

# NEW FRONTIERS

A.A. of the Niagara Frontier

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



CELEBRATING  
**75**  
YEARS

## Buffalo Fall Convention

**Did you know that Bill W. spoke for our very first convention???**

Buffalo's first Fall Convention was held in 1942 at the Studio Theater,

305 Lafayette St. and Hoyt. Bill Wilson traveled here from Detroit to be our speaker.

He traveled by train and had little money.

The committee paid \$7.30 for his hotel room. Sixteen people attended the banquet.

They paid \$2.00 per plate. After the banquet, about 125 members and friends gathered to hear Bill speak.

The gifts that the convention committee gave him were candy and cigarettes at a cost of \$2.95. A copy of the bill for that memorable occasion appears on the other side of this bookmark.

Bill Wilson Meeting  
November 13, 1942  
Attendance between 100-125

18 Dinners @ 1.75/plate	31.50	
7Yp	5.00	
	36.50	
16 Members paid 2.00/plate	:32.00	
Loss on Dinner		4.50
Studio Theater		N.C.
Bill Wilson		N.C.
Caterer (planned 150 @ .95 each)		115.00
Janitor		5.00
Flowers for Bill & Bobbie		2.25
Candy & Cigarettes (presents)		2.95
Telegrams		.92
Postage & Stationery		1.87
Hotel Expenses — Rooms etc.	7.30	
Breakfast	1.50	
Tips	2.40	11.20
Total Expense		143.69
Collection		29.93
From Treasury		113.76
		83.24
		30.52

Note This deficit was cleaned up by November 18, 1942 by collections.

Area 50

Western New York  
Archives



## AA HAS OUTLIVED ITS' USEFULNESS

I am beginning to think the time has come to shut down AA. It has lost sight of its' singular purpose and the message is so convoluted that it just doesn't mean anything to much of the current enlightened (?) membership. Most meetings have become therapy sessions where anything goes and no one pays any attention to the traditions. The history of other groups that tried to become a panacea of all the world's ills is lost on the therapy (self) centered meetings of today. The Washingtonians and the Oxford Groups are two examples of wonderful organizations that lost sight of their purpose and now are all but undetectable. I suspect AA is on the road to becoming all but undetectable.

In NY State, driving is a privilege, and all driving privileges are not the same. Someone who only holds a motorcycle license cannot drive a car or truck, and someone holding only an operators' license cannot operate a motorcycle or operate a tractor trailer. There are certain guidelines that must be met to operate at each level and you must meet the criteria to enjoy the privileges of each licensing level. If you violate the guidelines for operation your privileges may be lost. You can continue to operate a motor vehicle illegally through willfulness and wanton disregard, but you are subject to punishment up to and including imprisonment once your privileges are lost.

So, what is the only requirement to enjoy the privilege of membership in AA? A desire to stop drinking. It is the ONLY requirement. It does not exclude people who have that desire and have other difficulties, but the unspoken imperative is that you honor the privilege by not introducing unrelated dogma as if it was ok, that you honor the privilege with personal obedience to the traditions, whether you like it or not. There are many of us sober in AA today that have found freedom from other difficulties by being obedient to the spiritual principles embodied in the Twelve Steps and Traditions of AA. To insist on our right to be different and do what we want is like the motorcycle only licensee who insists they have the right to operate a big rig despite an unwillingness to meet the guidelines for big rig licensing. They lose the privilege to operate either if they are caught. For ignoring the traditions of AA the price tag is much higher, people die. Those who insist on ignoring the traditions endanger themselves' and AA as a whole, through their disruptive influence on the tradition of Unity.

In the 12 & 12, the dialogue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition points to a most troubling member early on who had another problem with drug addiction. The membership of that time was aware that the man had a real drinking history also, and as such met the only requirement for membership. The man went on to become a tireless worker for AA and never disclosed his other problem except as it would be useful to an individual sufferer. I don't believe the phraseology, "I know this AA, BUT", ever crossed his lips. He was obedient to the traditions and our singular purpose. He probably would have know that referring to yourself as "Clean and Sober" automatically relegated our singular (primary) purpose to secondary importance by the grammatical construction of the phrase. You may argue that it is only words, but we think in words, and the order of use indicates the order of importance.

