

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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Our Common Welfare Should Come First

The future of Alcoholics Anonymous is, as it has always been, in our own hands. There are, as there have always been, threats from outside influences. Our answer to these bedevils is a recommitment to our own traditions that insist on individual sacrifice for the good of the whole.

Those sacrifices have been difficult since the earliest times in our history. Bill W. was offered a position with Town's hospital that seemed like an answer to a desperate prayer for income to support him and his family. When he presented the opportunity to his confidants (home group) they told him that while they were aware of his distress but that the job would seriously jeopardize the effectiveness of A.A. They said at the time that *WHAT APPEARED TO BE GOOD WAS THE ENEMY OF THE BEST*. Bill W. turned down the offer and his personal struggle continued.

Our First Tradition states clearly that the common welfare (of A.A. as a whole) comes before the "rights" of the individual. The individual should be willing to give up their "rights" for the "privilege" of being sober in A.A. If an individual is unwilling to meet this condition they should have the courage to strike out and found a movement of their own, where they can do exactly as they please and create *their own traditions*. The First Tradition may go something like this: "*My welfare supersedes the rights of all other members and if any difficulty arises in this regard we will change our course to support me, screw the rest of them.*" I am sure that program will go on forever. It is never easy to take the path of sacrifice as many know. Our/my ego gets bruised and I sulk. While in this condition I may swear off contributing to A.A. or my home group till

they realize how *right I am and what a loss they have suffered by my absence*. I decide to look in on them when I am feeling a little lonely and find that A.A. did not shrivel and die without me, they actually thrived. If I can muster enough humility I return and abide by the group conscience, which I have come to believe is the hand of God in A.A.

The persona of the new A.A. member today is one of self-righteous entitlement. The principles we that we live by are lost in the shuffle of competing demands for my "right to be me." Whatever happened to being self-supporting through our own contributions? Aren't we entitled to a college education at taxpayer expense? Why shouldn't I get to vacation in a long-term treatment facility on the State's dime. Working is for squares, besides I am much too sick to be a really productive person. In the words of Pete W. from Canada, "When the hell are you going to get well?"

Being a member of A.A. requires us to stand on the firing line of life. To work, love, and participate fully in productive lifestyles. The person who needs that much help and attention should be the smallest percent of A.A.'s not the other way around.

Finally, we have an obligation to pay our bills as contracted by our trusted servants. We have rent, equipment leases, electric bills, insurance premiums, and office materials that actually cost money. Those are expenses that every A.A. member is responsible for. What a great day for the alcoholic when we (A.A. as a whole) pledged that we were responsible, that we were no longer a blight on society.

What changed? Contributions are down and we have

Editor's note: In the next few issues we will be addressing the principle of GIVING. Simple yet profound, it challenges us to change from our old way of life to the new life that we learn about at A.A. It leads us away from that selfish, "all about me" attitude which, for some of us, really did some damage, like the "tornado roaring through others lives {Big Book p.82}". It is also in GIVING that we keep what we have, sobriety. It requires action, and it costs us something – time, money, gas, sleep – or it isn't really GIVING.

This principle can be divided into at least four separate yet interrelated areas: **Sponsorship, Twelfth Step work, Fellowship and Service work**. This month we look at **Sponsorship**. If you have any experiences in GIVING that you wish to share, please let us know.

been forced to support our structure through literature sales. **What should we have done instead?**

Individuals say, "We don't care about not paying the bills - we have the right to get our literature from outside sources that cost less and support some other agenda. We have no personal obligation to support A.A. and we certainly don't feel we should support our office with our contributions if they don't agree with our ramblings." Is this how our program started and grew?

Maybe we aren't doing things in an efficient manner. Support the office and come to the Central Committee meetings and help us to change the world.

If you disagree with these observations, please have the courage to expand on the spiritual principles you are practicing in your refusal to support A.A. as a whole, *in print*. Most will gossip behind the scenes and avoid taking a position that is open to critique. I sincerely hope A.A. will still be here for my grandchildren if they fall prey to the family illness.

Shawn C.
Abbott Men's Group

Sponsorship

You realize that we could take all 6 pages of this issue to try and fully describe what is involved in sponsorship. In fact, it might take more than one issue!

Let's start with defining what a sponsor is. This comes from a piece of our literature, Questions & Answers on Sponsorship © 1976, 1983 AA World Services. Any quotes directly from that literature will be in SMALL CAPS for the balance of this article.

The literature defines 'the process' of sponsorship: AN ALCOHOLIC WHO HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THE RECOVERY PROGRAM SHARES THAT EXPERIENCE ON A CONTINUOUS, INDIVIDUAL BASIS WITH ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO ATTAIN OR MAINTAIN SOBRIETY THROUGH A.A. A SPONSOR IS SIMPLY A SOBER ALCOHOLIC WHO HELPS THE NEWCOMER SOLVE ONE PROBLEM: *HOW TO STAY SOBER.*

It is all about sharing the program of recovery, and continuing interest & responsibility for another alcoholic. It is NOT all about baby-sitting, becoming forever friends (though it can happen), the person you *must* do Step Five with, getting marriage advice, being a banker, and all that.

To the newcomer or someone who doesn't have a sponsor, and are not looking for one, I'd suggest you look in the mirror and see if "pride" is written on your forehead. I saw it on my forehead many times, along

with "fear". Remember where your best thinking got you!

I asked a fellow member, who delayed getting a sponsor for months. He was still trying to do the program *his* way. He went through more pain and suffering than he needed to go through. You don't have to.

There is really no substitute for talking to another alcoholic, one on one, confidentially, about how this program works and how you can live today and not drink. IT IS THE BEST WAY

Service opportunities coming up at Central Committee for 2010:

- Committee Co-Chairperson
- Financial Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Steering Committee Representative for Districts 1, 2, 3, 7 & 8
- Treatment Facilities Chairperson
- Corrections Committee Chairperson
- New Frontiers Editor
- Envelope System Chairperson

There is a reason why we have this thing called the "spirit of rotation" - as others get involved, we and our fellowship grows stronger.

