

# NEW FRONTIERS

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER  
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## History Lights the Way

*Western New York has the unique privilege of hosting the 12th Annual*

### National Archives Workshop

- When: Thursday Sept. 11th (opening at 1:00 pm) through Sunday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> (closing at Noon). National -- the whole country!
- Why: The next one here may be in 2098, so register and attend this one!
- Where: The Days Inn, 443 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY.
- What: It isn't just old documents, books and pictures. There will be panels, presentations, and speakers. It is about preserving our heritage so we remember how it works!

#### Highlights:

- Meet with past & present trustees from multiple regions
- Meet with past and present archivists from all over North America
- Hands-on demonstrations, preserving and conserving materials, including the Grapevine (Dave C.) from Seattle
- Learning about the early history and friends of AA, our own local history, AA meetings, databases and repositories from local and out of state participants
- Panels & Speakers: local long-timers; oral histories; trademark & copyrights; databases; Four Founding Moments; How the Rockefellers saved A.A.; Akron, Ohio's archivist (Gail L.) speaking about A.A.'s first archivist, Nell Wing; and much more!
- Hospitality Rooms hosted by our Intergroups on the Niagara Frontier
- Lots of old stuff related to A.A. for those interested in where our program came from

This workshop is not for archivists or history connoisseurs alone. It is an opportunity for all to learn about what we have done, what we are doing now and what we hope to do in the future. Come and meet A.A. members from all over the US and Canada!

**Let's show our visitors some WNY hospitality!**

**REGISTER and ATTEND!**

Forms available at <[www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com](http://www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com)>

*"Whenever a society or civilization perishes, there is always one condition present;  
They forgot where they came from." Carl Sandburg  
Who knows the history of your home group?*

## Having Fun, Part 2 - It's an INSIDE Job

Last time we addressed this topic, it was April. Where does the time go...during my early sobriety, having fun wasn't an option - at least that's what I was thinking. Yes, I'd laugh at a joke. I managed to smile a few times...a week. On the inside, fun was farther away than Pluto.

I thought I put on a good show on the outside - you saw through it, thank God. Like being on one side of the Grand Canyon, and 'fun' being on the other side. I assumed I'd never get it. To think I can have fun again, EVER, was the impossible dream. Then, to seal the deal, I agreed with my stinking thinking, and really believed it.

My past wreckage and current problems were blasting through my mind like a 5-alarm fire, along with the compulsion to drink. They were just about the only thoughts in my head (all about me), and they were **negative**. I saw some happy people and heard positives at meetings, like 'don't drink today and go to a meeting,' 'this too shall pass (uhhh, right),' and 'easy does it.' Life was going to be "drudgery" at best. Those negative, condemning, guilt-ridden thoughts seem to last forever.

If I just wrote part of your story, those thoughts in your head eventually will be dealt with, or you may choose the drink to shut them off. Nothing lasts forever, and the thoughts do begin to fade after a time - if we are working the steps!

So what happens to my thinking so I can actually enjoy a day, a meeting, an entire week, then a month, and finally life, even **with** the problems that will always crop up (unexpectedly, of course), probably for the rest of my life? So what has to change to have fun?

First, we can't do it alone. In fact, we really can't do it just with the help of other A.A. members. We need more. It starts with Step 2 and Step 3.

Part of being restored to sanity in Step 2 is for our thinking to become balanced. We need to realize that we are going to be sad sometimes, happy others. There will be some of every emotion, sometimes every hour, and we learn how to live without those emotions ruling our life, and also without drinking.

Turning our will and life over in Step 3 means I no longer am running my life. This "God as we understand Him" can and will help us, if asked, to change our thinking. He does this through others, as well as through conscious contact. We **can** change our thinking; we do our part, and let our Higher Power do His part! We are reminded of this at every meeting, "...courage to change the things we can." We even have a promise: Our whole attitude and outlook on life will change (Big Book p. 84) as my thinking moves farther and farther away from stinking.

What has opened my eyes are the assumptions and agreements I make with myself on any given day. I make a huge number of them, which means some of you may do the same thing. Half the time I've made 5 or 6 before I even get out of bed.

The worst is, "did not get enough sleep, so it's going to be a bad day." Both eyes aren't even open and I'm thinking that already! I start rehearsing the trip to work and the first 5 things I have to do; if I'm going to be late or what I'm going to forget & the anxiety that causes, and all before both of my feet hit the floor!! What is my mind doing to me? Whose side is my brain

on??? Then I wonder why I'm miserable, I wish I'd never gotten out of bed, I'm crabby at a meeting, and so on. I've become my own Higher Power again!

Why should having fun be important? Isn't it because having fun means I'm happy inside? It's interesting that definitions of fun and happy both contain "a feeling of..." Happy goes on to say, "feeling or showing pleasure, contentment, or joy".

Happy, joyous and free - doesn't the Big Book tell us that is what we are sure God wants us to be (p.133)? Does this mean that being happy, joyous & free is one of the GOALS of our program?

