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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL A.A. MEMBERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
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The A.A. Program - Spiritual But Never 'Religious'

But Don't A.A. Groups Use the Lord's Prayer?

The practice of ending meetings with the Lord's Prayer, once almost universal, is still common in many areas. Where it still exists, the leader normally asks attendees to join in only if they choose to. North American groups today have found a variety of ways to close their meetings. Use of the Lord's Prayer is rare in Spanish groups in the U.S. and groups outside the United States. Many recite the Serenity Prayer or A.A.'s Responsibility Statement; others use some other informal prayer or phrasing, or simply a moment of silence. And whatever the specific wording, the group conscience makes the decision.

Groups that continue to close with the Lord's Prayer are following a custom established in the Fellowship's earliest days, when many of the founding members found their support in meetings of the Oxford Groups. The practice of closing with the Lord's Prayer very likely came directly from those meetings. At the time, there was no A.A. literature, and so the founders leaned heavily on Bible readings for inspiration and guidance. They probably closed with the Lord's Prayer because, as Bill W. explained, "it did not put speakers to the task, embarrassing to many, of composing prayers of their own." Meeting formats became more inclusive once A.A. began to spread throughout North America and then the rest of the world, and it became obvious that the program of recovery could cross all barriers of creed, race, and religion.

In *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, the Rev. Samuel Shoemaker, one of the nonalcoholic friends who was instrumental in shaping the Fellowship in the very beginning, reflects on the founders' fundamental decision not to define a set of beliefs. He says (pages 263-64): "A.A. has been supremely wise, I think, in emphasizing the reality of the experience, and acknowledging that it came from a higher Power than human, and leaving the interpretation part pretty much at that. ... If A.A.'s had said more, some people would have wanted them to say a great deal more, and define God in a way acceptable and congenial to themselves. It would have taken only two or three groups like this, dissenting from one another, to wreck the whole business. ... So they stuck to the inescapable experiences and told people to turn their wills and their lives to the care of God as they understood Him. That left the theory and the theology ... to the churches to which people belong. If they belonged to no church and could hold no consistent theory, then they had to give themselves to the God that they saw in other people. That's not a bad way to set in motion the beginnings of a spiritual experience."

Step Seven: "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

The 7th Step is just six lines and an "Amen" in the Big Book of "Alcoholics Anonymous" Only a prayer. How could it be simpler?

In fact, the 7th Step is also easy. If I make it hard, I am not taking the step into my life. With God as a partner, all that power greater than myself takes care of the tough stuff for me. If I work it, I am trying to take it myself instead of letting my Partner (God) do His job.

If I am working on one of my defects, let's say "Gluttony", why am I doing all the work? Turning it over might help me from becoming a "Glutton for Punishment." My alcoholic ego wants to control the world, and finds it impossible to Let Go and Let my Partner take care of it. For me, Step 7 involved a bottom of slaving away, exercising insane discipline and vigilance, and utter failure to be able to expel the defect. Then I ignored the ego and paid attention to my Partner, and He took care of the 7th Step, and for the most part removing the defect.

I need to realize, once again where the problem lies and that the solution is spiritual.

Anonymous in Nashville

Mr. Humility

It took me quite a while to figure out this humility deal ... but brother, I've sure got it now! When the chips are down, I can be Caspar Milquetoast and Uriah Heep rolled into one. My humility is so thick you can cut it with a butter-knife.

It's well known that I've got more humility than any other member of our group – and, what's more, *they* realize it. Whenever this subject comes up in a closed meeting, everybody looks to me to explain what humility is – and how to get that way. The rest of them sit like dumb clucks and don't have anything to say.

"If I can do it, you can do it," I always tell them. Then I explain how humility is just the act of acting like you don't know it all, and not being an egotistical s.o.b. Like some of the other members I could name. (Yes, I have named them, too. I believe in calling a spade a spade, which is the honesty part of the program.)

Some of the older members of our group have started calling me "Mr. Humility," which just goes to show how they recognize my superiority in this respect. Naturally, a couple of them are a little jealous because I have so much more humility than they have, and I explain it so much better.

Now and then a newcomer sticks his head in the noose with some dumb question about humility, at our closed meetings. "How long have *you* been around AA?" I ask. That flattens them. They don't realize that after so many years of alcoholic thinking, you don't get real *quality* humility right off the bat. However, I always believe in holding out some hope to the newcomer.

"Just act like me, bub," I tell him, "and it won't take you long to catch on."

I've been around AA a couple of years now, and I've seen 'em come and go. Slips? Well sure, I've had a few, mostly in recent months ... but you could hardly call them slips. You see, I've been trying to prove something. I know the run of the mill alcoholic can't touch that first drink – the *hoi polloi*, so to speak – but I'm different.

I'll admit I'm trying to taper off a bender right now. I admit I have a drinking problem. I don't know all there is to know about the Twelve Steps and all that other malarkey. But, don't you see? That's the very basis of my humility – I admit these things! I may not have as much continuous sobriety as some of the stuffed shirts I know. But I've got more damn humility than the whole pack of them put together!

Anonymous ~ Non violent Ward, Central Islip, L.I.
Grapevine July 1955

Tradition Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

There Is No Free Lunch

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Everything in the world costs something--in both material and spiritual spheres. Just think for a moment: What costs nothing? Some say courtesy costs nothing or love costs nothing, but that's not so. Even these virtues call for humility and unselfishness. So, without splitting hairs, it does cost some effort to get anything or to give anything. Even love itself can cost heartaches if it's not understood.

In AA, minor cash costs are incurred when just a few people voluntarily meet together. The cost of hiring a meeting place is real. Other incidental costs grow along with the group.

But because nobody asks us to meet together except ourselves, then logically we ourselves should pay whatever costs arise through this association within our Fellowship. It's as simple as that!

If honestly (through our own free will and the help of a greater Power) we seek to help ourselves, we must decline outside contributions because, after all, it's nobody's business except our own anyway.

By helping ourselves so we help others similarly, with no thought of reward. They in turn do likewise, and so AA snowballs.

New groups learn how to maintain themselves from the members' contributions--offered in gratitude for a newfound life and happiness. So please don't be mean, as any group surplus can help spread our message round the world. We in Australia are appreciative of help and advice thus made possible.

To its contributing members AA says, "Thank you!" To outside would-be contributors, AA also says, "Thank you very much. . .but if you don't mind. . .no thank you."

Colin R. ~ Sydney

More on the Lord's Prayer and the A.A. program

How easy it can be for this prayer to become just another part of our routine! Let's take a moment and meditate on the Our Father, letting us find new life in an old familiar prayer.

When we pray "Give us this day our daily bread," we mean today this present moment. (One day at a time) 'Bread' can signify whatever will be sufficient for us to live today.

