

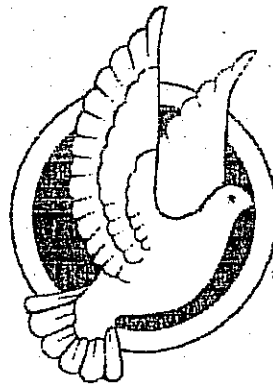
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A CENTRAL COMMITTEE JOURNAL FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS
OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER



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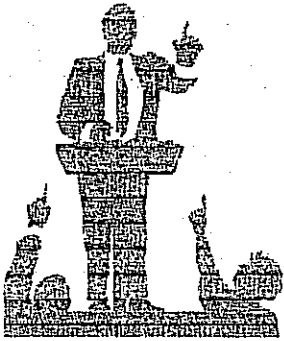
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THIS IS A.A.....?

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship designed and administered by a bunch of ex-drunks whose only qualifications for membership is that they can't hold their booze and don't want to learn how.

It has no rules, dues or fees; nothing that any sensible organization seems to require.



At meetings, the speaker starts on one subject and winds up talking about something entirely different and concludes by saying that he doesn't know anything about the program except that it works.

The groups are always broke, yet always seem to have money to carry on.

They are always losing members but seem to grow. They claim AA is a selfish

program but always seems to be doing something for others.

Every group passes laws, rules, edicts and pronouncements which everyone ignores. Members who disagree with anything are privileged to walk out in a huff, quitting forever, only to return as though nothing happened and be greeted accordingly.

Nothing is ever planned 24 hours ahead, yet great projects are born and survive magnificently. Nothing in AA is according to Hoyle. How can it survive?

Perhaps it is because we have learned to live and laugh at ourselves. God made man. He made laughter too. Perhaps He is pleased with our disorganized efforts and makes things run right no matter who pushes the wrong button. Maybe He is pleased, not with perfection, but because we are trying to be nobody but ourselves. We don't know how it works, but it does, and members keep receiving their dividend check from their AA investment.

author unknown

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

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John H., We Care, Editor

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UNITE TO FIGHT

"We have faith that future generations will know that here, in the middle (sic) of the twentieth century, there came a time when men of good will found a way to unite and produce, and fight to destroy the forces of ignorance, and intolerance and slavery, and war."

This is, of course, a political statement by Franklin D. Roosevelt, and we pledge not to let politics interfere with our "primary purpose" in Alcoholics Anonymous, but other great men shared the Roosevelt stage. It is with gratitude that I compare a great President with our Founders, Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson.

We certainly "unite" in our singleness of purpose; "produce" men and women of sobriety; and, "fight to destroy the faces of ignorance." Before Dr. Bob and Bill, we were

abandoned by doctors and given life sentences in sanitariums and jails throughout the world.

Each and every day, we fight the "intolerance" of Earth People and fight the "War" within ourselves. "Slavery" to the jug is self explanatory.



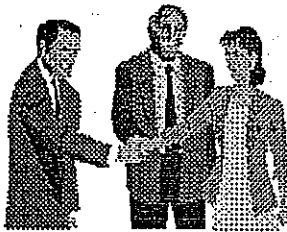
So, it is not a coincidence that I read these words today, and apply them to my own collection of slogans and examples of the, indeed, universal message of this life-saving and wonderful Fellowship.

Respectfully,
Jack R.
Southgate Group

HELP--HELP--HELP SERVICE- SERVICE- SERVICE

I recently went to a Founders Day in Akron, Ohio, and what a blessing it was. I had a spiritual experience all three days, and it continued throughout the following week. The main topics discussed were service and love. To give of yourself with love, and to be an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. My own experience, along with others, has been, the more you give of yourself the better you feel. It also helped me to stay out of self-pity

I'm hoping that many members of A.A. in our area can volunteer to greet at the Buffalo



Fall Convention, to be held at the Buffalo Marriott Hotel on October 18th, 19th and 20th.

Many greeters are needed. You can volunteer for a 1 hour or 2 hour shift, either Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Please make

announcements at your home groups, get a list of names and phone numbers and call me, Lisa S. at 877-3638 and I will schedule them in.

I know this will be a rewarding experience for many, as it has been for me at previous Conventions.

God Bless you all
Lisa S.
Acceptance Group

BEYOND STEP 12...



I heard that the New Frontiers was looking for articles from women concerning the problems particular to women in A.A. I thought of the ongoing behavior that has been

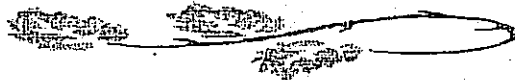
discussed since A.A. began 13th stepping. Well, although I do believe that this unholy behavior has been a problem for some of the men, I would say from what I see at nightly meetings, women are still far more vulnerable. Although, I can rarely say the new woman has no part, for perhaps she craves attention, etc., truly a man with even a small amount of sobriety should know better early on. The bottom line after the romance, the breakup or even the changed locks and police restraining order, is someone, either one, could drink or die.

