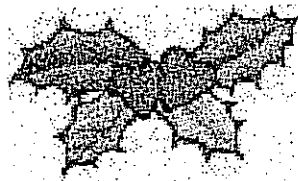
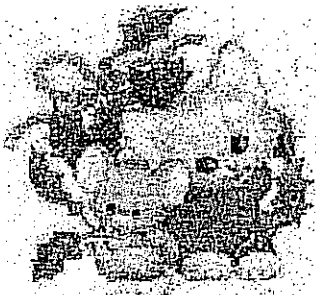


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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Christmas



THE LOVEJOY GROUP OF AA

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OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VIGIL

DECEMBER 24th, 1998

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E. Lovejoy St. at Green St.

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Santa will visit with gifts for the children!

Speaker & Giant 50/50!

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CHRISTMAS - A TIME FOR GIVING

Christmas brings out the very best in all of us. The stores are beautifully decorated with brilliant twinkling lights, and bursting at the seams with finery. The traffic is slow and snarled. No matter...it's Christmas! The streets are alive with shoppers, and an atmosphere of excitement and cheerful consideration seems to prevail everywhere. In many homes, the Christmas tree is the focal point as the happy family adds tinsel, ornaments and kaleidoscopic lights to the once sterile pine tree. Of all the holidays, Christmas seems to be the only one that creates this spirit of good social intimacy.

However, in the midst of all this happy confusion, we should pause and reflect for a moment. Was it always like this for us on Christmas? It wasn't for me. Many of us can remember a time when there was no tree and certainly no gifts. We had few, if any, friends and too often, we were not even welcome in our own home. We wallowed in our private drinking stall, with our hearts filled with lonesomeness, loathing and despondency. Maybe you know an alcoholic who has no family or a single mother who's struggling to make ends meet. Wouldn't an unexpected gift for a child be welcomed? Reach out, in the true spirit of AA, and help them in any way you can. It's the simple things that make Christmas special. Feel the joy of giving instead of receiving.

We need to remember the day that we found our happy new beginning, in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous? No one asked us whether we had money, they didn't laugh at our tattered and grubby clothes. Someone gave us a ride to a meeting when we asked for it, didn't they? AA told us "The only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking." This gave us hope, the hope of being born anew and, progressively, our loneliness and despair left us, and in its place,

we found love, a new joy and a new blessedness. We found a God, a loving God, who in spite of our booze soaked philosophy, always loved us, and was with us, even in the darkest days of our overindulgence.

Many church basements will be chock-full of recovering alcoholics this Christmas season, as we attend our AA meetings. The holidays will be filled with AA parties and dances. We must think of the lonely and tormented alcoholic, who has yet to come to believe.

We might see him or her at an AA meeting, sitting alone, shivering from the frosty night air, confused and gloomy, with no place to go. Stretch out your hand to them, pour them a cup of coffee and welcome them warmly. Give them the simple gift of laughter. We can share our experience, strength and hope with them, and inform them that they are not alone anymore. By giving it away, we get to keep our God given gift of sobriety. Also, we need to remember those in hospitals and jails, we must tell them that we still care. There are Committees who are in desperate need of volunteers. Ever think of visiting someone in jail? It doesn't hurt a bit, and who knows, we might even increase our gratitude!

Christmas is a time of benevolence, and what better present can we as members of Alcoholics Anonymous give, than the offering of hope!

Let us share our priceless gift of sobriety with those who are struggling in early sobriety or returning to AA after a slip. Remember the newcomer. God meant for us to share our gift of sobriety. We need to show our gratefulness, and maybe, save the life of a suffering alcoholic. Let's celebrate the joy of Christmas together.

A sober, happy and blessed Christmas and happy Hanukah to you all!