When we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are advising ourselves both as to what we would ask for, and what we would do to be worthy to receive it. (Step 5 & Step 9)

When we pray, "Lead us not into temptation," we are encouraging ourselves to look to our Higher Power for help, so we are not tempted through self-deception or self-pity.

When we pray, "Deliver us from evil." We can bring ourselves to reflect on the fact that we are not yet free of evil. (Step 7)

When we pray, we thank our Higher Power for teaching us to pray and ask, "Come Higher Power into our hearts today."

Submitted in part by JMB Courage Group

Seventeen & Sober

I am an alcoholic and I am also seventeen – not surprising, because there are many teenage alcoholics. Half of them don't even know they have a problem. I'm one of the lucky ones: I found out in time.

I have been drinking since I was eight. Physically, it didn't take its toll until the last three years. But mentally, it affected me from the very first drink I picked up.

My story is a common one. I drank because I had problems – in other words, to cop out. I wasn't very happy at home. Although I was loved, I didn't feel wanted. The bottle was my friend. It helped me cope.

As the years passed by and my drinking progressed, I became obsessed with alcohol. I needed it to do just about everything. At about the age of twelve, I went from Scotch on weekends to drinking beer with my friends.

They had discovered drinking, and now I didn't have to drink alone any more. We would walk up to the deli and get a couple of quarts apiece. But I was never satisfied with just two quarts. This was when I suspected something was wrong.

By this time, it had really caught up with me. I missed days from school, mostly Mondays and Fridays. No longer did I drink only on weekends. I drank on weekdays, too. I drank in the morning to calm my nerves and steady my shaking hands. Then the resentments and fears set in.

At fourteen I was contemplating suicide. I couldn't find any reason. I hadn't even begun to live, and I wanted to die. It was a viscous cycle of morning sickness and shaking and night drinking. Drinking wasn't fun anymore. I didn't enjoy the high I used to. By now, I couldn't function without alcohol. I had lost everything ... my self-respect and my will to live. I was embarrassing my family; and no longer was I the life of the party. I was a drunk. I knew what I was doing was wrong. But what was I going to do? I would try anything to stop.

I knew someone in AA and decided to try it. With no idea of what to expect, I went to my first meeting on January 16 1976. I was afraid to talk. If anyone came near me, I started to shake. Through my sponsor and my Higher Power, I made it ... but not right away. It took me a couple of months. Now, I know why. It was because I didn't open up. I wouldn't let anyone help me. Then I surrendered. It was the most important thing I had ever done. I just let go & let God.

The difference since I've been in AA is amazing. Before, I kept everything to myself, because I didn't think I needed anyone. I had forgotten how to smile, and laughing was a thing of the past. But since I've been in the program, it has helped me more than I can say. I'm learning to smile and laugh again, and I've even gotten back some of my self-respect. The friends I have in AA are the best friends I'll ever have. I still have problems, but AA has taught me how to handle them and not run from them. I am very grateful to AA for my new life. I believe God has given me a second chance. So I will carry the AA message to anyone that needs and wants it.

SPONSORSHIP

As Alcoholics Anonymous has "but ONE" Primary Purpose "To carry the message to the Sick & Suffering Alcoholic" So does being a SPONSOR in Alcoholics Anonymous, to carry the message and not the mess to the Sick & Suffering Alcoholic, not by telling, but by ACTION.

I will always remember the first time a newcomer asked me to be their sponsor ... I told him that I would have to ask my Sponsor ... knowing full well that my Sponsor would tell me I was "too NEW" in the program (I was about 8 months into AA) then I would be off the hook, right?

Boy was I in for a surprise. I told my Sponsor about this poor sick newcomer asking me to be his sponsor, expecting him to say just what I thought - TOO NEW! (we AA's have this uncanny ability to read minds)

He instead said, "Of Course that's what we do to "Stay Sober" Then added, "But don't be to surprised when he out grows you" He also gave me an AA Pamphlet (P-15) entitled. "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship"(This is A.A. General Service, Approved Literature.) Gee it is full of great information on how to help a newcomer in AA...but it really isn't that much fun, cause it doesn't say anything about running anyone else's life and making decisions for them. Darn. Doesn't say anywhere in that pamphlet where we are to play doctor, nurse, or counselor ... or where we can tell them to get off any type of prescribed medications etc. It does talk about showing the newcomer around AA, showing them how to get involved in AA and introduce them to the Big Book and the 12 Steps and how not to pick up the first drink ... One Day At A Time! It also talks about helping the newcomer to get back to WORK ASAP. Gee what a concept!

In AA literature it states ... that it is better if Sponsors of newcomers are of the same sex ... wonder why? Oh yeah...it also warns about a lot of things SPONSORS don't do or get involved in.

The things I was told at my first AA meeting hold more truth today, than they did that day.

1. Surrender to Win.
2. Don't Pick Up The First Drink.
3. Go To An AA Meeting at least once a Day.
4. Pray to your "Higher Power" as you understand Him. (Ask Him to Remove the Obsession To Drink)
5. Help Another Sick & Suffering Alcoholic.
6. Join a Home Group.
7. Get involved in your Home Group.

Service to Others in AA will help To Keep You Sober, but as is everything in AA...they are but suggestions!

A Prayer: "Thank you God for all you have given me, for all you have taken away from me, and for all you have left me."

Heard at a meeting:

If GOD drives you out, BOOZE will bring you back.

Winners do what they have to do and losers do what they want to do.

I knew I was serious about recovery when I put my sponsor's number on speed-dial.

Bill called Bob. Who have we called lately?

Bring the body and the mind follows.

If you don't GROW you GO!

RULE 62

As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home everyday.

I was a scream in search of a mouth

Alcoholics seem to have a lot of "alcoholic".

We are all important, but not necessarily for the reasons we think.

I found it does not hurt my eyes to look on the bright side.

I kept coming back, and I'm thankful that I did. After each relapse in a period of over 10 years, I thought that I was hopeless, that I had been born that way, I was not at fault. I finally got sober, behind the "walls", and took suggestions that I had heard for years. I have not drank or used since. I am so grateful. I will graduate from college next quarter. I have friends today in the fellowship who I love, and I am loved in return. I kept coming back, and God, never left me, He kept me alive and now I get to work with others. The gifts of the program are priceless. Thank-you for my recovery.

GRATEFUL, In WASHINGTON, State.

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Jim F. ~ Holland Group

IMPORTANT NOTICE

2005 International Convention

Toronto, Ontario ~ June 30 – July 3, 2005

Members wishing to enter Canada to attend the 2005 International Convention, who have felony convictions in their past, including DUI/DWIs and who are applying to Canadian Immigration for a TEMPORARY RESIDENT PERMIT or a GRANT OF REHABILITATION, must be sure to write on the first page of the completed application at the top right hand corner "2005 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION."

