

JUNE 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.

JUNE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

STEP 6:

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

"He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults---without any reservations whatever---has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator." (pg 63 12x12)

Since most of us are born with an abundance of natural desires, it isn't strange that we often let these far exceed their intended purpose. (pg 65 12x12)

- What, if any, of my defects of character drive me blindly?
- Do I demand that life supply me with more success and pleasures than are due me?
- What is the measure of my character defects and how far off the beam am I in regard to working toward building character?

"So Step Six...Is A.A.'s way of stating the best possible attitude one can take in order to make a beginning on this lifetime job." (pg 65 12x12)

- Do I have this degree of readiness?
- Is my definition of patient improvement a smokescreen for lack of action?
- Do I have one of those defects I mistakenly believe is so necessary to my emotional or physical well being that I can't or won't give it up?
- Do I exult in some of my defects?

- Do I like to be thought of as a, tell it like it is guy/gal, that is unable to tolerate the same type of honesty when it is leveled at me?
- Am I overly sensitive to the allegedly unfair criticism of me by others that often accurately resembles the truth of my existence I don't want exposed?
- Am I more interested in saving face or saving my bacon?
- Is self-righteous anger a major problem for me?
- Am I willing to settle for only enough "patient improvement" as will get me by and not be to difficult?

"The moment we say, "No, never!" our minds close against the grace of God. Delay is dangerous, and rebellion may be fatal."

TRADITION 6:

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

"The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel we might have the answer to a lot of other things...ln, fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause." (pg 155 12x12)

- Meritorious causes today (2006):
- 1. Treatment facilities.
- 2. Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- 3. Court directed placement in AA.
- 4. Lonely people in need of the social atmosphere provided by AA.
- 5. Adult Children of Alcoholics.
- 6. Nationwide/Local drunk driving laws.
- Long term half way houses/programs.
- 8. Religion
 - Am I directly or indirectly endorsing outside enterprises by my public support of these causes?
 - Am I outspoken on issues of faith that creates the impression that all must believe some particular doctrine? That what I believe is what A.A. as a whole believes?

"It occurred to us that we could take what we had into the factories and cause laborers and capitalist to love each other. Our uncompromising honesty might soon clean up politics. With one arm on the shoulder of religion and the other around the shoulder of medicine, we'd resolve their differences...We might transform the world." (pg 156 12x12)

- Is my thinking that grandiose?
- Do I unintentionally create the impression that AA and what I do for a living are one in the same?
- Do I create the impression that AA is involved in some project by giving it a name like "12 step house", Day at a Time" "EZ Duz It"? Is that really OK?

"These adventures implanted a deep-rooted conviction that in no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. <u>We of Alcoholics Anonymous could not be all things to all people."</u> (pg 157 12x12)

WHAT APPEARS TO BE GOOD NOW MAY BE THE ENEMY OF THE BEST.

Experiencing Tradition 6

I had the privilege of belonging to a group in the 1980's that was committed to the individual members families as well as service to Alcoholics Anonymous. This was due in a large part to the influence of Louie S., a long time servant of Alcoholics Anonymous who long ago passed on. Louie adopted that band of conflicting egos and passionately committed individuals who seemed to be in a race to be the best A.A. they could be. We were encouraged by him to take care of the families of alcoholics who were a little hard-up during the holidays and it became a tradition that members of that group would get together behind closed doors and take up a collection for those families. This went on for years and one year we decided, without Louie present, to put out a can to collect money from all the person's who might want to chip in to help out. We announced it at the next meeting, Louie was there, and we were gently told that Alcoholics Anonymous does not collect for causes in its meetings. That what we had been doing was fine because it involved individual members who banded together to help others outside the scope of the meeting. The collection can however gave the appearance that this was a cause supported by Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. In a very well meaning and charitable way we were endorsing an outside enterprise. I have seen a tremendous amount of similar seemingly harmless enterprises that go on every day in A.A. It is up to the Old Timers and group members to speak up at these errors and redirect the energies of our newer members in the service of A. A. - Shawn C

Concept 6:

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative an active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercized by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

IT'S STILL ABOUT THE BOOZE

"The idea that somehow, someday he will control and enjoy his drinking is the great obsession of every abnormal drinker. The persistence of this illusion is astonishing."

