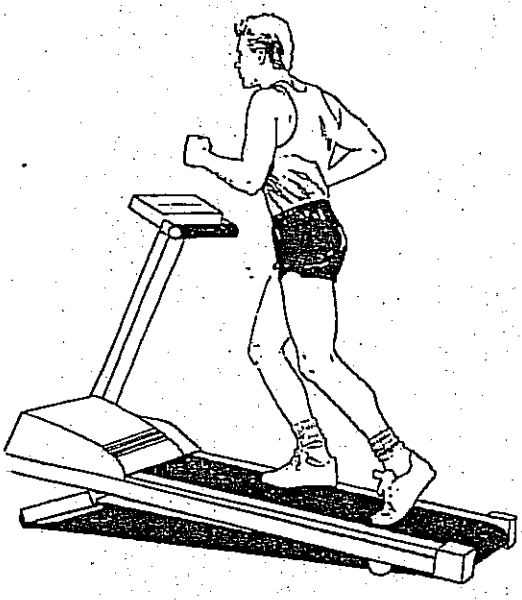
SEPTEMBER 2000

NEW FRONTIERS

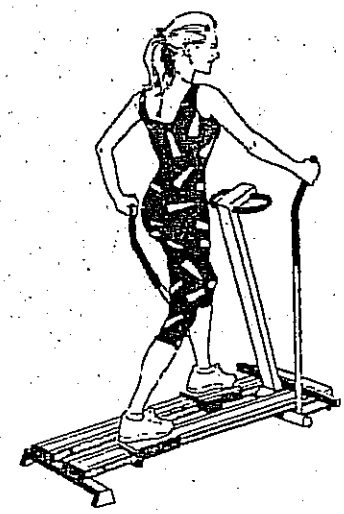
THE CENTRAL COMMITTIEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL AA MEMBERS
IN WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
WE REQUEST THAT THIS NEWSLETTER BE KEPT WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP TO INSURE ANONYMITY

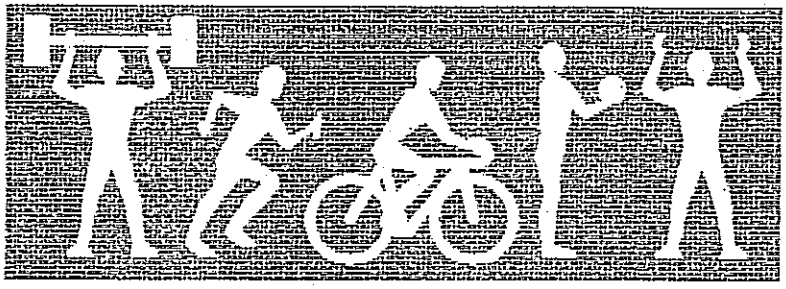


" Assuming we are spiritually fit, we can do all sorts of things alcoholics are not supposed to do. People have said we must not go where liquor is served; we must not have it in our homes; we must shun friends who drink...we mustn't think or be reminded about alcohol at all. Our experience shows that this is not necessarily so.

We meet these conditions every day. An alcoholic who can not meet them, still has an alcoholic mind. There is something the matter with his spiritual status."

Alcoholics Anonymous, pp 100-101





IN MEMORIAM

The most important 6 words: "I admit I made a mistake."
The most important 5 words: "I am proud of you."
The most important 4 words: "What is your opinion?"
The most important 3 words: "if you please."
The most important 2 words: "Thank you."
The most important word: "We."
And the least important word: "I"
Composed by Jim Scurr, deceased in the year of our Lord 2000
REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND

IN MEMORIAM

MICHEAL J. FAUST
JULY.28, 2000

BELOVED HUSBAND OF DOROTHY
REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND

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THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Are you interested in AA history? The Archives Committee needs volunteers. Come join us for a trip back to the early days of AA. The Committee is proud to announce that the Archives display is available to all groups. We request that you give us 30 days notice to insure availability. Would you like the Archives Committee to add their display to your groups' party or group function?

What a wonderful way to learn the history of AA in our area! Trace the history of AA with photographs, writings, etc.

For more information call: Archives Chair Tom B. at 845-8461 or Archivist Ben W. at 837-9395.

HOW TO LOVE

"The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves,
and not to twist them to fit our own image.
Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them."

(T Merton: No Man is an Island.)

EDITORS NOTE... It was hats off to the 'Black Velvet Lady' at a meeting last Month

"I believe that Alcoholics Anonymous stands alone in the treatment of alcoholism because it is based solely on the principle of one alcoholic sharing with another alcoholic. This is what makes the program unique. When I decided I wanted to stay sober, I called a woman who I knew was a member of AA, and she carried the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to me. She received no monetary compensation, but rather was paid by staying sober another day herself. Today I could ask for no payment other than another day free from alcohol, so in that respect, I am generously paid for my labor."