For more information on these permits go to:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/irpa/fs-criminal.html>

Visit to "The Wall" @ <http://www.aanashville.org/>

i am sober 8 years and a few months, i am very grateful for the AA program it saved my life...i think if i do the next right thing good things will happen ... if i do bad things , i pay the price... the steps help me make adjustments in daily living, sometimes just saying i don't know and turning it over to my higher power and ask for help gets me through the tough times ... i suffer from depression at times and it is very hard at times , i have learned that five minutes from success and things work out...happy roads to recovery and peace...thank for the wall...it is a good thing...god bless...

Jimmy wa greater levittown group levittown, pa

Hi everyone! My name is Missy-Jo and I am an alcoholic, addict. I never thought I would ever feel any joy what so ever in my life when I came to the doors of AA. I was helpless, ninety pounds, trapped and beat to the pulp. Needless to say I was full of

shame, guilt and regret. It was my third time in AA that I have finally taken it seriously and I had to go where I went in order to believe that there was something better and that I truly wanted to be sober. I believe with all of my heart that step one for me was the day I walked away from the table full of needles and vodka and I believe My spiritual experience was the day I arrived in Calgary and literally fell into my sponsors arms. I don't remember the drive there, all I know is that it took me eighteen hours and it was God driving, not me, I didn't have the strength. Today, I am grateful to be recovering and I thank you all for that and I thank God.

'Make the most of what comes and the least of what goes'

Thanks and I wish you all another 24!
Missy-Jo recovery Calgary, Alberta Canada

IN MEMORIAM
Things We Can Not Change

William H. long time member Thruway Group

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

Share your Experience, Strength and Hope.

Please submit your articles by the 12th for next months issue.

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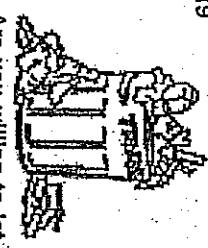
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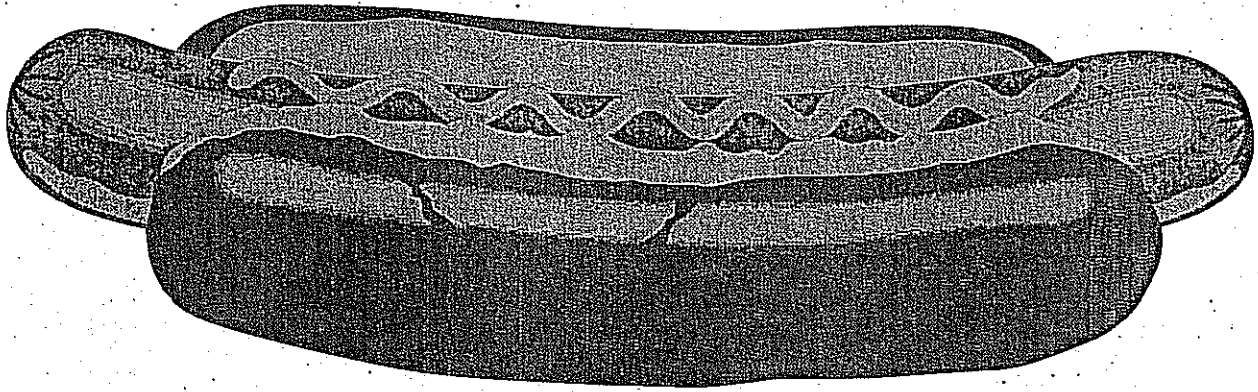
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4. INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>1935 - Akron, Ohio, Bill D., a lawyer, leaves the hospital and becomes AA #3.</p> <p><u>11 Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Corrections Committee</u> <u>Meeting, 6:00 PM, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish.</u></p> <p>The summer of 1979... Ernest Kurtz's, <u>NOT-GOD: A History of Alcoholics Anonymous</u> is published.</p>	<p>Alcoholics die one of two ways: Drunk or Sober.</p> <p>* July 1955 - AIS, writes the Responsibility Pledge and 10,000 at the AA Int'l. Convention in Toronto, Canada, take it for the first time.</p>	<p>Humility Is The opposite of Pride.</p> <p><u>20 Treatment Facilities Committee, 9 PM, Group, St. Paul's United Church, 49 Indian Church Rd., South Buffalo</u></p> <p>Before the 12 Steps, AAers used the Oxford Groups & Absoluties: Purity... Unselfishness... Honesty... Love.</p>	<p>* July 1943 - 1st summer session of Yale Univ. School of Alcohol Studies begins with Bill W. and 6 other AA's attending.</p> <p>1939 - Bythewood Sanitarium psychiatrist Harry M. Tiebout gives a Big Book to Marty M. who promptly throws it at him.</p>	<p>"There's more to quitting drinking than quitting drinking." ...The late Dr. Paul O.</p> <p>* July 1940 - The first AA groups are founded in Dayton, Ohio and Richmond, Virginia.</p> <p><u>15 New Frontiers Committee, 7:00 PM, St. Michael's Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw,</u></p>	<p>2000 - 20 Millionth Big Book is given to Al-Anon in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Trying to Pray is Praying.</p>	<p>* July 1941 - Fort Worth publishes an anonymous letter from a founder of the Texas AA group</p> <p>July 2-3, 1955 - AA's Legacies of Recovery and Service are turned to the Fellowship of large by its oldtimers Int'l. AA Conv. in St. Missouri.</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>1940 - <u>Richmond Times Dispatch</u> reported AA weekly meetings will begin in Sept.</p>	<p>Are you willing to let God take away your garbage?</p> 	<p>"What God has wrought!" -Bill W.</p> <p><u>29 63rd Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting, 2nd Meeting, 7:00 PM @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo.</u></p>	<p>"If I ever get to heaven, it'll be from backing away from Hell." Father Dowling</p> <p>1980 - Marty M., founder of Nat'l. Comte. For Education about Alcoholism, dies.</p>	<p>"Tell him exactly what happened to you!" Big Book p. 93</p> <p><u>30 Lakewood Group, 3rd Annual Hot Dog Roast, 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM followed by an Open Meeting at 6:50. Our Lady Of Perpetual Help, 2052 Lakewood Rd., Lakewood Bring A Dish, if you wish.</u></p> <p>Adv. Age Annual Campout: speakers, sharing and fellowship, \$8 per day/\$15 for the weekend. Bring a dish to pass, hot dogs, hamburgers pop and corn will be provided. Don Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney NT</p>	<p>AA New York STATE CONVENTION, Buffalo-Amherst Holiday Inn, hosted by Area 50, WNY. "C Singleness of Purpose". Registration: \$15, Banquet 1940 - Phila. AA group sent 10% of its money to Alcohol Foundation and sets a precedent for the 7th Tradition basket.</p> <p><u>31 7th Anniversary, & High Group Day, Sharing, Saturday, 9 AM-3:30 PM, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo. Registration \$6.00.</u></p>	<p>1972 - Rollie H. dies in Washington, DC</p>

The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us

* July 1949 - The comic strip "WASH TUBS" starts to run in the AA story



3RD ANNUAL HOT DOG ROAST

LAKEVIEW

GROUP

Friday

July 30, 2004

BBQ

6:30 - 8:15 PM

FOLLOWED BY:

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

8:30 - 9:30 PM

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MEETING CHANGES;

SAINT BARNABAS in Akron, Monday's at 8 PM, Has Moved across the street, Denio Library, from the Masonic Temple (63 John's Street), it's former place. We could also use some support.

