

NEW FRONTIERS

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

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE REPUTATION OF AA AS A WHOLE

Bad news travels fast!

I am saddened, ashamed and offended. It is very sad day indeed, when the pastor of a Church has to confront the members of a long established AA Group, and remind them that the Church is a place of **worship**, and not a **barroom**. The Church members were tired of having to put up with all the cursing and swearing and watching people flip their cigarette butts on the ground and walk away. (This doesn't happen to spiritually fit groups.)

The slovenly dress code and uncaring attitude of those attending the AA meeting resulted in the Pastor of the church issuing an ultimatum to the group. The group had two weeks to clean up their act or they would no longer be allowed to hold an AA meeting there.

It has been a few twenty-four hours since God picked me up off the barroom floor, and carried me to Alcoholics Anonymous. Many people at tables have heard me say: "I must have been out getting drunk somewhere, when they handed out the rules on how to have a normal life. I had no idea of how not to drink, one day at a time!"

I discovered with the help of God and the old timers in AA, that I was wrong about most everything and had developed a 'warped sense of reality' through the use and abuse of alcohol.

The old-timers taught me that I had to: 'clean up', 'dress up' and 'show up!' This meant that I had to take care of my personal hygiene every day, you know, wash myself, and my clothes instead of putting on my cleanest dirty shirt. I had to show up at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting an hour early, to help set up that meeting that God had allowed me to attend, instead of sitting in the parking lot hoping someone else would do 'my work' for me.

At the 'meetings before the meeting' I learned a lot about living the sober life. I learned all about practicing the spiritual principles in all my affairs. I took home what I had learned at AA meetings and put it to work in my everyday life, both in and outside of AA.

The old timers **showed** me, by the power of example, that whenever Alcoholics Anonymous

used a facility for a meeting it was always left cleaner than they found it!

Alcoholics Anonymous has one primary purpose, and that is to carry the message to the still sick and suffering **alcoholic**, not to the druggie, nor to various and sundry other human problems. AA is not a dating service, marriage/relationship counseling service, job bank, money lending institution. We **don't** give advice or tell others how to run their lives. We have enough trouble trying to run our own lives sober. When we sponsor the newcomer in AA, we help them through the Steps and make **suggestions** only, as we are not qualified to tell them anything about running their private lives. We cannot issue threats to our sponsees telling them they must do it or else they will lose us as a sponsor. We must be very cautious in what we say and do to the newcomer, remember we are not counselors we are just another drunk trying to stay sober 'one day at a time.'

As the early members of AA learned, AA cannot or should not be all things to all people. Hence we can only deal with alcoholism. To do otherwise, we would surely go the way of all other groups that have tried to deal with alcoholism.

This is a program of recovery, not slips! This is about being a recovered alcoholic. (AA chapter 2, page 17, 'There is a solution.') Recovery is in doing and living all the Twelve Steps, not just 1, 2, 12. It took me a long time to learn that I had to go ahead and do things in AA, then I found the reasons and benefits late of such actions.

The other day, a young man fairly new to the AA program called me a "big book thumping' AA-er." My answer to him was: "Thank you, I used to be a sloppy ass drunk."

"I earnestly advise every alcoholic to read this book through, and though perhaps he came to scoff, he may remain to pray." William D.Silkworth, M.D. "The Doctors Opinion" AA page XXX

Yours in God and AA,
Glen S.
Matt Talbot Group

WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE REACHES OUT...

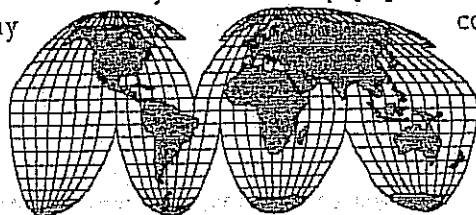
I have had many occasions in sobriety to travel overseas. I have seen many places and been to many countries. The magic of AA has always been there. Long forgotten are the names of the castles and museums I have seen but the places and the faces at the AA meetings abroad are still vivid memories.

I married a fellow AA who had migrated here from Northern Ireland. He had taken a long geographical cure, leaving his homeland, but of course, taking himself with him. He was estranged from his family back home. We had the opportunity to go back to Ireland, where he was able to take Step 9 with his remaining family members. I also remember going to meetings in the Protestant section, (my husband was Catholic). It was no different than going to any AA meeting anywhere, showing again that AA transcends all man made barriers.

When we were in the Irish Republic, we called the answering service and arranged to meet a gentleman in front of a pub in Galway. At that time, there were no separate units in the hospitals for alcoholics, so we went to visit a young man who actually was in a geriatric unit. I recall watching him sitting on the bed and talking to my husband, and the picture of the "Man on the Bed" flashed through my mind. The man had been so drunk the night before that he jumped into the river which goes through Galway.

