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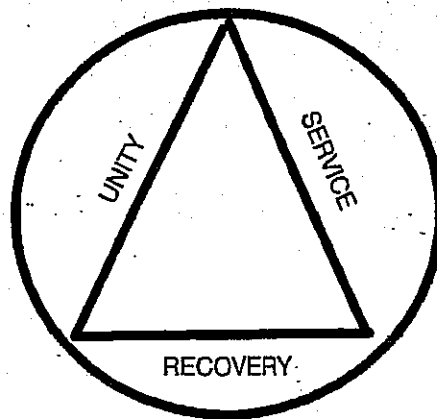
A CENTRAL COMMITTEE JOURNAL FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS
OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER

Valentine's Day

"The alcoholic is like a tornado roaring his way through the lives of others. Hearts are broken. Sweet relationships are dead. Affections have been uprooted. Selfish and inconsiderate habits have kept the home in turmoil. We feel a man is unthinking when he says that sobriety is enough. . . ."

"Yes, there is a long period of reconstruction ahead. We must take the lead. A remorseful mumbling that we are sorry won't fill the bill at all. We ought to sit down with the family and frankly analyze the past as we now see it, being very careful not to criticize them. Their defects may be glaring, but the chances are that our own actions are partly responsible. So we clean house with the family, asking each morning in meditation that our Creator show us the way of patience, tolerance, kindness and love."

Big Book
Chapter 6, pg. 82 - 83



LOVE IS

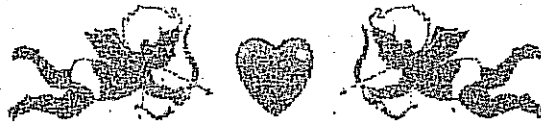


Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing, and forgiving. It is loyalty through good times and bad. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.

Love is content with the present, it hopes for the future, and it doesn't brood over the past. It's the day-in-and-day-out chronicle of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories, and common goals.

If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else there is, it's not enough.

Submitted by Helen S.
Thruway Group



**THE LOVE IN YOUR HEART
WASN'T PUT THERE TO STAY.
LOVE ISN'T LOVE
UNTIL YOU GIVE IT AWAY.**

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John H., We Care, Editor

Dave W., Giving, Assistant to the Editor

HOW I REALIZED I WAS AN ALCOHOLIC

At a recent meeting, someone said, "I know I'm a drug addict, but how can I tell if I'm an alcoholic?" It got me thinking about how I finally realized that I was an alcoholic.

I knew I drank more than most people. I knew it made me sick; mentally, physically, emotionally, and most of all spiritually; but I didn't know that until I came into A.A.. I couldn't admit that I could not stop drinking, even if I wanted to, and of course I didn't want to!

It was only after a long period of time in AA, listening to other peoples' stories, getting involved with a home group, getting a sponsor, and reading the Big Book over and over, and most important of all, finding a Higher Power, and turning my will and my

life over to Him, that I was able to admit and accept my alcoholism.

I am not addicted to any other drugs, except alcohol, but I believe that if I picked up any other drug, it would lead me back to my drug of choice, ALCOHOL!

If we look at ourselves honestly, and are willing to change, it's not so important what drug we are addicted to, but rather how do we stop using the drug. We have to change our thinking and actions by working the twelve steps of A.A.

I ran from reality my whole life. AA has taught me how to stop drinking and stop running.

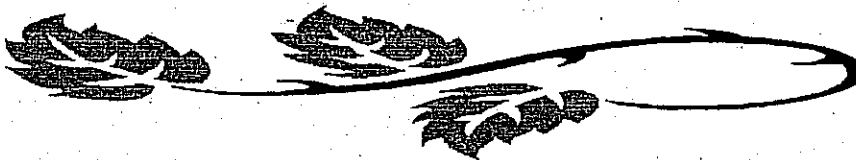
Michelle D.
Hand Group

A NEW LIFE

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only the bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life—the one that did not work—for a new life that can and does work under any and all conditions whatever.

Regardless of worldly success or failure, regardless of pain or joy, regardless of sickness or health or even of death itself, a new life of endless possibilities can be lived if we are willing to continue our awakening, through the practice of A.A.'s Twelve Steps.

From AS BILL SEES IT page 8



**FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND
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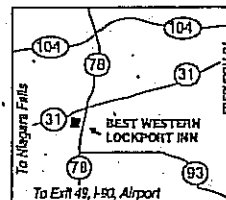
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1997 Spring Convention

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HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The 1997 GSA Spring Convention is in need of Hospitality Volunteers. The time slots are listed below and we need 2 or 3 people for each time period.

