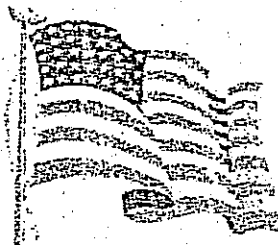


NEW FRONTIERS

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL AA MEMBERS
IN WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
WE REQUEST THAT THIS NEWSLETTER BE KEPT WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP TO INSURE ANONYMITY



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



"If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are halfway through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experiences can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook on life will change. Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves."

Alcoholic Anonymous, p 83-84



"Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a 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 didn't work—for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

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

Grapevine, December 1957



MY MEMORIES OF SOME OLD TIMERS

It was 1971, during my first trip to AA, and the meeting was held at UMDG, Vince M. was moderating the table. I don't recall what the topic was, but when it came to my turn, Vince suggested that I return for the next 12 weeks, to listen to the table discussion on the Twelve Steps. I commented that I was much too busy for that, and after all, I was starting a new business. I didn't have time available to devote to that sort of thing. Vince responded with, "I'm surprised that you found the time to drink, if you're so busy starting up this new business." He seemed to know that I was a newcomer, (I wonder how he knew that?) Obviously, I didn't appreciate his comments, and felt that he just didn't understand all my troubles.

In early 1973, I was at a beginner's table, on my return to AA, and Frank C. was moderating the table. I met Frank on my first trip to AA. He announced to the table of 20 or so men, that the topic was "Is alcoholism a progressive disease?" I sat at the end of the table as far away as I could get from Frank and tried to avoid eye contact. Right off the bat, he called on me and asked, "You there at the end of the table, is alcoholism a progressive disease?" I felt like digging a hole and crawling into it. I mumbled a yes and passed.

I met another man in the fellowship, Ralph T. He was blessed with a great deal of charisma, (especially with the ladies), I didn't like him and wondered why. In my fourth year of sobriety, while driving to a morning meeting, I began to meditate. I asked God why I didn't like Ralph, and why I couldn't get along with him. The answer came to me very quickly. It was because Ralph was sober for 20 years. I wanted to be 20 years sober, but didn't want to wait 20 years to get it. From that day on, Ralph and I developed a lasting friendship. Our friendship lasted till his death, he died sober.

An anonymous member of AA



SELF ACCEPTANCE

Author unknown

If I can accept that I am who I am, that I feel what I feel, that I have done what I have done—if I can accept it whether I like it or not—then I can accept myself. I can accept my shortcomings, my self-doubts, my poor self esteem. And when I can accept all that, I have put myself on the side of reality rather than attempting to fight reality. I am no longer twisting my consciousness in knots to maintain delusions about my present condition. And so I clear the road for the first steps of strengthening my self-esteem.

To be self accepting does not mean to be without a wish to change, improve, evolve.

It means not to be at war with ourselves—not to deny the reality of what is true to us right now, at this moment of our existence. To accept ourselves is to accept the fact that what we think, feel, and do, are all expressions of the self at the time they occur.

Accepting what I am requires that I approach the contemplation of my own experience with an attitude that makes the concepts of approval and disapproval irrelevant. What I am looking for is simply, the desire to be aware.

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TRADITION 7

"EVERY A. A GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS."

Being self-supporting as an individual means being free to make decisions for one's self as long as you are willing to deal with the consequences. This becomes a desired quality in AA Groups. Having outside support in AA groups might mean outside influence concerning all sorts of issues. It is important in recovery to get to know yourself from the inside out. Feelings, needs, and desires abound. For a group too, if influences come from the group itself and not any outside influence, then the group itself is more willing to deal with any consequences of the decisions they make.

Marie S.
Live and Let live



THIS DAY IS MINE

Please, may I use it well

This is the day that belongs to me, for it was given to me early in the morning, freely and without obligation. The moment that I accepted the gift, I accepted the responsibility for its growth. I received it in good condition, fresh and young and clean, and now that it is mine, I can choose what kind of day it will become. I can make it ugly by deciding to be miserable, or I can make it beautiful by deciding to be glad.

This is the day to be happy. I know I can be just as contented as I wish to be. Above all, I can find contentment now, instead of thinking it necessary to wait for some uncertain, future pleasure.

This is the day to be free, to cut the bonds of all those tomorrows and all those yesterdays. I would be unwise to waste any part of today in useless guilt or distress about a yesterday, or in pointless worry or panic about a tomorrow. This is the day to treat life as a great adventure and each moment of it is a satisfying, rewarding experience. Since I have but one

chance at today, I want to live it fully, and I want to live it well. I hope that I will handle myself in such a manner that when today becomes yesterday, my memories will be pleasant, and when tomorrow becomes today, my regrets will be few. On this day, I do not want to indulge in crippling, selfish emotions such as anger, hatred, and fear; I want to seek the opposites.

