

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



A Program Greater Than My Own ... *Understanding Step Two*

Seldom have I been in a meeting where someone hasn't referred to his or her higher power, and as I see it, most people that stay around for any length of time in AA come to some sort of terms with, or an understanding of, a power greater than themselves that works for them.

Once that hurdle is cleared, they seem to settle into a more comfortable way of life. There are also those that come to us with a strong religious affiliation, and they sometimes share that the AA program helps them to enhance their faith. Others come here that are atheist or agnostic, and the program works for them as well as it does for anyone else.

Then there are those who, for whatever reason, have trouble clearing those hurdles and sometimes spend years struggling with this issue of God as we understand him. I believe that for as long as AA exists, we will witness these kinds of quandaries in new members who are conditioned by the environments from which they came. I don't claim to have a surefire answer to what makes us different, other than what I have learned about myself, and how I have come to see things as I attempt to resolve my own mental blocks. I know that I was biased myself when I first entered the program – probably due to my failed attempt at religion as a child. This had little to do with the religion but more to do with the fact that I was not mentally evolved enough to understand religion at the age of six. Fortunately for me, I recognized early in my sobriety that I could take the steps of the program with the minimum understanding of God, or a higher power, after all that's what it tells me in the *12X12*. It says that even an atheist got through the hoop with room to spare. I was at a meeting recently when a member was trying to articulate how they had come to terms with their belief in a higher power and as they were poking fun at themselves trying to fit it all together and make sense of it so everyone could understand, they finally threw their hands up in the air and said, with a smile, "Well, that's how it works for me!" We all joined in laughter for we have seen this scenario replayed many times before.

As I was listening to them speak, a thought came to me as a result of what they shared. As we were leaving the meeting, I followed close behind them. I offered that thought to them. I said, "Maybe if, instead of calling it *a power greater than myself*, we could just refer to it as *a program greater than my own*." They laughed and said, "That's what I was trying to say!"

It's clear to me now, that it wasn't as important to identify what or who God is, or what my concept of a power greater than myself was at the time. I found it more important at the time to proceed through the rest of the program, and do the things that are suggested. The main thing that I had to do was to accept outside guidance, especially when it is based on sound, well established principles.

Many successful people in the program have come to understand a concept of a higher power in that way. Sometimes it's hard to grasp it all at once. Don't let that stop you. I would encourage anyone who is having trouble with this issue to consider the *program greater than my own* idea.

Time and experience will help you along the road to understanding. I can almost guarantee that if you, *stop fighting and practice the rest of the AA program as enthusiastically as you can, (12X12 p 27)* you will come to terms with a power greater than yourself and put this issue to rest.

— Rick R, *Harbor Light*, Long Beach, CA,



Power of the Pause...

I was recently at a meeting, one that I normally don't attend for various reasons, when the topic was brought to discussion about new people making calls and no one is answering or calling back. My gut reaction was to mutter under my breath, "just keep coming back and don't quit and for real don't make this about you and how butt hurt you are." Pretty judgmental right? When the first person started to discuss the subject, they talked about having a problem and making a call to their sponsor and not getting a call back, trying to call another person and not getting an answer. Then the next person basically said the same thing. Adding that it affected her need to be accepted and that she would get mad out of fear of rejection. After a few more like this, a person who had a little time in said what I was thinking. "My sponsor told me that it was my responsibility to make a connection to get answers not the other way around." Then it hit me. The power of the pause. As we go through the day we pause, when agitated or doubtful, and ask for the right thought or action. We constantly remind ourselves we are no longer running the show, humbly saying to ourselves many times each day, "Thy will be done." We are then in much less danger of excitement, fear, anger, worry, self-pity, or foolish decisions. We become much more efficient. "We do not tire so easily for we are not burning up energy foolishly as we did when we were trying to arrange life to suit ourselves." *"AA Big Book," 87-88. (AA World Services, Inc., New York, NY, 2001).*

This is a very real topic in today's AA. Let's face it, we have information at the tip of our fingers. Most people own some sort of cellular device. When we call someone we sort of

expect them to answer no? On top of that we want instant gratification. "Google, what can you do for me immediately." It was not like that when I came

into the rooms. When I got sober I actually used a rotary dial phone to call people. I didn't just look at it in a museum. When I had a problem that I needed to discuss with someone, I could not reach into my pocket and immediately make a call to get an answer. I had to do several things in order to seek an answer. One might have been driving all the way home to make a call. One might have been driving to my sponsor's house to see if he was home. Heck; I'm about to date myself again, I may have even reached under my car seat to try to find a quarter to use a pay phone. All of these things helped me practice

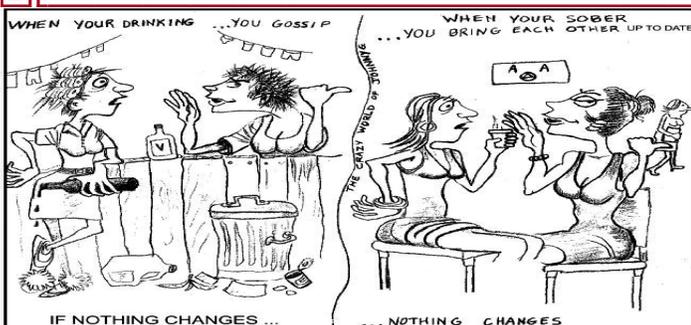
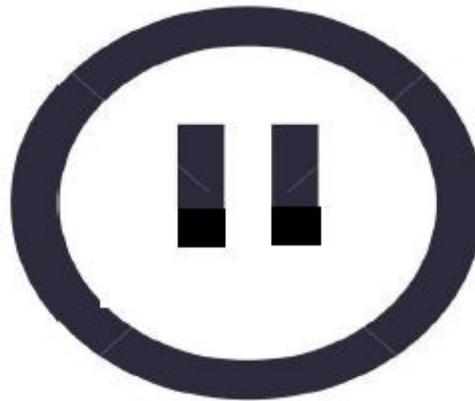
the pause, the action that it speaks of on page 88 of the Big Book. The time spent doing all of these things helped me get into a prayerful state of action. During this time I played out the scenario in my mind and that helped me see if there was a solution I could figure out, and if there was I acted on it. The actions sometimes just gave me enough time to chill out and cool off. These actions helped me understand the patience required to seek the answers to my problems.