I witnessed an unbelievable scene at a meeting where a very pretty girl was coming

back after drinking. I don't know how serious this girl was, but it did not help her that a man on each side of her flirted and giggled with her throughout the meeting while the rest of the table attempted to share their experience, strength and hope. I don't know who played what part in this charade but I did not leave the table thinking we were talking about life and death. This kind of 13th stepping during a meeting was new to me.

Finally, girls today might remember that if someone is sober it does not follow that he is recovered or even a trustworthy person! Many of us are sick and to give out one's phone number, to accept a ride, to give a ride, etc. is risky at best. Getting to know our fellow members in our home groups, through other members, and after a word with our sponsors can save us from unnecessary danger. "Boys with boys and girls with girls" is a phrase which has many reasons for being. Early recovery is difficult, distractions can set us back on our journey and worse - end it altogether.

Darlyne S.
Matt Talbot



GOSSIP

It topples governments, wrecks marriages,
Ruins careers, sullies reputations,
Causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion,
Spawns suspicion, generates grief.
Makes innocent people cry in their pillows.
Even its name hisses.

It's called gossip. Office gossip. Shop gossip.
Party gossip. Group gossip. AA gossip.
It makes headaches and headlines.
Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary?

If not - SHUT UP!

- author unknown



A word to impatient alcoholics: the program works best when we're...

UNDRUNK

The business of being undrunk is somewhat like indoor plumbing. In spite of the fact that I have never seen indoor plumbing listed as one of the components of the more abundant life, it sure raises hell if it is not working right.

I tried for three years to work the Steps without going to meetings or staying undrunk. That method leaves a great deal to be desired. One has to run and hide when the paper boy rings the doorbell. Brushing one's teeth causes acute nausea. It becomes necessary to keep a wash basin beside the bed. One also has a tendency to stagger and see double.

Finally, I was hurting so bad I simply wanted out, so I tried doing it undrunk for a change. I shook for a while, and I paced the floor till I nearly wore out the rug. I changed the light switches to silent ones, so the kids wouldn't snap them without warning and unnerve me. I imitated my neighbor's dog; he wasn't drinking either.

Pretty soon, the program began to work. I began to think more clearly and to accept myself just as I was — the way AA

has accepted me from the very beginning. Inasmuch as I didn't have the leverage to make deals with God, I let go and gave Him the whole miserable mess, to hand back to me when and if He saw fit.

I can accept today whether it is tragedy or triumph. "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." After several years, I am still getting used to the fact that is happening to me.

Becoming undrunk was the least of the benefits AA gave me, but an extremely important one nevertheless.

(I know— I tried it both ways!) As I continue going to meetings, my undrunkness has grown into genuine sobriety, which has rewards made-to-order for me. I could not possibly have been the architect of my own recovery.

In my neighborhood, we are extremely fortunate. We have a Higher Power who makes house calls.

J.B.
Rochester, New York



**FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS
HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS
NOT SEEN.**

"The idea that somehow, someday he will control and enjoy his drinking is the great obsession of every abnormal drinker. The persistence of this illusion is astonishing. Many pursue it into the gates of insanity or death." Page 30-- Big Book

If you have any doubts that this quote is true, just look at the anniversary page of any "New Frontiers." Of the 21 groups listed in the August edition:

- 58 people had 3 to 9 months
- 70 people had 1 year to 5 years
- 34 people had 6 years to 10 years
- 10 people had 11 years to 15 years
- 8 people had 16 years to 20 years
- 1 person had 23 years
- 1 person had 24 years
- 1 person had 36 years
- 1 person had 48 years

"Despite all we can say, many who are real alcoholics are not going to believe they are in that class. By every form of self-deception and experimentation, they will try to prove themselves exceptions to the rule, therefore nonalcoholic." Page 31-- Big Book

The answer to what we need to do to stay sober is found in the foreword of the "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions."

"A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and, enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole."

Yours in the Spirit of AA
Helen S.
Thruway Group



"If you are going to be used by God, He will take you through a multitude of experiences that are not meant for you at all. They are meant to make you useful in his hands, and to enable you to understand what happens in other souls, so that you will never be surprised at what you come across."

Dr. Willis Reed.

ADOPT-A-PRISON

The A.A. meeting at Wende Correctional Facility in Alden on Saturdays at 1:00 P.M. will fold at the end of September - that is, unless we can find some 'parents' to support it. We are in desperate need of more volunteers to continue to carry the message inside the walls.

