

NEW FRONTIERS

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF
WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
We request that this newsletter be kept within the Fellowship to insure anonymity.

Attitude

By
Charles Swindoll

"...The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one thing we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes..."

Self-support: The Seventh Tradition

There are no dues or fees for membership in A.A., but we do have expenses. In keeping with Seventh Tradition a group may "pass the basket" in order to cover expenses such as rent, refreshments, A.A. Conference-approved books, pamphlets, and meeting lists, and contributions to services provided by the local intergroup (central office), district and area, and the General Service Office of A.A. worldwide. A.A. members are free to contribute whatever they wish, up to a maximum of \$2,000 each in a given year.

The A.A. Home Group

"Traditionally, most A.A. members through the years have found it important to belong to one group which they call 'Home Group.' This is the group where they accept responsibilities and try to sustain friendships. And although all AA members are usually welcome at all groups and feel at home at any of these meetings, the concept of the 'Home Group' has still remained the strongest bond between the AA member and the Fellowship." (from *The A.A. Service Manual*).

With the membership comes the right to vote upon issues that might affect the group and might affect AA as a whole – a process that forms the very cornerstone of AA's service structure. *As with all group-conscience matters, each AA member has one vote; and this ideally, is voiced through the home group.*

Over the years, the very essence of AA strength has remained with the home group, which, for many members, becomes their extended family. Once isolated by their drinking, find in the home group a solid, contributing support system, friends and, very often, a sponsor. They also learn firsthand, through group's working, how to place "principles before personalities" in the interest of carrying the AA message.

Talking about her own group, a member says: Part of my commitment is to show up at my home-group meetings, greet newcomers at the door, and be available to them – not only for them but for me. My fellow group members are the people who know me, listen to me, and steer me straight when I am off in left field. They give me their experience, strength, and AA love, enabling me to "pass it on" to the alcoholic who still suffers."

What is an A.A. group?

As the long form of Tradition Three clearly states, "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought AA membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Further clarification of an AA group may be found in Warranty Six, Twelfth Concept:

- "no penalties to be inflicted for nonconformity to AA principles;
- no fees or dues to be levied – voluntary contributions only;
- no member to be expelled from AA – membership always to be the choice of the individual;
- each AA group to conduct its internal affairs as it wishes – it being merely requested to abstain from acts that might injure AA as a whole; and finally
- that any group of alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group provided that, *as a group*, they have no other purpose or affiliation

Some AA's come together as specialized groups - for men, women, young people, doctors, gays, and others. If the members are all alcoholics, and if they open the doors to all alcoholics who seek help, regardless of profession, gender, or other distinctions, and meet all the other aspects defining an AA group, they may call themselves an AA group.

AA groups are encouraged to register at the G.S.O., as well as with their area, district, intergroup, or central office

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Thank you for cooperation in this matter

The New Frontiers Committee

God help me to set aside all I think I know about my disease, these steps, God, and my concept of spiritual principals in favor of a new experience.

Help me to set aside all I think I know

IN MEMORIAM

Jack B. (Bevo) Past Delegate Area 50 passed away on March 4, 2001. Jack was a member of several groups in the WNY area Southgate and Urban as well as many others. Jack showed others by example how to live sober and how to give back to others in and out of AA. That service is how we live a sober life
Our condolences to the family and friends of these members they will be missed

Courage

For many years I used alcohol and believed alcohol gave me the courage that I was looking for, however that was a fallacy. Not until I came into recovery and found a power greater than myself. I've been able to ask God for the power to change the things I need to change. And God has given me the ability to what is necessary, which includes following directions that are given to me by some old-timers, as they share with me what has worked for them. And by having the courage to do what was suggested to me to change my attitude and behavior my conscience won't let me behave the way I used to because of this course of action. I've been granted a wonderful spiritual life," from God and Alcoholics Anonymous." Thank You God and AA

Chris F
Any Age Group

TODAY

TODAY I am willing to deal with my pain:
TODAY I am willing to talk about it.
My biggest relief comes
In knowing I'm not alone.
There millions of us out there.
The difference is I have a program:
TODAY that enables me to talk about it

Fears and Tears

I started dinking when I was young and had a very sharp tongue. I wouldn't share my fears and made sure no one saw my tears. This went on for many years leading me not have many cares, living a dark and empty life for many years, seeming like I would die with all these fears, lies, and tears. Until a light shined on me and led me to people with fears just like me they said they could care and share what they have done to live a life with joy and fun. Thanks God and AA.