These actions took time and often by the time I got to the phone, I was calling my sponsor not to complain about MY problem, but to tell him what I did to solve A problem. The power of the pause taught me patience and self-assurance that things are going to get answered. Perhaps not on my timeline but in God's time. This kept me out of the rigmarole my mind can create of not being accepted and feeding my fears of what people thought of me.

The directions on pages 87 and 88 are real stuff and those directions work, if we practice what it asks us to do. Remain teachable and great things will come to pass. The power of the pause helped me see that God is with me no matter what the situation and that He is the One with all the answers, not me or even you.

Mark D., TJC Big Book Study

Akron InterGroup News, February, 2019



Featured Committee of the Month **About Treatment**

YOUR BUFFALO AREA TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

is currently bringing to You & Your Homegroups the opportunity to carry The AA message to the still sick and suffering Men and Women in our area. We have meetings at several of our major facilities such as:

- E.C.M.C.
- Horizons Health Services
- Veterans Hospital
- The Salvation Army
- The Renaissance House
- Stutzman
- Terrance House (291 Elm)



We are always growing !

BRIEF HISTORY:

Since its beginning in 1935, the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous has cooperated with treatment facilities. Bill W. himself was a product of a treatment facility—Towns Hospital in New York City. After he had finally put together several months of sobriety, Bill returned to Towns to try to work with other alcoholics. This was the beginning of A.A.'s Twelfth Step work in hospitals. After he sobered up, Dr. Bob, a surgeon, realized the need for an alcoholism ward at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio, where he worked. With the loving assistance and dedication of Sister Ignatia, Dr. Bob established a ward for alcoholics; together, they reached over 5,000 alcoholics.

~Taken from the Treatment Committee Workbook issued by the General Service Office in New York~



**TFC MEETS MONTHLY
ON THE 1ST SUNDAY
MONTHLY AT 5:30 PM**

**BUFFALO CENTRAL OFFICE
111 CROCKER AVE (FRANKLIN ST. DOOR)
ROOM'S 105-107
SLOAN, NY 14212
WWW.BUFFALOAANY.ORG**

Some Traditions that apply to Treatment 12th Step Work

Tradition One points out that " personal recovery depends upon A. A. unity. " The chairperson carries the message of A.A., rather than a specific treatment program, and is responsible for seeing that the meeting is not disrupted by one patient.

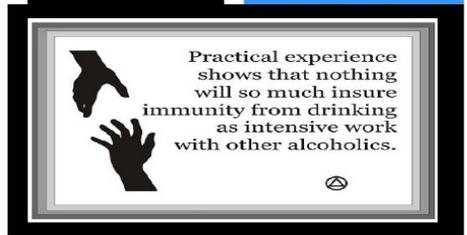
Tradition Five is really what Twelfth Stepping in treatment settings is all about: "Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffer." This is what A.A.s do best, share their experience, strength and hope with suffering alcoholics. There can be no more important commitment for the A.A. member.

Tradition Six "An A. A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A. A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." Experience has given us a simple guiding principle: We cooperate, but we do not affiliate.

Tradition Seven "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." No contribution is required, as this meeting is not an A.A. group.

Tradition Ten "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy." A.A.s ought to abide by the rules and regulations of the treatment facility even though they may disagree with its policies. Although A.A.s may disagree with the methods used by some treatment facility, they learn to "walk the walk" and simply carry the A.A. message. A.A.s who do Twelfth Step work in treatment facilities should not be diverted from their primary purpose.

Tradition Eleven "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. " A.A.s who carry the message into treatment settings represent A.A. itself to a facilities personnel and should remember that they are the "attraction" to A.A. not only for the clients, but also for all staff members.



What is the purpose of TFC?

Treatment Committees are formed to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment and outpatient settings, and to set up means of bridging the gap from the facility to an A.A. group in the individuals community.

Functions of TFC:

- ~ With approval of administration, takes A.A. meetings into treatment settings.
- ~ Encourages group participation. In some areas each group has a representative on the Treatment Committee.
- ~ Arranges purchase and distribution of literature for these groups and meetings.
- ~ Seeks to understand, respect, and Adhere to all treatment setting regulations.
- ~ Makes information about A.A.'s Functions and purpose available.
- ~ Assists in the formation of new A.A. meetings in treatment settings or outpatient facilities.



What qualifications should an A.A. member have to carry the message to treatment settings???

1. Some good sobriety. For exactly how long, nobody can say. Some members handle this kind of A.A. activity beautifully soon after getting sober, especially when they are accompanied by an experienced member. But others need a longer time.
2. Personal experience of alcoholism and recovery.
3. A cheerful humility. We simply put the message in front of the alcoholic in treatment. What the alcoholic does with it is not our business.
4. Ability to follow directions. In carrying our message into treatment settings, our personal will is subject to authority in at least two ways: First, the ultimate authority for A.A. work is, of course, a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. Second, the professional treatment is in charge of its patients or clients and is responsible for them.
5. Dependability. Once an A.A. commitment is made to any institution or organization, we cannot let our Fellowship down by not living up to the agreement fully. We go to any lengths to perform faithfully the services promised in the name of A.A. We try not to let anything interfere with keeping our word.
6. Broad knowledge of A.A. The deeper and broader our understanding of all aspects of our Fellowship.
7. Ability to stick to our own business. Carrying the message to alcoholics in treatment settings can challenge our ability to keep focused on A.A.s primary purpose, which is "to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." We are not in the business of educating nonalcoholic's about



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance/Welcome

Melissa T. 3m
John K. 1y
Joe K. 14y
John W. 31y

Alexander

Gene Z. 43y

Amherst Snyder

Alex P. 6m
Dave H. 31y
Jim C. 35y

Kensington Disc.