John H.
Editor





EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE

BY CINDY N., STAFF REPORTER



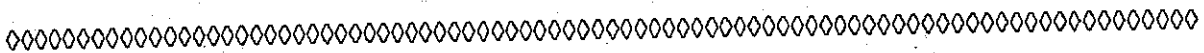
Step Twelve - "Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

It is my belief that there are as many different spiritual awakenings as there are people willing to accept that what they experience can be interpreted as an awakening. Take the time when I realized that a Being, more powerful than I, loved me enough to see me through my active alcoholism. He let me live long enough to acknowledge, and be aware of His love for me. It gave me a new confidence I never had before. It was freeing to realize that if my HP could believe in me like that, then I certainly could. I finally figured out that I didn't have to figure it out

Practicing these principles in all my affairs, has got to be the greatest gift I found in this program. I needed a map to live, and I found it in the Twelve Steps, AND if I did my best with my

daily reprieve from my obsession to drink. I practice all that the steps ask of me in my daily life, I have a true formula for living.

To be honest in all my affairs, work, church, home and family. I don't place conditions on anything. To do things because I wanted to do them, not for what I could get in return. To go to prisons, to find their freedom, not mine. To ask a HP, to take my life and help me be good and whole. To love with my whole being, as those in my first years here loved me, the drunk, with their whole being, because I was a drunk. God bless them, everyone. They showed me the way and continue to show the way.



Tradition Twelve, (long form) " And finally, we of alcoholics anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually are to actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

One of the better lessons I learned by practicing principles before personalities, happened when I was just six months into this program. I had been around long enough to start to know the people at the tables on the outside... to watch what they were doing, and remembering what they were saying at tables. Something was not coming quite together for me, I saw people not doing what they were talking about at the tables. This disturbed me and I felt betrayed. I quit going to meetings because I had begun to feel it was hypocrisy, and I started to die, and didn't know why.

Sheer desperation drove me back to the meetings...sponsor talk...go back to meetings, but

take the Twelfth Tradition with you. Listen to what is being said, not who is saying it. Close your eyes and listen. By golly, it worked! I began to believe what they were telling us, no one has ever lied here. If I continue to listen to what is being said, it is my HP talking through other people. It saved my fanny, cut a lot of resentments, stopped a lot of judgement making and made my life a whole lot easier. I could also see the humility in taking the lessons of others even though I had been very angry with them and thought they had lied to me and incorporating them in my life.

I would like to thank all of you for putting up with my writings this past year. It has been fun, and I have tried to be as diplomatic as possible, yet tell you what my experience, strength and hope has been. That is exactly what it was, my experience, strength and hope. It was not dogma. Why don't you write and see what you can do? It has been a novel experience, because you can make me eat my words (so to speak). The forgiveness of this society is phenomenal, and I know I am truly blessed with friends such as you. Thanks for letting me share.

*Yours in the spirit
Cindy N.*

WHAT AA HAS TAUGHT ME

1. I cannot drink any form of alcohol because I am an alcoholic; also that getting drunk is strictly a temporary relief, if it is a relief, and doesn't solve any problems - rather adds to them.
2. AA has taught me that I cannot be all things to all people; that I have definite limitations and that no matter how hard I try, I cannot perform 100%.
3. AA has taught me not to expect 100% performance from others; that all others are subject to human frailties, as I am.
4. AA has led me to believe that no one is the way he is because he particularly wants to be. No one enjoys being obnoxious or objectionable or wants to be unpopular. We are all subject to compulsions other than drinking, over which we don't have perfect control. This I must understand.
5. AA, I hope is teaching me to be less critical and to stop trying to run the lives of others; to concentrate on trying to improve my own faults, rather than the faults of others.
6. AA has taught me that the more accurate my sense of values, the happier I will be. Further, that seeking a true sense of value is a lifetime job and cannot be accomplished overnight. Thus, I must keep searching.
7. AA has taught me that I shall be called upon to perform my very best, not someone else's, but my best, that I must not be too discouraged or berate myself if my best does not measure up to what I believe someone else's best would be under similar circumstances; that I must not concern myself with results if I am satisfied that I have performed to the best of my own capabilities. Most certainly, I must know that my performance cannot be referred to as masterful on every occasion, and perhaps never.
8. AA has taught me that I must make every effort to be honest in my dealings with others, and more particularly with myself. In this respect, I believe that I must be able to think well of myself if I am to progress.
9. AA has taught me that there is a power greater than myself that will help me to accomplish God's will for me; that I must truly seek this will for myself and be satisfied with, and accept, the results.
10. AA is making me aware of the necessity for self-discipline and patience, and that the truest of values follow these two qualities.
11. AA is teaching me to distinguish between freedom of action and license. That the more disciplined life I am able to lead, the freer I shall be.
12. AA continues to give me hope for a better understanding of myself and my relation to others in all groups.