The phraseology, "A drug, is a drug, is a drug." is not the language of AA. While this may or may not be true in the medical community, it is a statement that AA has no opinion on as it is an outside issue that commenting on violates our 11<sup>th</sup> tradition.

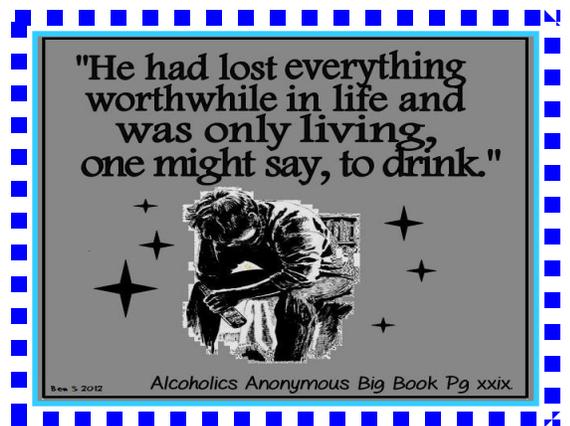
This world is full of problems that we wish we could impact in some positive way. Sons and daughters of AA's are dropping like flies in our most complicated and addictive society. Who among us does not have compassion for those affected. On an individual level, in the privacy of our personal world, we may act in any fashion we see fit. However, introducing these problems to our AA groups is not in our best interest as a society.

From the pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol", approved by the General Service Conference, it is stated:

"Our first duty, as a society, is to insure our own survival. Therefore, we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activity. An AA Group, as such, cannot take on all the personal problems of its members, let alone the problems of the whole world.

Sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps is the sole purpose of an AA group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has been learned that *there is no way to make nonalcoholic's into AA members*. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our AA groups to a singular purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone."

So we are all faced with a choice, stand for something or fall for anything. Be obedient to the principles embodied in our Twelve Traditions and preserve our society, or, allow it to self destruct and become another once was, now undetectable tragedy.





In September of 1948, Bill entered an article on Tradition Ten in the A.A. Grapevine. Reading it now stirs up appreciation in the heart and vigilance in the mind. It serves as a good reminder of the freedom we enjoy as members of Alcoholics Anonymous. His message continues to have a timeless quality of sober awareness and a sense of peace, enjoyment, and gratitude.

**On Tradition Ten: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."**

Editorial by Bill W.:

No A.A. Group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues--particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous Groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever. If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our A.A. Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our 10th Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy--serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have not long since died in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or else". Political controversy and reform by compulsion has reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension.

Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that A.A. must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

As though by some deep and compelling instinct we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably.

May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

Bill W. in the A.A. Grapevine, September, 1948

Submitted by David C.

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

## Share your Experience, Strength and Hope

Please submit your announcements by the **12th**  
for next month's issue

Articles can be submitted at any time

**e-mail address: buffaloaa@hotmail.com**

or mail to:  
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Buffalo, New York 14210**

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## Heard @ a Meeting

What self inflicted punishment  
inhibits my joy today?

### IN MEMORIAM

*Things We Can Not Change*

*To all of our members who have lost family and loved ones*

*Helen B.: 43 years ~ Renaissance Group*

*Odell H.: 10+ years ~ Rise & Shine & Harmony Group*

*Dan R.: 30+ years ~ Hillbilly Group*

*Dan : Sunrise Court Group*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

### Acceptance/Welcome

Brian N. 6y  
 Don D. 6y  
 Danielle 8y  
 Susie M. 12y  
 Lisa E. 26y  
 Jim E. 28y  
 Jim K. 31y  
 Margaret M. 41y

### Alexander

Jim S. 7y  
 John R. 8y  
 Mark C. 9y

### Amherst/Snyder

Megan L. 4y  
 Mark H. 5y  
 Nicole M. 6y  
 David Z. 16y  
 Dan J. 40y

### Big Book Lockport

Christine C. 7y

### Blvd Helping Hand

David G. 13y  
 Dawn H. 30y

### Coldspring

Carmen J. 26y

### Courage

John W. 9y

### Eyeopener

Richard 1y  
 Mark B. 1y  
 Jacob W. 2y  
 Karreen 3y  
 Bob D. 4y  
 Lisa S. 5y  
 Ron O. 7y  
 Steve b. 25y