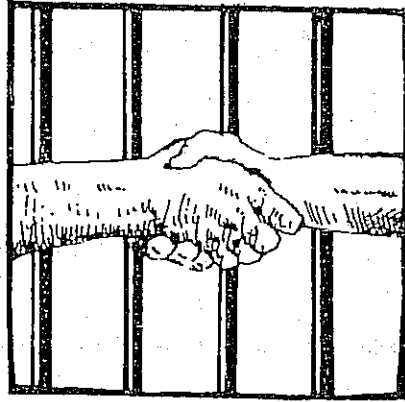
CFC has thought that a group could 'adopt' a facility (Wende) for a month at a time. If we get 12 groups involved, it will mean only 4 (sometimes 5) days out of the whole year that your group will be the proud parents to carry the message inside. This is truly gracing service; you will not believe how great you feel on the way home after just one of those meetings.

We AAers are responsible for carrying the message to Wende Max, Buffalo Work Release, Erie County Correctional Facilities for Men and Women, Gowanda, Collins, Brocton Shock Camp, Niagara and Wyoming. If you have been a 'guest' of one of these places or a similar facility you already know what it is like to feel forgotten. Be part of letting the current inmates know there is a better way, there is hope.

If your group is interested, let us know through the Central Office at 853-0388 or call the Chairman at 883-5079 or 858-3818. We will be more than happy to steer you in the right direction for your 'adoption papers.' Also, join us for the Corrections Committee meeting at 5:30 P.M. on the first Sunday of the month at 80 Goodrich (just before the Central Committee meeting).

Please bring this to your next home group meeting and discuss it. Don't wait for the other guy to do it. GET INVOLVED, FEEL ALIVE AND LET THE HIGHER POWER'S GRACE SURROUND YOU!

Cindy N.
Corrections Committee Chair



CARRYING THE MESSAGE

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all members of the Iron Horse and Cheektowaga Groups, and all other volunteers, for their faithful support of the Attica Beacon Group over the years. Planning and hard work were no match for these people, who unselfishly gave of themselves to carry the message inside the walls of Attica. The Attica Beacon Group celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, July 22nd, 1996.

Through the efforts of Sammy K., the Attica Beacon Group was founded 50 years ago. His belief in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and his power of example shall never be forgotten.

The 50th Anniversary meeting/event was attended by many people, to convey the message of hope to the insiders. There were many speakers for the event; Liz B. from Canada, John K. Rochester Corrections Facility Chairman, Bob W. from Buffalo, Ed W. Central N.Y. Area Delegate, Mike E. from Florida, Jim K. inside speaker, and Gary G. Moderator and Outside Sponsor. A special thanks to our inside Sponsor Robert S. for keeping the Attica Beacon Group alive this past year, and to who we owe most in making the 50th Anniversary a success.

"Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs." Step 12.

Bob W.
Sheridan Group
Attica Correctional Volunteer

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER

Suzanne H. 3 Mos.
 Chris H. 3 mos.
 Stephen J. 6 mos.
 Stephen K. 9 mos.
 Joe T. 2 yrs.
 Maureen M. 6 yrs.
 Herb S. 9 yrs.
 Rhonda H. 10 yrs.
 Nancy F. 11 yrs.
 John N. 12 yrs.
 Toni F. 12 yrs.
 Jim W. 12 yrs.
 Joe R. 19 yrs.
 Dan J. 20 yrs.
 George D. 24 yrs.
 Russell Q. 25 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS

Kelly O'C. 1 yr.
 Carl K. 2 yrs.

COLD SPRINGS

Virgie B. 3 mos.
 Marvin H. 9 mos.
 Central J. 9 mos.
 Reggie L. 7 yrs.
 Elizabeth G. 24 yrs.

EYEOPENER

Dave B. 3 mos.
 Dave K. 6 mos.
 Darin H. 9 mos.
 Tom S. 9 mos.
 AnnMarie L. 1 yr.
 Mary C. 1 yr.
 Henry E. 2 yrs.
 Linda A. 2 yrs.
 Dwayne W. 2 yrs.
 Paul M. 2 yrs.
 Ken B. 2 yrs.
 Brendan D. 2 yrs.
 Tim W. 2 yrs.
 Becky M. 3 yrs.
 Doug L. 3 yrs.
 Ron H. 3 yrs.
 Carol B. 4 yrs.
 Dan B. 4 yrs.
 Mark C. 4 yrs.
 Sangita V. 4 yrs.
 Pat W. 5 yrs.
 Scott S. 5 yrs.
 Mike E. 7 yrs.
 Don W. 7 yrs.
 Tom C. 8 yrs.
 Bob A. 9 yrs.
 Laura R. 11 yrs.
 Don K. 11 yrs.
 Larry F. 17 yrs.