If your group would like to sign up for Hospitality Volunteers, please call Charles at 893-9079 with your group name, time preference and whether you prefer smoking or non-smoking.

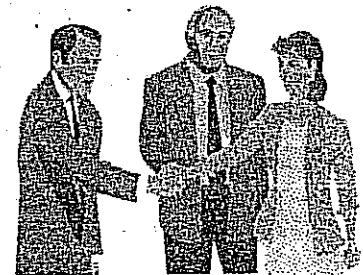
Friday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm (Speaker)
 10:00 pm - 12:00 pm

Saturday 7:00 am - 9:00 am
 9:00 am - 11:00 am
 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Banquet)
 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm
 11:00 pm - 12:00 am

Sunday 7:00 am - 9:30 am



**SERVICE IS
GRATITUDE
IN ACTION.**



REMEMBER WHEN

I remember how frightened and alone I felt at my first AA meeting. I was sure no one drank the way I did. That is, on weekends mostly, and sometimes during the week after work. I was sure no one had been through what I had; ashamed for what I had done. I was sure AA wasn't for me and decided not to come back.

However, amazingly after trying some controlled drinking for a year and a half, I returned to AA. I don't remember a whole lot of what was said at those beginners tables that first year, but I could relate to my life being unmanageable as a result of my drinking.

In fact, I remember hearing, "I didn't get in trouble every time I drank, but when I got in trouble it was because of my drinking." Bingo! I could relate to that.

Although I still doubted membership in AA would really help my problems with or without alcohol, I continued coming back. It was hard sometimes; I even remember crying on the way to meetings because I didn't want to be an alcoholic. I didn't understand why I needed to go to these meetings. But, somehow I kept coming.

I listened to those wiser than myself and kept coming and coming and coming. I listened and listened and listened. They told me to get down on my knees and ask my Higher Power to remove the obsession to drink. Then they said, "Don't pickup that first drink, just for today." The words may be simple, and I've heard them many times at meetings; samo, samo, samo. But, samo is good; for you see, I haven't picked up a drink since November 16, 1989, one day at a time.

One more thing, in that first year, when my silent denial crept into my thoughts at a meeting one evening, a man said, "It didn't matter how much I drank and how often I drank, but what it did to me." Bingo! Again, I heard what I needed. Again, my acceptance kicked in.

For anyone new or old, keep on coming and listen, even if you don't think AA is for you. If you hang on, and just don't drink for today, a beautiful new world will spring up around you and tomorrow will be a better day. Thank you, AA, for giving me back my life.

Kathy H.
We Care



LOVE...A.A. STYLE

Loving and feeling loved - these are the precious gifts that underlie the Three Legacies of A.A.

First, RECOVERY means we have chosen to love ourselves. When we love ourselves, we heal the wounds, soften the hard edges and open ourselves up to receive love from others.

Next, we give love to others. We go beyond our own self-centered concerns and put the concerns of others first. Thus UNITY is our compelling love for our fellow members.

Our third and most special gift is our ability to share our love through the basic SERVICE that our Fellowship gives. Carrying the message is our principle aim and the main reason for AA's existence.

So, we in AA must carry the message of love; otherwise we may lose all that we have gained. For life takes on new meaning in AA - and loving frees us up to enjoy life.

from NEW REPORTER
Washington, DC, Feb. '96

CONSECUTIVE / AFFIRMATIVE

Sobriety gives this alcoholic a sense of achievement. Obtaining such a feat brings with it the glow of winning. I no longer sit in the warm, soft mess that I learned to get comfortable in. Now, I'm back in the saddle, with a sound horse. Page 7, A.A. (Bill's Story) "Understanding myself now, I fared forth in high hope. For three or four months, the goose hung high. I went to town regularly, and even made a little money. Surely this was the answer: self-knowledge."

The person running on self-propulsion most often spots clues that their exhaustible supply may leave them abandon, but oh how deep the river of denial runs. Now, after the goose has been dressed and cooked. I realize I haven't any side dish, what vegetables, where's the dessert? As for the company and guests, they're likely sitting at an A.A. meeting! Humiliation near, I act to regain composure and find to no surprise, I pushed forward, hopefully not dragging the A.A. name along with my embarrassment. I begin to conclude. It's all in the principles that have to be practiced, not just the "given" ones.

Re-accepting myself, I see how I've been self-delusional as I wore the face of confidence and conviction. I

fooled myself into believing it. I still feel it can be done and know, undoubtedly, it has to be genuine.