I believe many tend to forget why we're really here. I'm not sure how much the avoidance of The Book plays a part or if the social aspect of meetings, events and coffee shops is dominating our Primary Purpose. Maybe it's a little of both.

Some meetings I have attended have focused on several different aspects of alcoholism, such as "Fear, Self Delusion, Self-Seeking and Self Pity", "Anger and Resentments", and a collection of other emotional problems. These common behaviors are important, and much has been written about them in Our Book. Unfortunately, too many believe that they ARE the problem, and dismiss the matter of alcohol dependence as a problem they no longer have.

The Book is very clear on this. "This is the baffling feature of alcoholism as we know it—the utter inability to leave it alone."

Am I overreacting to this trend? Am I belittling the various feelings and emotions that accompany the disease, and often manifest themselves as "the mental states that precede a relapse"?

I don't think so. We all must know that Our Primary Purpose represents the glue that binds, and that no recovery is possible until we put the "plug in the jug". End of story.

If you want to see if you or your group are on the right track, look at the way the newcomer is treated. Is abstinence mentioned to them? Has the "allergy" been explained? DO they know the difference between the unmanageablility of others and themselves?

More important, how is the newcomer who is struggling being considered. When they show up intoxicated, with a hopeless sense of fear and despair, do we remember that "The alcoholic at certain

times has no mental defense against the first drink.", or is the general consensus "Not Again"?

If a practicing alcoholic ever feels unwelcome in a meeting, they need not worry, for they are obviously not in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. They are merely sitting with a group of people who have forgotten where they came from. -Bible Gord (excerpted from the Toronto Area newsletter "Better Times". March 2005)

From "A Vision for You":

"You say...'I know I must get along without liquor, but how can I? Have you a sufficient substitute?" "Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years ofyour existence lie ahead." (c) 2001 AAWS, Inc.; Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 152 (submitted by Debi C. – Victory Group)

From "The Career Officer":

"Things were getting worse and worse. I went to hospitals, I went to retreats and doctors, and finally my mother asked me to go and see a specialist...I talked to him for quite a long time and at the end, he said, "Well, you're not quite mad enough to be shut up for good yet, but you soon will be if you live long enough." (c) 2003, AAWS, Inc.; Experience, Strength & Hope, pg.404 (submitted by Debi C. – Victory Group)

WHO KNEW THAT A.A. PAMPHLETS WERE DIVIDED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES?

The following is a brief explanation of the significance of pamphlet cover design and designation.

Our literature is divided into four categories – Recovery, Unity, Service and Professional pamphlets. The pamphlet covers are designed so you can identify immediately a recovery, unity service or professional when pamphlets are displayed in a literature rack. These cover designs have been around for over 15 years and, yet, it seems that the design format is news to many A.A. members.

The banner/flag design on the pamphlet "Is A.A. For You?", represents the basic design for all recovery pamphlets. If you look in your literature rack, anything with a banner/flag design is written especially for newcomers. Pamphlets which have a step design are either service or unity pamphlets. All service pamphlets have a step design and a colored rectangle. "Your A.A. General Service Office" is an example of a "service design" pamphlet cover. Unity covers have a step design, no rectangle. The pamphlet "Speaking at Non—A.A." is an example of a "unity" pamphlet cover design. Pamphlet covers with bold colors wheith no steps and no banners, flags are pamphlets created for the professional community. An example would be the pamphlet "If You Are A Professional" (excerpted from A.A. Guidelines from GSO)

All Articles Gratefully Accepted. Send offerings to Central Office or e-mail to buffaloaa@hotmail.com

It is an honor and a privilege to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

IN MEMORIAM
Things We Can Not Change

Name Group # years

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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or

