

NEW FRONTIERS

March 2001

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.

Dear friends of Bill W.

Hello again from The Reformers Group here at The Collins Corrections Facility. I would like to take this time to thank you once again for an outstanding publication.

We noticed on the February 2001 edition of the NEW FRONTIERS your request for volunteers for several committees including Corrections. Our group would love to have people from "outside" come in to share their experience, strength, and hope with us and to allow us to share ours. If you should find anyone interested please let them know that they can contact our staff advisor, C.O. M. Sprague for details.

Again, thank you for all you do
The Reformers Group

HOW I CAME TO YOU

I came to you with a broken spirit you healed it with God's love. I came without hope you gave me yours. I came wanting to die you laid down your life. I came to you an outcast you asked me to come in. I came to you from a torn family you asked me to be your sister. I came to you speaking of hate you told me God loved me. I came to you afraid you showed me faith. I came to you lonely you asked me to be your friend. I came to you self-centered you gave of yourself. I came to you weeping you dried my tears. I came to you wounded you showed me your scars. I came to blind you showed me the light.

Anonymous

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

How often is it that you get an invitation to go and carry the message to a group that wants to hear you share your experience, strength, and hope with them? God has allowed me the privilege to share at this meeting and the rewards that I received from doing so were phenomenal. The biggest one was asking God to help me overcome my fear of going into a Corrections Facility and to be allowed to be a common garden, variety drunk who just shared his own experience, strength, and hope with them. If you want a similar experience contact the corrections committee or the Central Office

John B.
The Lakeshore Group

FAITH

For most of my life I had faith in only one thing that was that something would go wrong. However I didn't know it was faith I just thought bad things were supposed to happen.

Since I came into the fellowship I've been shown proof that the steps work in other people. Therefore I now have faith that it can also work in me, and from sticking around long enough and doing the work which is the steps life has gotten better than ever before.

Therefore I have faith that my higher power and AA works as long as I stay out of the way and trust in the process of recovery. Just as the 12th promise says God will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

"Faith in God"
Chris F., Any Age Group



ARE WE LISTENING?

Each Group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

"There are those who predict that AA may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things, they are both generous and sincere. But we of AA must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be heady drink for most of us – that is, if we really come to believe this to be the real purpose of AA, and if we commenced to behave accordingly.

Our society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its singleness of purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody."

AA Co-Founder Bill W. 1956

What's Happening????

When I came into Alcoholics Anonymous I was very sick and didn't know it. I learned of the grave nature of our disease. I learned that the root of my problem was selfish, self-centeredness, a soul sickness. I also learned that the person I was that drank would always drink! I could not act the same way and get different results. Do we take this seriously? Is this the root of why so many now days don't stay sober?

Last night a group of us went to the Blizzard Ball. It was appalling. People showed absolutely no respect for the speaker or AA as a whole. They were talking, joking, walking around, etc., while the speaker was trying to share his time and story with a bunch of ingrates! Years ago this wouldn't happen. Groups and sponsors wouldn't have allowed it. Three-quarters of the way through, finally a new guy in treatment stands up and yells "do you mind, the guy's trying to share his experience, strength, and hope with us." Why did it take a new guy yelling for us to show any respect? UNBELEIVABLE!! If I had been speaking that night I would have set down the mike and walked out.

Things I was taught:

When the speaker is speaking, shut up and listen.

Practice listening.

Do not get up and walk around – a cup of coffee and smoke can wait.

Show respect, you may hear what God has for you to stay sober today.

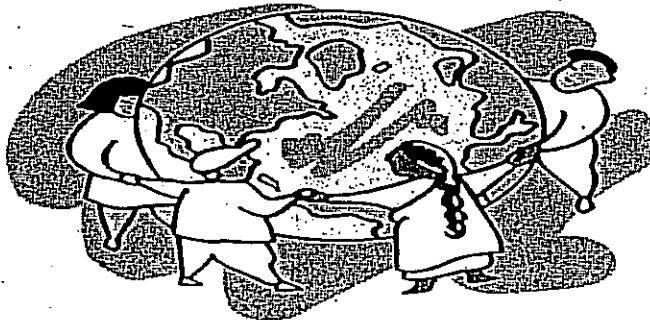
Remember, its only daily reprieve contingent on our spiritual maintenance.