ANY LENGTHS GROUP that meets Friday's @ 8pm in Lancaster, 5477 Broadway at Lake, **NEEDS SUPPORT.**

NEW MEETING: CAME TO BELIEVE, Sunday's at 1:30 PM. Serenity Shack, 75 Main Street. Open. Tonawanda.

NEW MEETING: SERENITY SHACK NOONERS, 12 Noon in Tonawanda. Serenity Shack, 75 Main Street. Open. Wednesday: Big Book.

NEW MEETING: LOCKPORT TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 12:30 PM, Horizons Health Service, 36 East Ave., upper suite. Open Meeting. WC, NS.

PROGRESS MEN'S, that meets in East Aurora on Thursday mornings badly needs support. First Presbyterian Church, 9 Paine St., 3rd floor.

POSITIVELY LIVING GROUP has expanded to 5 days, Monday thru Friday. Ascension Church, Linwood & North at 12:30 PM.

NEW MEETING: TRAIL BLAZER, Wednesday at 5:30 PM, W.N.Y. Independent Living Project (rear), 3108 Main St. by Highgate, North Buffalo. Open Meeting. Room 214.

STAYIN ALIVE GROUP, NOW Monday-Sunday. 6 PM. has moved to the, Serenity Shack, 75 Main St., Tonawanda.

NEW BEGINNINGS Group, Sunday's in Springbrook, St. Vincent De Paul Church Hall, 6441 Seneca will have a delayed start. On the first Sunday of the month it will start at 9:00 PM.

JUST FOR TODAY, Albion, has changed time and place, now meets at 7:45 PM at the 1st Baptist Church, corner of Liberty & Beaver.

SOBER TRAILS; Monday's at 8PM in Irving, **HAS MOVED**, Behind 2 Clan's Gas Station, Rt. 249, Irving at 8 PM, Monday's.

ONE DAY AT A TIME (ODAT), Tuesday's has moved to Lafayette Presbyterian Church at 7:30 PM.

Service Opportunities:

~ July 11, **Central Committee Meeting**, 7 pm, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish. (Hosted by Main & High).

~ July 11, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 6:00 PM, 651 Washington Street, St. Michael's Parish.

~ July 20, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, 9 PM, after the Ironhorse Group, St. Paul's United Church, 49 Indian Church Rd., South Buffalo.

~ July 15, **New Frontiers Committee**, 7:00 PM. St. Michaels Parish Center, Electric And Warsaw, Lackawanna, before the Victory meeting.

~ July 29, **63rd Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, 2nd Meeting, Thursday, 7:00 PM @. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo.

~ July 24, **Archives Committee Meeting**, 9 am, Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga.

COMING EVENTS

- ~ July 10, **The Remember When Group**, will be celebrating our **42nd Anniversary** with a **Picnic** at LaSalle Park, Shelter #4. Please bring a dish to share, if you wish. Come on out and enjoy yourself.
- ~ July 16-18, "**The Joy of Living**" **AA Men's Spiritual Weekend**. Speakers, Meetings, Fellowship, Great Food, Campfire. Registration Fee \$120, \$25 Deposit, flyers included or @ Central Office.
- ~ July 16-18, **Sober Trails 5th Spiritual Weekend**; Camping, Hot Dogs/ Hamburgers (Sat.) Chicken BBQ (Sunday), Please bring a dish to pass. All are welcome and families. Behind 2 Clan's Gas Station, Rt. 249, Irving.
- ~ July 23-25, **AA New York STATE CONVENTION**, Buffalo- Amherst Holiday Inn, hosted by Area 50, WNY. "Our Singleness of Purpose". Registration: \$15, Banquet: \$25. Flyer available at Central Office.
- ~ July 30, **Lakeview Group 3rd Annual Hot Dog Roast**, 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM followed by an Open Meeting at 8:30. Our Lady Of Perpetual Help, 2052 Lakeview Rd., Lakeview Bring A Dish, if you wish.
- ~ July 30, **Women's Westside Discussion Group** is celebrating its group anniversary with a picnic/ eating meeting. The picnic will begin at 6:00, followed by a speaker at 7:30.
- ~ July 31, **7th Anniversary, Main & High Group Day Of Sharing**, Saturday, 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo. Panels & Speaker - 50/50 - Hot Meal – Refreshments - Registration \$6.00.
- ~ July 30-31, Aug. 1, **Any Age Annual Campout**: speakers, sharing and fellowship. \$8 per day/\$15 for the weekend. Bring a dish to pass, hot dogs, hamburgers pop and coffee will be provided. Don Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney NT
- ~ August 6-8, **25th ANNUAL NY STATE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP**, Daemen College, 4380 Main Street, Buffalo. Rooms available, Registration \$15. Flyer available at Central Office.
- ~ Sept. 3,4 & 5, **51st ANNUAL TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY**: Chautauqua, NY. Flyers in the office. No gate fee. \$10 Advanced -\$12 Registration. Flyer available.
- ~ Nov. 5,6 &7, **63rd.BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION**: Buffalo Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Hwy. Amherst. Registration: \$20, Registration & Banquet: \$45. For information call, Registration Chair: John C. or Email: johnjczermerys@adelphia.net or Convention Chair: Jim R. (716) 491-8301. Coffee donations may be sent to: P. O. Box 747 Station C., Buffalo, NY 14209.

THE FAIR IS COMING TO TOWN (FREE TICKETS)

The Erie County Fair is fast approaching. We need your help. This year our AA booth is in a new location. We will be in a large tent, next to the Agri-Center; with other non-profit groups.

As in the past we will need 6 people per day. There are three shifts of 2 people in each. The shifts are 10 Am-2 Pm, 2 PM-6 PM, and 6 PM-10 PM. Retired people and any members that have mornings off are very much needed for the first two shifts.

Please grab a friend and join us as we trudge the road to happy destiny to the Erie County Fair.

Please call Tom Pietrzak @ 649-1967 to sign up. Thank you.