### Eyeopener South

Sahah B. 6m  
 Joe S. 1y  
 Bill P. 2y  
 Allison N. 3y  
 Chuck O. 3y  
 Naomi T. 4y  
 Bob D. 6y  
 Wendy A. 8y  
 Rick W. 26y

### Fireside

Lisa A. 4y  
 Stacey L. 5y  
 Carol 7y  
 Sue S. 10y  
 Jill P. 11y  
 Patty N. 14y  
 John S. 24y  
 Barb L. 27y  
 Wilson Z. 44y

### First Step (NF)

Jeff H. 3y  
 Karen M. 4y

### Fresh Start

Reggie 20y  
 Margaret 38y

### Golden Slipper

Bob A. 29y

### H.A.N.D.

Dennis S. 9y  
**Harmony**  
 Phil G. 2y  
 Amy H. 5y  
 Otis W. 8y  
 Roni J. 13y

### Helping Hand

Andy Z. 5y  
 Jill K. 24y  
 Francees F. 26y

### Holland

Jim F. 53y

### How It Works

James R. 1y  
 Mark B. 1y  
 Rob F. 6y  
 Jeff F. 7y  
 Rob P. 8y  
 John T. 24y

### Ironhorse

Kurt S. 6m  
 Pat D. 1y  
 Paul J. 2y  
 Brent N. 6y

### Brandon B.

Tracy M. 10y  
 Mike B. 18y

### Just For Today

Dennis S. 9y  
 John D. 32y  
 Russ Q. 45y

### Lakeshore

John H. 36y  
 Dan J. 40

### Lewport

Ken K. 28y  
 Carl S. 38y

### Lockport #1

Rob G. 1y

### Lockview

Tim B. 4y  
 Rich H. 10y  
 Michelle O. 15y  
 Alex O. 15y  
 Paul E. 27y

### Lovejoy

Chrissie C. 7y  
 Harry P. 31y  
 John H. 31y

### Main & High

Annette L. 22y

### Marilla

Cindy 29y

### North Buffalo

Kevin C. 4y  
 Eddie B. 4y  
 David R. 5y  
 Megan T. 5y  
 Jamie J. 6y  
 Mike B. 8y  
 Rob P. 8y  
 Micheal O. 18y  
 Ian S. 25y  
 Tony R. 27y  
 Dave H. 28y

### Orchard Park Step

Amanda S. 3m  
 Joanne O. 2y  
 Deb E. 3y  
 Laura D. 16y  
 Marilyn S. 23y

### Purpose

Betsy E. 16y  
 Anita W. 37y  
 Veronica B. 45y

### Remember When

Greg H. 5y  
 Willie S. 6y  
 Felix V. 7y  
 Wendy A. 8y  
 Ottis W. 8y  
 Tom W. 10y  
 Yolanda F. 14y  
 Linda M. 15y  
 Randy H. 16y  
 Jacqueline P. 16y  
 Annette L. 22y

### Renaissance

Mike K. 9m

### Rise & Shine

Ann M. 6m  
 Eli M. 9m  
 Brittany D. 1y  
 Frank G. 1y  
 Andy S. 2y  
 Amie G. 4y  
 Peter R. 24y

### Sheridan

Betsy E. 16y  
 Dan M. 26y  
 Jean M. 31y

### Spiritual Progress

Ellen V. 1y  
 Lynn H. 1y  
 Helene C. 6y

### The Grove

Don P. 2y  
 Darcey 2y  
 John R. 5y  
 Ray S. 21y  
 Phil G. 25y

### Springville New Life

Larry S. 35y

### Thruway

Leo M. 29y

### We-Women's

Debbie 8y

### Williamsville

Keith L. 24y  
 Chris R. 31y



### Group Anniversaries

11:45 Noon; 18y  
 Acceptance; 41y  
 Action; 47y  
 Arcade; 23y  
 Boulevard Women's; 49y  
 Cathedral Park; 27y  
 Complainers; 43y  
 Easier Softer Way; 23y  
 Fireside PM; 34y  
 Fredonia Discussion; 45y  
 Fresh Start; 33y  
 Golden Slipper; 41y  
 H.A.N.D.; 34y  
 Honesty; 42y  
 Ironhorse; 41y  
 North Buffalo; 75y  
 Orchard Park Step; 28y  
 Renewal; 44y  
 Step Work; 26y  
 South Town; 32y  
 The Journey; 24y

