45	260.45	260.45
Minolta Copies			56.29
Crystal Rock (water)	15.00		16.95
DBA Telecommunication			632.75
computer		8,000.00	
CD			
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>9,311.26</b>	<b>16,934.70</b>	<b>9,965.64</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(3,326.81)</b>	<b>(10,763.11)</b>	<b>(1,683.86)</b>
CD		8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>End Bal Cash on hand</b>	<b>16,019.22</b>	<b>5,256.11</b>	<b>3,572.25</b>
<b>Literature Assets:</b>	<b>3,547.54</b>		<b>3,957.75</b>
<b>Literature Receivable:(outstanding)</b>		<b>519.69</b>	<b>1,159.84</b>
<b>Corrections Facilites</b>	<b>2,014.44</b>	<b>1,369.59</b>	<b>1,591.05</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>275.65</b>	<b>221.46</b>	<b>210.10</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>920.50</b>		<b>522.50</b>
<b>Bank Charges</b>			
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,369.59</b>	<b>1,591.05</b>	<b>278.65</b>
<b>Treatment Facilites</b>	<b>1,131.85</b>	<b>721.80</b>	<b>846.26</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>217.50</b>	<b>191.46</b>	<b>177.10</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
AT & T Bridging The Gap	31.55	28.50	30.03
AAA Abolt Answering Service	33.50	38.50	31.00
Literature	562.50		40.00
<b>Bank Charges</b>			
<b>Balance</b>	<b>721.80</b>	<b>846.26</b>	<b>922.33</b>

Mail/Misc. = \$35.00- Mailing + \$300.00- Furniture

GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
11:45		0.00		0.00		0.00
12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
4th Step Bumblebees		0.00		0.00		0.00
DB Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
Abolt Men's	60.00	285.00	60.00	285.00	60.00	285.00
Acceptance/Welcom	400.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
Achievement		200.00		0.00		0.00
Action		50.00		50.00		50.00
After Midnight		0.00		0.00		0.00
Age Doesn't Matter		75.00		0.00		0.00
Alexander		200.00		0.00		0.00
Amherst/Bryder	78.74	627.17		0.00		0.00
Annals Lakeshore	20.00	140.00		0.00		0.00
Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
Any Length	30.00	180.00		0.00		0.00
Anybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
As We See It		25.00		0.00		0.00
Attitude Adjustment	50.00	100.00		25.00		25.00
Abolition	100.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
Beginning's Women		35.00		0.00		0.00
Bikwell Monday		225.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Lockout		100.00		0.00		0.00
Big Spiritual Awakening		5.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Study		150.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Workshop		70.00		0.00		0.00
Blackell		0.00		0.00		0.00
Blackell Monday Night	20.00	60.00		0.00		0.00
Bookshrine		150.00		0.00		0.00
Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
Boulevard Women		125.00		0.00		0.00
Brass		50.00		0.00		0.00
Brockton AA		0.00		0.00		0.00
Bromboppers		0.00		0.00		0.00
Buffalo Group		5.00		0.00		0.00
But For the Grace of God	100.00	180.00		0.00		0.00
By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
Casting		40.00		13.00		13.00
Cathedral Park		33.35		15.00		15.00
Cast Minor	20.00	140.00		25.00		25.00
Carsonville		0.00		0.00		0.00
Central Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
Chandler IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
Chalktown	60.00	180.00		0.00		0.00
Cherry #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
Common Problems		0.00		0.00		0.00
Common Solution		30.00		0.00		0.00
Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
Community Center		0.00		0.00		0.00
Composites		0.00		0.00		0.00
Course		100.00		64.15		64.15
Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
Crookmade		152.00		0.00		0.00
Cross Talk Big Book		90.00		30.00		30.00
Daily Reflections		300.00		0.00		0.00
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DeVos Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Derby		150.00		0.00		0.00
Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
Durkin Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
Early Rising Ongoing		0.00		0.00		0.00
Easter Better Way		0.00		0.00		0.00
East Ashland		0.00		0.00		0.00
East Aurora		150.00		0.00		0.00
Every Does It	50.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
Elcott		0.00		0.00		0.00
Elcottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
Elemental Vigilance		0.00		0.00		0.00
Everybody's -		150.00		0.00		0.00
Express		322.00		0.00		0.00
Eyepower	70.00	375.00		0.00		0.00
F.U.U.		25.00		0.00		0.00
Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
Father Baker		475.00		0.00		0.00
Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
Festive		308.00		37.50		37.50
First Things First		0.00		0.00		0.00
Frederick Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Frederick Friday Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
Freedom		200.00		0.00		0.00
Fresh Start	15.00	42.00		11.00		11.00
Friendly	15.00	15.00		0.00		0.00
Fronder(New)	200.00	340.00		0.00		0.00
GAHADA GON		0.00		0.00		0.00
Gardenville		150.00		25.00		25.00
Georgetown		200.00		0.00		0.00
Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
Giving		50.00		0.00		0.00
Go In Any Length		50.00		50.00		50.00
Golden Circle		100.00		0.00		0.00
Grant		52.00		0.00		0.00
Grand Joy of Living		0.00		0.00		0.00
Grateful		50.00		0.00		0.00
Guiding Light		0.00		0.00		0.00
H.O.W.		15.00		0.00		0.00
Hamburg		50.00		0.00		0.00

# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
Happy Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
Harmony	50.00	50.00	0.00
Holding Hand	25.00	115.00	0.00
High Noon	70.00	490.00	0.00
High View		120.00	0.00
Higher Power		0.00	0.00
Hobby		300.00	0.00
Holiday Village	125.00	725.00	0.00
Holland	60.00	120.00	0.00
Honest Solutions		0.00	0.00
Honesty	60.00	150.00	0.00
Hope Bk Book Study		20.00	0.00
How It Works		0.00	0.00
How It Works/Man's		0.00	0.00
Inner City		0.00	0.00
Inspiration		0.00	0.00
In The Solution		0.00	0.00
Inticated on Life		40.00	20.00
Ironhorse	39.50	231.00	15.00
IT		25.00	0.00
Jamestown Groups		0.00	0.00
Johnson Creek Bk Book		0.00	0.00
Journey		116.68	0.00
Just Do It		0.00	0.00
Just For Today/Albin		5.00	0.00
Just For Today/Chick		0.00	0.00
Kamp It Simple/Gier		60.00	0.00
Keep On Coming		0.00	0.00
Karaoke		0.00	0.00
Karaoke/ton		0.00	0.00
Lake Ghara		575.00	25.00
Lakeview	80.00	155.00	0.00
Last Days Fellowship	8.00	19.00	0.00
Laywits		146.00	0.00
LawPort		0.00	0.00
Let Go and Let God		0.00	0.00
Liberty Women		40.00	0.00
Life Today		0.00	0.00
Lighthouse	600.00	1200.00	0.00
Live and Let Live		0.00	0.00
Living In The Solution		7.00	0.00
Living Sober		60.00	0.00
Lock City		0.00	0.00
Lockport #1		610.00	55.00
Lockport (no name)		0.00	0.00
Lockport Discussion		20.00	0.00
Lockport Ladies		0.00	0.00
Lockport		450.00	0.00
Look To This Day		0.00	0.00
Love		50.00	0.00
Lovely		0.00	0.00
Lower River		0.00	0.00
Main and High		16.00	0.00
Main Street		0.00	0.00
Maria		50.00	0.00
Mat Talkot		100.00	0.00
Mary's Uptown Group		0.00	0.00
McHenry Winners		75.00	0.00
Medina Bk Book		25.00	0.00
Medina New Life		90.00	40.00
Merry		100.00	0.00
Midday		143.56	0.00
Midnight Discussion		0.00	0.00
Miracle		0.00	0.00
Morning After		300.00	0.00
New Awakening		0.00	0.00
New Frontier		0.00	0.00
New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00	0.00
New Life		0.00	0.00
New Outlook		0.00	0.00
Newman Inaugural		0.00	0.00
New Westside		0.00	0.00
Nipissin River Men's Disc.	50.00	150.00	0.00
North Buffalo	200.00	1800.00	50.00
North Java Monday		0.00	0.00
North Java Sunday		25.00	0.00
One Day At A Time		0.00	0.00
Open Arms		75.00	0.00
Open Mind		0.00	0.00
Oxford Park Club	82.00	344.00	0.00
Pass It On		0.00	0.00
Patrol	100.00	200.00	0.00
Pathway to Peace		0.00	0.00
Pendleton Chapter Five		0.00	0.00
Phonics		0.00	0.00
Positively Living/Ret.	510.00	1040.00	0.00
Powerless		200.00	0.00
Primary Purpose		0.00	0.00
Principles of Personalities		0.00	0.00
Progress		0.00	0.00
Purpose/Tenets		0.00	0.00
Questions & Answers		0.00	0.00
Rainbow		50.00	40.00
Ray of Hope	51.55	246.55	0.00
Race - Women in the Bk.		0.00	0.00
Recovery Her Garden		40.00	0.00
Redeemers		0.00	0.00
Remember When		25.00	0.00
Renewed		0.00	0.00
Ride Sober		50.00	0.00
Ridge		350.00	25.00
Rise and Shine		0.00	25.00
Rochester		50.00	0.00
Roland		0.00	0.00
Rural in Rural		0.00	0.00
Sally		0.00	0.00
Barabara		0.00	0.00
Sal. Night in Recovery		0.00	0.00
Sal. Nite Sober		0.00	0.00

