

ALL AROUND ROCHESTER



News and Events of Alcoholics Anonymous Groups in the Rochester Area Intergroup

VISIT US – 1000 Elmwood Avenue

In the Greenhouse, behind the Al Sigl Center
Mon – Fri: 9am to 7pm / Sat: 9am to 1pm / Closed Sunday

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GROUP/INTERGROUP EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

25th Annual 'Round the Clock Sobriety	Dec 24-25 Dec 31-Jan 1	<i>The Mack Building 1587 Jackson Road, Penfield</i>	Meetings around the clock!! Starts 7:30 am on Tues 12/24 & Tues 12/31 through next day at 11:30 pm
Christmas Dinner & Open Meeting	Wed Dec 25 12:00 pm	<i>Mount Morris VFW 3 Elm St, Mount Morris</i>	Meeting at 12:00 pm Dinner at 1 pm. Bring a dish to pass if possible. Bring a Friend!
Anniversary Meeting Saturday Night Special	Sat Dec 28 5:30 pm	<i>AA Central Office Meeting Room 1000 Elmwood Ave, Greenhouse</i>	Food at 5:30 pm, 2 Speakers at 6:30 pm Cake & Fellowship after the meeting.
Annual Candlelight Meeting & Open House Rochester Gay Men's	Sun Dec 29 8:00 pm	<i>St. Luke & St. Simon Church 17 S Fitzhugh St</i>	ALL ARE WELCOME! On this occasion this meeting is OPEN. Meeting with Speaker at 8 pm. Social Hour afterwards with Food & Fellowship
30th Anniversary Sunrise	Wed Jan 1 6:30 am	<i>Henrietta United Church of Christ 1400 Lehigh Station Rd, Henrietta</i>	Food, Fellowship at 6:30 am 2 Speakers at 7:00 am
30th Anniversary Park Ave Gay Men's	Fri Jan 3 7:30 pm	<i>Immanuel Baptist Church 815 Park Ave</i>	7:30 Meeting with Speakers 8:30 Fellowship Celebration & Dinner
7th Anniversary Highland Group	Sat Jan 11 6:30 am	<i>AA Central Office Meeting Room 1000 Elmwood Ave, Greenhouse</i>	Food & Fellowship at 6:30 am, Speaker at 7 am (FLYER)
Everybody's Everyday New Year's Celebration	Sun Jan 12 1:15 pm	<i>The Mack Building 1587 Jackson Road, Penfield</i>	Food & Fellowship at 1:15 pm, followed by a 40-minute meditation at 2 pm (FLYER)
Rochester Area Intergroup Corrections Committee "Corrections: Inside and Out"	Mon Jan 13 7:00-9:00 pm	<i>Al Sigl Gym, 1000 Elmwood Ave 2nd Fl, (Main Building, Door #11, across the parking lot from Central Office)</i>	Hear about getting sober behind bars and about carrying AA's message into prisons & jails. Refreshments will be provided (FLYER)
Flower City Fellowship Convention Fundraising Event "Cabin Party"	Sat Jan 25 12:00 pm	<i>Hazelwood Grove Lodge Ellison Park</i>	Soup & Chili Provided Bring a dish to pass if you can Cards & 50/50 Raffle - \$10 for Party, \$10 for Tournament (FLYER)
2nd Anniversary Struck Gold	Sun Jan 26 5:00 pm	<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 534 Oxford St</i>	Food & Fellowship at 5 pm Meeting with Speaker 6 pm Pot Luck, bring a dish to pass (FLYER)
Area 47 Assembly	Sun Feb 9 1:00-5:00 pm	<i>St. Charles Borromeo School 3003 Dewey Ave</i>	For more information about Area 47 or the monthly assemblies, go online to www.aacny.org (FLYER)
3rd Anniversary Boomers at Noon	Thurs Feb 20 12:00 pm	<i>Lifespan – Tops Plaza 1900 South Clinton Ave</i>	Speaker with Cake & Fellowship after the meeting
39th Annual Flower City Fellowship Convention: "Serenity 2020"	Fri-Sun Mar 13-15	<i>Hyatt Regency 125 East Main Street Registration opens Friday, 3/13 at 1:00 pm</i>	REMINDER: LAST DAY TO REGISTER WITH "EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT" IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 24th REGISTER by mail, at Central Office or ONLINE AT www.rochester-ny-aa.org

Rochester Area Intergroup, Inc.
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620