Please remember to  
*have the anniversaries  
 submitted by  
 the 12th*  
**END OF BUSINESS DAY 4:30**  
 of the month  
 previous



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

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## September 2016

**IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.**

### MEETING CHANGES

- **Buffalo Creek Group** has moved to the Genesis Center, 2161 Seneca St Buffalo 14210, Thursday's, 1PM.
- **New Group; AA on Broadway**, Friday's 4:00 PM, Help Buffalo, 384 Broadway, Buffalo, 14204
- **"Friends Of Bill W"**. has changed it's name to **"The Grove"**.
- **North Java Monday** has moved to Holy Family Parish, 4316 Rte. 98, North Java 14113. Monday's 8:30 PM.
- **New Group; Beacon Of Hope**, Lakeshore Behavioral Health, 254 Franklin St. Buffalo, 14202 (Upstairs) Tuesday's at 1:15 PM. Open Meeting
- **\*Feelings Group**; Wed.7:30 Pm, **NO LONGER MEETS**. First Presbyterian Church, 149 Broad St., Tonawanda.

### **Support AA through the Envelope System:**

This is another way to help carry the AA message by making a personal donation.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ~ Sept 9, **Envelope System Meeting**; **FRIDAY**, 4:00 PM, Tim Horton's 1750 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda
- ~ Sept 10, **Archives Committee Meeting**; **2nd SATURDAY**, 9 AM, Buffalo Central Office
- ~ Sept 11, Committee Meeting that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM  
St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St., Buffalo 14203

Steering Committee (4:30 PM)

Corrections Committee Meeting

Public Information Committee meeting

Treatment Facilities Committee

Nightwatch Committee

- **Followed By** Central Committee 7:00 PM
- ~ Sept 16, **Convention Committee Meeting**, **3rd Thursday**, 6 PM, The Adam's Mark Hotel.
- ~ Oct 1, **General Service Assembly**, **SATURDAY** ,12 Noon First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Hall, Corner of 4th and Eagle Streets, Dunkirk, NY 14048

# COMING EVENTS

- ~ Sept 28, **Boulevard Women's Group 49th Anniversary**. First Trinity Church Hall, 9:30 AM, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd. Parking in back. Speaker Kathy W., Goodie table. Open to all AA Women.
- ~ Sept 30- Oct 2, **Women of AA Annual Fall Spiritual Weekend** at Stella Niagara - Lewiston. Come for a weekend to share sobriety with fellow recovering AA women through speakers, small groups, spiritual advisors and meditation. Information & Flyer on website.
- ~ Oct. 14-16, **75th Buffalo Fall Convention**, Adam's Mark Hotel. 120 Church St, Buffalo, 14202. Info & flyers coming soon on the website; [www.buffaloaa.org](http://www.buffaloaa.org) (under Events)

**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.

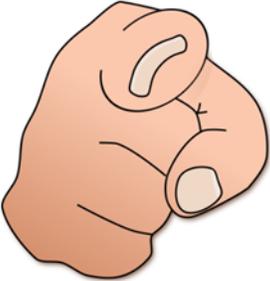
*Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.... Executive Secretary*

**NIGHTWATCH**

**Will your group help?**

**Sign up for One Month!**

Everyone had a first contact. You can be someone's lifeline.