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
Sal. Midnights	0.00	0.00	0.00
Searchlight For Serenity	100.00	0.00	0.00
Second Chance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity	170.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity Circle	15.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serivide	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sheridan	40.00	220.00	0.00
Silvercreek Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober and Proud	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober Saturday	387.00	50.00	50.00
Sober Trail	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober Winners	0.00	0.00	0.00
Society Comes First	0.00	0.00	0.00
Society for Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
Society Men's Disc.	34.00	117.00	33.00
Society On The Canal	40.00	0.00	0.00
Society on a Sat. Night	0.00	0.00	0.00
Society on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
Somerset	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Buffalo	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Town	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southgate	90.00	0.00	0.00
Southtown Women's	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southwestern	50.00	0.00	0.00
Spirit of Hope	200.00	0.00	0.00
Spiritual Progress	170.00	0.00	0.00
Springville Sat. Afternoon	60.00	0.00	0.00
Springville Tues. Night	0.00	0.00	0.00
Springville Wed. Noon	0.00	0.00	0.00
Springville New Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
St. Barnabas	0.00	0.00	0.00
St. Mark's	100.00	100.00	0.00
Starting Over	42.50	272.30	0.00
Staying Alive	0.00	0.00	0.00
Step Work	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stepping Stones/Coor.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stepping Stones/Wk.	25.00	0.00	0.00
Suburban	50.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Afternoon/Ascension	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast	600.00	50.00	50.00
Sunday @ 8:00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Meters	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Third Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
Syrise Court	60.00	160.00	5.00
SURY Amherst Campus	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surrender and Hope	275.00	25.00	25.00
Survivors	0.00	0.00	0.00
TCAF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thankful	30.00	115.00	0.00
The Book Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00
Three Lakes	8.30	89.40	6.30
These Too	5.00	35.00	0.00
Thruway	100.00	700.00	40.00
Thurs. Nite Singsers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thursday PM Discussion	200.00	400.00	0.00
Today	0.00	0.00	0.00
Today's Women	20.00	80.00	0.00
Tri County	210.00	0.00	0.00
Tri-Step Beginners	40.00	0.00	0.00
Try Again	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tuesday Men's AM	150.00	0.00	0.00
Tuesday Women	60.00	30.00	30.00
Turning Point	0.00	0.00	0.00
Twin Cities	200.00	200.00	0.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00
University Men's Disc.	832.70	0.00	50.00
Valley	0.00	0.00	0.00
Variables of Spiritual Exer.	15.00	0.00	0.00
Varysburg	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory	150.00	250.00	0.00
Wakes Up Call	0.00	0.00	0.00
We Are Not Saints	0.00	0.00	0.00
We Care	30.00	10.00	20.00
We Choose Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Webbie	20.00	70.00	0.00
Welcomes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westfield	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westminster	0.00	0.00	0.00
Why	0.00	0.00	0.00
Willsboro	500.00	0.00	0.00
Writing To Grow	220.00	0.00	0.00
Wilson Group	25.00	25.00	0.00
Wilson Smith Alumni	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's West Side	0.00	0.00	0.00
Working	260.00	0.00	0.00
You'll Never Walk Alone	0.00	0.00	0.00
Young at Heart	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youngstown	0.00	0.00	0.00
Atika	40.00	0.00	0.00
Frank B.	130.00	0.00	0.00
Anonymous	160.00	0.00	0.00
Anonymous	60.00	0.00	0.00
Bridget L.	100.00	0.00	0.00
John H.	50.00	0.00	0.00
Kathleen	5.00	0.00	0.00
Bruce C.	5.00	0.00	0.00
Peter D.	6.85	0.00	0.00
Mike J.	50.00	0.00	0.00
Paul H.	200.00	0.00	0.00
Paul S.	25.00	0.00	0.00
Ed O'D	50.00	72.50	0.00
Kevin P.	20.00	20.00	0.00
James N.	5.00	0.00	0.00
IRS	17.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	24396.58	27313.06	210.10

