

# NEW FRONTIERS

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF  
WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER  
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## I DON'T FEEL AS IF I BELONG ANYMORE

Some time ago, I was shocked to hear a few old-timers say they didn't feel as if they belonged to AA anymore. I was shocked mostly because I felt the same way. I had to ask myself, whose responsibility is it if I don't feel I belong?

Upon reflection, I recalled that when I first joined AA in 1976, I didn't feel like I "belonged" for a long time-not until I worked through the Twelve Steps with a sponsor. To this day, that same sponsor still works with newcomers and participates at the "entry level" in the AA program.

When I first came in, I was willing to go to any lengths for my sobriety. How did I feel about that now, in my twenty-third year?

I realized that maybe I wasn't as willing as I used to be. The thrill of early sobriety was gone. Could it be recaptured? Was I willing to make myself available? When asked, would I do anything requested from an AA member?

I soon admitted that even though I still went to meetings and sponsored people, my attitude had changed from the zeal of a newcomer to the complacency that comes with not participating to the extent I needed to. I realized that just because I was an old-timer of sorts, I was not giving at the level I was capable of. I was participating on a qualified basis at a level convenient for me. Maybe it was time to change my attitude and become more open to the things I'd found so satisfying in my early recovery.

With this new attitude, I was soon blessed with several new people to work with. I found much more enjoyment and enrichment at meetings. I began to reread the AA books and about our co-founders and the Traditions. I tried my best to provide my experience, strength and hope in those situations I'd been leaving up to others. I tried to truly participate.

Now I feel connected again and am enjoying AA every bit as much as I did as a newcomer.

Chances are every old-timer goes through this. When it happens, the best solution is to seek humility and realize we are only one drink away from a drunk, no matter how long we have been in the Fellowship. Numerous old-timers have paid the price for complacency. If we feel out of touch, let's take a personal inventory, not about what we doing or not doing, but about our attitudes, motives, and especially our First Step. We are either alcoholics or we are not. If I am an alcoholic, have I slipped out of recovery into complacency? Alcoholism is cunning, baffling, and powerful. IT can strike no matter how long we have been in AA if we become spiritually unfit. And besides, the Fellowship needs us. I often ask myself the question: where did all the old-timers go?

Bruce T., Highlands Ranch, Colorado  
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## MY MEMORIES OF SOME OLD TIMERS

The meeting (in 1976) was at the Williamsville Group on North Forest, a closed meeting. At the time of opening the meeting, there were approximately 75 in attendance. Numerous tables were announced. Bob "The Milkman" I. and myself had a very fine intimate meeting that night. Since my youngest son was in the initial stages of recovery from 2 major brain surgeries, my need for the love of AA was quite pronounced. The love that was mine to receive that night was abundant. Thanks and praise to God.

Bob U. was a crusty old codger. At the time of his death a few years ago he was sober for over 20 years. One time he and I were talking about his attendance at a wedding reception for one of his family members. It seems as though a couple of his younger nephews had some members of Bob's "prior life". They asked why he was not drinking. Bob replied that there was not enough booze there to satisfy him. They responded by pointing out to him the long bar with all forms of booze being served. He responded "Yep, that's not enough to satisfy me - when the go out and get plenty more I'll join in the drinking." Bob's nephews apparently walked away shaking their heads in confusion. Bob and I shared a good laugh.

Joe B. was a member of the North Buffalo Group at the time of his death a few years ago from cancer. He had over twenty years of sobriety at that time. Joe was one of my sponsors. He was being given hospice care in his home and knew that the end of this life was with sight. My wife, my mother and myself were privileged to be invited to a dinner party that Joe put at the Park Lane Restaurant on Delaware Avenue to bid adieu. My last words to Joe were to ask him to tell Ralph T., Bill S., and those guys 'hello' for me. He said that he would and then responded: "This sure as hell beats an Irish wake doesn't it?" It seems to me that AA is not only teaching me how to live, but also how to die, with dignity.

An Anonymous Member of AA  
Western New York

## MY FRIEND TURNED ALCOHOL

I trusted you, I loved you, I fought against you and for you. Just as I loved you I have grown to hate you. Why, my friend, have you turned against me?

I was never your friend, you poor fool! I have always been your enemy. When you drank from me, I immediately knew that I could be your enemy. You who thought you could not sleep, eat or venture out with out unless I was by your side. You poor person! You have decided to cork me and now my friend I have turned against you.