This is the day to be thankful, for some pains removed and some blessings received; to translate my gratitude from mere words into cheerful, wholehearted achievement.

This is the day to promise myself that I am going to build my world with kindness and love—right now—because this is the only day that belongs to me.

Author unknown
Submitted by
Cindy N.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Treatment Facility Committee met on Tuesday May 16th at St. Pauls Church (Iron Horse.) We are in need of volunteers, to carry the AA message into the treatment Facilities. Also, volunteers are needed to become involved with our temporary contact program, "Bridging the Gap." There are immediate openings for several people to carry the message at the Salvation Army meeting on Monday Nights at 8:00 p.m.

Our Bridging the Gap Program is proceeding nicely. We mail out letters to the local Treatment Facilities in our area. We have received replies from two facilities, and are in the process of arranging times and dates for presentations. We need people with sobriety who are available (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) weekdays to help with the presentations. No experience is necessary.

We welcome our new Bridging the Gap coordinator, Bob G. from the Amherst Snyder Group. Don B. of the Courage group stepped down to relocate at summers end. The Committee thanked Don B. for all the work he has done on behalf of the Treatment Facility Committee and Bridging the Gap. The progress of the committee is largely due to his unselfish dedication to service. He will be missed.

The New York State Informational Workshop, is being sponsored by the General Service Area # 50. (Western New York.) The workshop will be held at the University of Buffalo, Amherst Campus, Ellicott Complex on August 4th, 5th and 6th, 2000. We need people to staff the Treatment Facility Committee literature table. Want to get involved in service? We have times to fit all schedules. Call Central Office or Treatment Facilities Coordinator, Rich F. at (716) 891-4561. Thank you.

"We make a living on what we get. We make a life on what we give."

Winston Churchill

The Newcomer

The most significant person at any AA meeting is the newcomer. The message we present to them is a life and death communication, it must be powerful, have depth, yet not confusing. They come from all walks of life, full of denial and frightened.

At first, we need to talk "drunk" to them, tell them we understand how they feel, because we have been there. To the newcomer the thought of never drinking again is inadmissible. But the AA concept of "One Day at a Time", has logic to it. The simplicity of the AA program mystified most of us. Deliver us from the pseudo-intellectuals, who delve into some metaphysical descriptions of

why we are alcoholic. Put quite simply, we are allergic to alcohol.

It was no act of heroism that brought us to AA, for most, it was the last house on the street. Some of them come to meetings a little tattered at the edges. Let's look beyond the raggedy appearance, ignore the dirty fingernails and unkempt hair, and give them hope. Some beginners come to meetings drunk! Wow, imagine that! Hey, we are in the drunk business!

Patience and tolerance are the operative words we need to remember when dealing with the newcomer.

*John H.
Editor*

**"The World is too dangerous for anything but the truth
and too small for anything but love."**

William Sloan Coffin



FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



July 25

The Springville Tuesday Night Group is celebrating their 33rd Group Anniversary with a picnic/meeting starting at 7Pm, at St. Pauls Church, 591 Main St.

July 28-30, 2000

Members of the Any Age Group present a "living Sober Weekend". Don Miller Park, 1601 Sweeny, North Tonawanda.
\$8/ weekend, \$5/ day, Children under 12 free. Bring a dish.
Have some sober fun in the sun!

July 29, 2000

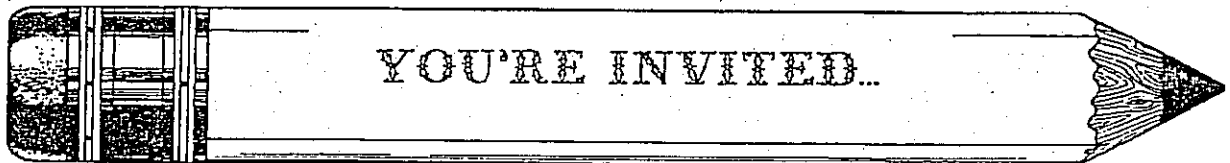
Members of the Six Step Group are sponsoring "A Day of Sharing", 9:00 am to 5:00pm. St. Marks Episcopal Church, Payne and Tremont, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
Old Timers Panel (100 years plus Sobriety)
\$8.00 Ticket donation, includes lunch
More info. Call Paul R. (716) 837-9397 Ryan McC,(716) 692-5569

August 4,5,6, 2000

The 21st Annual New York State Informational Workshop
Hosted by Western New York Area 50
"Trusting our future to AA principles"
University at Buffalo
Amherst Campus, Ellicott Complex
For more information call Registration Chair (716) 649-6586

August 20, 2000

Tri-County Annual Picnic. Fellowship starts at noon. Open discussion at 7pm
Family and a dish to share are more than welcome
Horseshoes, Volleyball, Coffee, Pop, Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and good sober fun.
Gowanda Fireman's Park, Route 39, 298 1/2 feet from McDonald's.