Kyle K. 6m
Chris B. 9m
Joe L. 17y

Courage Group

Jim P. 10y
Beverly K. 37y

East Amherst

Susan F. 3y

Easy Does It

Diane O. 7y
Chris M. 12y
Joe D. 13y
Mike M. 20y
Melissa B. 24y
John R. 29y
Colleen J. 36y
Sue V. 38y

Eyeopener

Mark A. 2y
Jim H. 2y
Tim A. 2y
Erika K. 2y
Christopher Z. 2y
Jill Z. 3y
Brian G. 3y
Susan N. 3y
Jason I. 4y
Tom W. 4y
Joe S. 6y
Bill E. 7y
Justin M. 8y
Brian A. 9y
Peter F. 12y
Jim C. 12y
Russ A. 15y
Kelly Ann M. 16y
Leo E. 22y
Bryan D. 25y
Bill R. 25y
Tom B. 27y
Liz O. 32y
John S. 33y
Len B. 34y
Jim S. 36y
Terry M. 43y

Eyeopener South

Shari D. 6m
Connor D. 1y
Joe H. 4y
Rob M. 8y
Patty B. 8y
David S. 8y
Chris G. 9y
Mike C. 23y
John M. 29y

Fireside

Liz O. 31y

Fresh Start

Laurie A. 15y
Romona D. 22y
Antwan D. 22y
Sebastian W. 24y
Peter A. 35y

Golden Slipper

Linda E. 3y
Leslie A. 8y
Jim R. 40y

Helping Hand

Sherry C. 12y

How It Works

Steve G. 3y
Matt C. 4y
Joe C. 5y
Greg S. 5y
Scott H. 5y
John M. 6y
Tyler D. 8y
Herb G. 9y
Tom C. 21y
Tom O. 25y

Lakeshore

Brendan M. 10y

Main & High

Tom B. 25y

North Evans Men's

Kurt S. 2y
Tony M. 10y
Brian B. 10y

Questions & Answers

Amanda C. 9m
Natashia B. 1y
Mark L. 1y
Kirk K. 2y
Sean H. 3y
Mark H. 6y
Jennifer K. 6y
Winnie S. 15y

Renaissance

Teresa W. 3m
Michelle D. 1y
Joshua O. 1y
Allen S. 1y
Nancy O. 3y
Matthew J. 5y
Steve V. 7y
Stephen H. 18y
John R. 29y

Remember When

Stephen M. 10y
Vernon 15y
Ava P. 30y

Rise & Shine

Tommy M. 3m
Iris S. 3m
Benny W. 6m
Janell 9m
Lawrence B. 25y
John R. 29y
Ava P. 30y

Sheridan

David S. 26y

Sober Winners

Roger K. 39y

Sun. Morning

Breakfast
Anne K. 3m
Liz O. 32y
Max W. 33y

The Grove

Jeff S. 3y
Christian S. 3y
Ray M. 3y
Felecia F. 6y
Erin B. 11y
Kim G. 17y
Don T. 45y

TriCounty

Percy H. 9y

Thruway

Tim P. 3m
Liz O. 32y
Joyce T. 33y

Williamsville

Stacy D. 9m
Wayne P. 9m
Florence K. 8y
Jim C. 35y
Dave T. 41y

Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the **12th** **END OF BUSINESS** DAY 4:00 PM of the month previous

GROUPS CELEBRATING

6th Step: 44y
Backdoor: 16y
By the Book: 21y
Central City Café': 13y
Clarence Men's Disc II: 30y
Daily Reflections: 24y
Depth & Weight: 5y
Everybody's Group: 36y
Grateful: 45y
Harmony: 42y
Kensington: 50y
Lake Shore: 58y
Living Clean: 15y
Love: 20y
Newfane Living Sober: 10y
Position Of Neutrality: 2y
Recovery Near
The Gardens: 19y
Sobriety On A Sat. Night: 5y
Sobriety Sisters: 8y
Sunday's In Cattaraugus: 13y
SUNY-Amherst: 37y
Thankful: 51y
The Herd: 17y
The Noon Meeting: 8y
T.O.W.: 5y
Tri-County: 62y
Two Ponds: 7y
Wake-Up Call: 28y

Yes! Please enroll me in the "Envelope System" !

1 Contact Information

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

2 Amount & Frequency

Amount: \$ _____
Frequency: (check only one) One-Time
 Bi-Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually
Start On: ____/____/____

3 Choose a Payment Method

Option A: Automatic Payments
Contribute through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from a Credit Card account

Credit Card*
 Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover
Account Number: ____/____/____/____
Expiration Date: ____/____ Security Code: ____
Name on Card: _____

* I authorize Buffalo Central Office to automatically bill the account listed under "Option A" as specified. I understand that I may cancel this authorization by contacting Intergroup.

Signature _____ Date _____

Option B: Direct Payment

Contribute using cash or check by stopping in the office or mailing your check payable to:

Buffalo Central Office
111 Crocker Ave (Franklin St. Door)
Room's 105-107
Sloan, NY 14212

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

BUFFALO CENTRAL OFFICE
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
(716) 853-0388
9:00 AM- 12:30PM, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

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SLOAN, NEW YORK 14212
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buffaloaa@hotmail.com

