

# NEW FRONTIERS

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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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*STAND FOR SOMETHING OR YOU WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING!!!*

## **Problems Other Than Alcohol.**

(excerpted from GSA pamphlet)

**Sobriety — freedom from alcohol — through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps is the sole purpose of an A.A. group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that *there is no possible way to make nonalcoholics into A.A. members.* We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.**

**Subject: For all those interested in the future of our fellowship.**

**What Happened? That question is being asked by a lot of alcoholics lately. What happened to our high success rate? 30 & 40 years ago, we were keeping 75% or more of the alcoholics who came to us for help. Today, we aren't keeping even 5%. What happened?**

**What happened to that wonderful A.A. Group that was around for 20, 30 or 40 years? There used to be 50, 75, 100 or more at every meeting. It is now a matter of history, gone! More and more groups are folding every day. What happened? We hear a lot of ideas, opinions and excuses as to what happened but things are not improving. They continue to get worse. What is happening?**

**Bill W. wrote, "In the years ahead A.A. will, of course, make mistakes. Experience has taught us that we need have no fear of doing this, providing that we always remain willing to admit our faults and to correct them promptly. Our growth as individuals has depended upon this healthy process of trial and error. So will our growth as a fellowship. Let us always remember that any society of men and women that cannot freely correct its own faults must surely fall into decay if not into collapse. Such is the universal penalty for the failure to go on growing. Just as each A.A. must continue to take his moral inventory and act**

upon it, so must our whole Society if we are to survive and if we are to serve usefully and well." (A.A. Comes of Age, PG 231) With so very few finding lasting sobriety and the continued demise of AA groups, it is obvious that we have not remained willing to admit our faults and to correct them promptly. Seems to me that the Delegate of the Northeast Ohio Area, Bob Bacon, identified our mistakes and our faults when he talked to a group of AA's in 1976. He said, in essence, we are no longer showing the newcomer that we have a solution for alcoholism. We are not telling them about the Big Book and how very important that Book is to our long-term sobriety. We are not telling them about our Traditions and how very important they are to the individual groups and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Rather, we are using our meeting time for drunkalogs, a discussion of our problems, ideas and opinions or "my day" or "my way".

Having been around for a few years, and reflecting on what Bob Bacon had to say, it would appear that we have permitted newcomers to convince the old-timers that they have a better idea. They had just spent 30 or more days in a treatment facility where they had been impressed with the need to talk about their problems in Group Therapy Sessions. They had been told that it didn't make any difference what their real problem was; A.A. had the "best program". They were told that they should go to an A. A. meeting every day for the 1st 90 days out of treatment. They were told that they shouldn't make any major decisions for the 1st year of their sobriety. And what they were told goes on and on, most of which are contrary to the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous! Apparently, what they were told sounded pretty good to the A.A. members who were here when the TC clients started showing up at our meetings. And a lot of the A.A. members liked the idea of the treatment centers because the centers provided a place where they could drop off a serious drinker, if he/she had insurance. That eliminated some of the inconveniences we had been plagued with before; having to pour orange juice and honey or a shot of booze down a vibrating alky to help them "detox". When A.A. was very successful, the folks who did the talking in meetings were recovered alcoholics. The suffering and untreated alcoholics listened. After hearing what it takes to recover, the newcomer was faced with a decision; "Are you going to take the Steps and recover or are you going to get back out there and finish the job?" If they said they "were willing to go to any length", they were given a sponsor, a Big Book and began the process of recovery by taking the Steps and experiencing the Promises that result from that course of action. This process kept the newcomer involved in working with others and continued the growth of our Fellowship. Our growth rate was approximately 7% and the number of sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous doubled every 10 years. With the advent of the rapid growth of the Treatment Industry, the acceptance of our success with alcoholics by the judicial system and endorsement of physicians, psychiatrist, psychologist, etc. all kinds of people were pouring into A.A. at a rate greater than we had ever dreamed possible. Almost without realizing what was happening, our meetings began changing from ones that focused on recovery from alcoholism to "discussion or participation" types of meetings that invited everyone to talk about whatever was on their mind. The meetings evolved from a program of spiritual development to the group therapy type of meeting where we heard more and more about "our problems" and less and less about the Program of Recovery by the Big Book and the preservation of our Fellowship by adhering to our Traditions.

What has been the result of all this? Well, never have we had so many coming to us for help. But never have we had such a slow growth rate which has now started to decline. For the first time in our history, Alcoholics Anonymous is losing members faster than they are coming in and our success rate is unbelievably low. (Statistics from the Inter-Group Office of some major cities indicate less than 5% of those expressing a desire to stop drinking is successful

for more than 5 years; a far cry from the 75% reported by Bill W. in the Forward to Second Edition). The change in the content of our meetings is proving to be misery-traps for the newcomer and in turn, misery-traps for the groups that depend on the "discussion or participation" type meetings.

Why is this? The answer is very simple. When meetings were opened so that untreated alcoholics & non-alcoholics were given the opportunity to express their ideas, their opinions, air their problems and tell how they were told to do it where they came from, the confused newcomer became more confused with the diversity of information that was being presented. More and more they were encouraged to "just go to meetings and don't drink" or worse yet, "go to 90 meetings in 90 days". The newcomer no longer was told to take the Steps or get back out there and finish the job. In fact, they are often told, "Don't rush into taking the Steps. Take your time." The alcoholics who participated in the writing of the Big Book didn't wait. They took the Steps in the first few days following their last drink. Thank God, there are those in our Fellowship, like Joe & Charlie, Wally, etc., who have recognized the problem and have started doing something about it. They are placing the focus back on the Big Book.

There have always been a few groups that would not yield to the group therapy trend. They stayed firm to their commitment to try to carry a single message to the suffering alcoholic. That is to tell the newcomer "we have had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps and if you want to recover, we will see that you have a sponsor who has recovered and will lead you along the path the 1st 100 laid down for us".

Recovered alcoholics have begun founding groups that have a single purpose and inform the newcomer that until they have taken the steps and recovered, they will not be permitted to say anything in meetings. They will listen to recovered alcoholics, they will take the Steps, they will recover and then they will try to pass their experience and knowledge on to the ones who are seeking the kind of help we provide in Alcoholics Anonymous. As this movement spreads, as it is beginning to, Alcoholics Anonymous will again be very successful in doing the one thing God intended for us to do and that is to help the suffering alcoholic recover, if he has decided he wants what we have and is willing to go to any length to recover, to take and apply our Twelve Steps to our lives and protect our Fellowship by honoring our Twelve Traditions.