Harriet G., Amherst Snyder

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## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Recently I came to one of those turning points in my recovery, where I was beginning to feel stagnant (another word for restless, irritable and discontent), and I knew in my heart it was time for some action and soon. A God-incidence let me to an opportunity to "re-work" through the steps in a way I had never done before. One of the suggestions in working the 3rd step was to develop and recite the 3rd step prayer. The prayer that filled my heart is the meaning of the 3rd step prayer, as I understand it today. It was suggested that I share it with all of you.

### Big Book

God, I offer myself to Thee; relieve me of the bondage of self, so that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties so that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy power, Thy love and Thy way of life. May I always do your will.

### My Heart

God, I humbly surrender my will to You. Lift from me the cloak of my own limited and shortsighted understanding so that my actions may become beacons of Your love and expressions of my trust in You. Remove those things from my life that are keeping others from seeing Your light in me; so that others may see a way to You, in action and in truth - an affirmation in me of all that is good. Help me to remember whose child I am, and act accordingly.

Pat S., Honesty Group

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**STEP 10**  
**CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY AND**  
**WHEN WE WERE WRONG PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.**

As we practice Step Ten we learn that there is the moral inventory, which we took when we did Step Four. There is the spot check inventory; we could start our day over any time we wanted to. Then there is the nightly inventory we take at the end of our day where we carefully look for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. When these crop up we ask God at once to remove them, we discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we harmed anyone. Going to someone in sobriety and promptly admit harm done is hard; when we were drinking we did not care. Every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into our activities. "How can I best serve Thee – Thy will (not mine) be done." These are thoughts which must go with us constantly. We can exercise our will power along this line all we wish. It is the proper use of will.

Carl K., Downtown Men

**TENTH STEP THOUGHT**

I pray I may continue to grow in understanding and effectiveness; To take daily spot check inventories of myself; to correct mistakes when I make them; to take responsibility for my actions; to be ever aware of my negative and self defeating attitudes and behavior; to keep my willfulness in check; to always remember I need your help; to keep love and tolerance of others my code; and to continue in daily prayer how I can best serve you my Higher Power.

**PERSEVERANCE**

For about 8 years I have tried to get sober and I would be able to stay away from alcohol. For 3, 6, and 9 months I still returned to alcohol beating my head against the wall time and time again. With the consequences getting worse each time I went back to drinking, yet I continued to drink, until I could not function any more. Not until I came to at a hospital, getting last rites. Was I willing to put that energy into recovery and willing to take suggestions that were given to me from members that came before me?

From that day forward I have been willing to follow directions. Which are the 12 steps to recovery and my life is getting better one day at a time. I ask my Higher Power on a daily basis how can I best serve you and not myself.

Chris F., Any Age

**TRADITION 10**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HAS NO OPINION ON OUTSIDE ISSUES:**  
**HENCE THE A.A. NAME OUGHT NEVER BE DRAWN INTO PUBLIC CONTROVERSY.**

Everyone has an opinion about some issue, and someone has an opinion about every issue. Essentially though, we AA's as a group must keep our focus on getting sober, staying sober, and helping other alcoholics. As a college student, I sat around and pontificated on all sorts of issues. I surely knew how the government could solve all the problems of the nation but I did all of this while drinking up a storm. In my new life of sobriety, I find it a full time task to take care of myself because now taking care of myself means I choose to give away the things I learn in sobriety. There is no time to sit around and shoot out opinions about every issue under the sun. As a group, we also have the responsibility to share our experience, strength and hope with other AAs and to let go of old ways of wasting time criticizing how other people live their lives.

Marie S., Live and Let Live

**CONCEPT TEN: EVERY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE MATCHED BY AN EQUAL SERVICE AUTHORITY -- THE SCOPE OF SUCH AUTHORITY TO BE ALWAYS WELL DEFINED WHETHER BY TRADITION, RESOLUTION, BY A SPECIFIC JOB DESCRIPTION, OR BY APPROPRIATE CHARTERS AND BYLAWS.**

There's Bill and his legal language again. But actually an outstanding characteristic of every good operational structure, is that it guarantees harmonious and effective function by relating its several parts and people in such a way that none can doubt what their respective responsibilities and corresponding authorities actually are. Unless these attributes are well defined, unless those holding the final authority are able and willing to properly delegate a suitable operational authority; unless those holding such delegated authority feel able and willing to use it freely as trusted servants, and unless there exists some definite means of interpreting and deciding doubtful situations, then personal clashes, confusions and ineffectiveness will be inevitable. The influence of ultimate authority must always be felt, but it is perfectly clear that when delegated authority is operating well, it should be left alone.