...to become involved and make the *New Frontiers* a true forum of activity and recovery by sharing your ideas, strength and hope. Make sure it is *your* experience, strength and hope that is expressed. Please limit articles to the subject of alcoholism, and recovery. Do not be concerned with spelling or grammatical errors; our dedicated staff will help you with your article. Send articles to The Central Office c/o *New Frontiers*.

ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance

Jimmy L. 9 y
Norm M. 13 y
Lucille K. 16 y
Jack W. 20 y
Mary Beth C. 20 y

Amherst/Snyder

Donald S. 3 m
Chris S. 3 m
Therese P. 3 m
Amanda C. 3 m
Donna D. 6 m
Mary Ann L. 2 y
Kevin B. 2 y
George P. 6 y
Dave P. 6 y
Dave Y. 6 y
Rick S. 6 y
Holly M. 11 y
Guy M. 13 y
Bob L. 15 y
Dave F. 17 y
Rich H. 19 y
Don H. 28 y

Any Age

Jessie D. 6 m
Tom C. 6 m
Kim F. 6 m
Betsy Mae W. 1 y
Susan K. 2 y
Richard F. 2 y

Cold Springs

Bernard J. 2 y
Kevin S. 10 y
Larry S. 16 y

Courage

Jerry F. 9 y
Donna P. 21 y

Fireside

Patty T. 6 m
Roberta R. 2 y
Nicki C. 3 y
Maryann H. 4 y
Don J. 5 y

Raymond T. 6 y
Elaine C. 7 y
Dunbar S. 7 y
Mark P. 10 y
Ken M. 12 y
Rosann P. 14 y
Lucille K. 16 y
Jack W. 20 y
Dorothy F. 21 y

H.A.N.D.

Dorothy F. 21 y

Giving

James T. 1 y
Carl C. 2 y
Thomas F. 2 y
Randy F. 12 y

Kensington

Mary Jo G. 21 y
Dick H. 12 y

Main & High

Chantelle J. 6 m
Salina P. 9 m
Ron D. 13 y

North Buffalo

Kathie L. 3 m
Jim S. 3 m
Bill R. 3 m
Paula N. 6 m
Mark N. 6 m
Jim N. 6 m
Matt W. 1 y
Bill T. 1 y
George B. 2 y
Chuck B. 2 y
Peter H. 2 y
Todd S. 10 y
Karen R. 16 y
Maureen P. 16 y
Charmaine D. 17 y
Joanne W. 19 y
Bob D. 20 y

Renewal

Amy B. 1 y
Sue S. 6 y
Linda K. 9 y
Robert C. 9 y
Patrick R. 12 y
Mike W. 28 y

Ridge

Darby M. 6 m
Henry M. 6 m
Leo V. 6 m
Doug G. 2 y
Jim G. 7 y

Rise & Shine

Sandra C. 6 m
Carol W. 9 m
Shawn S. 9 m
Tom K. 1 y
Raquel F. 2 y
Stephanie R. 2 y
Johnny F. 2 y
Tangry F. 2 y
Doug G. 3 y
Faith B. 4 y
Lonie W. 4 y
Jack G. 7 y
Tony C. 9 y
Robert M. 9 y
Kim C. 13 y

Sunday Morning

Breakfast

Latonya H. 1 y
Carl B. 1 y

The Book Meeting

Hilda H. 18 y

Thruway

Dale B. 9 m
Craig C. 1 y
David H. 2 y
Doug G. 2 y
Sandy W. 14 y
Dorothy F. 21 y
Richard S. 27 y

We Care

Ron D. 2 y
Tom S. 4 y

Women's Westside

Discussion

Jackie K. 1 y
Daria P. 10 y

Group Anniversaries

Alexander

Inspiration

Courage

Ladies Night

Suburban

Positively Living II

Giving

Feelings

Blasdell Monday Nite

Willing to Grow

Hillbilly

How it Works/Men's

Brass

Ellicottville

Freedom

Please remember to have the anniversaries submitted by the 10th of the month previous.

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July 2000

**NOTE: ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE FELLOWSHIP.**

PLEASE NOTE

ACHEIVEMENT – Wednesday, 8 pm, effective June 7, will be meeting at Cleveland Hill Lutheran Church, 261 Cleveland Drive until further notice.

FIRST THINGS FIRST – needs support, Monday, 10:30 am; 261 East Main St., Hamburg.

JUST DO IT – Fridays 11 pm; Faith United Church basement, 3150 Elmwood, Tonawanda.

LOWER MOUNTAIN WOMEN – Thursday, Cambria, no longer meets.