Also found out through the steps that I can't have a connection to God and treat other people badly. Other people are more than just people that I know – IT IS ALL PEOPLE – from store clerks, to co-workers, to other alcoholics.

Also learned, we have to hang together or we will hang separately. We need to treat each other with respect, whether we like each other or not.

IF WE LIVE LIKE WE ARE IN A BARROOM: WE WILL DRINK LIKE WE DID IN THE BARROOM!!!!

Terry B.
Lakeshore Group



The Act Of Faith

I myself couldn't possibly see me, my life, other people, or even the creatures and all creations of God without faith in believing. I can live within my own reasoning; I can have confidence in my ability to think that my God had never left me.

I had relinquished my own mind, I worshipped drinking, criminal things, and jewelry.

With a higher power today I can spiritually behold a sunset, blue skies, the sea, or a flower. I can love me today, reach out to help another, and show that reality doesn't suck all the time.

For a faith to me in a power greater than myself I've had the chance to experience and share the most miraculous blessings to those people that helped me. Today I am sober by the grace of God.

My faith the greatest show on earth - Alcoholics Anonymous
 New comers Get a sponsor, a home group, say a prayer, and don't drink.
 To all my Mothers, Sisters, and Brothers let's not forget our AA Fathers.

Faith if you've got it hold it and share it.

God bless to all
 Cheryl T., Giving Group

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS?

	1960		1980
Soda pop	0.10	Soda pop	0.35
Coffee	0.05	Coffee	0.35
Cigarettes	0.25	Cigarettes	1.65
Gasoline	0.22	Gasoline	0.90
AA Basket	1.00	AA Basket	1.00
	1970		1990
Soda pop	0.20	Soda pop	0.50
Coffee	0.15	Coffee	0.50
Cigarettes	0.65	Cigarettes	2.00
Gasoline	0.35	Gasoline	1.10
AA Basket	1.00	AA Basket	1.00
		2000	
		Soda pop	1.00
		Coffee	1.10
		Cigarettes	3.50
		Gasoline	1.50
		AA Basket	1.00

With the cost of everything that most of us use on a daily basis constantly raising we pay it with a minimum of thought. Why is it that the contribution to the basket, which goes around the tables of the Fellowship that gave us back our lives with our Higher Power's help, hasn't increased? The basket is where money and spirituality meet. Remember we are self supporting through our own contributions. For those that can afford it why not add an extra buck, if you can't give what you can. The important thing is that you keep coming back.

A Thank you from Jane Marie B. and Mike B. members of The Book Meeting

"Thank You" for sharing your experience, strength, and hope.
Regardless of the time frame of physical absence from one another
We carry one another in our hearts, minds, and souls for eternity,
once we have crossed one another's path

Thank you for being in my life of sobriety. From the beginning you are one of the many angels God sent to me, to encourage me to follow the path of continuous sobriety and recover from a seemingly hopeless disease, and to know I never feel alone or lonely, helpless or hopeless, as long as I keep an open mind, and keep coming back to meetings, and be willing to go to any lengths to have victory over alcohol. You have shown me that anything is possible. Without one drink one day at a time and working the program in all my affairs.

"Thank You" ... is such a small expression for such a huge gift

Mike had a heart attack the week of January 22, 2001

We wish him and his family Gods Grace and a speedy recovery.

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

Shirley F.	Lakeshore Group
Joe G.	Patchin
Tom G.	Keep on Comin'

A correction to last month's issue: Hattie was from the Inner City Group

These members will be sorely missed we wish them Gods speed;
and our condolences to family and friends.

Problems Other Than Alcohol

[Excerpts]

By Bill W. co-founder of AA

The problem of drug addiction in its several forms lies close to us all. It stirs our deepest interest and sympathy. Many AA's especially those who have suffered these particular addictions, are now asking, "what can we do about drugs – within our fellowship and without?" Specifically, here is a list of questions we are often asked:

1. "Can a nonalcoholic pill or drug addict become an AA member?" No
2. "Can such a person be brought as a visitor to an open AA meeting for hope and inspiration?" Yes
3. "If so, should these nonalcoholic pill or drug users be led to believe that they become AA members?" No
4. "Can a pill or drug taker, who also has a genuine alcoholic history, become a member of AA?" Yes

Now there are certain things that AA cannot do for anybody, regardless of what our desires or sympathies may be. Our first duty, as a fellowship, is to insure our own survival. Therefore, we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activity.