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February 2020

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

- **Sobriety Sisters have changed Day & Place:** Feb.1st will start meeting on Wed. at 7:30 PM. United Methodist Church, 474 East Main St., Springville, NY 14141.
- **NEW GROUP: Women's Big Book;** TUESDAY, 10:30 AM, Salem Lutheran Church, 10 McClellan Circle (Ring Doorbell) Bflo, South 14220.
- **Lockport #1 has Moved;** FRIDAY, 8:00 PM, SAVE THE MICHAELS, 81 Walnut St., Lockport 14094, Room not available until 7:30 PM.
- **Giving Group Has Moved.** Sedita Apartments, 335 Summer St., Bflo West 14222.
- **New Group, Excellent Adventure.** O, SATURDAY, 10:00 AM, Zion United Christian Church, 15 Koenig Circle, 14150.
- **New Group, The After Hours Group.** OD, FRIDAY, 10:00 PM, Grove St. Christian Church, 85 Grove St., Tonawanda, 14150.
- **New Group, On Awakening/ Men.** OD, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Westminster Ave, Bflo West, 14209.
- **All is Well Group** is now a Closed Meeting.
- **New starting time** for the Wednesday **THE HERD** meeting will be 10:30 AM. NOTE: The Friday THE HERD starting time remains unchanged at 11:30 AM
- **New Group, Nueva Esperanza (New Hope). Spanish.** OD, Monday's 6:00 PM. "Save The Michael's". 737 Delaware Ave, Suite 101. Downtown Bflo. 14209.
- **All The Absolutes Group meetings** are now "closed" meetings.
- **New Group; Peaceful Tuesday's Bookwork.** Tuesday's 6:30 PM. St. Stephen R.C. Church, Grand Island, 14072.
- **Renaissance group has moved.** 2005 Sheridan Drive. , Town of Tonawanda
- **Contemporary Woman's** is now a Closed Women's Group; Open Discussion the last Tuesday of the month.
- **Maple Group** has **Added** a Wed. meeting @ 10:30 PM. The Hope Center; 781 Maple Rd., Amherst, NY 14221.
- **NEW GROUP: Our Charge;** Monday's, 8:00 PM. The Hope Center, 781 Maple Rd., Buffalo 14221

Feb. 9 , Committee Meeting that meet prior to Central Committee 5:30 PM

St. Andrew's Church Parish, 111 Crocker & Reiman, Sloan, 14212,

Steering Committee (5:30 PM)

Public Information Committee meeting

Treatment Facilities Committee

Corrections Committee (6:00 PM)

Education & Participation

Nightwatch Committee

Envelope System (6:30 PM)

Followed By Central Committee 7:00 PM:

(Hosted by Ironhorse Group)

~ Feb 9 **Internet Presence Committee Meeting.** Central Office, 5:30 PM, 111 Crocker , Sloan, 14212

~ Feb. 10 **Convention Committee Planning Meeting.** St. Andrew's Church Parish, 111 Crocker & Reiman, Sloan, 14212

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Feb 22, **Any Age Mardi Gras Blizzard Ball**, St. Andrew's RC Church, 1525 Sheridan Drive, Kenmore 14217. \$17 for advance sale tickets, \$20 at the door. No one under 15 years of age. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6 PM, Speaker at 7:30 PM, followed by dancing until midnight. For further tickets info, please call 359-2370 or 255-2856
- ~ Feb. 29, **2020- Zone #7 Picnic Planning Information Meeting**. Last Saturday each month at 11:30 am @ The Remember When Group, 200 East Eagle St. (near Michigan Ave), Buffalo, NY 14204 All are welcome, please come help us plan :)
- ~Mar 14, **All Is Well Group is celebrating it's 4th Anniversary**. Speaker, Food, Archives, Fellowship Wesleyan Church, 1645 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca 14224.
- ~ **Mar. 20-22, 11th Annual Cataract City Convention**. Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St., NF 14303. Registration only; \$20, Registration w/Banquet \$55.
- ~ Mar. 23, **Dunkirk Monday Night Group 71st Anniversary**. Pot Luck Dinner at 7 pm, Pulled Pork provided. Please bring a dish to share. 8 pm, Speaker. 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes .First United Presbyterian Church , 19 W. 4th Street, Dunkirk 14048.
- ~ Apr. 5, **Annual Serenity Palm Sunday Breakfast**; The Saturn Club, 977 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, 14209. Doors open at 9am, breakfast served at 9:30 am, Speaker at 11 am. Tickets \$16. PRESALE TICKETS ONLY. NO TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR OR AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR. (There are a limited number of tickets that will be available to ensure that everyone is able to view and hear the speaker).
- ~ Oct. 23-25 , **79th Buffalo Fall Convention**. Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga 14225. Flyers & info will be posted when they become available.

We Now Have a Donate Button on our Website!!!

2- STEP: "Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

2nd TRADITION: " For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

2nd CONCEPT: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA- the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staff, committees, and executives- with a traditional "Right of Decision."

General Service Assembly

- ~ Feb. 1, **GSA District 5 meets** (1st Sat.)12 PM, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 61 Payne Ave.,
- ~ Feb.1 , **GSA Area 50**, 10:00 AM,
- ~ Feb 9, **District 11**, (2nd Sunday) 5:15, Unitarian Universalist Church, 695 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, 14222.
- ~ Feb. 10 & 24, **Archives work nights** @ New Office, @ 6:30pm. The monthly meeting details are available by sending an email to ARCHIVES@AREA50WNY.ORG
- ~ Feb.11, **GSA District 15 meets** (2nd Tuesday) at St. John Lutheran Church, 4536 South Buffalo St., Orchard Park, 14127.
- ~Feb. 17, **Archives Committee Meeting**;(3rd Monday)6:30 PM@ Buffalo Central Office, 111 Crocker St.(Franklin St. Entrance), Sloan 14212.
- WORKNIGHTS**; 2nd & 4th Monday's, 6:30 pm.
- ~ Feb. 26., **GSA District 16 (Southtown's) Meeting**. 7:00 PM (4th Wednesday), at 2063 Southcreek Rd., Eden 14057.
- ~ Feb. 23, **GSA District 8 Meeting**, 5:00 PM, (last Sunday) Brothers of Mercy 4240 Ransom Rd., Clarence.. Use Rear entrance.
- ~ Feb. 24 **GSA District 14 Meeting** (last Monday) 6:30 PM, 1866 Seneca St, Buffalo

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

"Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself."

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p. 166
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Central Committee Minutes January 5, 2020

I am Responsible When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help
I want the hand of AA to be there,
And for that, I Am Responsible

Our chair, Bob G., started the meeting at 7PM. We opened with the responsibility statement, followed by a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. The readings read included the AA preamble, the purpose of central committee, and the 12 traditions. There were several new group representatives present. Terry reminded new reps to attend an orientation given by the Education and Participation Committee before any central committee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept last month's minutes, with a suggestion to change the date from November to December as it was printed incorrectly. Matt H. spoke on tradition 1. Tradition 2 will be presented by Joe D.