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25 1939: New York Times reviewer writes that the Big Book is "more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon."	1 8 FATHERS' DAY For the newcomers: Compliance is not surrender.	1 1971: Ernie G., AA's #4 dies.	Meeting, 7:00 pm, Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM New Frontiers Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, New Frontiers Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca St.	80 B	sunday
26 1935: Bill D., AA's #3, entered Akron's City Hospital for his last detax and his first day of sobriety.	Treatment Facilities Committee, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca St.	Special Needs Special Needs Committee, 6:30 PM, The Kenilworth Church of Christ Church, 45 Dalton St., Kenmore.	5 1940: Ebby T. takes job at the NY World's Fair.	BUFFALO CENTRAI OFFICE 681 JENECA JIREEI BUFFALO, NY 14210	monday
27 Springville Tuesday Night Group AA PICNIC, St Paul's Episcopal Church, 591 East Main, Springville, Speaker at 8:00 PM. We have 12 Steps — not 13!	Newcomer: "How does AA work?" Oldtimer: "Just fine!"	13 The Big Book makes a great phone book have you added any new numbers lately?	6 1940: 1st AA Group formed in Richmond, Virginia.	A.L	tuesday
28 1935: Dr. Bob and Bill W. visited Bill D. at Akron's City Hospital.	21 SUMMER SOLSTICE 24: 1st issue of The AA Grapevine is published.	14 FLAG DAY 1941: Hansas City Press reports the Friday AA group is composed of "nne-time stew burns, barilies and plain drunkards."	7 1941: St. Paul, MN, AA group is founded.		wednesday
29 CPC Kenilworth Church of Christ located at 45 Dalton Dr., 1972. Bob H., "A Practicing Human Being," gets sober.	You're never LATE for AA but you can be EARLY.	65th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting 6:00 PM @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main St., Buffalo.	8 1941: 3 AA's start group in Kalamazoo, Michigan.	* 1942: Cleveland, Ohio, has a 24-hour AA service number in the phone book.	thursday
30 1941: New York AAer discovers the Serentty Prayerl AA adopts it readily.	AA MEN'S SPIRITUAL WEEKEND, STELLA MARIS RENEWAL CENTER, SKANEATELES NY	16 1939: Bill W. visits Blythewood where Marty M. sobered up.	*1948: A subscription to the AA Grapevine was donated to the Beloit Wisconsin Public Library by a local AA member.	2	friday
11296 Southwestern Blvd., Irving.	Archives Committee Meeting, 9 am, Central Office, 681 Seneca St. Gahada Gon #1 Group's 5th Anniversary, NOON until 77, Speaker, 50/50,Hot Dogs, Hamburgers.	1942: New York AA groups sponsor 1st annual NY area meeting. 424 hear Dr. Silkworth and other AA speakers.	1935. Bill W. and Dr. Bob found lhe AA Fellowship in Akron, Ohio.	3 The surest way to lose your health is to keep drinking to other peoples'.	saturday

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MEETING CHANGES:

As of June 1st, Abbott <u>Men's Group</u> is **MOVING** to Salem Lutheran Church, 271 Whitfield Ave on the corner on McKinley Pkwy. Buffalo. 11:30am Saturdays

NEW GROUP; <u>AFTERNOON MEETING</u>, meets at the VA Hospital, Day Treatment Program, 2963 Main Street, Buffalo. Friday's at 1 PM. Open Discussion.

EASY DOES IT GROUP, has MOVED to Parkside Lutheran Church, 2 Wallace Ave., Buffalo. 10 AM, Saturday 's

COMING EVENTS:

- ~ May 30, Steering Committee, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ June 4, Central Committee Meeting, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (Hosted by Living Sober).
- June 4, Corrections Committee Meeting, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).
- ~ June 4, New Frontiers Committee Meeting, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).
- ~ June 12, <u>Special Needs Committee</u>, 6:30 PM, The Kenilworth Church of Christ Church, 45 Dalton St., Kenmore.
- ~ June 15, 65th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting, Thursday, 6:00 PM @. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo.
- ~ June 19, <u>Treatment Facilities Committee</u>, MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ June 24, <u>Archives Committee Meeting</u>, SATURDAY, 9 am, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).
- ~ June 24, Gahada Gon #1 Group's 5th Anniversary, NOON until ??, Speaker, 50/50, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers. Please bring a dish to pass. 11296 Southwestern Blvd., Irving.
- ~ June 29, CPC will meet on the last Thursday of every month at Kenilworth Church of Christ located at 45 Dalton Dr., Tonawanda, NY 14223.
- ~ JUNE 23-25, AA MEN'S SPIRITUAL WEEKEND, STELLA MARIS RENEWAL CENTER, SKANEATELES NY 13152 (17 MI WEST SYRACUSE)
- OPEN AA MEN'S (BY AA MEN FOR AA MEN) CONTACT: JOHN T 315 8944035
- 'MAIL: STELLAMEN62306@AOL.COM, WEB: STELLAMARISRETREAT.ORG
- *THIS AA MEN'S WEEKEND IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH RETREAT CENTER*
- ~ June 27, Springville Tuesday Night Group Anniversary Annual AA PICNIC, St Paul's Episcopal Church, 591 East Main, Springville. Speaker at 8:00 PM. Please Bring a Dish to Pass

- ~ July 14-16, "A Simple Reliance" AA Men's Spiritual Weekend. Speakers, Meetings, Fellowship, Great Food, Campfire. Registration Fee \$120, \$25 Deposit, flyers included or @ Central Office.
- ~ July 15, 9th Anniversary, Main & High Group Day Of Sharing, Saturday, 9:30 AM- 3:15 PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street, Buffalo. Panels & Speaker 50/50 Hot Meal Refreshments Registration \$6.00.
- ~ July 28-30, <u>AA New York STATE CONVENTION</u>, Clarion Riverside Hotel, Rochester, hosted by CNY Area 47. "SPONSORSHIP, SERVICE & SELF SUPPORT IN A CHANGING WORLD". Registration: \$20, Banquet + Registration: \$45. Flyer available at Central Office.
- ~July 28- 30, Any Age Annual Campout: speakers, sharing and fellowship. \$15 for the weekend. \$8 per day. Bring a dish to pass, hot dogs, hamburgers, pop and coffee will be provided. Don Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney NT. 3 PM Friday- 12 Noon Sunday.
- ~ Aug. 4-6, SOBER TRAIL 7th Annual Spiritual Weekend. Camp free all weekend. Speakers, food, pop, coffee, raffles & 50/50. Fellowship and fun. Children and family activities. Starts Friday at 5 PM. Behind 2 Clans Smoke Shop, 12631 Versailles Plank Rd., Lawton's. Saturday please bring a dish to share. Sunday Pig Roast \$5/ person
- ~Aug.25-27, NYS Informational Workshop, flyers at Central Office.
- ~ Sept. 1-3, <u>53rd Annual Tri-State Assembly Chautauqua</u>, NY. Advances Registration-\$20, On Sight Registration-\$25, Registration & Banquet \$45. Weekend Packages see flyer. Contact: Chris W. (585) 682-0289 or David G. (215) 289-4033,
- ~ Sept. 15, Wehrle Group is sponsoring a Cruise Night on the Miss Buffalo II. Speaker (Lucille K.) followed by dancing w/ "One Day At A Time". Tickets before August 1st will be \$24, after, \$27. Beverage & snacks provided. If interested contact Donna E., 873-4427 or Jim R., 491-8301.
- ~ OCT. 20-22, <u>65th.BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION</u>: Buffalo Convention Center (on Franklin St. between Court & Chippewa Streets) Registration: \$18, Registration & Banquet: \$48. Web site: www.2006BuffaloFallConvention.com., Registration Chair; Zenny Z. (716) 283-6508
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PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

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

Buffalo Central Committee Minutes May 7, 2006

Frank M., Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble. Vernon A., Solidarity Group, read The Purpose of the Central Committee. Mary, Williamsville Group, read the Traditions. Motion to dispense with the reading of last months' minutes by Bob H., Williamsville Group, seconded by John C., Cornplanters Again Group, Motion passed.