January 2020

NEW MEETINGS:**UP STAIRS (Friday, 7:30 pm) – meeting started in October 2019**

- Open-Big Book-Steps (**O BB S**)
- Meets at Avon Methodist Church, 130 Genesee St, Avon

SPIRITUAL GANGSTERS (Sunday, 9:00 am) - first meeting 1/5/2020

- Open-Speaker-Handicapped Accessible (**O Sp d Hc**)
- Meets at Out/Gay Alliance (across from Village Gate), 100 College Ave (off Goodman)

MEETING CHANGES/UPDATES:

- **Format Change**
 - **Byron Fun (Wednesday, 8:00 pm): THIS IS A CLOSED MEETING (C BB d Hc)**
- **Day AND Time Change**
 - **The Lexington Group: EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY 1/1/20**
 - Now meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** (previously Tues @ 8)
- **Time Change**
 - **Step Sisters (Saturday, 11:00 am): EFFECTIVE January 4, 2020 will meet at 10:00 am**
- **Time AND Location Change**
 - **Young at Heart (Friday, O Sp/d Hc):**
 - Meets at **6:00 pm** at the **Goodwill Store, 4119 Lakeville Rd, Genesee**

NO LONGER MEETING/TAKEN OFF OUR MEETING LIST:

- ✓ **VISIONS (Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Lake Avenue Baptist, 70 Ambrose St)**
 - Last meeting 12/10/19

➤ **THANK YOU:** **Pass It On:** In gratitude for their Anniversary meeting Speaker, Cyndie M (\$25)

👁️👁️ **CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY 12/25 and WEDNESDAY 1/1, for Christmas and New Year's Day.**

👁️👁️ **GIFT CARDS FOR AA CENTRAL OFFICE-ROCHESTER AREA INTERGROUP ARE NOW AVAILABLE!** You can purchase a gift card for your sponsor, sponsee, home group (so they can buy books, coins & pamphlets)... Stop by and see Mary for more details and to purchase!

👁️👁️ **The Multi-Purpose Facility Committee** will have its first informational meeting on Thursday, 1/20 in the AA Central Office Committee Room at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining the committee or just want to ask questions, please attend!

Apologies to DEWEY-AVIS on behalf of the Fall Event Committee!
DEWEY-AVIS generously donated 2 baskets for the raffle at the Fall Event and we, unintentionally, did not include them in our THANK YOU flyer in last month's mailing... THANK YOU DEWEY-AVIS!!

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE FLOWER CITY FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION (FCFC) WILL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS FROM 2-3:30 PM AT AA CENTRAL OFFICE MEETING ROOM, 1000 ELMWOOD AVE, IN THE GREENHOUSE (BUILDING IN BACK PARKING LOT OF THE AL SIGL CENTER, ACROSS FROM DOOR #9):

1/4, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 & 3/7

Please come if you are interested in helping out with the Friday night entertainment at FCFC 2020 or call Central Office at 585-232-6720 and we will put you in touch with Jim L & the Committee.

CARRYING THE MESSAGE –January 2020

STEP I - We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

Under the lash of alcoholism, we were driven to A.A., and there we discover the fatal nature of our situation. Then, and only then, do we become open-minded to conviction and as willing to listen as the dying can be. We stand ready to do anything which will lift the merciless obsession from us. (Twelve and Twelve page 24.)

How dark it is before the dawn! In reality that was the beginning of my last debauch. I was soon to be catapulted into what I like to call the fourth dimension of existence. I was to know happiness, peace, and usefulness, in a way of life that is incredibly more wonderful as time passes. (Bill W.)

Trustee Reflections

What significant event(s) occurred that convinced you that you were powerless over alcohol?

December is my anniversary month and as I get closer to the day thoughts come back to me about what the end of my drinking career was like. For the longest time I denied that I was powerless over alcohol. I didn't see a problem because I hung out with people that did the same things I did.

Two significant events that happened to me to change my mind about my drinking and powerlessness were as follows:

About three months prior to my unplanned sobriety date my mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 brain and lung cancer at the early age of 55. This news sent me on such a spree. My drinking significantly increased, and it was all that mattered to me anymore. One morning I came home from the night before and my mother was in the kitchen asking me if I was ready to go. I said "Where?" She said, "You told me yesterday you were going to take me to my chemo appointment this morning" In the drunken hungover haze that I was in, I told her, "Why do you need chemo anyways you're going to die soon? Besides I am too drunk to take you anywhere, I am going to bed." My mother was basically my best friend, and someone who I could confide in and it hurts so much when I remembered what I had said to her. This is how I usually dealt with tragedy in my life in general.