Daily Reflections p252

TRADITION NINE

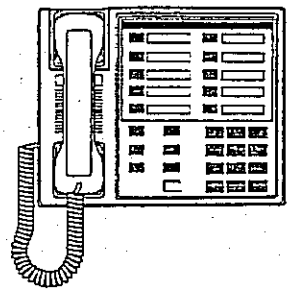
"AA, AS SUCH OUGHT NEVER BE ORGANIZED; BUT WE MAY CREATE SERVICE BOARDS OR COMMITTEES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE THEY SERVE"

My faith in committees has been restored since I joined AA. I've seen committees organize conventions and take care of many other tasks. AA does not organize itself in the conventional way that most businesses do. But many times we rely on the fruits of disagreements aired, as well as good hard labor to get things done. In many ways, we use our work in AA to try to heal the wounds that kept us immobile for so many years. We join other AA's in our work trying to be real for the first time in our lives.

Marie S.
Live and let Live

WHERE HAVE 12-STEP VOLUNTEERS GONE?

The most frustrating thing about answering Central Office phones is not finding an AA member willing to take a Twelfth Step call for some sick alcoholic who has phoned us for help. Sometimes it takes up to 20 calls to get just one willing volunteer. Some of the responses we hear when a live member actually does answer the phone: "What's a Twelfth Step call?" "How did you get my phone number?" "Do you mean you actually want me to talk to someone who's still drinking?" The saddest response came from a member who exclaimed, "No I can't do it; I'm busy all day. Today is my sobriety anniversary." Other negative answers we get include: "The number has been disconnected." "I'm no longer a member of that group." "I don't attend meetings anymore."



But occasionally, something wonderful happens, as when we called upon an AA who answered our request for help by saying, "Thanks for calling me--I was really feeling down and sorry for myself. I'll make the Twelfth Step call immediately." One response like that offsets 500 of the negative kind and helps to keep us going.

The challenge of locating willing volunteers isn't new. It seems we had similar though less critical challenges years ago. Nor is the solution to the problem necessarily with the AA groups. Intergroup needs to educate the groups and their members about what we are and do. This need is confirmed by information our Intergroup receives from officers of our member groups.

Part of the solution lies in the power of repetition. AA being what it is. A fellowship with an astonishing turnover of people means that Intergroup needs to tell its own story continuously. It's no accident that AA is a program of repetition. I still want to hear another member remind me yet again, I don't have to drink. And it's the first drink that will get me drunk.

The need for volunteers and for updated Twelfth Step lists from individual groups is shared by the 499 Intergroups and Central Offices around the U.S. and Canada.

Would you like to save a life? Contact Central Office for more information.

Excerpted & Adapted from 'Box 459' and Nashville Intergroup Newsletter "The Messenger"

STEP NINE

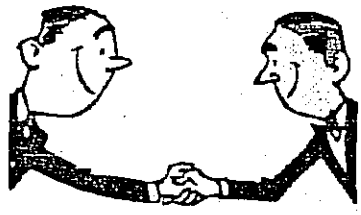
"MADE DIRECT AMENDS TO SUCH PEOPLE WHEREVER POSSIBLE, EXCEPT WHEN TO DO SO WPILD INJURE THEM OR OTHERS."

"Good judgement, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence--these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine. Pg 83,*12&12*

"After taking this preliminary trial at making amends, we may enjoy such a sense of relief that we conclude our task is finished. We will want to rest on our laurels. The temptation to skip the more humiliating and dreaded meetings that still remain may be great. We will often manufacture plausible excuses for dodging these issues entirely. Or we may just procrastinate, telling ourselves the time is not yet, when in reality we have already passed up many a fine chance to right a serous wrong. Lets not talk prudence while practicing evasion" *Pg 85, 12&12.*

Submitted by
Carl K., Downtown Men's

TWO GUYS



Don went to an AA meeting. He frowned when a member mispronounced a few words while reading " HOW IT WORKS". He was appalled when someone else stood up and said he was an alcoholic and an addict. Another person talked too long, Don felt. Slipping out of the room after the meeting, he muttered "That was terrible, I should have stayed home."

John went to an AA meeting. He bowed his head as he listened to the "PREAMBLE" and "HOW IT WORKS." He listened intently as members told their stories. He was grateful for being able to attend the meeting. After cleanup and a little socializing, he paused as he locked the meeting room door and thought, "Thank God for a beautiful meeting."