32 Groups were represented: The groups in attendance are broken down by zones as follows. Zone 1- Buffalo, Main and High, Rise and Shine, Room to Grow, Set a side, The Journey. Zone 2- Chapter IX, Depth and Weight, Easy Does it, North Buffalo, Question and Answers, Step Action, Three Legacies. Zone 3- Abbott Men's, All is Well, Iron Horse, Ridge, Thruway, Valley. Zone 4- Orchard Park Step, Tuesday Men's Discussion. Zone 5- Kitchen Table, Lock City, Lockport #1, Lockport Ladies. Zone 6- Carrying the Message, Lakeshore, Sobriety Men's Discussion. Zone 7- Fresh Start, LoveJoy. Zone 8- Amherst Snyder, Williamsville.

Committee reports

Envelope system: The total amount of funds received by the envelope system for December 2019 is \$557.66. The total amount received for the year is \$11,168.92. There were 51 members in 2019. (Report given by Diane D.)

Steering committee: 11 people were present for meeting. Reports were given. There was no new business. Two importance announcements were included in the report: 1- Lockport #1 now meets at Save the Michael's building. The address is 81 walnut street in Lockport, NY. It meets Friday at 8 PM still. 2- Feb 9th is next central committee meeting due to the super bowl. (Report given by Jason)

Financial report: See detailed report in this publication given by Allen D.

Treatment: Met at 5:30 on 1-5-20. 14 People were in attendance, with 1 report given via text. Committee is looking to get new groups active in treatment. Need updated open meeting schedules to bring to treatment facilities. 200 more were ordered for Terrace House, Salvation Army, and Reflections. 20 big books that include stories, along with 20 small soft cover books are being given out to Terrace House and ECMC. Committee would like to buy more books for Terrace House, ECMC, and Salvation Army. A motion was made and passed unanimously, to purchase a café of big books with stories and a café of small soft covers. 2 commitments were missed. Committee reached out and found 1 new contact and cannot find one group. A box of books went missing at Reflections, but has been recovered. There will be an article about treatment in the next New Frontiers. (Report given by David M.)

Corrections: We had 7 members in attendance. We elected a Co-chair Brian M and Recording Secretary Joelle H. We voted to buy 3 cases of soft cover BB w/ stories and 100 meeting schedules. We voted to get a new tote for Alden. Brian B area corrections chair was with us and we want to have a mutual working relationship with the two committees. Any new applications that come in must have phone number and email or they will not be submitted. Aiden C. will type up some meeting format sheets, How It Works and Tenth Step Promises which we will then get laminated. We discussed Bridging the Gap and how to get involved with that. We also discussed correspondence with inmates. Brian B shared with us that there are over 100 inmates waiting for correspondence. We are going to push to get the word out and close this gap. Finally, we have changed our committee meeting time to 6 P.M. on the same day as central committee ever month. (Report given by Matthew H.)

Central office: TOTAL CALL's INCLUDING AFTER-HOUR'S ; AA Call's: 337, 12-STEP:15, ALANON:6 VISITORS: 369, VOLUNTEERS: 8, Email's:507

Good news... Because we have an abundance in our operating account, we are lowering Literature cost to give excesses back to the groups. A caution as we look at the yearend figures from 2019: Total Income to total Expenses; without the convention income we would NOT have broken even. So it is important if we want to keep the literature cost down, that the donations stay at or above the current. 2019 Group contributions were \$5,447 less than 2018, while the expenses went up \$5626...not a good sign, but this included a move that had addition costs. I will re-evaluate the literature pricing mid-year. (Report given by Terry B.)

Nightwatch: Angie gave the report. Needs a committee and groups to take monthly commitments to answer phones after hours.

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(Central Committee Minutes Continued...)

PIC/CPC: no report

Education and Participation: no report

Internet presence: Please be aware the website is still a work in progress and there will be changes and improvements made over time. We are in need of more help with editing, updating meetings, and general design help. You don't need to be a geek to help. You do not need to be part of the committee to be an editor. The committee meeting is being moved to 5:30 PM prior to Central Committee meetings beginning in February. Please consider joining us. Most updates to meetings have been done and published, please use the contact form on the website to request updates. There were 23,101 views in December.

Current convention: The Fall Convention meeting will be on January 6th at 6pm. All meetings following will be on the Monday following the central committee meeting at 6 PM in the same hall central committee meets in. The convention will be held October 23rd-25th, at the Millennium Hotel on Walden Ave. in Cheektowaga, NY. (Report given by Larry)

Liaison GSA: Area secretary is Sue B. and can be reached at p70secretary@area50wny.org Parties interested in getting involved with Accessibility committee should reach Desiree at Deserie70p70Accessibility@area50wny.org. Panel 70 Web-site Address is: panel70area50wny.org NYS. Informational Workshop scheduled for 7/31-8/2 at Daemen College needs volunteers from the Area to serve and host this major event. Interested members of AA should consider attending meeting on 1/10 at the Hope Center at 7PM- See Amy. Area 50 Chairperson position was voted on and filled by Lila! Area Assembly Meetings are scheduled for 3/28;6/6; 11/7. (Report given by Dean C.)

Archives: I attended the Genesee /Wyoming intergroup along with Tom and Wally. I look forward to attending the other intergroups as they come up. Our upcoming displays are: Eldred PA on January 24-25, and The Cataract City Convention on March 20-22. We would be honored to bring the archives display to your group or event with 30 days advance notice please. Our work nights are the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 6:30PM at our central office. Our monthly archives committee meeting is held the 3rd Monday of the month at 6 :30PM at our central office. We are in room number 107 at 111 Crocker st. in Sloan, NY, 14212. Our 10th annual archives breakfast is May 2nd at the VFW Leonard Post. Same location as last year. Tickets and more information very soon. We recently setup an archives Facebook page. It's in its infancy, but is coming along very well. If you'd like to become a member of the page friend me on Facebook at, David Gelyon and I'll invite you into the group.

Our vision for 2020 is to keep the lights on they've been on for decades!!!! (Report given by David G.)