7th STEP: "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

7th TRADITION: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

7th CONCEPT; The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

... Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit... Terry Bateman.... Executive Secretary

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Income Statement	30-Apr-04	31-May-04
Beq Bal Cash on hand	6,338.84	19,346.03
Contributions		
Groups	5,376.94	2,863.45
Joint Meeting	52.01	49.00
Envelope System	340.00	
New Frontiers Subs	22.00	33.00
Literature	2,217.47	2,964.00
Mail/Misc.		75.00
Conventions/Day of Sharing	12,000.00	
Monthly Income	20,008.42	5,984.45
Expenses		
Office Rent	636.00	1,389.04
Meeting Room Rent	35.00	35.00
Payroll		
Salaries (Net)	2,120.20	1,696.18
Federal Withholdings	735.75	588.60
NYS Withholdings	365.81	
Insurance		
State Ins Fund		
Health	304.00	304.00
Liability		
Postage	396.54	643.31
Phone	121.80	122.89
Accounting		
Advt		
PIC Lit		
Talking Phone Book		
Verizon	163.00	
website		
white directory		
Yellow Pages		
Literature Expenses		
Grapevine	317.50	
World Services Inc	890.20	1,799.34
Hazelton	408.10	
"In All Our Affairs"		
Printers		2,240.00
Office Supplies	114.46	114.96
Answering service	104.14	102.51
Minolta leasing (copier)	260.45	260.45
Minolta Copies	13.28	
Crystal Rock (water)	15.00	15.00
computer		
Bank Charges		
Monthly Expenses	7,001.23	9,311.26
Monthly Income (Loss)	13,007.19	(3,326.81)
CD		
End Bal Cash on hand	19,346.03	16,019.22
Literature Assets:		
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	4,500.75	3,547.54
	453.62	
Corrections Facilities	819.90	2,014.44
Donations	1,194.54	275.65
Expenses		920.50
Bank Charges		
Balance	2,014.44	1,369.59
Treatment Facilities		
Donation	971.93	1,131.85
Expenses	1,159.54	217.50
AT & T Bridging The Gap	43.89	31.55
AAA Abbott Answering Service	36.75	33.50
Literature		562.50
Bank Charges		
Balance	2,050.83	721.80

GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	MAY	YEAR	MAY	YEAR	MAY	YEAR
11:45		0.00		0.00		0.00
12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
4th Step Drummers		0.00		0.00		0.00
On Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
A Day A Time		-0.00		0.00		0.00
Abbott Merfa	60.00	225.00	60.00	225.00	60.00	225.00
Acceptance/Welcme		0.00		0.00		0.00
Achievement	50.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
Action		50.00		50.00		50.00
After Midnight		0.00		0.00		0.00
Age Doesn't Matter		75.00		0.00		0.00
Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
Amherst Snyder		348.88		0.00		0.00
Amsted Lakeshore	20.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
Any Length	30.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
Anybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
As Bst Case 2		25.00		0.00		0.00
Attitude Adjustment		50.00		25.00		25.00
Attraction		300.00		0.00		0.00
Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
Beating In Solitary II		0.00		0.00		0.00
Berkeley's Women		35.00		0.00		0.00
Bible Monday		225.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Lesson		75.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Study		5.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Workshop		30.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Workshop		70.00		0.00		0.00
Blackal		0.00		0.00		0.00
Blackal Monday Night		20.00		0.00		0.00
Book Review		150.00		0.00		0.00
Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
Boulevard Women		75.00		0.00		0.00
Brass		50.00		0.00		0.00
Brockton AA		0.00		0.00		0.00
Brownoppers		0.00		0.00		0.00
Buffalo Group		4.00		0.00		0.00
But For the Grace of God		80.00		0.00		0.00
By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
Casting		40.00		13.00		13.00
Cathedral Park		33.35		15.00		15.00
Caz Manor	20.00	180.00		25.00		25.00
Cazenovia		0.00		0.00		0.00
Cardinal Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
Chester IX		0.00		0.00		0.00
Cheektowaga		0.00		0.00		0.00
Chevy #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
Clarence Merfa		0.00		0.00		0.00
Clarence Merfa II		0.00		0.00		0.00
Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
Common Problem		0.00		0.00		0.00
Commonment		0.00		0.00		0.00
Community Center		0.00		0.00		0.00
Conyorkers		0.00		0.00		0.00
Courage		100.00	14.15	64.15		50.00
Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
Crossroads	70.00	152.00		0.00		0.00
Cross Talk Big Book		60.00		20.00		0.00
Daily Reflections		200.00		0.00		0.00
Daily Reflections		0.00		0.00		0.00
DeVaux Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Derby	150.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
Derby		0.00		0.00		0.00
Destie		0.00		0.00		0.00
Overlook Merfa		0.00		0.00		0.00
Dunkirk Monday Meet		0.00		0.00		0.00
Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
Easter Softer Way		0.00		0.00		0.00
East Amherst		0.00		0.00		0.00
East Aurora		50.00		0.00		0.00
Easy Does It		125.00		0.00		0.00
EB&M		0.00		0.00		0.00
Edenboro		0.00		0.00		0.00
Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
Eternal Vigilance		0.00		0.00		0.00
Everybody's		90.00		0.00		0.00
Express		322.00		0.00		0.00
Eyepener	101.00	305.00		0.00		0.00
F.I.N.N.	25.00	25.00		0.00		0.00
Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
Father Baker		400.00		0.00		0.00
Feelings		0.00		0.00		0.00
Firelake		308.00		37.50		37.50
First Things First		0.00		0.00		0.00
Franchise Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Franchise Friday Noon		0.00		0.00		0.00
Freedom		100.00		0.00		0.00
Fresh Start	7.00	12.00	6.00	11.00	7.00	12.00
Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00
Friendship (New)		140.00		0.00		0.00
GAHADA CON		0.00		0.00		0.00
Gardensville	50.00	150.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Gaspestown	200.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
Gifts		0.00		0.00		0.00
Go to Any Length		0.00		0.00		0.00
Golden Skopar		100.00		0.00		0.00
Grand		0.00		0.00		0.00
Grand II Joy of Living		0.00		0.00		0.00
Grateful		50.00		0.00		0.00
Grading Light		0.00		0.00		0.00
H.D.W.		15.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
Harmony	50.00	50.00	0.00
Helping Hand	20.00	65.00	0.00
High Noon	70.00	350.00	0.00
High View	0.00	0.00	0.00
Higher Power	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hills	300.00	0.00	0.00
Holiday Village	500.00	0.00	0.00
Holland	80.00	0.00	0.00
Honest Solutions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honesty	30.00	90.00	0.00
Horse Bk Book Study	0.00	20.00	0.00
How & Works	0.00	0.00	0.00
How & Works/Alerts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inner City	0.00	0.00	0.00
Innovation	0.00	0.00	0.00
In The Solution	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intouched on Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ironhorse	31.25	144.00	12.50
IT	25.00	0.00	0.00
Jamestown Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00
Johnson Creek Bk Book	0.00	0.00	0.00
Journey	0.00	0.00	0.00
Just Do It	0.00	0.00	0.00
Just For Today/Alton	5.00	0.00	0.00
Just For Today/Chick	0.00	0.00	0.00
Keep It Simple Sister	60.00	0.00	0.00
Keep On Coming	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kennec	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kensington	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lake Shore	150.00	475.00	25.00
Lakeview	75.00	0.00	0.00
Last Days Fellowship	13.00	0.00	0.00
Lewyers	146.00	0.00	0.00
LewPort	0.00	0.00	0.00
Let Go and Let God	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life's Journey	40.00	40.00	0.00
Life Today	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lights UP	600.00	0.00	0.00
Live and Let Live	0.00	0.00	0.00
Living In The Solution	7.00	7.00	0.00
Living Sober	60.00	0.00	0.00
Lock City	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lockport #1	360.00	30.00	30.00
Lockport (no rama)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lockport Discussion	20.00	0.00	0.00
Lockport Ladies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lockport Ladies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lockport	450.00	0.00	0.00
Lock To This Day	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lova	50.00	50.00	0.00
Lovely	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lower River	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lower River	11.00	0.00	0.00
Main and High	0.00	0.00	0.00
Main Street	50.00	0.00	0.00
Martha	100.00	0.00	0.00
Matt Taitel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mayville Uptown Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
McKibben Winners	75.00	0.00	0.00
McKibben Winners	25.00	0.00	0.00
Media Bk Book	0.00	0.00	0.00
Media New Life	40.00	90.00	40.00
Merry	100.00	100.00	0.00
Mid-day	51.00	0.00	0.00
Midnight Discussion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miracle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Morning After	300.00	0.00	0.00
New Awakening	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Frontier	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Beginnings/SL Vicard	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Outlook	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niners Intermour	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niners Frontier Men's Disc.	100.00	0.00	0.00
North Buffalo	600.00	0.00	0.00
North Java Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Java Sunday	25.00	0.00	0.00
One Day At A Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open Arms	75.00	0.00	0.00
Open Mind	0.00	0.00	0.00
Orchard Park Step	51.00	209.00	0.00
Pass It On	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patchin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pathway to Peace	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pendleton Chapter Five	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phonics	0.00	0.00	0.00
Powderly Living/War.	10.00	520.00	5.00
Powderly	200.00	0.00	0.00
Powderly	0.00	0.00	0.00
Primary Purpose	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principles Bel. Personalities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Progress	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purpose/Commitment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Questions & Answers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rainbow	25.00	50.00	15.00
Ray of Hope	75.00	195.00	0.00
Race, Women In The BB.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recovery How the Garden	10.00	30.00	0.00
Redeemers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Remember When	25.00	0.00	0.00
Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Risk Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ridge	350.00	25.00	25.00
Rise and Shine	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rochester	50.00	0.00	0.00
Robard	0.00	0.00	0.00
Roald	0.00	0.00	0.00
Royal is Pure	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sally	0.00	0.00	0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
Searching For Eternity	100.00	0.00	0.00
Second Chance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity	10.00	170.00	0.00
Serenity Circle	10.00	10.00	0.00
Serenity In The Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity On The Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
Setside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shedden	40.00	180.00	0.00
Silvercreek Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober and Proud	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober Saturday	200.00	387.00	50.00
Sober Trail	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober Winners	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soberly Comes First	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soberly for Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soberly Men's Disc.	50.00	83.00	25.00
Soberly On The Canal	40.00	40.00	0.00
Soberly On a Sat. Night	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soberly on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sobernet	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Buffalo	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Town	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southgate	90.00	0.00	0.00
Southtown Women's	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southwestern	50.00	0.00	0.00
Spirit of Hope	200.00	0.00	0.00
Spiritual Progress	110.00	170.00	0.00
Springville Sat. Afternoon	60.00	0.00	0.00
Springville Tues. Night	0.00	0.00	0.00
Springville Wed. Noon	0.00	0.00	0.00
Springville New Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
St. Barnabas	0.00	0.00	0.00
St. Mark's	0.00	0.00	0.00
Staying Over	30.00	195.30	0.00
Staying Alive	0.00	0.00	0.00
Step Work	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stepping Stones/Gow.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stepping Stones/WB.	25.00	0.00	0.00
Suburban	10.00	50.00	0.00
Sunday Afternoon Association	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast	600.00	50.00	50.00
Sunday @ 10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday 11:00a	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Third Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
Swamp Chart	100.00	100.00	15.00
SUNY Arden Campus	0.00	15.00	10.00
Sunwater and Hope	100.00	275.00	25.00
Survivors	0.00	25.00	25.00
TAUF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thankful	35.00	85.00	0.00
The Book Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00
Three Legacies	18.00	54.64	18.00
Theresa Too	5.00	25.00	18.00
Thursday	70.00	520.00	20.00
Thurs. Nite Sleepers	0.00	100.00	20.00
Thursday PM Discussion	200.00	0.00	0.00
Tidy	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuesday's Women	60.00	60.00	0.00
Tri County	210.00	0.00	0.00
Tri-Step Beginners	0.00	0.00	0.00
Try Again	100.00	100.00	0.00
Tuesday Men's AM	50.00	150.00	0.00
Tuesday Women	60.00	30.00	30.00
Turning Point	0.00	0.00	0.00
Twin Cities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00
University Men's Disc.	130.20	832.70	50.00
Valley	0.00	0.00	0.00
Walkers of Spiritual Exp.	5.00	5.00	0.00
Varysburg	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory	100.00	0.00	0.00
Wake Up Call	0.00	0.00	0.00
We Are Not Saints	0.00	0.00	0.00
We Care	30.00	10.00	20.00
We Choose Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetline	20.00	50.00	0.00
Welcome	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westfield	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westminster	0.00	0.00	0.00
Why	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsville	500.00	0.00	0.00
Willow To Grow	220.00	0.00	0.00
Wilson Group	25.00	25.00	0.00
Wilson Enrichment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's West Side	0.00	0.00	0.00
Working	250.00	0.00	0.00
You'll Never Walk Alone	0.00	0.00	0.00
Young at Heart	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youngstown	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yuletide	40.00	0.00	0.00
Frank B.	130.00	0.00	0.00
Anonymous	100.00	0.00	0.00
Imerson	30.00	60.00	0.00
Sandra L.	100.00	0.00	0.00
John H.	50.00	0.00	0.00
Kathleen	5.00	0.00	0.00
Bruce C.	5.00	0.00	0.00
Peter D.	6.85	0.00	0.00
Mike J.	50.00	0.00	0.00
Paul H.	100.00	200.00	0.00
Ed O'D.	22.50	0.00	0.00
Kevin P.	20.00	0.00	0.00
James N.	5.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	7061.45	19959.27	275.65
		1180.89	217.50
			1054.74

Buffalo Central Committee
June 6, 2004

John, Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7:04 PM, with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer followed by the AA Preamble. Mark, Lakeshore group, read The Purpose of the Central Committee. Sam, Harmony Group read the Traditions. Motion to dispense with reading of last months minutes, motion by John H. Gardenville Group, second, Pat, Rainbow Group.