We have traveled to the Scandinavian countries. In one meeting in Norway, they stopped the discussion meeting in Norwegian and switched to English just for us. In Sweden, a handicapped lady who was attending an English speaking meeting, got us a ride with her in a taxi to the train station. Handicapped people ride free in Sweden. In Denmark, a woman at an English speaking meeting said she liked going to them because she felt closer to the founders by speaking and reading English.

Traveling in Australia, we found many more AA coincidences. In Melbourne, we used



a pay phone on the street to call AA. We connected with a tape and the pronunciation of the street names was unfamiliar to us. So we called the Al-Anon number. A lady answered and told us to stay at that phone. A man called and directed us to a meeting that was just off a tram stop. At a meeting in Cairns, near the Great Barrier Reef, the people knew a man they called "Buffalo Bill." He was from our hometown and had lived in Australia for a while.

In the Yukon, we were walking around the town and passed by a church with a truck parked outside with a bumper sticker on it. We surmised that there was an AA meeting inside. It turned out to be an Al-Anon meeting. The owner of the truck promptly took us to the AA meeting. Her husband was at that meeting and directed us to a loner who lived on the Alaskan/Yukon border. The nearest meeting to him was three hundred miles away.

Recently, I had the occasion to go to the Ukraine to work at an English language camp. Two other people from the program were in my group. We went to a meeting in a man's home. They cannot afford to rent a hall for their meetings. He was receiving the Grapevine and Box 459.

The director of the camp has a husband with a drinking problem. When I got home, I sent her the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve in the Ukrainian language. I don't know if he is sober yet, but I know that she had read the books.

There is nothing like the feeling of knowing that, when you travel anywhere, "AA will always be there." The joy of meeting fellow AA's around the world is really indescribable. The serenity and security of knowing that the program is there and working in virtually all countries and all languages is a priceless gift from God and this Fellowship.

Joanne McC.,
Action Group

Gossip...Of Course You Don't Do It!

"Another principle we observe carefully is that we **do not** relate intimate experiences of another person unless we are sure he would approve. We find it better, when possible, to stick to our own stories. A man may criticize or laugh at himself and it will affect others favorably, but criticism or ridicule coming from

another produces the contrary affect. Members of a family should watch such matters carefully, for one careless, inconsiderate remark has been known to raise the very devil. We alcoholics are sensitive people. It takes some of us a long time to outgrow that serious handicap."

Big Book p.125

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Where did they get that sparkle in their eyes?

"But life among Alcoholics Anonymous is more than attending gatherings and visiting hospitals. Cleaning up scrapes, helping to settle family differences, explaining the disinherited son to his irate parents, lending money and securing jobs for each other, when justified--these are everyday occurrences. No one is too discredited or has sunk too low to be welcomed cordially-if he means business. Social distinctions, petty rivalries and jealousy - these are laughed out of countenance. Being wrecked in the same vessel, being restored and united under one God, with hearts and minds attuned to the welfare of others, the things which matter so much to some people no longer signify much to them. How could they?"

Big Book p.161

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A MESSAGE FROM BILL W.

My Dear Friends;

Recently an AA member sent me an interesting greeting which I would like to extend to you. He told me it was an ancient Arabian salutation. Perhaps we have no Arabian groups, but it still seems a fitting expression of how I feel for each of you. It says, "I salute you and thank you for your life."

My thoughts are much occupied these days with gratitude to our Fellowship and for the myriad blessings bestowed upon us by God's Grace.

If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital in our community, I would say, the "Concept of Anonymity."

Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival, the spiritual and the practical. On the spiritual

level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical, anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside; and security from those of us who would use AA for sick and selfish purposes.

AA must and will continue to change with the passing years. We cannot, nor should we, turn back the clock. However, I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard. As long as we accept our sobriety in our traditional spirit of anonymity we will continue to receive God's Grace.

And so once more I salute you in this spirit and again "*I thank you for your lives.*"

May God bless us all now, and forever.

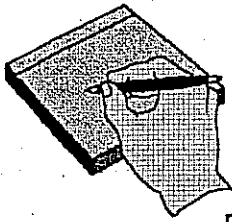
Bill

(Bill W.'s message on his 36th Anniversary, October 20th, 1970.)

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE

By Cindy N., Sunrise Court

Step 10. "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

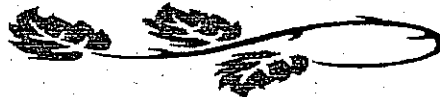


We need to take a daily inventory because we (hopefully) are growing daily. If we are working the steps daily, we are growing daily, hence making mistakes daily, and there we have the need to make adjustments. "Do we admit our wrongs promptly?" Unless we admit them promptly, we will store these wrongs, which can be rationalized into "wrongs against us." They may become resents, which sabotage our

recovery. (Steps to Serenity, p 69.) My word, that does sound like a familiar cycle. Cunning, baffling and powerful. How many times have we turned our wrong into somebody else's, left unchecked, built up a fierce anger, end of story we scream at the other- 'it's all your fault' and then drink "to show them", whew, that wore me out just thinking about it, easier softer way here is to promptly admit the wrong, and move on, don't even brood over it.