Both men were at the same meeting. Each found what he was looking for.

ESCAPE FROM THE TRUTH

Alcoholism is a progressive incurable and often times fatal disease. The preferred escape from the truth of alcoholism is denial. To define escape; it simply means break from confinement, get free. I was born n alcoholic, I live as a recovering alcoholic and I'll die an alcoholic. However, I have embraced the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and its teachings that give me a daily reprieve from my disease. If I avoid the first drink, I can't get drunk! AA not only provides me with a welcome change in my lifestyle, it also offered me a new perspective on spirituality. I was totally dependent on alcohol to do even the most trivial tasks. AA shattered the idea that I could handle it alone. I needed help. I have accepted my disease and realized that I cannot do it alone. Each morning I pray to the God of my understanding asking to better understand His will for me, not mine. I accept whatever I am given and do the best I can with what I have, one day at a time. The memories of my drinking do not include sipping expensive rum punch on the best beaches in Barbados. I gulped cheap booze in sleazy bars, staggered back to the mission, and mercifully passed out, only to awaken the next morning to another day of insanity.

There are no magic bullet cures for Alcoholism. At best, we may be able to identify a high probability cause for these particular symptoms. Statistics tell us there are almost 3 million alcoholics in AA, and 18 million waiting in the wings. They wait for that right moment to quit, while persisting in that miserable way of life as a drinking alcoholic. I came to AA, full of self-pity, remorse and loneliness. The answer to all my problems was to drink. I drank to escape the reality of life, went to bed to escape, only to wake up the next morning to the horror of cold sweats and trembling hands wondering what I had done the night before.

AA taught me to surrender, so instead of trying to escape the truth, I surrendered to it. Out of defeat comes strength, and hope for a better way of life. I am overjoyed that if God, sees fit to keep me sober for one more day, my day will be rich and full in ways that I could not have imagined during the dark despair of my drinking days.

Escape from the truth? The truth is reality. There is no escape from reality; even soaked with alcohol, it is fleeting. We must surrender to our disease, and accept the reality of a loving God. Then and only then can we achieve some measure of success in our recovery.

John H.
Editor

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY
ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF CPC

"Our Twelfth Step-carrying the message-is the basic service that the AA fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles it is a society for alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die."

The AA Service Manual,"AA's Legacy of Service." pg 51
Submitted by Griff N. CPC Chair

C.P.C. WORK AND WHY AA'S DO IT

"Cooperating with the nonalcoholic professionals is an effective way to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. Such people often meet the alcoholic in places where AA is not present. Through professionals, alcoholics may be reached who otherwise would never find the program, or they may be reached sooner with the help of informed non-AA's.

A professional can be a family doctor, or other health care professional, a member of the clergy, a law enforcement or court official, an educator, a social worker, an alcoholism or other counselor, or anyone who deals with problem drinkers in the course of their work. Many of these people often encounter the suffering alcoholic, and in spite of public awareness, many of them simply don't know what to do with a drunk.

C.P.C. work can begin when individual AA's reveal their membership to their doctors or drop a quiet word in the ear of a pastor, priest or rabbi that an AA member is available to the congregation. Group participation in C.P.C. by welcoming professional and future professionals to open meetings. Committees in the area or local level actively seek ways to make contact with professional people and set up programs to increase knowledge and understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A look at our history shows clearly that cooperation with professionals has been an integral part of the Fellowship since our beginnings. AA might never have gotten off the ground or progress would have been slower, without the help of non-alcoholics such as Dr. Silkworth, Sister Ignatia, and the Reverend Sam Shoemaker.

It is important that C.P.C. workers understand the importance of AA's Traditions and learn how to explain them to non-alcoholics. The cardinal fact is that the Traditions are <u>our</u> traditions and there is no reason non-AA's should be expected to understand them unless we take the initiative and explain them."

CPC Workbook
Submitted by Griff N.
CPC Chair

Our local CPC did a presentation for the Cornell Universities Labor Studies and a joint presentation with the TFC at Tri-County Hospital in July 2000. A special thanks to the volunteers who manned the information booth at this years Erie County Fair.

"OURS IS NOT A SECRET SOCIETY ... WE CARRY THE MESSAGE ...ANY WHERE WE CAN."

