

AA Unity LiveWire AA

577 Broadway Avenue. Lorain, Ohio 44052 Phone 440 246-1800

April

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

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2006

Identification Is

'The Essence of Our Common Bond'

"My name is Rosemary P., and I am an alcoholic.' That's a simple introduction. And powerful! It tells you who and what I am, instantly. "It immediately connects me to you if you, too, are an alcoholic."

Speaking at the June 1989 Northeast Regional Forum in Portland, Maine, Rosemary called identification "the very essence of our common bond" and expressed concern that "the way we traditionally introduce ourselves at meetings has changed so much, the word 'alcoholic' often is omitted entirely."

The delegate (Panel 39) for Central New York pointed to a new crop of introductions heard around A.A.-from "I'm cross-addicted" and "I'm chemically dependent" to "I'm a recovering person." She said that she is "always tempted to respond, 'you're a cross-addicted what?' 'You're a chemically dependent what?' And 'Whom or what are you recovering from?' " Her frustration mounts, she added "because I need to know that you're at the meeting for the same reason that I'm there - for ongoing recovery from the disease of alcoholism."

Rosemary further believes that the breakdown in the way we identify ourselves "puts a serious strain on our unity and singleness of purpose. When I say at an A.A. function that 'I'm a drug addict and an alcoholic' or 'I'm a cross-addicted alcoholic,' I am telling you that I'm a special kind of alky - my case of alcoholism is different from yours! I add an extra dimension to my disease - one that, because of our singleness of purpose, should not be addressed at an A.A. meeting. I have just cut our common bond in half and, more importantly, I have diluted my own purpose for being there."

In her area, Rosemary noted, "it was thought that after a person was around A.A. for a while, all other descriptive words would fall away and we would hear, 'I am an alcoholic.' But this has not happened. We see people sober in A.A. for two, three, four years and more-still clinging to the treatment jargon they were first taught. They have not made the transition."

What we need to do, Rosemary suggests, is to separate our issues and take them separately to the programs designed to address them: Narcotics Anonymous for drug addiction; Overeaters Anonymous for addiction for food, and so on. When participating in these various meetings, she feels, "we should identify ourselves accordingly."

It has been suggested, she said, "that we approach treatment facilities and, in the spirit of cooperation and concern for the newcomer, ask that they instruct their patients on how to separate their addictions rather than group them together under the label of 'addictive personalities' - using the catchall phrase we hear so often, that 'a drug is a drug.' "

The idea of seeking outside cooperation is all very well, Rosemary observed, "but I wonder if the real answer doesn't lie squarely within our own Fellowship. Isn't it the responsibility of each of us to keep our program intact, to pass it on to the newcomer as it was given to us? Importantly, can we do this with patient explanation, tolerance toward differences - and more patient explanation? I believe we can, through committed sponsorship, strong home groups and active service. That way our new members will learn how to be a part of A.A., not a fragment of it."

Most of us, Rosemary concluded, "have heard it said that if A.A. is ever destroyed, it will be destroyed from within. In my opinion, apathy, cloaked often in the guise of 'live and let live,' is one of our greatest enemies. But the destructive force is not those members who introduce themselves as 'cross addicted alcoholics' - it is the attitude of those members who sit back and say, 'So what!' "

Monday Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

Lorain (NS)

3rd. Matt

10th. John J.

17th Drew

24th. Mike J.

Grafton

Wed. Night

8:30 PM

Grafton Fire Station
1050 Novak Rd.

Grafton (S)

5th. BOBY K.

12th. JIM P.

19th. KATHY C.

26th. LISA E.

Mid-Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.

Elyria (NS)

1st. Renee S.

8th. Donna Mc.

15th MaryAnn S.

22nd. John J.

29th. Clyde Mc.

N. Ridgeville

Men's

Sun. 7:30 PM

First Merit Bank
35621 Center Ridge Rd.
N. Ridgeville (NS)

2nd. Bill F.

9th. Jay P.

16th. Edwin T.

23rd. Troy S.

30th. Jason T.

