

AA Unity LiveWire AA

577 Broadway Avenue Lorain, Ohio 44052

April

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

2007

Phone 440 246-1800

"Easy Does It"

aaloraincounty.org

"First Things First"

Why do I go to meetings?

A fellow alcoholic suggested, that perhaps, the old timers should deploy themselves around the table so that they would better come in contact with the new folks. I've done that. I've done a lot of things including fight against "beginners meeting" help at the same time at the "regular meeting". I can't tell you what always works or even what works best but I'll share this observation that was a long time coming to me.

New people come to AA trying to find out how to stay sober. Old timers (at least this old timer) come to AA to learn how to stay sober. That's it. I can easily get confused when I begin to believe that I have something you don't have. Sure, I have more time in the program (maybe) but I am as broken as the next guy and when I begin to suspect that I have more than you do and can "help" you by sharing my superior knowledge, I become insufferable.

I confess I don't go to AA meeting to get other people sober. They'll get sober when they decide to get sober and not a second before. Some never decide and they are to be pitied but I cannot save them.

I think new people are to be admired because they are walking through the most painful days of their lives but I can only show them that long term sobriety is possible. Why, when I walked into AA the first time and they handed out some thirty day chips I thought to myself, "They are lying! They have to be lying. Nobody can go thirty days without resorting to one or two drinks!" I kept coming to meeting and learned a lot.

I am convinced that alcoholics sometimes get the cart before the horse. I know I did. They talked about humility and I immediately began to think of things that would help me look humble. It took me years to learn that humility is a product of living differently. It comes as a result of something else. You can't go get a bucketful of it.

So I go to meetings for one reason, to learn how to stay sober. If the alcoholic beside me is in a bad place maybe I can share a story he can relate to. Maybe. If not, there'll be another day and another suffering alcoholic. There is no shortage of broken lives and broken dreams. We have to do the best we know how to do always keeping in mind that our first and most important obligation is to ourselves. We must stay sober and healthy or we will have nothing to give!

(Bob B. in Spokane, Washington)

The PRESCRIPTION:

We see so many people in meetings, and out on the streets, still stumbling around with the program, hurting, whining and crying, still all covered up with the Great 3 S's of our disease, Self-pity, Self-righteousness, and Self-Bullshit, and wondering why they can't get "IT" . . .

In every meeting the Prescription is read and heard and referred to, on the walls in posters. It is spelled out precisely in the Big Book on Pages 59 and 60.

Unwilling to disregard fear, and the 7 Deadly Sins mentioned in the 12x12 on page 48, you know, pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and SLOTH, people trouble themselves in vain to read the teachings. They see the prescription, but don't take the medicine --- How then can they do away with their illness?"

From the Big Book Page 72, Chapter 6, INTO ACTION . . .

"In actual practice, we usually find a solitary self-appraisal insufficient. Many of us thought it necessary to go much farther. We will be more reconciled to discussing ourselves with another person when we see good reasons why we should do so. The best reason first: If we skip this vital step, we may not overcome drinking. Time after time newcomers have tried to keep to themselves certain facts about their lives. Trying to avoid this humbling experience, they have turned to easier methods. Almost invariably they got drunk. Having persevered with the rest of the program, they wondered why they fell. We think the reason is that they never completed their housecleaning. They took inventory all right, but hung on to some of the worst items in stock. They only thought they had lost their egoism and fear; they only thought they had humbled themselves. But they had not learned enough of humility, fearlessness and HONESTY, in the sense we find it necessary, until they told someone else ALL of their life story.

As it was told to me, "Until someone in AA knows everything you know about yourself, you are nowhere."

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*I Can't,
But
God Can,
Let Him*

**Grafton
Wed. Night
8:30 PM**
Grafton Fire Station
1050 Novak Rd.
Grafton (S)
4th. Jaun O.
11th. Tommy O.
18th. Pat W.
25th Terry T.

**Fri. Night
Faith Group**
11:00 PM
1741 N Ridge Rd.
Sheffield(NS)
6th. Nikki T.
13th. Renee S.
20th. Brain L.
27th. Disc.

**Elyria Fri.
Night
8:00 PM**
Lake & Lowell St.
6th. Nikki L.
13th. Joe L.
20th. Deb.
27th. Cowboy

**Amherst Sat.
Group
8:00 PM**
Church of the Nazarene
210 Cooper-Foster Rd.
Amherst (NS)
7th. Don F.
14th. Irvin
21st. Tom N.
28th. Tad B.

**Mid-Night
Elyria Group**
Sat. 12:00 PM
St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
Elyria (NS)
7th. Renee S.
14th. Warren B.
21st. Jeff L.
28th. John K.