Gary P
Lakeshore Group

The Importance of Anonymity

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

What is the purpose of anonymity in AA? Why is it often referred to as the greatest single protection the Fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth?

At the level of press, radio, and film, anonymity stresses equality in AA of all its members. It puts the brake on our easily inflatable egos, our misplaced conviction that violating our anonymity will help someone, and our desire for personal recognition or control. Most importantly, the Anonymity Tradition reminds us that it is the AA message, not the messenger that is important.

At the personal level, anonymity assures privacy for all members, a safeguard often of special significance to newcomers who may hesitate to seek help in AA. If they have any reason to believe their alcoholism may be exposed publicly.

In theory, the anonymity principle seems clear, but putting it into effect is not always easy. Following are some general guidelines culled from AA experience that may be helpful.

Maintaining anonymity at the public level:

When appearing on radio, TV, or films as AA members, we refrain from showing our faces or revealing our last names. In printed articles, we are identified by our first name and last initials only.

We use our first names and last initials only when speaking as AA members at non-AA meetings. (See the pamphlet "Speaking at non-AA Meetings")

We do not put AA on envelopes sent through the mails, not even on correspondence directed to AA entities. On material to be posted at on AA bulletin boards and printed on AA programs that the public may see, we omit last names and identifying titles of all members.

Understanding anonymity at the AA group level:

We may use last names within our group. At the same time, we respect the right of other members to maintain their own anonymity however they wish, and as closely as they wish. Some groups keep a list of names and telephone numbers volunteered by their members, and may provide phone lists - but for the eyes of the group members only.

We repeat no one's personal sharing made in AA meetings. The word "anonymous" in our name is a promise of privacy. Besides, the only story of recovery we can truly share is our own.

In our personal relationships with non-alcoholics - and with those we think might have a problem with alcohol - we may feel free to say that we are recovering alcoholics (without divulging the names of other AA members), although discretion is recommended. Here our openness may help carry the message.

We refrain from videotaping that special AA talk or meeting which might receive exposure at the public level. And, as the 1980 General Service Conference recommended, it is wiser that talks by AA members be given in person, in view of the temptation when videotaping to place personalities before principles and thus encourage the development of a "star" system in Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information about this important Tradition, see The AA pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity"

The Gift of Faith

I never dreamed I could get sober. After all, I promised to quit drinking at least a thousand times. But there was always that time when, after being dry for a while, I started to miss the good old days. Like vomiting on myself, or someone's kitchen table, or being so drunk that the police were called to remove me from my place of employment. Yes the good old days!

Even after doing the AA "circuit" a few times, I just could not swallow the idea that I was actually a sick person or that I needed to make changes in my life style.

Finally, on the night of my last drink, as they were taking me to city jail, which was nothing new, I somehow recalled what I was told in AA so many times before – to ask God for help. So I prayed and said – please take me and show me how to live sober; I surrender all.

Well, at that moment I had an overwhelming feeling that my life would never be the same again. I felt a peace and joy fill my heart, and it has never left me since then. I haven't found the need for a drink for several years.

I've heard faith defined as "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." I believe it's a gift from God, and free to anyone who asks. Just remember to receive the gift!