If you have been a member of A.A. for a while, and haven't served yet, maybe it's time for you to come forward, stand for a position, and have your program grow more than you can believe!

WE KNOW OF INTRODUCING A NEWCOMER TO THE WHOLE A.A. PROGRAM. There also is a real need, for a newcomer, to be able to get CONSTANT, CLOSE SUPPORT. That need is met by having a sponsor, who is a phone call away.

If you are fresh out of rehab and/or new to A.A., you do not understand how our program of recovery works yet. LEARNING ABOUT ALCOHOLISM IS ONE THING, AND FUNCTIONING AS A SOBER ALCOHOLIC IN A DRINKING WORLD IS QUITE ANOTHER. LEARNING ABOUT THE A.A. PROGRAM IS NOT THE SAME AS LIVING IT. You can memorize the Big Book and it won't matter. You wouldn't go skydiving after only reading a book about how to do it, would you? No - someone who has experience doing it shows you how. Picture this: 5 seconds out of the plane you go to pull the rip cord, and it isn't there. "Yea, how's that book working for you?" Oops!

A.A. EXPERIENCE DOES SUGGEST THAT IT IS BEST FOR MEN TO SPONSOR MEN, WOMEN TO SPONSOR WOMEN. It doesn't say that in the Big Book. It is a suggestion from the experience of other members. As with any other suggestion from A.A., you get a choice - follow it, or find out why (probably the hard way) they suggest it in the first place.

If you don't have a sponsor, be on the lookout for one. How long do you want to be sick? **Delay is dangerous.** Find someone you will listen to, and ask them if they would go out for coffee. Ask your Higher

Power to help. Trade stories about what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now. After that, you will know if that person knows more about the program than you do, and where you have similar paths in life (which is not a requirement). You still have to ask, unless the other person volunteers to be your sponsor first. He or she should not make your decision for you.

 Now let's address the other side of sponsorship - those who are practicing our principles, have gone through the Steps, and are not sponsoring someone. Why not?

This program is passed along from one to another based on experience. *It has to be lived, and can't be rushed. This is why each member of A.A. is a potential sponsor.*

If you look at your program, are you working it well? Are you like me, who defaults at times to "I don't know enough about working the steps yet"? That's a lame excuse. Or is that just masking fear? Did I forget "progress, not perfection?" I also conveniently forget that the God *as we understand Him* will help me.

Do we think we can avoid sponsoring someone and simply tell people at tables our experience? Yes, I'll present my *wisdom* from experience at a table, but *someone else* can sponsor the new person. Is it "I am responsible" or "They are responsible?" I've heard the phrase, "Get a sponsor" often at beginners tables. Ok, so the new person, who doesn't have a clue just yet how we stay sober, is supposed to figure out which one of these strangers he or

she needs to pick for a sponsor. Is that right, or do we wonder why they would delay it?

Didn't newcomers get assigned sponsors back when our old-timers were newcomers? I've heard more long-timers say they were approached by another member of A.A. - not just told to get a sponsor. Why do we just tell someone to get a sponsor (and imply figure it out yourself), which technically is sharing our experience, so "we did the right thing" at the table. Why don't we just tell a sponsor-less newcomer, "let's talk after the meeting," and follow through?

I never hear, "you need a sponsor, **and I will help you.**" If this is happening during the 'meeting after the meeting,' great!

What does a sponsor do? The literature lists a page of items. Highlights are: SHOWS BY PRESENT EXAMPLE WHAT A.A. HAS MEANT IN THEIR LIFE; INTRODUCES THE NEWCOMER TO OTHER MEMBERS; GOES OVER THE MEANING OF THE TWELVE STEPS; ENCOURAGES AND HELPS THE SPONSEE. The result desired? THE NEWCOMER LEARNS TO LEAN ON THE PROGRAM, NOT ON THE SPONSOR (or other members).

If you are ready to sponsor someone, excellent! God *as we understand Him* will give you the opportunity, and it will help **you** stay sober in the process (that's why we do it, right?). If you are wondering why no one has asked you to sponsor them, it might be a good question to ask **your** sponsor. It may not be your time just yet, and that's OK too. Willingness is the key.

What about your home group? Does YOUR GROUP, AS A WHOLE, TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HELPING THE NEWCOMER? Or does your group just look the other way - if they want to join our group they can. Otherwise they are on their own. Or, maybe your home group just isn't organized enough to appoint someone to watch for those new people, because you only have a few members.

Some groups remind members at each meeting - they have people who will be a temporary sponsor, and the Chairman announces it.

 Long-timers have sponsors. Do you ever wonder how they get to be long timers? It's more than "don't drink and don't die." They realize they can still learn, and time from their last drink doesn't mean they get a free pass. They do not assume to be their own teacher.

Another reason that we need sponsorship, especially when we are new, may have little to do with learning the program. Check out the Twelve and Twelve, page 53: "**The primary fact we fail to recognize is our total inability to form a true partnership with another human being. Our egomania digs two disastrous pitfalls.**" Asking someone to be my sponsor is a first step toward learning how to form a true partnership with another human being.

Many come to A.A. that don't stay. Maybe that's just the way it is. Let's make sure it isn't because **we** aren't following our own principles!

 Chip R.
 Grand II Joy of Living Group

From "The Primary Purpose Website": "In many groups sponsorship has become optional, with newcomers instead using the group as a sponsor, coming to discussion meetings and vomiting their problems on all those in attendance. In these groups, who open their meetings by asking "Does anyone have a problem or topic they would like to hear discussed?," A.A. has become a sort of group therapy focused more on the problem than the solution. The effect has been to allow the program of recovery to be determined by the newest and most problem-ridden members in the group. The effect has been to weaken the importance of the sponsor-sponsee relationship in working out **solutions** to these problems." {I can not find the website I pulled this from at press time}

Admission Minus Acceptance = Disaster

When I first came to A.A. for help at age 21 upon the urging of a physician, I had no hesitation admitting that I was an alcoholic. The evidence was overwhelming.