Get your book out and read page 132 and 133. What do happy people do? I see them laughing a lot, for starters. Who doesn't laugh much? Those with bad health and those who seldom play do not laugh much. More from 133: "But it is clear that we made our own misery. God didn't do it. Avoid then, the deliberate manufacture of misery, but if trouble comes, cheerfully capitalize it as an opportunity to demonstrate His omnipotence (complete, unlimited, or universal power and authority)."

Did you know you could be happy when the *trouble becomes heavy*? *Can you believe that our Higher Power will use that to show you He really IS on your side*? You can - go play, or go help someone in bad health who can't play.

We found a story from the A.A. Grapevine, October 1973 issue, titled "Brake that Negative Think," which addresses this issue. The author used 'brake' (not break) purposely, I believe to indicate stopping instead of snapping old behavior. If we think we are going to have a bad day, chances are we will. Likewise, if we think we can have fun while working this program, eventually we will.

It is becoming more and more apparent to me that there are a couple of catches to this turning of my life and my will over to the care of my Higher Power -- that is, if I want to obtain and sustain any real serenity. The catches are:

All of my affairs must be turned over, even those portions that I feel I am doing a pretty good job at. I'm often surprised to find that's where the trouble is.

I must get out of the driver's seat and, what is more important, stay out of it.

It's just like that first drink -- I must not take that first negative "think." You know those thinks, like "Bad day, just know it," "Feel awful, just terrible," "Too tired, all worn-out," "Poor little old me," and the classic "Nobody cares."

I really believe I have an obsession to go right on thinking stinking once I take that first negative think. It seems to set up a compulsion to keep at it all day, all night. The first thing I know, I'm mentally and emotionally drunk. Health? Happiness? Gratitude? All are only meaningless words. Just as when I became physically drunk, I stagger and stumble around, and everything seems to go haywire. I upset, not only myself, but also everybody else.

So there I land, right back driving the same old heap I thought I'd gotten rid of--the one with the defective brakes, the one with the loose nut behind the wheel, the one with a tendency to spin its wheels and slip its clutch, the one with the busted exhaust that made so much noise I couldn't think what I was doing. Well, I've discovered that negative thinking causes a lot of noise, too, and keeps me from thinking straight. I'm thankful that AA has taught me ways to put on my brakes and come to a halt. One way is to turn the heap over to the Head Mechanic for a tune-up job. Tearing around in this old negative buggy could get a body pretty thirsty, right?

I've had to come to believe that I and I alone am responsible for my thoughts. Just as I do with that first drink, I have to refrain from taking that first negative think. Worry, anxiety, and *all* negative thinking are forms of fear. When I indulge in any of these, it is an admission of my lack of faith in the availability of my Higher Power to meet any given situation.

But knowing all this is not enough. I must have the same respect for that first stinking thought as I have for that first stinking drink. I can't handle either one. And now that I know I know, it is my fault if I

don't use the brakes. If I "slip" and take that first negative thought, here are some things I can do to counteract it. I can pray. I can call someone, especially one who is new or one who is having trouble. I can read my Big Book. I can put the term "negative thinking" in the place of "alcohol" in Step One, and take it from there. I can simply refuse to accept that negative thought, for if I ask, God can and will take it from me.

I realize negative thinking is a morbid habit, with many deep-rooted causes, but I do not have to let it destroy me.

These remedies of mine may not work for everybody, yet each one of us needs to find something that will work for him or for her. Sometimes, I have to use all of these AA remedies. I often pick up new ones at meetings. For instance, someone at a recent meeting suggested that maybe some of us *like* to feel sad, remorseful, resentful, and sorry for ourselves. Well, that remark really jarred me right out of my self-centeredness. Yep, AA is quite a fixer.

M. U., Brighton, Colorado

## Convention Update - Halloween to Nov 2

Get your reservations in NOW! If you know your going to attend, or your group is going to take a table, why not skip the "practice procrastination" and register! Every bit helps, because the convention committee now has to start paying out for supplies at the convention. Your early reservation (and payment) helps out the cash flow problem, and gives you more choices for a table. Seven of the 50 tables are already filled.

Those groups who choose to make donations toward coffee can send donations to John C (convention chairman), PO Box 191, Station C, Buffalo, NY, 14209. This is a great way to help offset the price of a cup of coffee (over \$2/cup!!!) so everyone attending the convention can afford a cup.

Information is also on our website: [www.buffaloaany.org](http://www.buffaloaany.org), click on "events"

## Scuttlebutt

- New schedules are being printed at this time – they will be available soon.
- Thanks to those who have volunteered to help Terry run the office when she is not here. It's nice to see some people step up to the plate and help.
- Central Committee meetings are good! Any A.A. member is invited to attend, the first Sunday of each month. Group reps should attend, because they are the ones who vote on the issues. Our discussions sometimes become passionate, but that is only because members really care about our fellowship and those who are still out there & someday may reach out to A.A. We leave as friends. Don't believe the stories about how they "used" to be – that's in the past.
- Daytime contacts for 12 step calls are needed, especially in the Northtowns (Amherst, Tonawanda, Williamsville). If you can help, please contact Terry B. at Central Office.
- Heard at a meeting in St. Catherine's – "If you like everyone in A.A., you probably haven't been to enough meetings!"