Paul C.
Member of AA

Concept 1

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside with in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship

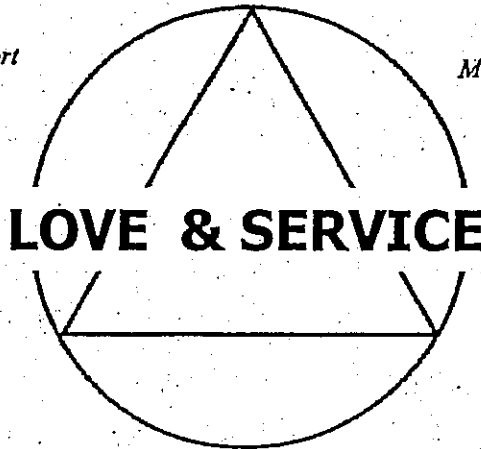
Have you ever wondered what they mean when they talk about the concepts? If you are interested in learning about the Concepts there are several pieces of literature that will give information on these. One is in your literature racks the pamphlet, The Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated, gives a short overview of them.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Acceptance

Jill K. 3 y
 Chuck D. 25 y
 Art F. 46 y

Any Age

Luce 1 y
 Red B. 7 y
 Anne 11 y
 Tom S. 31 y

Cold Springs

Shirley C.L. 3 y
 Dorothy F. 4 y

Fireside

Rick A. 2 y
 Donna D. 2 y
 Issac H. 3 y
 Day W. 13 y
 John H. 15 y
 Maggie D. 25 y
 Bob K. 26 y

Giving

Henrietta 3 m

Grand

David M. 2 y

H.A.N.D.

Mark Mc. 3 y
 Joe R. 4 y
 Bryant G. 16 y

Honesty

Mark S. 16 y

Inner City

Johnny 13y
 Hattie S. 20
 John B. 31y
 Cleo 31y

Kensington

Mary H. 20
 Rita F. 27y

Lighten Up

Bob M. 3y
 Lil B. 4y

Lovejoy

Greg C. 2y
 Debbie K. 4y
 Dan S. 4y
 Phil L. 4y

Main & High

Mark B. 3 m
 Rosetta 6 m
 Wallace G. 4 y

Miracle

Christine Z. 5 y

New West Side

Christine Z. 5 y

Ridge

Joe McC. 2 y
 Terri C. 4 y

Rise & Shine

Charles F. 4 y
 Dorothy F. 4 y
 Ted J. 4 y
 Threse B. 5 y
 Teresa W. 5 y
 Jean D. 5 y
 Carol S. 6 y
 Patricia K. 7 y
 Bruce G. 14 y

Sheridan

Mark H. 4 y
 Mark H. 5 y
 John G. 6 y
 John G. 6 y
 Mark S. 16 y

Sunday Morning

Breakfast

Bob H. 2 y
 Mark O. 4 y
 Becky B. 4 y
 Dan W. 13 y

Sunrise Court

Becky S. 3 y
 Willis C. 3 y
 Cindy F. 4 y
 John G. 6 y
 Dave D. 6 y
 Jennifer 8 y
 Bo D. 10 y
 Bruce 14 y
 Larry B. 19 y

The Book

Shirley S. 14 y

Thruway

Bryant G. 16 y
 Leo S. 18 y
 Bill C. 23 y

Victory

Jackie M. 2 y

We Care

Ken K. 2 y
 Frank D. 3 y
 Tim F. 3 y
 Greg D. 4 y
 Neal O. 4 y
 Elmer M. 21 y

Welcome

Mark H. 7 y
 Della 16 y
 Art F. 46 y

Group Anniversaries

1110
 Attraction
 Casting
 Cheektowaga
 Crossroads
 East Amherst
 H.O.W.
 Holland
 Inner City
 Lewport
 Lower Mountain
 Women's
 Purpose
 Ray of Hope
 Serenity on the La
 There's a Solution
 Welcome.

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APRIL 2001

PLEASE NOTE

SPECIAL NOTE: MEETINGS ARE NOW POSTED ON-LINE AT NY-AA.ORG

ALL MEETINGS PREVIOUSLY HELD AT SOUTHERN ERIE CLINICAL SERVICES, 517 SUNSET DRIVE ARE NOW BEING HELD AT 4390 QUINBY (runs east and west between South Park and McKinley, just north of the Erie County Fairgrounds).

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING Tuesdays 8:30 pm is now a closed meeting.

BOULEVARD HELPING HAND – Saturdays at 10 am, has temporarily moved to Wheatfield Business Park, 2221 Niagara Falls Blvd.