Old Business:

Dean C. stood for the GSA liaison position. He Presented credentials. Dean was voted into the position unanimously by the body.

New Business:

Announcement: The next Central Committee meeting is Jan. 9th due to the Super Bowl.

The Cataract City Convention will be held March 20th to March 22nd. It will be held at the Sheraton @ The Falls. 300 3rd street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303. Registration opens Friday at 2pm. There will be speakers, panels, and archives among other activities. North Evan's men's discussion is providing snacks in February.

Our Own Concept of a Higher Power; All You Need is an Open Mind

When we are born, we come into the world untainted and perfectly innocent. From that time on, we are influenced by everything we experience in life, good and bad. If we are loved and nurtured, we may develop feelings of trust and safety, but if, as it sometimes happens, we get our hand slapped when we pick up something from the coffee table, it may trigger an attitude of defiance and resistance. These two opposites are just examples of the many conflicts we encounter in a lifetime. We are conditioned to think and react in a certain way as the result of the influences we are exposed to. Newcomers in Alcoholics Anonymous, and even some seasoned veterans, often find it hard to grasp a concept of "a power greater than ourselves." This is probably the biggest hurdle we in AA must face in our search for a happy and meaningful life. Once we come to terms with the concept of a higher power, it becomes much easier to proceed with the rest of the program. The word God means something different to just about everyone that is having difficulty with it, and if God alone was the answer, why do priests and ministers come to AA for solutions; why not just go to church? Alcoholics Anonymous is here for all alcoholics that want to get sober regardless of their approach to faith. Anyone that thinks that we are trying to convert someone into a religion or out of a religion is simply misguided. The Big book and the 12X12 have many comments explaining this, but unfortunately this old conditioning, bolstered by the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance on this subject, or some members may just fake it to appear to be going along with the program, but never getting the results. If we denied the possibility of a God of the different religious groups, they could not have AA available to them, and if we made it a requirement that we picked one of those beliefs, atheists would be left out. If a person believes that he doesn't have a higher power, I might remind him/her that alcohol was more powerful or else why would they need AA. With this in mind, I might suggest that they may only need to find a power greater than alcohol to begin with, then, as it says in the 12X12 " To acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could." As I look back on it now, I realize that, that was exactly the way I found my way through this dilemma. I find absolutely no conflict in any approach that one discovers on his own, only that he practices the rest of the program with enthusiasm. What it seems to imply is that if we trust the process and, just do the suggestions, you will find a suitable understanding of a power greater than yourself that you can do business with. I'm still not sure what or who (if you like) I am asking for guidance from but I'm open minded about these things, and I must let everyone find their own brand of enlightenment, without prejudging anyone else's approach on this matter. I believe that changing my perception was what put me firmly on the road to recovery. The only thing that I must resist is my EGO, and the way I do that is by living by sound and unselfish principles many of which are discussed in AA meetings It's not that complicated. If I don't get caught up in the debate and just follow the simplest suggestions, it all works out just fine. Therefore, Step Two is the rallying point for all of us. "Whether agnostic, atheist or former believers, we can stand together on this Step." (12x12 Pg.33)

...By Rick R.

New Frontiers ~ February 2020

2019

Cash Flow Statement	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19
Beg Bal Cash on hand	33,475.78	33,092.44	30,954.44
Contributions			
Groups	4,082.93	4,437.41	3,942.21
Central Committee 7th tradition	62.00	60.00	50.00
Envelope System	757.66	805.32	802.66
New Frontiers Subs	20.00	10.00	10.00
Literature/Medallions/Pins	2,451.58	3,732.30	4,857.63
Literature Sales Tax	169.78	252.41	206.55
Literature Postage	32.03	7.35	28.17
Sales+/-	(606.30)		
Archives Room Rent		300.00	
Committee Meetings	7.00	11.00	
Misc			
Transfer from PR			
Conventions/Day of Sharing			
Monthly Income	6,976.68	9,615.79	9,897.22
Expenses			
Building Rent/Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Central Com. Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll Gross	3,054.82	3,421.39	4,719.69
Employment Taxes	233.70	261.74	361.05
Unemployment Surchar	(7.08)	(18.44)	(10.83)
NYS Sales Tax			
Insurance			
State Ins Fund(Travelers)			
Health	711.43	711.43	1,400.33
D&O Insurance			
Liability			
Postage	440.00		2.75
Phone/internet		890.03	165.74
Accounting			
Paychex	53.82	65.82	80.73
Advt			
Dex YP		137.15	137.15
Local Edge		240.00	
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine			
World Services Inc		3,513.40	3,281.38
Hazeldon			
Printers			
Medallions			183.12
Office Supplies	330.02	1,147.83	665.05
Copies/ service contract	161.00	161.00	161.00
Copier Lease	129.00	129.00	129.00
Bank Fee's including credit c	88.21	58.44	49.47
GSA Host			
Workshop			200.00
Seminar	1,130.10		
Monthly Expenses	7,360.02	11,753.79	12,560.63
Monthly Income (Loss)	(383.34)	(2,138.00)	(2,663.41)
End Balance	33,092.44	30,954.44	28,291.03
Petty Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Balance	36,092.44	33,954.44	31,291.03
PRUDENT RESERVE	28,157.00	28,157.48	28,157.94
Assets: Literature& Medallions	14,523.25	15,516.03	11,927.19
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	671.65	401.15	951.59
Removed from Stock			
Corrections Facilities	3,744.69	4,126.69	4,476.50
Contributions	235.00	352.81	255.00
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00
Expenses	24.00		203.00
Balance	4,126.69	4,476.50	4,525.50
Treatment Facilities	1,602.66	1,991.66	2,232.64
Contributions	342.00	243.98	335.00
Expenses			1,643.00
Bank Fee's	3.00	3.00	3.00
Balance	1,991.66	2,232.64	921.64

YTD: 2019

54,081.84
664.21
10,616.92
313.00
40,555.35
2,593.26
230.00
(183.81)
900.00
118.00
120.00
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6,275.00
116,383.77
11,000.00
382.00
37,161.87
2,943.44
(85.15)
2,750.77
489.12
8,748.63
1,943.86
-
2,384.06
2,196.88
1,225.00
784.15
1,371.50
1,310.60
375.70
24,608.04
422.14
2,868.29
1,622.47
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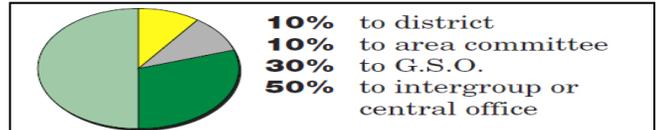
Intergroup wants to express our appreciation for those groups and individuals who have made generous financial contributions, and give a special thank you to all the members who have volunteered their time this year to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.