Sobriety – freedom from alcohol – through the teaching and practice of the Twelve steps, is the sole purpose of an AA group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that there is no possible way to make nonalcoholics into AA members. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our AA groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we can't help anyone.

I see no way of making nonalcoholic addicts into AA members. Experience says loudly that we can admit no exceptions, even though drug addicts and alcoholics happen to be first cousins of a sort. If we persist in trying this, I'm afraid it will be hard on the drug user himself, as well as on AA. We must accept the fact that no nonalcoholic, whatever his affliction, can be converted into alcoholic...and an AA member.

We cannot give AA membership to nonalcoholic addicts. But, like anyone else, they should be able to attend open AA meetings, provided, of course, that the groups themselves are willing

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The important thing about your lot in life, is whether you use it for parking or building.

Positions That Need To Be Filled Immediately

Co-Chair for Central Committee

District 9 Steering Committee Representative *(South Central)*

- ❖ Nominations April
- ❖ Election in May

2002 Convention Co-Chair, District Four

- ❖ letters of intent **March 26, 2001**
- ❖ nominations **April 1, 2001**
- ❖ election **May 6, 2001**
- ❖ Candidate must be present for nomination and election.
- ❖ Candidate must have 10 years continuous sobriety.



You can help us carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We need volunteers to serve on the following committees: Treatment Facilities; Correctional Facilities; Screeners; 12 Step; Public Information; Cooperation with the Professional Community; and Archives.

For further information please contact the Central Office at 853-0388. These positions are all valuable in carrying the message. Please, if there was a time it is now.

ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Acceptance</u>		<u>March</u>		Robert R.	3 m	<u>Group Anniversaries</u>	
Jackie S	1 y	Joe H.	6 m	Isaac B.	18 m	A Day At A Time	
Sue T.	1 y	Lucinda E.	6 m	Keith D.	3 y	Bochisattva	
Garry K.	5 y	<u>First Step</u>		<u>Renewal</u>		Brocton Discussion	
Pat L.	6 y	Pete .	16 y	James A.	7 y	Clarence Men's Discussion	
Tom M.	16 y	<u>Freedom</u>		MaryBeth H.	9 y	Dunkirk Monday Nite	
Rosina L.	16 y	Roxanne W.	4 y	Joan H.	12 y	Grand II Joy Of Living	
<u>Amherst/Snyder</u>		Jeff S.	4 y	Rick E.	16 y	Higher Powered	
Kim S.	3 m	Neal L.	5 Y	Corinne I.	16 y	Just For Today/Albion	
Joe F.	3 m	Mike K.	5 y	Mary A.	16 y	Keep On Comin'	
Jay W.	6 m	Sheri B.	6 y	<u>Ridge</u>		Kensington	
Rick B.	6 m	<u>Fireside</u>		Al G.	2 y	Lake View	
Mitchell B.	6 m	Colleen M.	1 y	Karen S.	4 y	Medina Big Book	
Mark W.	9 m	Conrad M.	1 y	Joel F.	4 y	Medina New Life	
Amanda C.	9 m	Joan G.	2 y	<u>Sunday Morning</u>		Perry Discussion	
Grég W.	1 y	Bob S.	2 y	<u>Breakfast</u>		Powerless	
Patty C.	1 y	Sam V.	2 y	Maggie P.	1 y	Renaissance I	
Ray H.	1 y	Peter M.	5 y	Sharon M.	1 y	Rochester Meeting	
Joy W.	1 y	David P.	5 y	Kevin D.	3 y	Rural is Plural	
Randy M.	1 y	Steve W.	5 y	Elizabeth T.	10 y	Serenity	
Jim S. Jr.	1 y	Ed P.	7 y	<u>Sunrise Court</u>		Set Aside	
Wesley B.	2 y	Frank H.	15 y	Richard	2 y	Sheridan	
Dennis G.	2y	Mike S.	15 y	Dave D.	2 y	Sober Saturday	
John O.	3 y	Peaches	19 y	Jerome B.	3 y	Sober Trail	
Bob S.	3 y	<u>Kenmore</u>		Michael E.	5 y	Southgate	
Donna d.	4 y	Betsy E.	6 m	Myrdies C.	4 y	Stayin' Alive	
Mike E.	5 y	Ginny K.	11 y	Felix R.	6 y	Sunday Third	
Jennifer H.	5 y	<u>Kensington</u>		Charles A.	6 y	Surrender And Hope	
Gina L.	8 y	Brian	9 m	Marina N.	7 y	The Book Meeting	
Kenneth L.	8y	Neal C.	2 y	Ray T.	14 y	Thruway	
Alan H.	10 y	Peaches	19 y	Les T.	21 y	Unity	
Ron F.	11 y	<u>Lovejoy</u>		<u>Thruway</u>		Women On The Rise	
Andrew C.	14 y	Jeff II.	9 m	Dave C.	1 y	Please remember to have	
Lydia G.	15 y	Jesse C.	9 m	John R.	2 y	the anniversaries	
Nancy J.	24 y	John M.	3 y	Nosh S.	2 y	submitted by the 10th of	
<u>Casting</u>		Mary I.	10 y	Rosalie P.	6 y	the month previous.	
Carmen J.	10 y	Jim S.	11 y	Gloria B.	8 y		
Thomas A.	11 y	Tony A.	16 y	Jim S.	13 y		
Archie O.	13 y	<u>North Buffalo</u>		Bob M.	14 y		
Delphine C.	14 y	Tom T	3 m	Elvira W.	15 y		
Albert Mc.	14 y	Pete S	3 m	Ray O.	26 y		
Delores N.	19 y	Julie T	3 m	<u>We Care</u>			
Cecil M.	23 y	Sandy L	6 m	Martin S.	1 y Karen D.		
Bob P.	24 y	Margi M	6 m	Kim C.	2 y		
Kenny C.	28 y	Delbert K	1 y	Bill R.	8 y		
Eddie J.	31 y	Becky S	3 y	<u>Why</u>			
<u>Cold Springs</u>		Ken S	4 y	Tony G.	3 m		
Vivian S.	2 y	Bob M	4 y	Darren G.	6 m		
Ron T.	3 y	Westley K	4 y	Eddie L.	10 y		
Kenny B.	8 y	Glenn H	11 y	<u>Women's Westside</u>			
Al C., Jr.	10 y	Burt P	12 y	<u>Discussion</u>			
Willie H.	22 y	Harvey S	13 y	Patricia R.	1 y		
Elvester McR.	25 y	Peter B	14 y	Mary H.	2 y		
Vernon G.	39 y	Janet T	14 y	Micki	3 y		
<u>Courage</u>		Marcia W	22 y	Kim C.	8 y		
Dave McN	2y	<u>Ray of Hope</u>		Jenny H.	13 y		
James S.	10 y	J. Frank H.	15 y				
Martha S.	10 y	<u>Reformers</u>					
<u>Easier Softer Way</u>							
<u>February</u>							
Diane W.	1 y						

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MARCH 2001

PLEASE NOTE

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

SPRING 2001 MEETING SCHEDULES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL OFFICE.

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.

LOVEJOY GROUP is re-registering all group members, please contact your group secretary to remain a member of the Lovéjoy Group.

MATT TALBOT WILL CONTINUE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY DURING LENT THIS YEAR

****MOONSHINERS** Fridays at 11 pm, Windom Community Church, 3766 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, closed meeting, Big Book Topics

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

PASS IT ON is re-registering all group members, please contact your group secretary to remain a member of the Pass It On Group.

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

SUNRISE COURT is re-registering all group members, please contact your group secretary to remain a member of the Sunrise Court Group.

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

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

COMING EVENTS

- ~ Mar. 4, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street; *Any Age hosting.*
- ~ Mar 4, Sun., **Correctional Facility ComMITTEE**, St. Michael's Ch. Hall, 6 pm, 651 Washington St.
- ~ Mar. 10, Sat., **New Frontier Committee**, Central Office, 845 Ellicott Square, 10 am.
- ~ Mar. 10, Sat., **Coop.w/Prof.Community**, Maryvale Pres. Ch., 425 Maryvale Dr. 9 am.
- ~ Mar. 10, Sat., **Public Information Committee Meeting**, Church of the Holy Communion, S5381 Old Lake Shore Road/Route 5, 10 am.
- ~ Mar. 18, Sun., **GSA Spring Convention**, planning meeting, 10 am, Room 117, 295 Main
- ~ Mar. 18, Sun., **FALL CONVENTION** planning committee, 1 pm, Room 117, 295 Main Street.

- ~ Mar. 19, Mon., members of the **Dunkirk Monday Nite** meeting are celebrating their group's 3rd anniversary with an eating meeting, food 7 pm; speaker 8 pm
- ~ Mar. 20, Tues., **Treatment Facility Committee**, St. Paul's, 49 Indian Ch., 7 pm.
- ~ Mar. 23, Fri., the members of the **Lockport #1** group invite you to a Traditions Panel, starting at 8 pm; this will be an eating meeting, please bring a dish to share.
- ~ Mar. 24, Sat., **Archives Committee**, Maryvale Pres. Ch., 425 Maryvale Dr., 9 am
- ~ Mar. 26, Mon., members of the **Thruway Group** are celebrating their 28th anniversary with an eating meeting and speaker, 10 am at Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Drive.
- ~ Mar. 30, Sat., help the members of the **Lakeview Group** celebrate their 20th anniversary at Lady of Perpetual Help, 2052 Lakeview Road, 8:30 pm.
- ~ Mar. 31, Sat., the members of the **Tri County Group** celebrate their 43rd anniversary; speaker at 8 p followed by food and fellowship, bring a dish to pass at St. Joseph's Ch., East Main, Gowanda.
- ~ 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 8, Sunday, **CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**, St. Michael's Church Hall, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street; *Abbott Men hosting.*
- ~ April 8, 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., *Sunrise Court 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.
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- ~ 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 11-13, **GSA Spring Convention**, Radisson at the Airport.
- ~ 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 THREE THOUGHT:

God, I offer myself to Thee, to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy power, Thy love and Thy way of life. May I do Thy will always.

BUFFALO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting March 4, 2001

Lee M. the Chairman of Central Committee opened the meeting at 7:00pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Karen S. of the Ridge Group read the Preamble, Rich F. of the Courage Group read the Purpose of Central Committee and Jim P. of the Lakeshore Group read the Traditions.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was made by John of the Sunday Morning Breakfast Group and seconded by Joanne M. of the Action Group.

42 Groups Attended: District #1: Easier Softer Way, Giving, Live and Let Live, Main & High, Miracle, Open Mind, Sunday Niters, and Sunrise Court. District #2: 1110 Group, Age Doesn't Matter, Any Age, Chapter IX, Honesty, How it Works- Men's Disc., Kenmore, North Buffalo and Survivors. District #3: Cazenovia, Courage, Iron Horse, Ridge, Southgate, Sunday Morning Breakfast, and We Care. District #4: Action, Amsdell- Lakeshore, Hamburg, and Lakeshore. District #5: Grand Group, Lockport #1, and Niagara Frontier Men's Disc. District #6: Dunkirk Monday Night. District #7: Cold Spring, Ellicott, Let Go and Let God, Lovejoy, and Spirit of Hope. District #8: Amherst Snyder, Turning Point, Wehrle, and Williamsville. District #9: Rural is Plural. District #10: No Representatives.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen S. of the Ridge Group gave the report. For February of 2001, \$324.00 was collected. A comparison of the last three years is listed below:

Envelope System
February 2001

	2001	2001 ytd	2000	2000 ytd	1999	1999 ytd	1998	1998 ytd
January	\$1,132.00	\$1,132.00	\$1,319.00	\$1,319.00	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,795.00	1,795.00
February	324.00	\$1,456.00	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			576.00	5,194.00	375.00	5,686.00	356.00	6,070.00
November			226.00	5,420.00	154.00	5,840.00	817.00	6,887.00
December			494.00	5,914.00	418.00	6,258.00	341.00	7,228.00
TOTAL	\$1,456.00	\$1,456.00	\$5,914.00	\$5,914.00	\$6,258.00	\$6,258.00	\$7,228.00	\$7,228.00

2) **STEERING COMMITTEE:** Lee M., Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00pm. Nine members attended. There was one resume received for the job of co-chair for the 2002 Fall Convention. The resume belonged to Terry B. of the Lakeshore Group. The resume will go before all of Central Committee at the April Central Committee meeting. Christine Z. of the Miracle Group tendered her resignation from the Steering Committee due to her leaving the area. District #1 is now in need of a rep.

3) **TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE:** Jim G. of Age Doesn't Matter read the report. The meeting was held at St. Paul's United Church on February 20th at 7:00pm. Seven people attended. The committee is attempting to contact everyone on the list to make sure that the meetings are getting covered. They would also like to see more support at the TFC meeting from the people who are covering the meetings. There was one Bridging the Gap call. The breakdown of meetings is as follows:

ECMC Sunday 3:45 pm- ok	VAMC Tuesday 1:00 pm- ok
ECMC Monday 7:00 pm- ok	VMAC Wednesday 8:00 pm- ok
ECMC Tuesday 7:00 pm- ok	Sheehan Hospital Mon. 7:00 pm- ok
ECMC Wednesday 7:00 pm- ok	Salvation Army Mon. 8:00 pm- ok
ECMC Thursday 7:00 pm- ok	Lockport Memorial Hospital
ECMC Friday 7:00 pm- ok	Thursday 8:00 pm- ok (Call Jim B.)
VAMC Sunday 7:00 pm- Follow up with Pat W.	

4) **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Jim B. of the Ridge Group read the report. A complete breakdown of the finances for the month of February is included 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. Ten members attended. They talked about getting the message into prisons and about how great they feel. Attica had an Orientation on February 21st at 5:00 pm. Niagara County Women has two new women to help out. Gowanda had an orientation and there are four new card carriers going into the new meeting on Friday from seven to nine. Erie County women needs a new chairperson. Call Donna E. if you can help 836-0460.

6) **SCREENERS COMMITTEE:** Joanne M. gave the report. She has contacted the scraphone to see if their list jibes with ours. She has to put the request in writing. Several screeners asked to be taken off the list. Currently there are 21 screeners. All nights are covered. She is asking for permission to send a screeners list to each of the screeners.

7) CENTRAL OFFICE: Griff N. of Sunrise Court gave the report. The breakdown for the month is as follows:

March 4, 2001

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	195.00
12 Step	4	Outgoing Calls	60
Literature Requests	75		
Fax In	6	Visitors	134
Fax Out	6	Volunteers	68

8) NEW FRONTIERS: John B. of the Lakeshore Group read the report. The meeting was held on the Tenth of February. The next meeting will be held on Saturday March 10, 2001. The New Frontier is your vehicle to share your experience; strength and hope with others, and a way to let the fellowship of the Buffalo Area know how your group is doing. We need your support not only with articles, but also with subscriptions to help cover the cost of the New Frontiers. A single yearly issue costs almost ten dollars to produce and yet the cost for a subscription is only \$7.00. This matter will be brought up in New Business. PRESENT CONVENTION: Adolph I. Gave the report. The Convention is almost completely planned. There are still some openings if anyone would like to get involved. To streamline the registration process they are compiling a database for a permanent record of past attendees to the convention. Pricing is not yet resolved. Seating at the banquet for the main speaker will be for those attending the banquet only. There should be seating available in a room connected through a closed circuit TV. This is not definite yet, but it should be able to happen. Motto of the Convention is: "Beyond Your Wildest Dreams." Almost all the speakers are from California, so it will California Dreaming. The Budget is not yet finished for this year nor has the last year's budget been fully analyzed. The Convention Center closes at midnight, but there will be an all-night hospitality room at the Hyatt; which is connected to the Convention Center by a walkway. Coffee will have to be purchased this year; it is not free. There is no smoking anywhere at all in the Convention Center.

GENERAL SERVICE COURTESY REPORTS:

- 1) GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: No Report.
- 2) PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Terry B. of the Lakeshore Group gave the report. The presentations on February 13, 2001 at the Alternative School in Niagara Falls went well. There are four presentations that will be done on March 30th at Sweet Home High School. They have gotten the go ahead to put the NY-Penn schedule on line listed with ours. The

Buffalo schedule is online, but there are corrections to be made. The next meeting is on March Tenth at the Church of the Holy Communion at Rt. 5 and Old Lakeshore Road at 10:00.

3) COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE:

4) ARCHIVES: Tom B. of the Lovejoy Group gave the report. The last meeting was held on February 17th at the usual place. The Committee is still looking for help in filling tentative jobs. They displayed the archives at the Lakeshore Group's anniversary on Monday February 26, 2001 at 8:30 pm. This was the first time that the Archives travel kit was put to use. It was a success and they hope they will be able to attend in years to come.

OLD BUSINESS: There is still a need for a co-chair for Central Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Also, there is a need for two Steering Committee reps: one from Dist. #6 and one from Dist. #1. There were no nominations from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim G. of Age Doesn't Matter made a motion to suspend giving out literature on credit. The reason for the motion is that there is more than \$2100 dollars in outstanding invoices and in the month of January Central Office had to borrow \$1100 out of savings to cover expenses. The motion was seconded Joanne M. of the Action Group. A discussion ensued that involved twelve people and essentially was split along two lines. One, the need to be financially responsible and prudent, and the other we must not deviate from spiritual principles. Elvestier of the Coldsprings Group made a motion that the issue should be tabled until next month, to see where the Outstanding Invoices are at then. John B. of the Lakeshore Group brought up that a subscription to the New Frontiers is only seven dollars and the cost of putting together the New Frontiers is almost ten dollars. He wanted to know what the Central Committee wants to do about that. This issue was tabled until next month also.

At 8:15 Tom G. of Rural is Plural made a motion to close the meeting. John B. of the Lakeshore Group seconded the motion. The meeting closed with the Our Father.

Respectfully Submitted
Andy Browne, Ironhorse
Recording Secretary

March 2001 Group Contributions




	Central Office	Cummulative	Correctional Facility Committee	Cumualtive	Treatment Facility Committee	Cumulative
1110	0000.00	1.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
5 th Step	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
A New Freedom	70.00	70.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Abbott Men's	60.00	140.00	60.00	140.00	60.00	140.00
Acceptance/Welcome	0000.00	300.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Action	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
After Midnight	0000.00	60.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Age Doesn't Matter	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Amherst/Snyder	0000.00	89.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Amsdell Lakeshore	55.00	75.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Any Age	0000.00	200.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Any Length	30.00	136.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Anybody's	40.00	40.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Attitude Adjustment	0000.00	37.50	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Attraction	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Bidwell Monday	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	50.00
Big Book Lockport	50.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Boulevard Helping Hand	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Boulevard Women	75.00	75.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Brass	10.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Came To Believe	0000.00	17.50	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Cathedral Park	15.35	35.49	10.00	15.00	10.00	15.00
Clarence Men's	200.00	200.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Common Problem	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Courage	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	40.00	0000.00	20.00
Daily Reflections	0000.00	90.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Eden-North Collins	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Ellicott	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Everybody's	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Express	0000.00	341.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Eyeopener	0000.00	382.48	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Father Baker	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Fireside	0000.00	427.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00

March 2001 Group Contributions

Fredonia Discussion	60.00	60.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Freedom	25.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Hardenville	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Georgetown	0000.00	300.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Grand	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Handicappers	0000.00	300.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Harmony	0000.00	75.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Holiday Village	450.00	450.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Honesty	30.00	90.00	10.00	30.00	0000.00	0000.00
How It Works/Men's	0000.00	200.00	0000.00	200.00	0000.00	200.00
Intoxicated on Life	0000.00	130.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Ironhorse	0000.00	123.00	0000.00	42.00	0000.00	24.00
Jamestown Groups	20.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Just For Today/Albion	10.00	10.00				
Just For Today/Cheektowaga	100.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Lake Shore	0000.00	160.00	0000.00	76.00	0000.00	0000.00
Let Go and Let God	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	20.00
Liberty Women	0000.00	60.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Lighten Up	0000.00	92.50	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Live and Let Live	0000.00	144.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Living Sober	20.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Lockport #1	500.00	500.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lockport Ladies	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Lockview	250.00	250.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Lovejoy	31.00	31.00				
Main and High	7.00	7.00				
Marilla	25.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Matt Talbot	50.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Medina New Life	0000.00	40.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Mid-day	0000.00	57.92	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Miracle	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Monday Morning Lockport	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
New Beginnings/St. Vincent	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
North Buffalo	100.00	300.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00
One Day At A Time	0000.00	200.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Orchard Park Step	0000.00	233.50	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Pass It On	0000.00	13.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Pink Can	0000.00	0000.00	6.78	18.09	0000.00	0000.00
Primary Purpose	0000.00	10.00	0000.00	10.00	0000.00	0000.00
Progress	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Purpose/Tonawanda	0000.00	305.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Rainbow	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Ray of Hope	0000.00	75.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	25.00
Remember When	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Ridge	200.00	200.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Ridge/Pink Can	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	8.25	0000.00	0000.00
Serenity	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00

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Serenity Circle	10.00	30.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Sheridan	20.00	60.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
October Winners	0000.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
South Town	60.00	60.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Southgate	0000.00	10.00	0000.00	10.00	0000.00	10.00
Spirit of Hope	0000.00	6.00	0000.00	7.00	0000.00	7.00
Spiritual Progress	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
St. Barnabas	27.50	27.50				
St. Mark's	0000.00	250.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Starting Over	50.00	99.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Staying Alive	20.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Stepping Stones/Gowanda	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Stepping Stones/Williamsville	0000.00	500.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Suburban	10.00	30.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast	150.00	150.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Sunrise Court	0000.00	100.00	2.95	14.07	0000.00	0000.00
Surrender And Hope	150.00	150.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
The Book Meeting	33.59	33.59	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Those Too	5.00	15.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Thruway	150.00	700.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	40.00
Thursday PM Discussion	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Today's Woman	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Tri County	0000.00	10.00	0000.00	10.00	0000.00	10.00
Tuesday Men's AM	50.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Tuesday Women	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	20.00
Twin Cities	15.00	55.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Unity	100.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
University Men's Discussion	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Varieties of Spiritual Experience	25.00	75.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
We Are Not Saints	0000.00	20.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
We Care	30.00	60.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	40.00
Williamsville	90.00	433.95	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Willing to Grow	0000.00	100.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Wilson Group	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0000.00	0000.00
Wilson Smith Alumni	0000.00	30.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Women's West Side	0000.00	50.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
Anonymous	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	20.00
Cassadaga and Dad	10.00	35.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
TOTAL	\$3,514.44	\$12,228.93	\$ 319.73	\$ 1,020.41	285.00	\$ 866.00

Beginning Balance 02/26/01			485.37
RECEIPTS			
37 Groups Contributed	\$3,514.44		
Joint Meeting 03/04/01	55.13		
New Frontier Subscriptions	64.00		
Envelope System	336.00		
Refund from Selective Insurance	127.79		
Literature	2,451.93		
Mail/Copies	45.25	\$6,594.54	\$7,079.91
EXPENSES:			
#10 Ellicott Court Corporation <i>Office Rent</i>	\$636.00		
St. Michael's Parish <i>Meeting Room Rent</i>	35.00		
Salaries	2,077.30		
Charter One/Federal Withholding	716.00		
Health Insurance	141.20		
Secrephone (Answering Service)	106.25		
Minolta Leasing/Copier	187.00		
AT&T	93.23		
Vermont Pure Springs	14.15		
State Insurance Fund	156.4		
World Services, Inc.	650.33		
Hazelden	344.85		
Office Depot	49.99		
Williamson UPS	37.85		
Postage	400.00		
Bank Charge	22.25	\$5,667.80	\$ 1,412.11
Assets			
Certificate of Deposit 03/25/01	8,404.00		8,404.00
Outstanding Invoices			1,828.93
TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE			\$11,645.04
			
<i>Correctional Facilities 02/26/01</i>	<i>394.50</i>		
<i>Donations 02/26/01 - 03/25/01</i>	<i>319.73</i>		
<i>Expenses</i>		<i>417.91</i>	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		<i>8.00</i>	
<i>Balance 03/25/01</i>			<i>\$ 288.32</i>
			
<i>Treatment Facilities 02/26/01</i>	<i>380.56</i>		
<i>Donations 02/26/01 - 03/25/01</i>	<i>285.00</i>		
<i>Expenses</i>			
<i>AT&T Bridging the Gap</i>		<i>18.25</i>	
<i>AAA Abbott Answering Service</i>		<i>30.00</i>	
<i>Literature</i>		<i>214.00</i>	
<i>Bank Charge</i>		<i>8.00</i>	
<i>Balance 03/25/01</i>			<i>295.31</i>
			

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