

# NEW FRONTIERS

JANUARY 2006

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.

## January - New Beginnings, Starting Over

January is a time of resolutions and new beginnings. A fresh slate to write on for the coming year. As such the focus of this month's newsletter is the basics of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole. (Page 15- "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions")

Step One: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol--- that our Lives had become unmanageable."

A.A.'s Twelve Traditions apply to the life of the Fellowship itself. They outline the means by which A.A. maintains its unity and relates itself to the world about it, the way it lives and grows.

Tradition One (long form): "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence, our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."

"The Twelve Concepts for World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve."

Concept One (short form): "Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

## Letter From the Editor (New)

It is always an honor to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Debi C. has served our fellowship well for the last two years as editor of the New Frontiers and be sure to thank her for that service when you see her.

I intend to try and elicit input on timely topics and you are welcome to e-mail your offerings to the Central office at [buffalooa@hotmail.com](mailto:buffalooa@hotmail.com). I will attempt to create a means for our fellowship to communicate their experiences and hope to each other. However, there will be no articles printed that do not support the unity of our fellowship. There is no place for pettiness and divisiveness in this offering. Our very survival as a fellowship depends on our unity and I call on each member of AA that reads this newsletter to send an article that encompasses the step or tradition of the month for February:

Step Two-? Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity?

Tradition Two-? For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority? a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience.

Any and all requests for information will be handled expeditiously (that means fast). A forum to elicit member's opinions and viewpoints is the best way to create unity and I would welcome some ideas on how to fashion that vehicle.

January is the month of new beginnings and it is convenient that our steps and traditions have corresponding numbers. Each month's publication will be devoted to the step and tradition of that month. So if you feel like writing about step six in January we will put it in the June printing. January is the first printing under this editor and the theme is beginnings and unity.

I wish to thank all of Alcoholics Anonymous for this opportunity to serve and pray God for the power to serve effectively and humbly.

Sincerely- Shawn C (Lake Shore Group)

## The Face of Alcoholics Anonymous

This information is available and approved by A.A. General Service who conducts surveys of the membership every three years since 1968. The purpose of the survey is to keep A.A. members informed on current trends in membership characteristics.

The 2004 survey results:

Gender: Male 65%  
Female 35%

Ages of Membership: Average age of membership is 48 years.

Under 21	1.5%
21 to 30	7.9%
31 to 40	18.2%
41 to 50	33.0%
51 to 60	23.1%
61 to 70	11.5%
Over 70	4.8%

Composition of Membership:

White	89.1%
Black	3.2%
Hispanic	4.4%
Native American	1.8%
Asian or Other	1.5%

### The First Drink.

William Penn, the great Pennsylvania Quaker, was once advising a drunkard to leave off his habit of drinking intoxicating liquors.

"Can you tell me how to do it?"

"Yes," answered Penn, "it is just as easy as to open thy hand, friend."

"Convince me of that, and I will promise upon my honor to do as you tell me," replied the drunkard.

"Well, my friend, when thou findest any vessel of intoxicating liquor in thy hand, open the hand that contains it before it reaches thy mouth and thou wilt never be drunk again."

*I have to remember that it's the first drink that does me in.*

*If a train ran over me, it would be the engine that killed me, not the caboose.....~ sober.com*

## For the Sake of Unity

Before you criticize or gossip about another, ask your self these three questions:

- Is it necessary?
- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it Kind?

If you are unsure of your answers ---- Be quiet and walk away!

Better to be silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.

## UNITY

According to the 12 and 12 "The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has." Think about it, we have an irresistible strength of purpose and action. Lives are recreated, families are reunited and employers reclaim valuable talent. All these things are accomplished through the application of the spiritual principles embodied in A.A.'s traditions and recovery program. We very much need each other to recover. Most of us have tried to stop on our own at some point and have failed. Yet we come to A.A. and the most hopeless find recovery and acceptance in our groups. "most individuals cannot recover unless there is a group.

## Unity

When, therefore, we AAs look to the future, we must always ask ourselves if the spirit which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. . . Though the individual AA is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials. (Bill Wilson)

## Alcoholics Anonymous

THREE MEN sat around the bed of an alcoholic patient in the psychopathic ward of Philadelphia General Hospital one afternoon a few weeks ago. The man in the bed, who was a complete stranger to them, had the drawn and slightly stupid look the inebriates get while being defogged after a bender. The only thing that was noteworthy about the callers, except for the obvious contrast between their well-groomed appearances and that of the patient, was the fact that each had been through the defogging process many times himself. They were members of Alcoholics Anonymous, a band of ex-problem drinkers who make an avocation of helping other alcoholics to beat the liquor habit.

The man in the bed was a mechanic. His visitors had been educated at Princeton, Yale and Pennsylvania and were, by occupation, a salesman, a lawyer and a publicity man. Less than a year before, one had been in shackles in the same ward. One of his companions had been what is known among alcoholics as a sanitarium commuter. He had moved from place to place, bedeviling the staffs of the country's leading institutions for the treatment of alcoholics. The other had spent twenty years of life, all outside institution walls, making life miserable for himself, and his family and his employers, as well as sundry well-meaning relatives who had had the temerity to intervene.

The air of the ward was thick with the aroma of paraldehyde, an unpleasant cocktail smelling like a mixture of alcohol and ether which hospitals sometimes use to taper off the paralyzed drinker and soothe his squirming nerves. The visitors seemed oblivious of this and of the depressing atmosphere of psychopathic wards. They smoked and

talked with the patient for twenty minutes or so, then left their personal cards and departed. If the man in the bed felt that he would like to see one of them again, they told him, he had only to put in a telephone call.

THEY MADE it plain that if he actually wanted to stop drinking, they would leave their work or get up in the middle of the night to hurry to where he was. If he did not choose to call, that would be the end of it. The members of Alcoholics Anonymous do not pursue or coddle a malingering prospect, and they know the strange tricks of the alcoholic as a reformed swindler knows the art of bamboozling.