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 A.A. 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

Examples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities



50% to Intergroup or Central Office

Concept II: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs. .

- Does our group have a general service representative (Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the "Conference")?)
- • What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group's G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?
- • Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

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,

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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

am	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR
5	7 Clan		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	12 Steps/12 Traditions	115.00	405.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers/F.U.N.		20.00		0.00		0.00
5	6th Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	5th Tradition (Youngstown)		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Corners		50.81		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's		60.00		0.00	545.00	
2	Acceptance/Welcome	200.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
8	Achievement		200.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		475.00		65.00		65.00
2	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	AKRON AWARENESS		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	ALBION NEW BEGINNINGS		150.00		0.00		0.00
5	Albion Sunday Grapevine		30.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
	All Is Well		750.00		0.00		0.00
8	Amherst Snyder		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Step		250.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		450.00		0.00	80.00	
3	Any Length	30.00	410.00		10.00		10.00
4	Arcade/ Yorkshire		0.00		0.00		0.00
	ARCHIVES	50.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It		710.00		0.00		0.00
8	Attitude Adjustment(Williamsville)		150.00		75.00		75.00
6	Attraction		500.00		0.00		0.00
3	A VISION FOR YOU		250.00		200.00		150.00
3	Awareness		5.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	BEACON OF HOPE		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		50.00		0.00		0.00
8	Beginning's Women		400.00		0.00		0.00
5	Big Book Lockport		165.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study	2.50	69.50		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Saturday		100.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdell Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisatva		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Boulevard Helping Hand		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women	25.00	235.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Buffalo Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Buffalo Creek		114.00		0.00		0.00
	Burt		170.00		0.00		0.00
3	By the Wayside		320.00		30.00		30.00
3	By the Book		200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message		100.00		0.00		0.00
7	Casting		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Cayuga Wake- Up Call		480.00		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central City Café	80.00	130.00		0.00		0.00
2	Central Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Changing Our Way's		180.00		0.00		60.00
2	Chapter IX		300.00		50.00		50.00
3	Cheektowaga		1130.00		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		50.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		150.00		0.00		0.00
	Contemporary Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Cornplanters		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		50.00		0.00		0.00
	Daily Reflections		270.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Depth & Weight		90.00		0.00		90.00
6	Derby		275.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		100.00		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		320.00		150.00		200.00
8	East Amherst Traditions		120.00		50.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	60.00	540.00	20.00	200.00	40.00	200.00
6	Eden		100.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellicottville	50.00	225.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's	15.00	79.41		0.00		0.00
1	Express		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Eyeopener		2982.23		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		1142.29		489.55		0.00
8	Fireside	68.17	995.44		0.00		0.00
8	Fireside PM		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	First Step (NF)		50.00		0.00		0.00
	Forestville In The Solution		40.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		225.00		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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am	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR
3	Gardenville		1000.00		0.00		0.00
1	GAY & BI MEN LIVING SOBER		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Georgetown		150.00		0.00		0.00
	Getting Better		0.00		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	567.00	1317.00		0.00		0.00
5	Golden Slipper		444.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		550.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	H.A.N.D.		100.00		50.00		50.00
1	HAPPY HOUR		56.50		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		157.47		39.00		0.00
4	Helping Hand		140.00		165.00		115.00
8	High Noon		80.00		0.00		0.00
8	High View	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly		450.00		0.00		150.00
1	H.I.P.		20.00		0.00		0.00
6	Holiday Village		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Holland		300.00		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	100.00	1025.00		0.00		0.00
	I Am Responsible	25.00	305.59		0.00		0.00
3	IF HE WERE SOUGHT		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Independence (NF)		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse		703.52		0.00		50.38
8	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Just For Today/ Cheektowaga		190.00		0.00		0.00
5	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Keep IT Comin'		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Kensington		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	KEYS OF THE KINGDOM		35.00		0.00		0.00
5	KITCHEN TABLE AA		48.02		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeshore		800.00		0.00		100.00
6	Lakeview		150.00		0.00		0.00
3	Lancaster Dailey Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lasalle	17.60	17.60		0.00		0.00
	Lawyer's		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LewPort	50.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		125.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Lighen UP	425.00	425.00	42.00	42.00	43.00	43.00
2	LIGHTHOUSE		0.00		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		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lock City		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport #1		200.00		50.00		50.00
5	Lockport Discussion	100.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Ladies		275.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockport Tuesday		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lockview		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		20.00		0.00		0.00
7	Lovejoy		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LOW BOTTOM	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
5	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	LUNCH BUNCH ALBION		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High		92.00		0.00		0.00
4	Main Street		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	Maple		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Marching Forth		110.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla	50.00	402.80		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot		540.00		0.00		60.00
6	McKinley Winners		318.00		0.00		0.00
5	Medina New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	MEDINA STEP WORK/BIG BOOK		50.00		0.00		0.00
5	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Mid-day		160.00		60.00		120.00
8	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Newfane Living Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Freedom		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	New Life	135.00	327.50		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		134.00		0.00		0.00