One New Central Committee Representative: Louise from the Thruway Group.

40 Group Representatives Attended. District# 1: Main&High, New West Side, Rise&Shine, Sunday Niter's. District# 2: Freedom, Living Sober, Three Legacies. District#3: Blasdell,Cazenovia,Courage,Father Baker,Gardenville,New Life, Rainbow,Ridge,Southtown,Southgate,The Book Meeting,Thruway,Valley,Victory. District#4:Action,Patchin,Springville Tues.Night,Springville Wed. Noon,Springville Sat.Afternoon. District#5: Lockport#1. District#6:Go To Any Lengths,Lakeshore. District#7: Buffalo,Coldspring,Community Center,Fresh Start,Higher Powered, Lovejoy, Spirit of Hope. District#8: Amherst Snyder,Eye Opener,Wehrle,Williamsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: No report.

STEERING COMMITTEE : Terry, Exec.Secretary gave her report. District #7: 3 groups no longer meet: Let Go Let God, Perry St. Discussion and Humbolt-Rilly. District#5: Day of Sharing in Sept-TBA. District#2: 1 group no longer meets: Just Do It. New Business: 1. Executive Secretary Job Review, June 20th. Steering Committee Members must be there to review. 2. Phones will be answered when possible during "move week". Answering Service will pick up remainder of calls. Technician will coordinate. 3. Terry will take holiday for July 4th on the 2nd as paid holiday. Motion to accept-passed. 4. Future absences by Terry will be coordinated 2 weeks in advance for vacation per guidelines. Steering Committee Member will be notified. 5. Sam-63rd Convention Coffee Chair in attendance. Wishes to seek permission to request donations for coffee for Convention to groups and member, in order to make coffee free at convention. Recommend Sam bring request to Central Committee Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

April

Income:								Narrative:
April	April	Variance	%	YTD	YTD	Variance	%	
2003	2004		Change	2003	2004		Change	
Avg.	Actual			Avg.	Actual			
\$7,461.00	\$8,008.42	\$547.42	7.34%	\$29,844.00	\$32,687.54	\$2,843.54	9.53%	1.)April increase in income from group contributions. 2.)A donation of \$12000.00 was received by the office from the proceeds from the International Women's Conference. It was voted that \$2000.00 will be transferred in operating income and the remaining \$10000.00 will be converted to a Certificate of Deposit in June. Please see the Executive Secretary report for the posting of the \$12000.00

Expenses:								Narrative:
April	April	Variance	%	YTD	YTD	Variance	%	
2003	2004		Change	2003	2004		Change	
Avg.	Actual			Avg.	Actual			
\$7,989.00	\$7,001.23	(\$987.77)	-12.36%	\$31,958.00	\$30,742.65	(\$1,215.35)	-3.95%	1.)Postage and the Answering Service expenses continue to decline because of revised mailing rates and the new Answering Service is less expensive. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Respectfully, Patti S. (Going To any Lengths Group)

TREATMENT: Tom states all meetings are covered. ECMC 12th Step written progress = the people with issues, (oppositions) have been spoken with. Spring Convention TFC. Literature: Volunteers are beginning to come in. Brylin move back to Gates Circle was discussed. BTG calls 12-15 per month. Treatment Facility Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Anyone wishing to be involved, please call Winston Fritz 833-9747. St. Paul's United Church, Indian Church Rd. Bflo. (Iron Horse Group)

CORRECTIONS: Andrew reports that things are going well overall. We have a number of new women volunteers at the Niagara County Corrections Facility after a six month period of limited meetings. Collins II Facility which meets on Tuesday at 7:00pm still needs volunteers, call Bob G at 743-0645, also Buffalo Work Release meets only one a month, call Pat Benny at 937-3786 if you wish to get involved.

SCREENERS: No report.

CENTRAL OFFICE: AA INFO: 285(almost 100 more than last month), 12-STEP: 3, ALANON: 12, VISITORS: 54, VOLUNTEERS: 16

The office is in the process of being boxed up and ready to move. We hope to have a lot of help on Saturday the 26th, 9 AM, MOVING!!! I cannot move the office myself, we need help, so far nobody wants

to make a definite commitment. Please, this is our office we all have a responsibility here. We have paid the security deposit on the new office. Added expenses we know of; moving our phone system. This could range from \$405- \$631. Item for discussion; what kind of signs do we want on the new building? Do we want to purchase tables and chairs? Group contributions this past month dropped by about \$3000.00. Our bank account if we subtract the \$10, you voted to put into a CD only leaves about \$5000.00, less than it takes to operate for a month, let alone the added expenses from moving and added electric. I would recommend putting \$8000.00 into CD- 1 months operating expenses, rather than \$10,000.00. Terry states that the next Steering Committee, Central Committee and Corrections meeting will be July 11th not July 4th.
PIC : No report.

NEW FRONTIER: Debi's report: please take this back to groups that we need articles.

2004 CONVENTION: Jim report: Next meeting for the 63rd Fall Convention meeting July 22, 7pm 1080 Main Street. We have flyers for registration and coffee fund. Mugs and sweatshirts are being taken care of. Lisa is in touch with Hotel about banquet. Most of the speakers are in place. Sam, the Coffee Chairman stated that the representatives

need to go back to their groups for coffee donations at that level, to make the coffee free for the convention.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE: Scott's report: This is a report to Central Committee, regarding the Central Office move to 681 Seneca Street. Lee, Terry and myself have met twice with the faculty manger for Seneca Development Corporation. Plans have been drawn up and gone over with Lee, Terry, and myself to best utilize the space. I have met with the construction crew on two separate occasions to lay out the walls. I have talked to Frank and Tom on the Archives Committee on how they plan on using their space. I have met with the electrician who is doing the electrical work to lay out the electric. Terry gave me the name of the company who is going to move our existing phone system. I have had several conversations on the phone and one site meeting with him. He is now coordinating his responsibilities with the faculty manager. I have spoke with the faculty manager and Terry to pick out the color of carpet and paint. As of this past Friday, all walls have been built and dry walled on one side and electric is about 80% roughed in. At this point, they feel confident that the space will be available for our move on Saturday, the 26th of June. I am also talking to someone from the program to set tile in entranceway and possibly have circle and triangle or AA spelled out. I will continue to meet with the construction crew and all the people involved to keep things moving on schedule.