Now I go on, still collectively linking sober days to each other, drawing nearer to the date on record with my home group, in hope to celebrate the anniversary (def. Annual; yearly date of which we might celebrate) leaving awards to the clubs, groups, and organizations and their members. If within the next few weeks, I'm still sober up to my sobriety date, please thank me with a medallion coin I can drop in my pocket or an inconspicuous pin for my lapel. Also allow me to return the thanks, as I might mistake it for an achievement of sorts.

It is a day at a time, (pg. 62 A.A.) "and there often seems no way of entirely getting rid of self without His aid." The predetermined quest, of His design reveals marvels along the way to assure me I'm in line and within balance as to what I claim. Operating in this reality is quite simple, but I will go anonymously or better yet stay, either way, being careful the door doesn't hit me in the a__.

Mark S.
Patchin Group

IT IS THE EFFORT OF SPREADING
THE MESSAGE, NOT THE RESULTS,
THAT HELP KEEPS ME SOBER.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER

Mike Z. 3 mos.
 Mark W. 3 mos.
 Ralph M. 6 mos.
 Keith C. 9 mos.
 Tim B. 2 yrs.
 John R. 6 yrs.
 Sharon L. 7 yrs.
 Michael R. 7 yrs.
 Dave H. 8 yrs.
 Bob G. 8 yrs.
 Michael B. 10 yrs.
 Jim C. 12 yrs.
 Jim S. 13 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS

Stan B. 3 mos.
 Michael B. 6 mos.

COLD SPRING

Cecil M. 19 yrs.

DECISIONS, CHOICES, & CHANGES

Clarence H. 2 yrs.
 Roosevelt M. 3 yrs.

FIRESIDE

Sue M. 3 mos.
 Lil B. 6 mos.
 Mike B. 9 mos.
 Rick S. 1 yr.
 John B. 2 yrs.
 Pat S. 2 yrs.
 Susan B. 3 yrs.
 Phil R. 3 yrs.
 Tom B. 4 yrs.
 John F. 6 yrs.
 John R. 6 yrs.
 Sally D. 8 yrs.
 George V. 9 yrs.
 Dale M. 13 yrs.
 Bob K. 14 yrs.
 Jay R. 15 yrs.
 Julie S. 16 yrs.

HAPPY HOUR

Harry G. 3 mos.
 Josh G. 6 mos.
 Louis R. 9 mos.
 Andrew S. 1 yr.
 Lorraine S. 1 yr.
 Lawrence B. 2 yrs.
 Kevin H. 2 yrs.
 Lisa S. 2 yrs.
 Mary W. 2 yrs.
 Bruni M. 3 yrs.
 David W. 4 yrs.
 April S. 4 yrs.
 Miriam G. 4 yrs.
 Bill Mc. 5 yrs.
 Esperanna S. 6 yrs.
 Mike S. 6 yrs.
 Ava P. 7 yrs.
 Bob K. 7 yrs.
 Oliver H. 10 yrs.
 Sherry H. 20 yrs.

IRONHORSE

Brian McC. 3 mos.
 Gilbert H. 6 mos.
 Henry M. 6 mos.
 Jim H. 6 mos.
 Lorne J.P. 9 mos.
 Laramee C. 9 mos.
 Kevin W. 1 yr.
 Adrian C. 1 yr.
 Erin H. 2 yrs.
 Pat K. 4 yrs.
 Melissa R. 6 yrs.
 Jim F. 13 yrs.

JOURNEY

Salli B. 3 yrs.
 Roz S. 4 yrs.
 Patti O. 6 yrs.
 Shelley M. 16 yrs.

MOD/LIVING IN SOLUTION

Steve T. 3 mos.
 Linda 3 mos.
 Jamie 3 mos.
 Michael W. 9 mos.
 Dave V. 1 yr.
 Herk P. 6 yrs.
 Bob K. 7 yrs.

NORTH BUFFALO

Pat W. 3 mos.
 T.C. P. 1 yr.
 Chris C. 1 yr.
 Lukas M. 1 yr.
 Roy P. 1 yr.
 Dawn S. 2 yrs.
 Ed O. 3 yrs.
 David S. 3 yrs.
 Ros S. 4 yrs.
 Alice M. 4 yrs.
 Walter W. 6 yrs.
 Jim M. 7 yrs.
 Lyn T. 8 yrs.
 John W. 8 yrs.
 Larry P. 10 yrs.
 John P. 17 yrs.
 Wes K. 17 yrs.

POWERLESS

Jim H. 1 yr.