Herein lies much of the unique strength of a movement, which in the past six years, has brought recovery to around 2,000 men and women, a large percentage of whom had been considered medically hopeless. Doctors and clergymen, working separately or together, have always managed to salvage a few cases. In isolated instances, drinkers have found their own methods of quitting. But the inroads into alcoholism have been negligible, and it remains one of the great, unsolved public-health enigmas.

By nature touchy and suspicious, the alcoholic likes to be left alone to work out his puzzle, and he has a convenient way of ignoring the tragedy which he inflicts meanwhile upon those who are close to him. He holds desperately to a conviction that, although he has not been able to handle alcohol in the past, he will ultimately succeed in becoming a controlled drinker. One of medicine's queerest animals, he is, as often as not, an acutely intelligent person. He fences with professional men and relatives who attempt to aid him and he gets a perverse satisfaction out of tripping them up in argument.

THERE IS no specious excuse for drinking which the troubleshooters of Alcoholics Anonymous have not heard or used themselves. When one of their prospects hands them a rationalization for getting soused, they match it with a half a dozen out of their own experience. This upsets him a little, and he gets defensive. He looks at their neat clothing and smoothly shaved faces and charges them with being goody-goodies who don't know what it is to struggle with drink. They reply by relating their own stories: the double Scotches and brandies before breakfast; the vague feeling of discomfort which precedes a drinking bout; the awakening from a spree without being able to account for the actions of several days and the haunting fear that possibly they had run down someone with their automobiles. They tell of the eight-ounce bottles of gin hidden behind pictures and in caches from cellar to attic; of spending whole days in motion-picture houses to stave off the temptation to drink; of sneaking out of the office for quickies during the day. They talk of losing jobs and stealing money from their wives' purses; of putting pepper into whiskey to give it a tang; of tipping on bitters and sedative tablets, or on mouthwash or hair tonic; of getting into the habit of camping outside the neighborhood tavern ten minutes before opening time. They describe a hand so jittery that it could not lift a pony to the lips without spilling the contents; drinking liquor from a beer stein because it can be steadied with two hands, although at the risk of chipping a front tooth; tying an end of a towel about a glass, looping the towel around the back of the neck, and drawing the free end with the other hand; hands so shaky they feel as if they were about to snap off and fly into space; sitting on hands for hours to keep them from doing this.

These and other bits of drinking lore usually manage to convince the alcoholic that he is talking to blood brothers. A bridge of confidence is thereby erected, spanning a gap, which has baffled the physician, the minister, the priest, or the hapless relatives. Over this connection, the troubleshooters convey, bit by bit, the details of a program for living which has worked for them and which, they feel, can work for any other alcoholic. They concede as out of their orbit only those who are psychotic or who are already suffering from the physical impairment known as wet brain. At the same time, they see to it that the prospect gets whatever medical attention is needed.

MANY DOCTORS and staffs of institutions throughout the country now suggest Alcoholics Anonymous to their drinking patients. In some towns, the courts and probation officers cooperate with the local group. In a few city psychopathic divisions, the workers of Alcoholics Anonymous are accorded the same visiting privileges as staff members. Philadelphia General is one of these. Dr. John F. Stouffer, the chief psychiatrist, says: "the alcoholics we get here are mostly those who cannot afford private treatment, and this is by far the greatest thing we have ever been able to offer them. Even among those who occasionally land back in here again, we observe a profound change in personality. You would hardly recognize them".

The *Illinois Medical Journal*, in an editorial last December, went further than D. Stouffer, in stating: "It is indeed a miracle when a person who for years has been more or less constantly under the influence of alcohol and in whom his friends have lost all confidence, will sit up all night with a drunk and at stated intervals administer a small amount of liquor in accordance with a doctor's order without taking a drop himself."

Excerpted from:

Jack Alexander  
The Saturday Evening Post  
March 1, 1941

## Around the tables

I have heard repeatedly about tomorrow's fears and yesterday's guilt, with a number of admonitions about living one day at a time. It has come to me that my brethren who experience difficulties in living one day at a time have missed an extremely important point, namely: that you don't live one day once upon a time.

Just the other night, a guy said to me, "You're hung-up on the Big Book. There are other books and other ways to work the program. Remember, those guys who wrote the Big Book didn't have much sobriety when they wrote it."

"If you drank anything the way you do your AA, you must have been drunk all the time." Well, I do go about sobriety in an all-out effort. Without it, I have nothing.

We seldom hear anyone saying, "Each one can do it his own way." The idea is put into practice, but not voiced. Mostly, we hear it said aloud by those who simply don't get around the tables very often. This is not my own observation; rather, it was deftly pointed out to me. I then did some minor research. Indeed, the members giving lip service to the freedom of AA are, strangely enough, those who just don't get to many meetings and are, not so strangely, miserable.

After sufficient time to appreciate the wonderment of AA, I realized that there are no hopeless cases. Every night, a new person arrives in AA somewhere, and that hopeless and forlorn person has a chance to become a glorious expression of mankind. I look at myself, and I look at the others I have seen arrive, and I listen to the stories of those who came before me, and I know that everything is possible.

### IN MEMORIAM Things We Can Not Change

Marie T.- 27 years, member of Sunrise Court

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 12<sup>th</sup> for next month's issue.