## Principle: The *MYTH* of Perfection

{Continuing the series by Fr. Ralph P. on A.A. principles}

Who has problems with perfection? Most of you can put your hands down now. Think back to the endless hours spent planning "the perfect, no problem life", assisted by alcohol. I'll do this and that with my life, then it will be perfect...and then I will be happy. Yes, I'll have another pint. Talk about screwed up thinking! Then, repeat tomorrow!

Then there is "expecting" perfection from others in our life, from businesses, from government, and from God, as we understand Him. I can see where the speck is in your eye (or life), and will tell you where it is and how to fix it, even though I have a brick in my own eye (life).

I found if I could point out and tell you where you are not perfect (also called taking someone else's inventory), it made me feel better about myself. My pride wanted me to act that way - and many times it kept me from doing something about my alcoholism; I was perfect, all-knowing and did not need your help. I moved "up" from horrible to bad, at your expense. Wow, what a move up! Better have another beer, so I can help some other people, because "I think better when I've had a few." I made up a lot of stuff while drinking, and was wrong about almost everything! Then flip the coin over. Why even start something when I know it won't be perfect? Fr. Ralph, help us out!

We come into the program, beaten up pretty badly, and maybe expect everyone there to have his or her act together and know how to live perfectly - especially if our definition of "perfectly" is *life without problems*. After all, isn't that the goal, to change and not drink anymore?

Fr. Ralph: "We learned that all are, and

would remain, burdened with weak human nature ever pock-marked with flaws, faults, and failings. Accepting this principle, we are not so apt to suffer constant disillusionment both with ourselves and with others. We found we **could** become saints, but not **QUICK!** We are advised in A.A., 'we are not saints. We only try to **GROW** along spiritual lines.' So, we honestly keep **TRYING** - not **EXPECTING** perfection in ourselves, but always **AIMING** at it."

Did you catch that? Aim at perfection but *never* expect to reach it? Doesn't that go against everything we learned growing up? Wasn't a 100% on a test better than a 99%? Do some of our employers expect us to **BE** perfect, whether we aim for it or not? Our society seems to have the same expectations. Now people expect to get reimbursed when they are wronged, whether it was premeditated or not. One mistake (even minor) can cost a doctor his license and everything he owns, even if the mistake was not because of negligence. No "it may have been God's will, we forgive you Dr. Doe," but "you messed up, and you owe me for everything I can not do for the rest of my life, and I'll see you in court."

We in A.A. are lucky. We know from first-hand experience that we are far from perfect, if we are honest with ourselves. With that humble admission, we do not expect our fellow members, and then the rest of society, to be perfect. That is one of the reasons we do not or cannot depend so much on other people as we do on a Higher Power to help us daily.

Fr. Ralph: "We look for perfection **ONLY** in **GOD**. He alone has it in Himself and gives to each the decree **HE WILLS, WHEN** He wills it. But you know something? He usually gives perfection in direct ratio to one's *humility* - and the **FIRST** step in humility is **HONEST ACCEPTANCE OF THE FACT THAT IN**

OURSELVES WE ARE ONLY THOSE POOR, WEAK, HUMAN CREATURES EXPECTING EVERYTHING FROM HIM and looking for nothing from either ourselves or others, with the conviction that ANYBODY is liable to do ANYTHING, and ANYTHING, ANY FAULT OR ANY WEAKNESS CAN 'pop up' in ANYBODY, even in OURSELVES -- and many such PROBABLY WILL!

"So we practice: by asking ourselves in all of our affairs NOT 'how am I doing'; but 'how am I TRYING!' For GOD and GOD ALONE will give the SUCCESS -- the perfecting; or permit the failure. And we? Just ACCEPT, and DO WHAT WE CAN with every failure.

"Just HONEST TRYING, to help ourselves and to help others to help themselves, not ex-

pecting PERFECTION, but constantly amazed that we or they are not worse. And IF we have TRIED to ACCEPT and DO something about EVERY FAILURE, in the end we can TRULY say WE HAVE NEVER REALLY FAILED."

I'm glad that summary every time I look around a room at a meeting, most if not all those attending are as perfect as I am -- a long way away from it. It's one less "wall" to build to protect myself; one less fear or feeling of insecurity in my daily walk.

Chip R., Grand II Group

Sources: "The Golden Book Of Principles", by A Member of Alcoholics Anonymous, ©1954 The SMT Guild pp. 22-23.

IN MEMORIAM  
Things We Can Not Change

Tom L. 20 years -- Eye Opener Group  
To all our members who have lost family & loved ones our prayers are with you.

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

Please submit your announcements by the 12<sup>th</sup> for next months issue. Articles should be submitted by the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's issue, space permitting.