RISE & SHINE

Ben W. 3 mos.
 Willie B. 3 mos.
 Randy B. 6 mos.
 Robert S. 6 mos.
 Victor V. 6 mos.
 Renee P. 9 mos.
 Vicky W. 9 mos.
 Louie R. 9 mos.
 Karen W. 9 mos.
 Rose A. 9 mos.
 Dorthea A. 9 mos.
 Anton s. 1 yr.
 Mark M. 1 yr.
 Pat C. 1 yr.
 Wayne W. 1 yr.

RISE & SHINE (CONT)

Celia W. 1 yr.
 Jackie C. 2 yrs.
 Linda R. 2 yrs.
 Hank J. 2 yrs.
 Stacy A. 3 yrs.
 Kathleen J. 3 yrs.

SHERIDAN

Linda W. 6 mos.
 Vinnie B. 6 mos.
 Patrick McC. 9 mos.
 Nathan C. 1 yr.
 Jeff S. 2 yrs.
 Robert S. 2 yrs.
 Mary DeL. 3 yrs.
 David S. 3 yrs.
 Dave M. 3 yrs.
 Tom M. 9 yrs.
 Larry I. 10 yrs.
 Jim DeB. 14 yrs.

SUNDAY MORN. BREAKFAST

Linda J. 3 mos.
 Kevin D. 3 mos.
 Joe B. 3 mos.
 Jim P. 6 mos.
 David P. 6 mos.
 Lynn N. 9 mos.
 Mark M. 9 mos.
 Vicki W. 9 mos.
 Ken G. 2 yrs.
 Kevin O. 2 yrs.
 Candy B. 2 yrs.
 Max W. 10 yrs.
 Beverly K. 14 yrs.

THRUWAY

Tyrone S. 3 mos.
 Kevin B. 9 mos.
 Mark M. 9 mos.
 Joe W. 1 yr.
 Carol S. 2 yrs.
 Tom M. 3 yrs.
 Paul D. 4 yrs.
 Jim M. 7 yrs.
 Dawn N. 9 yrs.
 Liz O. 9 yrs.
 Joyce S. 10 yrs.
 Bob R. 13 yrs.
 Beverly K. 14 yrs.

WE CARE

Bryan D. 1 yr.
 Bill L. 2 yrs.
 Tim P. 7 yrs.
 Delores K. 15 yrs.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE DISC.

Anginell A. 6 mos.
 Karen H. 6 mos.
 Minnie D. 6 mos.
 Kathy H. 9 mos.
 Beth D. 9 mos.
 Flora B. 1 yr.
 Julie C. 5 yrs.
 Elizabeth L. 7 yrs.
 Judy T. 7 yrs.
 Sue V. 15 yrs.



**REMINDER:
 MARCH 1997
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FEBRUARY 1997

MEETING CHANGES:

SATURDAY - PAX - 1:30PM at Renaissance House, 920 Harlem Road, will no longer meet.

WEDNESDAY - SURVIVORS - 7:30PM - now meets at the GM Powertrain Plant #4 on Kenmore Avenue in Tonawanda. You must use the entrance A26 which is the third gate from the non-salaried parking lot and be buzzed in by security. They meet in the Sheridan Conference Room - follow the yellow outlined walkway straight ahead to the escalators up to the second floor. Meeting does not take place on plant holidays.

NEW MEETINGS:

TUESDAY - 12 STEP - 7:30 PM - United Methodist Church, 222 West Center Street in Medina. Use rear entrance.

PLEASE NOTE

TUESDAY - BEGINNING IN SOBRIETY I which meets at 1PM at the Centennial AME Church, 127 Doat Street between Bailey Avenue and Genesee Street, NEED SUPPORT!

WESTERN NEW YORK GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY is changing the meeting days to the second Sunday of the month and will only meet 6 times a year, Watch for the dates.

COMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 1 - ANY AGE presents the 12TH ANNUAL BLIZZARD BALL at St Andrew's Church, Donovan Hall, Sheridan and Elmwood Avenue. Speaker, food, and music. Donation is \$5 per person. Doors open at 7PM.

FEBRUARY 2 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 13 - THURSDAY - DECISION, CHOICES AND CHANGES will hold their group Anniversary at Deaconess Hospital, 1001 Humboldt Pkwy at 7PM. This will be an eating meeting with guest speaker. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome. We are asking all old and new members to attend. Use the Riley Street entrance.

FEBRUARY 15 - SATURDAY - MOD/LIVING IN THE SOLUTION - is sponsoring a dance with the benefits to go to the support of Central Office. *New date since being snowed out in January.* It will take place at the Amity Club, 340 Military Road. Speakers will start at 7PM, Dance at 8PM to 1Am. \$5.00 per person.