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**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

**Alexander**

David S. 2y  
 Brad S. 2y  
 Dean S. 19y  
 Mary T. 20y

**Amherst/Snyder**

Anne H. 3m  
 Scott H. 3m  
 Ron M. 3m  
 Kevin B. 9m  
 Pat M. 1y  
 Trisha 1y  
 John K. 1y  
 Dave T. 1y  
 Brandy 2y  
 David S. 2y  
 Ava D. 3y  
 Glen G. 4y  
 Jay M. 5y  
 Barbara B. 6y  
 Gene H. 21y  
 Lou B. 23y  
 Helen H. 31y

**Cold Springs**

Shevis A. 1y  
 Brady P. 12y  
 Willie D. 12y

**Community Center**

Henrietta W. 37y

**Courage**

Lucy M. 3y  
 Andy S. 11y  
 Pat M. 17y  
 Leo K. 19y  
 Robin A. 21y  
 Agnes H. 24y

**Fireside**

Mike M. 5y  
 Bret B. 7y

**Giving**

John O. 2y  
 Bernadette S. 8y

**Holland**

Kevin O. 3y  
 Carol Ann U. 7y

**How It Works**

Max C. 1y  
 Steve G. 2y  
 Brian McD. 3y  
 Jay M. 4y  
 JD H. 4y  
 Mike M. 5y  
 Joe K. 6y  
 Dan G. 15y  
 Roger R. 17y  
 Guy H. 18y  
 Frank W. 19y  
 Franck C. 21y

**Ironhorse**

Dan McC. 16y  
 Joanne F. 20y  
 Dee R. 28y  
 Sheilla D. 29y

**Kensington**

Marilyn L. 26y  
 Scott T. 25y

**Living Sober**

Kim V. 2y  
 Dean B. 3y  
 David D. 5y  
 Kevin N. 7y  
 Keith C. 8y  
 Walter W. 13y  
 Brian McC. 22y  
 Bob Y. 26y

**Lockport#1**

Jeff H. 1y  
 John C. 1y  
 Steve C. 2y  
 Jack P. 3y  
 Gary S. 6y  
 Derek H. 8y  
 Rich M. 8y

**Lockveiw**

Gary S. 6y  
 Dianne P.F. 14y

**Lovejoy**

Dan C. 3m  
 Kevin D. 3m  
 Dan P. 1y

**Main & High**

Joe D. 4y

**North Buffalo**

Patrick K. 3m  
 James S. 3m  
 Emmet C. 3m  
 Joseph P. 3m  
 Mary Jo 6m  
 Greta E. 6m  
 Dianne D. 6m  
 Gitti B. 1y  
 Matthew M. 1y  
 Debbie P. 1y  
 Ava D. 3y  
 Jim W. 8y  
 Walter P. 10y  
 Dan G. 15y  
 Frank C. 21y

**Rainbow**

Pat T. 17y  
 Norman K. 21y  
 Gail H. 22y  
 Gerry T. 22y

**Rise & Shine**

Kenneth T. 2y  
 Theresa B. 2y  
 Eddie T. 3y  
 Joann T. 4y  
 Gary C. 4y  
 Yvone P. 4y  
 Mary L. 5y  
 Douglas W. 5y  
 Sandra C. 6y

**Southtown**

Bill M. 3m  
 Mark R. 3m  
 Susanne 3m  
 Kitty E. 24y

**Sun. Morning**

**Breakfast**  
 Norm K. 21y  
 Gayle H. 22y

**Thruway**

Gary G. 9m  
 Chad R. 1y  
 David D. 5y  
 Tom B. 8y  
 Kathy K. 19y  
 Micky G. 26y  
 Ellen M. 31y

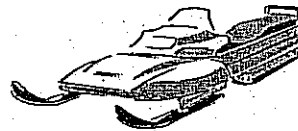
**Women's**

**Westside**  
 Pat C. 2y  
 Verbie P. 8y

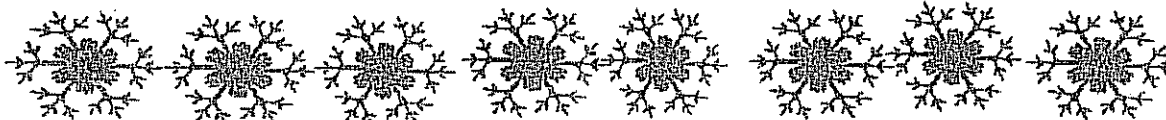
**GROUPS CELEBRATING**

Father Baker  
 Williamsville  
 New Awakening  
 Survivors  
 Somerset  
 Cazenvoia  
 Tuesday Men's Disc.  
 It  
 Life Today  
 Try Again  
 Starting Over  
 F.U.N.  
 Main and High  
 New West Side  
 Ellicott  
 Daily Reprieve  
 Varysburg

*Please remember to  
 have the anniversaries  
 submitted by  
 the 12th  
 of the month  
 previous*




God Grant Me The Serenity  
 To Accept the things I cannot Change,  
 Courage to change the things I can,  
 and the Wisdom to know the difference.



sunday      monday      tuesday      wednesday      thursday      friday      saturday

**1** NEW YEAR'S DAY  
1943: Columbus Dispatch reports first anniversary of Central Ohio AA group.

**2**  1941: Jack Alexander tells Bill W. that the Oxford Group will be in his *Saturday Evening Post* article on AA.

**3** 1941: Bill and Lois W. drive to Bedford Hills to see Stepping Stones and break in through an unbarred window.

**4** 1941: Bill W. tells Jack Alexander that Jack will be "The toast of AA—in Coca-Cola, of course."

**5** A journey of 1,000 miles begins with... the FIRST step!

**6** \*1984: "Pass It On," the story of Bill W. and how the AA message reached the world was published.

**8** General Service Assembly, 1 PM,  
Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg  
Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm,  
Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM,  
Central Office, 681 Seneca St.

**9** Special Needs Committee, 6#) PM, The Kenilworth Church of Christ Church, 45 Dalton St., Kenmore.

**10** "We're just a bunch of homeless drunks..."

**11** \*\*1940: San Quentin Prison AAs called newcomers "fish."

**12** 1943: The press reports about the first AA group in Pontiac, Michigan.

**13** 2003: Dr. Earle M., sober for 49 years, author of *Physician Heal Thyself*, died.

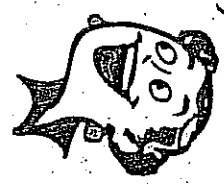
**14** THINK!  
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THINK!

**15** 1948: Polk Health Center Alcoholic Clinic for Negroes starts operation with 14 willing subjects. The Washington Negro Group of AA is cooperating with the clinic.

**16** MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY  
Treatment Facilities Committee, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.