It's fine for the secretary to have the responsibility to go and buy the cookies, and with this responsibility, to make whatever selection of cookies she wants to. But, she must also know the limit of her responsibility -- that limit might be that she had to function on a budget, and it would not be her decision as to whether there would be an extra dozen cookies that week.

So let us always be sure there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or to reorganize, but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities. All of this is implied in A.A.'s Tradition Two -- Here we see the group conscience as the ultimate authority and the trusted servant as the delegated authority. One cannot function without the other.

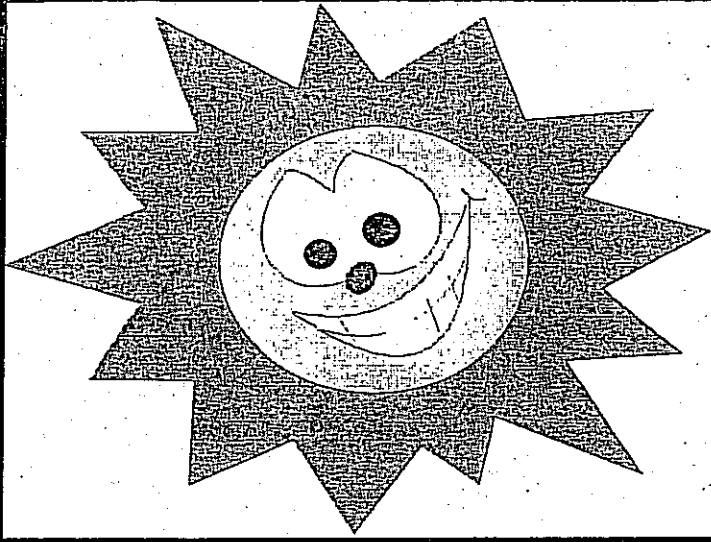
Eve M.  
4th New York State Convention

**IN MEMORIAM**

Roger P., North Buffalo

Julie Y., Amherst Snyder

The fellowship offers its condolences to "Fritz" L, on the passing of his wife (8/29/00).  
May your sweet angel rest in peace.



HEART BEAT OF AA/THE HOME GROUP

OCTOBER 14, 2000  
9 AM TO 5 PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
1080 Main Street

Come watch our unprofessional actors perform ridiculously well acting out a very to a very famous play. Come on down and have lunch with us. Bring your favorite dish. Find out what is in the mysterious purple bowl. Want to know how a home group works; what your job description is; what is expected; how to do a 12-step call; how to make chicken soup (oops that's another program).

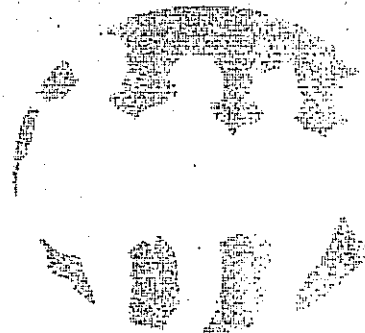
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# Fellowship Announcements

## September 24, Sunday

Members of the **Renewal** are celebrating the group's 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an open speaker meeting, desserts, beverages and superb fellowship are being offered to anyone who cares to attend.

## September 26, Tuesday

Members of **H.A.N.D.** will be celebrating their group's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a speaker and lunch. Bring a dish if you wish, Cleveland Hill Lutheran Church, 261 Cleveland Drive, 10 am.

## September 28, Thursday

Members of the **Grand Group** are celebrating the group's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a speaker and lunch; Grand Island Presbyterian Church, 1822 Huth Road, east off Baseline (Down Baseline, make right turn at detour—all the way to Stony Point Road, turn left onto Stony Point; proceed 2 miles and make left on Huth.

## October 1, Sunday

Western New York Intergroup Sharing Meeting, 6 pm, St. Michael's Parish Hall, 651 Washington.

## October 14, Saturday

The Heartbeat of AA/The Home Group, day of sharing hosted by District 1. October 14, 2000, 9 am to 5 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street.

## October 20, Friday

Members of Silvercreek Friendship are celebrating their 31st anniversary with a speaker meeting followed by and eating meeting; 8:30 pm; Bring a dish if you wish, but please come on down.

## November 10-12

59<sup>TH</sup> BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION, Millersport Marriott.

## December 4, Monday

Members of the **Alden-New Life Group** are celebrating the group's 25th anniversary. Nourishment meeting. We welcome any nourishing dish you wish to honor us with. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 13021 W. Main Street, Alden. Nourishments at 7 pm, speaker at 8 pm.