There is a tendency to want to place the blame for our predicament on the treatment industry and professionals. They do what they do and it has nothing to do with what we in Alcoholics Anonymous do. That is their business. That is not where to place the blame and also is in violation of our Tenth Tradition.

The real problem is that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, who were here when the "clients" began coming to our Fellowship did not help the "clients" understand that our Program had been firmly established since April 1939, and that the guidelines for the preservation and growth of our Fellowship were adopted in 1950. That they must get rid of their new "old ideas" and start practicing the Twelve Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous as it was given to us. That until they had taken the Steps and recovered, they had nothing to say that needed to be heard except by their sponsor. But that didn't happen. To the contrary, the old timers failed in their responsibility to the newcomer to remind them of a vital truth, "Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program." We have permitted untreated alcoholics and non-alcoholics to sit in our meetings and lay out their problems, ideas and opinions.

We have gone from, "Rarely have we seen a person fail" to "Seldom do we see a person recover".

So there we are. We have had 30 years of unbelievable success by following the directions in the Big Book. We have had 30 years of disappointing failure by wanting to hear from everyone. We now have something to compare. We now know what the problem is and we know what the solution is. Unfortunately, we have not been prompt to correct the faults and mistakes, which have been created by what would appear to be large doses of apathy and complacency. The problem we are trying to live with is needlessly killing alcoholics.

The Solution? The Power, greater than ourselves, that we find through our Twelve Steps promises recovery for those who are willing to follow the clear-cut directions in the Big Book.

Do you want to be a part of the problem or a part of the solution? Simple, but not easy, a price has to be paid.

*IT'S NOT THE S.O.B.'S IN AA YOU NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR...IT'S THE DO-GOODERS!*

One of the biggest changes to AA I have noticed in recent years is the total unwillingness of many to speak up about the things going on at the group and individual level that are unacceptable. I am not sure why we stopped "taking people's inventory" but I believe that in this climate of political correctness and complacency that passion has been lost. People just don't believe that what others are doing in AA really affects them, but that isn't true. If you don't speak up you condone the behavior by your silence. Impressionable new persons think that this behavior is acceptable and the subtle process of spiritual decline begins.

Our attitude about sexual relations is a prime example of this change. Men and, I suspect, women, seem to think that anything goes in this regard. While the "Big Book" cautions against hysterical thinking, it does say that our sexual abilities are surely "God-given", neither to be used lightly or loathed. That means that a certain amount of reverence should be attached to sexual relations. Sex for the sole purpose of personal gratification without thought about the effect on the other persons' spiritual development is less than admirable. When a person with time preys on a relative newcomer who is lonely and vulnerable it is worse. We used to call this "Cripple F\* #I@G". They used to suggest that we take cold showers when the "imperious urge" was upon us, or to throw ourselves all the harder into working with others. Now we tell people that if they are over the age of consent they are not any more vulnerable than I, so mind your own business. We don't suggest prudence and we claim to be unaffected by the behavior of others. In recent years a previously stable group with a great relationship with the church they met at were forced to leave that facility because during an "AA dance" some of our less discriminate members decided to have sex on the church's alter, leaving behind used condoms. This is total disregard for the well being of each other or for the reputation of AA as a whole. I wonder if the pastor of that church has a high opinion of our spiritually based (?) organization. I wonder if he refers his parishioners who need help to us.

I recently had a discussion concerning a situation in which another member of alleged long-term sobriety was so off base with their toxic comments that I felt compelled to disagree with them publicly. I was informed that this person was really nice and should be allowed to assault the AA program based on that

niceness. Sorry, it ain't happening. This isn't a fellowship where niceness is recognized as one of the key ingredients of spiritual growth. When a bank robber is polite to the teller he is threatening with a gun the sentencing judge doesn't care if he was nice during the robbery. When a radio announcer spews racially sensitive dialogue he is fired whether he runs a youth camp or not. Why do we think that it is OK to stand by and behave in an unacceptable fashion without consequence. What are we thinking? If someone's behavior suggests that, in your experience, they are going to drink shouldn't you say something to them before they drink. A statement made after the fact that you knew they were going to drink is reprehensible and totally out of line with what should be concern for each other's well being. Let's wake up and take what goes on in our fellowship personally. (Shawn C. - editor)

## Buffalo Central Office Slated for Closure in April 2009

It has been decided by the non-contributing membership of WNY AA that the Buffalo Central Office will close its' doors on April 1, 2009(Editors Calculations)).

This is how long it is predicted that the "prudent reserve", the amount determined by the steering committee to have on hand to meet our financial obligations in times of trouble,

will last and we will have to close our doors. So it is time for every group to determine how they are going to meet their primary mandate to "carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers". How are new alkies going to find us?

Let's review the costs associated with a fictional group (The Three Stooges Group) carrying their own burden of being responsible:

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| • Meeting place \$75 a month. Yearly                 | \$ 900          |
| • Coffee and donuts @ \$15 wk                        | \$ 780          |
| • Insurance on meeting place per year                | \$ 400          |
| • Daily add in Buffalo classified (\$45 per day) Yr. | \$ 16,500       |
| • Cost of answering service a year                   | \$ 1,800        |
| • Cost of cell phone for group "volunteer"           | \$ 1,200        |
| • Cost of literature per year (3 Big Books per wk)   | <u>\$ 1,092</u> |
| • Total cost of group doing its own thing yearly     | \$ 22,672       |
| • Weekly cost of group running its own show \$ 436   |                 |

At the first group business meeting Curly, the secretary, intimates to Larry and Moe that they are \$299 short of their budget. It is recommended that the advertising budget be abandoned reducing the weekly need to \$118 which creates a surplus of \$18 per week (\$946 yr). Let's have a anniversary dance with that surplus Moe says to Curly and Larry --- Good idea! The dance is a bust and the group loses \$400 on the dance and at the next meeting they are looking to cut costs again. Let's eliminate the cell phone, it is unnecessary since we have an answering service—Great Idea! Curly tells Larry and Moe that this will now equate to a weekly surplus of \$41.08 (\$2136 yr). After the second anniversary dance a loss of \$800 is found and the group is faced with another crisis.