The last situation was the night of my last drink. The day started with the same thought as always, where and how will I get my next drink. I took my mother's car, while she lay on the couch suffering from her last chemo appointment and went to work at the pizza shop to deliver pizzas on Christmas Eve. I knew it would be busy and the tips would be great. I was restless and angry, and I couldn't wait for the first delivery so I could stop at the store. Finally, I got my first delivery three minutes after I got to work and the ease I got from that first drink came quickly. I was also supposed to save some delivery money to buy my girlfriend a present. She was going to pick me up after work to go to her house and spend time with her family. Unfortunately, once again, I lit the fire with that first drink and the flame kept roaring all day thru that night and finished the next day. I walked home on Christmas Day at 3pm and when I knocked on my mother's door, it opened and I did not get a Merry Christmas but instead I got grabbed and slammed up against the wall asking me where the car is. Fortunately, the situation worked itself out later that evening, but I was given the ultimatum GET HELP OR GET OUT!!! I realized then I could not stop on my own. I was so powerless, and I needed HELP!!! -Board of Trustee Member

What areas of your life were unacceptable to you and convinced you your life was unmanageable?

While I was in college, I used to believe that I was no different than any one of the other students who went out to the bars for a good time with friends. I would be amongst peers of my age and would be jovial in celebrating a camaraderie I thought was how college night life was meant to be lived, and considered myself to be a "social drinker". We would joke around about being alcoholics while ponying up to the bar for our next round of shots. All the while I would be thinking to myself, when is the next round as I started to feel the warming sensation of the drink I just took as it worked its way down to make me feel better about myself. I would relish in what would occur the next day... hearing what happened after the point in the evening when I "blacked out". It was truly a great feeling to know how free of a spirit I could be when I had reached that point, and how I suddenly felt socially accepted for the lively person that I was when I was drunk.

There was a point however, where the consequences from my drinking were mounting up, and the urge to drink became greater as a way for me to escape the feelings of guilt, shame, and remorse for a short moment until I would sober up and have that urge come back stronger and more fervently than before. It was all soon to come to an end... The night that would change my life forever. After ten years of drinking, I went into a black out, and till this very day I cannot remember exactly what occurred on that night. I was told that I ran a red light and drove into a car going through the intersection, nearly killing the woman in the car that I had hit. When I became aware of what I had done, a fear had entered my mind that I will be forever grateful for. I had become afraid of who I had become because of my alcoholism. I had never set out to hurt anyone, but in looking back at the wreckage of my alcoholism, I had hurt many. I could now admit that I was an alcoholic, I could admit that my life was unmanageable, but I had yet to take the First Step.

It wasn't until I was a month into serving my 3 year sentence when I had been caught for being under the influence in the correctional facility in which I was incarcerated in. I was sent to solitary confinement for my actions, and it was there that I had my spiritual awakening. For when I realized that I had been locked up, while already being locked up for my drinking, then I truly understood that I was powerless over alcohol, and that my life had become unmanageable. This was the point where I realized that there was no way that I could ever on my own accord, solve my problem with alcohol, without seeking the help of others like me and a higher power of my understanding that today I choose to call God. Today I am blessed to have been given the opportunity to have found the courage to take that First Step, and I am truly grateful that someone took the time out of their life to guide me the rest of the way.


-Ralph M., Intergroup Secretary

If you have any comments or would like to provide your reflections on Step I, please send to Central Office at office1@rochester-ny-aa.org

INTERGROUP / COMMITTEE / GENERAL SERVICE MEETINGS (All meetings at Central Office unless stated otherwise)