MATT TALBOT WILL CONTINUE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY DURING LENT THIS YEAR

**P.B.P. BOOK STUDY Fridays at 6:30 pm, open, 1st United Methodist, 474 East Main, Springville

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT Sundays, 7 pm, no longer meets.

**SOBRIETY ON THE CANAL Sundays at 5 pm (change of time), closed, non-smoking, Ethereal Dreams Café, 84 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda

WORKING GROUP has returned home to the Unitarian Universalist, 695 Elmwood, 10 AM Thursdays

MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

LOVEJOY - 1040 Lovejoy at Greene, Wednesdays at 12:30 pm; and Friday 12:30 pm and 8 pm.

MID-DAY - Mid-Erie Clinic, 1520 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, Mondays at 12:30

PASS IT ON 1081 Broadway at Playter, Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

SERENITY TRAILS Immaculate Conception Church, Main Street (Route 62), Tuesdays at 8 pm.

COMING EVENTS

- ~ April 1, Sun., join the members of the Casting Group celebrate their 28th anniversary with an eating meeting at the Jesse Nash Health Center, 608 William at 1 pm.
- ~ April 1, Sunday, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street; *Abbott Men hosting.*
- ~ April 1, Sun., Correctional Facility Committee, St. Michael's Ch. Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington St.
- ~ April 8, General Service Assembly, Hamburg Town Hall, S6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, 1:00 pm., *Amherst-Snyder hosting.*
- ~ April 8, members of the Serenity Group invite you to share their 38th anniversary with breakfast at the Holiday Inn/Amherst, 1881 Niagara Falls Boulevard. Breakfast available only with an advance ticket (\$8), none will be sold at the door; speaker follows breakfast at no cost.
- ~ April 14, Sat., New Frontier Committee, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Square, 10 am.
- ~ April 14, Sat., Coop.w/Prof.Community, Maryvale Pres. Ch., 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.
- ~ April 14, Sat., Public Information Committee Meeting, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.
- ~ April 15, Sun., GSA Spring Convention, planning meeting, 10 am, Room 117, 295 Main

- ~ April 15, Sun., **FALL CONVENTION** planning committee, 1 pm, Room 117, 295 Main Street.
- ~ April 17, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Ch., 7 pm.
- ~ April 22, Sat., **Archives Committee**, Maryvale Pres. Ch., 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.
- ~ May 6, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street. *WILLIAMSVILLE hosting.*
- ~ May 6, Sunday, **Correctional Facility Committee**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington Street.
- ~ May 11-13, **GSA Spring Convention**, Radisson at the Airport.
- ~ May 12, **GSA Conference Report** 1 pm Spring Convention, Radisson at the Airport.
- ~ May 12, Sat., **Coop.w/Prof.Community**, TBA
- ~ May 12, Sat., **New Frontier Committee**, TBA
- ~ May 12, Sat., **Public Information Committee Meeting**, TBA
- ~ May 15, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Ch., 6:30 pm.
- ~ May 26, Sat., **Archives Committee**, Maryvale Pres. Church, 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.
- ~ June 17, Sun., **SUNRISE COURT's Annual Father's Day Breakfast**
- ~ July 13-15, **33rd NYS Convention**, Binghamton; \$15 Registration; \$37 reg. + banquet.

PLEASE, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT MEETING, PLEASE INFORM THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THOSE MEETING DAYS WHEN YOUR MEETING SITE IS CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY.

STEP FOUR THOUGHT:

Dear God, It is I who have made my life a mess. I have done it, but I cannot undo it. My mistakes are mine, and I will begin a searching and fearless moral inventory. I will write down my wrongs, but I will also include which is good. I pray for the strength to complete the task.

NOTE FROM CINDY

I want to thank everyone for their continued thoughts, prayers and love. In the words of Bevo, which I can truly understand so much better today – it is good to be seen, it is good to be heard.

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2001 MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:05 by the Chairman Lee of Dtown. Men's disc. with the Serenity Prayer. Mike D. of Abbott Men's read the Preamble, Rich F of the Courage Group read the Traditions and Ray of the Valley Group read the Purpose of Central Committee. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by John H. of Sunday Morning Breakfast and seconded by Mike D. of Abbott Men's.