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# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

## ALEXANDER

Jeff S. 1y  
 JEANMARIE M. 2Y  
 GREG B. 9Y

## Amherst/Snyder

Laura M. 3y  
 David Z. 4y  
 Kelly F. 5  
 Butch C. 10y  
 Michael B. 10y  
 Harry B. 20y  
 Ken C. 21y  
 Dennis K. 23y  
 Nancy F. 23y  
 Tony F. 24y  
 John N. 24y  
 Jack S. 31y  
 Dan J. 32y  
 George D. 36y  
 Russell Q. 37y

## Any Lengths

Dawn 4y  
 Joe R. 6y

## Carry The Message

Kathy W. 8y

## Coldsprings

Cecil R. 8y

## Easy Does It

Theresa B. 13y  
 Joe E. 19y

## Fireside

Sue A. 6m  
 Sue S. 2y

## Freedom

Mike B. 2y  
 Jean M. 23y

## Fresh Start

Reggie 12y  
 Margaret 30y

## Golden Slipper

Drew V. 3y  
 Dave M. 6y  
 Jeff S. 8y  
 Bob A. 21y  
 Sean O. 21y

## Holland

Marcy M 22y  
 Jim F. 45y

## Ironhorse

HJohn H. 10y  
 Mike B. 10y  
 Tom C. 20y  
 Mike K. 26y

## Lakeshore

John H. 27y

## Lighten-Up

Jill P. 3y  
 Marilyn N. 6y  
 Mary P. 9y  
 Bob R. 16y  
 Steve B. 17y  
 Marybeth 21y  
 Laura R. 23y  
 Howard W. 29y

## Living Sober

Al G. 6y  
 Chuck B. 6y  
 Bob G. 9y  
 John A. 11y  
 Tom D. 20y  
 Bill G. 24y  
 Butch H. 28y

## Lockport #1

J.R. 7y

## LoveJoy

Harry P. 23y

## North Buffalo

John S. 3y  
 Grant K. 3y  
 Dawn H. 3y

## ORCHARD PARK STEP

ERIC M. 3Y

## Rise & Shine

Pam 2y  
 Joanne B. 3y  
 Donna F. 3y  
 Jeanine M. 5y  
 Wanda I 6y  
 Marilyn F. 6y  
 Towana V. 7y  
 Kim V. 7y  
 Earl G. 8y

## Sobriety on

### the Canal

Phil G. 21y

## Southtowns

Dick 18y

## Springville

### Tuesday

Tony V. 14y  
 James P. 19y  
 Steve H. 20y  
 Tom D. 21y  
 Larry S. 27y  
 Victor F. 28y

## Sun. Morning Br.

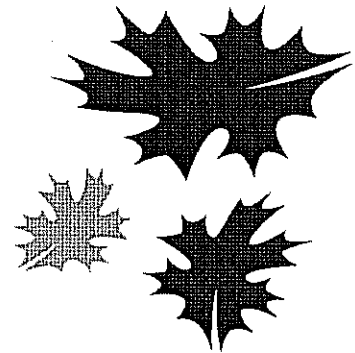
Chris S. 3y  
 Craig F. 7y

## Surrender & Hope

Nancy O. 6m  
 Paul B. 9m  
 Gary Z. 10y

## Thruway

Tom 6m  
 Mike M. 1y  
 Leo 20y




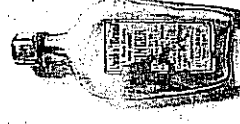
## Group Anniversaries

11:45 Noon; 11y  
 Acceptance; 33y  
 Action; 39y  
 Arcade; 15y  
 Boulevard Women's; 41y  
 Cathedral Park; 19y  
 Cornplanters; 35y  
 Easier Softer Way; 15y  
 Fireside PM; 26y  
 Fredonia Discussion; 37y  
 Fresh Start; 25y  
 Frontier; 41y  
 Golden Slipper; 34y  
 H.A.N.D.; 26y  
 Honesty; 34y  
 Iron Horse  
 Main Street  
 North Buffalo; 67y  
 Orchard Park Step; 20y  
 Recovering Women & the Big  
 Renewal; 36y  
 Step Work; 18y  
 Sobriety For Women; 8y  
 South Town; 24y  
 Today's Women; 13y