Submitted by Kay S.

Editors note: Kay has just celebrated 44 years of sobriety in October, one day at a time.



EXCHANGING LOVE AND SERVICE

"As time passed we found that with the help of AA's Twelve Steps we could lose those fears, no matter what our material prospects were. We would cheerfully perform humble labor without worrying about tomorrow. If our circumstances happened to be good, we no longer dreaded a change for the worse, for we had learned that these troubles could be

turned into greater values. It did not matter too much what our material condition was, but it did matter what our spiritual condition was. Money gradually became our servant and not our master. It became a means of exchanging love and service with those about us."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 121



"Whether it is more blessed to give than to receive is always something for question. The givers are generally supposed to rack up the higher score, the greater heap of merit.



foundation of a greater faith, a wider vision, a limitless opportunity.

We remember that the sum of our small blessings has often seemed to exceed the total of the greater ones. Take, for example, a simple Christmas card from an AA friend. That card never suggests that its sender is doing a duty, conforming to a Christmas custom. We know that he has truly sent us a token of himself, his friendship, and great affection. He is the language of the heart - and that is Merry Christmas indeed."

Bill W.

A.A. Grapevine December 1959

But this need not be so if only we who receive are truly and lastingly grateful for all that comes our way. Not only is Christmas a special season for giving, it is even more a time for grateful receiving--whether we reflect upon a message from a friend or upon the meaning of the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Together we count and ponder our blessings--blessings of life, of service, of love. We give thanks for all pains past; the pains that have so surely, by God's Grace, been the



OLD TIMERS PRAYER



Dear Lord, I have no idea where I'm going. I do not see the road ahead. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself. The fact that I think I'm doing Your will does not mean that I am really doing so. But, I believe this -- that the desire to please You does in fact please You. I hope to have this desire in everything I do. I trust that if I do this, You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it at the time. Therefore I will trust You always for though I seem to be lost in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid. Because I know You will never leave me to face my troubles alone. Thank you Dear God for, all you have given me, all you have shared with me, all you have taken from me, all you have spared me.

God make me what you want me to be, all day long. Help me to say what I should say, to do what I should do, to be what I should be, One Day at a Time.

Submitted by an anonymous AA member

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kudos and a hearty "WELL DONE" to Mike E. and the rest of the 57th Buffalo AA Fall Convention Committee. The banquet was a sellout, and all the panels were well attended and marvelously presented.

Judging from the size of the crowds, the dances were well received. The speakers were interesting, and varied in their style of delivery. The message of AA was heard at the 57th Fall Convention. The true spirit of AA is alive and well on the Niagara Frontier!

ARE YOU WILLING?

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance; and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness--are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people

who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke; and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open--are you willing to do these things even for a day? Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world--stronger than hate, stronger than evil, and stronger than death? If you can keep it for a day, why not always? BUT YOU CAN NEVER KEEP IT ALONE

Condensed from: Pioneer Patter, "Keeping Christmas"
By Henry Van Dyke
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BE GOOD TO YOURSELF

It is a victory, not a failure, to admit my problems, acknowledge any wrong I've done, and turn to a Higher Power for help. It is healthy to accept and love myself, and let others love me, for I am worthy of respect and love. It is okay to trust myself and others. I can be responsible for myself, just as others can be responsible for themselves. It is possible for me to be happy, since happiness depends on myself and my attitude, not on other people or things.