COURTESY REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: Frank M. reports that the next Archives display will be June 29th, Tuesday Night at the Springville Tuesday Night Group Anniversary. The Archives committee would also like to thank the Lakeshore Group for their contribution.

GSA: Tom B., chairman for the Informational Workshop at Daeman College Aug. 6,7,8. (verbal report)

RECAP: Charles, Spirit of Hope questioned if the Central Office will keep the same telephone number. It will. He also asked about the new schedules and they are at the office now. Stan, Southgate group asked if vehicles or bodies were needed for the move and both are needed. For the move the Division St. side will be used. Free Parking, the meters are not used on Saturdays. Stan, Springville asked what kind of articles are needed for the New Frontiers and Debi responded with any articles that pertain to AA. John H., Gardenville questioned whether there was a cap on the electric bill and Scott stated that it should not be more than \$100.00. Pat, Rainbow Group mentioned that for the Informational Convention, groups should think about sponsoring one of their members/or people for the convention. Terry W. will be the speaker for Friday night at the convention. Joanne; Action Group stated that Warden McDougal died this past week.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Joanne, Action Group motioned that \$8,000.00-CD should be bought instead of the \$10,000. John H. second. Brief discussion. Voted (4 opposed, 6 abstentions, majority voted yes.) and passed.

Kim, Southtown group stated that the coffee maker for July is Main and High and August is Living Sober. Terry questioned the representatives about the sign and table and chairs issues mentioned in the Steering committee statement. Brief discussion and Mikey from Amherst Snyder will speak to her about the table and chairs he maybe able to attain. Lou, Blasdell questioned about the price of the sign and if there would be any publicity about the Central Office relocation. Pat, Rainbow group, stated that PIC should be taking care of that. The sign agenda was tabled until next month after the move by Joe, Living Sober and Donna, Courage Group, second. Tabled.

Motion to close Bill O., Valley Group, John H. Gardenville group second.

Thank you for the 7th Tradition.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve AA, Kim E.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Amherst/Snyder

Michelle F. 2y
 Christopher M. 2y
 Dave P. 2y
 Larry J. 2y
 Chris B. 2y
 Mike G. 2y
 Mark D. 2y
 Mark S. 3y
 Joe F. 3y
 John F. 4y
 Kevin B. 6y
 MaryAnn L. 6y
 George P. 10y
 Dave P. 10y
 Dave Y. 10y
 Kevin M. 10y
 Rick S. 10y
 Tina D. 15y
 Holly M. 15y
 Guy M. 17y
 Bob L. 19y
 Dave F. 21y
 Charmaine D. 21y
 Rich H. 23y
 Don H. 32y

Courage Group

John W. 6m
 Don W. 2y
 Cheryl K. 3y
 Barbara J. 9y
 Jerry F. 13y
 Mary M. 13y
 Donna P. 25y

Fireside

Steve R. 3m
 Barb H. 2y
 Megan M. 3y
 Nicki C. 6y
 Elaine C. 11y
 Roseann P. 18y

Fresh Start

Bill L. 16Y
 Ron D. 17Y

Gardenville

Bob J. 1Y
 Linda H. 18Y

Giving

Eli M. 9M
 Roger B. 1Y
 Randy F. 16y

Ironhorse

Brandon B. 1y
 John F. 2y
 Steve K. 18y

Lakeshore

Charles H. 37y

Living Sober

Joe S. 2y
 Thomas K. 2y
 Kevin B. 3y
 Dan V. 4y
 Jim M. 4y
 Mary M. 13y
 David N. 15y
 Donna C. 16y
 Derek A. 23y

LoveJoy

Chuck Y. 9m
 Jason C. 1y
 Norm B. 4y
 Theresa S. 9y

North Buffalo

Lewis L. 6m
 Dennis J. 6m
 Dick H. 6m
 Melissa B. 1y
 Hugh H. 2y
 Ann L. 4y
 Peter H. 16y
 Karen R. 20y
 Joanne W. 23y

Positively Living

Henry J. 6m
 Jeanine 6m
 Brianna J. 9m
 Barry C. 9m
 Roger B. 1y

Remember When

Tim B. 9m
 Sidney B. 1y
 Carmen L. 1y
 Denise S. 1y
 Ollie 2y
 Georgette S. 2y
 Oscar C. 2y
 Jihad H. 2y
 Lisa M. 2y
 Ron Mc. 2y
 Ali Abauer R. 2y
 Billie W. 3y
 Rudy C. 4y
 Virgil D. 7y
 Will B. 7y
 Joe A. 7y
 Janice H. 8y
 Mona W. 14y
 Arther E. 14y

Rise & Shine

Shawn Y 2y
 Cretia A. 2y
 Denise H. 2y
 Roberta R. 3y
 Peggy M. 3y
 Jerry T. 3y
 Carmen C. 5y
 Doug G. 7y
 Faith B. 8y
 Vicky 8y
 Jack G. 11y
 Kim C. 17y

Thruway

Michael K. 3m
 Alex K. 3y
 Sandee W. 19y

Springville Tues.

Lori H. 5y
 John M. 16y

Southtown

Stacey 3m
 Chad 9m

Sunday AM

Breakfast

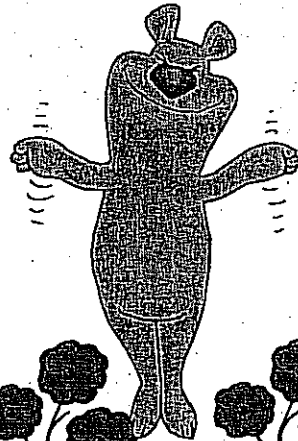
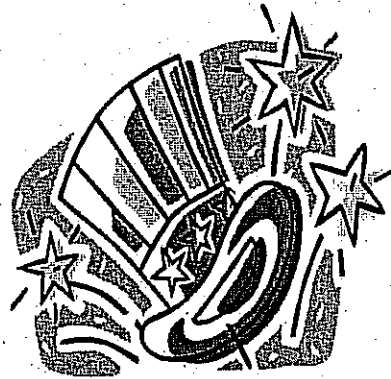
Linda B. 9m
 Janet T. 9m
 Peggy M. 3y

Victory

O2 Tom G. 23y

Group Anniversaries

Alexander
 Inspiration
 Courage
 Ladies Night
 Suburban
 Positively Living
 Giving
 Feelings
 Blasdell Monday Nite
 Willing to Grow
 Hillbilly
 How it Works/Men's
 Brass
 Ellicottville
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