I had been a compulsive drinker from age 8 when I got falling-down drunk at a neighborhood wedding reception. From that day on, despite brutal hangovers, whenever I drank and could get all that I wanted, I got drunk. I had serious drinking troubles all through my teens, including public intoxication and disorderly conduct arrests and drunk-driving accidents starting at 16.

A wise and caring physician, after a thorough physical examination, asked me some pointed questions about my drinking habits. I tried to answer truthfully because I knew that I was very sick. I was underweight, throwing up blood, and my nickname was "Shaky." I didn't like that name, but I sure did shake, especially between drinks.

The good doctor told me in no uncertain terms, "You're an alcoholic. You have a progressive and fatal disease, and you won't live long if you keep on drinking." That shocked me. I had always heard and been taught that drunkenness was a sin. Period. It was a moral problem, a matter of willpower and choice. And now that reputable physician was telling me that I was sick and dying. My esophagus was eroding and my liver was already distended.

I didn't like that name, "alcoholic," not considering myself a Skid Row bum, although I frequently associated with them. Yet, I was relieved to think that there was a reason for my anti-social behavior besides total insanity and a complete lack of willpower.

The doctor told me that he could not keep me sober and that total abstinence was my only hope of survival. That scared me. He then informed me that there was a fellowship called Alcoholics Anonymous which had the most success with problem drinkers of anything he knew about. He urged me to join and gave me the address of Buffalo's Central Office, which was then located in the White Building on lower Main Street.

After a few days, I mustered the courage to go there. That was in 1948 when A.A. was still in its infancy and there were comparatively few meetings in Metropolitan Buffalo and Western New York. I met Harry H., the secretary, and my first sponsor, Les P. Also, the Meyer Hospital liaisons, Bill K. and George G., who escorted me to my first A.A. meeting in the locked and barred alcoholic ward filled with pitiful patients. Some were in "D.T.s." (delirium tremens). The first speaker I heard was the legendary Vince M., and he scared the hell out of me as to what was in store for those who relapsed. Yet, he and the other sober members gave me hope.

I began attending other meetings and examined the Twelve Steps to recovery. As I said earlier, I had no difficulty admitting that I was a real alcoholic. Looking back, I realize

that it took me years to fully accept that fact. From the beginning, I had doubts about alcoholism being an illness, a disease. I thought that was a cop-out, having been brainwashed on the sin angle. I reasoned that a disease was something contagious that you caught from other people, not realizing that many deadly illnesses are not transmitted that way.

Also, I did not buy that phrase, "Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic," that I was hearing at meetings. At least, that did not apply to an intelligent egotist like me. I was too smart for that. Somewhere, I read that every cell in the human body is replaced within seven years. I figured that, within that time, I would be a new man, no longer sensitive to alcohol. Eventually, I could become a controlled social drinker and live happily ever after.

I did not last long the first time around, especially after I was teased about my young age by a thoughtless older member. I suffered three relapses that cost me and my dear ones more years of misery, still clinging to the preposterous idea that I could someday drink normally like other people. I never succeeded. Whenever I drank, I got drunk, and bad things happened.

My epiphany finally came after five years of A.A. sobriety. I had a loving wife and infant son, a new job, a new car, a nice place to live, and money in the bank. Everything good was coming my way. I was so busy enjoying the benefits of A.A. that I took my sobriety for granted. I became complacent. I thought I had it made. I stopped asking God for help each morning and thanking Him each night. Big mistake. Pride does go before a fall.

I took my blind mother to a Lions Club Christmas party for the blind, although I was not a member. I helped to serve the drinks. The smell of that alcohol and the déjà vu was getting to me. A woman volunteer handed me a martini, saying, "You've been working hard. Here, have one yourself." I did, and proceeded to get so paralyzed drunk that I had to be carried out and driven home, leaving my poor mother in the care of others.

That was December 7, 1960, Pearl Harbor Memorial Day, the last day that Gene O. got "bombed." The next morning, I awoke with one of the worst hangovers I had ever experienced, along with the shame and remorse over what I had done. But, thankfully, by the grace of God, that was my moment of truth. I finally accepted without reservation that I could never safely imbibe alcohol in any quantity or any form. It was unconditional surrender, and that made all the difference. I've been gratefully active in A.A. ever since.

Gene O.
First Step Group

Spiritual Experience or Spiritual Awakening?

What is the difference between a spiritual experience and a spiritual awakening? This question has plagued me from the beginning of my sobriety. I hear AA's at meetings use these terms interchangeably and I suppose that for many they mean the same thing. If we look at Appendix II at the back of the Big Book, we find the terms used to express "a personality change, sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism."

What precisely is a "personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism? When I was at my first meeting, I know that I definitely had a spiritual experience (my definition – a feeling that something miraculous, often touching the heart, has occurred). I felt that I had come home, and I knew intuitively that this is what my soul had cried out for my entire life. After that meeting, I did not have another drink, but was I recovered from alcoholism? I was recovered from drinking, one day at a time, but the essence of a spiritual awakening is that I am transformed within, in such a way, that I am on a different footing, have experienced a *metanoia* (Greek for complete transformation).

Throughout my recovery, I have experienced innumerable spiritual experiences – seen and felt things that were beyond the human, and I felt awe-struck and inspired. But this did not necessarily lead to the kind of transformation of which the Big Book speaks. Certainly, I was different in some ways, but deep down, many of the same things plagued me. They vibrated in my body to let me know that they were still present and often controlling my behavior (lack of power), no matter what kind of intentions I had to the contrary.

In most of my life I was trying to live by self-propulsion, being the actor who wants to run the whole show, with wonderful motives, and talk about spirituality like I was learned or a scholarly person. But indeed I was "a producer of confusion rather than harmony." I was living what I call *foxhole sobriety*- bullets were whizzing over my head and I was digging a fox-hole to keep safe. In simple terms, **I was using the Steps to try to manage my life**, like taking a few doses of an antibiotic for an infection. Often, the symptoms disappear, but the underlying cause remains to raise its head at some other inopportune time. Secretly, late at night, I think, "this stuff isn't working very well", or "I'm not doing it right, or something..."