**Contact the Nightwatch Committee**

**Envelope System**

***"personally helping to ensure AA for the future"***

**A Declaration of Unity**

This we owe to A.A.'s future:  
 To place our common welfare first;  
 To keep our fellowship united.  
 For on A.A. unity depend our lives,



## 75th Buffalo Fall Convention



**October 14th - 16th 2016**

**Amazing Archives Display & Speakers Meeting-A-Thon room all weekend!**  
 All day topic & interest panels, Comfortable new floor plan  
 Speaker CDs, New Literature Table, Raffles & 50/50's  
 Saturday Night Banquet & Fellowship - Live Entertainment

**Our guests this year:**  
 Don M. - KY, Polly P. - FL, Tina A. - CA  
 With Al-Anon and Oldtimers Panels!



**Central Committee Minutes August 7, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 7pm with the responsibility statement followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Dave read the AA Preamble, Tina F read the "Purpose of Central Committee", Sue B read the Twelve Traditions. Kristen (Three Legacies) provided a very insightful and well researched presentation on the 8<sup>th</sup> tradition which was received to thunderous applause. Next month the 9<sup>th</sup> Tradition will be discussed by Bill (Matt Talbot)

Motion was made to accept last month's minutes and was seconded to accept the minutes as written.

There were 27 groups represented. Zone 1 – Main and High, Journey, Contemporary Women's. Zone 2 – Depth & Weight, The Grove, How it Works, Liberty Women, Questions and Answers, Spiritual Progress, Step Action, Three Legacies. Zone 3 – Buffalo, Iron Horse, Matt Talbot, South Buffalo, Thruway, Tuesday Women's. Zone 4 – Action, Orchard Park Step, Tuesday Men's Discussion. Zone 5 - Lockport #1, Twin Cities Group. Zone 6 – Derby, Hamburg, Lakeshore. Zone 7 – None. Zone 8 – Lighten-up, Women making the Effort.

**Committee Reports:**

**Envelope System** - 6 members attended

The meeting opened with the Serenity prayer and introductions included new member Peter P. The question was raised as to whether the committee should be following the 7th Tradition and make a contribution to Central Office. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Envelope System Committee would serve as an example in an effort to motivate others. The "primary purpose" of the Envelope System is to encourage contributions to Central Office so this group has decided to contribute monthly via the Envelope System as the "Envelope System Committee Members". \$21.00 was collected this month. All members received final script and the envelope that includes the brochures selected to deliver to Home Group Business meetings that we attend. Diane will purchase the large envelopes and have the scripts copied. Materials will be stored between Central Office and Pat's house when additional copies are needed by committee members. Master list was circulated and each member assigned themselves to several groups to present to.

\*Next meeting: Friday September 9th at 4:00 PM

Tim Horton's 1750 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda

**Steering Committee** – No report provided

**Financial** – Report is available elsewhere

**Treatment** - No Report

**Corrections** - No written report was provided

**Nightwatch** - Depth and Weight speaker group is currently covering the month of August. The Step Action Group will be covering the month of September. We have plans to visit Sober Train, North Buffalo, and the Grove this month to see if we can get more months covered. We held our monthly meeting today and discussed ways to get more home groups involved and how to recruit more AA's for the 12<sup>th</sup> Step list. If your group is interested in taking a commitment and/or learning about Nightwatch does, you can call the chair, Raeanne.

**Central Office** - TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOURS; AA Call's: 452, 12-STEP: 11, ALANON: 4, VISITORS: 102, VOLUNTEERS: 7, Email's:375, Website Hit's; 101,476/ of them 7,880 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 17,779; Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 0

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: A VISION FOR YOU-6, Georgetown-8. Reminder, if a group goes a year without a contact person, they will be removed from the schedule.

New Schedules are in

**PI/CPC** -

Met on 8/7/2016

3 people in attendance

-We will be attending a senior health and wellness fair on October 22 from 9:00-12:00

-Invited to attend a Veterans Health Summit on September 9th from 8:30-12:30, we have a few questions before we will be committing to attending but we are hoping to be able to attend.