FIRESIDE

Mark G. 3 mos.
 Tom B. 6 mos.
 Peter M. 6 mos.
 Steve W. 6 mos.
 Nicki C. 9 mos.
 Mary L. 9 mos.
 Bill B. 1 yr.
 Aaron R. 2 yrs.
 Robert S. 3 yrs.
 Keith L. 4 yrs.
 Will M. 4 yrs.
 Pat N. 6 yrs.
 Al F. 7 yrs.
 Tony R. 7 yrs.
 David S. 7 yrs.
 Mike B. 9 yrs.
 Herb S. 9 yrs.
 Don K. 11 yrs.
 Chris R. 11 yrs.
 Charlie J. 16 yrs.

FRESH START

Beverly S. 2 yrs.
 Andrea S. 3 yrs.
 Margaret H. 18 yrs.

HAPPY HOUR

Carmen R. 6 mos.
 Josh G. 1 yr.
 Gigi M. 1 yr.
 Nancy C. 4 yrs.
 Kim S. 7 yrs.
 Frank E. 8 yrs.
 Craig Mc. 11 yrs.

JOURNEY

Art K. 1 yr.
 Tut R. 5 yrs.
 Bill G. 5 yrs.

LET GO & LET GOD

Ernie J. 7 yrs.

MATT TALBOT

Paul K. 6 mos.
 Kelly N. 9 mos.
 Jeff C. 1 yr.
 Brian E. 1 yr.
 Dave K. 1 yr.
 Paul W. 1 yr.
 Stephen M. 1 yr.
 John S. 3 yrs.
 Brian G. 4 yrs.
 Pam H. 6 yrs.
 Eric P. 7 yrs.
 Julie D. 8 yrs.

MONDAY NIGHT

BIDWELL
 Sean W. 3 mos.
 Robert G. 3 mos.
 Vionne D. 6 mos.
 Debra C. 6 mos.
 Randy M. 2 yrs.
 Randy S. 3 yrs.
 Rob C. 4 yrs.
 Sue P. 5 yrs.
 Valerie B. 5 yrs.
 Paul E. 7 yrs.

NORTH BUFFALO

Peter M. 6 mos.
 John S. 6 mos.
 Robert P. 6 mos.
 Stan W. 1 yr.
 Danielle B. 1 yr.
 Dan B. 2 yrs.
 Bev B. 3 yrs.
 Fred S. 3 yrs.
 Tut R. 5 yrs.
 Yvonne D. 10 yrs.
 Norma F. 13 yrs.

PASS IT ON

Terry H. 3 mos.
 James C. 3 mos.
 Romeo R. 1 yr.
 David M. 1 yr.
 Frank J. 1 yr.
 Bonitta J. 1 yr.
 John K. 3 yrs.
 Dorothy A. 3 yrs.
 Al Z. 12 yrs.

RISE & SHINE

James Q. 3 mos.

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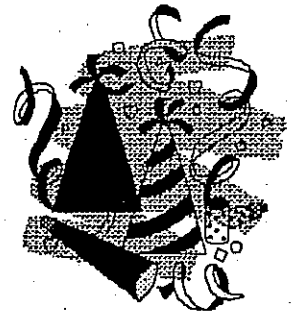
Shirlann 6 mos.
 Darryl S. 6 mos.
 Cherie C. 9 mos.
 Anthony T. 1 yr.
 Linda C. 1 yr.

SUNDAY MORNING

BREAKFAST
 Damica C. 6 mos.
 Charles M. 9 mos.
 Dan M. 1 yr.
 George M. 1 yr.
 Maureen M. 6 yrs.
 Gary G. 8 yrs.
 Danny J. 20 yrs.

THRUWAY

Darryl D. 6 mos.
 Jack L. 6 mos.
 Mark S. 6 mos.
 Rosalie P. 6 mos.
 Ed P. 6 mos.
 Kevin McC. 6 mos.
 Jeff C. 1 yr.
 Fred L. 5 yrs.
 Russell M. 6 yrs.
 Ellen P. 8 yrs.
 John K. 9 yrs.
 Tom K. 9 yrs.
 Herb S. 9 yrs.
 Candy C. 9 yrs.
 Phillip G. 9 yrs.
 Norma H. 9 yrs.
 Pat D. 12 yrs.
 John N. 12 yrs.
 Lewis S. 12 yrs.
 Charlie P. 12 yrs.
 Bill B. 13 yrs.
 Richard F. 16 yrs.