If any one in the Canal District wants to take on a project, please feel free. Visitors who were touring the Erie Canal by boat, called and wanted to know of meetings that were in walking distance of the Canal. Anyone? Or, if you feel your group is within walking distance of the Canal, please call the Central Office.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## Acceptance

Don K. 2 y  
Ron S. 5 y

## Amherst/Snyder

Donald S. 6 m  
Chris S. 6 m  
Therese P. 6 m  
Kevin B. 6 m  
Amanda C. 6 m  
Donna D. 9 m  
Don F. 1 y  
Scott P. 1 y  
Audrey B. 1 y  
Bob D. 1 y  
Judy O. 2 y  
Machele F. 5 y  
Don N. 8 y  
Valerie R. 11 y  
Kevin N. 12 y  
George F. 13 y  
Jim M. 14 y  
Ellen S. 18 y  
Beverly S. 29 y

## Any Age

Leo T. 6 m  
Jessie D. 6 m  
Tom C. 9 m  
Kim F. 9 m  
Tim H. 10 y

## Cold Springs

Evander H. 2 y  
Yvonne S. 5 y  
Andrew P. 11 y  
Stanley B. 17 y  
Lena S. 27 y  
Annie S. 28 y

## Courage

Marion D. 2 y  
Justin G. 9 y  
Paul K. 16 y

## H.A.N.D

Michelle D. 7 y  
Eddie K. 13 y

## Kensington

Patty O. 6 m

## Main & High

Millie 3 m  
Darrell J. 9 m  
Salina P. 1 y

## North Buffalo

Cathy B. 3 m  
Don B. 3 m  
Devon C. 3 m  
Kathie L. 6 m  
Steve A. 1 y  
Todd J. 1 y  
Brad S. 1 y  
Justin J. 1 y  
Marty R. 2 y  
Pete N. 2 y  
Kristine B. 3 y  
Jerry C. 3 y  
John M. 6 y  
Gary B. 6 y  
Develle L. 10 y

## Renewal

Debbie G. 4 y  
Peter C. 10 y

## Sheridan

Sharon B. 1 y  
George K. 1 y  
Linda F. 3 y  
Loretta B. 6 y  
David H. 6 y  
Donna G. 6 y  
Paul H. 15 y  
Gregg L. 19 y  
Martin L. 28 y  
Kay S. 46 y

## Sunday Morning

### Breakfast

Bernice S. 6 m  
Rich A. 6 m  
Daniel K. 2 y  
Roy A. 3 y  
Tony O. 7 y  
Eddie K. 13 y  
Helen S. 19 y

### Thruway

Brian J. 6 m  
Tom F. 9 m  
Dale B. 1 y  
Pat O. 6 y  
Alma B. 12 y  
Helen S. 19 y  
Bud G. 20 y  
Bill P. 30 y

## Group

### Anniversaries

Hamburg  
Amsdell-Lakeshore  
Silver Creek  
Friendship  
Patchin  
Lighten-Up  
St. Mark's  
Wehrle  
Rainbow  
Open Mind  
Ridge  
Bidwell Monday  
Fredonia Friday News

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

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OCTOBER 2000

**ERROR IN LST MONTH'S BULLETING  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE  
CORRECT MEETING DATE IS OCTOBER 1, NOT 8 AS NOTED**

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**BEGINNING IN SOBRIETY II** – Friday, 6:30 pm, St. Ann's, **IS NOT CLOSED**

**BIG BOOK – LOCKPORT**, Tues., 8 pm is now an open meeting

\* **BODHISATTVA** – Wednesday, 8 pm, Out Patient Clinic/Auditorium, 80 Goodrich

**COURAGE** – is updating its meeting list, if you do not contact the group secretary, your name will be removed.

**FIRST STEP** – Monday, 8 pm; Veteran's Hospital has closed

**HARMONY**, Mondays and Fridays 10 am is now an open discussion meeting

**JOURNEY** – Monday, moved to 6:30 and is now meeting at the Little White House on Medaille College Grounds.

**JUST DO IT** – Friday, 11 pm, 3150 Elmwood, Faith United, needs support

**MAIN STREET** – Monday, 8:30 pm, SS Peter & Paul RC Church, (Rte 39), Arcade

\* **NIGHTSHIFT** – Saturday, 8 pm, 340 Military, Amity Club

\* **MEN'S STAG MEETING** – Mon., 8 pm, 266 Sanders Rd., N. Buffalo Community Center

**OUR VOICES** – Tuesday, 7 pm; 291 Elm has closed

**RENEANCION** - Thursday, 11 am; 291 Elm has closed

**TFC – 12 STEP CALL** – Monday, 7 pm; Sheehan Memorial is a Treatment Facility Committee meeting and is not open to the general public

**COMING EVENTS**

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

~ October 1, Sunday, **Western New York Intergroup Sharing Meeting**, 6 pm,  
St. Michael's Parish Hall, 651 Washington.