New Frontiers ~ February 2020

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

Ann	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR
2	North Buffalo		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	North Evans Men's		100.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	One Day At A Time		130.00		0.00		0.00
1	ODAT		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Open Arms		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Orchard Park Step		1098.86		0.00		100.00
8	Our Meeting @ the VA		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Peaceful Tuesday		80.00		0.00		0.00
3	PERSEVERANCE		200.00		0.00		0.00
3	Point of No Return		74.00		0.00		0.00
2	POSITION OF NEUTRALITY		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	PPG-Buffalo		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Pride		11.00		0.00		0.00
1	Primary Purpose	5.00	25.00		0.00		0.00
4	Principles Bef. Personalities		70.00		0.00		0.00
2	Purpose/Tonawanda		75.00		0.00		0.00
2	Questions & Answers		200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Quitting Time		380.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ray of Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Recovery Near the Gardens		40.00		0.00		0.00
7	Remember When		25.00		0.00		0.00
1	Renaissance		1370.00		250.00		250.00
3	Renaissance Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Renewal		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ridge		35.00		35.00		35.00
1	Rise and Shine	350.00	1329.00		0.00		0.00
1	ROOM TO GROW		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Rochester		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Rural is Plural		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Sally		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Saturday 12 & 12		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Saturday Night Alive		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Sat. Nite Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Searching For Serenity	75.00	190.00		0.00		0.00
7	Second Chance		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Serenity		200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Serenity on the Lake		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	SERENITY SANDWICH		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Serenity Trails		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Setaside		738.56		0.00		0.00
2	Sheridan	50.00	250.00	50.00	150.00		0.00
6	Silvercreek Friendship		375.00		0.00		0.00
5	Simplicity		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Sober Saturday		150.00		50.00		50.00
6	Sober Trails		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Sober Train		115.00		0.00		0.00
5	Sober Winners	100.00	350.00		50.00		0.00
6	Sobriety Men's Disc.		515.00		0.00		0.00
5	Sobriety On The Canal	100.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
5	Sobriety on a Sat. Night		150.00		75.00		75.00
5	Sobriety on the Lake		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	Sobriety Sisters	36.45	122.67		0.00		0.00
3	South Buffalo		1228.22		5.00		8.60
3	Southgate		100.00		0.00		0.00
4	Southwestern		50.00		100.00		100.00
6	Sparks Of Hope		150.00		0.00		0.00
2	Spiritual Progress		300.00		125.00		50.00
4	Springville Sat. Afternoon		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Springville Tues. Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Springville Wed. Noon		70.00		0.00		0.00
4	Springville New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Sprout into Sobriety		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	St. Barnabas		25.00		0.00		0.00
4	St. Mark's		350.00		50.00		50.00
3	Starting Over/By The Book		200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Step Action Group		160.80		0.00		0.00
6	Step it Up (Wehrle)		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Steps 1, 2 & 3	115.00	425.00		0.00		0.00
5	Sunday Grapevine		20.00		0.00		0.00
1	Sunday's Best		70.00		0.00		0.00
6	Sunday in Cattaraugus	28.09	174.48		0.00		0.00
3	Sunday Morning Breakfast		850.00		0.00		0.00
	SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT		83.00		0.00		0.00
1	Sunrise Court	25.00	350.00		0.00		0.00
8	SUNY Amherst Campus		166.63		0.00		0.00
2	Surrender and Hope		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	TGIF		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Thankful	85.00	185.00		0.00		0.00
7	The Absolutes		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	The Beginnings Of Recovery		80.00		0.00		0.00
6	The Derby Lunch		60.00		0.00		0.00
1	THE GATEHOUSE		295.00		0.00		0.00
2	The Grove		0.00		200.00		0.00
3	The Herd		630.10		0.00		0.00
1	The Journey		144.50		0.00		0.00
2	The New Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
8	The Noon Meeting		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	THE NORTH COLLINS		220.00		0.00		0.00
4	THE YORKSHIRE		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Three Legacies		143.90		0.00		0.00
3	Thruway		0.00		0.00		0.00

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		DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR	DEC	YEAR
8	T nT	295.00	895.00		0.00		0.00
5	Today		55.00		0.00		0.00
2	TRANSFORMATION		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	T.O.W.		150.00		75.00		75.00
6	Tri County		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Try Again	300.00	922.00	50.00	125.00	50.00	75.00
4	Tuesday Men's AM		2050.00		0.00		0.00
3	Tuesday Women's		200.00		0.00		0.00
2	Turning Point		0.00		0.00		0.00
5	Twin Cities	100.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
3	TWO GOOD GUY'S BOOK STUDY		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	TWO PONDS		61.00		0.00		0.00
8	Unity		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	University Men's Disc.		2000.00		0.00		0.00
3	Valley		300.00		0.00		0.00
3	Victory		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Victory Women's		384.00		0.00		0.00
	VIP		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Wake Up Call		431.00		0.00		0.00
6	WE (Women's Experience)	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00		0.00
2	WE BELIEVE		100.00		0.00		0.00
8	We Care		1100.00		0.00		0.00
1	Westminster		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Westfield		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Why		10.00		0.00		0.00
8	Williamsville		170.00		0.00		0.00
6	Willing To Grow		300.00		0.00		0.00
5	Wilson Group		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Wilson Smith Alumni		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Winners Circle		25.00		0.00		0.00
8	Women Making the Effort		300.00		40.00		40.00
1	Women's West Side		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Working	185.00	480.00		0.00		0.00
5	Youngstown		0.00		0.00		0.00
	Jason M.	5.00	5.00		0.00		0.00
	Jeanine Z.		1.99		0.00		0.00
	Donna F.		75.00		0.00		0.00
	Jane Marie B.		20.00		0.00		0.00
	Gratitude Month		80.00		0.00		0.00
	Anthony B.	500.00	500.00		0.00		0.00
	Sean M.		550.00		0.00		0.00
	Patrick L.		25.00		0.00		0.00
	Jeffrey K.		8.00		0.00		0.00
	Anonymous		122.82		0.00		0.00
	ESCPAA		879.44		0.00		0.00
	Claudia P.		36.00		0.00		0.00
	blank entry		100.00		0.00		0.00
	Women's Fall Retreat		207.00		0.00		0.00
	Kenny H.		20.00		0.00		0.00
	Thomas C.	37.00	37.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTALS	4,876.81	59,058.65	212.00	3,105.55	133.00	3,201.98

Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving GOD as HE may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

- Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
- Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
- Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
- Although I have been sober a few years, am I willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?



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