NORTH JAVA MORNIN' AFTER – Wednesday, St. Nick's, Rte. 98, now meets at 12 noon.

RAY OF HOPE – Tues. 1 pm; Pine and E. Filmore, Emmanuel Lutheran, East Aurora, invites you to take a lovely ride in the country and help support their meeting.

ST. ANTHONY'S – Fri. 7 pm, no longer meets.

VALLEY – is up and running, Wednesday, 8 pm, Woodside Methodist

WILKSBARRE – Tues. 7 pm, no longer meets.

WORKING – Thursday, 10 am is temporarily moving to St. John's Grace, 496 Lafayette Avenue.

COMING EVENTS

~ July 2, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street.

~ July 2, Sunday, **Correctional Facility Committee**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.

~ July 8, Sat., **Coop.w/Prof.Community**, Maryvale Pres. Church, 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.

~ July 8, Sat., **Main and High's 3rd Annual Day of Sharing**, 960 Main St. parking and entrance in rear.

~ July 15, Sat., **New Frontier Committee**, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Square, 10 am.

~ July 15, Sat., **Public Information Committee Meeting**, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.

~ July 15, Sat., **NYS Informational Workshop** planning committee meeting, 10 am. Ellicott Square conference room 117, 295 Main Street.

~ July 16, Sun., **FALL CONVENTION** planning committee, 1 pm, Millersport Marriott.

~ July 18, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Ch., 6:30 pm.

- ~ July 25, Tues., **Springville Tuesday Night** is celebrating its 33rd anniversary with a picnic/meeting starting at 7 pm, St. Paul's, 591 East Main Street, please join us.
- ~ July 28, Fri., **Women's West Side Discussion**, annual speaker/picnic, all women welcome, 200 Albany, starts at 6 pm. Please join us.
- ~ July 28-20, Living Sober Campout, Speaker meeting, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, \$8 weekend or \$5 per day, see flyer for more details.
- ~ July 29, Sat., members of the **Six Step Group** are sponsoring a Day of Sharing; 9-5; \$8 donation includes lunch, oldtimer's panel.
- ~ July 30, Sun., **4th Step Stumblers** movie night is going into the fourth dimension – Markings on the Journey depicts 45 years of AA history in 35 minutes, using rare material from our archives. 7 pm at West Avenue Presbyterian at 104 West Ferry at West,
- ~ August 4-6, **NYS Informational Workshop**.
- ~ August 6, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street.
- ~ August 6, Sunday, **Correctional Facility Committee**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.
- ~ August 12, Sat., **New Frontier Committee**, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Square, 10 am.
- ~ August 13, **General Service Assembly**, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, 1:00 pm.
- ~ August 15, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Church 6:30 pm.
- ~ August 20, Sunday, **7 Clan** Day of Sharing; Suzy Lane & Upper Mountain Road, Tuscarora Indian Reservation. Bring a Dish; Speakers start at 9; plenty of fellowship, fresh air, open air, shade, corn, etc. Don't forget camping on Saturday night.
- ~ August 20, Sunday, **Tri County** Annual Picnic. Fellowship starts at noon, open discussion at 7 pm. Family and a dish to pass are more than welcome. Gowanda Firemen's Park, Route 39, 298½ feet from McDonald's. More info in New Frontier.
- ~ August 25-27, **Tri-State** Assembly, Chautauqua Institute, pre-registration \$10, first meeting 7pm Friday. Flyer at Central Office.
- ~ October 2, Sunday, Western New York Intergroup Sharing Meeting, 6pm, St. Michael's Parish Hall, 651 Washington.

CONCEPT VII: THE CONFERENCE RECOGNIZES THAT THE CHARTER AND THE BYLAWS OF THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD ARE LEGAL INSTRUMENTS: THAT THE TRUSTEES ARE THEREBY FULLY EMPOWERED TO MANAGE AND CONDUCT ALL OF THE WORLD SERVICE AFFAIRS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CONFERENCE CHARTER ITSELF IS NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT: THAT IT RELIES INSTEAD UPON THE FORCE OF TRADITION AND THE POWER OF THE A.A. PURSE FOR ITS FINAL EFFECTIVENESS.

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting, July 2, 2000

Dick L. opened the meeting at 7:08 with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Mark B. read the preamble followed by the reading of the Purpose of Central Committee by John of the Lakeshore group and Daryl L. of The Journey read the twelve traditions.

The minutes from the June 4th meeting were read. Corrections of note: The registration for the Fall Convention is not \$413. Terry B. stated that the Cooperation with Professional Community and the Public Information Committees are working together on the fair not the proposed website. A motion to accept the minutes as read and corrected was made by John, and was seconded by Dave of the Remember When group.