**17** \*1938: Jim B., a former atheist, gives AA "God as we understand Him."

**18** After 90 days in jail you might want to try 90 meetings in 90 days.

**19** 

**20** 1954: Hank F., early AA member who helped Bill W. start the NY office, dies in Pennington, NJ.

**21** \*\*1965: "I attempted suicide four times...damn near killed myself." Jack S., early WY AAc.

**22**

**23** 1961: Bill W. sends an appreciation letter, which he considers long overdue, to Dr. Carl Jung for his contribution to AA.

**24** 1918: Bill and Lois marry  
1971: Bill W. dies in Miami, FL

**25** 1915: Dr. Bob marries Anne R.

**26** 1971: *The New York Times* publishes Bill Wilson's obituary on page one.

**27** \*1940: 1st AA meeting not in a home meets at King School, Akron, Ohio.

**28** Archives  
Committee Meeting, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St.

**29** CHINESE NEW YEAR  
\*1951: The *AA Grapevine* publishes a memorial issue on Dr. Bob.

**30** 1961: Dr. Carl Jung answers Bill W.'s letter with "Spiritus Contra Spiritum" (Spirit against the ravages of spirits).

**31** MUHARRAM  


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### MEETING CHANGES:

Lakeveiw Group has begun a Big Book read as an adjunct to their regular weekly meeting. Book read starts at 7:30 PM followed by regular closed meeting at 8:30 PM. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help RC Church, 2052 Lakeveiw Rd. All are Welcome.

Women's Big Book, Thursday's at 7:15 PM. at Southern Erie Clinic in Hamburg, NO LONGER MEETS.

Mid Day Group, Monday's at 12:30 PM at the Mid-Erie Clinic, 1520 Walden near Harlem; NEEDS SUPPORT.

Gahada Gon Group no longer meets on Tuesday's. Thursday's still meets, but has moved to Good Shepherd Church, RT438 Extension @ 8:00 PM in Irving.

Love Group, Friday's at 1:00 PM has moved back to their scheduled meeting place. 651 Washington St., Buffalo.

### COMING EVENTS:

~ Dec. 31, Tri County Group Annual New Year's Eve Party, St. Joseph's Church, Gowanda. Doors open at 7 PM, Speaker at 8:30 PM, music and fellowship into the New Year. Please come and share. Donations welcome. Please bring a dish to pass. Contact Sheldon @ 716-532-1202 for more info. **NOTE: SPEAKER TIME HAS BEEN CORRECTED**

~ Jan, 8, Central Committee Meeting, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (Hosted by Lockport #1).

~ Jan, 8, Corrections Committee Meeting, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).

~ Jan. 8, General Service Assembly, 1 PM., Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg. (Hosted by Main & High)

~ Jan. 9, Special Needs Committee, 6#) PM, The Kenilworth Church of Christ Church, 45 Dalton St., Kenmore. The Special Needs Committee has focused on defining handicap accessibility for our area and then making sure those individuals with special needs have the appropriate information when it comes to handicap accessible meetings. If you are interested come join us at our meeting. If you have any concerns that you would like to bring to the committee but are unable to attend please contact one of our members.

~ Jan. 16, Treatment Facilities Committee, MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street

~ Jan. 28, Archives Committee Meeting, SATURDAY, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).

~ Feb. 4, Any Age Blizzard Ball, St. Andrew's RC Church (corner of Sheridan & Elmwood, parking lot off Elmwood at Lowell Rd.) 1525 Sheridan Dr., Kenmore. Doors open at 6 pm, Speaker @ 7 PM. Music and dancing from 8 pm- 1 am. Tickets \$8.00 in advance/ \$10.00 at the door. Pizza-Coffee-Tea- Pop- 50/50. No Children under 12.

~May 26-28, 2006, East Area Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (EACYPAA) Adam's Mark Hotel, Downtown Buffalo, For Info Call Jay M. (716) 812-2489, Deric McH. (716) 983-7102, Jen T. (716) 523-5554, or e-mail at [EACYPAABuffalo@hotmail.com](mailto:EACYPAABuffalo@hotmail.com)

**1st STEP:** "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."

**1st TRADITION:** " Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity."

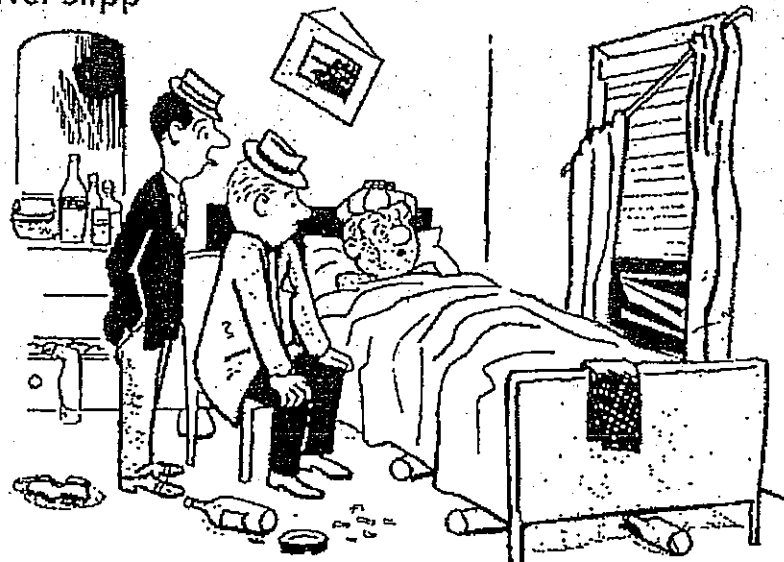
**1<sup>st</sup> CONCEPT:** Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

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

*Terry Bateman.... Executive Secretary*

Oliver Slipp



*"Well, I got a resentment at a meeting because the speaker talked ten minutes over the time. That was three weeks ago!"*

Buffalo Central Committee  
DECEMBER 4, 2005

Frank M., Committee Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble. Mike, Abbott Men's Discussion Group, read The Purpose of the Central Committee. Charles L., Spirit of Hope Group, read the Traditions. Motion to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes by Mike, Abbott Men's Discussion Group, seconded by Joe S., Living Sober. Minutes were amended to read that Mike M., Lakeshore Group was elected PIC Chair at the November meeting. Motion passed.