FEBRUARY 15 - SATURDAY - NY-PENN INTERGROUP presents its 25TH ANNUAL DAY OF SHARING. Weston's Mills Fire Hall, Rt 417, Weston's Mills, New York

FEBRUARY 25 - TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S Group will host their 14th Anniversary Party with a speaker meeting and dinner Buffet, to follow, at our Lady of Victory Hospital Conference room in the Victory Building near the Chapel. It will be a 7PM. Men and women are welcome. You may bring a dish if you wish.

FEBRUARY 26 - WEDNESDAY - EVERYBODY'S group will have an Anniversary Celebration at 8PM. Speaker/Eating meeting. Please bring dish to share. L K Painters Center in Collins New York.

FEBRUARY 26 - WEDNESDAY - VALLEY will hold its' First Anniversary at the Woodside Methodist Church, 675 Abbott Road at 8PM. This will be an eating meeting with a guest speaker.

FEBRUARY 28 - FRIDAY - HARMONY Group will be celebrating their 18th Anniversary at their new location, 21 Westminster 10AM (Near Bailey and Kensington, behind the Rite Aid)

MARCH 10 - MONDAY - POWERLESS Group which meets at 5:30PM, St Mary of Sorrows Church School basement, 30 Rich Street at Genesee will celebrate its 5th Year Group Anniversary. Pizza - wings - soda and coffee will follow the speaker. Come join us.

APRIL 4-6, 1997 SPRING CONVENTION - Best Western Lockport Inn, South Transit Road, Lockport, New York. Registration \$10 (includes dance), Registration and Banquet \$30; Dance only \$5 per night. Remit to 1997 Spring Convention, PO Box 1981, Amherst, NY 14226.

MAY 23RD THRU MAY 25TH, 1997 CAZENOVIA GROUP is having its' 1st WEEKEND at Camp Lakeland in Franklinville, Cost will be \$60.00. This will include food and lodging. The agenda for the weekend will be the first 164 pages of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

JULY 18, 19 29 - STATE CONVENTION - HOWARD JOHNSON - ALBANY, NY

2nd MONTH - 2nd STEP "CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES COULD RESTORE US TO SANITY."

2ND MONTH - 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."

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

Delphine
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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Joanne McC, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7PM with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Dave B from Serenity read the Preamble. Elvester McR of Cold Springs read the Purpose of the Central Committee and the Traditions were read by Charles of the Spirit of Hope Group.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Richard F of Iron Horse seconded by Pat M of Rainbow.

24 GROUPS ATTENDED - DISTRICT #1 - Delaware, Getting Better, ODAT - DISTRICT#2 - Acceptance/Welcome, MOD/Living in the Solution, North Buffalo, Sheridan, WHY - DISTRICT#3 - Abbott Men's, Any Length, Cheektowaga, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Urban, Victory, We Care - DISTRICT#4 - Action DISTRICT#5 - DISTRICT#6 - DISTRICT# 7 - Cold Springs, Powerless, Spirit of Hope- DISTRICT#8 - Amherst Snyder, Beginnings, Common Problem, Saratoga - DISTRICT#9 - Everybody's - DISTRICT#10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Cindy N of Sunrise Court

For the month of January \$920.00 was collected.

Asked if there is any preference as to how the body would prefer this report to be made.

STEERING COMMITTEE - Janice O, ODAT

Meeting opened at 6:35PM by Dick L of District#9 with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Janice O, District #1, Lisa S, District #2, Pat M, District#3, Rick S, District#8, Dick L, District #9, Joanne McC, Central Committee Chairperson, John H, Co-chair, Delphine H, Executive Secretary.

Jim K, Powerless was appointed Screener's Chairman.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:50PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Kevin C of North Buffalo - read attached

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Bob K, Southgate

Mike B and I went to BryLin Hospital on January 14th and met with Donna Leigh in regards to having a TFC meeting there under our format and she agreed. At our TFC meeting we agreed to have it on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. We will need people to fill some weeks.

We have decided, since we are branching out to other hospitals, that we would have a chairperson for each facility, for literature and a liaison to the staff of each facility.

Lisa G, Getting Better Grp, asked "Were you approached." Bob K assured her it was a TFC meeting.

SCREENERS - new chairman

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Cindy N for Ron E-Corn Probl

Meeting started at 5:45PM. In attendance was Ron E, Correction's Chairman, Cindy N, Corrections Chair from GSA and Jim B. Jim has agreed to become the Co-Chair for Central Committee Corrections

A flow chart for positions within the Committee has been developed.

Lydia G is considering taking over as Chairperson for the Erie County Correctional Facility for Women. Jim Z has volunteered to help pull together volunteers for Collins I.