TOTALS: 24396.58 27313.06 210.10 1612.45 177.10 1423.30

## Buffalo Central Committee

August 1, 2004

John, Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7:03 PM, with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble. Mark, Lakeshore Group, read The Purpose of the Central Committee. Jack, Lockport #1 Group read the Traditions. Motion to dispense with reading of last months' minutes, motion by John, Sunday Morning Breakfast Group, seconded by Steve H, Springville Tuesday Night Group.

One new representative. 25 Groups were represented: **District #1** Main and High, New West Side, Those Too. **District # 2** Living Sober, North Buffalo, Three Legacies.

**District #3** Blasdell Monday Night, Ridge, Southtown, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Victory. **District #4** Action, Patchin, Springville Tues. Night, Springville Wed. Noon, Springville Saturday Afternoon. **District #5** Johnson Creek Big Book. **District # 6** Amsdell Lakeshore, Go To Any Lengths, Lakeshore. **District # 7** Community Center, Fresh Start, Lovejoy, Spirit of Hope. **District #8** Amherst Snyder.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** \$670.00 ytd \$3814.00 Thank you for the privilege of serving AA as the Envelope Chair again, Karen

**STEERING COMMITTEE :** Will M. Dist # 2 rep. reports delivered annual review to Exec. Sec.-beyond purchase of tables and chairs, some tables donated by Bill O'D \$300.00 donated all together. \$467.87 chairs, 179.96 tables, currently unknown-phone transfer charges, specific fire extinguisher and testing. Sign estimate: Aluminum Blue on white, \$369.16 including installation. Signage to be approved by owner. Need to check into building codes. Motion to accept sign bid and Terry to pursue. Passed. Total move around \$2800.00. \$2000 finance from CD, \$300 from donation, \$500 from General Fund. Exec. Secretary report-Central Office Seminar 9/30-10/03 Denver, CO total around \$650.00 refer to Central Committee. Office always covered by volunteer. Motion: Recommend to Central Committee to send Terry, subject to CC approval. Passed. Next CC meeting moved to 9/12. Terry notified use of 4 more vacation days, leaving balance of 3 days to be used. Dist. #6 reports: Problems w/groups violating traditions regarding "alliance to Denomination of Sect. Mark and Patty to travel to group business meetings to investigate and report back to Steering committee. ECMC: brought to our attention, no literature (Big Books or pamphlets) at the site for the last 5 months. Literature cupboard is frequently empty.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

#### JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	June	June	Variance	%	YTD	YTD	Variance	%
	2003	2004		Change	2003	2004		Change
	Avg.	Actual			Avg.	Actual		
	\$7,461.00	\$6,171.59	(\$1,289.41)	-17.28%	\$44,768.00	\$48,853.18	\$2,087.18	4.66%

Narrative: An additional \$2000.00 was requested to cover move expenses. It will not be added to Income but recorded below. This reduces the certificate of deposit to \$8000.00

Expense	June	June	Variance	%	YTD	YTD	Variance	%
	2003	2004		Change	2003	2004		Change
	Avg.	Actual			Avg.	Actual		
	\$7,989.00	\$8,934.78	\$945.78	11.84%	\$47,934.00	\$48,235.05	\$301.05	0.62%

Narrative: Accountant paid \$2000.00 for audit.

<u>June and Year to Date Move expenses</u>		
Income	\$2,000.00	\$1,227.38
	May	June
Expenses		
Rent Deposit	\$753.04	
Office Supplies	\$19.58	
DBA Telecommunications		\$632.75
Vacuum		\$62.82
Shelving		\$79.64
Donuts for move		\$10.05
Balance Forward	\$1,227.38	\$442.12
		July

Summary: In keeping with general accepted accounting principals I will not report the expenses of the move in the operating budget.