• *List Your •*
Group Anniversaries •

Leads •

Special Events

Make the LiveWire your
News Media

Easy Does It

April

Anniversaries

11th. JUDY S. 19 YEARS

19th. TERESA W. 16 YEARS

22nd. JOHN S. 11 YEARS

24th. PYRO LAYMAN C. 5 YEARS

April 11, 1938

Alcoholic
Foundation

Holds first
Meeting

WE NEED MEMBERS OF THE A.A. COMUNITY THAT HAVE AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS OF SOBRIETY AND ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE CENTRAL OFFICE ADVISORY BOARD TO SEND A LETTER EXPLAINING WHY THEY WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE AT 577 BROADWAY AVE, LORAIN, OHIO 44052. ADDRESSED TO THE ADVISORY BOARD. THANK YOU, YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE COMMITTEE.

February's Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Lisa Federer \$100.50. Just another way you can Help support the Central Office buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member.

The Lorain County Central Office has the NEW Schedules available. February 2006 hot off the press. There has been a lot of changes over the past few months. Please get them now for your Groups distribution. Thank You!!

NEW MEETINGS

Hope Women's Discussion (CW) Wed., 5:00 PM Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd. E., Lorain, (NS) Wheelchair Accessible

Thursday Sobriety (O) Thur., 8:00 PM 577 Broadway Ave., Lorain (S)

Clean & Sober Starting Wednesday, April 12, 2006 At: Arid Fellowship Time: 7:00 P.M. This will be a Discussion meeting except the last Wednesday of the month will be a lead meeting.

You are embarking on a phase that will produce a long-awaited breakthrough, but it will require a certain level of unselfishness. Be sensitive to the moving of My Spirit in your circumstances. And, be sure, make choices that are basically motivated by an attitude of generosity. Refuse to take advantage of another person or elevate yourself by putting someone else at a disadvantage.

What you resist persists.

Concepts 4: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Promise 4: We will know peace.

Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Unselfishness • Love

Teach Me. O God to rejoice in every opportunity to help another. I see so many who need a new life. Some I cannot reach. They seem to hear me, but not to listen in their hearts. Teach me to accept this kind of frustration, to realize that it is only possible to help those who are willing to be helped. And so lead me: that I may always be as ready and as kind as others have been to me.

Honesty • Purity

Don't Miss the April Grapevine

In the April issue of the magazine, you can read how a disruptive member forced a home group to grow in "It Hurts Us More Than It Hurts You." Also, an AA serves time to make amends in "Right to the Edge;" and a Vietnam vet discovers the importance of honesty in "Daria's Secret."

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of its members, *Someone Else*. *Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else had been with us for many years and did far more than one person's share of the work. Wherever there was a job to do, an activity to volunteer for, a committee meeting to attend, one name was on everybody's list: "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest contributors to AA. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else sometimes appeared superhuman, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much from Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. We can't depend on Someone Else anymore. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow -- but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?*

Anonymous

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**The 2nd. Annual
Pajama Meeting**

April 8th.

**Mid-Night Elyria
Group**

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.

Lead: Donna Mc.

- Door Prizes •
- Pizza & Cake •

**Arid Club
Meeting
Space
Available**

1741 N. Ridge Rd.
Sheffield

Township

Please Call:

Donna or Stan
440 233-4801



spend some time with Bill W

Hear Bill's lead and watch and listen as he takes you thru the

Twelve Traditions

saturday May 19, 2006
at Lorain Central Office

577 Broadway Ave. Lorain, Ohio

From 100 pm to 400 pm

Refreshments will be available

Survivors List:

Groups in need of **Support** to stay afloat please contact:
Lorain County Central Office.
Call 440 246-1800

St. Agnes Thur. Night (O)

Thur., 8:00 PM Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd., Sheffield Township (NS)

Elyria New Way of Life

Group (O) Wed., 8:00 PM Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Winkles & Board St., Elyria (NS)

The Key Big Book Disc. (CW)

Sun., 11PM 225 W. 6th St. (Bring Friend)

We Need You!!

Don't let them Close HELP SUPPORT the groups.

**HELP
NEEDED**

A.A. Men & Women to carry the message to other Alcoholics that are incarcerated in Jail or Prison in Lorain County:

Requirements:

1 yr. Sobriety
(if you would like to help)

Please Call:

Russ Walker
440 668-6650

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting: The Multi-District meeting is held at 11 AM on the **1st Sunday** of the month. This meeting is for the General Service Rep's. (G.S.R.) of each Group and the District Committee Member's (D.C.M.). If you want to learn more about service attend this meeting. **(May 7th., 2006)**

The Lorain Central Office Meeting is the **1st. Sunday** of the month at 12:30 PM. It is very **Important** that all the **Secretaries** of each **Group** attend this meeting. **We urge your Attendance** (Be Informed, Get Active) **(May 7th., 2006)**

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the **3rd. Thursday** of the month, at the **Central Office.** **(April 20th., 2006)**

Every A.A. Group should elect a **General Service Representative** (G.S.R.). If you are interested in what a G.S.R. is and the **Responsibility** of the office, **Please attend our Meeting Sunday** at the **Central Office 11 AM** on the **1st Sunday** of the month.