What do we cut next? Moe, who is resentful because he is a diabetic and can't eat donuts, suggests the coffee and donut budget. Curly and Larry suspect Moe is off his rocker and they ostracize him into leaving the group but they keep the donuts.

Curly and Larry notice that attendance is way off skewing their budget figures and they are now only collecting \$80 per week which is a loss of \$38 per week (\$1976 yr) and their

yearly surplus shrinks to \$160 a year. We can't go on like this we need help, what should we do? Curly suggest that they contact the pastor of the church they meet in and request they let them have the hall for nothing. The pastor agrees but Larry begins to think they are in violation of the tradition of self support but Curly convinces him that they are not for profit and other not for profit agencies get funding to help them carry on their work. That reduces the weekly need to \$100.69 leaving a deficit of \$20.69. The next thing to go is the insurance and the Big Books at a savings of \$28.69 which now equals an \$8 surplus. We're in the money again and we still have our donuts. At the next group meeting a newbie off the bus from a nearby jitter joint decides that the not smoking thing is against his personal rights and he sneaks into an area with drapes to smoke. The church goes up in flames and the group has no insurance. Curly, Larry and Moe, the original signers of the lease with the church are sued by the congregation and lose everything --- all in the name of carrying the message on their terms. Moe isn't even a member anymore but he is sued anyway.

Sounds absurd doesn't it? But if we substituted jaywalking for not having a Central Office it would be true. Our central pool of experience is embodied in our Central Office and the services it allows us to provide to our membership. Our trusted servants meet there monthly to chart our course. We experience and sometimes honor group conscience there, yet we do not think we should support it. Sounds like the farmer who comes out of his storm cellar after a hurricane saying everything looks ok to me, the winds stopped blowing. (Shawn C. - editor)

IN MEMORIAM  
Things We Can Not Change  
Albert C.-40 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 12<sup>th</sup> for next months issue.

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# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

## Amherst/Snyder

Laura M. 2y  
 David Z. 3y  
 Kelly F. 4y  
 Butch C. 9y  
 Michael B. 9y  
 Harry B. 19y  
 Ken C. 20y  
 Dennis K. 22y  
 Nancy F. 22y  
 Tony F. 23y  
 John N. 23y  
 Jack S. 30y  
 Dan J. 31y  
 George D. 35y  
 Russell Q. 36y

## Any Lenths

Dawn 2y  
 Joe R. 4y

## Coldsprings

Cecil R. 7y

## Community Center

May H. 3y  
 Annette L. 13y  
 Marilyn D. 19y

## Express

Gary B. 4y  
 Lary D. 10y  
 Adolph I. 17y  
 Jim G. 19y  
 Bill L. 27y

## Fireside

Sue S. 1y

## Freedom

Jeff H. 6m  
 Harold R. 9m  
 Mike B. 1y  
 Jean M. 22y

## Fresh Start

Reggie 11y  
 Margaret 29y

## Holiday Village

Charlie O. 3m  
 Jennifer K. 9m  
 Chuck Z. 9m  
 Bob S. 1y  
 Ruth M. 3y

## Holland

Marcy M. 20y  
 Jim F. 44y

## Ironhorse

Hjohn H. 9y  
 Mike B. 9y  
 Tom C. 19y  
 Mike K. 25y

## Kensington

Norma F. 24y

## Lakeshore

John H. 26y

## Lighten-Up

Jill P. 2y  
 Marilyn N. 5y  
 Mary P. 8y  
 Bob R. 15y  
 Steve B. 16y  
 Marybeth 20y  
 Laura R. 22y  
 Howard W. 28y

## Living Sober

Al G. 5y  
 Chuck B. 5y  
 Bob G. 8y  
 John A. 10y  
 Tom D. 19y  
 Bill G. 23y  
 Butch H. 27y

## Lockport #1

J.R. 6y

## LoveJoy

Harry P. 22y

## North Buffalo

John S. 2y  
 Grant K. 2y  
 Dawn H. 2y

## Rise & Shine

Mack G. 6m  
 Amanda 6m  
 Yolanda B. 9m  
 Pam 1y  
 Joanne B. 2y  
 Donna F. 2y  
 Jeanine M. 4y  
 Wanda I. 5y  
 Marilyn F. 5y  
 Towana V. 6y  
 Kim V. 6y  
 Earl G. 7y

## Thruway

Ed R. 9m  
 Leo M. 19y

## Sobriety on

the Canal

Phil G. 20y

## Southtowns

Dick 17y

## Springville

## Tuesday

Tony V. 13y  
 James P. 18y  
 Steve H. 19y  
 Tom D. 20y  
 Larry S. 26y  
 Victor F. 27y