The expenses will be deducted from the operating budget for 2004.

For review purposes deduct the move expenses from the appropriate line item from the Secretary's Income Statement report distinguishing budget expenses from the move.

Separate line itemizing detailed above.

Other topics include that the year 2003 taxes have been filed and successfully audited.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Respectfully, Patti S., Going To any Lengths Group

**TREATMENT:** Tom reports ECMC Monday 7:00pm 2 week needs coverage, ECMC Friday 8:00pm-5<sup>th</sup> week needs coverage. Salvation Army Thursday 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> wk. needs coverage. It was discussed and agreed that the TFC will adhere to the AA service manual for 12<sup>th</sup> step calls (report by sub committee to follow) TFC received 17 sign ups at the Spring Service Convention and have been called to give them info on TFC. BTG calls steady at 10-15 per month.

**CORRECTIONS:** Andrew -no report.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:**

**AA INFO:** 263, 12-STEP: 3, ALANON: 12, VISITORS: 52, VOLUNTEERS: 10

I hope you are all pleased with your new office. It's wonderful to have this fellowship room to have meetings in. We received another \$50 donation for tables and chairs. Two tables were donated by Bill O'D. I donated the refrigerator. Added expenses since last month are: Chairs: \$ 467.87, tables: \$179.96, Phone transfer charge: \$214.93, and a fire extinguisher: \$29.97. After coming up with clearer graphics for the sign, it is in the process of getting estimates. In the mean while the owner of the building is on vacation for the next 2 weeks and only he can give us the answers to whether we need a building permit, and his approval of the signage. The meeting in September has been moved to the 12<sup>th</sup> (second Sunday), we will not meet Labor Day Weekend.

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

**PIC :** Jake -no report.

**NEW FRONTIER:** no report

**2004 CONVENTION:** Jim gave a verbal report.

**AD-HOC COMMITTEE:** no report.

**COURTESY REPORTS:**

**ARCHIVES:** verbal report by Frank.

**GSA:** no report

**RECAP:** Financial. Joanne needs explanation for \$8,000.00. Treatment totals will be corrected as per Patty, John H questions amounts. Joanne also questions no report for screeners. Mickey G, Amherst Snyder motions to accept sign for Terry's door. Pete, Ridge group seconds. Passed. One abstention. Motion to adjourn, John, Sunday Morning Breakfast Group.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** John H. Chair of Steering Committee motions to send Exec. Secretary to Denver, CO. Kathy T. North Buffalo, seconds. Voted and passed, one abstention. Jack, District #5 Day of Sharing 9/25/04 Committee has been formed. They have formulated a flyer and distributed to all 350 groups as per the New Frontier-speakers have been asked and hall has been obtained. Anyone wanting to help on Committee please see Jack P. or Dave P. at Lockport #1 group meeting. Mark, Lakeshore Group discussion about religion in AA meeting- Brief discussion. Kim, Southtown Group motions to have District Rep., Mark with other AA members attend meetings in question and discuss AA Traditions to them. Second, Tom, Victory Group. Passed. 2 absentions.

Kim, recording secretary reminds groups that coffeemakers for September, Fresh-Start and October, Sunday Morning Breakfast.

Thank you for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

Motion to adjourn, John, Sunday Morning Breakfast Group, seconded.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve AA, Kim E.

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

## Amherst/Snyder

Juan R. 6m  
 Bob M. 6m  
 Tim K. 9m  
 Rene VC 1y  
 Lauren L :) 1y  
 Joe R. 1y  
 Marilyn F. 2y  
 Dean S. 2y  
 Alan T. 2y  
 Darren R. 2y  
 Joann P. 3y  
 Barry G. 3y  
 Krystyna T. 3y  
 Michael R. 3y  
 Janie' M. 3y  
 Larry B. 5y  
 Jay W. 5y  
 Mitchell B. 5y  
 Butch C. 6y  
 Annette I. 10y  
 Adolph I. 14y  
 Mareen M. 14y  
 Harry B. 16y  
 Ken C. 17y  
 Rhonda H. 18y  
 Dennis K. 19y  
 Nancy F. 19y  
 Tony F. 20y  
 John N. 20y  
 Jack S. 27y  
 Dan J. 28y  
 George D. 32y  
 Russell Q. 33y