THE FIFTH TRADITION

"EACH GROUP HAS BUT ONE PRIMARY PURPOSE...
TO CARRY ITS MESSAGE TO THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, September 15, 2000

5th Annual Corrections Connection, Attica, New York

The Corrections Connection is sponsored jointly by your Corrections & Cooperation with Professional Community Committees of Area 47 (CNY). More information call Central Office 853-0388

Thursday September, 28th, 2000 The Grand Group

The Grand Group will celebrate their 30th Anniversary with a speaker and lunch at Grand Island Presbyterian Church, 1822 Huth Road. East on baseline Road, down Baseline, right turn at the detour sign, all the way to Stoney Point Road, about 2 miles down, make a left turn onto Huth Road. Everyone welcome. Come and join us.

Friday, October 20th, 2000 Silver Creek Friendship Group

Silver Creek Friendship Group will celebrate their 31st anniversary. Speaker meeting followed by an eating meeting. 8:30 p.m. Please bring a dish if you wish. Everyone is welcome. More info; call Peggy R. 549-0229.

NEW FRONTIERS

It has been the policy of the *New Frontiers* to allow everyone who has an opinion, a personal story of recovery, or anything of interest on the subject of Alcoholism to be published. That criteria will continue, with few exceptions. Make certain it is **your** experience and strength that you write about, not someone else's. Stories must be on Alcoholism and recovery. The AA program and recovery should be the focus of all articles submitted.

The *New Frontiers* needs your support. We need your articles to help carry the message of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous. Do not concern yourself about misspelled words, punctuation or grammar mistakes. Just send your articles to the Central Office: Attention *New Frontiers*, we will do the rest.

Editor

PSYCHIC CHANGE

"Men and women drink essentially because they like the effect produced by alcohol. The sensation is so elusive that, while they admit it is injurious, they cannot after a time differentiate the true from the false. To them, their alcoholic life seems the only normal one. They are restless, irritable and discontented, unless they can again experience the sense of ease and comfort which comes at once by taking a few drinks--drinks which they see others taking with impunity. After they have succumbed to the desire again, as so many do, and the phenomenon of craving develops they pass through the well-known stages of a spree, emerging remorseful, with a firm resolve not to drink again. This is repeated over and over, and unless this person can experience an entire psychic change there is very little hope of his recovery.

On the other hand--and strange as this may seem to those who do not understand--once a psychic change has occurred, the very same person who seemed doomed, who had so many problems he despaired of ever solving them, suddenly finds himself easily able to control his desire for alcohol, the only effort necessary being that required to follow a few simple rules."

From the Doctors Opinion BB pg xxvi

ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance

Tom G.	1 y
Lisa S.	10 y
Jim G.	12 y
Margaret M.	25 y

Amherst/Snyder

Amanda C.	3 y
Greg W.	6 y
Patty C.	6 y
Ray H.	6 m
Joy W.	6 m
Randy Mc.	6 m
Barb Mc.	6 m
Scott P.	1 y
Jeff G.	1 y
Annette L.M.	6 y
Maureen M.	10 y
Harry B.	12 y
Ken C.	13 y
Rhonda H.	14 y
Nancy F.	15 y
Toni F.	16 y
Jack S.	23 y
Dan J.	24 y
George D.	28 y
Russell Q.	29 y

Any Age

Jim M.	6 m
Bob G.	1 y
John W.	2 y
Kevin	2 y
Amy Lynn	4 y
Bill G.	28 y

Cold Springs

Cecil R.	1 y
Loretta H.	8 y
Elizabeth G.	28 y

Courage

Debbie McE.	9 m
Mike Z.	1 y
Laura L.	6 y
Russ C.	8 y
Leo M.	12 y

Ellicott

Yvonne D.	13 y

Fireside

Conrad M.	6 m
Frank O.	1 y
Jean B.	2 y
Keith L.	8 y
Pat N.	10 y
David S.	11 y
Al F.	11 y
John N.	12 y
Mike B.	13 y
Anne S.	14 y
Chris R.	15 y
John R.	15 y
Charlie J.	20 y

Fresh Start

Reggie G.	4 y
Margaret H.	22 y

H.A.N.D

Scott W.	3 y

Iron Horse

Stacy Q.	3 m
John F.	6 m
Richard C.	9 m
Susan D.	9 m
Jamie F.	9 m
Mike B.	2 y
Scott D.	4 y
Kathi S.	5 y
Tom C.	12 y
Dan O.	15 y
Mike K.	18 y

Kensington

Norma F.	17 y

Powerless

John R.	2 y
Robert G.	3 y

Renewal

Patti W.	1 y
Scott F.	1 y
Mary T.	2 y
Ken K.	15 y
James D.	19 y
Charlie J.	20 y

Ridge

Margo	9 m
Henry M.	1 y
Rich W.	13 y

Rise & Shine

Ivan M.	3 m
Carl B.	6 m
Rolando S.	2 y
Robert E G	3 y
Theresa H.	3 y
Linda C.	5 y
Darrell M.	9 y