I could regale you with my talk about spiritual experiences, but what was required for an awakening was missing. I do believe that "nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God's universe by mistake". And so like so many of us I was once again to experience the wisdom and mercy of the Power that with so much kindness brings us back from the edge of the cliff, often when we don't even know we are about to fall into the chasm. At the same time I knew that the transformation that would lead to being "rocketed into a fourth dimension of which we had not even dreamed" and "the sunlight of the spirit" were eluding me; I knew that I was not recovered from alcoholism, just from drinking. That is not a happy life!

Imagine my surprise, when contacting someone in "whom the problem had been solved" and listening to him tell me that the required surrender necessary for a personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism, *not alcohol*, was incomplete in my life. This AA showed me that my problem had always been a "lack of power" and that long after my last drink, I was more power deficient than ever because I was self-reliant. I was shaken to my core and reached another bottom, this time one that took me to a surrender to **alcoholism, life and my spirit**. This AA gave me a prayer to say that transformed my inner life in a way I did not dream possible. Here is that prayer: **"God, please give me the Power to put my relationship with You before (insert all things that come before God in your life, i.e., money, sex, reputation, anger, fear, food, shopping, manipulation, dishonesty, exaggeration, etc.).** Another good way to get at the things that keep us from the Power is to list the things we fear, are ashamed of, obsessed with, and any secrets. **Please heal all my old ideas, restore me to sanity; God, please reveal Yourself to me!**

What happened? Perhaps for the first time I realized that I really had no power. What a relief! New ideas about living began to emerge and behaviors that for years had plagued me and those around me changed without me having to "work" to make them happen. I gave up ideas about my defenses, knowing that I had none, and did not need any, except to allow the connection with life, spirit, heart, soul to live and thrive within. My desire for that connection overshadows everything, and I no longer have to be concerned with "changing, managing, plotting, and

planning," (although I sometimes return to that striving for a brief time,) for this is not my work.

As I attend meetings, I hear, most often, from those with multiple years, this "hitting of the wall" and believe that this is a frequent experience for many who continue to stay abstinent. What a blessing to be brought again to a place where we had but two choices: "to go on to the bitter end...or to accept spiritual help." I have heard, deep in my soul, something that goes like this: no need to struggle, just surrender all this anguish to Me and I will give you what you have always desired and needed; **freedom**, not only from

alcohol, but also from **alcoholism**, and the **bondage of self**. For too long, I have settled for "good enough" out of fear and ego. Now, through grace, I am becoming even more willing to really "trudge (to persevere), the road of happy destiny. All is well, and all is well, and all shall be well!

Charmaine D.
High Noon Group

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Committees needing help:

- Corrections: For members or groups to take meetings into two facilities
- Screeners: Looking for people to be on their Twelfth Step call list

Niagara Intergroup is hosting a workshop, "**Is Your Group Responsible**", on Saturday, September 12, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the First United Methodist Church, 8210 Buffalo Ave, in Niagara Falls. If you don't know what a business meeting is, your group seems to interpret "never organized" in a bizarre way, or your group is having trouble getting people to do jobs there, you may want to attend.

IN MEMORIAM
Things We Can Not Change

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 12th for next months issue.

Articles can be submitted at any time.

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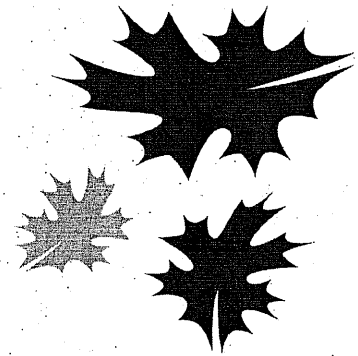
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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Alexander

Jim S. 1y
John R. 1y
Mark C. 2y
Jim P. 8y

Amherst/Snyder

David Z. 5y
Butch C. 11y
Dennis K. 24y
Dan J. 33y

Any Lengths

Dawn 5y
Joe R. 7y

As Bill See's It

Marla 6y

Big Book Lockport

Amanda S. 1y
Maureen M. 8y
Joe W. 37y

Carry The Message

Kathy W. 9y

Coldsprings

Cecil R. 9y

Courage

John W. 1y

Easy Does It

Theresa B. 14y
Joe E. 20y

Fireside AM

Sally S. 9m
Amy C. 1y
Sue S. 3y
Jill P. 4y

Freedom

Mike B. 3y
Jean M. 24y

Fresh Start

Reggie 13y
Margaret 31y

Giving

Sam R. 9m
Fred H. 9m
Irma H. 2y
Andre G. 2y
Wanda C. 2y

Golden Slipper

Drew V. 4y
Dave M. 7y
Jeff S. 9y
Bob A. 22y
Sean O. 22y

H.A.N.D.

Dennis S. 2y
Holland
Marcy M 23y
Jim F. 46y

Ironhorse

Brandon B. 2y
Mike B. 11y
John H. 11y

Lakeshore

Dave S. 1y
Leslie K. 1y
John H. 29y

Lighten-Up

Jill P. 4y
Marilyn N. 7y
Mary P. 10y
Bob R. 17y
Steve B. 18y
Marybeth 22y
Laura R. 24y
Howard W. 30y

Living Sober

Al G. 7y
Chuck B. 7y
Bob G. 10y
John A. 12y
Tom D. 21y
Bill G. 25y
Butch H. 29y

Lockport #1

J.R. 8y

LoveJoy

Harry P. 24y

North Buffalo

John S. 4y
Grant K. 4y
Dawn H. 4y

Orchard Park Step

Eric M. 4y

Remember When

Wendy A. 1y
Rebero P. 5y
Annette L. 5y
Karen B. 5y
Andrew S. 7y
Yolanda S. 7y
Jacqueline P. 9y
Randy H. 9y
Yovonne D. 23y

Rise & Shine

Charles M. 6m
Joe O. 9m
Luli 9m
Maria 1y
Stepanie G. 1y
Janice T. 1y
Andre G. 2y
Keith L. 2y
Tamika C. 2y
Larry A. 2y
Marilyn F. 7y
Robert G. 12y
Pete W. 12y

Sheridan

Betsy E. 9y
Dan M. 9y
Jean M. 24y
Butch H. 29y

Sobriety on the Canal

Phil G. 22y

Southtowns

Dick 19y

Springville

Tuesday

Steve H. 21y
Larry S. 28y

Spiritual Progress

Kathy 1y
Michelle M. 2y
Barbara C. 2y
Carrie R. 3y
Terrie W. 4y

Sun. Morning Br.