- *April Anniversaries* •
- 1st. Mary Kay 7yrs.*
- 1st. Renee Shinsky 2yrs.*
- 4th. Darrell Cloyd 8yrs.*
- 11th. Judy Sexton 2yrs.*
- 15th Bobbie Matear 7yrs.*
- 16th. Andy Bazar 7yrs.*
- 19th. Teresa Weaver 17yrs.*
- 22nd. John Scheutzow 12yrs.*
- 24th. Layman Christian 6yrs.*

*The 3rd. Annual
Pajama Meeting
April 7th.*

**Mid-Night Elyria
Group**
Sat. 12:00 PM
St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.

- Lead: Renee S.
- Door Prizes •
 - Pizza & Cake •
 - 50/50 Raffle •

*The Children's
Easter Party*
April 7th.

Arid Fellowship Center
1741 North Ridge Road
Sheffield Township
4:00PM til 6:00PM

Fun For ALL
• **FOOD** •
• **GAMES** •
• **PRIZES** •

For More Info:
440 233-4801



**Dance/Karaoke
Night!!!**

Arid Fellowship Center
1741 North Ridge Road
Sheffield Township
Sat. April 14th.

8PM until ?
Provided by:
HD Entertainment CO.
Come and Share
Fun & Fellowship
Cost: Couples \$8.00
Singles \$5.00

For More Info:
440 233-4801

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WHY???

Because, until the steps are done thoroughly, and the garbage resolved and eliminated, the old thought system still has a basis for return.

And they still wonder why they are not Getting "IT"
"Half-measures availed us nothing!!"

On Page 98 of the Big Book, "Burn the idea into the consciousness of every man [and woman] that he [she] can get well regardless of anyone. The only condition is that he [she] trust in God and clean house."

The Steps of the Program are the Mops and Brooms to Clean House. It isn't any secret, friends, it is all spelled out clearly. There are 12 things to do, and one to not do, no matter what.

If the steps are not done, and done thoroughly, then the individual must live with the consequences of that decision or lack of decision . . . Sorry about that, but that is the way it is, One Day At A Time.

S H A R E = Serenity, Humility, Acceptance, Respect, Enthusiasm.

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 6th., 2007)

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd. Thursday of the month, at the Central Office. (April 19th., 2007)

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 6th., 2007)

We NEED people to answer the phones at the Central Office on Friday, Saturday, Sunday if you have at least one year of sobriety please call the Central Office at 440-246-1800 to volunteer.

Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Sam H. \$101.00, Sold by Sam H.. Just another way you can Help support the Central Office. Buy a Ticket from any Advisory Board Member.

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.

A A = Achieve Anything.

Memorial Day Breakfast

Monday, May 28, 2005

Breakfast at 9:00AM Lead at 10:00AM

Speaker

**Charlie Pitts
German's Villa**

3330 Liberty Ave. (Rt.6) Vermilion, Ohio
Between Rt.60 & Baumhart Road

Donation \$9.00

For Tickets Call:

Troy Smith 365-9018

Tom Ortiz 315-8600

Russ Walker 668-6650

No Children Please

25th ANNUAL NEW LONDON CAMPOUT

In Memory of Morris C. and John O.

**When: Thurs. June 21st through
Sun. June 24th, 2007**

**Where: New London Recreation
Park, New London, Ohio
Grove Street (off State Rt. 60)**

- AA Leads and Meetings •
- Old Timers Panel
- 50/50 Raffles •

(All WeekEnd Fun & AA.)

Sat. 3:00 P.M. Pot Luck Dinner

- Bring your favorite dish •

Cost: \$12.00 per unit, per night

For More Info. Call:

- Bas and Judy E. 419-929-0054
- Mary O. 419-668-4122
- Pat M. 440-949-1079

Corrections Volunteer

Training Workshop

Saturday, May 5, 2007

From 1 to 4 PM

Serenity Social Club

4821 Turney Road

Garfield Heights

This workshop is designed to educate and train interested AA members for work in the prison and jails in the area. You may volunteer by taking meetings into prisons, writing letters to inmates upon their request, or helping out on the Committee.

**QUESTIONS? – Please call
Bill Stevens at (216) 387-0135**

A B C = Acceptance, Belief, Change.

Are you troubled today? Do you feel that life is closing in on you and there is no way to escape? Don't let your mind dwell on negative thoughts. Choose life! Believe in God's ability to overcome the troubles and give you a great and exciting today and tomorrow. God's message to you is, "I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

I am choosing life-God's life. Therefore, I have nothing to fear.

7th. Annual Area 54 Committee Workshop

April 15th.

2:00 PM

Are We Passing It On?

Potluck:

(Bring a Covered Dish To Share)

Where: 12 Step Recovery Club

I-480 Pearl Rd.(SR 42)

Brunswick, Ohio

Call for more info:

330 273-7216

Fredericksburg A.A.