## Sun. Morning Br.

Chris S. 2y  
 Craig F. 6y

## Surrender & Hope

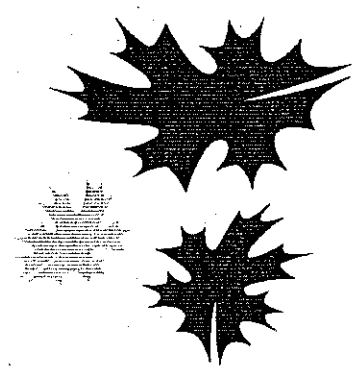
Mike C. 3y  
 Gary Z. 9y

## Valley

Ray O. 6m

## Victory

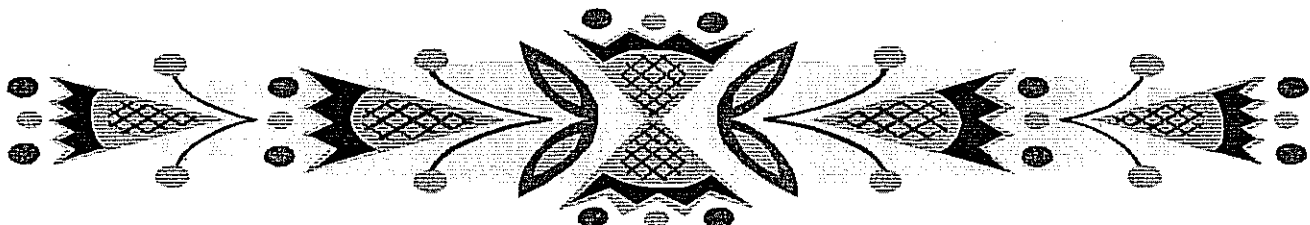
Kenny G. 11y  
 Rich W. 20y



## **Group Anniversaries**

11:45 Noon; 10y  
 Acceptance; 32y  
 Action; 38y  
 Arcade; 14y  
 Boulevard Women's; 40y  
 Cathedral Park; 18y  
 Cornplanters; 34y  
 Easier Softer Way; 14y  
 Fireside PM; 25y  
 Fredonia Discussion; 36y  
 Fresh Start; 24y  
 Frontier; 40y  
 H.A.N.D.; 25y  
 Honesty; 33y  
 Iron Horse  
 Main Street  
 North Buffalo; 66y  
 Orchard Park Step; 19y  
 Recovering Women & the Big  
 Renewal; 35y  
 Step Work; 17y  
 Sobriety For Women; 7y  
 South Town; 23y  
 Today's Women; 12y

N. F. Policy:  
*Anniversaries must  
 be submitted by  
 the 12th*  
 of the  
 month previous



**sunday**

**monday**

**tuesday**

**wednesday**

**thursday**


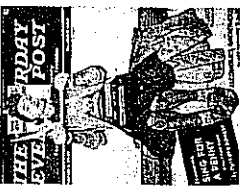
**friday**

**saturday**

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"We avoid hysterical thinking and advice."  
 —The Big Book

<p><b>2</b></p> <p>1939: Morris Markey writes "Alcoholics and God" in <i>Liberty</i> magazine. Unfavorable, but Bill W. notes "The <i>Liberty</i> blast will stir things up."</p>	<p><b>3</b> LABOR DAY</p> <p>Special Needs Committee, 6:30 PM. The Kenilworth Church of Christ Church, 45 Dalton St., Kenmore.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Steering Committee, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca</p> <p>*1946: The first AA group, in Mexico City is formed.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>66th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting, 6:00 PM @ Kenmore Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd., Kenmore.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>1998: <i>Ebby: The Man Who Sponsored Bill W.</i> by Mel B. is published.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>*1935: Bill W. returns from his Akron trip and AA begins in New York City.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>  <p>"We have had retortory affairs with other men." —The Big Book</p>
<p><b>9</b> Central Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St</p> <p>Corrections Committee Meetings, 6 PM</p> <p>1945: San Diego, California, holds its first women's meeting.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>1946: Trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation issue a statement regarding fund-raising. "Alcoholics Anonymous... looks with disfavor on the unauthorized use of its name in any fund-raising charity."</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>*1938: Fliz M.'s sister Agnes lends Bill W. and Hank P. \$1,000 to help them get through the Big Book project.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Website Committee, 7:30 PM, Kenmore Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd., Kenmore.</p> <p>1942: U.S. Assistant Surgeon General Kolb speaks at a dinner for Bill W. and Dr. Bob in Philadelphia.</p>	<p><b>13</b> FIRST DAY OF RAMADAN          ROSH HASHANAH</p> <p>1941: WHUP in Jacksonville, Fla., airs <i>Spotlight on AA</i>, the first radio series on AA.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Even at a snail's pace, it's progress. If it works, don't fix it.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>*1941: Ernie G., AA's #4, marries Dr. Bob's daughter Sue. He was drunk at the time.</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>*1939: The first AA group in Chicago is founded.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Treatment Facilities Committee, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca St</p> <p>66th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting, Monday, 6:00 PM @ Kenmore Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd., Kenmore.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>1947: Dallas Central Office opens its doors.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Public Information Committee, Buffalo Central Office, 7 PM.</p> <p>1975: Jack Alexander, author of the <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> articles on AA, dies.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1938: Bill W. and Hank P. form Works Publishing Co. to raise money to write and publish our Big Book.</p>	<p><b>22</b> YOM KIPPUR</p> <p>*1971: Over 500 attended the first European Convention of AA in Bristol, England.</p>
<p><b>23</b> Action Group Anni. Meeting, 10:30 AM, Orchard Park Village Hall Basement, 4295 S. Buffalo</p> <p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>1940: Bill W. makes a twelfth Step call on Bobbie V., who will replace Ruth Hock as New York's AA office secretary.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>*1940: The AA Bulletin finds nine "secure" groups, in New York City, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston, Akron, Los Angeles, and Cleveland.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>*1940: <i>The Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases</i> reviews The Big Book and said "Of the inner meaning of alcoholism there is hardly a word."</p>	<p><b>27</b> SUKKOT</p> <p>There is more to paying dues to AA than dropping a dollar in the basket.</p>	<p><b>28</b> NATIVE AMERICAN DAY</p> <p>Hillbilly Group 60<sup>th</sup> Anni. First Panel at 9:30 AM. Kenilworth Church of Christ, 45 Dalton St., Buffalo, 14223</p> <p>*1943: Tucson's Arizona Star reports on an AA group with eight men and three women.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Concepts Workshop. Registration opens at 9 AM, First Panel at 9:30 AM. Kenilworth Church of Christ, 45 Dalton St., Buffalo, 14223</p> <p>*1943: Tucson's Arizona Star reports on an AA group with eight men and three women.</p>

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**PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETING...HELP KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED:-)**

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## **SEPTEMBER 2007**

### **MEETING CHANGES:**

- **New Group; Sunday's in Cattarugas**, United Methodist Church, Washington & South St., Cattaraugus, Closed discussion, 7:00 PM.
- **Lovejoy Group** will **MOVE** starting the first week of September to Imanuel Lutheran Church, 1084 E. Lovejoy, Buffalo. All times remain the same.
- **Tuesday Men's Discussion**, meets at 10:30 AM.
- **Sober Trails** has **MOVED** to Good Shepard Church, Rt 438 Extension, Irving, 8 PM.
- **New Group; T'NT**, Tues. & Thurs., 6 PM, Ascension Lutheran Church, Snyder, 4640 Main St. Open Discussion.
- **Sober Saturday: Has Moved**, United Methodist Church, 519 McKinley Pkwy, South Buffalo, 8PM.
- **Southtown Group: Has Moved**, United Methodist Church, 519 McKinley Pkwy, South Buffalo, Tuesday's 8PM
- **Thruway group**; Tuesday's @ 7:30 PM, **will no longer be a Men's Group**. Infant of Prague School, 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga, 7:30 PM.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