N. F. Policy:  
 Anniversaries **must**  
 be submitted by  
 the **12th**  
 of the  
 month previous

Sep-39



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.</p> <p>Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office</p>	<p><b>1</b> LABOR DAY</p> <p>*1949: The first issue of <i>The AA Grapevine</i> in pocket format is published.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Steering Committee, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca St.</p> <p>1939: Morris Marley writes "Alcoholics and God" in <i>Liberty</i> magazine. Unfavorable, but Bill W. notes, "The <i>Liberty</i> blast will stir things up."</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>AA isn't a ticket to heaven or hell, but it will keep you sober long enough to decide where you want to go.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>*1946: The first AA group in Mexico City is formed.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>There is more to paying dues to AA than dropping a dollar in the basket.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>1998: <i>Ebby: The Man Who Sponsored Bill W.</i> by Mel B. is published.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.</p> <p>Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>  <p>"We have had retaliatory affairs with other men." —The Big Book</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>1945: San Diego holds its first women's meeting.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>1946: Trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation issue a statement regarding fund-raising. "Alcoholics Anonymous... looks with disfavor on the unauthorized use of its name in any fund-raising charity."</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>2008. National Archives Workshop. History Lights the Way, Hosted by WNYGSA (area 50). Days Inn (Niagara Resorts) 443 Main Street, Niagara Falls.</p> <p>*1938: Fitz M.'s sister Agnes lends Bill W. and Hank P. \$1,000 to help them get through the Big Book project.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>2008. National Archives Workshop. History Lights the Way, Hosted by WNYGSA (area 50). Days Inn (Niagara Resorts) 443 Main Street, Niagara Falls.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>1941: WHIP in Jacksonville, Fla., airs <i>Spotlight on AA</i>, the first radio series on AA.</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Even at a snail's pace, it's progress. If it works, don't fix it.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Treatment Facilities Committee, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca</p> <p>*1941: Ernie G., AA's #4, marries Dr. Bob's daughter Sue. He was drunk at the time.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> 	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Public Information Committee meeting, Buffalo Central Office, 7 PM.</p> <p>1954: Bill D., "the man in the bed," dies in Akron, Ohio.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>1947: Dallas Central Office opens its doors.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>1975: Jack Alexander, author of the <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> articles on AA, dies.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>"We avoid hysterical thinking and advice." —The Big Book</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1938: Bill W. and Hank P. form Works Publishing Co. to raise money to write and publish our Big Book.</p>	<p><b>22</b> AUTUMNAL EQUINOX</p> <p>*1971: Over 500 attend the first European Convention of AA in Bristol, England.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>1940: Bill W. makes a Twelfth Step call on Bobbie V., who will replace Ruth Hock as New York's AA office secretary.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>*1940: The AA Bulletin finds nine "secure" groups, in New York City, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston, Akron, Los Angeles, and Cleveland.</p>	<p><b>26</b> NATIVE AMERICAN DAY</p> <p>Hillbilly Group 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, 8 PM, Speaker, Orchard Park village hall, 4295 S. Buffalo St.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office</p> <p>*1939: The first AA group in Chicago is founded.</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Action Group 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Speaker with food to follow. Orchard Park village hall, 4295 S. Buffalo St.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>*1943: Tucson's Arizona Star reports on an AA group with eight men and three women.</p>	<p><b>30</b> ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>32</b></p>	<p><b>33</b></p>	<p><b>34</b></p>

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## **SEPTEMBER 2008**

### **MEETING CHANGES:**

- **New Group: SOBER TRAIN (Young Peoples)**, Saturday's, 7 PM. Central Park United Methodist Church, 216 Beard Ave, Buffalo, North. Open Meeting.
- **Kensington Group is moving** Tuesday, September 2 to Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Rd. @ Harlem, Cheektowaga.
- **Courage Group**, will have open speaker meeting on the last Saturday of every month. 10 AM, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga.
- **Wehrle Group**; Wed. @ 10 AM, St. Steven- Bethlehem Church, corner of Wehrle near Union, Cheektowaga, **NEEDS SUPPORT** or may close at the end of 2008. Wheelchair elevator, air conditioning, wonderful room upstairs...a very nice meeting place.
- **Victory Group** still meets at the same time and place, but the church has changed names, its now, " Queen of Angels" Church.
- **Living in the Solution Group**, Amity Club, 340 Military Rd , Buffalo, has **Cancelled Monday & Tuesday's** at 7:30 PM. Will resume in September.

### **COMING EVENTS**

- ~ Sept 2, **Steering Committee**, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Sept 7, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street. (Hosted by Solidarity)
- ~ Sept 7, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).

- ~ Sept. 11-14, **2008, National Archives Workshop**. History Lights the Way, Hosted by WNYGSA (area 50). Days Inn (Niagara Resorts) 443 Main Street, Niagara Falls. More info will be coming soon.
- ~ Sept 15, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Sept 17, **Public Information Committee meeting**, Wednesday, Buffalo Central Office, 7 PM.
- ~ Sept 20, **67th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, Saturday, 12 NOON Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street All are welcome.
- ~ Sept 26, **Hillbilly Group** will be observing there **61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**. 8 PM, Speaker. Orchard Park village hall, 4295 S. Buffalo St.
- ~ Sept 27, **Archives Committee Meeting**, SATURDAY, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).
- ~ Sept 28, **Action Group 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Speaker with food to follow. Bring a dish if you wish. Orchard Park village hall, 4295 S. Buffalo St.
- ~ Oct. 3-5, **22nd Annual Women In AA Fall Spiritual Weekend**, St. Columbian Retreat House, Derby. Speakers, groups, advisors, bonfire, beautiful surroundings, food, fun & endless coffee. \$125; 3days, 2nights + meals & coffee. More Info contact: Marilyn S.: 799-4094.
- ~ Oct. 12, **General Service Assembly**, 1 PM., Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg.
- ~ Oct 18, **A.A. of Jamestown 63rd Anniversary**, Saturday, Radisson Inn, 150 West 4<sup>th</sup> St., 4 Speakers, Panels, Banquet, Fellowship & Dance. Registration, \$10, Registration + Banquet, \$30. Banquet Registrations by Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. For more info call; Cliff W. 720-5232, Bruce Y. 487-1343.
- ~ Oct. 31- Nov. 2, **67th. BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION**: Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst.