20 Groups were represented: **Dist. 1:** Cornplanters Again; **Dist. 2:** Living Sober, North Buffalo, Univ. Men's Disc.; **Dist. 3:** Abbott Men's Disc., Iron Horse, Rainbow, Ridge, Southgate, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway; **Dist. 4:** Action; **Dist. 5:** Lockport #1; **Dist. 6:** Amsdell Lakeshore, Go To Any Lengths, Lakeshore; **Dist. 7:** Fresh Start, Spirit Of Hope. **Dist. 8:** Amherst Snyder, Williamsville

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** No representative present

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** There were 7 members in attendance. Exec. Secretary Terry B. reported that the office hours are posted on the door and the Central Office pamphlet was sent to GSA. There were no district reports. Charmaine D. presented and discussed the Convention Report. Convention financial guidelines for future conventions are nearly complete. They are not to replace current guidelines, but as a supplement. They are suggestions. It is the group conscience of the Steering Committee that the final report of future conventions use the recently developed guidelines and reporting method that will be available from the Executive Secretary.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Income**

October 2004	October 2005	Variance	% Change	YTD 2004	YTD 2005	Variance	% Change
Avg	Actual			Avg	Actual		
\$7,565.00	\$7,934.90	\$369.90	4.89%	\$75,650.00	\$79,466.02	\$3,816.02	5.04%

Narrative: None

**Expenses**

October 2004	October 2005	Variance	% Change	YTD 2004	YTD 2005	Variance	% Change
Avg	Actual			Avg	Actual		
\$7,586.00	\$7,921.64	\$335.64	4.42%	\$75,860.00	\$78,260.37	\$2,400.37	3.07%

Narrative: None

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully, Patti S., Going To Any Lengths Group

**TREATMENT:** No representative present

**CORRECTIONS:** Report by Andrew K. Chairman; Members: Bob G., Amherst Snyder, Steve K., Iron Horse, Joe S., Living Sober, Andrew K., Three Legacies; committee member not present, Randy W., Lockport #1. Called Gowanda, Collins I, II, Erie County Work Release (Buffalo Work Release) and Erie County Corrections Facility. Looking for volunteers at all facilities. Wende Correctional Facility needs volunteers Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 1:30 p.m. Buffalo Work Release has format similar to Gowanda (open speaker meeting followed by small closed meeting); needs Chairpersons and speakers Tuesdays 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (call Bob G. if interested. Committee is continuing to call members and organize and update members and meeting lists.

**SCREENERS:** No representative present

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** AA INFO: 355; 12-STEP: 4; ALANON: 9; PIC: 3; VISITORS: 102; VOLUNTEERS: 15

The office hours are on the door as well as in the bulletin as voted on at the last Central Committee meeting. The Central Office/Intergroup pamphlet was presented at GSA with a letter from the Chairman of this body to be presented as an agenda item at the conference in NY. Our delegate will add a letter to it and present it before the January deadline. I want to thank all the groups that have speedily returned the group information forms, and request that those that have not returned them to please get them back.

Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit

Terry B., Executive Secretary

**NEW FRONTIERS:** No representative present

**PIC:** Report given by Mike M, Lakeshore Group: This PIC has been working on several things this month:

1. More AA meetings have been attended in attempt to put a bigger committee together for PIC.
2. Central Office has been contacted for literature that is recommended for PIC service work

3. Central Committee Rep Michael M. has contacted the GSO in NYC to inform them that he will represent the Buffalo area and to place Michael M on the 459 mailing list.

4. A plan of three to six month goals are currently being discussed and outlined.

Service calls to Central Office – one service call was made to Central Office from West Seneca West High School. Return phone call was made but at that time they decided at AA services were not needed.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE:** Report given by Charmaine D., Convention Chair – Thank you for allowing me to have the privilege of chairing the convention. The committee was awesome. We had many difficult decisions to make and they were all made by an informed group conscience. We did our best to honor the traditions and to carry a message of recovery. Our primary purpose was to carry the message, followed by working to make everyone feel welcome and appreciated for coming. We feel that program was very well done and our local people shared generously on panels and as the early bird speaker. We realize that the coffee was a controversial issue for a few. The group conscience felt we would be better off spending the money in other ways, and also insuring that we used sound business practices as outline in the Guidelines for Conventions. As a result, we have between seven and eight thousand dollars to give to the Central Office (pending the final bank statement). The convention committee respectfully asks that a portion of this money be donated to the General Service Office, since we in Western New York are the lowest contributor in the United States. Patti S. and I have compiled a book outlining the steps which we took each month in preparation for the convention. In addition, all invoices and expenditures are recorded on a spreadsheet that is easy to read. Patti did the lion's share of the work; I merely contributed a short narrative regarding the principles that guide the convention. The convention has become a very large financial undertaking. We hope these guidelines will stop each convention committee from having to re-invent the wheel every year.

1. The convention had 1100 registrants, a very good turn out. 2. We gave away 33 banquet dinners, 37 registration scholarships and 66 reduced registrations. 3. We collected \$117 in donations from unregistered individuals who wanted to attend the dance. We asked anyone without a registration badge to make a donation. 4. Our experience with the coffee was successful. We go completely out of the coffee business and hence were able to be financially solvent, which would have been very difficult otherwise. Even when groups donate money, it doesn't even cover half of the cost of the coffee. 5. We were diligent about asking anyone who was walking around without a registration badge to register.

#### **COURTESY REPORTS:**

**GSA:** Pat M., Recording Secretary report: New York is waiting for information on CC in Buffalo. Our next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Hamburg Town Hall.

**CPC:** No representative present

**ARCHIVES:** Tom B., Chairman – We continue to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at the Central Office, except this month due to Christmas holiday, we will meet on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Next display will be at the Main & High anniversary on January 17, 2006. We would like to thank Ridge Group for their contribution. Last display was at Tri-County Group Day of Sharing in Gowanda.