55th Anniversary

Family Style Steak Dinner

Sat. April 28th.

7:00 P.M.

Where: Waynedale

High School

(2miles East of Apple Creek
on U.S.250)

Cost: \$12.00

Call Russ Walker for Tickets:

440 668-6650

HELP NEEDED

**A.A. Men & Women
to carry the message to
other Alcoholics that are
incarcerated in Lorain**

County:

Jails or Prisons

Requirements:

1 yr. Sobriety

(if you would like to help)

Please Call:

Russ Walker

440 668-6650

- List Your •
 - Group Anniversaries • Leads •
 - Special Events •
- Make the LiveWire your
News Media**

AA Thought for the Day: The Ladder

No one who drank as I did wakes up on the edge of the abyss one morning and says: I think I'd better stop drinking before I fall in. I was convinced I could go as far as I wanted, and then climb back out when It wasn't fun anymore. What happened was, I found myself at the bottom of the canyon thinking I'd never see the sun again. AA didn't pull me out of that hole. It did give me the tools to construct a ladder, with Twelve Steps.

(c. 2001 AAWS, Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 316)

Committee Chairs

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District Committee

District #19a (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton Meetings)

DCM.Russ Walker.....327-1308
 e mail russ8859@aol.com

District #19b (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion)

DCM. Craig Warren.....989-2786
 Alt. Edwin Tories.....989-0362

District #20a Vacant. (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)

DCM.Judy Sexton.....322-2619

District #20b (All Meetings at ARID Club)

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

District #20c (LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twsp., Pittsfield Twsp., Brighton Twsp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM.Donna Lawson.....574-3464

Board Of Directors

Chairperson Tom Ortiz.....315-8600
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*To submit information for the news letter please contact: **Russ Walker** or **Jim Parks** via: **Call**, ***email** or leave the information at the **Central Office** before the **25th.** of each month.

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of February, 2007.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 675.00	1..... \$ 70.00
2. Columbia Gas	\$ 459.00	2..... \$ 859.34
3. All Service Telephone	\$ 140.88	3..... \$ 245.19
4. Ohio Edison	\$ 191.26	4..... \$1,015.67
5. Century Telephone	\$ 98.93	5..... \$ 656.00
6. House Managers	\$1,301.24	
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 53.41	\$2,846.20
8. LiveWire Printing	\$ 38.00	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$2,846.20
9. Windstream Yellow Pages	\$ 18.57	<u>Expenses</u> \$3,126.29
10. Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation	\$ 50.00	<u>Loss</u> -\$280.09
11. Hamilton Plumbing	\$ 100.00	
	\$3,126.29	GOD = Good Orderly Direction

Donations for the month of Feb., 2007

When making Donations Please include General Service # and Phone # if you know it, if not look on the internet at aaloraincounty.org under A.A. Meetings, if your group is registered the General Service # will be listed. Thank You!!

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| 1. Blue Monday | 16. Oberlin Group |
| 2. Oberlin Women's Group | 17. As Bill Sees It |
| 3. Monday Night Lorain | 18. Friday Night Amherst |
| 4. Elyria Men's Stag | 19. Elyria Friday Night |
| 5. LaGrange Monday Night | 20. Wellington Friday Group |
| 6. We Care Tuesday Morn. | 21. Spanish American Group |
| 7. Elyria Women's Disc. | 22. Serenity Hall |
| 8. Amherst Who Me | 23. Amherst Saturday Group |
| 9. Oberlin Tuesday Noon Disc. | 24. Saturday 12 Step Disc. |
| 10. Vermilion Tuesday AM Disc. | 25. Lorain Consolidated Group |
| 11. Mid-Week Morning Disc. | 26. Elyria Sunday Night Group |
| 12. Great Fact Group Elyria | 27. Sunday Open Men's Disc. |
| 13. Grafton Wednesday Night | 28. Anonymous |
| 14. Elyria New Way of Life Group | 29. Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle |
| 15. Strength In Sobriety | |

Rents: for the month of Feb., 2007

- Blue Monday
- Monday Happy Hour
- We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.
- Tuesday Night Central
- Mid Week Morn. Disc.
- Strength In Sobriety
- Friday Morn. Survivor
- Friday Men's Disc.
- Unity Hall Disc.
- Lorain County Consolidated

Phone Line Report:

for the month of March, 2007

12 Step Calls.... 18
 Sponsorship..... 1
 Al-A-Non..... 10
 Meeting Info.... 125
 General Info..... 48
Total:..... 202

Let Go, Let God!!

Moved, NewTime and New Days:

Spanish Speaking A La Libertad has moved to Old Lincoln School 1600 E. 31st. Street, Tuesday and Friday Meetings at 6:30 PM

"With you this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Prayer for the Day: I pray that I may keep growing spiritually. I pray that I may make this my real life's