GENERAL SERVICE	District 101's Monthly Meeting <i>All GSR's, DCM's & any AA members are welcome</i>	Jan 1: 7:00 pm (1st Wed)	St. Luke's Episcopal Church Vestry Basement Room 14 State St, Brockport 14420
INTERGROUP	Steering Board of Trustees	Jan 2: 6:00 pm (1st Thurs)	
GENERAL SERVICE	District 200's Monthly Meeting	Jan 2: 7:00 pm (1st Thurs)	St. John's Episcopal 183 North Main Street CANANDAIGUA (14424)
COMMITTEE	Archives	Jan 8: 6:30 pm (usually 1st Wed) Meeting 2 nd Wed due to New Year's Jan 8: 9:30 am (2nd Wed) <i>Working Meeting</i>	Rochester Medical Museum 1441 East Avenue, 2nd Floor
COMMITTEE	Website	Jan 8: 6:30 pm (2nd Wed)	
INTERGROUP	NEW IR Orientation	BEFORE IR MEETING Jan 9: 6:00 pm (2nd Thurs)	AL SIGL GYM: Same parking lot, Door #11, Left out of elevator on 2nd Floor
INTERGROUP	Intergroup Representatives Meeting	Jan 9: 6:30 pm (2nd Thurs)	AL SIGL GYM: Same parking lot, Door #11, Left out of elevator on 2nd Floor
GENERAL SERVICE	CNY Area Assembly For meeting location & directions: Check website: www.aacny.org	Jan 12: 1:00 pm (2nd Sun)	For meeting location & directions: Check website: www.aacny.org
COMMITTEE	Accessibility	Jan 14: 6:30 pm (2nd Tue)	
GENERAL SERVICE	Rochester Districts (800's & 102, 105, 108, 109, 110) Meeting	Jan 15: 6:30 pm (3rd Wed)	All GSR's, DCM's & any AA members are welcome
COMMITTEE	Corrections	Jan 16: 6:30 pm (3rd Thurs)	
COMMITTEE	Treatment (New Rep Orientation)	Jan 19: 12:45 pm (3rd Sun)	
COMMITTEE	Treatment	Jan 19: 1:30 pm (3rd Sun)	
COMMITTEE	Education & Participation	Jan 21: 6:00 pm (3rd Tues)	
COMMITTEE	FCFC	2 MEETINGS IN JANUARY Usually meets 7:00 pm (4th Wed)	WED JAN 8 – 7 PM WED JAN 22 – 7 PM
COMMITTEE	PI/CPC	Jan 23: 6:00 pm (4th Thurs)	
COMMITTEE	Nightwatch (After Hours Phones)	Jan 28: 7:30 pm (4th Tues)	

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2019 through November 30th, 2019:

ACTUAL	BUDGET	+OVER/-(UNDER)	
\$58,318.18	\$60,500.00	- (\$2,181.82)	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF
THE ROCHESTER AREA INTERGROUP & OUR CENTRAL OFFICE!**

NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR FREE PUBLICATION BY

***** SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th *****

**TO SEND A FLYER: SUBMIT 275 Unfolded copies (20# paper) & \$20 for postage
to the Central Office by SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th**

**Flyers and AAR announcements must be received by the above date. We will not be able
to accept any flyers or information for inclusion in the monthly mailing after that date.**

THANK YOU!

Rochester Area Intergroup Inc.

November 2019		
Group Name	This Month	Yr to Date
11th (Eleventh) Step, Central Office	0.00	558.73
12 At 12	0.00	353.00
24 Hour	0.00	1,655.50
A Better Way	0.00	120.00
A Vision For You - Central Office	0.00	200.00
A Way of Life, 5th Chapter MC, Palmyra	0.00	200.00
A Woman's Story	50.00	50.00
Albion Monday & Thursday	0.00	150.00
Albion Sunday Grapevine	0.00	30.00
Anonymous Groups ***	0.00	129.79
Attitude of Gratitude, Mendon	91.00	91.00
Basic	0.00	75.00
Big Book Discussion - Sunday	0.00	963.65
Boomers	0.00	462.00
Brockport Big Book	0.00	30.50
Brockport Grapevine	0.00	420.32
Brown Baggers	0.00	300.00
Brunch Bunch	121.00	1,111.51
Canandaigua Keep It Simple	0.00	180.00
Canandaigua Noon Time	0.00	140.00
Castile Sunday	0.00	160.00
Chili Monday	200.00	380.00
Chili Sunday	0.00	240.00
Churchville New Heights	0.00	349.04
Clifton Springs Sunday	0.00	100.00
Corn Hill	0.00	330.00
Courage to Change, Cobbs Hill Manor	0.00	150.00
Crossroads, Williamson	0.00	30.00
Culver Durand	0.00	0.00
Culver Ridge	0.00	205.00
Dansville Thursday	0.00	25.00
Dansville Valley	0.00	10.00
Dawgone	0.00	300.00
Dewey-Avis	0.00	72.34
Dry Docs	30.00	30.00
Early Birds	123.00	1,922.00
Early Risers, East Rochester	0.00	420.00
East Avon Way Out	0.00	100.00
Eastside Men's	0.00	453.00
Easy Does It Sunday	0.00	717.80
ER Sober Women (SE ORG -East Roc)	0.00	173.00
Everybody's Everyday	93.00	1,842.00
Everyday Living	120.00	1,650.00
Farmington Friends	0.00	205.00
FHA	0.00	743.50
Free To Be	0.00	79.00
Freethinkers	43.00	388.00
Fresh Air	0.00	1,304.24
Gates Rainbow	0.00	150.00
Gates Tuesday Open	0.00	240.00
Geneseo Saturday Night	0.00	30.00
Grace + Truth	32.00	393.81
Grassroots	0.00	200.00
Gray AA	0.00	65.00
Ham on Wry	170.00	534.00