**AREA 50 PIC:** Sally Ann C., Chairman: On Nov. 17, John C and I attended the Stand Down Day for returning Veterans held at the Delavan-Grider Community Center. We took pamphlets and schedules. There was some interest, particularly from the professionals also attending. We had about ten visitors. One person expressed a need for help, and John went outside with him to talk, but it does not appear that he followed through. In mid November I went to WIVB-TV and was interviewed for about 10 minutes by a reporter for the News on the subject of student drinking at UB and the AA viewpoint on it. I had to explain that our tradition of anonymity prevented my face appearing on screen or my name being used, and they were very cooperative. The report aired on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and I appeared on screen for approximately ten seconds. Still, maybe someone saw the segment and learned something.

**RECAP:** Archives Chair, Frank M., thanked all for allowing the Archives to thrive. He rotated out.

**OLD BUSINESS:** District 1: John H. nominated John C., Complainers Again. John C. declined the nomination. District 1 Steering committee rep still open. Dist. 2: Jay M., Univ. Men's Disc., elected. Dist. 7: John H., nominated Charles L., Spirit of Hope Group. Charles L. accepted and elected. Dist. 5: Charmaine D., nominated Jack P., Lockport #1. Jack accepted and was elected. Screeners chair: Al P. Lakeshore Group elected. Treatment chair: Charmaine D. nominated Patti S., Go To Any Lengths Group. Patti accepted and was elected.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Pat M., Rainbow, seconded by Jay M., to invite GSA delegate to current convention for recognition. Motion passed unanimously. Frank M., Acting Chair, Central Committee, appointed John H. Ad Hoc Committee Chair to review and update Central Committee Operating Procedures. John H. accepted Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

Motion to adjourn by Pat M., Rainbow Group, seconded by Joe S., Living Sober Group. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Recording Secretary, John H., Sunday Morning Breakfast.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 8TH DUE TO HOLIDAY**

## Whose Job Is It?

*"The paradox of A.A. is that financial independence and the support of our Fellowship by alcoholics and alcoholics alone not only enhances A.A.'s importance to each of us, but stimulates our engagement in our own recovery. . . . A.A. is 'our thing,' from our group's treasury to the balance sheets at the General Service Office."*

Money has never been a requirement for A.A. membership, and to keep it that way all of A.A.'s trusted servants have an ongoing obligation to inform groups and individuals about the value of self-support and the need for voluntary contributions throughout the Fellowship.

Many groups in reaching an informed group conscience look to their general service representatives (G.S.R.s) for specific information about A.A. finances, or to their intergroup representatives or group treasurer. Many find that participation in local, area, and regional A.A. service events provides a good source of information about A.A.'s financial needs. And at the General Service Office, A.A.'s financial affairs are an open book, with financial summaries published quarterly and a full accounting printed each year in the *Final Conference Report*.

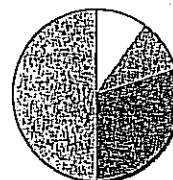
## The Bottom Line

*"Now that we are sober in A.A., the word 'support' has to do with sharing, people, self-respect, gratitude, and what we are privileged to give — not take — in material terms."*

While the Fellowship has always faced problems of money, property, and prestige in one form or another, through the wisdom of the Seventh Tradition we have never been diverted from our primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers — wherever he or she may be. This is the fundamental work of Alcoholics Anonymous, and to ensure that the hand of A.A. will always remain outstretched, money and spirituality must continue to mix. And for that, we are all responsible.

## Examples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities



10% to district  
10% to area committee  
30% to G.S.O.  
50% to intergroup or central office

Income Statement	30-Sep-05	31-Oct-05	30-Nov-05
Beg Bal Cash on hand	5,399.12	8,310.13	8,323.39
Contributions			
Groups	4,954.50	4,251.45	4,058.00
Joint Meeting	37.25	32.40	37.75
Envelope System	670.00	292.00	345.00
New Frontiers Subs	67.00	30.00	23.00
Literature	3,852.35	3,040.09	2,363.90
Literature Postage	79.79	139.95	116.05
Archives Room Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00
Meetings at CO	89.00	99.00	55.00
Mail/Misc.	5.69	-	25.00
"Gratitude Month" (NOV)			
Conventions/Day of Sharing			
<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>9,805.58</b>	<b>7,934.90</b>	<b>7,073.70</b>
Expenses			
Office Rent	768.47	768.47	768.47
Electric	90.00	180.00	90.00
Payroll			
Salaries - gross	2,801.05	2,240.84	2,240.84
Federal Withholdings	(106.95)	(85.56)	(85.56)
NYS Withholdings	(153.95)	(123.16)	(123.16)
Disability Insurance	(3.00)	(2.40)	(2.40)
Payroll Tax Deposits			
Federal	860.00	860.00	688.00
State		536.17	
Insurance			
State Ins Fund			
Health	304.00	304.00	304.00
Liability			
Postage	256.01	56.10	254.61
Phone	105.02	105.05	105.05
Accounting			
Advt			
PIC Lit			
Talking Phone Book			
Verizon	105.25	105.25	105.25
website			
white directory			224.40
Yellow Pages	192.00		296.00
Literature Expenses			
Grapevine		400.00	
World Services Inc	1,083.20	1,492.80	319.68
Hazeldon		379.14	728.53
"In All Our Affairs"			
Printers			
Office Supplies	204.80	2.60	457.52
Answering service	128.22	119.83	118.48
Minolta leasing (copier)	260.45	264.45	264.45
Minolta Copies			
Seminar		315.96	
Depreciation	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>6,894.57</b>	<b>7,921.64</b>	<b>6,754.16</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>	<b>2,911.01</b>	<b>13.26</b>	<b>319.54</b>
Depreciation add back (non-cash)	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>End Bal Cash on hand</b>	<b>8,310.13</b>	<b>8,323.39</b>	<b>8,642.93</b>
CD	8,088.78	8,088.78	8,088.78
Literature Assets:			
Literature Receivable:(outstanding)	9,283.30	8,373.10	8,658.00
	582.40	369.55	1,261.50
<b>Corrections Facilities</b>	<b>2,049.37</b>	<b>2,097.37</b>	<b>1,839.62</b>
Donations	246.00	167.00	1,688.00
Expenses	198.00	424.75	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>2,097.37</b>	<b>1,839.62</b>	<b>3,527.62</b>
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>	<b>636.39</b>	<b>699.74</b>	<b>775.96</b>
Donation	160.00	157.00	1,683.00
Expenses	18.39		
AT & T Bridging The Gap	38.26	37.78	
AAA Abott Answering Service	40.00	43.00	43.50
Literature			
<b>Balance</b>	<b>699.74</b>	<b>775.96</b>	<b>2,415.46</b>