Long Form Tradition 10. "No A.A. Group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues--particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever." For simpler reasons, here is the short form: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy." This comes very hard to alcoholics who always had an opinion on everything and their way was the only way. It is very hard for them not to 'act' on behalf of AA. To pronounce that they are alcoholic and this is how we do things here (the world according to drunk). I heard once that the best thing I could do for AA was to just leave it the way I found it. In public it is generally best to keep to yourself about who and what you are. Leave the public information to those who have volunteered to do it, and have learned the correct way to do it. All those opinions we have mean 'dodo'; and in fact, those opinions may get is drunk. Once again is it ego? More than likely it is. It has been, every time I had a better way to do things.



"It is no coincidence that the first Step mentions powerlessness. An admission of personal powerlessness over alcohol is a cornerstone of the foundation of recovery. I've learned that I do not have the power and control over what people think of me. I am powerless over having just missed the bus. I am powerless about how people think of me. I am powerless over how people work (or don't

work) the Steps. But I've learned I am not powerless over some things. I am not powerless over my attitudes. I am not powerless over negativity. I am not powerless over assuming responsibility for my own recovery. I have the power to exert a positive influence on myself, my loved ones, and the world in which I live."

Daily Reflections, p. 11

IF BOTTLES HAD HEALTH WARNINGS..

- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you're not.
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol is a major factor in dancing like an asshole.
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell the same story over and over again, until your friends want to SMASH YOUR FACE.
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to call them at 4a.m. to profess your undying love.
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol may leave you wondering what the hell happened to your pants.
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol may cause you to wake up with a stranger.
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol is the leading cause of inexplicable rug burns to the forehead.
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol may make you break out in spots (spots like Cleveland, Boston or Toronto etc.)
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, handsomer, and smarter than some really, really big guy nicknamed, "Bulldog."
- **Warning:** Consumption of alcohol is the leading cause of unwanted pregnancies.



Quips and Quotes

- ✓ "If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to quit, that's our business... call Alcoholics Anonymous"
 - ✓ "Remember...AA began with a phone call and a cup of coffee."
- ✓ "If you're trying to control your drinking while drinking, you're already out of control."
 - ✓ "Keep your sobriety first, to make it last."

The Program

I fear it is misleading to newcomers when they hear so often at the tables that each alcoholic has his or her own program. This may be a matter of semantics--a confusing of words perhaps, but it is incorrect. Yes, we are all individuals but we share the same program. There is only one Big Book in which the program is so perfectly laid out.

The program of Alcoholics Anonymous is the twelve steps. The steps are suggested it is said, yet few stay sober without taking them. The fellowship is made

up of the recovering alcoholics who practice these steps. The actions we take to bring us to the taking of the steps do vary to a degree with the individual. We have different sponsors, home groups and regular meetings. Some of us are active in AA, others not. Some of us are talkers and some of us (thank God) prefer to listen. There are differences in our approach to taking the 12 steps but the steps are the only program.

Darilyne S.
The Matt Talbot Group

OCTOBER 1998 ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERST/SNYDER

Joanne K. 3 mos.
 Kenneth J. 6 mos.
 Mark P. 9 mos.
 Carl H. 9 mos.
 Ed S. 1 yr.
 Carrie S. 2 yrs.
 Joe S. 3 yrs.
 Wendy H. 3 yrs.
 Greg S. 4 yrs.
 Machele F. 5 yrs.
 Dan N. 6 yrs.
 Erik D. 8 yrs.
 Joanne D. 9 yrs.
 Nathan M. 9 yrs.
 Kevin N. 10 yrs.
 George F. 11 yrs.
 Jim M. 12 yrs.
 Lisa S. 15 yrs.
 Ellen S. 16 yrs.
 Beverly S. 27 yrs.

ANY LENGTHS

Ray F. 9 mos.
 Kevin P. 9 mos.
 Dick K. 7 yrs.

COLD SPRING

Rosemary F. 3 mos.
 Cecil R. 3 mos.
 Sherbil A. 9 mos.
 Tina P. 1 yr.
 Tyrone F. 1 yr.
 Ben W. 6 yrs.
 Andrew G. 9 yrs.
 Stanley B. 15 yrs.
 Lena S. 24 yrs.
 Annie S. 26 yrs.

COURAGE

Dave M. 4 yrs.
 Justin G. 7 yrs.
 Paul K. 14 yrs.

ELLICOTT

Annie S. 26 yrs.

FIRESIDE

Issac H. 6 mos.
 Ellis 1 yr.
 Ann H. 1 yr.
 Tom F. 4 yrs.
 Elaine H. 7 yrs.
 David R. 8 yrs.
 Joe K. 11 yrs.
 Bert A. 13 yrs.
 Helen S. 17 yrs.

HAND

Mark M. 6 mos.
 Bill S. 2 yrs.
 Michelle D. 5 yrs.
 Eddie K. 11 yrs.