**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 B..... Executive Secretary*

## Buffalo Central Committee Minutes

AUGUST 3, 2008

Jay H., North Buffalo, Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Vern A., Solidarity Group, read the Preamble. Bob, Williamsville Group read the Purpose of the Central Committee. Rodney, Lockport #1 Group read the Twelve Traditions. A motion was made to accept July's minutes as written by John H., Sunday Morning Breakfast Group. Motion passed.

30 Groups were represented: Dist. #1: Journey; Dist.#2: Grand II Joy of Living, North Buffalo, Ride Sober, Three Legacies, Turning Point; Dist.#3: Abbott Men's Disc., Courage, Iron Horse, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Try Again; Dist.#4: Action, Hillbilly, Orchard Park Step; Dist.#5: Lockport #1, Lockview, Redeemers; Dist.#6: Amsdell Lakeshore, As Bill Sees It, Carrying the Message, Go To Any Lengths, Lakeshore; Dist.#7: Fresh Start, Lovejoy, Solidarity; Dist.#8: Eyeopener, Lighten-up, Maple Men's, Midnight Discussion, Williamsville.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** No report.

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** No report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** No report.

**TREATMENT:** No report.

**CORRECTIONS:** Report given by Patti S. for Dan Mc.: Buffalo Work Release – no meetings until applications from facility are mailed to me; needs coverage Wednesdays and Fridays; ECCF meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 PM August covered by University Men's; the personnel contact for Gowanda and Collins is working on changing meeting times from 6-7 pm to 7-8 pm; anyone facilitating any correctional meeting please contact Dan Mc C at 681-7081.

**SCREENERS:** report by Jeanmarie C.: we still have a wide area to cover and I need help covering some meetings; group representatives should be taking literature from Central Office and making available to their group and meeting members; if you run out, please restock; if there are questions about what this committees' function is, please ask so the proper information is transpired; anyone interested in a fun, easy way to do service work contact Central Office for the committee members and join us to spread the word about our 12 step call list.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** AA INFO: 201; 12-STEP: 3; ALANON: 6; PIC: 1; VISITORS: 140; VOLUNTEERS: 16  
The new schedule is at the printers. The building is going to be running some lines through our literature room sometime this month which means I have to move our shelving around and filling orders may be a little slower, but we will still be able to fill orders. I have volunteers scheduled while I am away. Roger and I have been in constant contact this month with the incorporation. We wanted to have it done for steering committee review this month, but that didn't happen. Roger does apologize, as he did stall and just stop for a long while. He has restarted and making good progress. He currently has it done up through the steering committee of our procedures being put into legal format, patterned much after Rochester's Articles of Incorporation, as recommended by NY General Service Office. I do believe in the next couple months we have a finished product. This moth I will be closing out the financial books on August 20<sup>th</sup> before I leave for vacation. That way we will be able to have financial reports next month. Vacation days: August 22,25,26,27,28,29 and Sept 4.  
Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit  
Terry B. Exec. Secretary

**NEW FRONTIER:** Chip R., Chairman: meeting of Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>: review Sept. and Oct. issues; Sept: Part 2 of 3 on Having fun, The Myth of Perfection; sales pitches for Archives convention and Fall convention; Oct: preview of fall convention; ~~The value of an apology.~~

**PIC:** No report.

**PAST CONVENTION:** No report.

**CURRENT CONVENTION:** John C., Chairman: everything is going well; no problems; accepting coffee donations from groups.

**AD-HOC COMMITTEES:**

**INCORPORATION:** No report.

**WEBSITE:** Website up and running well.

**GSA LIAISON:** Patti S: National Archives workshop hosted by Area 50 – 9/11/08 – 9/14/08 at the Days Inn in Niagara Falls; The assembly elected Corrections Chair; delegate report given – details available in the GSA minutes; next GSA meeting is August 10, 2008 in Jamestown.

**CPC:** No report.

**ARCHIVES:** Tom B., Archivist: We did have a busy month including planning the upcoming National Archives Workshop this Sept 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Days Inn in Niagara Falls, NY. We had our traveling display at the Main and High Day of Sharing, Sunday Morning Breakfast Group, The State Convention in Tarrytown, and the Informational workshop this week end. We would like to thank the Sunday Morning Breakfast Group, Carry the Message Group, and Downtown Men's Group for their generous donations.

**RECAP:** Corrections: Jack, Lockport #1 asked if Niagara County Jails were covered by Buffalo Corrections; Corrections answered that Niagara County is covered by Niagara County Corrections committee; Screeners: Terry stated she needs more day time 12-steppers; Convention: Patrick, North Buffalo Group asked what the price of coffee is for the current convention; convention Chair replied \$2 per cup. Website: Lee M., from Ride Sober Group stated that no last names be used in the website. Archives: JoAnn C., Action Group, stated the informational workshop was poorly attended.