A copy of the minutes will be provided to GSA.

Meeting closed at 6:30PM.

CENTRAL OFFICE - Delphine H, Executive Secretary

AA Information	414	12 Step	3
PIC		Literature requests	39
CPC		Referred to other agency	7
Al Anon	18	Referred from other agency	3
Ala Teen	4	<i>CENTRAL OFFICE</i>	
ACOA	2	Outgoing Calls	94
<i>ANSWERING SERVICE</i>		Mailing cost	\$100.18
Incoming Calls 487	outgoing 71	Visitors	62

NEW FRONTIER - John H, We Care, Editor

The Staff of the New Frontiers wishes to thank all who submitted articles for the February issue. We are always looking for the new writers. Remember, we want this to remain a publication for and about AA members of Western New York and the Niagara Frontier.

Please remind your group secretaries to get the MARCH anniversaries in writing to the Central Office no later than February 10th

56TH FALL CONVENTION - Larry S, Chairman

Stated that the first meeting was held on the first Tuesday of January and went well. The contract with the Hotel has been signed, the dates of which are November 21, 22 and 23rd, 1997.

John H, We Care, asked that the committee consider toning down expenses by cutting out things as mugs, pens and the audio visual accommodations. Larry said that they would respond after consideration but no comment at his time.

Discussion about the fact that having TV in a room is wanted for people who cannot afford the banquet.

In response to the mugs, Elvester McR, Cold Springs, said he heard they sold out - "if it helps a convention wouldn't it help?"

Joanne McC stated that this was a decision of the Committee. Delphine asked if the cups were sold. Cindy H stated that on Sunday they gave them as gifts to Committees and "yes" they were a big expense. There were cups left over which were sold.

Linda Z asked if all the positions were filled on the '97 Committee. Needed are Chairpeople for Entertainment, Maintenance and the Coffee Committee. Rick S, Amherst Snyder asked how they would be filled. Larry said anyone interested could call him at 885-9013

The Hotel has increased the price of coffee.

The planning meetings will be changing location soon, to the Marriott.

COURTESY REPORTS - GSA - Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee - CPC - Dave B, Chairman.

The Committee will be doing a presentation a UB. There will be Workshops for groups to sponsor. Next meeting is on Saturday, February 8th , 9AM, 425 Maryvale Dr

RECAP: none

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob K, TFC Chairman, asked that his expenses be paid to attend NERRASA. Motion was made by Cindy N, Sunrise Court, to do so and seconded by Richard F, Iron Horse. Discussion on the motion: Ron E asked if we could afford it. He felt it was sending the wrong message out to the members about our money situation if we start paying such expenses. Elvester McR, Cold Springs felt there are good benefits to be received by doing so. Joanne asked what the expense would be? Approximately \$200 with Bob to pay his own traveling expenses. Delphine asked where the money was expected to come from? - "the Central Committee Fund". Larry S wanted to know the benefits. Bob K - "I think we should send many representatives" Elvester - "I feel this is necessary and beneficial. Bob will get good reports." Linda Z - "I don't understand the benefits." Bob K - "It will benefit Central Committee and Service." Joanne McC - "They discuss problems." Richard F - "I believe it plays an important part and I feel it would be beneficial." Cindy H, Beginnings, "What kind of information?" Bob K - "New Jersey, Maine - what's going on and how we can get more people interested. Exchange to enrich all!" Ken - "Have we paid expenses before for Delphine?" "To the annual Central Office Seminar but not in '96." Ken - "Should we pay?"

Cindy N - "Ambassadors of corrections are white volunteers. Prisoners are upset because the Black prisoners feel prejudice. We can learn from other areas." John H, Co-chairman, stated that the money should come from the TFC fund. Linda amended the motion. Cindy N said that that money can only be used for literature. Delphine said there was no written rule. Joanne took a vote on the amended motion. Motion passed. Bob K made a motion to send another person. No second.

John H, New Frontier editor, asked Cindy H to send in names and volunteer work done so we could thank them. Cindy said she would write the article for the newsletter.

Delphine - "I feel good about the help Central Committee is getting financially. Groups as well as individuals are responding."

Larry S - "I feel we should think and look four years in advance for a chairperson so we can be prepared -- reserve or years ahead. Joanne - "Can we discuss this at Steering Committee? Cindy H has input of other conventions."