Sheridan

Carl D.	1 y
Donna C.	2 y
Kevin S.	2 y
Jerry G.	5 y
John C.	7 y
Will M.	8 y
Dan M.	10 y
Joe E.	11 y
Jean M.	15 y
Butch H.	20 y

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Shawn M.	6 y
Dan J.	24 y

Thruway

Ed A.B.	3 m

Group Anniversaries

Iron Horse
Acceptance
Frontier
Honesty
North Buffalo
Action
Fredonia Discussion
Renewal
Fireside PM
H.A.N.D.
Fresh Start
South Town
Orchard Park Step
Cathedral Park
Step Work
Easier Softer Way
Main Street
Today's Woman
Lunchtime
New Outlook
Cornplanters Again
Crosstalk Big Book
Boulevard Women's
Freedom Now

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

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SEPTEMBER 2000

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

FALL 2000 MEETING SCHEDULES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

PLEASE NOTE

BEGINNING IN SOBRIETY II – Friday, 6:30 pm, St. Ann's, has closed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SERENITY ON THE LAKE, Thurs., 8 pm, Tri-County Outpatient, 6775 Erie Rd., Derby, needs support.

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

THE PRESENT and THE PRESENT II – Sundays at 2 and Fridays at 7, St. Martin in the Field, Grand Island no longer meets.

COMING EVENTS

~ Sept. 3, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street.

~ Sept. 3, Sunday, **Correctional Facility Committee**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.

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

~ Sept. 15, Friday, Corrections Connection, 9 am to 3:30 pm, Attica, New York

~ Sept. 16, Sat., **New Frontier Committee**, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Square, 10 am.

~ Sept. 16, Sat., **Public Information Committee Meeting**, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.

~ Sept. 19, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Church 6:30 pm.

~ Sept. 23, Sat. **Archives Committee**, Maryvale Pres. Church, 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.

~ Sept. 24, Sun., members of **Fresh Start** are celebrating the group's 17th anniversary with and eating meeting with speaker, 9 pm; 812 Delevan, 2nd Temple Mission Baptist, come and share.

~ Sept. 24, Sun., members of the **Renewal** are celebrating the group's 28th anniversary with an open speaker meeting, desserts, beverages and superb fellowship are being offered to anyone who cares to attend.

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* New Meeting

~ Sept. 26, Tues., members of **H.A.N.D.** will be celebrating their group's 20th anniversary with a speaker and lunch. Bring a dish if you wish, Cleveland Hill Lutheran Church, 261 Cleveland Drive, 10 am.

~ Sept. 28, Thursday, members of the **Grand Group** are celebrating the group's 30th 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.

~ Oct. 8, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street.

~ October 8, 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 15th 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 15, **General Service Assembly**, 511 Club, 511 E. 2nd 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 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.

~ October 21, Sat., **Public Information Committee Meeting**, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.

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

~ Oct. 29, Sun. **4th 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,

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

CONCEPT IX: *GOOD SERVICE LEADERS, TOGETHER WITH SOUND AND APPROPRIATE METHODS OF CHOOSING THEM, ARE AT ALL LEVELS INDISPENSABLE FOR OUR FUTURE FUNCTIONING AND SAFETY. THE PRIMARY WORLD SERVICE LEADERSHIP ONCE EXERCISED BY THE FOUNDERS OF AA MUST NECESSARILY BE ASSUMED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENEERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.*

In the Ninth Tradition the key words are "Directly responsible to those they serve." This responsibility is a two-way street. It is .not only the people in the service assignments that have a responsibility in this Tradition, but the membership too. We all must necessarily keep our- selves informed and know the needs of service, otherwise Tradition Nine will become meaningless.

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting, Sept. 3, 2000

Lee M. opened the meeting at 7:07 with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Jay, of North Buffalo, read the preamble followed by the reading of the Purpose of Central Committee, and Tom, of Rural is Plural 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.