- ~ Sept 3, **Special Needs Committee**, 6:30 PM, The Kenilworth Church of Christ Church, 45 Dalton St., Kenmore.
- ~ Sept 4, **Steering Committee**, 6 PM, Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.
- ~ Sept 5, **66th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, Monday, 6:00 PM @. Kenmore Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd., Kenmore. All are welcome.
- ~ Sept 9, **Central Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 7 pm, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (Iron Horse).
- ~ Sept 9, **Corrections Committee Meeting**, SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street (lower).
- ~ Sept 12, **Website Committee Meeting**. Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Kenmore Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd., Kenmore. Help us keep this website going. All help welcome. Also anyone with experience Applying our traditions.
- ~ Sept 17, **Treatment Facilities Committee**, MONDAY, 6 PM, Buffalo Central Office, 681 Seneca Street.

- ~ Sept 17, **66th Buffalo Fall Convention Meeting**, Monday, 6:00 PM @. Kenmore Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd., Kenmore. All are welcome.
- ~ Sept 19, **Public Information Committee meeting**, Wednesday, Anyone interested in helping the community understand who we are, what we do, and what we are not do, PLEASE come out and get involved. Help keep A.A. around for your children. Buffalo Central Office, 7 PM.
- ~ Sept.23, **Action Group Anniversary Meeting**, Sunday, 10:30 AM, Orchard Park Village Hall Basement, 4295 S. Buffalo St. Food served after the meeting. Bring a dish if you wish!
- ~ Sept 23, **Boulevard Helping Hands**, presents "**Moments**", A two act play-fictional lead the day Dr. Bob died. Wheatfield Senior Center, 2800 Church St., near Niagara Falls Blvd. Tickets:\$10.00- only 200 to be sold. Includes all you can eat breakfast & play. Doors open at 9:00 AM/ Breakfast at 10:00 AM. For tickets call: Ben C. 297-9173 or 870-8392 or Vinnie 745-1200
- ~ Sept. 28, **Hillbilly Group 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Speaker followed by Desserts. 8 PM. All are welcome to help us celebrate! Orchard Park Village Hall Basement, 4295 S. Buffalo St.
- ~ Sept. 29, **Concepts Workshop, hosted by 3 legacies Group**, Saturday, Exciting and Engaging Speakers from all over New York. Registration opens at 9 AM, First Panel at 9:30 AM. Kenilworth Church of Christ, 45 Dalton St., Buffalo, 14223 ???'s call Jake, 716-444-1410 or Melissa 716-570-9780.
- ~ OCT. 5-7, **66<sup>th</sup> BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION**: Buffalo Convention Center (on Franklin St. between Court & Chippewa Streets) Registration: \$20, Registration & Banquet: \$45. Web site: [www.BuffaloFallConvention2007.com](http://www.BuffaloFallConvention2007.com). Registration Chair; Dave S. (716) 860-2920
- ~ Oct 13, **A.A. of Jamestown 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**, Saturday, Holiday Inn, 150 West 4<sup>th</sup> St., 4 Speakers, Panels, Banquet, Fellowship & Dance. Registration, \$10, Registration + Banquet, \$30. Banquet Registrations by Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. For more info call; Scott L. 484:9523 or Bruce Y. 487-1343.
- ~ Oct 14 **General Service Assembly**, 1 PM., Hamburg Town Hall, 5999 South Park Ave., Hamburg. (Hosted by Ridge)
- ~ Oct. 19-21, **AA Men's Spiritual Retreat**, Sponsored by University Men's Group, Stella Niagara Renewal Center. For information call Guy H. 597-4825 or John K. 694-7929 or Chuck T. 807-9447.
- ~ Sept.11-14, **2008, National Archives Workshop**. History Lights the Way, Hosted by WNYGSA (area 50). Days Inn (Niagara Resorts) 443 Main Street, Niagara Falls. More info will be coming soon.

**9th STEP: "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."**

**9th TRADITION: "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."**

**9<sup>th</sup> CONCEPT; Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM**

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

**Buffalo Central Committee Minutes**  
**August 2007**

Mark S. Committee Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Jake, Three Legacies read the Preamble, Milt B., Lakeshore Group read the Purpose of the Central Committee. Andrew, Three Legacies Group read the Twelve Traditions. A motion was made by John H., to make a correction in last month's minutes regarding the roll call vote of the Exe. Sec. 3% raise, there were 28 Groups present, 19 in favor and 9 opposed, motion passed. Motion to dispense with the reading of last months minutes made by John H. seconded, with the corrections, by Pat M. Thruway Group

24 Groups were represented: Dist.1: Main and High, Pride; Dist.2: Grand II Joy of Living, North Buffalo, Sheridan, Three Legacies; Dist.3: Abbott Men's Disc. Courage, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway, Try Again, Valley; Dist.4: Orchard Park Step; Dist.5: Lockport #1; Dist.6: Amsdell Lakeshore, As Bill See's It, Carrying the Message, Go To Any Lengths, Lakeshore, Serenity On The Lake. Dist.7: Fresh Start, Spirit of Hope; Dist. 8: Amherst Snyder, Eye Opener.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** No Report

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Report given by Jack from Lockport #1 Dist. 5 Steering Comm. Rep. 1.) **Exe. Sec. Update:** next months Central Office meeting will be held on 9/9/07, and the Steering Comm. Meeting will be on 9/4/07. Terry also updated the Envelope Sys. Pamphlet and all the contents are the same they're just in a different format. Pamphlets will be sent out with literature forms. 2.) **Financial Report:** We were informed that the income exceeds the expenditures for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in row. 3.) **Dist. Report:** Dist. 3 is planning A Day of Sharing on 9/15/07, at the Good Sheppard on Southside Parkway. Dist. 5 awareness of CD. Dist.8 Green Pamphlet being passed out. 4.) **Incorporation:** Nothing new yet, but we're very close to completion.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Given by Chair Scott T. Beginning balance is/was \$13,376.44. Monthly Income for August was \$8669.45. Monthly expenses \$8,044.24, which gives us a positive of \$625.21. Ending balance \$14,101.65. **Corrections:** Beginning balance \$1,725.56 Ending balance \$1,078.81. **Treatment:** Beginning balance \$1,245.98 Ending balance \$895.14. Scott stated there are 327 Groups registered at Central Office, up to date 159 have made some sort of contribution to Central Office, Corrections, and Treatment. That means that about 48% are supporting Central Office. Last month Terry put together a flyer with information about what goes on at Central Office and where the money goes, so I would suggest that they are taken back to the groups.