32 GROUPS ATTENDED: District #1: Downtown Men's, Giving, Journey, Main and High, Miracle, and Sunrise Court. District #2: Early Bird, Kenmore, North Buffalo, Why. District #3: Abbott Men's, Any Length, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, We Care District #4: The Lakeshore Group. District #5: Lockport #1, Niagara Frontier Men's, and Wilson. District #6: Dunkirk. District #7: Cold Spring, First Step, New Awakening, Spirit of Hope District #8: Amherst Snyder, Renewal, and Williamsville. District #9: Anybody's, and Rural is Plural. District #10: No groups in attendance.

There were no new group members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1). ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen of the Ridge Group read the report. \$339.00 was received for the month of June 2000. That made the total for the year 2000 of \$3,457.00. A comparison of June's total to prior months and to 1999 and 1998 can be seen in the chart below:

	2000	2000 ytd	1999	1999 ytd	1998	1998 ytd
January	\$1,319.00	\$1,319.00	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,795.00	1,795.00
February	981.00	2,300.00	337.00	1,877.00	580.00	2,375.00
March	169.00	2,469.00	469.00	2,346.00	592.00	2,967.00
April	407.00	2,876.00	538.00	2,884.00	540.00	3,507.00
May	242.00	3,118.00	572.00	3,456.00	388.00	3,895.00
June	339.00	3,457.00	263.00	3,719.00	134.00	4,029.00
July			783.00	4,502.00	772.00	4,801.00
August			282.00	4,784.00	540.00	5,341.00
September			527.00	5,311.00	373.00	5,714.00
October			375.00	5,686.00	356.00	6,070.00
November			154.00	5,840.00	817.00	6,887.00
December			418.00	6,258.00	341.00	7,228.00
TOTAL	\$3,457.00	\$3,457.00	\$6,258.00	\$6,258.00	7,228.00	7,228.00

2). STEERING COMMITTEE: Bob S. of Amherst Snyder read the report. The steering committee will have a set starting time of 6:00 pm. Cindy will be on vacation from 8/6 to 8/11. The office will be open and we will have volunteers to cover. The 2001 Convention co-chairperson will be voted on next month (August). So for we have one nominee, Pat M. A discussion was held on trying to find ways to educate the groups on the importance of supporting Central Office.

3) TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Pete F., Courage Group, Chairman of the committee read the report. The committee meets at 6:30PM at St Paul's church, on Indian Church rd., South Buffalo. (Where the Iron Horse group meets). Ten (10) people attended the on the June 20th meeting. The status of the regular meetings at treatment facilities is as follows:

- Sunday ECMC - 3:45 pm: ok.
- Sunday VAMC - 7:00 pm: ok.
- Monday Sheehan- 7.00 pm: ok.
- Monday Salvation Army - 8:00 pm: ok.
- Tuesday ECMC - 7:00 pm: ok.
- Tuesday VAMC - 1:00 pm: ok.
- Thursday ECMC - 7:00 pm: ok.
- Thursday Reflections Lockport Memorial Hosp.- 8:00 pm: ok.
- Friday ECMC - 7:00 pm ok.
- Saturday ECMC - 7:00 pm: ok.

"Bridging the Gap" report. 4 calls were received requesting information. 2 from clients, 1 from treatment facility staff, and 1 from clergy.

New Business. The committee wants to draw up a brief and concise outline from the conference approved literature for a treatment presentation (including "Bridging the Gap") to compliment the Cooperation with Professional communities presentation that will be given soon to area treatment facilities requesting AA information. Because of the times most facilities request presentations on days during the week, it is felt that an effort must be made to recruit and train people to do the presentations who have these times free in their schedules.

5) CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Bill L., gave the report. The meeting was held on July 1st at 6:00 pm before the Central Committee Meeting. 6 people attended and discussed The following: The meetings at Attica, Niagara County Men and Womens, Erie County Men and Womens, And Alden are all being covered. Gowanda is being covered every week but the first. Please let it be known that the committee is looking for both members and groups to carry the message of recovery inside the jails.

6) SCREENERS: John B. Lakeshore, gave the report. John spoke on a panel at the Day of sharing the 24th of June. He is trying to put together a committee to coordinate screeners and 12 step people. Anyone interested in becoming a screener or being on the 12-step list call John at 549-7068.

7) CENTRAL OFFICE: Cindy N., Exec. Sect. gave the report. She attended the district #4 "mini-convention" and thanked the committee for their hard work and excellent program. She thinks the committee demonstrated the phrase "we are not a glum lot". She was pleased to inform us that all officers were there, and 3 in 10 district reps. The Fall 2000 schedules are in at a cost of \$1,982. Please bring this to your group's attention; we'll need a little help covering this expense. The final taxes for fiscal year 1999 have finally been completed, approved and filed.