HAPPY HOUR

Josh G. 9 mos.
 Vemeeda K. 9 mos.
 Sherrie C. 2 yrs.
 Brian R. 2 yrs.
 Jerry C. 2 yrs.
 James E. 3 yrs.
 Carol C. 3 yrs.
 Steven R. 3 yrs.
 Towanda T. 3 yrs.
 Sylvia W. 4 yrs.
 Becky W. 5 yrs.
 Johnnie L. 6 yrs.
 Barbara C. 8 yrs.
 Teddy Q. 8 yrs.
 John M. 14 yrs.

HARMONY

Collie S. 1 yr.
 Beverly S. 4 yrs.
 James S. 5 yrs.
 Sue G. 5 yrs.
 Fred S. 6 yrs.
 Jim B. 6 yrs.
 George M. 10 yrs.
 Bill R. 10 yrs.
 Martin L. 27 yrs.

IRONHORSE

Bill H. 6 mos.
 Margaret F. 6 mos.
 Jason K. 6 mos.
 Dave H. 9 mos.
 Linda J. 1 yr.
 Kathi H. 3 yrs.
 Dan O. 13 yrs.
 Mike K. 16 yrs.

MAIN & HIGH

Jimmy 3 mos.

NORTH BUFFALO

Chuck B. 3 mos.
 George B. 3 mos.
 Anna T. 3 mos.
 Ann M. 6 mos.
 Karl R. 6 mos.
 Dan S. 6 mos.
 Jerry C. 1 yr.
 John M. 3 yrs.
 Dawn P. 3 yrs.

NORTH BFLO (CONT)

Sue Q. 3 yrs.
 Fred S. 4 yrs.
 Mickey V. 4 yrs.
 Eileen H. 5 yrs.
 Raye S. 6 yrs.
 Sean M. 6 yrs.
 Peter W. 6 yrs.
 Develle L. 7 yrs.

MATT TALBOT

Dick K. 7 yrs.

RISE & SHINE

Stephanie R. 3 mos.
 Johnny F. 3 mos.
 Tangry F. 3 mos.
 Harold L. 3 mos.
 George G. 9 mos.
 Don S. 1 yr.
 Sylvia P. 1 yr.
 Brenda B. 1 yr.
 Jacquelyn H. 1 yr.
 Tonya F. 2 yrs.
 Pamela C. 3 yrs.
 John C. 4 yrs.
 Carrie S. 5 yrs.
 Elijah 5 yrs.
 Josh 5 yrs.
 John L. 6 yrs.

SUN. MORN. BREAKFAST

Michael G. 2 yrs.
 Tony O. 5 yrs.
 Shelly G. 8 yrs.
 Eddie K. 11 yrs.
 Helen S. 17 yrs.

SUNRISE COURT

Lucy A. 9 mos.
 Chris B. 1 yr.
 Venus 1 yr.
 Pete 1 yr.
 Darrell M. 6 yrs.
 Yvonne 12 yrs.
 Dave K. 13 yrs.

WE CARE

Allison C. 1 yr.
 Marcy S. 12 yrs.
 Paul K. 14 yrs.

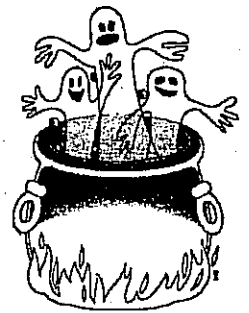
WOMEN'S WESTSIDE

DISC.
 Joanna L. 3 mos.
 Jacqueline K. 6 mos.
 Senceria 9 mos.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE

DISC. (CONT)

Nancy H. 3 yrs.
 Evelyn H. 3 yrs.
 Mary G. 3 yrs.
 Jasmine R. 4 yrs.
 Sylvia W. 4 yrs.
 Sue B. 9 yrs.
 Savannah W. 12 yrs.



**REMEMBER:
 NOVEMBER 1998
 ANNIVERSARIES MUST
 BE IN THE CENTRAL
 OFFICE IN WRITING NO
 LATER THAN
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OCTOBER 1998

NEW MEETINGS

HUMBLY WILLING - TUESDAY - 7:00PM - BUFFALO WEST - School House Commons, 1005 Grant Street - rear entrance. It will be an open discussion meeting

MEETING CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS:

FRIENDSHIP - THURSDAY - Friendship House on Ridge Road in Lackawanna at 6:00PM does not meet.

THE PROMISES COME TRUE - MONDAY - SPRINGVILLE NY - will no longer be meeting.

URBAN - FRIDAY - CHEEKTOWAGA - no longer meets

PLEASE NOTE:

A DAY AT A TIME - SUNDAY - 7:30pm, St Aloysius in Springville has change their format to Open Discussion. There will be a speaker the last Sunday of the month.

The 1110 GROUP meets at 5:30pm Monday through Friday only. Their Big Book Study is now at the Friday 10:00PM meeting.