**TREATMENT:** See attached report.

**CORRECTIONS:** Report given by Andrew. Gowanda, Collins, and Buffalo work release programs are looking for speakers. Applications are available for anyone interested in volunteering at any of the 5 Prisons.

**SCREENERS:** No Report

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** A.A. Info. 244, 12-Step: 6, Alanon: 4, Visitors: 110, Volunteers: 10.  
I updated the Cover of the Envelope System pamphlet. I think it looks more professional. The content of the pamphlet is still the same. Remaining Vacation Day's for this year are: Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Central Comm. Meeting for September as always is pushed back a week for the holiday. We will meet on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Steering Comm. will meet on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit,**  
**Terry Bateman**

**NEW FRONTEIR:** No Report

**CONVENTION:** No Report

**PIC:** Report given by Michael Malota, Lakeshore Group. 1.) The Public Information continues to meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Central Office. 2.) At our last meeting a topic of discussion came up about the difference between religion and spirituality. 3.) We continue to move forward on keeping our library filled with pamphlets. 4.) We continue to search for new members who want to be involved with the Public Information Committee. **Public Information Calls:** 1.) David Ettestad placed a phone call to Central Office inviting A.A. to a health fair, held at Water Front Park on August 18, 2007 from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. The PIC has committed to attend. The next PIC meeting will be held on August 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Central Office.

#### **COURTESY REPORT**

**GSA:** Verbal report given by Chair John C. The next meeting will be held in Morganville Aug. 12, 2007.

**PIC:** The Fair is coming up and I have filled all the spots but 3 and Dan E. will help me with those. All is going well.

**Yours in Service, Peace**

**SallyAnn C. Spiritual Progress Group**

**CPC:** No Report

**ARCHIVES:** Report given by Pat M. from the Courage Group. I attended the Archives meeting and everything is going well. Janet is going to be going to Arizona instead of Tom, to get information on the workshop. The Committee asked that, because there are 4 days of hospitality and we are hosting the workshop next year in Niagara Falls At the Crown Hotel, for each Area, each Inner Group to host one day of Hospitality, because it will be running September 11 -14 2008. For more information please contact Tom H., Joann, or Janet.

#### **AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

**INCORPORATION** – No Report

**WEBSITE:** No Report

**RECAP: Financial:** Chip, Grand II Group asked if that 48% Group contribution was all since Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Treatment:** John C., Courage Group asked why are we using the telephone with Bridging the Gap when it's usually done by mail? There was much more conversation on this subject.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Patty and Terry put together a Literature Report on what we spend and what we bring in. See attached report along with TFC report. Terry stated that due to Groups purchasing and selling their own Literature, it is not only affecting our own inner Group, it is also affecting across the border.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Todd F., Valley Group asked what Prudent Funds are. Patty S. asked what the Steering Comm. operating procedure is, and does each Rep. have to visit their Dist Groups and submit a report to the Steering Comm.

Motion to adjourn, Willie from Serenity on the Lake, seconded by John H. Sunday Morning Breakfast Minutes respectfully submitted, by volunteer Reggie G. from the Fresh Start Group.

Income Statement		May-07	June-07	July-07
Beg Bal Cash on hand		14,291.67	11,124.09	13,376.44
<b>Contributions</b>				
	Groups	3,861.45	3,880.09	4,395.85
	Joint Meeting	51.00	37.55	61.50
	Envelope System	449.00	595.00	352.00
	New Frontiers Subs	83.00	20.00	120.00
	Literature/Medallions/Pins	2,171.25	3,060.65	3,628.55
	Literature Postage	62.15	58.35	52.55
	Archives Room Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Meetings at CO	24.00	35.00	9.00
	Mall/Misc. Copier Buyout		713.80	
	US Treasury		35.80	
	Reconcille			
	"Gratitude Month" (NOV)			
	Conventions/Day of Sharing			
<b>Monthly Income</b>		<b>6,751.85</b>	<b>8,486.24</b>	<b>8,669.45</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Office Rent	787.03	855.49	855.49
	Electric	90.00	90.00	90.00
	Payroll			
	Salaries - gross	2,352.88	2,941.10	2,423.48
	Federal Withholdings	(342.32)	(427.90)	(397.40)
	NYS Withholdings	(92.80)	(116.00)	(96.00)
	Disability Insurance	(2.40)	(3.00)	(2.40)
	Payroll Tax Deposits			
	Federal	505.80	505.80	769.67
	State			385.72
	Insurance			
	State Ins Fund			
	Health	354.00	354.00	354.00
	Liability			
	Postage	78.12	686.66	49.94
	Phone	133.90	136.00	137.77
	Accounting	1,950.00		
	Advt			
	PIC Lit.			
	Talking Phone Book			
	Verizon	133.95	133.95	135.45
	website			
	white directory			
	Yellow Pages			399.95
	Literature Expenses			
	Grapevine			
	World Services Inc	1,942.06		862.40
	Hazeldon			600.81
	"In All Our Affairs"			
	Printers			
	Medallions			
	PINS	1,052.25		
	Office Supplies	225.68	311.55	387.21
	Answering service	153.28	168.24	156.00
	Minolta leasing (copier)	468.00	468.00	702.15
	Minolta Copies/ service contract	130.00	130.00	130.00
	CD			
	Day of Sharing Seed Money			
	Seminar			
	Depreciation	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>		<b>10,019.43</b>	<b>6,333.89</b>	<b>8,044.24</b>
<b>Monthly Income (Loss)</b>		<b>(3,267.58)</b>	<b>2,152.35</b>	<b>625.21</b>
	Depreciation add back(non-cash)	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>End Bal Cash on hand</b>		<b>11,124.09</b>	<b>13,376.44</b>	<b>14,101.65</b>
	CD PRUDENT	8,582.78	8,613.18	8,634.48
	CD#2 RESERVE	6,288.91	6,306.00	6,322.59
	Assets: Literature& Medallions	17,047.00	15,906.00	19,688.10
	Literature Receiveable:(outstanding)	267.05	531.95	978.65
<b>Corrections Faciltes</b>		<b>2,375.28</b>	<b>1,610.06</b>	<b>1,725.56</b>
	Contributions	232.28	155.00	172.00
	Expenses	997.50	39.50	818.75
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,610.06</b>	<b>1,725.56</b>	<b>1,078.81</b>
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>		<b>1,140.52</b>	<b>1,242.75</b>	<b>1,245.98</b>
	Contributions	202.28	100.00	172.00
	Expenses			400.00
	AT & T Bridging The Gap	37.55	33.27	59.09
	AAA Abbott Answering Service	62.50	63.50	63.75
	Literature			
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,242.75</b>	<b>1,245.98</b>	<b>895.14</b>