AA Information	413	<u>Mail</u>	
PIC	0	532 Pieces	
CPC	0	\$467.18 Total Mail Cost	
Al Anon	17	<u>Answering Service</u>	
Ala Teen	4	Incoming Calls	299
ACOA	2	Outgoing Calls	61
12 Step	4		
Literature Requests	8	Visitors	121
Fax In	11	Volunteers	77
Fax Out	6		

8) NEW FRONTIER; John H., Editor gave the report. John is honored once again to be involved with the publication of the New Frontiers. As in the past, anyone can have an article printed in the New Frontiers. Be sure it is your experience strength and hope. Articles taken from AA literature must be identified as such. We need your input on recovery in AA. Send us your stories and opinions on the program of AA and recovery, keeping in mind that Alcoholism is our main topic.

9) PAST CONVENTION (FALL 1999): No report was given.

10) PRESENT CONVENTION: Charles L. of Spirit of Hope, Chair of 2000 Convention gave the report. 59th Buffalo Fall Convention, Nov. 10, 11, and 12, 2000. The committee met on June 18th at the Marriott. The following topics were discussed: The flyers are ready. Note the cut-off dates: for hotel it is the 20th of Oct. and for meals it is the 27th of Oct. The panels are 75% filled. Greeters and hospitality people are needed. Next meeting will be held on July 16th, 2000.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) AD HOC COMMITTEES:

DAY OF SHARING: John B. Lakeshore group gave the final report. Total expenses were \$260, \$70 for rent and \$190 for coffee food and misc. We received approximately \$100 in group donations, and individuals who donated food and other items. The \$300 seed money was returned along with a \$122 donation to the Central Office. The event took place at St. James Church in Hamburg on June 24th, 2000 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. We had about 80 people attend. The Grapevine, Archives, Corrections and Treatment had displays set up. Panels included: Grapevine, Central Office, PIC/PCP, Corrections, Treatment, and WNY GSA. The committee would like to thank you for allowing us to serve this body and Alcoholics Anonymous.

WEBSITE: Terry B. brought this topic up at the PIC meeting. All thought it was a good idea. There is already a site out there that would be glad if we joined them, as it would almost complete their covering of NY State. Several PIC chairpeople were contacted on different issues including conflicts with our traditions. Bill A. the NY/GSO/PIC stated that the fellowship is not anonymous just its members. He also said that each group is autonomous, so an announcement for groups that may not want to participate would be appropriate. Also stated was the belief that our experience should be made available freely to all that express sincere interest, and that our efforts in this field should always reflect our gratitude for the gift of sobriety. The GSO site gets over 2000 hits a day. The website activity report sites an ever-increasing amount of activity and it is felt that the AA message is being carried very effectively. In "AA Comes of Age" pg. 133 one reference of many is: " But it became apparent that the word-of-mouth method of letting people know about AA was limited. Our word, as such, needed to be publicized. AA groups wanted quickly to reach as many despairing alcoholics as they could. In today's world, one such vehicle is the internet, many people go there for information, and we should be there for them. The decision is ours.

Courtesy Reports:

1) GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: Bob K. gave the report: The General Service meeting was held on May 21st, 2000 at the Hamburg town hall. Bob K. was asked to send a letter to our alternative delegate that he has not been performing his duties in accordance with our service manual. He has been relieved as of May 21st, 2000 as area 50 alternate delegate. Anyone interested in this position should come to the next General Service assembly meeting on Aug. 13, 2000. Our area is also sponsoring the New York State Informational Workshop on Aug. 4,5, and 6, 2000 at the UB Amherst campus. We hope to see everyone there.

2) PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE; Terry B. PIC Chairperson gave the report. Last meeting was on 6/5/00. There were 5 in attendance. Literature has been sent to ITT Industries as requested. Represented the PIC at June 24th day of sharing. 7/26/00 presentation at WHRD(women for human rights and dignity) this will be a regular event as groups rotate out. 8/5/00 Informational Workshop panel. Fair table, contact central Office for time slots. The committee went over the internet information, see separate report. Next meeting 7/15/00.

3) COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE; Griff N. CPC Chairman, gave the report. The committee is trying to get the Fair booth schedule filled. This is a great way to get new people involved in service.

4) ARCHIVES: No report.

RECAP: Steering committee. Mike D. Abbott Men's group is stepping down as District #3 rep. due to a move out of that district.