Bob K. 1y
Chris S. 4y

Surrender & Hope

Cindy S. 2y
Gary Z. 11y

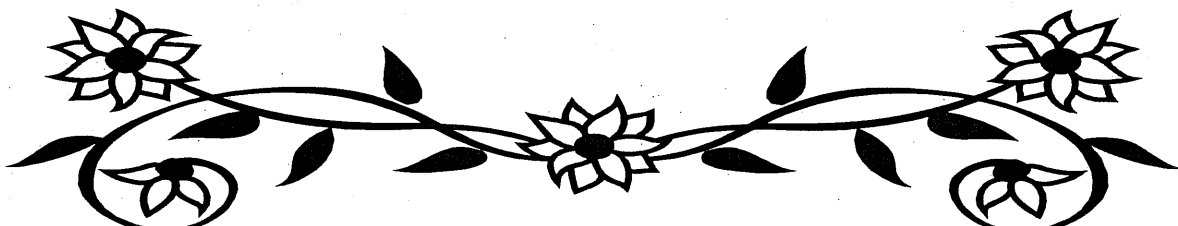
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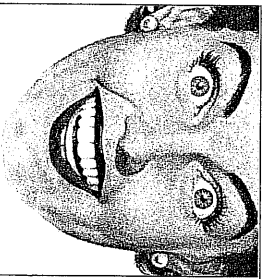
Group Anniversaries

11:45 Noon; 12y
Acceptance; 34y
Action; 40y
Arcade; 16y
Boulevard Women's; 42y
Cathedral Park; 20y
Cornplanters; 36y
Easier Softer Way; 16y
Fireside PM; 27y
Fredonia Discussion; 38y
Fresh Start; 26y
Frontier; 42y
Golden Slipper; 35y
H.A.N.D.; 27y
Honesty; 35y
Iron Horse
Main Street
North Buffalo; 68y
Orchard Park Step; 21y
Recovering Women & the Big
Renewal; 37y
Step Work; 19y
Sobriety For Women; 9y
South Town; 25y
Today's Women; 14y

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month previous*



sunday **monday** **tuesday** **wednesday** **thursday** **friday** **saturday**



<p>6</p> <p>1998: <i>Ebby: The Man Who Sponsored Bill W.</i> by Mel B. is published.</p> <p>Steering Committee, 5 PM Central Office, 681 Seneca St.</p> <p>Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office.</p> <p>Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office</p> <p>GSA, 12 Noon, Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg</p> <p>20</p> <p>"We avoid hysterical thinking and advice." —The Big Book</p>	<p>7 LABOR DAY</p> <p>*1935: Bill W. returns from his Akron trip and AA begins in New York City.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>*1949: The first issue of <i>The AA Grapevine</i> in pocket format is published.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1939: Morris Markey 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>3</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>4</p> <p>*1946: The first AA group in Mexico City is formed.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>There is more to paying dues to AA than dropping a dollar in the basket.</p>
<p>14</p> <p>An Introduction To the 12 Steps Workshop, 7:30-8:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St</p> <p>15</p> <p>Public Information Committee meeting, Buffalo Central Office, 6 PM.</p> <p>16</p> <p>*1941: Ernie G., AA's #4, marries Dr. Bob's daughter Sue. He was drunk at the time.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>"We have had retellatory affairs with other men." —The Big Book</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1945: San Diego holds its first women's meeting.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1946: Trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation issue a statement regarding fund-raising.</p> <p>"Alcoholics Anonymous... looks with disfavor on the unauthorized use of its name in any fund-raising charity."</p>	<p>11</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>12</p> <p>1942: U.S. Assistant Surgeon General Kolb speaks at a dinner for Bill W. and Dr. Bob in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>OP Step, End of Summer Picnic: Noon-6:00 PM. Commissioner's Cabin in Chestnut Ridge Park. Speaker at 4:00 PM.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>An Introduction To the 12 Steps Workshop, 7:30-8:30 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St</p> <p>1938: Bill W. and Hank P. form Works Publishing Co. to raise money to write and publish our Big Book.</p>	<p>22 AUTUMNAL EQUINOX</p> <p>*1971: Over 500 attend the first European Convention of AA in Bristol, England.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1954: Bill D., "the man in the bed," dies in Akron, Ohio.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>*1940: <i>The AA Bulletin</i> finds nine "secure" groups, in New York City, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston, Akron, Los Angeles, and Cleveland.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca</p> <p>68th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting, 12 NOON Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Action Group 41st Anni Speaker with food to follow, Orchard Park village hall, 4295 S. Buffalo St.</p> <p>*1939: The first AA group in Chicago is founded.</p>

* OCCURRED SOME TIME DURING THIS MONTH ** OCCURRED SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR

PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED:-)

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SEPTEMBER 2009

MEETING CHANGES:

- **Fredonia Discussion Has Moved**, Fredonia Baptist Church, 19 Church St. Wednesday's, 8:30 PM
- **Powerless Group**, Monday's @ 5:30 PM, **HAS MOVED** to 176 Clark St., Buffalo.
- **New Group; Our Meeting @ the VA**, Sunday's 8 PM, VA hospital, 3495 Bailey Ave, Buffalo
- **Lovejoy Group**, Friday's @ 8:00 will be **changing to open speaker format**. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1084 E. Lovejoy, Buffalo.
- **Women's Step Action** group **will resume** meeting on Oct.1. 6 PM, Thursday evenings, St. Martins in the Field Church, Grand Island.
- **South Buffalo Group** is starting a speaker meeting on the second Friday of each month beginning on August 14 @ 9 PM. The group meets twice a week: Mondays 8 PM & Fridays (PM at the Good Shepherd Church, 187 South Side Pkwy, across from South Park High School.
- **NEW GROUP: Machias Big Book**, United Methodist Church, Route 16, Machias. Sunday, 7 PM, Open Discussion.
- **NO LONGER MEETS: Lunch on Lafayette**, St. John's Grace, 50 Colonial Circle, Buffalo (west) Wednesday's; 12 Noon, Open Discussion.
- **Caz Manor Group has resumed ???** Its Monday- Friday meeting. 10 AM, 486 North Legion Drive, Bflo South. Open Discussion.
- **Johnson Creek Big Book**, is moving on Aug. 5 to; Heartland Bible Church, 8110 West Ave in Gasport. Wednesday's, 8 PM.
- **IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.**

COMING EVENTS

- ~ **Special Needs Committee**, meets before "As Bill See's It Group", 6:30 PM, Hamburg Presbyterian Church, 117 Main St., Hamburg
- ~ Sept. 4-6, **56th Annual Tri-State Assembly** Chautauqua, NY. For more info: Jerry J.-585-682-3215.
- ~ Sept 13, **Steering Committee**, SUNDAY 5 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Sept 13, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St. (hosted by Turning Point Group).

- ~ Sept 13, Corrections **Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street
- ~ Sept 13, **General Service Assembly**, 12 Noon. Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.
- ~ Sept 14,21,28,Oct. 5 & 12. **An Introduction To the 12 Steps Workshop**. To acquaint members with the 12 Steps in 5- 1 hour sessions.7:30- 8:30 PM. Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St., Buffalo Sponsored by Helping Hand, Holiday Village, Southwestern & 12 Step Groups. And questions please call445-8674.
- ~ Sept 15, **Public Information Committee meeting**, Tuesday, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what we are not do, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. Buffalo Central Office, 6 PM.
- ~ Sept 19, **Orchard Park Step Group, End of Summer Picnic**. Saturday, Noon- 6:00 PM. Commissioner's Cabin in Chestnut Ridge Park. Speaker at 4:00 PM. Coffee, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers-please bring a dish to pass if you wish.
- ~ Sept 26, **Archives Committee Meeting**, SATURDAY, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower). Think this is moved to the State Convention ☺
- ~ Sept 26, **68th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, Saturday, 12 NOON Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street All are welcome.
- ~ Sept 27, **Action Group 41st Anniversary**. Speaker with food to follow. Bring a dish if you wish. Orchard Park village hall, 4295 S. Buffalo St.
- ~Oct 2 - Oct 4, **Women's Fall Spiritual Weekend Retreat** -St Columban Center/ Derby, NY. Speakers, groups, advisors, food, endless coffee & lots of sober fun!! More info to follow. Contact: Marilyn S. 957-3702/ 799-4094.
- ~ Oct. 16-18, **AA Men's Spiritual Retreat**, Sponsored by University Men's Group, Stella Niagara Renewal Center. For information call Lee M.- 587-1875 or Carl S.- 479-4859.
- ~ Nov. 6-8, **68th. BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION:** Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst. Flyer available at CO☺

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."

9th 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 2, 2009

Joli B. Lakeshore Group Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Joli Lakeshore Group read the Preamble, Cindy Orchard Park Step Group read the Purpose of the Central Committee, and Jennifer Women Making The Effort Group read the Twelve Traditions. It was moved by David Orchard Park Step Group, and seconded by Vernon Solidarity Group to accept the July minutes as corrected by Cathy S. Lovejoy Group. Under Old Business it should have read "did not pass by a ¾ majority" regarding the procedure of price increases; adopted.

New Groups were greeted and 35 groups were represented: Dist #1 Journey, Main and High; Dist #2 Grand II Joy Of Living, Living Sober, North Buffalo, 3 Legacies, Turning Point; Dist #3 Abbott Men's Disc, Courage, Father Baker, New Life, South Buffalo, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Valley; Dist #4 Action, Orchard Park Step; Dist #5: Lockport #1, Lockview; Dist #6: Amsdell Lakeshore, Derby, Go To Any Lengths, Holiday Village, Lakeshore, Serenity On The Lake, WE(Women's Experience); Dist #7: Fresh Start, Lovejoy, Solidarity, Spirit Of Hope; Dist #8: Amherst Snyder, Eyeopener, Midnight Discussions, Williamsville, Women Making The Effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ENVELOPE SYSTEM**: no report
- **STEERING COMMITTEE**: Shawn C. gave the report. Dist #1 still remains vacant. Caz Manor is now open for meetings, yet confused as to when they meet. Johnson Creek Big Book Group, starting 8/5, Bible Church 8110 West Ave. Gasport NY. Planned Day Of Sharing this fall for Dist 6. Powerless Group will be temporarily meeting Mondays at 176 Clark St. Reps from Dist 2 and 8 absent with no alternate. Computer problems at Central Office were discussed, including website updates and other system issues. It was discussed and voted on to send letters to Groups for Gratitude Month; approved. The Steering Committee recommends to the body a maximum budget of \$1500 for a new computer and operating system for Central Office, to allow replacement of current inadequate system.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT**: Mark S. reported that Group donations are better than average.
- **TREATMENT**: Laura D As Bill Sees It Group read the report. Meetings were staffed and attended this month. Materials purchased are being distributed. Central Office was approached by Ivy House regarding a men's speaker meeting. Chair George W. met with their staff 7/29, and will bring the details up at the next full TFC committee meeting. We are committed to growth only, if it is slow and sustainable. Any home group looking to volunteer, please call Central Office and leave a message for George. Next TFC committee meeting Monday 9/21/09 Central Office 6 PM.
- **CORRECTIONS**: Dan M. reported that ECCF, Feb, Mar, April, May need coverage. Could use help at Attic first Wednesday of the month. The Collins meeting is back on.
- **SCREENERS**: Jeanmarie C. Orchard Park Step reported that they would like to expand the committee. Reps are urged to go back to their home groups and solicit volunteers.
- **CENTRAL OFFICE**: AAINFO: 197, 12STEP:7, ALANON:6, VISITORS:139, VOLUNTEERS: 21.
 - Vacation Day's; Sept. 3,4,8,9,10&11.
 - Our website is currently experiencing difficulty – which Art and Terry are working on correcting. A problem has arisen, in that with having several people doing the website in the past, we have like 3 websites in one program. We have multiple files all named the same and it is confusing the program. We are currently working on deleting past outdated files & then correcting the page links to the proper pages. This has been a frustrating and tedious job as each upload from the office computer has literally taken 2-3 hours to upload. Needless to say progress has been slow, but it is progressing.
- ❖ GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: BIG BOOK, SPIRITUAL STUDIES-5, GIVING-1, IT -8, LIVING CLEAN- 1, MAPLE MEN'S - 8, NEW OUTLOOK- 5, SERENITY SHACK-2, STAYIN ALIVE-2, RECOVERING WOMEN & THE BIG BOOK-7, TUESDAY WOMEN'S- 3, VIP-2, WOMEN ON THE RISE 5, LOOK TO THIS DAY-6, SILVER CREEK FRIENDSHIP-6.
 - ✓ REMINDER all those that are marked in 2009 schedule, if we don't hear from you by the next schedule printing, you will be removed, to insure accuracy in our schedule. Just a reminder we do not send mailings to the church or facility. We need an actual contact person to mail to as well as a current phone number.