22 GROUPS ATTENDED: District #1: Downtown Men's, Giving, Main and High, Open Mind, Sunday Nighter's, Sunrise Court. District #2: Any Age, Handicappers-Sat night, Living sober, North Buffalo, and Why. District #3: Abbott Men's, Courage, Gardenville, Ridge, District #4: The Lakeshore Group. District #5: Johnson Creek Big Book. District #6: District #7: Central Park, Cold Spring, Ellicott, Let Go & Let God, #8: Amherst Snyder, Eye Opener, Kensington, and Renewal. 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 August 2000. That made the total for the year 2000 of $4,285.00. A comparison of Augusts 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			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	4,285.00	4,285.00	$6,258.00	$6,258.00	7,228.00	7,228.00

2) STEERING COMMITTEE: Bob G. Amherst/Snyder, gave the report. Lee M. Downtown Men's, opened the meeting, Jay requested the minutes from the last meeting be read. One topic of discussion was the 1110 group charging for a place to stay, this is hearsay, and is a dead issue until someone comes forward. John B's motion to send the 1110 group a letter and a copy of "what AA is and is not" was turned down. A motion was made for a generic letter to be sent to all groups stating they review their policies to ensure they are within the guidelines of AA and a

copy of "What AA is and Is Not". The motion was accepted and will be brought up to the committee for a vote.

Cindy requested permission to attend a seminar in Little Rock, Ark. and is willing to pay for the trip and be reimbursed at a later time. It will be brought to the committee without a recommendation.

Main St. group was left out of the schedule, they will go into the next one and a notice will go out to other groups.

3) TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Pete F., Courage Group, Chairman of the committee read the report. The committee met on Aug. 15th at 6:30 PM at St Paul's Church, on Indian Church Road, South Buffalo. (Where the Iron Horse group meets). Eight (8) people attended. 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: Need someone for the 4th Monday
Monday Salvation Army - 8:00 pm: Needs help on all Monday's
Tuesday ECMC - 7:00 pm: ok.
Tuesday VAMC - 1:00 pm: Need someone for the 5th Sunday.
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" received no calls for the first three weeks of August.
New Business. There was a presentation at 291 Elm on Wed., August 30, the main focus was Bridging the Gap, and the staff was very interested.

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

5) C0RRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE: No report.

6) SCREENERS: John B. Lakeshore, gave the report. Sent a letter to Answering Service requesting call activity sheet. Received a call on 8/31 to speak with someone, called back no answer at number.

7) CENTRAL OFFICE: Cindy N., Our Executive Sect., gave the report. During the month of August we had out-of-town visitors from: Pensacola Fla., Pittsburgh, Pa. and Pontiac Mich. An interesting request came in, if anyone in the Canal district wants to take AA project, please feel free. Had visitors who were touring the Erie Canal by boat, had called and wanted to know of meetings that are within walking distance of the Canal. If the groups that fit that description would please call the Central Office, it would be appreciated. If there is any one interested in mapping out those meetings, that also would be appreciated.

AA Information	489	Mail	
PIC	0	545 Pieces	
CPC	0	$432.67 Total Mail Cost	
Al Anon	24		
Ala Teen	2	Answering Service	
ACOA	4	Incoming Calls	402
12 Step	6	Outgoing Calls	170
Literature Requests	19		
Fax In	2	Visitors 106	
Fax Out	13	Volunteers 49	

8) NEW FRONTIER; John H., Editor gave the report. Once again the New Frontiers is in need of articles. We are anxious to publish new writers. If you have always wanted to share your experience strength, and hope with us, why not do it today? There is no need to worry about misspelled words or grammar. No article will be printed to embarrass anyone. Just send your article, story, or opinion to the Central Office, care of: New Frontiers, we'll do the rest.

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

10) PRESENT CONVENTION: No report.

SERVICE REPORTS:

1) GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: Bob K. gave the report, We would still like to see more groups send members to the Assembly next month on Oct. 15th. The meeting will be at the 511 Club in Jamestown. We will select dates for next year's meetings and who will host them.

1) PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE; Terry B. PIC Chairperson gave the report. Had 1 presentation at the Knights of Columbus in Tonawanda, on Aug. 23. Next meeting is Sept 16th.

2) COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE; No written report was submitted.

4) ARCHIVES: No report.

RECAP: Cindy N. reports that the Niagara, Genesee/Wyoming, NY/Penn and other intergroups will meet before next month's meeting at 6:00.

Regarding the New Frontiers, Bob K. doesn't understand why we still print holiday material on the cover. Ensuing discussion resolved little. Someone asked how to get involved in the New Frontiers. John H. says the Chairman picks the committee, someone chimed in that anyone in AA can join a committee. Cindy N. gave a brief run-down of what's been going on with the New Frontiers since January.

Griff N. pointed out the importance of groups attending the General Service and Central Committee meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: We still need a District #6 rep. No one has signed up as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Lee M. noted the Steering Committee discussed sending a generic letter to groups asking that they review their policies and make sure they stay within AA guidelines. A motion was made to this affect by Jay H., Was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was also discussed that Cindy should attend a Seminar in Little Rock, Ark.; she would pick up the expenses for now with reimbursement coming later when the Central Committee is more fluid. Jim said he has trouble-sending Cindy with no assurances of being reimbursed. John B. made a motion to allow Cindy to go to the seminar trusting in no human power that things will work as they're supposed to. Jay H. said we don't borrow money from individuals. It was stated that this is a reimbursement not a loan. Motion was made to send Cindy, Mike seconds the motion, it passed unanimously.