-Sending in our letter of intention to attend a Summit on aging and independence September 29th and 30th

-Waiting to hear back from a person we are in contact with at Horizon to give our presentation to their staff

We need all the help we can get, if you would like to get involved please join us on the first Sunday of every month at 5:30pm here at St. Michaels

**GSA Liaison** – Position is unfilled

(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

**Current Convention** - The convention will be held October 14-16, 2016 at the Adam's Mark Hotel with free parking and unlimited coffee. Our eighth meeting was on July 21, 2016. An update on registration, currently we have over 200 banquets and 55 rooms booked. To date we have received no convention only preregistrations. Please announce at the home groups that the cost at the door is \$25, if you preregister by September 30<sup>th</sup> it is \$20. The flyers and a 3 sheet registration form are online at [www.buffaloany.org](http://www.buffaloany.org). We will have the Square system set up for the day of the event, so we will be able to accept credit cards at the hotel. We are also accepting credit cards on paper registration with a \$2.00 convenience fee. There will be no fee the day of the event. We will be selling various merchandise and literature.

The pricing change for banquets is as follows: early bird is \$55 postmarked by August 15, which is a week from tomorrow, and the price for August 16 through cut-off of September 30, 2016 is \$60.

Currently, I'm requesting that home groups consider donating to the scholarship fund. We will not be providing dinners on scholarship, only the twenty dollar registration fee. These scholarships will be offered day of at the registration table, my home group, which I believe is the best, has donated 5 scholarships. At previous conventions, we have asked that groups contribute to the coffee fund which is unnecessary, because it is included in the package.

Also, the hospitality committee is requesting donations, preferably backed goods, if you would like to make any donation please contact me and I'll direct you to the appropriate person. If you or your home groups have any questions, my phone number is listed on the back of the flyer.

Our ninth meeting will be at The Hope Center, 781 Maple at Forest on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm. We will be focusing on finalizing the program. Which is a change from the previous month's report but due to unforeseen events we needed to meet again.

**Archives** – No written report

**Accessibility** - I attended the NYSIW. Area 48 seems to have similar problems One of the problems here is having Spanish speaking tables, meetings and being on the 12<sup>th</sup> step list. In Area 48 their problem language is Polish. We will be working together to try to come up with an idea that will help both of us with this problem and other Matters.

**2016 NYSIW** – I would consider the 2016 NYSIW a rousing success, with some qualifications. It wasn't without any issues however it was perfect in its imperfections! There were 105 attendees with some margin of error. We finished with a surplus, and will have a final meeting to wrap up unfinished business. The date/time for the final meeting is yet to be determined.

### Recap

None amazingly

### Old Business

We need to find a Co-Chair for the 2017 Buffalo Fall Convention, we have moved to Zone 6 to find a candidate to hold this position. No one from this Zone stood for the position at this time.

### New Business

A new meeting petitioned to be added to the schedule, there was quite a bit of discussion about the perception of the fact that central committee simply votes groups in, without anyone visiting the meeting and checking it out. The vote was 14 for, 2 against, and 4 abstentions. There was a minority opinion that we just discussed not simply voting them in, but no votes were changed.

Mark D. (Lockport #1) brought a motion to the floor that "All time requirements [are to be] subject to overrule by a simple majority of the body" the idea (as I understand it) is that there are certain committee positions that require very long sobriety requirements but we could vote to remove those on an ad hoc basis. There was much discussion etc. it will be put in the New Frontiers, brought back to the groups and voted on in November at the earliest.

Terry B brought to the floor the "idea" that this is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Buffalo Fall Convention and she would like the central committee to pay for Delphine H. (Former Executive Secretary) to attend. "Invite Delphine H., to sit at the head table and to pay for her attendance" 17 for, none opposed and five abstentions. The motion carried.

Thanks to the Brass Group for providing snacks, and a reminder to the Williamsville Group to provide snacks next meeting – September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The "Friends of Bill W." Home Group received a letter from GSO requesting they change their name in deference to our cofounder, and have changed their name to "The Grove" which will not be reflected in the schedule until the fall edition is released.