SCHILLER - TUESDAY - 8:00PM - there is a new group in the Lovejoy Area at St Frances School on Schiller street off Broadway.

EARLY BIRD - WEDNESDAY - 10:00AM - United Methodist Church, corner of Ontario and Tonawanda Streets would like to welcome NEW COMERS to their "Beginners Table".

EARLY BIRD on SATURDAY is announcing a Big Book and 12 & 12 Discussion the last two Saturdays of the month. They could use your support. Same time and place as on Wednesday. United Methodist Church, Ontario and Tonawanda Streets.

SHERIDAN - MONDAY - is changing its format. All anniversaries will now be celebrated on the last Monday of the month, which will be an Open Speaker meeting. They are also updating their membership. If you are planning to receive a pin or medallion at the Sheridan group, please fill out a new card at the Monday night meeting, Good Shepherd Church, 2669 Sheridan Drive at 8:00PM.

SUNRISE COURT - SUNDAY - is updating their membership files. If you are a member please check with the secretary after the meeting to be sure of your sobriety date.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

~~SEPTEMBER 6, 1998~~

John H, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:00PM with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Peter F of Courage read the Preamble. Joe S of Try Again, read the Purpose of the Central Committee and the Traditions were read by Jay H of North Buffalo

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Jim B, Ridge and second by Charles of Spirit of Hope.

37 GROUPS ATTENDED - DISTRICT #1 - Giving, Main & High, Sunday Niters, Sunrise Court, The Journey, Working DISTRICT #2 - Chapter IX, MOD/ Living in the Solution, North Buffalo, Sheridan, University DISTRICT#3 - Abbott Men's, Courage, Iron Horse, Matt Talbot, New Life, Ridge, Southgate, Try Again, Victory, We Care DISTRICTS #4 - Action DISTRICT#5 Wilson - DISTRICT #6, DISTRICT #7 - Ellicott, Faith, Let Go and Let God, Lovejoy, Remember When, Schiller, Spirit of Hope - DISTRICT #8 -Amherst-Snyder, Attitude Adjustment, Renewal, Wehrle, Williamsville - DISTRICT #9 - Everybody's, Rural is Plural - DISTRICT #10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Cindy N of Sunrise Court

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
January	1795.00	920.00	692.00	June	134.00	521.00	477.60
February	580.00	635.00	652.00	July	772.00	463.00	503.00
March	592.00	335.00	825.00	August	540.00	598.00	522.00
April	540.00	793.00	374.00	<u>September</u>	<u>373.00</u>	<u>545.00</u>	<u>722.00</u>
May	388.00	976.00	588.00	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>5,714.00</u>	<u>5,786.00</u>	<u>5,355.00</u>

STEERING COMMITTEE - Delphine H

Meeting opened at 6:00PM by Dick L, from Everybody's Group, District #1 with the Serenity Prayer. Others present were Michael E, Amherst Snyder, District #8 and Convention Chairman, Kevin C, North Buffalo, Central Committee Financial Chairman, Charles L, Central Committee Co-Chairman, David W, Giving District #1, Leon S, University District#2 Joe F The Journey, District#4 and Delphine H, Executive Secretary.

John H, Chairman of Central Committee took the motion about the Public Information Committee of last month off the table. It was noted that this Committee was never the responsibility of the Central Committee but of GSA. It was discussed and voted on that the Committee stay as is in the GSA.

The meeting then became a meeting of those Intergroups in Area 50. Present were Janet N & Lucy L of Niagara Falls, Walt C, Chairman & Paddie M, Secretary of the NY-Penn Intergroup. There were many other guests.

The NY-Penn Intergroup spokesperson, Terry W proposed the idea of having a Western New York Meeting Directory. There was much discussion on the matter. Janet N, from Niagara Falls, reminded everyone that there was a lot to consider as to the cost for the schedule itself, cost per Intergroup, formatting, would each area have their own, who is to keep it up to date, etc.

Mike E, Amherst Snyder, felt that Buffalo could not afford two schedules. Leon S, University, stated that if we printed 10,000 at a time the price per booklet would be less.

Cindy N, Sunrise Court offered to call the printer to get an idea of the cost. This was put into a motion by Leon S, University and second by Kevin C, North Buffalo. Majority ruled to investigate the matter further. We will meet again in a month, November 1 at 6:00pm. Notices will be sent out.

Leon S motioned to close the meeting at 6:45pm with a second from Kevin C. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Kevin C, Financial Secretary, North Buffalo

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Richard F, Iron Horse

No one was there to officially represent the committee. Richard, being a member of the Committee felt that it should be known that people are not meeting their commitments at many of the facilities by not showing up at meeting time or not calling the Chairman about the fact they will not be there. Two facilities are Tuesday at ECMC and BryLin.

SCREENERS - none

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Jim B - Ridge Grp - 822-9295

Meeting was held on October 4th at 5:30pm.

Buffalo Work Release, Going strong.

Erie County Correctional Facility for Women, Donna, new sponsor. Cookie stepping down.