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Founders' Day Herald

2006

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."

71st Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 9, 10, 11 2006 • Akron, Ohio • Birthplace of A.A.

Get your tickets Early & Come Celebrate!!!

Founder's Day Committee

P.O. Box 12

Akron, Ohio 44309-0012

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click on Founder's Day (BLUE BUTTON ON LEFT)

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Coretta Farley.....	308-1714

District Committee

District #19a

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District #19b

DCM.Pam Krueck.....	984-3805
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District #20c

DCM.Donna Lawson.....	cell# 440 574-3464
Alt.Craig Warren.....	cell# 440 985-3403

District #20b

DCM.Judy Sexton.....	322-2619
Alt.Marilyn Oliver.....	284-9834

District #20a vacant

Help Needed

Board Of Directors

Co-Chairperson	Terri Poznako.....	225-6897
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Donna McCauley.....	288-3495
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Donna Lawson.....	574-3464
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*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Russ Walker or Jim Parks via: *email or leave the information at the Central Office before the **26th.** of each month.

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of **February 2006.**

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 650.00	1..... 406.85
2. All Service Telephone	115.13	2.....1,453.33
3. Columbia Gas	312.00	3..... 293.00
4. Ohio Edison	181.76	4..... 252.50
5. Century Telephone	120.38	5..... 508.74
6. House Manager's	1,385.39	6..... 497.76
7. PayCor Fee	59.66	
8. Janitorial Supplies	280.21	\$ 3,412.18
9. Zurich Liability Ins.	-500.00	
10. Live Wire Printing	35.00	
11. Alltel Pub.Yellow Pgs.	18.85	<u>Donations</u> \$ 3,412.18
12. Ohio Workers Comp.	30.69	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 2,689.07
	\$ 2,689.07	<u>Gain</u> \$ 723.11

Donations for the month of February 2006

Please include General Service # if you know it, and Phone # with your donations. Thank You!!

1. Friday Night Amherst	17. Wellington Wednesday
2. Saturday Night Security	18. Tuesday UAW Lorain
3. Friday St. Anthony's	19. Gould Auditorium St. Lad's
4. B & J Elliott New London	20. Thurs. Night Turning Point
5. Monday Happy Hour	21. Compass Group
6. Tuesday Lorain Central	22. LaPorte Tuesday Group
7. Carlyle Lunch Bunch	23. Tuesday Lorain Central
8. Lorain Wednesday	24. Sat. Night Serenity Hall
9. Vermillion Tues. Night	25. S.L.O.G.A.
10. Amherst Thursday	26. Avon Lake Wednesday
11. Thurs. Night Turning Point	27. Birmingham Dinner
12. Tuesday Elyria Women	28. La Grange Mon. Night
13. Anonymous	29. Amherst Sat. Night
14. In Memory of Larry Williams	30. Turning Point
15. Oberlin Mon. Women's Group	31. Lorain Monday
16. Tuesday Central	

Phone Line Report:

for the month of March, 2006

12 Step Calls....	28
Sponsorship.....	10
Al-A-Non.....	18
Meeting Info....	174
General Info.....	74

Total:.....304

Rents:

for the month of Feb., 2006

1. Sat. Morn. Disc. Unity	8. Tues. Central
2. Thurs. Morn. Disc.	9. Mid Week Morn. Disc.
3. S.O.S. Sun. Night	10. Turning Point
4. Sun. Consolidated	11. Fri. Morn. Survivors
5. Fri. Night Men's Disc.	12. Sat. Morn. Disc. Unity
6. Mon. Happy Hour	13. Tues. We Care
7. Tues. We Care	14. Fri. Night Men's Disc.

To Thine Own Self Be True

Any of the Groups that have Moved, or have become Inactive in the last year should contact the Central Office and Fill Out a Group Change Form. Or come to the Multi-District meeting at 11 AM (May 7th., 2006) or the Central Office meeting at 12:30 PM. that same day and we will help you fill out the Form.

Please Be responsible Members of Aloholic Anonymous;