It is possible for me to change if I set realistic goals; I can reach them one step and one day at a time. I can't do everything or do everything perfectly, but I can do something. If I fail, it's okay. There's no failure except in not trying.

It's alright to set limits to keep my sanity and serenity. It's okay to let things go that cannot be changed or that do not matter.

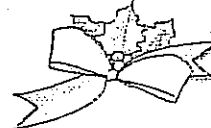
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FREEDOM FROM FEAR...

"When, with God's help, we calmly accepted our lot, then we found we could live at peace with ourselves and show others who still suffered the same fears that they could get over them, too. We found that freedom from fear was more important than freedom from want."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

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DECEMBER 1998 ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER

Chuck T. 3 mos.
 Dennis G. 9 mos.
 Bob S. 9 mos.
 John O. 1 yr.
 Paul B. 1 yr.
 Gary S. 2 yrs.
 Robert G. 9 yrs.
 Sr. Kathleen 10 yrs.
 Chuck W. 11 yrs.
 Kevan G. 12 yrs.
 Anne P. 13 yrs.
 Don M. 15 yrs.
 Mark S. 17 yrs.
 Mike E. 24 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS

Paul C. 4 yrs.
 Mike Z. 6 yrs.

COLD SPRING

Malik K. 1 yr.
 Sidney E. 1 yr.
 Horace M. 12 yrs.
 Al C., Sr. 20 yrs.
 Lela S. 28 yrs.
 Gigit P. 28 yrs.

COURAGE

Ben G. 1 yr.
 Dave K. 10 yrs.
 Cathy E. 19 yrs.

FIRESIDE

Tom S. 3 mos.
 Jean B. 3 mos.
 Lynn S. 6 mos.
 Pam C. 6 mos.
 Bill M. 2 yrs.
 Victor J. 5 yrs.
 Joe G. 7 yrs.
 Maria D. 8 yrs.
 Don S. 11 yrs.
 Bill G. 12 yrs.

GIVING

Tyrenza E. 1 yr.
 Dave W. 4 yrs.

HAPPY HOUR

Gerald B. 3 mos.
 Carlos V. 6 mos.
 Kenneth S. 9 mos.
 Anthone P. 1 yr.
 Angie W. 1 yr.
 Paul M. 2 yrs.
 Hazelzetta A. 3 yrs.
 Rita S. 3 yrs.
 Gino M. 4 yrs.
 Gilbert R. 5 yrs.
 Derrick R. 6 yrs.
 Rosetta A. 7 yrs.
 Dave K. 10 yrs.
 Mark S. 12 yrs.
 Earl W. 13 yrs.
 Paul V. 26 yrs.

HONESTY

John D. 13 yrs.

KENSINGTON

Fritz L. 20 yrs.

MATT TALBOT

Brian C. 3 mos.
 Susan R. 6 mos.
 Joe V. 5 yrs.
 Louise F. 7 yrs.
 Bill B. 15 yrs.
 Tim M. 18 yrs.
 Ginny K. 18 yrs.
 Paul M. 25 yrs.

NORTH BUFFALO

Anthony H. 3 mos.
 Melisha G. 3 mos.
 Johnnie M. 3 mos.
 John K. 3 mos.
 Bob Z. 3 mos.
 Henry B. 6 mos.
 Cathy B. 6 mos.
 Jennifer B. 6 mos.
 Carmen B. 6 mos.
 Billy J. 1 yr.
 Mike F. 1 yr.
 Gary K. 2 yrs.
 Cass C. 2 yrs.