**OLD BUSINESS:** JoAnn C., Action Group, made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Steering Committee for 4% raise for Executive Secretary (3% cost of living, 1% gasoline), seconded by Les, Eyeopener Group; Tom O., Turning Point Group amended the motion to read 2% total increase, seconded by Carl T., Hillbilly Group. After much discussion the vote was taken on the amendment – vote was 4 yes, 21 no, 0 abstained. Amendment defeated. After discussions on original motion, vote was taken – vote was 23 yes, 2 no, 3 abstained. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lee M., Ride Sober, suggested that a committee be formed for the financial secretary. Patti S., responded that there are 2 signatures required on all checks and the prime purpose of the financial secretary is to explain expenses to the members. Shawn C., Lakeshore Group, asked if groups bare liability responsibility for signing treatment slips at regular meetings. Jay H., Chairman, responded that AA bares no responsibility. John H. responded that Sunday Morning Breakfast Group invested in a rubber stamp with group name, no individual signatures and only stamps after meeting is over. Sean, Lockport #1 state New Frontiers being sent to people with AA on the return address. Terry responded in order to continue with our tax exempt postage, the procedure must be followed. Also when working PIC, GSO explained that AA as an entity is not anonymous, its members are. Just receiving mail from an organization, doesn't make you a member.(Junk Mail)

Motion to adjourn by Chris, Try Again Group, seconded by Chip, Grand II Living in the Solution Group. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Recording Secretary, John H., Sunday Morning Breakfast.



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

District	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
B	11:45		50.00		0.00		0.00
B	12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		200.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abolt Men's		105.00		105.00		105.00
2	Acceptance/Welcma		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amhers/ Snyder		928.20		0.00		0.00
8	Amsdel Lakeshore	20.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		30.00		10.00	10.00	10.00
2	Any Length	30.00	180.00	10.00	60.00	10.00	60.00
4	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	As Bill Sees It		200.00		12.17		0.00
B	Attica Big Book		5.00		0.00		0.00
B	Attitude Adjustment		50.00		25.00		25.00
B	Attraction	200.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
B	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Back To Basics		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Back To Basics Office		18.00		0.00		0.00
7	Begining In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Begining's Women		100.00		25.00		25.00
5	Big Book Lockport		175.00		0.00		0.00
5	BB Spiritual Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Big Book Study		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel Monday Night		80.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisatva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	B.S.C.		20.00		10.00		10.00
3	By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Carry the Message	100.00	208.00		10.00		10.00
7	Casling		100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake- Up Call		585.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor	25.00	209.50		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		120.00		120.00		120.00
3	Cheekowaga	100.00	500.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chevy #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Clarence Man's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Constant Vigilance(Varysburg)		5.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		42.50		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprive		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby	25.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire	40.00	225.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's	50.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
B	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Early Bird Step		35.00		0.00		0.00
B	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	East Amherst		0.05		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	100.00	259.00		109.00		10.00
4	Ellicottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener		403.81		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	75.00	445.00		0.00		0.00
1	F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Father Baker	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Feelings		50.00		0.00		0.00
B	Fireside	118.00	829.40		0.00		0.00
6	First Things First		288.55		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenlly		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		225.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		60.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		50.00		0.00		0.00