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		Oct	270.00	992.00	
Literature				2680.23	
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NYNEX				181.00	
AT & T				5.53	
World Services Inc		12 & 12's		728.34	
NYS Dept of Taxation and finance				358.80	
Salaries - insurance				3335.60	
cash				50.00	
Bank Charges				71.19	
		Disbursements		7516.11	
Balance pr checkbook 9/25/96				1802.32	
Add Receipts 9/25/96-10/25/96				7329.35	
				9131.67	
Deduct expenses 9/25/96-10/25/96				-7516.11	
Balance per checkbook 10/25/96				1615.56	
Operating debit for 10/25/96			(-186.76.)		
MONEY MARKET		4663.87		10844.27	savings
CERT OF DEPOSI		6180.40		1615.56	checking
		10844.27		12459.83	

RE-CAP		9/25/96-10/25/96			
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4					
EXPENSES		CHECK #			
Central Office		1143	145.00		
Central Office		1144	48.70		
Central Office	Spanish	1145	271.90		
Central Office		1146	5.00		
Central Office	Wende Wo	1147	52.00		
Central Office	Collins		220.00		
Central Office	Bflo Cor		325.00		
			1067.60		
Balance pr checkbook 9/25/96				1198.20	
Add Receipts 9/25/96-10/25/96				202.00	
				1400.20	
Deduct expenses 9/25/96-10/25/96				-1067.60	
Balance per checkbook 10/25/96				332.60	
Operating debit for 10/25/96		(-865.60)			
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5					
EXPENSES		CHECK #			
Central Office	VA	335	100.00		
Central Office		336	150.00		
		337	53.10		
			303.10		
Balance per checkbook 9/25/96				819.97	
Add receipts 9/25/96-10/25/96				126.00	
				945.97	
Deduct expenses 9/25/96-10/25/96				-303.10	
Balance per checkbook 10/25/96				642.87	
Operating debit for 10/25/96		(-177.10)			

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 1, 1996

Tina F, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7PM with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Cindy N from Sunrise Court read the Preamble. The Traditions were read by Elvester McR of the Cold Springs Group.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by John H of the We Care Group and seconded by Barry of West Seneca Saturday Night.

25 GROUPS ATTENDED - DISTRICT #1 - Giving, Sunrise Court, The Journey - DISTRICT#2 - Grateful, Sheridan - DISTRICT#3 - Abbott Men's, Iron Horse, Matt Talbot, Rainbow, Ridge, South Buffalo, Southgate, Urdan, Victory, We Care, West Seneca Saturday Night - DISTRICT#4 - Action DISTRICT#5- - DISTRICT#6 - DISTRICT# 7 - Ellicott, Inner City, Lovejoy, Remember When, Spirit of Hope - DISTRICT#8 - Amherst Snyder, Eye Opener, Renewal -DISTRICT#9 -Everybody's - DISTRICT#10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Peter C for Mel L of Renewal

	1995	1996
August Receipts	\$490.00	\$522.00
Average monthly receipts	434.00	500.90

STEERING COMMITTEE - Joanne Mc C, Action 9/1/96

Tina called the Steering Committee to order at 6:35PM Opening the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Rick S, District#8, Dick L, District#9, Gary S, Central Committee Treasurer, Delphine H, Executive Secretary, Joanne McC, Central Committee Co-Chair and Pat M, District #3

SCREENERS - Tina said that she spoke to Lisa Y who said that she and Adam B, now chairman, would be at the October Central Committee meeting and that things for the present were all right.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES - We still do not have anyone for District #4 - Southtowns, District #5 - Niagara County and District #10 - Genesee and Wyoming Counties. We have a possible rep for District #5. Joanne McC will check for a possible rep from District #4

We are still waiting for a response from Mike B concerning membership of groups who are listed as having duo membership in two intergroups particularly in Niagara and Genesee/Wyoming Counties.

Central Committee RECORDING SECRETARY resigned so we will need a replacement. Her work schedule won't allow her to continue.

Discussion on keeping the OPEN MEETING SCHEDULES. Steering Committee recommends that the Open Meeting schedules no longer be printed due to cost and lack of use.

Delphine would like to know if there are other printers that we might use -- due to costs. Must be able to do the typeset.

Meeting ended with the "Our Father" at 6:55PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Gary S, Matt Talbot - read attached

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Bob K, Southgate

Hopevale will be opening up on September 16th. We will be notified through Deana B on further information because it is a closed meeting for outsiders.

May Day House Jim R, the TFC liason and I went to the CPC meeting and made them aware of what is going on there and that they would like a meeting in their facility. We have yet to hear from CPC. We did inform them that we would like to go there when they put on their presentation.

VA and its' demand for government cut backs has made the Rehab on the fourth floor into a three to five day detox. Mike B, the GSA-TFC chairman and I went up to talk to Dr C and due to employee cut backs they are having an out-patient program during the daytime and we felt that we could take out one or maybe both of the meetings Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and put them in other area. Dr C was going to get together with the staff and then get back in touch with us.