- **NEW FRONTIERS**: Chip R. the Editor, reported that they are pleased and grateful for all those who have submitted articles. We have many people in this area who have experienced sobriety and have something to share from their experience that can benefit our readers. At this time we have 6 submissions 'on deck' for publication. He thanked those who have stepped up and took the time to write those articles. Subjects for upcoming issues: sponsorship, fellowship (with the convention issue), service work, "I Am Responsible & The 12 Steps". Submitted articles from members will continue to have priority when laying out an issue. If anyone believes that a topic should be addressed, please contact Chip. So far, Steps 8 & 9, and Anger & Resentment haven't been addressed. If anyone has experience in those areas, and would like to write something, Chip will be happy to help.
- **PIC**: Patrick K. Chair North Buffalo Group reported that WNY Coalition for the Homeless health fair was a huge success. The table was active for the entire program. One note of concern was that we ran short of schedules, and a couple of requests for Big Books that we could not provide. We sent a script to 96.1 WJYE radio about programming involving AA and we are waiting for their response. Next meeting is the third Tuesday at 6 PM at Central Office, and we are investigating ways to increase membership.
- **CURRENT CONVENTION**: Frank M. Committee Chair reported that the next committee meeting is 8/29 Noon Central Office. The flyer is on the website and can be printed to fill out the registration form.
- **AD HOC COMMITTEE**:
 - **INTERGROUP FORMAT**: Shawn C to give a report at the 9/13 meeting.
- **GSA LIASON**: Jack P. Lockport #1 reported the next meeting is 9/13/09 Noon Hamburg Town Hall and many had a very nice time at the state convention on Grand Island.
- **CPC**: no report
- **ARCHIVES**: Marty Area 50 Chair Downtown Men's Disc reported that the committee is keeping things running, and have had displays at Main & High's Day Of Sharing, Open Channel, and New International groups in Niagara Falls, and a large display at the State Convention, which received many compliments from other Area Archivists. While there, Jim K. Area 48 Archivist, presented us with a written documentation of the early state, regional & international (US & Can) conventions. Marty explained the term "conference" versus "convention" being used in the past, and its evolvement to the current terminology. GSA Elections are in Sept., and a new Chair will be decided on. He thanked all the groups for their donations to support Archives, specifically Main & High, Courage, Thruway, Lockport #1, Lakeshore, As Bill Sees It, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Lovejoy and an anonymous personal donation.
- **RECAP**: clarifications on requirements for volunteers to correction facilities and sobriety requirements for the PIC committee.
- **OLD BUSINESS**: next meeting of Central Committee is Sunday Sept 13, 2009. Jack Lockport #1 reported the Lunch At Lafayette does not meet anymore.
- **NEW BUSINESS**: It was moved by Jason Derby Group and seconded by Patrick K, to resume printing of the schedule of open meetings for our committees, and Terry B. is willing to do it. After much discussion, this motion was tabled by Jack 3 Legacies Group, seconded by Jason Derby Group; the main motion will be the first item of Old Business at the September meeting. Peter from Dist 6, asked that the Reps from Dist 6 go back to their home groups for committee volunteers for that district's Day Of Sharing.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**: Kim Lovejoy Group announced that Lovejoy's Friday night meeting will be a speaker meeting format from now on, 8 PM. Joli B. Committee Chair thanked Amherst Snyder Group for the refreshments and September's meeting will be provided by Turning Point Group.

It was moved by Dave Orchard Park Step Group and seconded by Vernon Solidarity Group that we adjourn; adopted. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy S. Recording Secretary Lovejoy Group