New Frontiers: John H. takes over as chairman. Karen of the Ridge group asked when the next meeting is. July 15th, 2000 at 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS: Christine Z. of the Miracle group says District #1 wants to hold a day of sharing in Sept. Lee M. Downtown Men's asks for permission from the body. John B. makes a motion to let district #1 hold this day of sharing, Daryl of The Journey seconds, the motion passes with two dissenting votes. Lee M. asks for seed money from the body, Pete F. Courage group, makes a motion to provide \$300 to District #1 for the day of sharing, John B. seconds the motion and it passes. Discussion; Griff N. Sunrise Court, says that in the financial report the body needs money to cover schedule costs. Scott T. Lakeshore group says we can't afford not to do it. We need to educate the newcomer. If the body says we are going ahead with these day's of sharing then we have to stand behind them financially. Jay H. North Buffalo, says in the past the money came from the areas themselves. Pete F. mentioned that seed money is to be repaid. Cindy N., says that this body puts on the day of sharing and the districts host them. So the body has to be there financially. We can't ask the district groups to bear the financial burden. The new vote passed with one dissenting vote.

In response to last months corrections in the minutes. Jay H. of North Buffalo says he did not recall saying that people who don't have an honest desire to quit drinking don't belong at closed meetings. He in fact did not say that. The secretary stands corrected.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

John B. Lakeshore group made a motion to close, Tom of Rural is Plural seconded the motion and the meeting closed at 8:32 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Lakeshore Group
Recording Secretary

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2000

GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
Abbott Men	170.00	260.00	170.00	260.00	170.00	260.00
Acceptance/Welcome		400.00				
Achievement	500.00	500.00				
Action		115.00				
After Midnight		20.00				
Age Doesn't Matter		130.00		10.00		10.00
Amherst/Snyder	48.00	273.00				
Amsdell/Lakeshore	25.00	157.65				
Any Age		200.00				
Any Length	30.00	210.00				
Anybody's Group		80.00				
Attitude Adjustment	50.00	200.00				
Attraction	100.00	200.00				
Beginning Women	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Bidwell Monday Nite		100.00		75.00		75.00
Big Book/Lockport		50.00				
Blasdell Monday Nite		40.00				
Boulevard Women		225.00				
Brass		55.00				
But For The Grace of God		35.00				
Came To Believe		14.75				
Fasting		100.00		10.00		10.00
Cathedral Park		48.25		15.00		15.00
Caz		64.00				
Chapter IX		40.00		40.00		40.00
Cheektowaga	60.00	160.00		50.00		
Clarence Men's Disc. Wednesday		100.00				
Common Problem		25.00				
Courage		320.00		30.00		30.00
Crossroads		217.50				
Crosstalk Big Book		60.00				
Daily Reflections		90.00				
East Aurora		100.00				
Easy Does It		25.00				
Ellicott		70.00		10.00		10.00
Emergency	20.00	20.00				
Eternal Vigilance	250.00	250.00				
Everybody's		100.00				
Express		176.00				
Eyeopener		200.00				
Father Baker	100.00	500.00				
Fireside		1,167.12				125.00
Fireside PM		700.00				
First Things First	100.00	220.00				
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				

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GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
Freedom		150.00				
Frontier/New Frontier		262.00				
Gardenville		100.00				
Georgetown		600.00				
Getting Better		7.00				
Giving				50.00		
Golden Slipper		50.00				
Grand Group		60.00				
Grand II Joy of Living		100.00				
Grateful	60.00	100.00		40.00		40.00
H.A.N.D		180.00				
Hamburg	25.00	75.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Handicappers		150.00				100.00
Harmony		225.00				30.00
Helping Hand		80.00				
High Noon	100.00	250.00				
HillBilly		150.00		25.00		25.00
Holiday Village		550.00				
Holland		90.00				
Honesty	30.00	210.00	10.00	70.00		
Hope-Big Book Study		10.00				
How It Works/Men	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Inspiration		50.00		25.00		25.00
Intoxicated On Life	30.00	50.00		10.00		10.00
Ironhorse	116.00	451.25	11.60	58.95	11.6	58.95
IT	30.00	30.00				
Journey		80.00				
Just For Today/Albion		5.00				
Just For Today/Cheektowaga		100.00				
Keep It Simple, Sister		75.00				
Kensington Discussion		40.00				
Lake Shore		95.00		101.00		75.00
Lakeview		50.00				
Let Go and Let God		70.00				
Lighten Up		502.50				
Live and Let Live		120.00				
Living In The Solution		700.00				
Lockview		150.00				
Lovejoy		60.00		10.00		30.00
Main & High	15.00	45.00				
Marilla		125.00				
Matt Talbot		200.00				
Medina New Life		60.00				