Motion was made and second to adjourn at 8:00PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in AA,

Pam , Bidwell
Recording Secretary

pg 1 GROUP	Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.
12 Step - Holiday Village				
12 Step - Medina				
3rd Step				
4th Step Stumblers				
6th Step				
AA Lunchtime				
A Day At A Time				
A Vision for You				
Abbott Mens Discussi	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Acceptance/Welcom		171.00		
Achievement				
Action				
Age Doesn't Matter		100.00		
Albion		12.00		
Alexander				
Amherst. Tree of Life				
Amherst Snyder		64.00		
Amsdell Lakeshore				
Any Age				
Any Length	40.00	70.00	15.00	15.00
Anybody's Group				
Arcade				
As Bill Sees It				
Attitude Adjustment				
Attraction				
Awakening				
Beginner's Table				
Beginning in Sobriety I				
Beginning in Sobriety II				
Beginnings-Women's				
Belter Days (Bilingual)				
Bidwell				
Bidwell Monday Disc				
Big Book - Lockport				
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)				
Big Book Workshop				
Blasdell				
Blasdell Monday Nite				
Boulevard Women's				
Brass				
Broadway-Bailey	15.00	15.00		
Brocton Discussion				
But for the Grace of God		50.00		
By The Book-Buffalo				
Came To Believe				

pg 2 GROUP			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.
Cassadaga						
Casting						
Cathedral Park	10.50	10.50				
Caz Manor						
Cazenovia	40.00	85.00				
Central Park						
Central Park II						
Chapler IX						
Cheeklowaga		100.00		50.00		
Chevy #1						
Circle of Recovery						
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Clarence Men's Discsion		400.00				
Cold Springs	25.00	25.00				
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center						
Cornplanters Again						
Courage						
Decision, Choices, Changes						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby						
Design For Living						
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Discovery		48.00				
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion						
Dunkirk	10.00	10.00				
Early Bird						
Easier Softer Way						
East Amherst						
East Aurora						
Easy Does It	25.00	25.00				
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott						
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance	100.00	100.00				
Everybody's	20.00	40.00				
Eye Opener						
F.U.N.						
Faith						
Faith In Action						
Father Baker						
Feelings						

pg 3			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.
Fellowship in the Spirit						
Fireside	110.35	126.59		50.00	25.00	50.00
Fireside P.M.						
First Things First						
Fredonia Discussion						
Freedom	25.00	50.00				
Fresh Start						
Friendly	25.00	25.00				
Friendship						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Getting Better		30.00				
Giving		50.00				
Go to Any Length		120.00				
Golden Slipper		100.00				
Good Life						
Grand	10.00	20.00				
Grand If Joy Of Living	100.00	100.00				
Grateful						
Guilding Light						
H.A.N.D.		100.00				
H.O.W.						
Half & Half		50.00				
Hamburg						
Hamburg Literature Study Group						
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour						
Harmony						
Helping Hand						
High Noon						
High View	40.00	40.00			15.00	15.00
Higher Powered						
Hill Billy						
Hold On						
Holiday Village		500.00				
Holland						
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	60.00	10.00	202.00		
Hope - Big Book Study						
Horizon Sunset						
How It Works	170.00	170.00				
Humbly Willing						
In the Solution						
Inner City						

pg 4 GROUP			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.
Inspiration	50.00	50.00				
Intoxicated on Life						
Iron Horse						
1st Step						
IT	25.00	25.00				
It's About Time						
Just for Today						
Keep It Simple, Sister		30.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore						
Kensington						
Lake Shore						
Lake View						
Let Go & Let God						
Leunam Women's AA						
Lew-port 5						
Liberty Women's		200.00				
Life Today						
Lighten Up						
Live and Let Live						
Living Sober						
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion						
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview						
Lovejoy	50.00	100.00				
Lower River						
Lunch Bunch						
Main Street						
Marilla	25.00	25.00				
Matt Talbot	50.00	75.00				
Mc Kinley Winners						
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						
Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD/Living In the So	965.00	990.00		5.00		5.00
Morning After						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings						
New Frontier	20.00	20.00				
New Frontier Womens						
New Life						

pg 5			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.
New Life - New Beginning		50.00				
New Westside		50.00				
Niagara Frontier Men	15.00	15.00				
Nite People						
North Buffalo	400.00	800.00	25.00	125.00	25.00	125.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-Sunday						
One Day at a Time (ODAT)						
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step	50.00	50.00				
Pass It On						
Patchin	100.00	100.00				
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Pioneer						
Positively Living II						
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress						
Purpose		100.00				
Rainbow						
Ray of Hope	30.00	30.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I		500.00				
Renewal						
Ridge	100.00	170.00		30.00	30.00	
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine						
Riverside						
Rochester Meeting						
Rur-al is Plural						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga		145.00				
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searching for Serenity						
Second Chance						
Seneca 12 & 12						
Serenity						

pg 6			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.
Serenity Circle						
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	20.00	40.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Somerset						
South Buffalo	30.00	60.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
South Town	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		
South Town Women's			10.00	10.00		
Southgate		30.00				
Southwestern	80.00	80.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress	50.00	50.00				
Springville						
Springville Saturday Afternoon		60.00				
Springville Wed Noon						
St. Barnabas						
St. Mark's		60.00				
Starting Over						
Step						
Stepping Stones	80.00	160.00				
Suburban						
Sunday Morning Bkft.						
Sunday Nites						
Sunday Third						
Sunrise Court	25.00	25.00				
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
T'nT						
T.P.H.						
TGIF						
Thankful		70.00				
The Book Meeting	25.00	25.00				
The Journey						
The Present		25.00				
The Way						
There's A Solution						
Thursday Nites' Tri-Co Young Peo						
Thruway	400.00	400.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Thursday Afternoon Disc						
Today						
Today's Woman						
Tonawanda						

pg7			Correctional Facilities		Treatment Facilities	
GROUP	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.	FEB '97	Accum.
Trail's End						
Tri-County	35.00	45.00				
Tri-County Young People						
Tri-Step Beginners		100.00				
Try Again						
Tuesday Men's Disc		35.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.						
Turning Point						
Twin Cities	150.00	150.00				
Unity	100.00	160.00				
University	120.00	240.00			10.00	20.00
Urban						
V.I.P.		20.00				
Valley						
Varysburg						
Veterans						
Victory		70.00		30.00		30.00
Vision of Hope (women's)						
Wake Up Call		12.00				
We Admitted						
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	30.00	60.00		10.00		20.00
We Choose Life						
We Need You						
Wehrle						
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westcourt						
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY						
Williamsville	100.00	200.00				
Willing To Grow	300.00	300.00				
Wilson						
Wilson Smith University Alumni						
Women's Westside Disc.						
Working						
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
47 Grps contri	4250.85	8949.09	140.00	607.00	190.00	320.00
Total year to date						

CENTRAL COMMITTEE		*504-771-7	1/25/97-2/25/97	
RECEIPTS				
47 Groups contributed			4250.85	
Joint Meeting			36.50	
New Frontiers subscriptions			21.00	
Envelope System			670.00	
Literature			2850.46	
Miscellan.:			1007.99	
		Total Receipts	8836.80	
*10 Ellcott Court Corporation		rent	598.00	
Community Mental Health Center		rent	35.00	
State Insurance Fund			53.92	
*10 Ellcott Court Corporation		keys	4.75	
State Insurance Fund			254.47	
Vermont Spring Water			20.95	
David F Williamson Co Inc			23.89	
Secrephone			180.38	
World Services Inc			871.00	
M & T Bank		Fed WithholdTax	784.10	
World Services Inc			820.00	
NYNEX			175.25	
US Postal Service			300.00	
AT & T			5.34	
World Services Inc		Bks	437.06	
Exchange Insurance Co		Office Liability	343.86	
The Paper Shop			215.38	
Image Office Equipment Inc			3.90	
Salaries & Insurance			3282.46	
cash			50.00	
Bank Charges			76.58	
		Disbursements	8536.29	
Balance pr checkbook 1/25/97			6378.17	
Add Receipts 1/25/97-2/25/97			8836.80	
			15214.97	
Deduct. expenses 1/25/97-2/25/97			-8536.29	
Balance per checkbook 2/25/97			6678.68	
Operating credit for 2/25/97				
MONEY MARKET		4703.32	10883.72	savings
CERT OF DEPOSIT		6180.40	6678.68	checking
		10883.72	17562.40	

RE-CAP		1/25/97-2/25/97			
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4					
EXPENSES		CHECK#			
Central Office		1156	201.20		
Balance pr checkbook	1/25/97			105.50	
Add Receipts	1/25/97-2/25/97			140.00	
				245.50	
Deduct expenses	1/25/97-2/25/97			-201.20	
Balance per checkbook	2/25/97			44.30	
Operating debit for 2/25/97		(-61.20)			
TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5					
EXPENSES		CHECK#			
Central Office		345	177.90		
Robert K		346	167.60		
Central Office		347	110.00		
			455.50		
Balance per checkbook	1/25/97			392.47	
Add receipts	1/25/97-2/25/97			190.00	
				582.47	
Deduct expenses	1/25/97-2/25/97			-455.50	
Balance per checkbook	2/25/97			126.97	
Operating debit for 2/25/97		(-265.50)			