42 Groups attended: District #1: Easier Softer Way, Faith, Journey, Main and High, Miracle, Sunrise Court, and Those, Too. District #2: 1110, Acceptance, Age Doesn't Matter, Honesty, Living Sober, North Buffalo, and Survivors. District #3: Abbott Men's, Courage, Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Victory, and We Care. District #4: Action, Lakeshore, St. Marks, and Valley. District #5: Johnson Creek Big Book Study, Lockport #1 Group, Niagara Frontier Men's Disc., and Wilson. District #6: Dunkirk Monday Nite. District #7: Coldspring, Ellicott, Let Go and Let God, Lovejoy, and Spirit of Hope. District #8: Amherst Snyder, Kensington, Renewal, Turning Point, and Williamsville. District #9: Rural is Plural. District #10: No reps. present.

Note: There was no presentation this month from any of the committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** Cindy N. of Sunrise Court gave the report. For March of 2001, \$336.00 was collected. A comparison of the last three years is listed below:

- 2) **STEERING COMMITTEE:** Lee M., Chairman, opened the meeting at 6:00pm with the Serenity Prayer. 10 people were present. MOD/ Living in the Solution wrote a letter to the General Service Office in New York City concerning a November resolution of the Central Committee. Central Committee said that there are no fundraisers for Central Office. If a group wants to have a dance then they are perfectly able to do whatever they want, but they cannot put that it directly benefits Central Office on the flyer. Living in the Solution took exception to this and wrote a letter to GSO. The second matter discussed was a report made by the Meeting Starting Guidelines Committee chaired by Jay H. of North Buffalo. Jay presented the Steering Committee a list with seven things on it. A discussion then ensued whether printing guidelines would be in the spirit of the traditions. We cannot tell someone that they can't start a meeting was offered by one member. Another said that it hurts AA if a meeting folds that was started in a "fly by night" manner. The discussion then changed tenor and another member offered that people will never change to guidelines, but they will change to a quality message. Just guidelines will not be enough. A question was then asked, "what do we have in place now?" A member who previously lived out of the area offered a suggestion of what they did in that area. The motion to print up the guidelines was then tabled with the understanding that all members of the steering committee would collect more information about starting a meeting. The meeting closed at 7:05 with the Our Father.

- 3) **TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE:** Jim G of Age Doesn't Matter read the report. The meeting was held at St. Paul's Church on March 20 at 7:00 pm. Seven people attended the meeting. All meetings are being covered so far as we know. There were two Bridging the Gap calls. A breakdown of the meetings is listed below:

ECMC Sunday 3:45 pm- ok
ECMC Monday 7:00 pm- ok
ECMC Tuesday 7:00 pm- ok
ECMC Wednesday 7:00 pm- ok

VAMC Tuesday 1:00 pm- ok
VAMC Wednesday 8:00 pm- ok
Sheehan Hospital Mon. 7:00 pm- ok
Salvation Army Mon. 7:00 pm- ok

ECMC Thursday 7:00 pm- ok
ECMC Friday 7:00 pm- ok
ECMC Saturday 7:00 pm- ok
VAMC Sunday 7:00 pm- ok

Lockport Memorial Thurs. 8:00 pm- ok

- 4) FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim B. of the Ridge Group read the report. A complete breakdown of the minutes from the month of March is listed in the minutes.
- 5) CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Bill L. of We Care read the report. The meeting was at 6:00 before the Central Committee Meeting on April 1, 2001. There were five members present. The orientation in Niagara County went well. All the prisons are okay for coverage with the meetings. Here is a breakdown of the prisons:

Niagara County: Orientations went well.

Attica: ok

Gowanda Wednesday Night: ok

Gowanda Friday Night: ok

Wende: ok

- 6) SCREENERS: Joanne McC. Of the Action Group gave the report. She has been in contact with Dominic from the Secraphone and has sent him the updated list of screeners. She also has sent each screener a list of other screeners. There are working on a few modifications .
- 7) CENTRAL OFFICE: Cindy N. of Sunrise Court gave the report. The breakdown for the month of March is as follows:

AA Information	559	<u>Mail</u>	
PIC	1	532 Pieces	
CPC	0	\$397.43 Total Mail Cost	
Al Anon	18		
Ala Teen	1	<u>Answering Service</u>	
ACOA	3	Incoming Calls	241
12 Step	4	Outgoing Calls	38
Literature Requests	75		
Fax in	6	Visitors	53
Fax Out	6	Volunteers	35

- 8) NEW FRONTIERS: No report was given.