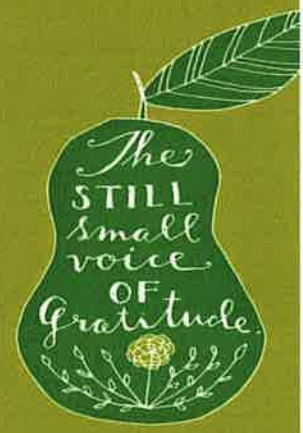
1000 Elmwood Ave, Greenhouse Rochester NY 14620	Phone 232-6720	Facsimile 454-3949
Group Name	This Month	Yr to Date
Hamlin Monday Night	0.00	50.00
Hamlin Sunday Night	0.00	170.00
Hawk Tawk	0.00	165.00
Heard it thru the Grapevine	100.00	175.00
Heartbeat	0.00	147.49
Highland	0.00	225.00
HighNooners	0.00	1,733.98
Hilton Easy Does It	100.00	495.00
Hilton Friday Night	100.00	360.00
Hilton Thursday	0.00	241.00
Hilton Tuesday	0.00	350.00
Holcomb Monday Night	0.00	50.00
Holley Friday	0.00	126.00
Honeoye Lakers	0.00	50.00
Honeoye New Life	0.00	30.00
HOW	0.00	50.00
Into the Light	100.00	1,302.67
Irondequoit Serenity	0.00	160.04
It Works	0.00	50.00
Keep It Simple Sister (KISS)	0.00	205.00
Kendall Sunday Evening BB	0.00	70.00
KISSs (Brockport)	0.00	40.00
Ladies Night Out	0.00	153.74
Last House on the Block	0.00	75.00
Lehigh Station	0.00	500.00
Lexington Group	3.44	3.44
Lighthouse	262.50	461.12
Lima Morning Serenity	0.00	240.00
Live It	0.00	114.49
Love & Service Group	213.96	1,510.00
Lunch Bunch - ALBION	40.00	160.00
Medina New Life	0.00	10.00
Men at Work	10.00	192.00
Mount Morris Saturday	25.00	50.00
Mt Rise Discussion	0.00	235.00
Mustard Seed	0.00	460.74
Naples Togetherness	0.00	145.00
Never Alone	0.00	40.00
New Door	205.24	2,519.25
New Growth	0.00	20.00
New Life, Fairport	0.00	200.00
New Men's	0.00	150.00
Newark Noon	100.00	100.00
Nightingales	122.00	1,999.00
North Gate	0.00	48.50
North Greece	0.00	279.33
Northeast Freedom	0.00	40.00
Northside	0.00	150.00
Not A Glum Lot	0.00	173.00

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If you have any questions regarding this report, or if you believe there is an error, please contact the Central Office immediately so the problem can be fixed. Thank You!

2019 GRATITUDE BOX CONTRIBUTIONS (through 12/17/19)	
11th (Eleventh) Step, Central Office	400.42
24 Hour	1,314.97
A Better Way	30.00
Big Book Discussion - Sunday	106.30
Brockport Grapevine	116.00
Brunch Bunch	377.49
Chili Sunday	35.00
Churchville New Heights	79.00
Courage to Change, Cobbs Hill Manor	8.00
Culver Ridge	50.00
Early Birds	662.00
Eastside Men's	414.00
FHA	63.65
Gates Tuesday Open	40.00
Grassroots	16.00
Ham on Wry	52.00
Heard it thru the Grapevine	29.00
Heartbeat	105.00
Henrietta Group	14.00
Highland	205.15
HighNooners	64.00
Hilton Easy Does It	200.24
Hilton Tuesday	30.00
Keep It Simple Sister (KISS)	49.50
Ladies Night Out	35.50
Miracle	27.00
Movin' On, Spencerport	71.90
Mustard Seed	65.00
Park Avenue Morning	111.76
Penfield Friday	48.76
Poker Chip	102.00
Renewal	25.00
Seneca	70.45
Serendipity @ Monroe Comm Hosp	16.00
Sober on Saturday	15.00
Spiritual Sisters (Fri, Central Office)	28.75
Spiritual Solution	74.00
Step by Step, Irondequiot	50.00
Step Sisters	108.58
Steps for Life	134.60
Struck Gold	8.00
The Great Fact	29.00
Victory	116.77
Webster Wednesday	42.34
Womens Spirit	66.75
TOTAL	5,708.88