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GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
Miracle		20.00				
Morning After		75.00				
New Beginnings		30.00				
New Outlook/Albion		60.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's	150.00	300.00				
North Buffalo	100.00	700.00	25.00	175.00	25.00	175.00
North Java Groups		80.00				
North Java Mornin' After		10.00				
One Day At A Time		275.00				
Pathway To Peace		40.00				
Perry Discussion		40.00				
Pioneer		60.00				
Positively Living/Linwood	4.20	44.20				
Positively Living/Renaissance I	500.00	1000.00				
Powerless		25.00				
Progress		30.00				
Purpose		200.00				
Rainbow	25.00	100.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
Ray of Hope	30.00	90.00				
Reformers (Prison)			10.00	30.00		
Remember When		60.00				
Renewal		300.00				
Ridge	100.00	302.00	50.00	81.11	50.00	75.00
Rochester Group	100.00	300.00				
Rural Is Plural	50.00	100.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00
Searching for Serenity		250.00				
Serenity	60.00	240.65				
Serenity Circle	10.00	41.00		2.00		2.00
Serenity Trail		27.50				
Sheridan	40.00	160.00				
Sober Saturday		24.60				
Southgate	10.00	10.00	10.00	30.08	10.00	10.00
Southtown Women's		62.50				
Southwestern		70.00				
Spirit of Hope	4.00	24.00	3.00	8.00	3.00	8.00
Spiritual Progress	50.00	150.00				
Starting Over	25.00	196.40				
Stepping Stones		140.00				
Suburban	10.00	110.00				
Sunday Morning Breakfast		300.00		100.00		100.00
Sunday Third/Sheridan		55.00				
Sunrise Court				6.25		
Surrender & Hope		250.00				
Thankful		50.00				
The Book Meeting	15.00	53.61				

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GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
Those, Too	5.00	15.00				
uruguay	200.00	1,650.00	20.00	140.00	20.00	140.00
Thursday Afternoon Discussion		300.00				
Trail's End		45.00				
TriCounty/Gowanda	35.00	120.00				
Try Again				25.00		
Tuesday Men's Discussion		100.00				
Tuesday Women	10.00	90.00	10.00	40.00	10.00	40.00
Unity		320.00				
University Men's Discussion	125.00	625.00				
Valley		30.00				
Varieties of Spiritual Experience	25.00	94.00				
Victory		15.00		15.00		15.00
Wake Up Call		36.00				
We Care	30.00	180.00	10.00	60.00	20.00	120.00
Wehale	25.00	50.00		10.00		
Westfield	36.00	81.00				
Wesminster		60.00				
Why		90.00		15.00		15.00
Williamsville	100.00	100.00				
Willing to Grow		200.00				
Wilson		25.00		25.00		
Wilson Smith University Alumni		60.00				
Women's West Side Discussion		47.50				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Disc's Tees		10.00				
Pink Man			6.35	81.43		
Memoriam BK				20.00		
Anonymous		55.00				
Back to Basics/Canada		10.00				
Polk Wed. Night Meeting		20.00				

Group Contribution Total	\$3,933.20	\$25,620.98	\$ 565.95	\$2,013.82	\$ 549.60	\$1,953.95
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Beginning Balance 6/26/00			\$2,006.18
RECEIPTS			
50 Groups Contributed	\$3,933.20		
Joint Meeting 7/2/00	42.35		
New Frontier Subscriptions	163.00		
Envelope System	534.00		
Literature	1,034.90		
Mail/Copies/Miscellaneous	26.10		
		\$5,733.55	\$7,739.73
EXPENSES:			
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation <i>Office Rent</i>	\$636.00		
St. Michael's Parish <i>Meeting Room Rent</i>	35.00		
Salaries	1,661.84		
Charter One/Federal Withholding	572.80		
Health Insurance	141.20		
Secrephone (Answering Service)	119.65		
Minolta Leasing/Copier	187.00		
Image Toner Delivery/Quarterly Copies	229.08		
Bell Atlantic	249.35		
Vermont Pure Springs	46.75		
World Services, Inc.	816.68		
21 st Century Press/Schedules	1,982.00		
Hazelden	216.73		
Grapevine	112.50		
The Paper Shop	39.3		
Williamson UPS	23.25		
Postage	500.00		
Bank Charge	14.75		
Balance 7/25/00		\$7,583.88	\$155.85
Money Market 6/26/00	\$1,107.77		
Interest Credit	1.90		\$155.85
Balance 7/25/00			\$1,109.67
Certificate of Deposit 7/25/00			8,000.00
Outstanding Invoices			1,103.77
TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE			\$10,369.29
			
<i>Correctional Facilities 6/26/00</i>	<i>108.37</i>		
<i>Donations 6/26/00 - 7/25/00</i>	<i>565.95</i>		
<i>Expenses</i>		<i>515.30</i>	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		<i>8.00</i>	
<i>Balance 7/25/00</i>			<i>151.02</i>
			
<i>Treatment Facilities 6/26/00</i>	<i>127.55</i>		
<i>Donations 6/26/00- 7/25/00</i>	<i>549.60</i>		
<i>Expenses</i>		<i>407.16</i>	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		<i>8.00</i>	
<i>Balance 7/25/00</i>			<i>261.99</i>
			

I declare this statement to be true subject to review. James Brumbaugh, Financial Secretary.