~ Oct. 1, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm,  
651 Washington Street.

\* New Meeting

\*\*\* Please note that the Public Information Committee has moved to the second Saturday of the month.\*\*\* Please note that the Public Information Committee has moved to the second Saturday of the month.

~ October 1, Sunday, Correctional Facility Committee, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.

Please note that the General Service Assembly has been moved to the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and will be starting ½ hour later.

~ October 14 Sat., New Frontier Committee, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Square, 10 am.

~ Oct. 14, Coop.w/Prof.Community, Maryvale Pres. Church, 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.

\*\*\*~ October 14, Sat., Public Information Committee Meeting, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.

~ October 15, General Service Assembly, 511 Club, 511 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., 1:30 pm Jamestown.

~ Oct. 17, Tues., Treatment Facility Committee, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Church 6:30 pm.

~ October 20, Friday, members of Silvercreek Friendship are celebrating their 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary with a speaker meeting followed by and eating meeting; 8:30 pm; Bring a dish if you wish, but please come on down.

~ October 20, Friday, Marilla Group Fall Eating Meeting; Dinner at 7, speaker at 8, bring a dish to pass, Marilla Methodist, S-1910 Two Rod Road, parking at rear of church.

~ Oct. 28, Sat. Archives Committee, Maryvale Pres. Church, 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.

~ Oct. 29, Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Step Stumblers movie night is going on a trip with **YOUNG PEOPLE AND AA**; in this 28-minute film four young AA members describe what it was like drinking what happened to bring them to AA, and what their lives are like sober today. In keeping AA tradition, the identity of the AA members is protected. Closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. 7 pm at West Avenue Presbyterian at 104 West Ferry at West,

~ Nov. 5, Sunday, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street.

~ Nov. 5, Sunday, Correctional Facility Committee, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.

~ Nov. 10-12, BUFFALO 59<sup>TH</sup> FALL CONVENTION, Marriott Hotel, Millersport Hwy.

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~ November 12, General Service Assembly, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, 1:00 pm.

~ Nov. 21, Tues., Treatment Facility Committee, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Church 6:30 pm.

~ Nov. 25, Sat. Archives Committee, Maryvale Pres. Church, 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.

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BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting, Oct. 1, 2000

Dick L. opened the meeting at 7:08 with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Pete For Courage, read the preamble followed by the reading of the Purpose of Central Committee by Jim of Men's Stag, and Michael, of Williamsville read the twelve traditions. The minutes from the Aug 6th meeting were not read, they were dispensed. The motion to accept the minutes was made John of Gardenville and seconded by Jim of the Ridge group.

40 GROUPS ATTENDED: District 1: Downtown Men's, Easier Softer Way, Giving, Main and High, Miracle, Sunday Nighter's, Sunrise Court. District 2: Any Age, Chapter IX, Early Bird, Handicappers-Sat night, Honesty, How It Works, North Buffalo, Why, and Men's Stag. District 3: Courage, Gardenville, Iron Horse Rainbow, Ridge, Victory, We Care. District 4: Action, Hamburg, The Lakeshore Group and St. Mark's. District 5: Johnson Creek Big Book and Lockport 1. District 6: Dunkirk District 7: Cold Spring, Ellicott, Let Go & Let God, Spirit of Hope District 8: Amherst Snyder, Renewal, Wehrle, and Williamsville. District 9: Rural is Plural & District 10: No groups in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1). ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen of the Ridge Group read the report. \$294.00 was received for the month of Aug., 2000. That made the total for the year 2000 of \$4,285.00. A comparison of August'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	534.00	3,991.00	783.00	4,502.00	772.00	4,801.00
August	294.00	4,285.00	282.00	4,784.00	540.00	5,341.00
September	333.00	4,618.00	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	\$4,618.00	\$4,618.00	\$6,258.00	\$6,258.00	7,228.00	7,228.00

2). STEERING COMMITTEE: The area intergroups got together and discussed a variety of topics. The next meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday of Feb. location to be announced.

3) TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Pete F., Courage Grp, Chairman of the committee read the report. The committee met on Aug. 15th at 6:30PM at St Paul's church, on Indian Church rd., South Buffalo. (Where the Iron Horse group meets). Eleven (11) people attended. The status of the regular meetings at treatment facilities is as follows:

- Sunday ECMC - 3:45pm: ok.
- Sunday VAMC - 7:00pm: ok.
- Monday Sheehan- 7.00pm: ok.
- Monday Salvation Army - 8:00pm: Needs help on all Monday's
- Tuesday ECMC - 7:00pm: ok.
- Tuesday VAMC - 1:00pm: ok.

Thursday ECMC - 7:00pm: ok.  
Thursday Reflections Lockport Memorial Hosp.- 8:00pm: ok.  
Friday ECMC - 7:00pm ok.  
Saturday ECMC - 7:00pm: ok.

'Bridging the Gap" received 3 calls for the first three weeks of Sept.  
No Old Business.  
New Business. New Co-Chairs Bruce B. of South Buffalo.

4) FINANCIAL REPORT: The full report with all the details is available in writing attached to the minutes.

5) CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Bill L. gave the report. The meeting was held Oct. 1st at 6:05PM prior to the Central Committee meeting. Topics discussed were: The "Corrections Connection" meeting at Attica last month. There is a need for each prison to have someone keep track of the meetings being covered. The following are the status of each facility: Attica: OK.

Erie County Men's: OK.  
Erie County Women's: OK.  
Gowanda: OK  
Wende: Needs Help.  
Lakeview Shock: Nothing.  
Niagara County: OK.  
Wyoming: No Report.

If you are interested in helping Corrections, please call Bill.L @ 824-2246

6) SCREENERS: John B. Lakeshore, respectfully submitted his resignation to the Committee to pursue the New Frontiers Chairmanship following its recent vacancy.

7) CENTRAL OFFICE: Griff N. gave the report.

AA Information	643	<u>Mail</u>	
PIC	0	725 Pieces	
CPC	0	\$423.72 Total Mail Cost	
Al Anon	18		
Ala Teen	5	<u>Answering Service</u>	
ACOA	9	Incoming Calls	402
12 Step	7	Outgoing Calls	170
Literature Requests	18		
Fax In	3	Visitors	132
Fax Out	11	Volunteers	87

8) NEW FRONTIER: No Report.

9) PAST CONVENTION (FALL 1999): No Report.

10) PRESENT CONVENTION: The Committee met Sept. 17, 2000 at the Marriott Hotel. All Committee tables will be ready Fri. @ 2:00pm for set-up. Deadline dates are Oct.20, for Hotel, and Oct. 27 for Menu. Next meeting is Oct. 15, 2000 @ 1:00Pm. Coffee donations are slow.

SERVICE REPORTS:

- 1) GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: Rich F. of Iron Horse reported of having one "Bridge the Gap" for the NYPENN Area with the support of each intergroup. Already been set up. The issue will be brought up at General Service for motion and vote Oct. 15th m.
- 2) PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE; Terry B. PIC Chairperson prt. The meeting was held on 9/16/00. Starting in Oct. the meeting will be held on the second South instead of the third. There was only one presentation in Sept. at WHRD on the 27th. (3) T~~e~~ been purchased and TV stations have been approached. Open meeting schedules are being po colleges. And the Internet for the Buffalo area is also being set up. *and are in the juv*
- 3) COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE: No written given.
- 4) ARCHIVES: No report.

RECAP: In regards to the Financial report, John H. asked if outstanding uld be under liabilities not assets. Jim stated that accounts receivable are assets, and Mel L. of Rene the same. Cheryl reported that the "Day of Sharing" will be held Oct. 14th at the Trinity Church on here will be a \$3 donation. Bring a dish to share.

OLD BUSINESS: We still need a District 6 rep. No one has signed up as L. is filling in.

NEW BUSINESS: John B. stood for the New Frontiers Chairman positie his qualifications, which were deemed adequate. Joanne M of Action made a motion nominating Joeconded by Elizabeth. All were in favor, congratulations John B. There were no volunteers or nonr Screeners chair. Jim B. suggested we take it back to the groups, nominations are tabled until Novasked who will take care of the Screeners in the mean time? John B. says it takes care of itself. herst/Snyder asked what a screener does. John B. answered that it is a way of directing calls for help'm to people on a list. Griff N. said that Central Office has literature on what screeners do. Jim o:Stag wanted to know what district his group is in, someone said District 2. Griff N. said there is a port the day of sharing and that Central Office needs more support.