Erie County Correctional Facility for Men, Dick S, going well.

Gowanda, New business - going okey.

Collins meetings covered but no sponsor as a whole.

Brocton Women's - meeting October 5th. Buffalo Area sponsor was unable to make the October meeting.

Brocton Men's, Niagara Men's, Niagara Women's - no report

Wende - Friday and Saturday going well

Erie County Holding Ctr - Received phamplets October 2nd.

GSA Report- Ohio Correction Convention, Columbus Ohio - Sept 11-12, 1998. alot went on.

Correction Connection will be held at the Willard Facility near Auburn, October 9th.

Wende Hub has asked for a CPC presentation

Meeting close at 6:30PM with the Lord's Prayer.

CENTRAL OFFICE - Delphine H.

SEPTEMBER '98

AA Information	426	12 Step	5
PIC		Literature requests	68
CPC		Referred to other agency	21
Al Anon	17	Referred from other agency	18
Ala Teen		CENTRAL OFFICE	
ACOA		Outgoing Calls	97
<i>ANSWERING SERVICE</i>		Mailing cost	\$ 304.92 (545 pieces)
Incoming Calls 359 outgoing 67		Visitors	108

NEW FRONTIER - Dave W - Giving -Assistant Editor

For the month of October, we printed 565 issues of the "New Frontiers", of which 205 were subscriptions. If anyone is interested in having the newsletter mailed to them, subscriptions are \$7.00 per copy for one year.

\$10.00 for two, with additional savings for extra copies. Call the Central Office for more information.

We are still in need of articles from local members

For the month of November, we would like to receive articles on the topic of "Gratitude"

REMINDER: Anniversaries must be sent into the Central Office no later than the 10th of the month in order to be printed in the following months' edition. Some group secretaries have been sending in past anniversaries with the hope that they will be printed, but we simply don't have the space for them

57TH FALL CONVENTION - Mike E., Chairman

Speaker gifts have been decided, music is in order - things are falling in place

COURTESY REPORTS - GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

CPC - Elvester McR, (891-4837) Cold Springs - Griff N, is the new CPC chairman. Committee meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month 9am - Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga

RECAP - ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Leon S, University, asked for applications for the Envelope System to bring to his group. They will be sent from the office

NEW FRONTIERS/CORRECTIONS: Brian, Abbott, asked when the newsletter subscription will be going into the prisons again. Cindy responded that the Committee will absorb the cost of the newsletters and see to it that special issues will be made up eliminating phone numbers and the anniversary page.

CONVENTION: Barry, Victory, asked if we are to get more flyers. "Next Meeting."

Why are tickets not being sent? "They have not been printed yet."

John H, We Care, asked what kind of music will be played. "Mixed."

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Jay H, North Buffalo, questioned the MOD/Living in the Solution Group about their Spiritual Weekend. He thought the publicity stated that the proceeds were to go to the Central Office. Delphine said that only the winter dance proceeds were for the office which ran \$1000 each year for the past two years

Terry W, NY-Penn Intergroup, introduced their Chairman, Walt C, who gave the following report;

On August 16th, at our Intergroup meeting in Alfred New York we approved a new set of guidelines for the operation of our Steering Committee and Intergroup. They had not been revised since 1991 and now we have a streamlined set to accompany our Guidelines for the Intergroup Sponsored Events.

Nominations for our Intergroup Officers are in for September and October. New officers will be elected at November's Intergroup meeting on the 15th which will be in Allegany, New York

Motion to adjourn was made by Kevin C, North Buffalo and second by Bernie A Willamsville. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45pm.

Yours in AA,

pg 1			Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
	GROUP	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98
1110 Group						
12 Step - Holiday Village						
1st Step						
4th Step Stumblers						
6th Step						
A Day At A Time						
A Vision for You						
Lunchtime						
Abbott Mens Disc			85.00		85.00	85.00
Acceptance/Welcom	100.00		400.00	20.00	60.00	60.00
Achievement			450.00			
Action			100.00			
Age Doesn't Matter			174.00			
Albion						
Alexander						
Amherst Snyder			782.50			
Amsdell Lakeshore	25.00		150.00			
Any Age						
Any Length	30.00		220.00			
Anybody's Group						
As Bill Sees It			50.00			
Attitude Adjustment			80.00			
Attraction			200.00			
Recovery Effect						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's			125.00		75.00	25.00
Bidwell Monday Dis	25.00		75.00	25.00	75.00	75.00
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Workshop						
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Boulevard Women's	75.00		300.00			
Brass			100.00			
Broadway-Bailey						
Brocton Discussion			50.00			
But for the Grace of	40.00		80.00			
Came To Believe			15.35			
Cassadaga						
Casling			75.00		20.00	20.00
Cathedral Park	10.05		129.45		25.00	25.00