District	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
1	Frontier(New)		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	GAHA: DAGOH #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville		4.00		0.00		0.00
B	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting With It		80.30		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		50.00		0.00		0.00
B	Go to Any Length		638.00		65.00		65.00
5	Golden Slipper	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Handicappers		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Happy Hour II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		200.00		0.00		0.00
3	Helping Hand	25.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
B	High Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
B	High View	100.00	250.00		0.00		0.00
7	Higher Power		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly	150.00	150.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
6	Holiday Village		1200.00		50.00		50.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	100.00	575.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse		625.27		62.53		62.53
5	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Johnson Creek Big Book	60.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
1	Jaumay	72.00	72.00		0.00		0.00
2	Just Do It		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Albion		30.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/Cheek	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Ladies Nite Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lake Shore	100.00	465.00		50.00		50.00
6	Lakeview		75.00		0.00		0.00
7	Last Days Fellowship		2.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyers		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		70.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		22.00		0.00		0.00
B	Lighitan UP		320.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living In the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living Sober		90.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City	40.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lockport #1	250.00	500.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	50.00
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		75.00		0.00		0.00
1	Lockport Tuesday		140.00		20.00		20.00
6	Lockview	300.00	720.00	50.00	120.00	50.00	120.00
6	Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		100.00		25.00		25.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lunch Bunch Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main end High	20.00	45.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		150.00		0.00		0.00
B	Maple Men's		25.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilia		75.05		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot		50.00		0.00		0.00
8	McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		60.00		0.00		0.00
1	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		105.00		0.00		0.00
B	Midnight Discussion		230.00		0.00		0.00
6	Miracle Happen		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Monday Big Book		82.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		100.00		0.00		0.00
7	New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
	New Freedom (Niagara Falls)		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginings/St. Vincent		25.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	New Westside		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.	105.00	230.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo		600.00		150.00		150.00
4	North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
Not Yet Named	100.00	100.00	0.00
One Day At A Time		0.00	0.00
On The Cliffs		0.00	0.00
Open Arms		200.00	0.00
Open Mind		0.00	0.00
Opportunity	50.00	50.00	0.00
Orchard Park Step	250.00	594.60	25.00
Pass It On		0.00	0.00
Patchin		0.00	0.00
Pathway to Peace		0.00	0.00
Pendleton Chapter Five		0.00	0.00
Point of No Return		0.00	0.00
Positively Living/Ret./Guiding Light		1100.00	0.00
Powerless		45.00	0.00
Pride		40.00	5.00
Primary Purpose		0.00	0.00
Principles Bef. Personalities		45.00	0.00
Progress		0.00	0.00
Purpose/Tenawanda		400.00	0.00
Questions & Answers		70.00	0.00
Rainbow		0.00	0.00
Ray of Hope		60.00	0.00
Recs. Women in the BB		0.00	0.00
Recovery Near the Gardens		10.00	0.00
Redeemers	30.00	30.00	0.00
Reflections		0.00	0.00
Reflections on Recovery		0.00	0.00
Remember When		15.00	0.00
Renewal		0.00	0.00
Ride Sober		0.00	0.00
Ridge	40.00	40.00	20.00
Rise and Shine		50.10	0.00
Rochester		0.00	0.00
Roland		0.00	0.00
Rural is Plural		0.00	0.00
Sally		0.00	0.00
Saratoga		0.00	0.00
Sat. Night In Recovery		0.00	0.00
Sat. Nite Sober		0.00	0.00
Sat. Midnights		0.00	0.00
Searching For Serenity		0.00	0.00
Second Chance		0.00	0.00
Serenity	150.00	450.00	0.00
Serenity Circle		0.00	0.00
Serinity in the Park		0.00	0.00
Serenity on the Lake	20.00	70.00	0.00
Serenity Shack Nooners		0.00	0.00
Serenity Trails		0.00	0.00
Selasida		0.00	0.00
Sheridan		40.00	0.00
Silvercreek Friendship		30.00	0.00
Sober and Proud		0.00	0.00
Sober Saturday		90.00	30.00
Sober Trails	20.00	40.00	0.00
Sober Winners		0.00	0.00
Sobriety Comes First		0.00	0.00
Sobriety for Women		0.00	0.00
Sobriety Men's Disc.		85.00	85.00
Sobriety On The Canal		100.00	0.00
Sobriety on a Sat. Night		40.00	0.00
Sobriety on the Lake		0.00	0.00
Solidarity	50.18	396.24	0.00
Somerset		0.00	0.00
South Buffalo		600.00	0.00
South Town	100.00	285.00	0.00
Southgate		0.00	0.00
Southwestern	130.00	130.00	0.00
Spirit of Hope		100.00	0.00
Spiritual Progress		165.00	0.00
Springville Sat. Afternoon		78.00	0.00
Springville Tues. Night		120.00	0.00
Springville Wed. Noon	25.00	70.00	0.00
Springville New Life	20.00	20.00	0.00
St. Barnabas		0.00	0.00
St. Mark's		0.00	0.00
Starting Over		400.00	0.00
Staying Alive		0.00	0.00
Step Action Group	200.00	600.00	0.00
Step Work	30.00	30.00	0.00
Stepping Stones/Gow.		0.00	0.00
Stepping Stones/Will.		0.00	0.00
Sunday Afternoon Ascension		0.00	0.00
Sunday in Cattaraugus		0.00	0.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast		550.00	0.00
Sunday @ 8:00		0.00	0.00
Sunday Nilers		0.00	0.00
Sunday Third Group		0.00	0.00
Sunrise Court		445.00	100.00
SUNY Amherst Campus		35.85	0.00
Surrender and Hope		250.00	70.00
Survivors		0.00	0.00
TFC-12 Sleep Call		0.00	0.00
TGIF		0.00	0.00
Thankful		25.00	0.00
The Book Meeting		0.00	0.00
Three Legacies		58.19	7.63
Those Too		0.00	0.00
Thruway		325.00	0.00
Thurs. Nite Steppers		0.00	0.00
Thursday Big Book		384.00	0.00
Thursday PM Discussion		100.00	0.00
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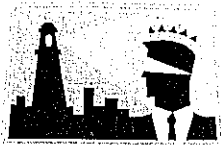
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Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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Friday and Saturday

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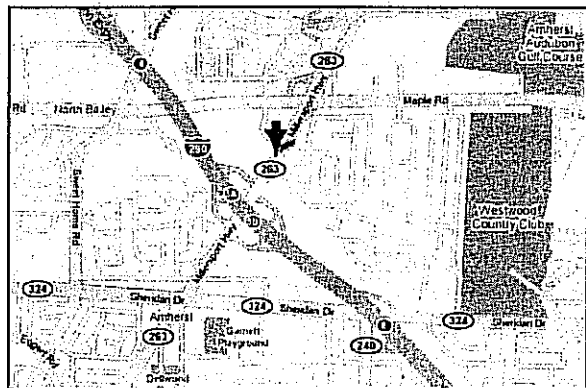
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