John B. Lakeshore group made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chaneeeting closed with the Lord's prayer at 7:54 with The Lord' Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark S. Lakeshore Group  
Recording Secretary

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2000

6 <sup>th</sup> Step			25.00	25.00	
Abbott Men		315.00		315.00	315.00
Acceptance/Welcome		700.00		50.00	50.00
Achievement		1,000.00			
Action	25.00	160.00			
After Midnight		20.00			
Age Doesn't Matter		130.00		10.00	10.00
Amherst/Snyder	165.55	658.15			
Amsdell/Lakeshore	25.00	207.65			
Any Age		250.00			
Any Length		240.00			
Anybody's Group		140.00			
Attitude Adjustment		225.00			
Attraction	100.00	300.00			
Beginning In Sobriety II				30.00	
Beginning Women	100.00	150.00		25.00	25.00
Bidwell Monday Nite		150.00		75.00	75.00
Big Book/Lockport		50.00			
Blasdell Monday Nite		65.00			
Boulevard Women		300.00			
Brass		80.00			
But For The Grace of God		35.00			
Came To Believe		14.75			
Casting	40.00	190.00		10.00	10.00
Cathedral Park		65.63		15.00	15.00
Caz		64.00			
Chapter IX		40.00		40.00	40.00
Cheektowaga		160.00		50.00	
Chevy	100.00	100.00			
Clarence Men's Disc. Wednesday		100.00			
Common Problem		50.00			
Courage		495.00		56.25	56.25
Crossroads		217.50			
Crosstalk Big Book		78.00			
Daily Reflections	15.50	125.50			
Derby		75.00			
Downtown Men		25.00			
East Aurora		100.00			
Easy Does It		25.00			
Ellicott	20.00	90.00		10.00	10.00
Emergency		20.00			
Eternal Vigilance		250.00			
Everybody's		125.00			
Express		176.00			
Eyeopener		646.00			

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Father Baker	100.00	600.00				
Firehouse	160.00	1,427.12				125.00
Firehouse PM		700.00				
First Things First		220.00				
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom		200.00				
Frontier/New Frontier		262.00				
Gardenville	50.00	150.00				
Georgetown		800.00				
Getting Better		7.00				
Giving				72.02		
Golden Slipper		50.00				
Going To Any Length	100.00	100.00				
Grand Group		80.00				
Grand II Joy of Living		100.00				
Grateful		100.00		40.00		40.00
H.A.N.D	50.00	230.00				
Hamburg		75.00		25.00		25.00
Handicappers		150.00				100.00
Harmony		300.00		30.00		30.00
Helping Hand	20.00	120.00				
High Noon		350.00				
High Noon		150.00		25.00		25.00
Holiday Village	250.00	1,080.00				
Holland	60.00	150.00				
Honesty	30.00	300.00	10.00	100.00		
Hope-Big Book Study		10.00				
How It Works/Men		150.00		150.00		150.00
Inspiration		50.00		25.00		25.00
Intoxicated On Life		50.00		10.00		10.00
Ironhorse	50.25	501.50	20.10	79.05	20.10	79.05
IT		30.00				
Journey		265.00				
Just For Today/Albion		5.00				
Just For Today/Cheektowaga		100.00				
Keep It Simple, Sister	40.00	115.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Kensington Discussion		40.00				
Lake Shore		135.00		121.00		95.00
Lakeview		75.00				
Let Go and Let God		70.00				
Lighten Up	300.00	802.50				
Live and Let Live		120.00				
Living In The Solution		700.00				
Lockport City		60.00				
Lockport Ladies		66.500				
Lockview		150.00				

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2000

Lovejoy		60.00		10.00		30.00
Main & High	5.00	60.00				
Main Street/Arcade/Monday		50.00				
Marilla		200.00				
Matt Talbot	50.00	350.00				
Medina New Life	50.00	110.00				
Miracle		20.00				
Morning After		75.00				
New Beginnings		55.00				
New Outlook/Albion		60.00				
Niagara Frontier Men's		300.00				
North Buffalo	100.00	1,000.00	25.00	250.00	25.00	250.00
North Java Groups		80.00				
North Java Mornin' After		10.00				
One Day At A Time		275.00				
Orchard Park Step		250.00				
Pathway To Peace		40.00				
Perry Discussion		40.00				
Pioneer		60.00				
Positively Living/Linwood		44.20				
Positively Living/Renaissance I	500.00	1,500.00				
Powerless		25.00				
Progress		55.00				
Purpose		400.00				
Rainbow		125.00		50.00		75.00
Ray of Hope		140.00				
Reformers (Prison)				30.00		
Remember When	35.00	95.00				
Renewal		300.00				
Ridge		302.00		81.11		75.00
Rochester Group		300.00				
Rural Is Plural		100.00		10.00		10.00
Searching for Serenity		350.00				
Serenity	50.00	365.65				
Serenity Circle	10.00	71.00		2.00		2.00
Serenity Trail		27.50				
Sheridan	20.00	180.00				
Sober Saturday		24.60				
Sobriety on a Saturday Night		50.00				
Southgate		10.00		30.08		10.00
Southtown Women's	60.00	122.50				
Southwestern	40.00	220.25				
Spirit of Hope		24.00		8.00		8.00
Spiritual Progress		150.00				
Starting Over		216.40				
Staying Alive	25.00	25.00				