The Treatment Facilities Committee meets on the third Friday of the month at 7:00PM, St Simon's, 200 Cazenovia Street.

SCREENERS - NONE

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Cindy D, Sunrise Court

- . Sonny Johnson sends his love and blesses everyone of you!
- . Ron E moves up to Chairman of Corrections. Last meeting with Cindy as Chair. She will now take over GSA's Correction's Chair
- . Election of Co-chair. Ron E will take over as Chairman and Ed O'D as Co-chair.
- . Developed Schedule - Times/days. Corrections please. New Chair for Erie County Correctional Facilities - Women.
- . List for people who are cleared to go into facilities.
- . One fascility/multiple meetings. GSA Chair or Individual Facility Chairs
- . There is Spanish speaking meeting at Collins 6:30PM on Fridays.
- . Gowanda will be a DWI facillty. Speak to people in Michigan and Arizona where there are such programs -what they did, what worked and what didn't:
- . Our Father vs Serenity
- . Distributed Volunteer applications and those for "Bridging the Gap".

CENTRAL OFFICE - Delphine H, Executive Secretary

AA Information	480	12 Step	3
PIC	2	Literature requests	45
CPC	0	Referred to other agency	7
Al Anon	21	Referred from other agency	
Ala Teen	1	<i>CENTRAL OFFICE</i>	
ACOA	4	Outgoing Calls	171
<i>ANSWERING SERVICE</i>		Mailing cost	\$292.14
Incoming Calls 392	outgoing 85	Visitors	115

NEW FRONTIER - John H, We Care, Editor

When you go back to your groups, impress upon them the need for writers for the New Frontiers. We strongly discourage poetry.

55TH FALL CONVENTION - none

COURTESY REPORTS - GSA - Jack B, Delegate

We have approximately 310 registered groups with the General Service Office in New York.

At our monthly service meetings we have 30 to 35 GSR's in attendance which is about 10% of our registered groups. A healthy group conscience is a well informed group conscience-- therefore, about 10% of the groups from Niagara Falls to Bradford, Pennsylvania are well informed. Does your group have a GSR? Does he or she attend the Assembly Meetings?

Is your group registered with General Service Office in New York? - If not send a representative to the Service Assembly and sign up -- We, as AA members cannot justify our existence in Alcoholics Anonymous and be truly part of the whole if we're not "Well Informed" and /or our groups aren't part of Alcoholics Anonymous total structure at the World Service level, 1997 - AA Conference Theme "Spirituality-Our Foundation".

CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Meets on Saturday, September 14, 8:45AM at the Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive.

Has sent letter to May Day House offering to give a presentation at their convenience.

RECAP:

OLD BUSINESS:

John H, We Care, asked if the Executive Secretary sent the requested letter to the Chairperson of Central Committee. The response was "yes". He asked if she understood it.

He also asked what we intended to do with Screeners. -We will wait till after October's meeting to see what the present Chairman says. It we suggested that we vote on a Screener Chairman in January when we vote for other offices so there might be more response.

John requested that he receive a copy of the qualifications and duties of the Recording Secretary to put them in the "New Frontier".

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy mentioned that you only have to be out of prison a year in order to go back in for a meeting.

Joanne McC congratulated John H, our editor, for the article he wrote that was published in the August '96 issue of the "Grapevine".

Joanne, also, mentioned that it was Larry Y's, Patchin, daughter and granddaughters who were killed in a car/truck accident in No Collins.

The Journey Group voted that Dave P come to Central Committee and change the groups vote to be negative when it comes to people being paid for their room at the Workshop when they live in the city. Cindy went over the situation and stated that there were 60 people at the Workshop only 10 of which were from Buffalo. It was embarrassing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Shawn R, Victory and seconded by Dick L of Everybody's. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer with a silent prayer for Larry's Family.

Delphine H

Acting Central Committee Secretary

RE-CAP		8/25/96-9/25/96			
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT #484-185-4					
EXPENSES		CHECK #			
Central Office	Gowanda	1138	10.80		
Central Office	Wyoming	1139	22.93		
Central Office	Wende Wo	1140	132.50		
Central Office	Wende Wo	1141	215.00		
Central Office	Wende Wo	1142.00	20.00		
			401.23		
Balance pr checkbook 8/25/96				1297.43	
Add Receipts 8/25/96-9/25/96				302.00	
				1599.43	
Deduct expenses 8/25/96-9/25/96				-401.23	
Balance per checkbook 9/25/96				1198.20	
Operating debit for 9/25/96		(-179.23)			
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT #602-089-5					
EXPENSES		CHECK #			
Central Office	VA	333	162.60		
Central Office	ECMC	334	162.60		
			325.20		
Balance per checkbook 8/25/96				853.17	
Add receipts 8/25/96-9/25/96				292.00	
				1145.17	
Deduct expenses 8/25/96-9/25/96				-325.20	
Balance per checkbook 9/25/96				819.97	
Operating debit for 9/25/96		(-33.00)			