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

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DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
6	11:45		180.00		0.00		0.00
6	12 Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	12 Steps/12 Traditions		30.00		0.00		0.00
1	4th Step Stumblers		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	6th Step		15.00		0.00		0.00
4	A Day At A Time		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Abbott Men's	50.00	285.00	50.00	285.00	50.00	285.00
3	Acceptance/Welcoming		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Achievement		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Action		100.00		0.00		0.00
3	Age Doesn't Matter		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Alexander		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Amherst/ Snyder		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Amsdell Lakeshore		50.00		0.00		0.00
2	Any Age		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Any Length	30.00	210.00	10.00	70.00	10.00	60.00
4	Arcade		20.00		0.00		0.00
6	As Bill Sees It	25.00	125.00		0.00		0.00
6	Attitude Adjustment	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
6	Attraction		100.00		0.00		0.00
6	Backdoor		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Back To Basics		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Beginning In Sobriety II		348.25		0.00		0.00
6	Beginning's Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bidwell Monday	150.00	150.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Lockport		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	BB Spiritual Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Study		30.00		0.00		0.00
6	Big Book Workshop		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Blasdel Monday Night		40.00		0.00		0.00
1	Bodhisattva		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Boulevard Helping Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Boulevard Women		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Brass		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	By The Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Came To Believe		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Carry the Message	16.00	171.00	12.00	69.50	12.00	69.50
7	Casting	100.00	250.00		0.00		0.00
1	Calhedral Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Cayuga Wake-Up Call	370.35	370.35		0.00		0.00
3	Caz Manor	25.00	200.00		0.00		0.00
7	Central Park		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Chapter IX		120.00		100.00		100.00
3	Cheektowaga		300.00		0.00		0.00
2	Chevy #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Clarence Men's		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Clarence Men's II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Cold Spring		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Bond		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Common Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Commitment		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Community Center		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	Constant Vigilance(Varysburg)		5.00		0.00		0.00
1	Complainers		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Courage		125.00		8.00		0.00
3	Crossroads		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Cross Talk Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reflections		105.00		0.00		0.00
2	Daily Reprieve		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Derby		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Desire		272.00		0.00		0.00
2	Desperate		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Downtown Men's		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Dunkirk Monday Night		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Early Bird		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Bird Step		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Early Rising Obliging		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	East Amherst		100.00		0.00		0.00
4	East Aurora		250.00		0.00		0.00
2	Easy Does It	50.00	175.00		0.00		0.00
7	Ellcott		65.00		0.00		0.00
4	Ellcottville		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Emergency		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Everybody's		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Express		310.00		0.00		0.00
6	Eyeopener	200.00	880.43		0.00		0.00
4	Eyeopener South		955.00		31.25		31.25
1	F.U.N.		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Faith		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Father Baker		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Feelings		50.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fireside	102.15	811.94	50.00	50.00		50.00
6	First Things First		200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Forestville Sunday Serenity		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Fredonia Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Freedom		200.00		0.00		0.00
7	Fresh Start		60.00		0.00		0.00
6	Friendly		25.35		0.00		0.00

DISTRICT	GROUP	CENTRAL		CORRECTIONS		TREATMENT	
		JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR	JULY	YEAR
1	Frontier(New)		400.00		0.00		0.00
6	GAHA: DAGOH #1		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Gahada Gon( Good Shepard)		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Gardenville		0.00		10.00		10.00
6	Georgetown		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Getting Better		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Giving	6.60	8.50		0.00		0.00
6	Go to Any Length		737.00		48.00		25.00
6	Golden Slipper		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand		100.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grand II Joy of Living		60.00		0.00		0.00
2	Grateful		50.00		0.00		0.00
3	H.O.W.		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hamburg	19.00	169.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hand		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Handicappers		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Happy Hour		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Happy Hour II		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Harmony		300.00		0.00		0.00
3	Helping Hand		75.00		0.00		0.00
6	High Noon		360.00		0.00		0.00
6	High View	150.00	300.00		0.00		0.00
7	Higher Power	75.00	75.00		0.00		0.00
4	Hillbilly	150.00	150.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
6	Holiday Village	200.00	1600.00		50.00		0.00
4	Holland		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Honest Solutions		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Honesty		60.00		0.00		0.00
6	Hope Big Book Study		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	How It Works/Men's	375.00	750.00		0.00		0.00
7	Inner City		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Inspiration		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Intoxicated on Life		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Ironhorse		765.10		77.40		77.40
6	IT		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Johnson Creek Big Book	50.00	120.00		0.00		0.00
1	Journey		40.00		40.00		40.00
2	Just Do It		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Just For Today/ Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Just For Today/Cheek		300.00		0.00		0.00
4	Keep It Simple Sister		15.00		10.00		10.00
2	Keep On Coming		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Kenmore		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Kensington		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Ladies Nite Sober		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lake Shore	300.00	400.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lakeview		100.00		0.00		0.00
7	Last Days Fellowship		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lawyers		750.00		0.00		0.00
6	LawPort		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Liberty Women		85.00		0.00		0.00
4	Life Today		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lighten UP		360.00		0.00		0.00
6	Live and Let Live		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Living Clean		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living In the Solution		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Living Sober		120.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lock City	20.00	40.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lockport #1		420.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lockport (no name)		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lockport Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lockport Ladies		75.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lockport Nooners		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lockport Tuesday		200.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lockview		500.00		50.00		50.00
6	Look To This Day		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Love		0.00		0.00		0.00
7	Loveloy		100.00		10.00		10.00
6	Lower River		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Lunch Bunch Albion		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	Main and High	35.00	50.00		5.00		0.00
4	Main Street		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Maple Men's	25.00	50.00		0.00		0.00
4	Marilla		30.00		0.00		0.00
3	Matt Talbot		25.00		0.00		0.00
6	McKinley Winners		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Medina Big Book		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Medina New Life		60.00		0.00		0.00
6	Mercy		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	Mid-day		121.50		0.00		0.00
6	Midnight Discussion		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Miracle Happen		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	Morning After		300.00		0.00		0.00
7	New Awakening		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	New Freedom (Niagara Falls)		70.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Beginnings/St. Vincent		0.00		0.00		0.00
3	New Life		36.00		0.00		0.00
6	New Outlook		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Niagara Intergroup		0.00		0.00		0.00
1	New Westside		0.00		0.00		0.00
6	Niagara Frontier Men's Disc.		55.00		0.00		0.00
3	No Human Power		0.00		0.00		0.00
2	North Buffalo		600.00		175.00		175.00
4	North Java Monday		0.00		0.00		0.00
4	North Java Sunday		0.00		0.00		0.00