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
11:45		0.00		0.00		0.00
12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
4th Step Stumblers		0.00		0.00		0.00
6th Step		75.00		0.00		0.00
A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
Abbott Men's	38.00	378.47	38.00	378.47	38.00	378.47
Acceptance/Welcome		750.00		0.00		0.00
Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
Action		280.00		20.00		20.00
Age Doesn't Matter		100.00		0.00		0.00
Albion Lunchbunch		0.00		0.00		0.00
Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
Amherst/ Snyder		1043.20		0.00		0.00
Amsdell Lakeshore		160.00		0.00		0.00
Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
Any Length		285.00		0.00		0.00
Arcade		100.00		0.00		0.00
As Bill Sees It	15.00	160.00		0.00		0.00
Attitude Adjustment		200.00		75.00		75.00
Attraction		400.00		0.00		0.00
Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
Batavia Friday Night		50.00		0.00		0.00
Beginning In Sobriety II		0.00		0.00		0.00
Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
Bidwell Monday		116.50		50.00		50.00
Big Book Lockport	50.00	200.00	5.00	35.00		0.00
BB Spiritual Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Study		75.00		0.00		0.00
Big Book Workshop		0.00		0.00		0.00
Blasdel		0.00		0.00		0.00
Blasdel Monday Night		30.00		10.00		0.00
Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
Boulevard Women		130.00		0.00		0.00
Brass		75.00		0.00		0.00
Brocton AA		0.00		0.00		0.00
But For the Grace of God		0.00		0.00		0.00
By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
Came To Believe		0.00		0.00		0.00
Casting		150.00		20.00		30.00
Cathedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
Caz Manor	20.00	225.00		0.00		0.00
Cazenovia		0.00		0.00		0.00
Central Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
Chapter IX		80.00		80.00		80.00
Cheeklowaga	100.00	990.00		0.00		0.00
Chey #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
Clarence Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
Cold Spring		15.00		0.00		0.00
Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
Common Problem		0.00		0.00		0.00
Common Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
Commitment		200.00		0.00		0.00
Community Center	50.00	50.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Companions	20.00	20.00		0.00		0.00
Courage		140.00		75.00		55.00
Arcade		0.00		0.00		0.00
Crossroads		75.00		0.00		0.00
Cross Talk Big Book		70.00		0.00		0.00
Daily Reflections		325.00		0.00		0.00
Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
Derby		150.00		0.00		0.00
Desire		0.00		0.00		0.00
Downlow Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
Dunkirk Monday Night		100.00		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	100.00	100.00		0.00		0.00
East Aurora		750.00		0.00		0.00
Easy Does It		250.00		0.00		0.00
Elcoll		0.00		0.00		0.00
Elcollville		0.00		0.00		0.00
Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
Elemental Vigilance		364.50		0.00		0.00
Everybody's		40.00		0.00		0.00
Express		450.00		0.00		0.00
Eyeopener		1693.39		0.00		0.00
F.U.N.	15.00	15.00		0.00		0.00
Failh		0.00		0.00		0.00
Father Baker		300.00		0.00		0.00
Feelings		100.00		0.00		0.00
Fresida	54.00	1642.22		75.00		150.00
First Things First		261.10		0.00		0.00
Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Freedom		200.00		0.00		0.00
Fresh Start		135.00		0.00		0.00
Friendly		0.00		0.00		0.00
Frontier (New)		550.00		0.00		0.00
GAHADA GON		0.00		0.00		0.00
Gardenville		100.00		50.00		50.00
Georgetown		300.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR	NOV	YEAR
Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
Giving		100.00		0.00		50.00
Go to Any Length		200.00		200.00		200.00
Golden Slipper		500.00		0.00		0.00
Grand		150.00		0.00		0.00
Grand II Joy of Living		60.00		0.00		0.00
Grateful		0.00		0.00		0.00
Guiding Light		0.00		0.00		0.00
H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
Hamburg		107.75		0.00		0.00
Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
Handicappers		200.00		0.00		0.00
Happy Hour		0.00		0.00		0.00
Harmony		0.00		0.00		0.00
Helping Hand	25.00	191.05		0.00		0.00
High Noon	70.00	840.00		0.00		0.00
High View		0.00		0.00		0.00
Higher Power		0.00		0.00		0.00
Hillbilly		250.00		30.00		30.00
Holiday Village		1400.00		0.00		0.00
Holland		60.00		0.00		0.00
Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
Honesty		130.00		0.00		0.00
Hope Big Book Study		20.00		0.00		0.00
How It Works		0.00		0.00		0.00
How It Works/Men's		800.00		100.00		100.00
Inner City		0.00		0.00		0.00
Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
In The Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
Intoxicated on Life		65.00		0.00		20.00
Ironhorse	98.00	468.35	10.00	89.50	10.00	89.50
IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
Jamestown Groups		0.00		0.00		0.00
Johnson Creek Big Book	60.00	240.00		0.00		0.00
Journey		0.00		0.00		0.00
Just Do It		0.00		0.00		0.00
Just For Today/ Albion		26.00		0.00		0.00
Just For Today/Cheek		100.00		0.00		0.00
Keep It Simple Sister		80.00		50.00		50.00
Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
Kenington		0.00		0.00		0.00
Lake Shore		610.00		121.00		120.00
Lekeview		155.00		0.00		0.00
Last Days Fellowship	10.00	15.00		0.00		0.00
Lawyers		380.00		0.00		0.00
LewPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
Let Go and Let God		0.00		0.00		0.00
Liberty Women		50.00		0.00		0.00
Life Today		0.00		0.00		0.00
Lighten UP		600.00		0.00		0.00
Live and Let Live		0.00		0.00		0.00
Living in the Solution		120.00		0.00		0.00
Living Sober		40.00		0.00		0.00
Lock City		0.00		0.00		0.00
Lockport #1		1600.00		160.00		160.00
Lockport (no name)		0.00		0.00		0.00
Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Lockport Ladies		50.00		0.00		0.00
Lockview		900.00		0.00		0.00
Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
Lovejoy		70.00		0.00		0.00
Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
Lunch Bunch Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Main and High	5.00	15.00		0.00		75.00
Main Street		0.00		0.00		0.00
Maple Meditations		0.00		0.00		0.00
Marilla		40.00		0.00		0.00
Matt Tailor		150.00		0.00		0.00
McKinley Winners		300.00		0.00		0.00