- 9) FALL CONVENTION: Pat of the Rainbow Group gave the report. The next meeting will be on April eighth at the Ellicott Square Building Room 117 at 1:30. Everything is running smoothly.

GENERAL SERVICE COURTESY REPORTS:

- 1) GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: Bob K. a member of Iron Horse gave the report. GSA did not meet last month. They will be meeting April 8, 2001. The meeting is at the Hamburg town hall. This is the last meeting before the delegate goes to NYC for the Conference. For this conference meeting it is important that your group is there. The Conference report will be brought back on May 12; at the Spring Convention at the Radisson across from the Buffalo Airport.
- 2) PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Terry B of Lakeshore gave the report. On March 30th there were 4 presentations given at the Sweet home High School. On April Fifth they will have 3 classes at

City Honors. A solution to the transfer problems we have encountered has been solved and updates will be in soon. NY-Penn is also joining the Website and it has been presented to the Niagara Intergroup to take back to their groups. Next meeting is April 14th at the Church of the Holy Communion in Hamburg. The Church is on the corner of Route 5 and Lakeshore.

- 3) COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: Griff N of Sunrise Court gave the report.
- 4) ARCHIVES: Tom B. of the Lovejoy Group gave the report. Our last meeting was held as scheduled at the Maryvale Presbyterian Church 425 Maryvale Dr. Cheektowaga, NY. We did have an archives display at the Thruway Group's anniversary, and our next display will be at the Spring Convention. We continue to meet the Fourth Saturday of every month before the Courage Group's regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joanne McC of the Action group raised a question about an article in the Buffalo News about a comment written by Don Esmonde he wrote remarks about AA to the effect of "I go to meetings when I need them...., I have been sober for twelve years and blah, blah, blah. There was no discussion about this and the matter was referred to the to the chairperson of PIC Terry B.

The next matter was for the Co-chair of the fall convention. This resume was submitted with the understanding that the person will take over as chairperson the following year. The resume is reprinted in its entirety here.

DISTRICT 4 CO-CHAIR BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION

TERRY BATEMAN- Member of the Hamburg Lake Shore Group
Sober since 4-19-1987

EXPERIENCE:

Mini Convention in Orchard Park 1989- Registration Chair
Spring Convention 1992- Treasurer
Fall Convention 1995- Hospitality Chair
Spring Convention 1998- Literature Chair
Currently- Area 50 Public Information Chair

VARIOUS EVENTS/ COMMITTEES I SERVED ON:

Day of Sharing Hamburg 2000
Fall convention 1994
Traditions Day 1989
Day of Sharing East Aurora 1998
State Convention 1988

I serve my 'Home Group' and sponsor other women.
It would be an honor to serve with a lot of help.

Terry Bateman

There were no other resumes submitted in District Four. This matter will be voted on at the May Central Committee Meeting.

Joanne McM. Of the Action Group made a motion to move Jim G's of Age Doesn't Matter motion about the outstanding invoices off the table. The motion was put on the table by Elvester of Cold Springs at the February Central Committee. The motion to move the motion off the table was seconded by Pat of the Rainbow Group. The motion to move and discuss was passed unanimously. Bob G. of Amherst Synder suggested that a letter be sent out to all the groups who owe money so that they can square up their debt. Griff N. said that ¾ of literature sales happen before by Central Office fronting the books. Mike D. of Abbott Men's said that according to the Seventh Tradition each group is fully self supporting through it's own contributions. If a group is not paying its bills at Central Office then that Group is being subsidized by AA and that is in violation of the spirit of the seventh tradition. After some discussion, John H. of Sunday Morning Breakfast made a motion to amend the first motion. John's motion was seconded by Bob G. of Amherst Snyder. Jim G. amended his motion to state that if a group is 30 days past due on their literature bill they cannot get anymore literature until their bill is current. The amended motion was seconded by Joanne McM. of the Action group, and then Central Committee voted. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine Z. has left the area and can no longer serve as District #1 rep. for the Steering Committee.