21 Groups were represented: Dist. 1: Cornplanters Again, Main And High; Dist. 2: Easy Does It, North Buffalo, Univ. Men's Disc.; Dist. 3: Abbott Men's Disc., Father Baker, Southgate, Sunday Morning Breakfast; Dist. 4: Action, Rural Is Plural, Springville Tues, Night, Dist. 5: Lockport #1; Dist. 6: Go To Any Lengths, Serenity On The

Lake; Dist. 7: Fresh Start, Lovejoy, Spirit Of Hope, Solidarity; Dist. 8: Amherst Snyder, Williamsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: No Report

STEERING COMMITTEE: Bob H., Williamsville: Districts represented were 2,3,4,5,6,7,8; also in attendance were Exec. Secretary and Central Committee Chair and Co-Chair. We still need a rep from District 1; Exec. Secretary reported that she will be on vacation the following days, 5/19, 5/26, 6/9, 7/3,7/28, 8/4. Recommendation for inclusion in schedule - Trusting Group, Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army; received interim report from web designer and should have report to body at June meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mark, Co-Chair gave report for Financial Secretary.

TREATMENT: Patti S., Going To Any Lengths Group: Topics discussed: 1) All meetings are covered. The Committee would like to thank Amherst Snyder for taking the 4th Tuesday at ECMC and the Southgate Group for the 5th Saturday at ECMC. 2) A facility sheet has been developed with pertinent information about a Hospital/Treatment centers to aid facilitators at setting up meetings. 3) Pamphlet package approved by General Service for hospital/treatment centers have been ordered for each facility. 4) Discussion about poorly attended meetings on Tuesday at ECMC. I called and spoke with the Directors and they confirmed that there are no inside counseling sessions that would preclude patients from attending the meeting. It is the policy of ECMC however, that only alcohol dependent patients in detox are allowed to attend the AA meeting. Patients with drug dependencies were getting drugs from outside people at the meeting so they had to make this policy. Another reason is that many patients in rehab are attending SOS. Counselors are experiencing great resistance from patients who do not want to attend a spiritual based program as AA. 5) The TFC has started to write guidelines, 6) Tony, Niagara, TFC Chair attended this meeting and our committees will begin to build a relationship to cooperate with one another. There is also an issue of a meeting at Lockport Memorial Hospital, which is in 'limbo' whether it is under the guise of Buffalo or Niagara. Or if the meeting is just one that is held at the hospital. It was suggested that the meeting be attended to see if it is just held there or was there a past association with TFC at some time. This issue should be referred to CPC. 7) Income statement correction has been made to TFC checking account as reported in the New Frontiers.

CORRECTIONS: Andy, Committee Chair. We are continuing to update the list of who is covering meetings. There are currently 36 meetings each month in 5 separate facilities. We are absolutely sure that 16 of these meetings are being covered regularly by outside members of AA. There are 20 meetings that we are not sure are being covered. The Corrections Committee attended the Spring Convention April 28 - 30 and kept a table attended by several committee members. We had several people sign up as volunteers and fill out applications. At the corrections meeting held on 5/7/06, we had one person fill out an application, one person show interest and two people received applications to fill out, for the Wende facility. If anyone is interested in volunteering at any facility, see the Corrections Chair.

SCREENERS: No report

CENTRAL OFFICE: AA INFO: 227; 12-STEP: 5; ALANON: 6; VISITORS: 152, VOLUNTEERS: 23

I will be taking vacation days on May 19 and 26, June 9, July 3, 5, 28, and August 4. That brings us to date 8 days out of 15 scheduled. As you can see the pictures on the walls continue to grow here at Central Office. Anyone that has an interest in AA History definitely would enjoy stopping in for a visit. I am looking for any pictures out there that may exist of past executive secretaries, ex. Delphine H., Harry D., Ed M., Vince M. or Harry B. as well as any information about the above named. The office is running smoothly. The quarterlies have been filed. I would like to thank Mike D., for his generous donation of a computer for the outer office. I am keeping a copy of our main files, database, financial, bulletins, minutes, etc. in that computer. In the event that something happens to me (sickness, accident, etc.) everything that the office would need to run will be current in that computer, until my

Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit, Terry B.