NORTH BUFFALO (CONT)

Mark C. 2 yrs.
 John D. 2 yrs.
 Amy G. 2 yrs.
 Chris A. 3 yrs.
 Chris B. 3 yrs.
 Gary G. 4 yrs.
 Roddy P. 10 yrs.
 Bill K. 11 yrs.
 Judy S. 11 yrs.

RAINBOW

Doreen S. 2 yrs.
 Joy P. 5 yrs.

REFORMERS(COLLINS)

Steve H. 4 mos.
 Tim M. 5 mos.
 Chuck L. 1 yr.
 Louis C. 2 yrs.

REMEMBER WHEN

Clare S. 3 mos.
 Kenny T. 3 mos.
 James B. 3 mos.
 Virgils S. 9 mos.
 Susan B. 1 yr.
 Dorothy J. 1 yr.
 John D. 3 yrs.
 John N. 20 yrs.

RENEWAL

Mel L. 26 yrs.

RISE & SHINE

Mark C. 3 mos.
 Mark 9 mos.
 Otis B. 9 mos.
 Karen S. 1 yr.

SPIRIT OF HOPE

Danny C. 6 yrs.
 Edwin C. 7 yrs.
 Jim R. 8 yrs.
 Charles L. 9 yrs.

SUN. MORN. BREAKFAST

Kenny G. 6 mos.
 Jeffrey J. 1 yr.
 Joy P. 5 yrs.

SUNRISE COURT

Karen K. 3 mos.
 Jerome B. 9 mos.
 Lucy A. 1 yr.
 John S. 3 yrs.
 Lonnie 5 yrs.
 Darrell 8 yrs.
 John B. 37 yrs.

THRUWAY

Bruce D. 3 mos.
 Darryl D. 3 mos.
 Liz R. 6 mos.
 Kimberly K. 6 mos.
 Edwin K. 6 mos.
 Annmarry B. 9 mos.
 Lauren L. 1 yr.
 Joy P. 5 yrs.
 Norm C. 7 yrs.
 Bill Y. 16 yrs.
 Mike H. 19 yrs.
 Cathy E. 19 yrs.

TRY AGAIN

Barry McQ. 3 mos.

WE CARE

Jackie W. 4 yrs.

REMEMBER:

**JANUARY 1999
 ANNIVERSARIES MUST
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DECEMBER 1998

NEW MEETINGS

ST ANTHONY - FRIDAY - 7:00PM - Open Discussion. St Anthony's Church, 306 Ingham Avenue, Lackawanna.

MEETING CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS:

GENESEE WYOMING COUNTY - new number for info is 1-877-522-0446 (pg 2)

DELAWARE DISCUSSION - FRIDAY - 1:30PM - will no longer meet.

STEP - SATURDAY - (Buffalo East) no longer meets.

A DAY AT A TIME - SUNDAY - will now be meeting in the cafeteria at the Bertrand Chaffee Hospital on Main Street in Springville. This meeting is wheelchair accessible.

FATHER BAKER - FRIDAY - is now meeting at Our Lady of St Bistrica at 1619 Abbott Road in Lackawanna at 8:00PM

TWIN CITIES - MONDAY - 7:30PM - is moving to St Peter's United Church of Christ, 1208 Oliver Street corner of Porter Street. Parking is in the rear of the church. This is an open discussion meeting

COMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER 4 - FRIDAY - CHRISTMAS VIGIL COMMITTEE (sponsored by the Remember When Group) is giving a Dance at the C.A.O. Building, 735 Humboldt Parkway at the corner of East Ferry Street.

