

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.

FIVE STAGES OF DRUNKENNESS

Stage 1 SMART

You suddenly become an expert on every subject in the known universe. You know everything, and you want to pass on your knowledge to anyone who will listen. At this stage you are always RIGHT, and of course, the person you are talking to is very WRONG. The argument gets even more interesting when both parties are SMART.

Stage 2 GOOD-LOOKING

At this stage, you realize that you are the BEST-LOOKING person in the entire bar and that people fancy you. You can go up to a perfect stranger knowing he or she fancies you and really wants to talk to you. Bear in mind that you are still SMART, so you can talk to this person about any subject under the sun.

Stage 3 RICH

This is when you suddenly become the richest person in the world. You can buy drinks for the entire bar because you have an armored truck full of money parked right outside. You can also make bets at this stage, because, of course, you're still SMART, so naturally you will win all your bets. And it doesn't matter how much you bet, because you are RICH. You will also buy drinks for everyone you fancy, because you are now not only RICH but the BEST-LOOKING person in town as well.

Stage 4 BULLETPROOF

You are now ready to pick fights with anyone and everyone, especially those with whom you have been betting or arguing. This is because nothing can hurt you. At this point, you also can go up to the partners of the people you fancy and challenge them to a battle of wits or money. You have no fear of losing, because you're SMART, you're RICH and hell, you're BETTER LOOKING than they are anyway.

Stage 5 INVISIBLE

This is the final stage of drunkenness. At this point, you can do anything, because NO ONE CAN SEE YOU. You dance on the table to impress the people you fancy, because the other people in the room cannot see you. You are also invisible to the people who want to fight you. You can walk through the street singing at the top of your lungs because no one can hear you either. And because you're still SMART, you know all the words.

Grapevine August 2002

Meet the Steering Committee of the IWACC

6
Months
until
IWAAC

Joanne McC-Action Group-Chair-Joanne has worked on the Convention for almost two years, putting the bid together and working with the Convention Center, Bureau and the hotels.

Sue B.-Positively II Group-Logistics Chair-Sue will be the "troubleshooter" of the Convention making sure all the meetings operate smoothly.

Janet N-K-Early Beginnings Group-Niagara Falls-Janet is the current Delegate and is serving as the Treasurer of the Convention. She has been working on the Convention for over a year and a half.

Pat M.-Courage and Rainbow Groups-Pat is serving as the Registration Chair and has also worked on the convention for over a year and a half.

Program-Charmaine D.-Amherst Snyder and Dawn R.-Journey and Open-Minded-Groups-Charmaine and Dawn have the job of getting the speakers and putting the panels and workshops together.

Margaret H.-Cold Springs-Group-Margaret is in charge of the 3 meals we are having at the Convention-Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.

Karen S.-Ridge Group-Karen has also worked on the Convention for over a year and a half and is responsible for the Hospitality Room.

Any AA women interested in working on the Convention which will be held February 19, 20, 21, 22, 2004 may contact any of the above and volunteer their services.

Heard at a meeting:

The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

It is best to give advice in only two circumstances, when it is requested and when it is a life-threatening situation.

My reputation is what people think of me. Character is what God knows about me.

We are constantly faced with great opportunities disguised as unsolvable problems.

I only need one meeting a week. So, I go to seven meetings a week, because I'm not sure which one I need. - Michael G.

RULE 62

Sometimes I feel so fragmented I could take a group picture of myself.

If you're not as close to God as you'd like to be - remember YOU are the one that moved! (Broc)

"I AM too blessed to be stressed!"

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

Someone told me if I kept drinking whiskey, I'd go to Hell. I thought he meant after I died.

Get Involved

My biggest fear in life is being *alone*. When I was seventeen years old my only ambition in life was to have a place to live where no one would nag me about my drinking or bother me about getting a job and becoming responsible. If I could only get drunk and stoned, watch cable TV, and generally curse the world at will, my life would be perfect. "If only people would do as I wished, the show would be great". Well, being the goal orientated, hardworking drunk that I was I ultimately accomplished these objectives (with what seemed like relative ease) and in 1994 I found myself in the glacial paradise of South Anchorage Alaska living *alone* in a converted 1948 streamliner with a liquor store across the street, a great weed connection next door, cable TV, and Mom and Dad 5,000 miles away. I had accomplished what every teenage alcoholic aspired to; and that was to be left *alone* to drink and drug, shirk all responsibility, and of course wonder why nobody understood me, yes I had arrived...I was thirty-three years old.

When I hit the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous at thirty-five I was completely alone, no family, no friends, no acquaintances, no associates, I used to bribe the guy living under the bridge in my hometown to drink with me and even he thought I was an jerk and should be left alone. I was completely unable to form a relationship with another human being to save my life, let alone the vital spiritual relationship I needed with God to really save my life.

Well, that's where you people in Alcoholics Anonymous came to my rescue. You allowed me to hang out with you when no one else would. You saw the potential goodness in me when no one else could/would. You not only let me tag along with you but you allowed me into your lives to show me how people like us live sober. One of the many things I learned from you early on was the value of being of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. If I was to recreate my life and overcome my fears I was going to have to give of myself freely in Alcoholics Anonymous and get involved in one or more of the vast areas of service afforded us by this wonderful program.

I can honestly say today (Oh no, out on a limb) that the volunteer work I experience in Alcoholics Anonymous is as important to me as working the 12 steps and going to meetings. I have met dozens of awesome people from all over the country. It seems the people in service are taking a bigger bite out of life and wearing their smiles a little wider on their faces than those who are not as yet fortunate enough to, (frankly, to get kicked in the ass by their sponsor) come aboard this boundless vessel we call service. We are people that normally would not mix, thank God for Alcoholics Anonymous.

I hope to see everyone at the Fall Convention as we "Trudge the road of happy destiny".

Yours in Service, Mark S. Lakeshore Group

My Mind Is Out To Get Me

Submitted by John H. ~ Sunday Morning Breakfast

When I help, I am Helped

Alcohol endowed me with the delusion of adequacy.

I truly believed in better living through chemistry.

As a sponsor, remember you can carry the word, but not the person.

Want to go to Jail?

When I first got involved in service in Buffalo I was quick to bring meetings into ECMC. I didn't want to bring meetings into prisons because of my perception of what it would be like. I saw that movie "Scared Straight" and I knew what I would be in for. No seriously what I thought it would be like and what it is like are two totally different things.

When I was out there drinking I got arrested for a DWI and spent 4 days in the "Tombs" (Holding Cell) in Brooklyn. I saw guys fighting over stale bologna sandwiches. I saw one guy get jumped by three or four guys because he was acting like Mr. Tough Guy and in the middle of it he got his watch taken right off his wrist. The watch showed up busted after the Guard showed up but it left quite an impression. That was my only time in jail and the last thing I wanted to do was go back in voluntarily. My first thought about going to Prison meetings was that I was going to have to sit there with my hand on my wallet and watch what I said or get into a fight. Now I'm 5'6" tall and weight 150 lbs. I don't have a lot of weight to push around so it wasn't really anything I was looking forward to.

One day when I was at the Central Committee Meeting finishing my term as Steering Committee Representative when it was announced that they needed a Chairperson for the Correctional Facility. The room went dead silent I couldn't believe that no one wanted to help. After a while I raised my hand and said "I don't know anything about correctional facilities but I could try. I then got voted in unanimously. I figured out since I was the chairperson I would go to a couple of meetings on the inside just to understand the process. Then I could work on getting others to volunteer for the meetings.

I filled out an application and went in to my first prison meeting. It was nothing like I thought it was going to be. It turned out to be a really good meeting. Except for the fact that almost everyone else was wearing green it was just like any other meeting I've been to on the outside. I then went through the process of getting a TB test going through the orientation and getting my picture taken for my ID card. It wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be. Now I go into Gowanda once a month Buffalo Work Release once a month and Attica once a month and they are really good meetings and some are even better than the ones on the outside.

I have a theory on why this is. I was told that "You can't keep it unless you can give it away" and "The more you give the more you get." These guys in prison go to one or two meetings a week. They don't have sponsors or anyone to call so they get so much out of the meetings we bring in we get that much more in return. If you really want to get a lot out of a meeting not to mention the gratitude you get when you leave and hear the gates close behind you then fill out an application and go for one meeting. You will have such a sense of fulfillment from giving away so much and the sense of gratitude for "But for the Grace of God, there go I" you will want to go back.

Right now we have no one bringing meetings into Collins II one meeting at Buffalo Work Release and we have one guy who brings meetings into Wendie (who needs support). The meetings in Collins II were run just like Gowanda. The guys at these jails are really hurting for a meeting. Put yourself in their shoes; No meetings, no sponsor no one to call and trying to get sober. These guys need a meeting so bad that when they get one, they absorb it like a sponge. You will be able to give so much that you can't help but get so much more back in return. Call down to Central Office @ 853-0388 and give it a shot. What have you got to lose? You will be going to a meeting anyhow! So try something different you won't regret it.

Step Eight: *Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.*

"Faith without works is dead." ... We have a list of persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning *we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol.*

Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 76

Excerpts from *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* pg. 77 - 82

Every AA has found that he can make little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake. To a degree, he has already done this when taking his moral inventory, but now the time has come when he ought to redouble his efforts to see how many people he has hurt, and in what ways. This reopening of emotional wounds, some old, some perhaps forgotten, and some still painfully festering, will at first look like a purposeless and pointless piece of surgery. But if a willing start is made, then the great advantages of doing this will so quickly reveal themselves that the pain will be lessened as one obstacle after another melts away.

What kinds of "harm" do people do one another, any way? To define the word "harm" in a practical way, we might call it the result of instincts in collision, which cause physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual damage to people. If our tempers are consistently bad, we arouse anger in others. If we lie or cheat, we deprive others not only of their worldly goods, but of their emotional security and peace of mind. We really issue them an invitation to become contemptuous and vengeful. If our sex conduct is selfish, we may excite jealousy, misery, and a strong desire to retaliate in kind.

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails.

As Bill Sees It pg 115

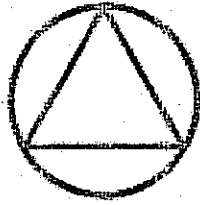
Tradition Eight: *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*

Excerpts from *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* pg. 166 - 171

Our Twelfth Step is never to be paid for, but those who labor in service for us are worthy of their hire.

Take the case of the club janitor and cook. If a club is going to function, it has to be habitable and hospitable. We tried volunteers, who were quickly disenchanted with sweeping floors and brewing coffee seven days a week. They simply didn't show up. Even more important, an empty club couldn't answer its telephone. (...) So somebody had to look after the place full time. If we hired an alcoholic, he'd receive only what we'd have to pay a non-alcoholic for the same job

... we saw that if a hardworking secretary answered the phone dozens of times a day, listened to twenty wailing wives, arranged hospitalization and got sponsorship for ten newcomers, and was gently diplomatic with the irate drunk who complained about the job she was doing and how she was overpaid, then such a person could surely be called a professional AA. She was not professionalizing the Twelfth Step; she was just making it possible.



Decade Without

Have you ever pondered our former logo? When I was new I saw a circle encompassing a triangle. Those three words; *Recovery*, *Unity*, and *Service*. For many years around AA it didn't have any personal meaning to me. However, when we lost exclusive rights to this logo (due to copyright problems), and having been exposed to our written program of recovery (The Big Book), it started to be very symbolic in my personal life. Reflecting on it today, now 10 years after this logo controversy, it seems to take on all kinds of meaning.

The triangle is equal on all sides. One side sits flat, the *foundation*. That's **Recovery** ... the 12 steps, when actualized, continued and maintained will not fail.

The next side is **Unity** ... the Fellowship. That too is 1/3rd of this triangle. It's important ... we can't do it alone. (I tend to forget this at times.) This is a *WE* program, which means we need to stick together. Over the years, going to meetings, I often look around the rooms and ask myself (personalities aside) if anyone of you were in trouble could you rely on me? Could I count on you? It's important for me to look at my own personal unity in AA. Am I joined or do I stand aside watching? For me coming to AA doesn't join me, there's more action involved. I have to talk and listen, both are essential for me.

Last but not least is the final 1/3rd of this triangle. It's just as important as the other two, **Service** ... being of use to God, my fellows, and AA. There is action in Recovery, action in Unity, action is especially required and contingent in our Service structure. The written message of recovery (173 pages, including the Doctors Opinion) and it's implementation and mechanics take us to a spiritual experience. Step 12 makes this very clear. Doing what I'm asked, as well as what I'm not. If I find myself saying; "Let the other guy do it." I need to take action at once. Service also gives me a sense of purpose. That void in me gets filled. Where Service is concerned I'm always needed. The real question is; "Will I participate or leave it for the other guy?"

Surrounding and encompassing this triangle is the circle. I look at this as the fullness of life being surrounded by God's unbroken love.

Ozzie * Cazenovia Group

Trust is a living faith!

- Trust means we agree to let God be God, instead of trying to be God ourselves.
- It means that we agree that God can write the script of our lives, instead of insisting on our own script.
- It means that we agree with the great pledge we make in the Our Father "your will (not mine) be done."

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<p>IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change</p> <p>Barbara H. ~ 9 years ~ Cold Springs Group Bernie A. ~ 23 years ~ Amherst Snyder</p> <p>Let's remember them and all the others who passed on in our prayers</p>

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

Please submit your articles to Central Office by the 15th for next months issue.

E-Mail address: buffaloaa@hotmail.com

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

ACCEPTANCE

DON R. 14Y
LISA M. 16Y
BARB S. 17Y
DAWN R. 25Y

Amherst/Snyder

JEN R. 6m
JOHN W. 9m
MICHAEL S. 9m
JUSTIN H. 1y
STEVEN R. 1y
ERNIE C. 1y
DONNA M. 2y
PAM K. 2y
DAN B. 2y
GARY S. 2y
ERIC H. 3y
Steve P. 3y
TIM G. 3y
LISA M. 3y
TIM K. 4y
CHUCK N. 5y
CAROLYN D. 6y
RALPH M. 7y
ED M. 8y
ROBYN D. 10y
MIKE E. 11y
PAUL J. 11y
MICKEY G. 13y
LYNN L. 14y
LISA N. 15y
JULIE J. 17y
JOHN L. 20y
TOM C.
BERNARD A. 23y
RON E. 31y
ELIOT L. 43y

COLDSPRINGS

LORENZO B. 6y
TERESA 7y
THORNIE H. 10y
PRICILLA 11y
DOROTHY M. 11y
CARMEN S. 13y

Fresh Start

Tina C. 3y
BARBARA H. 10y
EDIE H. 10y

Fireside

Peter P. 3m
Carrie L. 6m
Bernard Mc. 1y
Connie S. 5y
Grgg C. 8y
Pete W. 14y
Paul H. 17y

Giving

Melissa M. 3m
Derrick D. 7y
Randy F. 15y

Ironhorse

Lisa G. 1Y
Molly B. 9Y
Rich T. 10Y
Teddy B. 11Y
Frank M. 16y
Katie K. 21y

Kenmore

John S. 33y

Kensington

Rita K. 10y
Ellenor N. 25y

LoveJoy

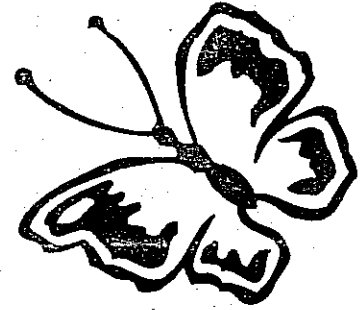
Jeff K. 9m
Rita K. 10y
Bernie S. 31y

North Buffalo

Brenda S. 3m
Melissa B. 3m
Anthony L. 3m
Jeff H. 6m
Barbara S. 1y
Tom C. 2y
Elena W. 4y
Donna H. 5y
Bob H. 5y
Lisa G. 9y
Lisa Y. 12y
Debbie A. 13y
Kathy T. 13y
Chuck B. 14y
Barbara 20y
Kevin C. 20y

Rise & Shine

Madonna B. 9m
Thomas D. 1y
Sandra M. 1y
Rene O. 1y
Katrina D. 2y
Linda J. 2y
Earl L. 3y
Don D. 4y
Kathy G. 4y
Colleen K. 4y
Linette S. 5y
Victor V. 7y
Randy B. 7y
Teresa L. 7y
Michael A. 9y
Chris M. 12y
Terry W. 13y
Thruway
Nancy H. 3m
Darryl D. 3m
Colleen H. 3m
Lee R. 23y
Dave B. 25y
Bernie S. 31y
Sun. Morning Br.
Maryann H. 6m
Pamela H. 9m
Gene K. 6y
Welcome
MARIA 6Y
Debbie M. 24y
Lucky 27y

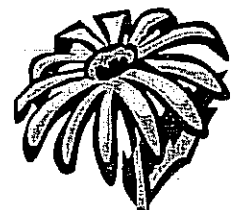
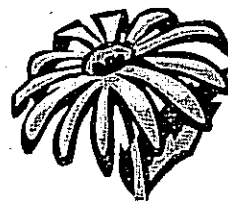
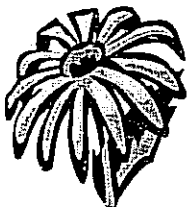


Group Anniversaries

Age Doesn't Matter
Anybody's
Another Chance
As Bill Sees It
Big Book-Lockport
Community Center
Derby
Grand
Lockport Ladies
Marilla
Reneacion
St. Barnabas
Sober and Proud
Sunday Morning Br.
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Spiritual Experiences
We Care
Youngstown

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AUGUST 2003

MEETING CHANGES:

MAIN & HIGH; TUESDAY'S, Salvation Army Main Building, 960 Main Street, Back Entrance, 7:00 PM
MOONSHINERS, which met on Friday's at 11:00 PM at the Windom Community, Church on Abbott Rd.
NO LONGER MEETS.

NEW MEETING; WORKING II; 10:00 am on Tuesday's. Unitarian Universalist Church, 695 Elmwood at W. Ferry. Closed Discussion.

PLEASE NOTE

- **KENMORE GROUP NEEDS SUPPORT** may close September 1st without it! Thursday's at 8:00 PM, Presbyterian Church, 257 Deerhurst.
- **Renewal Group needs support.** We have both smoking and non-smoking meeting rooms! Sundays @ 7:30 PM. 4520 Ransom Rd. at the Sacred Heart Home. Take the Ransom Rd. entrance to the back parking lot; enter through the #8 door at the end.
- **MOBILE MEETING- ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HOMEBOUND OR CONFINED IN A NURSING HOME AND UNABLE TO GET TO A MEETING? IF SO, AND YOU WANT A MEETING BROUGHT TO YOU, CALL CENTRAL OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, SOMEONE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- ~ August 3, **Central Committee Meeting**, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Try Again Group).
- ~ August 3, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 6:00 PM, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish.
- ~ August 10, **CPC Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59th St., Niagara Falls.
- ~ August 14, **International AA Women's Conference**, large planning meeting. Thursday, 6:00 PM, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga.
- ~ August 17, **General Service Assembly**, 1 PM., 511 Club, JAMESTOWN. (Hosted by 511 Group) 511 E. 2nd Street.
- ~ August 21, **New Frontiers Committee**, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.
- ~ August 23, **Public Information Committee** will meet at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am.
- ~ August 23, **Archives Committee Meeting**, Archives are still available for group functions or Anniversaries, with 30 days notice.

~ August 28, **62nd Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, Thursday. 7:00 PM @. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo

COMING EVENTS

~ August 1, 2 & 3, **Any Age Annual Family Summer Campout**; Don Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney St., N. Tonawanda. Speakers, Music, Campfires, Games & Fellowship, Giant 50/50. Tickets are \$8.00/ person/day, or \$15.00 for the weekend. Children 8 and under are free. We provide Hot dogs, hamburgers, pop and coffee. Bring a dish to pass.

~ August 22, 23 & 24, **50th ANNUAL TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY**; Chautauqua, NY. Flyers in the office. \$10 gate fee + \$10(Pre)\$12 Registration. \$27 Banquet.

~ Sept. 28, **RENEWAL GROUP'S 31st ANNIVERSARY**: 7:30 PM, Open Speaker Meeting. Food and Fellowship to follow. 4520 Ransom Rd. at the Sacred Heart Home. Take the Ransom Rd. entrance to the back parking lot and enter through #8 door.

~ October 17-19, **33rd North East Regional Convention**, Southern New Jersey, Radisson Hotel. Registration \$26. Forms in the office.

~ October 17, 18 & 19, **BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION**: Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst. Registration: \$20, Registration & Banquet: \$45. Flyers are out, for more information call, Registration Chair: Charles L. (716) 881-1567 or Email: johnjczermerys@adelphia.net or Convention Chair: Terry (716) 853-0388

~ February 19-22, **40th Annual International AA Women's Conference**, Buffalo Convention Center. Flyers available at the office.

8th STEP: "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

8th TRADITION: "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

8th CONCEPT; The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

... Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit...

Terry Bateman.... Executive Secretary

Buffalo Central Committee

August 3, 2003

Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:00PM, with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Frank M. Patchin, read the purpose of Central Committee, Diane H. of Wilson read the traditions. There were two new group representatives, Ann from One Day at a Time and Janice from The Book Meeting. John H. from Gardenville moved to dispense with the reading of last months minutes, seconded by Lee M.

54 Groups Attended: **District #1:** Cornplanters Again, Downtown Men's, Journey, Main and High, ODAT, Sunday Niters, Sunrise Court, Those Too. **District #2:** Early Bird, Living Sober, Ride Sober, Three Legacies, Welcome. **District #3:** Abbott Men's, Blasedell Monday Night, Courage, Father Baker Gardenville, Iron Horse, New Life, Rainbow, Ridge, Southgate, Sunday Morning Breakfast, The Book Meeting, Thruway, Thursday Afternoon Discussion, Try Again, Victory. **District #4:** Keep It Simple Sister, Patchin, St. Mark's, Springville Tuesday Night. **District #5:** Big Book Lockport, Lockport #1, Wilson. **District # 6:** Attraction, Go To Any Lengths, Holiday Village, Lakeshore, Lakeview, Serenity on the Lake. **District #7:** Buffalo, Beginning in SobrietyII, Casting, Ellicott, Fresh Start, Harmony, Lovejoy, Pass It On, Powerless, Remember When. **District #8:** Amherst Snyder, Williamsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen S. gave this report. \$735.00 has been donated as of July 15th. Report reflects bi-annual donations. Overall, donations are down.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Parker O'M gave this report. Progress is being made regarding not-for-profit status for CO. New schedules are available. Take notice of new format at the front of schedule. We will provide copies of "In All Our Affairs" at the CO. There will be further discussion regarding better education about the traditions. The issue of liability insurance is troubling to several groups. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No report.

TREATMENT: Tom C. gave report. All meetings covered, still discussing change in either meeting time or location. There will be discussion regarding the new program at ECMC at the next meeting of Central Committee.

CORRECTIONS: Bob G. gave this report. The group is focused on generating ideas to encourage AA members to attend prison meetings. As well, the committee brought applications for group reps to take back to their home groups to encourage attendance at prison meetings.

SCREENERS: Dave P. gave the report. A new answering service, AAA Abbott Answering became operational as of 7/14/03. So far, the service is excellent.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Terry B. gave the report. AA 235 calls; 12th step - 3 calls; Alanon: 11, Visitors, 46, Volunteers; 4. Thank you. Office is pursuing getting not for profit status with the post office, to cut down postal costs. New schedules are available.

PIC: No report

NEW FRONTIER: No report

62nd BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: Terry B. gave this report. The committee is working hard. Registrations are coming in. There will be an alternate speaker at the same time as the main speaker. Fire regulations are being strictly enforced, so only those seated at the banquet will be allowed in to hear the main speaker. All hotel reservations must be in by September 20, 2003.

ARCHIVES: Frank M gave this report. Last display was at NY State Convention. Next display will be at Buffalo Fall Convention. Still looking for an archivist and a space to store archives.

RECAP: Several items were discussed during recap. Questions were raised regarding bulk mailing, and several points were clarified regarding prison meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: We are still looking for an alternate to learn the treasurer's job. John H., seconded by Lee M., made a motion to use the sign in sheets as a guide for taking the two votes. First vote: Should we move the Central Office to the Tri-Main building – 41 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions. Motion to move passed. Should we do the renovations to the building, or have the Tri-Main complete them? Vote: 34 they do the work, 9, we do the work, 6 abstentions. Number of votes for the second vote is different because a group rep showed up late. They will do the renovations and the ad-hoc committee will negotiate the lease. Move will be in June of '04.

NEW BUSINESS: Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of knowledge in many groups about what the Central Committee does. Dave P. suggested putting purpose of Central Committee in announcements. Cookie L. expressed concerns about the insurance issue. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to close, John H, second, Lee M. Thank you for the 7th tradition.