Medina Blg Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
Medina New Life		40.00		0.00		0.00
Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
Mid-day		114.10		0.00		0.00
Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
Miracle		0.00		0.00		0.00
Morning After	300.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
New Frontier		0.00		0.00		0.00
New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
New Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
Niagara Intergroup		0.00		0.00		0.00
New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		145.00		0.00		0.00
No Human Power		20.00		0.00		0.00
North Buffalo	300.00	1300.00	75.00	325.00	75.00	325.00
North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00
"Not Yet Named"		200.00		0.00		0.00
One Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
Open Arms		200.00		0.00		0.00
Open Mind		0.00		0.00		0.00
Orchard Park Step	78.00	702.00		0.00		0.00
Pass It On		0.00		0.00		0.00
Patchin		0.00		0.00		0.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
Adelton Chapter Five	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amherst	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actively Living/Ret...	1750.00	0.00	0.00
Powerless	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pride	50.00	0.00	0.00
Primary Purpose	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principles Bef. Personalities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Progress	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purpose/Towards	200.00	0.00	0.00
Questions & Answers	25.00	0.00	0.00
Rainbow	125.00	25.00	25.00
Ray of Hope	70.00	700.00	0.00
Recd. Women In the BB.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recovery Near the Gardens	30.00	0.00	0.00
Redeemers	30.00	0.00	0.00
Remember When	0.00	0.00	0.00
Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rida Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ridge	100.00	50.00	50.00
Rise and Shine	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rochester	100.00	0.00	0.00
Rural Is Plural	25.00	0.00	0.00
Sally	0.00	0.00	0.00
Saratoga	25.00	0.00	0.00
Sat. Night In Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sat. Nite Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sat. Midnights	0.00	0.00	0.00
Searching For Serenity	400.00	150.00	0.00
Second Chance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity	150.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity Circle	30.00	0.00	0.00
Sermy in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity Shack	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serenity Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
Selasida	300.00	50.00	50.00
Shardan	197.00	0.00	0.00
Silvercreek Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober and Proud	40.00	0.00	0.00
Sober Saturday	150.00	37.50	87.50
Sober Trail	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sober Winners	120.00	0.00	0.00
Sobriety Comes First	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sobriety for Women	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sobriety Men's Disc.	100.00	50.00	0.00
Sobriety On The Canal	50.00	0.00	0.00
Sobriety on a Sat. Night	50.00	0.00	0.00
Sobriety on the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
Somerset	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Buffalo	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Town	100.00	85.00	85.00
Southgate	80.00	0.00	0.00
Southtown Women's	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southwestern	101.00	50.00	0.00
Spirit of Hope	200.00	0.00	0.00
Spiritual Progress	50.00	0.00	0.00
Springville Sat. Afternoon	80.00	0.00	0.00
Springville Tues. Night	120.00	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
Sterling Over	501.05	0.00	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/Wil.	25.00	0.00	0.00
Suburban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Afternoon Ascension	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast	1000.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday @ 8:00	75.00	25.00	0.00
Sunday Nites	25.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday Third Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunrise Court	200.00	600.00	20.00
SUNY Amherst Campus	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surrender and Hope	350.00	50.00	50.00
Survivors	0.00	0.00	0.00
TGIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thankful	295.00	0.00	0.00
The Book Meeting	50.00	0.00	0.00
Three Legacies	150.55	150.55	150.55
Those Too	5.00	55.00	0.00
Thruway	250.00	1630.00	20.00
Thurs. Nile Steppers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thursday PM Discussion	400.00	0.00	0.00
Today	0.00	0.00	0.00
Today's Woman	50.00	0.00	0.00
Tri County	120.00	0.00	0.00
Tri-County	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuesday Merts AM	200.00	20.00	20.00
Tuesday Women	10.00	0.00	0.00
Turning Point	75.05	0.00	0.00
Twin Cities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00

GROUP	CENTRAL	CORRECTIONS	TREATMENT
University Men's Disc	655.00	0.00	0.00
Valley	100.00	375.00	0.00
Varieties of Spiritual Exper.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Varysburg	105.00	0.00	0.00
Victory	125.00	0.00	0.00
Victory Women's	20.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00
We Choose Life	240.00	60.00	120.00
Wehrle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Welcome	20.00	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	720.00	0.00	0.00
Willing To Grow	350.00	0.00	0.00
Wilson Group	25.00	29.30	0.00
Wilson Smith Alumni	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women In Sobriety	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's West Side	0.00	0.00	0.00
Working	0.00	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
Allica	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anonymous	340.00	0.00	0.00
Genesee/Wyoming Intergroup	80.00	0.00	0.00
Lee M.	20.00	0.00	0.00
Richard G.	10.00	0.00	0.00
Gunther P.	50.00	0.00	0.00
Mary W.	5.00	0.00	0.00
David P.	300.00	0.00	0.00
Donna F.	20.00	0.00	0.00
John A.	2000.00	2000.00	1500.00
TOTALS	4058.00	4565.69	1688.00

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