NEW FRONTIERS: No report

PIC: Mike M., PIC Area 50 rep: The PIC is working on the following business: 1) PIC continues to look for new members interested in joining; 2) This week a second phone call has been placed to make arrangements to start holding monthly PIC meetings for members and individuals interested in being on the committee; 3) On April 29, 2006 I participated on a PIC panel for the Spring convention at the Millennium Hotel. No new service calls.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Winston F, Chairperson: Our committee meetings are coming along well. John & Sandy S, have a sign up sheet in place for volunteers to sell coffee: 677-2818 or 319-4734. Hospitality and Greeters chairpersons Tina F. And Amber T., will have one in place at a later date. We kindly ask that your home groups make donation to the Convention Fund: 2006 Buffalo Fall Convention, P.O. Box 237, Tonawanda, NY 14151. Two home groups made donations to this date that amount to \$90.00 and one individual for \$15.00.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE: Terry B., Chair: On April 29th the Ad-Hoc committee met to create Article of Incorporation to be approved by this body. We discussed how we would proceed. We agreed to start with our operating procedures and add in the legal stuff required for incorporation. When that is complete we will make a presentation to this body to go out to the groups for their approval.

COURTESY REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: Dave B.: Our past displays were at the Olean Day of Learning April 15th, GSA Spring Service Convention April 28th – 30th, Jamestown 61st Anniversary May 6th, and Boulevard Helping Hands May 6th. Our upcoming displays are Sunday Morning Breakfast Group, June 25th; Main and High 9th Anniversary "Day of Sharing" July 15th, The 38th Annual State Convention in Rochester July 28th – 30th and the 65th Buffalo Fall Convention October 20th – 22nd at the Buffalo Convention Center. Three of our Archives Committee members had the opportunity to attend an Archives Breakfast in Hamilton on April 13th. They had an Archives display and speaker. This event was held to help support their Area Archives. Roughly 500 people were in attendance for this event. Again, we would like to thank the groups who have contributed to the Archives. These contributions are making it possible for us to enhance Your Area Archives and the availability of them to those who would like an Archives display at their various events and functions. The Archives Committee will be hosting its First Annual Open House on Saturday October 28th at 681 Seneca Street in Buffalo. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Come and see what your contributions are doing. We welcome all input and ideas that may help us enhance your archives. Hope to see you there.

GSA: Bruce A., Area 50 Delegate commented on floor actions at 56th General Service Convention in New York. Floor actions will be available at June meeting other information is included in current Box 459.

CPC: No report

AREA 50 PIC: John C., gave report and requested America's Fair/Hamburg Fair 2006 volunteers.

RECAP: Joanne C., Action Group, asked that financial report be corrected to read 2006 instead of 2005. Central Office — Jay H. called the office, no answer. Exec Sec stated she was ill. Bob, Williamsville, asked delegate Bruce to resubmit pamphlet for Central Office guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion to accept Trusting Group in AA schedule by Bob, Williamsville, seconded by Bill O., Valley group. Motion passed with one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS: Fall Convention 2007 co-chair and chair for 2008 will be nominated from District 3. Nominations at the June 4^{th} meeting; election at the July 2^{nd} meeting. An amendment to the operating procedures was accepted and tabled for consideration. Derec McH. reported Young Peoples' Convention May $25^{th} - 28^{th}$, 2006. Asked for donations and scholarships from Groups to help defray the cost of the convention.

Motion to adjourn by Bill O., Valley Group, seconded by Patti S., Going To Any Lengths Group. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Recording Secretary, John H., Sunday Morning Breakfast.

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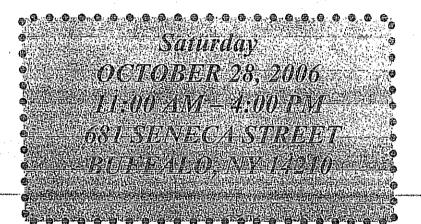


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