Also, there were no nominations from the floor for a co-chair for Central Committee.

Note: Due to an oversight by the recording secretary, the fact that Central Committee cited the "right of decision" to the editor of the New Frontier's in determining the cost of the New Frontiers was printed erroneously as a tabled motion. The cost of the New Frontier is now ten dollars for a one-year subscription. The cost was seven and the New Frontier costs almost ten to print hence the need for a change.

There was no New Business.

A motion to close was made by Joanne McM. and seconded by John H. The meeting closed at 8:15 with the Our Father.

April 2001 Group Contributions




	Central Office	Cummulative	Correctional Facility Committee	Cumualtive	Treatment Facility Committee	Cumlative
'110	1.00	2.00				
' Step		25.00				
A New Freedom		70.00				
Abbott Men's		140.00		140.00		140.00
Acceptance/Welcome	400.00	700.00				
Action	20.00	45.00				
After Midnight		60.00				
Age Doesn't Matter		25.00				
Amherst/Snyder	207.50	296.50				
Amsdell Lakeshore	30.00	105.00				
Any Age		200.00				
Any Length	30.00	166.00				
Anybody's		40.00				
Attitude Adjustment		37.50				
Attraction		100.00				
Bidwell Monday	87.50	137.50	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
Big Book Lockport	25.00	75.00				
Boulevard Helping Hand		20.00				
Boulevard Women		75.00				
Brass		20.00				
Came To Believe		17.50				
Cathedral Park		35.49		15.00		15.00
Chapter IX	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Clarence Men's		200.00				
Common Problem		25.00				
Courage		100.00		40.00		20.00
Daily Reflections		90.00				
Early Bird	70.00	70.00	70.00		70.00	
Eden-North Collins		50.00				
Ellicott	15.00	40.00				
Everybody's		50.00				
Express		341.00				
Eyeopener	437.83	820.31				
Father Baker	125.00	225.00				
Fireside		427.00				
Fredonia Discussion		60.00				
Freedom		25.00				
Gardenville		50.00				
Georgetown		300.00				
Giving			21.56	21.56		
Golden Slipper	200.00	200.00				
Grand	25.00	45.00				
Hand	30.00	30.00				
Handicappers		300.00				
Happy Hour	5.20	5.20				
Harmony	75.00	150.00			30.00	30.00

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Helping Hand	20.00	20.00				
Holiday Village		450.00				
Honesty	30.00	120.00	10.00	40.00		
How It Works/Men's		200.00		200.00		200.00
Intoxicated on Life		130.00				
Ironhorse	63.25	186.50	25.30	67.30	25.30	49.30
Jamestown Groups		20.00				
Just For Today/Albion		10.00				
Just For Today/Cheektowaga		100.00				
Kenmore	50.00	50.00				
Lake Shore	5.00	165.00	46.00	122.00		
Let Go and Let God	25.00	50.00				
Liberty Women		60.00				
Lighten Up		92.50				
Live and Let Live		144.00				
Living Sober		20.00				
Lockport #1		500.00		100.00		100.00
Lockport Ladies		50.00				
Lockview		250.00				
Lovejoy	90.00	121.00				
Main and High		7.00				
Marilla		25.00				
Matt Talbot	50.00	100.00				
Medina New Life		40.00				
Mid-day		57.92				
Miracle		25.00				
Monday Morning Lockport		50.00				
New Beginnings/St. Vincent		25.00				
Niagara Frontier Men	45.00	45.00				
North Buffalo	100.00	400.00	25.00	100.00	25.00	100.00
One Day At A Time		200.00				
Orchard Park Step		233.50				
Pass It On		13.00				
Pink Can			1.00	19.09		
Positively Living/Ascension	10.00	10.00				
Positively Living/Renaissance	500.00	500.00				
Primary Purpose		10.00		10.00		
Progress		20.00				
Purpose/Tonawanda	150.00	455.00				
Rainbow		50.00				
Ray of Hope		75.00				25.00
Remember When		25.00				
Ridge		200.00				
Ridge/Pink Can				8.25		
Rochester	90.00	90.00				
Searching For Serenity	100.00	100.00				
Serenity	140.00	240.00				