Motion to close was brought at 8:20 and we closed with the Lord's Prayer at that time

### PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS

"All time requirements [are to be] subject to overrule by a simple majority of the body"

New Frontiers ~ September 2016

Cash Flow Statement	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16
<b>Begin Bal Cash on hand</b>	<b>15,762.33</b>	<b>17,677.81</b>	<b>19,086.15</b>	<b>16,176.35</b>
<b>Contributions</b>				
Groups	4,462.43	4,227.40	3,117.93	7,027.41
Joint Meeting	82.00	71.00	68.10	66.00
Envelope System	447.00	637.00	702.00	527.00
New Frontiers Subs	72.00	90.00	70.00	20.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	3,385.75	4,663.31	3,238.39	2,312.40
Literature Sales Tax	226.61	330.41	161.81	166.60
Literature Postage	20.91	21.12	49.64	33.95
Sales+/-	117.17	10.00	78.99	2.04
Archives Room Rent		270.00		
Com. Meetings at CO	24.00	24.00	11.00	18.00
Mail/Misc.				
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drcr)			186.25	
Tax Returns				
Transfer from PR				5,000.00
Income Transfer				
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)				
Conventions/Day of Sharing				
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>8,837.77</b>	<b>10,344.24</b>	<b>7,684.11</b>	<b>10,173.40</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building Rent/Utilities	1,312.49	1,312.49	1,489.41	1,489.41
St Michaels Rent				35.00
Payroll Gross	2,769.24	2,769.24	2,796.93	4,236.93
Employment Taxes	252.53	211.86	213.97	324.12
Unemployment Surchar	(2.40)	(2.40)	57.60	(3.60)
NYS Sales Tax			896.84	
Insurance				
State Ins Fund(Travelers)			60.00	
Health	536.30	536.30	536.30	536.30
D&O Insurance				
Liability				
Postage	0.98	400.96	420.00	
Phone/Internet	138.64	138.53	138.53	138.84
Accounting		1,175.00		
Paychex	121.31	119.48	119.48	189.17
Advt				
Talking Phone Book				
Dex Media	175.55	133.05	181.55	181.55
website				
Local Edge		612.00		165.00
Yellow Pages				
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine			461.36	
World Services Inc	1,094.85	647.40	1,727.20	1,705.04
Hazeldon				
Printers			500.00	3,108.75
Medallions			448.33	9.85
Petty Cash				
Office Supplies	74.57	445.55	101.98	123.61
Copier leasing	209.00	209.00	209.00	209.00
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00
Bank Fee's including credit ca	79.23	67.44	75.43	66.85
literature returns reimbursement				
Convention add to make Seed \$\$				100.00
CO Seminar				463.70
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>6,922.29</b>	<b>8,935.90</b>	<b>10,593.91</b>	<b>13,139.52</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>1,915.48</b>	<b>1,408.34</b>	<b>(2,909.80)</b>	<b>(2,966.12)</b>
<b>End Balance</b>	<b>17,677.81</b>	<b>19,086.15</b>	<b>16,176.35</b>	<b>13,210.23</b>
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>20,677.81</b>	<b>22,086.15</b>	<b>19,176.35</b>	<b>16,210.23</b>
<b>PRUDENT RESERVE</b>	<b>23,139.18</b>	<b>23,139.96</b>	<b>23,140.33</b>	<b>23,140.72</b>
Assets: Literature & Medallions	11,841.89	11,851.66	10,757.52	13,572.86
Literature Receivable(outstanding)	733.01	333.67	315.14	795.53
PLC: Removed from Stock		11.95		
<b>Corrections Facilities</b>	<b>2,206.15</b>	<b>2,516.15</b>	<b>2,378.15</b>	<b>2,321.55</b>
Contributions	323.00	145.00	203.40	70.00
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drcr)			23.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Expenses		280.00	280.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>2,516.15</b>	<b>2,378.15</b>	<b>2,321.55</b>	<b>2,388.55</b>
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>	<b>827.92</b>	<b>652.92</b>	<b>739.92</b>	<b>670.60</b>
Contributions	118.00	370.00	138.68	217.35
Acc Credit(Described in letter 6/23/16, Code Drcr)			75.00	
Expenses	280.00	280.00	280.00	
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>652.92</b>	<b>739.92</b>	<b>670.60</b>	<b>884.95</b>

YTD: 2015

31,770.92

4,517.00

409.00

24,740.02

1,624.13

182.98

321.43

270.00

125.00

5,000.00

69,609.23

9,483.87

20,880.06

1,801.46

42.00

3,905.46

372.00

3,766.47

1,071.00

1,103.15

1,867.67

1,015.92

1,175.00

980.50

1,372.60

1,068.60

671.36

9,103.08

1,021.13

5,883.75

573.52

1,434.88

1,463.00

1,127.00

649.99

100.00

463.70

72,432.27

(2,823.04)

**Intergroup wants to express our appreciation** for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a **special thank you** to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.