Income Statement		May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09
Begin Bal Cash on hand		12,486.98	13,040.01	14,955.49
Contributions				
	Groups	5,682.49	5,384.82	6,457.19
	Joint Meeting	58.70	65.00	60.75
	Envelope System	243.00	322.00	
	New Frontiers Subs	85.00	66.00	84.00
	Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,347.30	6,740.65	3,163.40
	Literature Postage	35.90	33.35	48.15
	Archives Room Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Meetings at CO	28.00	57.85	26.00
	Mail/Misc.			75.00
	US Treasury			
	Reconcille			
	"Gratitude Month" (NOV)			
	Conventions/Day of Sharing			
Monthly Income		9,530.39	12,719.67	9,964.49
Expenses				
	Office Rent	876.50	873.22	873.22
	Electric	90.00	90.00	90.00
	Payroll			
	Salaries - gross	3,150.50	2,520.40	3,150.50
	Federal Withholdings	(523.35)	(418.68)	(418.68)
	NYS Withholdings	(130.00)	(104.00)	(104.00)
	Disability Insurance	(3.00)	(2.40)	(2.40)
	Payroll Tax Deposits			
	Federal	764.33	505.84	945.22
	State		16.38	444.18
	Insurance			
	State Ins Fund			278.76
	Health	354.00	354.00	354.00
	Liability			
	Postage	49.05	44.23	583.18
	Phone	165.04	164.78	164.96
	Accounting			1,970.00
	Advt			
	Talking Phone Book			
	Verizon; Idearc Media website	147.10	147.10	147.10
	white directory			
	Yellow Pages			
	Literature Expenses			
	Grapevine	496.95	517.45	
	World Services Inc	2,411.60	4,808.80	385.20
	Hazeldon		730.42	
	Printers			
	Medallions			
	PINS			
	Office Supplies	524.17	4.70	42.05
	Answering service	180.47	173.95	177.21
	Minolta leasing (copier)	223.00	223.00	223.00
	Minolta Copies/ service contract	130.00	130.00	130.00
	PIC	71.00		45.00
	Convention/Day of Sharing Seed \$			
	Seminar		25.00	
	Depreciation	100.00	100.00	100.00
Monthly Expenses		9,077.36	10,904.19	9,299.74
Monthly Income (Loss)		453.03	1,815.48	664.75
	Depreciation add back(non-cash)	100.00	100.00	100.00
End Bal Cash on hand		13,040.01	14,955.49	15,720.24
CD	PRUDENT	9,087.75	9,110.6	9,118.09
CD#2	RESERVE	6,552.59	6,558.16	6,563.55
Assets: Literature & Medallions		14,904.40	19,956.70	21,817.95
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)		1,255.90	405.90	783.40
Corrections Facilites				
	Contributions	300.00	254.16	690.85
	Expenses	831.08	460.00	259.66
	Balance	2,060.12	1,854.28	2,285.47
Treatment Facilities				
	Contributions	280.00	219.16	585.84
	Expenses	28.78	53.98	
AT & T Bridging The Gap				
AAA Abott Answering Service				
	Literature		2,040.50	
	Balance	1,913.21	37.89	623.73

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HOW DOES BEING AN CENTRAL COMMITTEE REP HELP MY HOME GROUP?

As an Central Committee Rep, you will be the liaison between Intergroup and your home group. In order to have an informed group conscience, your home group members need to know all facets of an issue to be able to make good decisions. When they are in touch with other member groups they learn the latest and most accurate A.A. information, about commitments in their area (so they can all participate in carrying the A.A. message), and any changes in our literature, other groups, etc.

In order for the hand of A.A. to always be there as it states in our Responsibility Statement, each individual A.A. member needs to have the best information available so they can help the alcoholic who doesn't know there is a way out.

As an Central Committee Rep you will be able to pick up flyers for the latest events like group anniversaries, conferences and other special events, as well as copies of "New Frontiers", our newsletter, and bring them back to your group.

Intergroup is called the 'front lines' of A.A. because involvement with us means getting the message out first-hand. If you want to help others, try to get involved. Be an Intergroup(Central Committee) Rep.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

District	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
8	11:45	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8	12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		175.00		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	Abbott Men's	145.00	435.00	145.00	435.00	145.00	435.00
2	Acceptance/Welcome		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		60.00		20.00		20.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Akron Awareness		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst/ Snyder	21.50	435.41		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Lakeshore		145.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	35.00	235.00	15.00	95.00	15.00	95.00
4	Arcade		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It..	120.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
4	Attica		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Attica Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Attitude Adjustment	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
6	Attraction	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Back To Basics		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women	150.00	150.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
5	Big Book Lockport		175.00		12.00		0.00
6	BB Spiritual Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		30.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Monday Night		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	B.S.C.		10.00		0.00		0.00
	Buffalo		1.00		0.00		0.00
3	By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		456.21		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		35.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake-Up Call		600.50		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor	29.00	307.31		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		120.00		120.00		120.00
3	Cheektowaga	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
8	Clarence Men'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		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Constant Vigilance(Varysburg)		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve	93.25	93.25		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		26.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire	75.00	310.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		100.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	60.00	260.00	60.00	185.00	60.00	185.00
4	Ellicottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		483.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	230.43	586.19		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South	75.00	375.00	25.00	50.00		0.00
1	F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Father Baker		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		400.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside		930.01		0.00		0.00
6	First Things First		390.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		850.00		100.00		100.00
7	Fresh Start		90.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

District	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
1	Frontier(New)		1200.00		0.00		0.00
6	GAHA: DAGOH #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Getting With It.		83.95		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length.	529.31	794.31	35.29	60.29	35.29	60.29
5	Golden Slipper	200.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living	80.00	147.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Hamburg Early Bird		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Hand	80.00	80.00		0.00	20.00	20.00
2	Handicappers		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Happy Hour II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmory		200.00		0.00		0.00
3	Helping Hand		25.00		125.00		0.00
8	High Noon		100.00		250.00		0.00
8	High View		150.00		300.00		0.00
7	Higher Power		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village	200.00	1425.00	25.00	150.00		50.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		436.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	100.00	500.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		47.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		135.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	105.55	1021.60	10.56	101.97	10.55	101.95
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Johnson Creek Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Journey		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		20.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/Cheek		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister	50.00	110.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lake Shore	100.00	450.00		40.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		100.00		0.00		0.00
7	Last Days Fellowship		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyers		360.00		0.00		0.00
5	LeWPort		10.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		25.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		30.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighen UP		302.85		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		90.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		250.00		25.00		25.00
5	Lockport Discussion		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		150.00	50.00	50.00		0.00
5	Lockview		180.00		30.00		30.00
6	Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy	100.00	150.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lunch Bunch Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	25.00	35.00		5.00		0.00
4	Main Street	180.00	405.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple Men's		25.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	45.00	158.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	60.00	210.00		0.00		56.00
6	McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORKS/BIG BOOK		30.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		30.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		109.55		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Miracle Happen		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Mobile	5.00	15.00		0.00		0.00
	Monday CO	22.00	275.29		0.00		0.00
5	Monday Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
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