## Treatment Facility Report

August 5, 2007

Meeting held on 6/18/07 at Central Office:

Topics discussed: 1.) All meetings are covered. 2.) Will present a request and report to the General Service Assembly at the August meeting concerning the three other Districts in area 50, Niagara, Wyoming/Orleans and Ny/Penn that cannot contribute to the cost for the phone line and answering service that Buffalo TFC pays for exclusively in order to host Bridging the Gap Program. The original intent was that all four districts share in the cost of the program which has never happened. This has been brought to the attention of the General Service TFC Chair back in 2006 and Chris has worked diligently in first trying to locate who the Chair's were and where they were located with the exception of Ny/Penn still currently does not have a TFC Committee. Chris and was told that there is not adequate monies in their budgets to contribute and that their districts maybe cover 2 meetings per month with the exception of Niagara which does more cover 3 meetings per week.

The program was voted in at General Service in the 90's and the first chair was from Buffalo. Subsequently there has been only two other Chair persons both from the Buffalo district with this Chair being in office for five years. The original intent was that all four districts in area 50 split the cost of the program for those people who requested to be taken to a meeting when they are discharged from a treatment facility.

I have completed historical research on the cost of the phone line, answering service, and how many calls are being made? I obtained this information by contacting the answering service which incoming calls are logged and reviewing the average cost of the telephone service from the New Frontiers

Average cost of telephone service is from \$992.86 to \$1200.00.

2003 approximately 10-15 calls per month or 120/year. - This taken from minutes of TFC chair to Central Committee.

2005 Total 78 calls for the year.

2006 Total 48 calls for the year

2007 Year to date 5 or approximate average of 12 per year

Using an average of \$1000.00/year of cost:

2003 cost per call \$8.33

2005 cost per call \$12.82

2006 cost per call \$20.83

2007 cost per call \$83.33

Since Bridging the Gap program is under the guise of GSA because of the District coverage and is a program designed from World Service my request is to ask GSA to contribute to cover the three districts those are unable to cover their portion of this program.

3.) The locker at Ecmc was cleaned out and for informational purposes only following is a list of materials that were being handed out to clients. Also, the cabinet was locked and to our knowledge only A.A. members had keys:

ARTICLE ON THERAPY FOR THOUGHTS THAT CREATE DISTURBANCE,  
RATIONAL EMOTIVE THERAPY, LOVE YOURSELF AND ME, ORIGINS OF THE  
FAILURE LIFE TRAP, CAUSES OF STD'S, ME AND MORE ME, A LETTER FROM  
SATAN, MY NAME IS COCAINE.

Further, this was not the first time materials similar to these were cleared out over the last few years. Our hope is now only Big Books and approved literature will be in the cabinet.

- 4.) TFC voted not to host a Day of Sharing for a couple of reasons. I typically travel the most in the fall and already there are several Days of Sharing planned on other topics and another would saturate the community in the next months to come.
- 5.) TFC will cover the Fall convention Friday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00am - 10:00 am.
- 6.) TFC has elected two Co Chairs - Laura D. As Bill Sees It and George W. Fredonia Group.
- 7.) Guideline Number 10 revised to include World Service Number and Literature Account Number for ordering of TFC packages of pamphlets.

**Respectfully Submitted: Patti S. As Bill Sees It**

I volunteered to review the recorded numbers listed in the New Frontiers to create a financial analysis to the question of profitability being made from the sales of literature.

Analyzing from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, I listed the sales, cost to purchase, and profit generated after inventory change. Inventory is included to accurately determine profit or loss because it acts as an asset before it is sold.

To determine actual profit you must include beginning inventory and ending inventory variance.

If the ending inventory is higher than the beginning inventory, then inventory was built which means that all that was purchased was not sold. A credit must be recorded.

Subsequently, if the ending inventory is lower than the beginning inventory, then inventory was reduced which means that more was sold than purchased and the cost must be recorded.

This is done to report actual profit of what the Central Office sold.

Year 2006 profit was \$5890.00 after expenses because ending inventory was lower than beginning. A very low profit for the quantity of sales sold.

Recommendations:

- 1.) Create detailed inventory and sales excel sheets be kept and reported monthly of pin, books, pamphlets, and medallions. These sheets should include cost, units sold, and selling prices. Markup is then determined from these numbers.
- 2.) Reduce inventory because maintaining lower ones will free up cash for other uses.



Interested in receiving the New Frontiers?

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

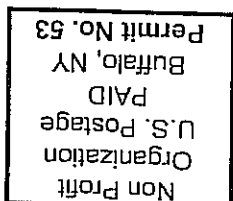
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to the AA Central Office earmarked the "New Frontiers" for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ copies.

Rates:

1	copy	\$10.00	20 copies	\$57.00
2	copies	13.00	30 copies	75.00
5	copies	24.00	40 copies	95.00
10	copies	33.00	50 copies	120.00
15	copies	43.00	60 copies	135.00

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