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IF YOUR GROUP RETURNED GRATITUDE CONTRIBUTION AFTER 12/17/19, IT WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTH'S MAILING SUMMARY

**ROCHESTER
AREA
INTERGROUP
“FAITHFUL
FIVERS”**

**I AM RESPONSIBLE.
When anyone,
anywhere reaches
out for help,
I want the hand of
A.A. always to be
there.
And for that: I AM
RESPONSIBLE.**

**Become a “Faithful
Fiver” & Help the
Rochester Area
Intergroup
Continue to Carry
the Message of
Alcoholics
Anonymous**

become a
**FAITHFUL
FIVER**



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“Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion – to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength – and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to have to foot the bill.” – Bill W.

F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix”

“Every A. A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A. A. itself.” – Bill W.

Language of the Heart, p. 166

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ROCHESTER AREA INTERGROUP "FAITHFUL FIVERS"

What the Rochester Area Intergroup (RAI) Does ...

- Most importantly, provides 24/7 live telephone support staffed by volunteer members of our A.A. Community
- Provides 24/7 support in finding meetings through telephone, printed schedules and up-to-date website
- Provides a communications and distribution center for all member groups by designing, printing & mailing group news and special event flyers
- Provides a monthly newsletter "All Around Rochester", another way to keep groups informed
- Provides a location for Intergroup Standing Committees and groups at our Central Office
- Provides Literature, Pamphlets and Anniversary Coins for purchase by groups and individuals

Why the Rochester Area Intergroup (RAI) Needs You ...

- These are challenging times. More than ever before, calls for help with alcoholism have increased. The Rochester Area Intergroup is on the front line, answering those calls and providing much needed support to members and groups throughout our service area. The need for a wide range of services is greater than ever!
- Our Groups are extremely generous in the contributions they make to the Rochester Area Intergroup. Unfortunately, Group Contributions alone cannot cover all our commitments. In addition to fundraisers, like our recent Fall Event and our annual Flower City Fellowship Convention, we need additional help to continue providing the services that our A.A. community, and the Alcoholic who still suffers, so urgently need!
- RAI is looking for YOU, the individual, to help close the gap. By becoming a Faithful Fiver, you can express your appreciation for the help you have received from A.A. and for the services provided by the Rochester Area Intergroup and our A.A. Central Office. Your ongoing, tax-deductible contribution of \$5 or more per month will help make our vital services possible and will help carry the A.A. message to those who still suffer.

Become a Rochester Area Intergroup "Faithful Fiver"
A regular monthly donation is all it takes! You can start with a monthly contribution of
\$5.00 (or more)

Here's how:

Send a \$5 check every month to:

*(OR SEND \$15 in
January-April-July-October
OR \$60 once a year
in January or December)*

Rochester Area Intergroup
and mail to
Rochester Area Intergroup
1000 Elmwood Avenue
Attn: Greenhouse
Rochester, NY 14620

OR Bring cash, a check, a credit or debit card to Central Office

OR (**PREFERRED METHOD**)

Use your Online Banking Bill Pay to set up a recurring monthly payment
PAYEE: "Rochester Area Intergroup, Inc."; Central Office address, as above;
Memo-Account #:
Your Name - "Faithful Fiver"

*(And coming soon: **ONLINE** at www.rochester-ny-aa.org)*

*Please note: In addition to the above ways to contribute, there is also the option to have the Central Office Administrator set up recurring payments for you. This requires that you provide your personal and credit or debit card information, and agree to have RAI keep that information on file and charge your card monthly, quarterly, or annually (as specified). While this is something you may be interested in, we ask you to consider carefully whether or not you feel comfortable having your personal information kept on file at our office. If so, please contact Central Office to set up an account.

**All contributions to The Rochester Area Intergroup are tax-deductible. The Rochester Area Intergroup is a 501 (c) (3) corporation under IRS and New York State statutes.