pg 1			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.
12 Step - Holiday Village						
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step						
A Day At A Time						
A Vision for You						
Abbott Mens Discussion		30.00		30.00		30.00
Accept/Welcom	150.00	250.00				
Achievement						
Action		40.00				
Age Doesn't Matter		100.00				
Albion						
Alexander						
All Women						
Amherst Tree c	40.00	115.00				
Amherst Snyder	172.00	875.57				
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age		20.00				
Any Length	20.00	115.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	35.00
Anybody's Group		25.00				
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It		20.00				
Attitude Adjustment						
Attraction		200.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's						
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bldwell						
Bldwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)						
Big Book Workshop		10.00				
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Wom	30.00	90.00				
Brass						
Broadway-Bailev		25.00				
Brocton Discussion		50.00				
But for the Grace of God		286.00		5.00		5.00
By The Book-Buffalo						
Campus (Buffalo State College)						
Casting		75.00		10.00		10.00

pg 2			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum. -	SEPT '96	Accum.
Catherdral Park	23.00	180.00				
Caz Manor		54.50				
Cazenovia		99.50		49.75		49.75
Central Park						
Central Park II						
Chapter IX		80.00		80.00		80.00
Cheektowaga		250.00				
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Disc II		50.00				
Clarence Men's Disc		150.00				
Cold Springs						
Common Problem						
Community Center						
Cornplanters Again						
Courage						
Decision, Choices, Changes						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby	50.00	75.00				
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Discovery						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion		50.00				
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Earlybird - Saturday						
Easier Softer Way						
East Amherst						
East Aurora		100.00		4.50		10.00
Easy Does It		90.00		35.00		45.00
Eden-North Collins		120.00				
Ellicott		75.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance		100.00				
Everybody's		70.00		50.00		50.00
Eye Opener	111.60	1344.41				
F.U.N.						
Faith		15.00				
Faith In Action						
Father Baker		375.00		150.00		150.00
Fellowship in the Spirit						
Fireside	195.00	1661.03		100.00	25.00	225.00

pg 3			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.
Fireside PM						
First Things Fir	75.00	225.00				
Fredonia Disc						
Freedom	25.00	250.00		25.00		25.00
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Disc						
Friday Step Beginners						
Friendly						
Friendship						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier		110.00				50.00
Gardenville		50.00				
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Getting Better		10.00				
Giving		45.00				
Go to Any Length						
Golden Slipper	150.00	200.00	35.00	35.00		
Good Life						
Grand		15.00				
Grand II Joy Of	100.00	100.00				
Grateful						
Gulding Light						
H.A.N.D.		110.00				10.00
H.O.W.						
Half & Half						
Hamburg						
Hamburg Big Book						
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour						
Harmony						
Helping Hand	20.00	100.00				
High Noon						
High View		150.00				35.00
Higher Powered						
Hill Billy		240.00		75.00		75.00
Hold On						
Holiday Village		835.00		45.00		20.00
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	270.00	10.00	90.00		
Hope - Big Book Study						
How It Works		210.00		105.00		35.00
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia						
In the Solution						

pg 4			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.
Inner City						
Inspiration						
Intoxicated on Life						
Iron Horse	37.00	311.00	37.00	311.00	37.00	311.00
IT						
It's About Time						
Just for Today						
Keep It Simple Sister		15.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore						
Kensington		40.00				
Ladies Night						
Lake Shore		180.00				
Lake View		48.00				
Let Go & Let Go	15.00	35.00				
Lew-port		15.25				
Liberty Women's		55.00				
Life Today		50.00				
Lighten Up		300.00				
Live and Let Live						
Living in the Solution						
Living Sober						
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion						
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		48.00		39.65		
Lodge		15.00				
Lovejoy	30.00	140.00				
Lower River		50.00				
Lunch Bunch						
Main Street						
Marilla	25.00	200.00				
Matt Talbot	40.00	320.00				
Mc Kinley Winners						
Medina New Life						
Medina-Big Book Meeting						
Mercy						
Mid-day						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD/Living in tl	55.00	55.00				
Morning After						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings		25.00				

pg 5		Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities		
GROUP	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.
New Frontier		30.00				
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	20.00	60.00	10.00	30.00		
New Life - New Beginning		25.00				
New Westside		25.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's						
Nite People						
North Buffalo	400.00	1200.00	100.00	250.00	100.00	300.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-Sunday						
ODAT		100.00		100.00		100.00
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step		75.00				
Page 30						
Pass It On	40.00	40.00				
Patchin						
Pathway to Peace		5.00				25.00
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Pioneer						
Positively Living II						
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress	10.00	50.00				
Purpose		135.00				
Rainbow	25.00	100.00		50.00		50.00
Ray of Hope		60.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I		200.00				
Renewal		150.00		25.00		25.00
Ridge		125.00		25.00		25.00
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine		250.00		80.00		20.00
Rochester Meeting		50.00				
Rur-al is Plural						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						