## Courage Group

Mike S. 1y  
 Laurie G. 4y

## Coldsprings

Cecil R. 5y

## Fireside

Barb P. 2y  
 Sam V. 2y  
 Keith L. 12y  
 Chris R. 19y

## Gardenville

Cheryl P. 9m  
 Lou R. 9m

## Giving

Karen S. 6m  
 TJ H. 1y  
 Lisa K. 1y

## Holland

Tom M. 2y  
 Mike C. 11y  
 Marcy M 18y  
 Jim F. 41y

## Ironhorse

Jeannine M. 3m  
 Brian O. 3m  
 George L. 1y  
 Mark R. 1y  
 Mike B. 6y  
 John H. 6y  
 Tom C. 16 y

## Lakeshore

John H. 24y

## Living Sober

Al G. 2y  
 Chuck B. 2y  
 Bob G. 5y  
 John A. 7y  
 Tom D. 16y  
 Bill G. 20y  
 Butch H. 24y

## LoveJoy

Lisa G. 6m  
 Harry P. 19y

## Main & High

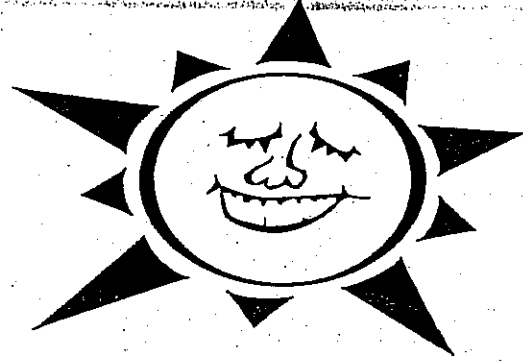
Tony D. 3m  
 Willie S. 3m

## North Buffalo

Maggie M. 3m  
 Diane D. 3m  
 Judy D. 3m  
 Mark B. 1y  
 Kevin P. 5y  
 Norma F. 20y

## Positively Living

Joe S. 9m  
 Curt G. 4y



## Rise & Shine

Marilyn F. 2y  
 Towana V. 3y  
 Homer L. 3y  
 Kim V. 3y  
 Earl G. 4y  
 Robert G. 7y  
 Theresa H. 7y  
 Darrell M. 12y

## Thruway

John R. 6y  
 Leo M. 16y

## Southtowns

Dick 14y

## Springville

## Tuesday

Tony V. 10y  
 James P. 15y  
 Steve H. 16y  
 Tom D. 17y  
 Larry S. 23y  
 Victor F. 25y

## Sun. Morning Br.

Carl G. 9m  
 Towana V. 3y  
 Craig F. 3y  
 Leo M. 16y

## Victory

Kenny G. 8y  
 Richard W. 17y

## Women's

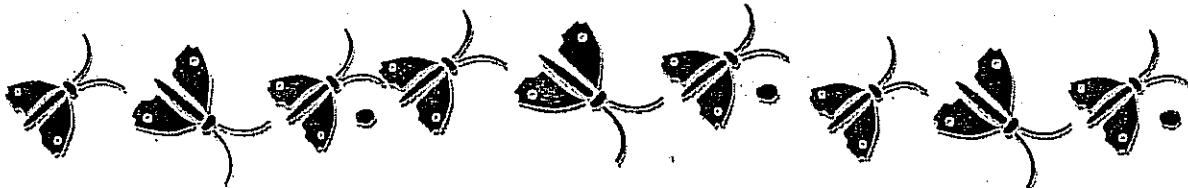
## Westside

VJ 9m  
 Angela K. 4y  
 Terri P. 5y

## Group Anniversaries

Iron Horse  
 Acceptance  
 Frontier  
 Honesty  
 North Buffalo  
 Action  
 Fredonia Discussion  
 Renewal  
 Fireside PM  
 H.A.N.D.  
 Fresh Start  
 South Town  
 Orchard Park Step  
 Cathedral Park  
 Step Work  
 Easier Softer Way  
 Main Street  
 Today's Women  
 Lunchtime  
 New Outlook  
 Cornplanters  
 Crosstalk Big Book  
 Boulevard Women's  
 Freedom Now

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