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Serenity Circle	10.00	40.00				
Sheridan	20.00	80.00				
Sober Winners	20.00	45.00				
South Town		60.00				
Southgate		10.00		10.00		10.00
Spirit of Hope		6.00		7.00		7.00
Spiritual Progress		100.00				
St. Barnabas		27.50				
St. Mark's		250.00				
Starting Over	25.00	124.00				
Staying Alive		20.00				
Stepping Stones/Gowanda		20.00				
Stepping Stones/Williamsville	60.00	560.00				
Suburban	10.00	40.00				
Sunday Morning Breakfast		150.00		50.00		50.00
Sunrise Court		100.00	6.10	20.17		
Surrender And Hope		150.00				
The Book Meeting	15.00	48.59				
Those Too	5.00	20.00				
Thruway	100.00	800.00	20.00	60.00	20.00	60.00
Thursday PM Discussion		100.00				
Today's Woman		20.00				
Tri County		10.00		10.00		10.00
Tuesday Men's AM	50.00	150.00				
Tuesday Women	20.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	40.00
Twin Cities	20.00	75.00				
Unity		100.00				
University Men's Discussion	100.00	200.00				
Varieties of Spiritual Experience	25.00	100.00				
We Are Not Saints		20.00				
We Care	30.00	90.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	60.00
Wehrle	25.00	25.00				
Why	90.00	90.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Williamsville	120.00	553.95				
Willing to Grow		100.00				
Wilson Group		25.00		25.00		
Wilson Smith Alumni		30.00				
Women's West Side		50.00				
Anonymous						20.00
Cassadata and Dad		35.00				
JoJo G.	11.00	11.00				
Katherine S.	10.00	10.00				
William L.	60.00	60.00				
TOTAL	\$4,138.28	\$16,367.21	\$ 379.96	\$1,400.37	\$ 335.30	\$1,201.30

Beginning Balance 3/26/01			\$1,412.11
RECEIPTS			
50 Groups Contributed	\$4,138.28		
Joint Meeting 4/1/01	47.20		
New Frontier Subscriptions	199.50		
Envelope System	47.50		
Literature	2284.01		
Mail/Copies	78.80		
Miscellaneous Money In	40.00		
Total In	6,835.29		8,247.40
EXPENSES:			
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation <i>Office Rent</i>	\$636.00		
St. Michael's Parish <i>Meeting Room Rent</i>	35.00		
Salaries	2,077.3		
Charter One/Federal Withholding	716		
New York State Employment Taxes	249.60		
New York State Insurance Fund (Disability)	156.40		
Health Insurance (Cindy)	141.20		
Image Office (quarterly copies)	109.41		
Secrephone (Answering Service)	113.75		
Minolta Leasing/Copier	187.00		
AT&T	100.77		
Crystal Rock (Water)	41.55		
World Services, Inc.	2,344.31		
Hazelden	376.28		
Office Depot	79.49		
Williamson UPS	18.00		
Postage	400.00		
Bank Charge	19.50	(\$7,801.56)	\$445.84
Assets			
Certificate of Deposit			8,404.00
Outstanding Invoices			1,727.78
TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE			\$10,577.62
			
<i>Correctional Facilities 3/26/01</i>	288.32		
<i>Donations 3/26/01 - 4/25/01</i>	379.96		
<i>Expenses</i>		354.00	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		8.00	
<i>Balance 4/26/01</i>			\$306.28
			
<i>Treatment Facilities 3/26/01</i>	295.31		
<i>Donations 3/26/01 - 4/25/01</i>	335.30		
<i>Expenses</i>			
<i>AT&T Bridging the Gap</i>		17.65	
<i>AAA Abbott Answering Service</i>		31.15	
<i>Literature</i>		259.00	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		8.00	
<i>Balance 4/25/01</i>			314.81
			

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