**Bill W. wrote of Intergroup Offices, "Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that AA must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill"**

*"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet*

**It's Strange**

- It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to the fellowship that is saving your life, but such a small amount when you go shopping.
- It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at a meeting, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.
- It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.
- It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Big Book, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.
- It's strange how we need to know about an event for the fellowship a couple weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- It's strange how difficult it is to learn from the Big Book and share it with others, but easy to repeat "fables from the tables".
- It's strange how we believe everything that magazine, newspapers and Facebook say's, but we question the words in the Big Book?

**Concept IX: 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.**

- Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?
- Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election?
- Do we sometimes give a position to someone "because it would be good for them"?
- Do I set a positive leadership example?

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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

Zona	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
			0.00		0.00		0.00
6	7 Clans		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	12 Steps/12 Traditions		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	AA BREAKFAST		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time	140.00			0.00		0.00
6	A VISION FOR YOU		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners	50.00			0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's	100.00			0.00	100.00	
2	Acceptance/Welcome	200.00			0.00		0.00
8	Achievement	75.00			0.00	75.00	
4	Action	100.00		25.00		25.00	
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Grapevine		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion New Beginnings		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		0.00		0.00		0.00
	All Is Well	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst Snyder	162.77			0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Step	150.00			0.00		0.00
6	Angola Early Bird	67.00			0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	30.00	210.00		0.00		0.00
4	Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		230.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)	100.00		50.00		50.00	
5	Attitude Adjustment(NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attraction	50.00	180.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study	40.00			0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel Saturday		90.00		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	25.00			0.00		0.00
2	Brass	10.00			0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek	40.00			0.00		0.00
	By the Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside	50.00	175.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Castile		60.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Cayuga Wake- Up Call	250.00	650.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday	150.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Café	78.00	153.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chapter IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cheektowaga	150.00	375.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		100.00		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
1	Commitment	140.00	140.00		0.00		0.00
8	Common Problem		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		201.50		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Dawn of Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight	15.00	90.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby	168.00	495.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby Lunch		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		0.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst	100.00			0.00		0.00
8	East Amherst Traditions		157.37		10.00		10.00
4	East Aurora		400.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	30.00	210.00	30.00	150.00	30.00	210.00
6	Eden		90.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville	50.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Elmwood		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		133.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener	443.08	1278.80		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		1216.00		486.40		0.00
2	Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		150.00		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside	81.00	597.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom	150.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		130.00		0.00		0.00
1	Friday Night Lights		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00

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Zona	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
2	Friends of Bill W.	50.00	100.00		50.00		50.00
3	Gardenville		220.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		9.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gettin With It		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length	846.50	1583.50		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grace Point		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		15.00		0.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand	25.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
8	High Noon		700.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		100.00		40.00	50.00	50.00
1	H.I.P.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		90.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Hope's Horizon		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	75.00	325.00		0.00		0.00
1	HUDSON & WADSWORTH		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse	151.00	808.00		0.00	11.00	30.00
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga	60.00	210.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		0.00		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	Lakeshore	100.00	780.00		0.00	10.00	10.00
6	Lakeview		75.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		50.00		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's	200.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women	50.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighten UP		200.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living in the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Living Sober		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		100.00		0.00	200.00	
5	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		100.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love	30.00	55.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lower River	100.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	30.00	60.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth		50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	35.00	230.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot	125.00	575.98		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		20.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After	300.00	600.00		0.00		0.00
2	Mustard Seed II		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		25.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New International		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life	35.00	160.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Niagara Falls Convention	500.00	500.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.	70.00	105.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo		100.00		0.00		0.00



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