pg 2			Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
GROUP	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.
Caz Manor						
Cazenovia		75.00				
Central Park						
Chapter IX		40.00		40.00		40.00
Cheektowaga		150.00				
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Clarence Men's Disc		200.00				
Cold Springs	25.00	215.00				
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center						
Cornplanters Again						
Courage		280.00		20.00		20.00
Crossroads						
Daily Reflection		61.33				
Decision, Choices, Changes						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby		150.75				
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Easier Softer Way						
East Amherst						
East Aurora		100.00				
Easy Does It	20.00	170.00				
Eden-North Collins						
Ellicott		95.00		20.00		
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance	200.00	300.00				
Everybody's	20.00	190.00				
Experience, Strength, & Hope						
Express		346.20		42.00		42.00
Eye Opener	71.55	1321.75		105.00		75.00
F.U.N.						
Falth						
Father Baker		125.00				
Feelings						
Fireside	163.70	1514.43	25.00	25.00		225.00
Fireside P.M.						
First Things First		250.00				

pg 3-			Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
GROUP	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.
Fredonia Discussion		75.00				
Freedom	25.00	400.00				
Freedom Now		20.00				
Fresh Start						
Friendly	50.00	100.00				
Frontier		205.00				
Gardenville		90.00				
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Georgetown	150.00	525.00				
Getting Better		22.30				
Giving		150.00				
Go to Any Length		450.00				
Golden Slipper		140.00				
Good Life						
Grand		45.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful	60.00	60.00				
Guiding Light						
H.A.N.D.		280.25				
H.O.W.						
Half & Half						
Hamburg		23.46				
Hamburg Literature Study Group						
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour		40.50				
Harmony		95.00		23.15		10.00
Helping Hand		60.00				
High Noon						
High View						
Higher Powered						
Hill Billy		150.00		41.00		25.00
Holiday Village		1050.00		75.00		75.00
Holland						
Honesty	30.00	300.00	10.00	100.00		
Hope - Big Book Study						
Horizon Sunset						
How It Works		401.50		45.00		45.00
In the Solution						
Inner City		20.00				
Inspiration		160.00		20.00		20.00

pg GROUP	Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.
Intoxicated on Life		30.00		
Iron Horse	254.00	603.00	26.00	57.00
IT				
Franklinville Disc (It's About Time)				
Just for Today		100.00		
Keep It Simple, Sister		125.00		25.00
Kenmore	50.00	50.00		
Kensington				
Lake Shore		65.00		67.00
Lake View		25.00		
Last Days Fellowship				
Let Go & Let God	20.00	40.00		
Leunam Women's AA				
Lew-port				
Liberty Women's				
Life Today		142.00		
Lighten Up	50.00	590.00		
Live and Let Live		150.00		
Living Sober	20.00	130.00		
Lock City				
Lockport #1		75.00		
Lockport Discussion				
Lockport Ladies		100.00		
Lockview	120.00	220.00		50.00
Lovejoy		260.00		270.00
Lower River				
Main & High		10.00		19.00
Main Street				
Marilla	25.00	125.00		
Matt Talbot	50.00	450.00		45.00
Mc Kinley Winners		100.00		50.00
Medina New Life				
Mercy				
Mid-day		50.00		
Midnight				
Miracle				
MOD/Living in the Solution		1025.00		
Morning After				
New Awakening				
New Beginnings				
New Life		20.00		5.00
New Life - New Beginning				
New Westside		50.00		33.20
Niagara Frontier Men's		60.00		

pg 5			Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
GROUP	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.
North Buffalo	200.00	1480.00	50.00	450.00	50.00	350.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-MornIn After		6.00				
North Java-Sunday		50.00				
One Day at a Time (ODAT)		120.00				
Open Arms						
Open Mind		250.00		130.00		
Orchard Park Step		200.00				
Pass It On		50.00				
Patchin						
Pathway to Peace		11.00				
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry	15.00	15.00				
Pioneer		15.00				
Positively Living III						
Powerless		100.00		50.00		
Primary Purpose						
Progress	20.00	20.00				
Purpose						
Rainbow		75.00		50.00		50.00
Ray of Hope	30.00	200.00				
Reformer's		15.00		20.00		
Remember When		25.00				
Renaissance/PostLi	500.00	1500.00				
Renewal						
Ridge		356.81		34.47		25.00
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine						
Rochester Meeting						
Rur-al is Plural		40.00		10.00		10.00
Sally						
Saratoga		33.00				
Saturday Night Alive						
Schiller		10.00				
Searching for Serenity						
Seneca 12 & 12		25.00		12.50		12.50
Serenity						
Serenity Circle						
Serenity Trail						
Set Aside		40.00				
Sheridan		180.00				
Silver Creek Friendship		50.00				