DECEMBER 5 - SATURDAY - Rock 'n Roll Around the Christmas Tree !! MOD GROUP is sponsoring "A Holiday Dance" Bring family, friends and neighbors. It is being held at the Amity Club, 340 Military Road at Hertel. Doors open at 8:00pm - ? \$3.00 donation per person at the door. Speaker, giant 50/50, and Christmas pastries. The best dancing music in town - D. J. Lawrence

DECEMBER 5 - SATURDAY - 1110 Group will be holding their Annual Old Timers Panel. This will be an eating meeting starting at 6:00pm with the panel at 8:00pm. Bring a dish if you wish! This meeting is at the 1110 Kenmore Avenue at Colvin Blvd. (to the rear of the building)

DECEMBER 7 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 80 GOODRICH - 7:00PM
VOTING FOR 1999 CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

DECEMBER 11 - FRIDAY - SILVERCREEK FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY
Speaker followed by eating meeting. Please bring a dish to pass. Also, please bring a \$5.00 unwrapped gift to exchange. This is an 8:30PM meeting at the First United Church of Christ 31 Main Street in Silvercreek.

DECEMBER 14 - MONDAY - COLD SPRINGS' will be celebrating the group's 37th Anniversary with a special speaker meeting at their regular meeting place, C.A.O. Building, 735 Humboldt Parkway at East Utica at 8:00PM.

DECEMBER 21 - MONDAY - THRUWAY Group will hold their Annual Christmas Party featuring a speaker and food. Bring a dish of yummys to share. Infant of Prague Church, 921 Cleveland Drive in Cheektowaga at 10:00AM.

DECEMBER 23 - WEDNESDAY - MAIN & HIGH - is having their First Annual Christmas Vigil from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Food will be served. Bring a dish if you wish. Salvation Army Lodge, 984 Main Street in Buffalo.

DECEMBER 24 - THURSDAY - CHRISTMAS VIGIL - hosted by the Remember When Group, 6:00pm, Hope-Kensington United Methodist Church, Leroy & Grider Streets. Parking in the rear. Santa will be there with "Toys for the children". There will be various panels & speakers. Christmas Dinner will be served from 8:30pm on Come & spend a safe, alcohol free evening. There is no charge.

DECEMBER 24 - THURSDAY - LOVEJOY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Speaker Giant 50/50, Santa Clause for the children, lots of good food and fun for all!!!! Visitation Church, 1080 East Lovejoy at Green 6:00pm to 11:00pm.

DECEMBER 25th and JANUARY 1st - FRIDAY - The THRUWAY Group will be meeting as usual at 10:00AM. All are welcome!!!

DECEMBER 25th and JANUARY 1st - FRIDAY - ANY LENGTHS Group will have their regular meeting these days. Their December Anniversary speaker meeting will be held on December 18th.

DECEMBER 31 - THURSDAY - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY sponsored by the Thruway Group, Infant of Prague Hennesey Hall, 921 Cleveland Drive in Cheektowaga. Doors will open at 7:00PM, Buffet at 8:00pm and Dancing from 9:30pm to 1:30am. Admission \$12.00 per person. Tables of 10 are available. There is a limit of 300 people.

DECEMBER 31 - THURSDAY - NEW YEARS EVE GET TOGETHER - The Gowanda Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous invite you and your family to the New Years Eve Get together Thursday, December 31, 1998. This is an OPEN speaker meeting. Doors open at 7:00pm, speaker at 8:00pm food, music, 50/50 and socializing from 9:00pm to "1999". Please bring a dish to share and please join us for a safe and sober New Years Eve at St Joseph's basement, East Main Street in Gowanda.

FEBRUARY 6 - SATURDAY - 14TH ANNUAL BLIZZARD BALL - will be held by the Any Age Group at St Andrews Church Hall, Elmwood at Sheridan. Doors open at 7:00pm. No children under 13 years old. Tickets are \$5.00 person. Food & beverage will be provided. There will be a guest speaker at 8:00pm.

12th MONTH - 12th STEP "HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AS THE RESULT OF THESE STEPS, WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS, AND TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS."

12th MONTH - 12th TRADITION "ANONYMITY IS THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF ALL OUR TRADITIONS, EVER REMINDING US TO PLACE PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES."

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A.

DELPHINE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY