

NEW FRONTIERS

March 2003

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.

Thanks from Florida

I thought this a very interesting letter received from a recovering alcoholic who has left the area. During my years in AA, I have often heard it said that: "If you can't get sober in the WNY area, you probably can't get sober anywhere!" We have the best AA anywhere. We're Talking Proud!
Thanks for your consideration, Mike K. ~ University Men's Group

I'd appreciate it if you could read this to the Wednesday night group. I really believe that this group was the one that got me sober.

We are here and well in Florida. The sun is shining and the golf is great. I don't know if I'd be here today if it wasn't for all of you. In the move here I lost all of my AA contact information so I'm sorry for the delay in thanking you.

We all know and can relate to the wretched feeling of the active alcoholic. I do not ever want to go there again. Just a little over two years ago I walked into the Achievement meeting and found my new home. You were all so kind and understanding and incredibly supportive. I'll never forget leaving the meeting and Lorraine and Judy talking to me and giving me the BOOK. I began reading that night and found what I needed was in there and in the meetings.

Life will never be the same for me, thank GOD! I loved all of the AA meetings in Buffalo but Achievement was special for me. You taught me not only how to stop drinking, but also how to live. I've changed spiritually, emotionally and mentally. You promised me a better life and delivered. Sure I have the same old problems but I handle them now. I don't drink them away only to make things worse. But you know all this.

I've found a new group in Florida that I feel comfortable with. But I'll never find another Achievement. For those of you new to AA, listen to the people around the tables. They are there to help and guide you if you let them. They do not force themselves on you. I went from a down and out drunk to a happily retired human in a short period of time. That's why I love and thank all people of AA but especially Achievement.

GOD BLESS YOU ~ Charlie

If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.

"Let's Respect Others"

The first Tradition states that "our common welfare," not my welfare, should come first and that personal recovery depends upon "AA Unity." For me this means that I have a responsibility to the group to bring harmony.

I learned that I had the right and the responsibility to share my recovery with others to explain my needs, my hopes, and my desires. But I didn't have the right to shove my needs, hopes, desires or opinions down anyone's throat regardless of whether or not I knew the truth.

I learned that even though I had the right to talk to friends when they came into the meeting room, or the right to get coffee and sit where I please. I don't have the right to be disruptive or discourteous to others who are trying to listen to a member who is sharing, whether it's about a life-threatening situation or about the discovery of some simple truth.

But, most of all, I learned that I have the responsibility and the right to insure that every new member in the room has the opportunity to hear what is being said. Maybe the one word, phrase, or sentence that is being spoken is the one that will save his or her life.

Let's insure that everyone has that opportunity to hear. Let's leave our individual rights outside and try instead to bring harmony and recovery to the group meetings. Our common welfare depends on "AA Unity."

Bill R. ~ Gardenville Group

My Mind Is Out To Get Me

Submitted by John H. ~ Sunday Morning Breakfast

- If learning to get sober doesn't feel awkward, you're not making any progress.
- I know that I'm not yet the person I can be, but I thank God I'm not the person I used to be.
- Practicing alcoholics are the only people who get to choose the disease they will die from.
- It's amazing how this program works when I get out of the way.
- When I turned myself over to God, I took my life out of the hands of an idiot.

Heard at a meeting:

- If "Faith without works is dead," then, "Willingness without action is fantasy."
- If I take the first drink then my PAST becomes my FUTURE!
(Frank N.)
- Alcoholics all drink for the same reason-----any reason.
- The most important trip we may take in life is meeting people halfway.

RULE 62

- Math lesson: If you add to the truth, you get less of it.
- "Well done is better than well said." Ben Franklin
- I accept I'm a child of God, but I'm still upset I'm not an only child.
- Life may not be the exact party we hoped for, but we might as well dance anyway.

MOBILE MEETING

For the last year or so, about five of us have been taking a meeting to alcoholics who, for one reason or another, are unable to get out to any regularly scheduled meetings. Most of these meetings have been held in people's homes because the person was temporarily incapacitated and confined to the house. The central focus is to bring a meeting to someone who cannot get out and who wants, or needs, a meeting.

So far we have had seven meetings. Two of these have been in nursing homes, five in private homes. One meeting was with three people, another saw nine of us in attendance, and the others had four or five.

Longevity of sobriety of the member requesting the meeting varies, anywhere from newcomer to over twenty years.

A couple of meetings were requested by ladies who had been hospitalized due to injury and were discharged to their homes, but confined to the house. A gentleman who had surgery hosted one meeting. He also was confined to his home after the hospital stay, and needed, as well as wanted a meeting. Another was held at the request of a gentleman who was hospitalized because of heart problems and was, like the others, confined to his home following hospitalization.

Most of the time the gender ratio of attendees is one or two ladies and two or three gentleman. The subjects discussed were the first three steps, gratitude, acceptance and other subjects we are all fairly well acquainted with.

The alcoholic who wants (or needs) a meeting does not have to make any preparations other than to have space for 6 to 8 people for about an hour. It is not necessary to prepare any food or beverages. The meeting can be held in the morning, afternoon, or evening, whatever time is most suitable for the person requesting the meeting.

We who have been doing this feel that we have benefited from these meetings just as much, if not more than the alcoholic who hosts the meeting.

If you need, or want, a meeting brought to you call our Central Office @ 853-0388 and talk to Terry B. give her your name and phone number along with your request. Someone will call you back promptly.

Don't be shy - give yourself a break! We welcome the opportunity to be of service - make that call!

Service

A little over 3 years ago I had a man come up to me at a jail meeting and say "I am glad to see you guys, we haven't had a meeting here since the last time you were here a month ago." Those words haunted me. I made some calls to the people who introduced me to that meeting and got me active with it. I am happy to say that with the help of other members the meeting in that jail is covered weekly and they have just asked us to cover another day that has opened up. I think it was those "haunting words" that really got me motivated toward service. It dawned on me that without the service side of our fellowship the message doesn't get carried. Without the message being carried through service work our fellowship could cease to exist just like that meeting was almost going to do. Through service we ensure that this fellowship of ours will survive for generations to come. There is nothing more rewarding in this life than doing service for your fellow man.

Anonymous in WNY

God Knows All

God knows what I am thinking
So I won't have to ask for anything
God knows my every move
Even before I move
So why ask, He knows.
God guides me through life
God knows my needs
My every need.
Even when I lose I still gain
If not in the arts, then in the heart.
I have a heart of gold
Deep down in my soul
God knows me very well
Even though I go through Hell
God will give me the strength to get well
When my addiction keeps me down
All I do is look around
For God is always somewhere to be found
God will guide me right
Throughout this awful fight
I will get well
So I don't go through Hell
Trust in God, He never fails.

Anthony E. - Caz Manor

Step Three: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, *as we understood Him*.

Our description of the alcoholic, the chapter to the agnostic, and our personal adventures before and after make clear three pertinent ideas:

- (a) That we were alcoholic and could not manage our own lives.
- (b) That probably no human power could have relieved our alcoholism.
- (c) That God could and would if He were sought.

Being convinced, *we were at Step Three*.

The first requirement is that we be convinced that any life run on self-will can hardly be a success. ... are not most of us concerned with ourselves, our resentments, or our self-pity?

Selfishness – self-centeredness! That, we think is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they retaliate. Sometimes they hurt us, seemingly without provocation, but we invariably find that at some time in the past we have made decisions based on self, which later placed us in a position to be hurt.

So our troubles, we think, are basically of our own making. They arise out of ourselves, and the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot. ... we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must, or it kills us! God makes that possible. And there often seems no way of entirely getting rid of self without His aid. Many of us had moral and philosophical convictions galore, but we could not live up to them even though we would have liked to. Neither could we reduce our self-centeredness much by wishing or trying on our own power. We had to have God's help.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our maker, *as we understood Him*: "God, I offer myself to Thee – to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the 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!" We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready, that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him.

The wording was, of course, quite optional so long as we expressed the idea, voicing it without reservation.

Alcoholics Anonymous ages 60-63

Thank you God, no matter what, for I don't know your plan. I'm right where I'm supposed to be. My life is in your hands. Through trial and triumph, rain and sun, not my will but Thine be done. Thank-you God.

Phil M.

God is like ...

- Coke ... He's the real thing.
- Pan Am ... He makes the going great.
- General Electric ... He lights your path.
- Bayer Aspirin ... He works wonders.
- Hallmark Cards ... He cares enough to send the very best.
- Tide ... He gets the stains out that other leave behind.
- VO5 Hair Spray ... He holds in any weather.
- Dial soap ... Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish everybody did?
- Sears ... He has everything.
- Alka Seltzer ... Try Him, you'll like Him.
- Scotch Tape ... You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

Submitted Anonymously

Justice is when we get what we deserve.
Mercy is when we don't get what we deserve.
Grace is when we get what we don't deserve.

Clancy I - Venice, CA

IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

To all our members who have lost family or loved ones, our prayers are with you.

Tom C. ~ Dunkirk Group
Carol K ~ 43 years ~ TGIF Group

Let's remember them and all the others who passed on in our prayers

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

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

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Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Long Form: 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.

From the 12 & 12

This Tradition is packed with meaning. For AA is really saying to every serious drinker, "You are an AA member if *you* say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications – even your crimes – we still can't deny you AA. We don't *want* to keep you out. We aren't a bit afraid you'll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we've had. So you're an AA member the minute you declare yourself."

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Lord I love You and I need You, come into my heart today.
For without You I can do nothing.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

ACCEPTANCE

Tom L. 6m
 Jackie S. 3y
 Elisabeth L. 12y
 Tom M. 18y
 Rosina L. 18y
Amherst/Snyder
 Dean S. 6m
 Colleen H. 6m
 Darren R. 6m
 Beth U. 9m
 Dana A. 9m
 Andy B. 9m
 Kelly K. 1y
 Mark D. 1y
 Jim S. 2y
 Greg W. 3y
 Patty C. 3y
 Ray H. 3y
 Joy W. 3y
 Randy McK. 3y
 Wesley B. 4y
 Dennis G. 5y
 Bob S. 5y
 Jennifer H. 7y
 Ken L. 10y
 Gina L. 10y
 Alan H. 12y
 Ron F. 13y
 Andrew C. 16y
 Lydia G. 17y
 Richard W. 20y
 Nancy J. 26y
Cold Springs
 Vivian J. 4y
 Kenny B. 9y
 Al C. Jr. 12y
 Elvester McR. 27y
Courage Group
 Joy W. 3m
 Kim Y. 3m
 Dave McN. 4y
 Martha K.S. 12y
Ellicott
 Robert R. 6y
Fireside
 Barb P. 6m
 Stanley L. 9m
 Robert S. 2y
 Peter M. 7y
Giving
 Pat W. 3y
Holland
 Carrie W. 16y

Kensington

Patty 1y
 Neil C. 3y
 Peaches 21y
Lakeshore
 Jim McS. 12y
 Les T. 23y
LoveJoy
 Tim 6m
North Buffalo
 Jenny H. 3m
 Maggie M. 3m
 Anthony L. 6m
 Jerry L. 6m
 Nick R. 6m
 Mark S. 6m
 Michael W.. 3y
 Jerry S. 3y
 Becky S. 5y
 Ken S. 6y
 Harvey S. 15y
 Peter B. 16y
 Janet T. 16y
Ray of Hope
Hope
 Frank H. 17y
Rise & Shine
 Liz B. 3m
 Wanda I 6m
 James E. 9m
 Dean M. 9m
 Sean M. 1y
 Vincent D. 1y
 Johnnie C. 1y
 Patti M. 1y
 Denise C. 2y
 Kenneth T. 2y
 Linda W. 2y
 Linda B. 2y
 Jennifer L. 2y
 Mitchell J. 2y
 Mark K. 5y
 Myrdis S. 6y
 Pam L. 6y
 Darryl S. 7y
 Blaire D. 7y
 Issiah W. 13y
 Joe H. 29y

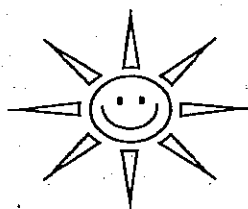
Sunday Morning

Breakfast
 Michael M. 9m
 Maggie P. 3y
 Mark S. 7y
 Elizabeth 12y
Thruway
 Sean L. 3m
 Henry R. 2y
 Dan K. 2y
 Adrienne 2y
 Scott R. 2y
 Dave C. 3y
 Roselie P. 8y
 Jim S. 14y
 Bob M. 16y
 Elvire W. 17y
 Ray O. 28y
Victory
 Nick F. 3y

GROUPS CELEBRATING

A Day At A Time
 Bodhisattva
 Brocton Discussion
 Clarence Men's Discussion
 Dunkirk Monday Nite
 Grand II Joy Of Living
 Higher Powered
 Just For Today/Albion
 Keep On Comin'
 Lake View
 Medina Big Book
 Medina New Life
 Perry Discussion
 Powerless
 Renaissance I
 Rochester Meeting
 Rural Is Plural
 Serenity
 Set Aside
 Sheridan
 Sober Saturday
 Sober Trail
 Southgate
 Stayin' Alive
 Sunday Third
 Surrender And Hope
 The Book Meeting
 Thruway
 Unity
 Women On The Rise

*Please remember to
 have the anniversaries
 submitted by
 the 15th
 of the month
 previous*



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MEETING CHANGES:

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING, NO LONGER MEETS, Tuesday's in Gowanda, United Methodist, 30 North Chapel.

FRIENDLY GROUP, 8 PM in Lockport has moved to Dale Association (Senior Center), 33 Ontario Street.

I DON'T KNOW GROUP, is now a **NO SMOKING MEETING**, Monday's at 7:00 PM, St. Francis Church, 175 East Street @ Amherst.

MERCY GROUP: Morning, 10:00 AM, held at the Brothers of Mercy, 4520 Ransom Rd., Clarence, No Longer meets in the front of the building; we have resumed in the refractory in the rear (last double doors). Parking in the rear. We Need Support.

MORNIN AFTER, St. Nick's Convent Rt. 98 in North Java, **NO LONGER MEETS**.

PIONEER GROUP: Friday's at 8:30 PM, Delevan United Methodist, **NO LONGER MEETS**.

SERENITY TRAILS; has moved to Turning Point House, 9136 Sandrock Rd. Eden, Tuesday's at 8:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE

- **LOVEJOY GROUP** is updating its membership Starting in March. Please see group secretary. Visitation Church, 1040 Lovejoy.
- **Age Doesn't Matter Group**, is updating its membership please come to the meeting see group secretary .Friday's@ St. Timothy's, 565 East Park Dr. at Emsinger in Tonawanda.
- There has been some prank flyers sent to groups about an event at an individuals home. The flyers mentioned no group sponsorship, and it was not in this bulletin. Just reminders if anything seems questionable, please confirm it with the office. Also a reminder to groups if you are having an event, even if you do not want it in the bulletin please make the office aware that it is going on. We cannot answer questions we have no knowledge of. Thank-you
- **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.**
- **Screeners Committee: Attention screeners and 12 step list members. If your phone number or any of your information has changed, please contact the central Office so that we can keep the information current. Thank you very much. Dave B. (Screeners Chairperson)**
- **If your meeting does not meet because of a holiday, could you please notify Central Office so we do not send people there? Thank you.**
- **Bring your Big Book and join us @ Eternal Vigilance Group, Wednesday Nights in Orchard Park at Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church. We now have a Big Book table and need Support.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- ~ March 2, **Central Committee Meeting**, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Amherst Snyder).
- ~ March 2, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 6:00 PM, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish.
- ~ March 9, **WNY General Service Assembly Meeting**. 1:00 PM. Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg. (Hosted by Iron Horse)
- ~ March 9., **CPC Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Bacon memorial Presbyterian Church, 166-59th St., Niagara Falls.
- ~ March 13, **International AA women's Conference** Planning Meeting, 6 PM @ the Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive.
- ~ March 20, **New Frontiers Committee**, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.
- ~ March 29, **Public Information Committee** will meet at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am.
- ~ March 29, **Archives Committee Meeting**, 9 am, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive. Archives are still available for group functions or Anniversaries; call Dick K. 668-8358, with 30 days notice.
- ~ March 26, **62nd Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, Wed., 7:00 PM @. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo

COMING EVENTS

March 10, **Dunkirk Monday Night Group will be celebrating its 54th Anniversary. Dinner** at 7:00 pm, followed by a speaker (Geno N. from Niagara Frontier Men's Group). Bring a dish if you wish.

March 15, Saturday, **The Tri County Group** in Gowanda, will be celebrating its Group Anniversary. Doors open at 7:30 PM. There will be a speaker at 8:30 pm; food, fun and fellowship will follow. Please bring a dish to share. St. Josephs Church- East Main St.

March 31, **Thruway Group's 30th Anniversary**, 10 AM, Infant of Prague School, 921 Cleveland Drive. Speaker followed by cake and coffee. Please join us!!!

April 13, **Serenity Groups 40th Anniversary Breakfast**, Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. 9:30 am. Breakfast followed about 11:00 by speaker. \$9.00 pre - sale tickets.

April 25-27, **30th Women's Spring Spiritual Weekend**, St. Columbian Retreat House, Derby. \$23 non-refundable deposit, balance of \$70 upon arrival. Flyers available at Central Office.

3rd STEP: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

3rd TRADITION: "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

3rd CONCEPT: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.- the conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staff, committees, and executives- with a traditional "Right of Decision."

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

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

Terry Bateman.... Executive Secretary

Buffalo Central Committee

March 2, 2003

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by Chairman, Mike D., with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Mike read the Preamble, Kathy T. read the Purpose of Central Committee and Adam read the Traditions. John H. motioned to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Karen S. seconded the motion.

40 Groups Attended: District #1: Cornplanters Again, Miracle, Sunday Niters, Sunrise Court. District #2: Chapter IX, Living Sober, North Buffalo, Three Legacies, Welcome. District #3: Abbott Men's, Blasdell Monday Night, Cazenovia, Courage, Father Baker, Gardenville, Iron Horse, New Life, Rainbow, Ridge, Southgate, Sunday Morning Breakfast, The Book Meeting, Thruway, Victory. District #4: Holland, Patchin, Springville Tuesday Night. District #5: Lockport #1. District # 6: Go To Any Lengths. District #7: Buffalo, Beginnings in SobrietyII, Casting, Ellicott, Fresh Start, Harmony, Lovejoy, Powerless, Remember When. District #8: Amherst Snyder, Wehrle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Karen S. gave the report. The total for the month of February: \$518.00. This number is for only part of the month. Update will be in April.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Charmaine D. gave the report. Steering Committee will now meet @ 6:00PM. Screeners Committee Chair discussed problems with answering service. A discussion was had regarding how to increase contributions to Central Office. At the next meeting a co-chair for the 2004 Buffalo Fall Convention will be nominated.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joanne McC. Gave this report. Income continues to go down. Concern that many groups are not contributing at all to Central Office. There are more safeguards in

place to prevent financial manipulation. Central Office received a bounced check – please be careful with personal checks.

TREATMENT: No report.

CORRECTIONS: Bob G. gave this report. Wende still needs coverage. Meeting with Attica went ok; we need to make some adjustments in order to cover the gaps.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Mike D gave this report in Terry's absence. AA info 292 calls; 12th step – 9 calls; 46 visitors; 14 volunteers.

PIC: Adolph gave this report. Many schools were visited and more are currently on the agenda.

NEW FRONTIER: Debi thanked the many contributors and encouraged more submissions.

61st BUFFALO CONVENTION: Pat. M gave the report. A check for \$1,328 has been forwarded to the Central Office. The books are not reconciled, but will be by the next meeting.

62nd BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION: No report.

GSA: No report

CPC: No report.

ARCHIVES: Frank M stated that the next meeting is March 22 and will involve finalizing the display for the Spring Convention.

RECAP: No concerns.

OLD BUSINESS: Ridge Group to make coffee for the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

Thank you for the Seventh Tradition donations

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Motion to close by John H., seconded by Karen S.

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3/7/03

TO ALL GROUPS IN DISTRICT 8

As was adopted by the Central Committee, the Co-Chairperson for our Annual Fall Convention is chosen from the consecutive district by the Steering Committee with the approval of the representatives at Central Committee which meets every month at St. Michael's Church Hall, 651 Washington Street, the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. From your District, the individual selected to Co-Chair the 2002 Fall Convention will then automatically become the Chairman for the 2003 Fall Convention.

What the Steering Committee is asking is that any individual who wishes to be considered for this position write to the Central Office. Include in your letter, your length of sobriety and any experiences you have had that would make you a good candidate for the job.

Your letters of intent must be submitted by April 15 2003. Those fitting the requirements will be presented to the Central Committee on May 4, 2003. The Central Committee vote to elect the Co-Chair will be on June 1, 2003.

District 8 groups are:

Achievement	Georgetown	Stepping Stones-Williamsville
After Midnight	H.A.N.D.	SUNY-Amherst Campus
Amherst Snyder	High Noon	TGIF
Attitude Adjustment	Highview	There Is A Solution
Beginnings Women's	It	Today's Women
Big Book Workshop	Kensington	Turning Point
Clarence Men's Disc.	Lighten-Up	Unity
Clarence Men's Disc.II	Mercy	Wehrle
Common Problem	New Beginnings	Williamsville
East Amherst	Renewal	
Eye Opener	Saint Barnabas	
Fireside	Saratoga	
Fireside PM	Saturday Night In Recovery	

⊕	ATTENDED C.C.	CO	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative	⊕	ATTENDED C.C.	CO	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative
									Dunkirk Monday Night						
	11:45								Early Bird		50.00				
	12 Step								Easier Softer Way						
	4th Step Stumblers								East Amherst		30.00				
	6th Step								East Aurora	100.00	100.00				
	A Day At A Time	60.00	60.00						Easy Does It		50.00				
	A Little Bit of Everything							⊕	Ellicott	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	A New Freedom								Ellicottville						
	A Strong Desire								Emergency						
⊕	Abbott Men's		100.00		100.00		100.00		Eternal Vigilance						
	Acceptance/Welcoming	500.00	500.00						Everybody's	50.00	50.00				
	Achievement		500.00				100.00		Express						
	Action	50.00	100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		Eyepener	351.00	277.00				
	After Midnight								F.U.N.						
	Age Doesn't Matter	100.00	150.00						Faith						
	Alexander							⊕	Father Baker		200.00				
⊕	Amhers/ Snyder	136.38	332.12						Feelings						
	Amsdell Lakeshore	25.00	80.00						Fireside						
	Another Chance		25.00						Fireside PM						
	Any Age								First Things First		189.55				
	Any Length	60.00	60.00						Fredonia Discussion						
	Anybody's								Fredonia Friday Noon						
	As Bill Sees It	330.00	330.00						Freedom		75.00				
	Attitude Adjustment								Freedom Now						
	AW Group							⊕	Fresh Start						
	Attraction	100.00	100.00						Friendly	100.00	100.00				
	Beginner's Table								Frontier(New)	250.00	250.00				
⊕	Beginning in Sobriety II							⊕	Gardenville		50.00				
	Beginning's Women	100.00	100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		Georgelown						
	Blidwell Monday	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00		Getting Better						
	Big Book Lockport						5.00		Giving						
	Big Book Study							⊕	Go to Any Length		200.00				
	Big Book Workshop								Golden Slipper						11.00
	Blasdel								Grand	40.00	40.00				
⊕	Blasdel Monday Night		40.00						Grand II Joy of Living						
	Bodhisatva	34.00	34.00						Grateful						
	Boulevard Helping Hand								Guiding Light						
	Boulevard Women		75.00						H.O.W.						
	Brass	25.00	25.00						Half and Half						
	Broadway Bailey								Hamburg						
	Brocton AA								Hand						
	Brownbaggers								Handicappers		500.00				
⊕	Buffalo Group	2.00	3.00						Happy Hour						
	But For the Grace of God							⊕	Harmony						
	By The Book								Helping Hand	20.00	40.00				
	Came To Believe								High Noon	100.00	200.00				
⊕	Casting								High View		180.00				
	Cathedral Park		62.68		25.00		25.00		Higher Power						
	Caz Manor	13.00	13.00						Hilbilly						
⊕	Cazenovia								Holiday Village	125.00	550.00				
	Central Park							⊕	Holland						
⊕	Chapter IX		120.00		60.00		60.00		Honesty	30.00	70.00			10.00	20.00
	Cheektowaga								Horizon						
	Chevy #1								Hope Big Book Study						
	Clarence Men's		50.00						How It Works						
	Clarence Men's II								How It Works/Men's		155.03		12.92		12.92
	Cold Spring		15.00						Humboldt Riley						
	Common Bond								Inner City						
	Common Problem								Inspiration		100.00				
	Community Center	10.00	30.00		5.00		5.00		Intoxicated on Life	60.00	60.00				
⊕	Complanters							⊕	Ironhorse		55.75		21.50		21.50
⊕	Courage		100.00		20.00		20.00		IT						
	Arcade								Jamestown Groups						
	Crossroads	38.00	188.00						Johnson Creek Big Book	80.00	80.00				
	Cross Talk Big Book	25.00	50.00						Journey						
	Daily Reflections	110.00	110.00						Just Do It						
	Daily Reprieve								Just For Today/ Ablon						
	DeVaux Discussion								Just For Today/Check						
	Derby								Keep It Simple Sister						
	Desire								Keep On Coming						
	Downtown Men's		2.00						Kenmore						