Jay H. said someone from his group (N. Buff) called central Office and was hung up on. Cindy said the call should have been addressed to the convention Committee. She apologizes for any inconveniences.

Bob K. expressed his concerns with non-AA related material (holiday good cheer, religious events and the like) printed on the cover of the New Frontiers. John H. respectfully resigns as editor of the New Frontiers.

Jim B. ridge group made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John B.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Lakeshore Group
Recording Secretary

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2000

GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
6th Step	**25.00**	25.00				
bott Men	**55.00**	315.00	**55.00**	315.00	**55.00**	315.00
Acceptance/Welcome	**100.00**	700.00		50.00		50.00
Achievement	**500.00**	1,000.00				
Action		135.00				
After Midnight		20.00				
Age Doesn't Matter		130.00		10.00		10.00
Amherst/Snyder	**219.60**	492.60				
Amsdell/Lakeshore	**25.00**	182.65				
Any Age	**50.00**	250.00				
Any Length		240.00				
Anybody's Group	**20.00**	140.00				
Attitude Adjustment	**25.00**	225.00				
Attraction		200.00				
Beginning In Sobriety II				30.00		
Beginning Women		50.00		25.00		25.00
Bidwell Monday Nite	**50.00**	150.00		75.00		75.00
Big Book/Lockport		50.00				
Blasdell Monday Nite		65.00				
Boulevard Women	**75.00**	300.00				
Brass		80.00				
But For The Grace of God		35.00				
ame To Believe		14.75				
Casting		150.00		10.00		10.00
Cathedral Park	**17.38**	65.63		15.00		15.00
Caz		64.00				
Chapter IX		40.00		40.00		40.00
Cheektowaga		160.00		50.00		
Clarence Men's Disc. Wednesday		100.00				
Common Problem		50.00				
Courage	**175.00**	495.00	**26.25**	56.25	**26.25**	56.25
Crossroads		217.50				
Crosstalk Big Book		78.00				
Daily Reflections		110.00				
Derby		75.00				
Downtown Men		25.00				
East Aurora		100.00				
Easy Does It		25.00				
Ellicott		70.00		10.00		10.00
Emergency		20.00				
Eternal Vigilance		250.00				
Everybody's		125.00				
xpress		176.00				
Eyeopener	**446.00**	646.00				
Father Baker		500.00				

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GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
Fireside		1,267.12				125.00
Fireside PM		700.00				
First Things First		220.00				
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom	**25.00**	200.00				
Frontier/New Frontier		262.00				
Gardenville		100.00				
Georgetown		800.00				
Getting Better		7.00				
Giving			**22.02**	72.02		
Golden Slipper		50.00				
Grand Group		80.00				
Grand II Joy of Living		100.00				
Grateful		100.00		40.00		40.00
H.A.N.D		180.00				
Hamburg		75.00		25.00		25.00
Handicappers		150.00				100.00
Harmony	**75.00**	300.00	**30.00**	30.00		30.00
Helping Hand		100.00				
High Noon	**100.00**	350.00				
HillBilly		150.00		25.00		25.00
Holiday Village	**280.00**	830.00				
Holland		90.00				
Honesty	**30.00**	270.00	**10.00**	90.00		
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		451.25		58.95		58.95
IT		30.00				
Journey	**185.00**	265.00				
Just For Today/Albion		5.00				
Just For Today/Cheektowaga		100.00				
Keep It Simple, Sister		75.00				
Kensington Discussion		40.00				
Lake Shore		135.00		121.00		95.00
Lakeview		75.00				
Let Go and Let God		70.00				
Lighten Up		502.50				
Live and Let Live		120.00				
Living In The Solution		700.00				
Lock City		60.00				
Lockport Ladies		66.500				
Lockview		150.00				
Lovejoy		60.00		10.00		30.00