pg 6			Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund	
GROUP	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners		125.00				
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Sobriety on Saturday Night		20.00				
Sobriety on the Lake						
Somerset						
South Buffalo		206.81		150.00		150.00
South Town						
South Town Women's						
Southgate		20.00		20.00		20.00
Southwestern	57.00	204.00		35.00		15.00
Spirit of H.O.P.E.						
Spiritual Progress	25.00	200.00				
Springville		120.00				
Springville Saturday Afternoon						
Springville Wednesday Noon						
St. Barnabas	60.00	210.00				
St. Mark's		390.00				
Starting Over		218.33		38.00		38.00
Step						
Stepping Stones-Gowanda		40.00				
Stepping Stones-Wlve						
Suburban						
Sunday Morning Bkft.		450.00		150.00		150.00
Sunday Nites						
Sunday Third		25.00				
Sunrise Court	25.00	275.85		25.00		20.00
SUNY-Amherst Campus						
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
T'n'T		130.00				
T.P.H.						
TGIF		100.00				
Thankful		100.00				
The Book Meeting		25.00				
The Journey		120.00		9.10		
The Present II						
There's A Solution						
Thruway	400.00	2233.00	20.00	14.00	20.00	140.00
Thurs Afternoon Dis	100.00	500.00				
Today						
Today's Woman	5.00	5.00				

pg 7		Correctional Fund		Treatment Fund		
GROUP	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'98	Accum.	OCTOBER'96	Accum.
Trail's End		50.00				
Tri-County	10.00	100.00				
Tri-Step Beginners						
Try Again		20.00		20.00		20.00
Tuesday Men's Disc	25.00	145.00				
Tuesday Women's D	25.00	50.00				
Turning Point		11.10				
Twin Cities		25.00				
Unity		100.00				
University		580.00				30.00
Urban		30.00				
Valley		50.00				
Varieties of Spiritu	20.00	60.00				
Varysburg		55.00				
VIP	10.00	72.61				
Victory		10.00		10.00		10.00
Vision of Hope (women's)						
Wake Up Call	14.15	170.81				
We Are Not Saints		32.00				
We Care	30.00	300.00	10.00	100.00	20.00	200.00
We Choose Life						
Wehrle		65.00				
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY	105.00	105.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Williamsville		1325.00				
Willing To Grow		100.00				
Wilson	20.00	90.00				
Wilson Smith University Alumni		30.00				
Women's Westside	50.00	100.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	25.00
Working		160.00				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown		10.00				
Anonymous				120.00		
Tom F	43.00	43.00				
Gary S	126.00	126.00				
Dana	50.00	50.00				
		refund/TFC				43.80
51 Grps contri	3674.45	33384.09	228.50	3032.92	204.50	2313.80
		-3679.45		-228.50		-204.50
lt mo accum total		29704.64		2804.42		2109.30

CENTRAL COMMITTEE		*504-771-7		9/25/98-10/25/98	
51 Groups contributed				3674.45	
Joint Meeting				41.25	
New Frontiers subscriptions				70.00	
Envelope System				356.00	
Literature				2233.55	
Misc	Hospitality	100.00			
	Mailing	25.00			
In Memory of Rich M		100.00			
	Kathy W	25.00			
	Day of Shar	43.00		293.00	
			Receipts	6668.25	
*10 Ellicott Court Corporation	rent			598.00	
Community Mental Health Center	rent			35.00	
Vermont Pure Springs				20.95	
Buffalo Fall Convention	Hospitality			200.00	
David F Williamson Co Inc	UPC			15.53	
M & T Bank	fed with tax			627.28	
US Postal Service	Mtr rtl			500.00	
Secrephone				141.60	
NYS Income Tax				388.70	
The Paper Shop				234.83	
Image Office Equipment Inc	ups			4.90	
Bell Atlantic				195.73	
Salaries				1837.84	
cash				50.00	
Bank Charges				50.78	
			Disbursements	4901.14	
Balance pr checkbook 9/25/98				4719.54	
Add Receipts 9/25/98-10/25/98				6668.25	
				11387.79	
Deduct expenses 9/25/98-10/25/98				-4901.14	
Balance per checkbook 10/25/98				6486.65	
Operating credit for 10/25/98		1767.11			
MONEY MARKET		4902.65		11690.40	savings
CERT OF DEPOSIT		6787.75		6486.65	checking
		11690.40		18177.05	

RE-CAP		9/25/98-10/25/98			
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT *484-185-4					
		ck#	Am't		
Central Office	Bks-Hold Ctr	1189	125.00		
Cindy N	petty ch	1190	30.00		
Central Office	Wende	1191	380.00		
			535.00		
			1070.00		
Balance pr checkbook	9/25/98			375.72	
Add Receipts	9/25/98-10/25/98			228.50	
				604.22	
Deduct expenses	9/25/98-10/25/98			-535.00	
Balance per checkbook	10/25/98			69.22	
Operating debit for	10/25/98	(-356.50)			

TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT *602-089-5					
		Ch#	am't		
Balance per checkbook	9/25/98			596.90	
Add receipts	9/25/98-10/25/98			204.50	
				801.40	
Deduct expenses	9/25/98-10/25/98				
Balance per checkbook	10/25/98			801.40	
Operating credit for	10/25/98	204.50			