The Rochester Area Corrections Committee
invites you to join us for:

CORRECTIONS: INSIDE AND OUT

Hear About.... Getting sober behind bars
And also about
Carrying AA's message into prisons and jails
sharing their experience, strength and hope
and

****** LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP ******

Refreshments will be provided

WHEN: Monday January 13, 2020

7:00pm – 9:00pm

WHERE: Al Sigl Center Gym

1000 Elmwood Avenue
(across the parking lot from Central Office)
Contact info: (585) 232-6720

corrections_committee@rochester-ny-aa.org



Cabin Party

Fundraiser for the 2020 Flower City Fellowship Convention

Date: January 25th, 2020

Place: Hazelwood Lodge, Ellison Park

Coffee, Pastries, Chili and Soup provided

Feel free to bring a dish to pass

Time: Noon

Cost: \$10

Euchre Tournament and a 50/50 Raffle

& another bench will also be raffled off!

Tournament starts at 2 pm and is an additional \$10 to participate

Call AA Central Office for information at 585-232-6720

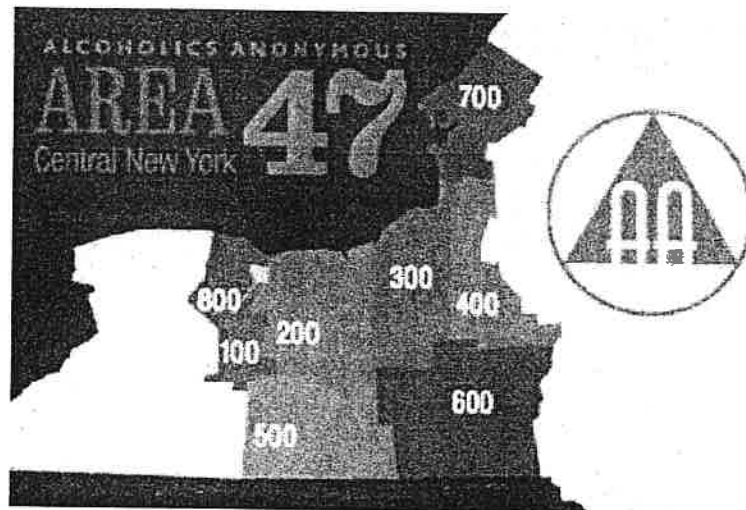
(Tickets should be available at Central Office or from FCFC Committee Members)

JOIN US FOR..

AREA ASSEMBLY

Sunday February 9TH, 2020

1PM-5PM



**St. Charles Borromeo – School
3003 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY**

**AREA
Assembly**
Serving AA Groups in districts: 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800

Christmas Dinner & Open Meeting

Where At?

Mount Morris VFW

3 Elm Street.

Mt Morris, NY 14510

When?

December 25, 2019

Meeting @ 12:00 pm

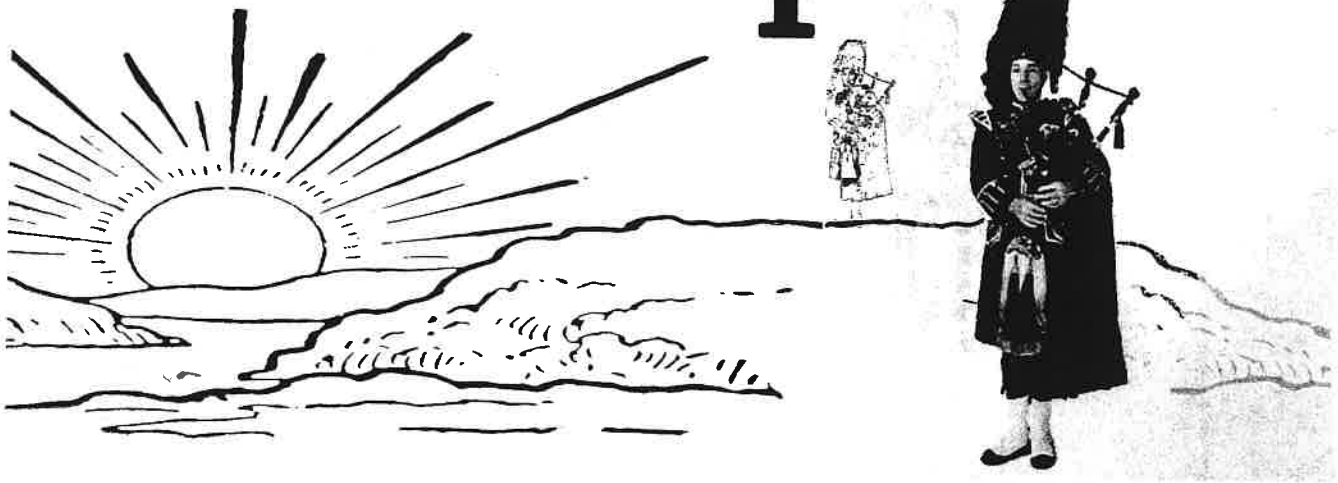
Bring A Friend!