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GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
Main & High	**5.00**	55.00				
ain Street/Arcade/Monday		50.00				
Marilla	**25.00**	200.00				
Matt Talbot	**50.00**	300.00				
Medina New Life		60.00				
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**	900.00	**25.00**	225.00	**25.00**	225.00
North Java Groups		80.00				
North Java Mornin' After		10.00				
One Day At A Time		275.00				
Orchard Park Step	**250.00**	250.00				
Pathway To Peace		40.00				
Perry Discussion		40.00				
Pioneer		60.00				
Positively Living/Linwood		44.20				
Positively Living/Renaissance I		1000.00				
Powerless		25.00				
ogress	**25.00**	55.00				
urpose		400.00				
Rainbow	**25.00**	125.00		50.00		75.00
Ray of Hope	**50.00**	140.00				
Reformers (Prison)				30.00		
Remember When		60.00				
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		315.65				
Serenity Circle	**10.00**	61.00		2.00		2.00
Serenity Trail		27.50				
Sheridan		160.00				
Sober Saturday		24.60				
Sobriety on a Saturday Night	**50.00**	50.00				
Southgate		10.00		30.08		10.00
Southtown Women's		62.50				
Southwestern		180.25				
Spirit of Hope		24.00		8.00		8.00
piritual Progress		150.00				
Starting Over	**20.00**	216.40				
Stepping Stones/Gowanda		160.00				

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GROUP	Central	Accum.	CFC	Accum.	TFC	Accum.
Stepping Stones/Williamsville	**54.00**	54.00				
Suburban	**10.00**	130.00				
Sunday Morning Breakfast	**150.00**	450.00	**50.00**	150.00	**50.00**	150.00
Sunday Third/Sheridan		55.00				
Sunrise Court	**100.00**	100.00	**2.65**	8.90		
Surrender & Hope		350.00		25.00		
Thankful		50.00				
The Book Meeting		71.62				
Those, Too	**5.00**	25.00				
Thruway	**75.00**	1,825.00	**20.00**	180.00	**20.00**	160.00
Thursday Afternoon Discussion		400.00				
Today's Women	**10.00**	10.00				
Trail's End		45.00				
TriCounty/Gowanda	**10.00**	140.00				
Try Again				25.00		
Tuesday Men's Discussion		140.00				
Tuesday Women		110.00		60.00		60.00
Unity		320.00				
University Men's Discussion	**125.00**	750.00				
Valley		30.00				
Varieties of Spiritual Experience	**25.00**	149.00				
Victory		30.00		30.00		30.00
Wake Up Call		36.00				
We Care		110.00		70.00		140.00
Wehrle		50.00		10.00		
Westfield		81.00				
Westminster		60.00				
Why		90.00		15.00		15.00
Williamsville	**125.00**	225.00				
Willing to Grow		200.00				
Wilson		50.00		25.00		
Wilson Smith University Alumni		120.00				
Women's West Side Discussion		47.50				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Dick's Tees		10.00				
Pink Can			**11.00**	96.43		
Memoriam BK				**20.00**		
Anonymous		**55.00**				
Back To Basics/Canada		**10.00**				
Perry Wed. Night Meeting		20.00				
Group Contribution Total	**$3,776.98**	**$31,820.72**	**$ 251.92**	**$2,494.74**	**$ 176.25**	**$2,280.20**

Beginning Balance 8/26/00			$514.05
RECEIPTS			
42 Groups Contributed	$3,776.98		
Joint Meeting 9/3/00	34.29		
New Frontier Subscriptions	17.00		
Envelope System	333.00		
Literature	2,436.25		
Mail/Copies	39.77	$6,637.29	
EXPENSES:			
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation *Office Rent*	$636.00		
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation*[1]	111.22		
St. Michael's Parish *Meeting Room Rent*	35.00		
Salaries	1,661.84		
Charter One/Federal Withholding	572.80		
Health Insurance	141.20		
Secrephone (Answering Service)	155.05		
Minolta Leasing/Copier	187.00		
Verizon	275.61		
Vermont Pure Springs	20.95		
World Services, Inc.	1,329.14		
Grapevine	49.55		
Hazelden	702.90		
Office Depot	85.73		
Williamson UPS	17.55		
Postage	400.00		
Bank Charge	13.00		($6,394.54)
Balance 9/25/00			756.80
Money Market 8/26/00	1,111.33		
Interest Credit	2.03		
Balance 9/25/00	1,113.36		1,113.36
Certificate of Deposit			8,000.00
Outstanding Invoices	1,291.98		1,291.98
TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE			**$11,162.14**
Correctional Facilities 8/25/00	*372.02*		
Donations 8/26/00 – 9/25/00	*251.92*		
Bank Charge		*8.00*	
Balance 9/25/00			*615.94*
Treatment Facilities 8/26/00	*87.11*		
Donation s8/26/00- 9/25/00	*176.25*		
Expenses		*122.73*	
Bank Charge		*8.00*	
Balance 9/25/00			*132.63*

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

[1] Building [illegible] for [illegible]. Shared by all occupants.