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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

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☺		CD	Cumulative	Treatment	Cumulative	Corrections	Cumulative
	Twin Cities						
	Unity	47.85	47.85				
	University Men's Disc.	100.00	231.00			90.00	90.00
	Valley						
	Varieties of Spiritual Exper.	10.00	10.00				
	Varysburg						
☺	Victory	100.00	200.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	75.00
	Wake Up Call						
	We Are Not Saints						
	We Care		60.00		40.00		20.00
	We Choose Life						
☺	Wehrle	30.00	30.00				
☺	Welcome						
	Westfield						
	Westminster						
	Why						
	Williamsville						
	Willing To Grow						
	Wilson Group	25.00	50.00			25.00	50.00
	Wilson Smith Alumni						
	Women on the Rise						
	Women's West Side						
	Working	90.00	90.00				
	You'll Never Walk Alone						
	Youngstown						
	In The Solution		20.00				
	Maryanne B.		12.30				
	Barbara B.	100.00	100.00				
	Anon.	46.04	46.04				
	TOTAL	6058.27	13584.32	255.00	859.42	410.00	1165.00

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ATTENDED CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Income Statement	15-Dec-02	15-Jan-03	15-Feb-03	15-Mar-03
Beg Bal Cash on hand	13,568.18	14,451.77	11,137.91	9,802.79
Contributions				
Groups	4,628.45	4,593.66	3,198.39	6,058.27
Joint Meeting	33.00	65.00	50.70	50.00
Envelope System	643.00	931.00	518.00	490.00
New Frontiers Subs	40.00	24.00	20.00	33.00
Literature	3,962.88	1,878.80	2,258.57	3,408.90
Misc.		30.00		1,113.64
Monthly Income	9,307.33	7,522.46	6,045.66	11,153.81
Expenses				
Office Rent	636.00	636.00	636.00	636.00
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Payroll				
Salaries (Net)	1,662.92	2,078.65	1,662.92	1,662.92
Federal Withholdings	1,359.00	1,040.00	834.18	832.00
NYS Withholdings		326.60		
Insurance				
State Ins Fund				
Health	304.00	304.00	304.00	304.00
Liability		993.86		
Postage		600.00	600.00	
Phone	94.53	86.96	89.46	93.60
Accounting				
Advt				
PIC Lit.				
Talking Phone Book				
Verizon	72.75	72.75	72.75	72.75
website				
white directory		359.55		
Yellow Pages			398.00	
Literature Expenses				
Grapevine				102.90
World Services Inc	1,950.76	927.36	1,372.60	3,566.40
Hazeldon		601.11		313.63
Printers		1,986.25		
Office Supplies	959.86		368.79	
Answering service	866.72	577.98	796.83	523.65
Minolta leasing (copier)	187.00	187.00	187.00	187.00
Minolta Copies	240.15			
Crystal Rock (water)	50.30	14.50	14.50	14.50
Bank Charges	4.75	8.75	8.75	19.50
Monthly Expenses	8,423.74	10,836.32	7,380.78	8,363.85
Monthly Income (Loss)	883.59	(3,313.86)	(1,335.12)	2,789.96
End Bal Cash on hand	14,451.77	11,137.91	9,802.79	12,592.75
Literature Assets:	5,414.62	6,088.04	5,877.80	4,368.25
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	228.85	870.09	1,214.64	1,125.45
Corrections Facilites	1,207.80	1,046.56	1,428.64	1,716.06
Donations	175.76	455.58	299.42	410.00
Expenses	325.00	61.50		345.00
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Balance	1,046.56	1,428.64	1,716.06	1,769.06
Treatment Facilities	1,114.19	821.71	483.15	657.82
Donation	359.77	295.00	309.42	255.00
Expenses				
AT & T Bridging The Gap	35.50	37.56	44.96	37.45
AAA Abolt Answering Service	39.75	44.00	34.75	35.00
Literature	565.00	540.00	88.00	
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Balance	821.71	483.15	657.82	865.82