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2000

Stepping Stones/Gowanda	40.00	200.00				
Stepping Stones/Williamsville		54.00				
Urban	10.00	140.00				
Sunday Morning Breakfast		450.00		150.00		150.00
Sunday Third/Sheridan	50.00	105.00				
Sunrise Court		100.00		8.90		
Surrender & Hope		350.00		25.00		
Thankful		50.00				
The Book Meeting		71.62				
Those, Too	5.00	30.00				
Thruway	40.00	1,865.00	20.00	200.00	20.00	200.00
Thursday Afternoon Discussion	100.00	500.00				
Today's Women		10.00				
Trail's End		45.00				
TriCounty/Gowanda	10.00	150.00				
Try Again				25.00		
Tuesday Men's Discussion		140.00				
Tuesday Women	10.00	120.00	10.00	70.00	10.00	70.00
Unity	100.00	420.00				
University Men's Discussion		750.00				
Valley		30.00				
Varieties of Spiritual Experience	25.00	174.00				
Victory		30.00		30.00		30.00
Wake Up Call		36.00				
We Care	60.00	170.00	20.00	90.00	40.00	180.00
We Are Not Saints	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Wehrle		50.00		10.00		
Westfield		81.00				
Westminster		60.00				
Why		90.00		15.00		15.00
Williamsville	120.00	345.00				
Willing to Grow		200.00				
Wilson	25.00	75.00		25.00		
Wilson Smith University Alumni		120.00				
Women's West Side Discussion		47.50				
Working	237.00	237.00				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Dick's Tees		10.00				
Pink Can			2.50	98.93		
Memoriam BK				20.00		
Anonymous		55.00				
Back To Basics/Canada		10.00				
Perry Wed. Night Meeting		20.00				
Group Contribution Total	\$3,608.30	\$35,429.02	\$ 172.60	\$2,667.34	\$ 155.10	\$2,455.30

Beginning Balance 9/26/00			\$756.80
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
42 Groups Contributed	\$3,608.30		
Joint Meeting 10/1/00	46.00		
New Frontier Subscriptions	50.00		
Envelope System	576.00		
Literature	\$1,677.32		
Mail/Copies	129.87		
District 1 Seed Money	300.00		\$6,387.49
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
#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	716.00		
Health Insurance	141.20		
Secrephone (Answering Service)	120.85		
Minolta Leasing/Copier	187.00		
Bell Atlantic	292.91		
Vermont Pure Springs	32.00		
World Services, Inc.	657.50		
Hazelden	338.00		
Office Depot	22.99		
District 1 Seed Money	300.00		
Postage	600.00		
Bank Charge	18.75		(\$5,760.04)
<b>Assets</b>			
Balance 10/25/00			\$1,384.25
Money Market 9/26/00	\$1,113.36		
Interest Credit	5.65		
Balance 10/25/00			\$1,119.01
Certificate of Deposit			8,000.00
Outstanding Invoices			1,060.88
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE</b>			<b>\$11,564.14</b>
			
<i>Correctional Facilities 9/25/00</i>	<i>615.94</i>		
<i>Donations 9/26/00 - 10/25/00</i>	<i>172.60</i>		
<i>Expenses</i>		<i>155.90</i>	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		<i>8</i>	
<i>Balance 10/25/00</i>			<i>\$624.64</i>
			
<i>Treatment Facilities 9/25/00</i>	<i>\$132.63</i>		
<i>Donations 9/26/00- 10/25/00</i>	<i>155.10</i>		
<i>Expenses</i>		<i>113.19</i>	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		<i>8.00</i>	
<i>Balance 10/25/00</i>			<i>\$166.54</i>
			

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