pg 6		Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities		
GROUP	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.
Searching for Serenity		75.00				
Second Chance						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity	60.00	300.00				
Serenity Circle	20.00	60.00				
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	20.00	160.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Sobriety on Saturday Night						
Somerset						
South Buffalo	30.00	190.00	30.00	190.00	30.00	190.00
South Town		15.00				
South Town Women's						
Southgate		90.00				
Southwestern	90.00	140.00	10.00	20.00		
Spirit of H.O.P.E						
Spiritual Progress(women's)						
Springville		180.00				
Springville Saturday Afternoon		80.85				
St. Barnabas		120.00		50.00		50.00
St. Mark's	60.00	180.00				
Starting Over		15.00				
Step						
Stepping Stones						
Suburban						
Sunday Morning	50.00	300.00	50.00	150.00		100.00
Sun night St Mary's		50.00				
Sunday Niters						
Sunday Third						
Sunrise Court	150.00	450.00		100.00		100.00
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope		75.00				
Survivors		200.00				
TnT		100.00				
T.P.H.						
TGIF						
Thankful	65.00	65.00				
The Journey	112.00	232.00				
The Pax Group		25.00		25.00		25.00
The Present						
The Way						
Thruway		900.00		80.00		80.00
Thursday Aftern	150.00	400.00				

pg7			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.	SEPT '96	Accum.
Today						
Today's Woman	43.89	43.89				
Trail's End		25.00				
Tri-County	10.00	50.00				
Tri-Step Beginners						
Try Again		23.00				
Tuesday Men's		50.00				
Tuesday Women	20.00	45.00				
Turning Point		20.00				
Twin Cities		175.00				
Twin Cities II						
Unity		60.00				
University	150.00	1100.00			20.00	120.00
Urban		70.00				
V.I.P.						
Valley	50.00	70.00		25.00	50.00	50.00
Varysburg		15.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Vision of Hope (women's)						
Wake Up Call	12.90	157.85				
We Admitted						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	240.00	10.00	80.00	20.00	160.00
We Choose Life						
We Need You						
Wehrle	10.00	10.00				
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield						
Westminster				25.00		
WHY		120.00		20.00		20.00
Williamsville		550.00		25.00		25.00
Willing To Grow		122.50				
Wilson						
Wilson Smith Un Alumni		25.00				
Women's Westside Disc.						
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
James K				53.00		
44 Grps contrib	3022.39	22143.35	302.00	2672.90	292.00	2715.75
Last Month		19120.96		2370.90		2423.75
This month		3022.39		302.00		292.00
Total year to date		22143.35		2672.90		2715.75

CENTRAL COMMITTEE		*504-771-7	8/25/96-9/25/96		
RECEIPTS					
44 Groups Contributed				3023.01	
Joint Meeting				33.50	
New Frontiers subscriptions				21.00	
Envelope System				700	
Literature				2603.80	
Miscellaneous:	mailing	25.00			
	IRS refund	3.12		28.12	
			Total Receipt	5709.43	
Monies taken out of matured CD		9/25		5000.00	
				10709.43	
*10 Ellicott Court Corporation	rent			598.00	
Community Mental Health Center	rent			35.00	
AA World Service Inc	Big Bks	UPS chgs		754.00	
Secrephone		ans serv		218.47	
Vermont Pure Springs Inc				20.95	
The Paper Shop				136.18	
Postage by Phone		mtr ref		300.00	
M & T Bank		Fed WithholdTax		742.00	
Pitney Bowes		mtr rnl		143.12	
NYNEX				179.24	
AA World Services Inc		Big Bks		820.00	
AT & T				5.42	
AA World Services Inc		Variety/bks		528.10	
Salaries				1783.68	
Breitwieser Printing Co Inc		schedules		2911.50	
cash				50.00	
Bank Charges				69.80	
		Disbursements		9295.46	
Monies taken out of matured CD		9/25		5000.00	
Balance pr checkbook		8/25/96		388.31	
Add Receipts		8/25/96-9/25/96		5709.43	
				11097.74	
Deduct expenses		8/25/96-9/25/96		-9295.46	
Balance per checkbook		9/25/96		1802.28	
Operating debit for 9/25/96			(-3386.03)		
MONEY MARKET		4644.10		10568.81	savings
CERT OF DEPOSIT		5924.71		1802.28	checking
		10568.81		12371.09	