Followed by:

Dinner @ 1:00 pm

Bring A Dish to Pass if Possible!

Highland Group



Anniversary Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 11

Main Office Meeting Room
1000 Elmwood Ave, Rochester

Food / Fellowship.....6:30 a.m.

Speaker.....7:00 a.m.

"He had come to pass his experience along
to me -- if I cared to have it."



**Please Join Us for a Celebration for the
New Year's Meditation**

**Everybody's Everyday at 2:00 PM
on January 12, 2020**

**Food and fellowship at 1:15 PM
followed by a 40-minute meditation
at 2:00 PM**

**See You at the Mack Building
Namaste**



5pm Food and Fellowship
6 pm Meeting with speaker

Blessed Scarament Church
534 Oxford Street

Pot luck please bring a dish to pass

January 26, 2020

The Lexington Group

New Day / New Time

~~Tuesday Night - 8:00pm~~

Wednesday Night - 7:00pm

Lake United Methodist Church
4409 Lake Ave.
Rochester, NY 14612

Lake Ave in Charlotte, just north of the Lake Ontario State Parkway

Starting Wednesday 1/1/2020 New Year's Day

Reading from:

- The first 164 Pages of the Big Book, all the way through, that started December 3rd, 2019.
and then
- The Twelve and Twelve – Steps and Traditions
- Stories from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

The format is we read a paragraph or two and then discuss the content read. We continue that for the hour of the meeting.

39TH ANNUAL

FLOWER CITY FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION

MARCH 13TH, 14TH, 15TH 2020

SERENITY 2020

HYATT REGENCY
ROCHESTER, NY
SPECIAL ROOM RATE
THROUGH FEBRUARY 24TH

REGISTRATION OPENS
1 P.M. FRIDAY &
8 A.M. SATURDAY
PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS



EARLY REGISTRATION UNTIL FEBRUARY 24TH
ONLINE REGISTRATION AT WWW.ROCHESTER-NY-AA.ORG

ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON - GROUP SEATING: In Order to sit in groups for the banquet (10 per table), you must submit registration forms together

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Must be postmarked on or **before** 2/24/20

LATE REGISTRATION/WALK-IN PRICE

For all registrations postmarked 2/24/20 or later

Registration Only
OR
Registration with Banquet
OR
Add'tl Banquet w/ pd Reg & Banquet
Banquet Meal Selection

AA Al-Anon
\$27 \$27

AA Al-Anon
\$32 \$32

\$67 \$67

\$77 \$77

\$40 \$40

\$45 \$45

Beef Chicken Fish Vegetarian

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Special Needs? (Hearing impaired wheelchair access, etc.) _____

Your Registration Fee from the box selected above \$ _____

If you would like to pre-order a mug to pick up at the convention, please add an additional \$5.00 \$ _____

Add the lines together for the **TOTAL** \$ _____

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YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.rochester-ny-aa.org – On-line registration closes March 5th @ midnight. On Site registration will be available but banquet meal tickets are not guaranteed.

The Friday Night Entertainment, Saturday DJ and Saturday Karaoke are included with your registration.

The Hyatt Regency is reserving a SPECIAL ROOM RATE of \$149.00 per night for this event. The rate is dependent on room availability and is only available if you reserve **before** 2/24/20. Contact the Hyatt Regency, 125 East Main St, Rochester, NY 14604. You can call locally at (585) 546-1234. To ensure the preferred room rate make sure when you are making your reservation you mention you are with the Flower City Fellowship Convention.

Parking is \$6.00 per day at the adjoining garage. Ushers will be available to escort you to the garage on Friday and Saturday night between 10:00pm – 1:00am, every half hour. Meet at the registration table.

There is no baby-sitting service provided; all children must always be escorted by an adult.

There is a big difference between “no dues or fees for A.A. membership” and a registration fee for an A.A. convention. The word “fee” is a strange one in a self-supporting fellowship, but somebody has to pay the bills.

*****Do Not Lose Your Banquet Ticket – There will be no replacements or refunds*****