

# April

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# 2008

“First Things First”

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## ON COMMITMENT

Commitment, in terms of recovery, means restoring some of the basic principles many of us were taught as children, but we lost somewhere in our self-centeredness. As Trusted Servants of the General Service structure the principles that we must now practice include willingness, self sacrifice, honesty, consideration of others, thoughtfulness, love, tolerance and, most of all, basic etiquette.

- Do we show up when we say we will? Are we on time?
- Do we mark our A.A. commitments on the calendar and then work around them, or do we attend only if it doesn't interfere with our plans?
- Do we arrange for our alternate to attend events when we are unable?
- Do we keep our alternates well informed and involved?
- Do we attend as many service activities as possible in order to become better informed, or do we do the least possible required?
- Do we tend to our responsibilities cheerfully or portray them as a drag?
- Are we able to offer criticism lovingly and based on the application of our three legacies, or do we let personalities get in the way?

All of these things are important to being committed to service in A.A., but the bottom line is: are we giving back in proportion to what has been given to us? Gratitude is an action word. It is something we show, not just something we talk about. If we give only a tenth of what has been given to us, we shall all be shining examples of service and commitment in A.A.

## "He Builded Better Than He Knew June 1949"

THE scene was outside a funeral home. The policeman stationed there had seen many funerals. Big shots and little shots had gone to their rest from this place and, unless it was somebody special, the cop never paid too much attention.

This one was different somehow. A constant stream of people had come and gone. All kinds of people. Some arrived in big, shining cars, others in rattletraps. Still others came on foot, and not too well shod feet at that. The cop became curious enough to stop a likely looking man coming out. Jerking his thumb over his shoulder he asked, "Who was he? Some big politician?", "No.", "Rich guy?" "No.", "Somebody famous maybe? A writer or an actor, huh?"

No, none of these. It probably would have been useless to try to explain just who and what this man had been. It would have sounded melodramatic to say that this man, six years before, had been a drunken bum, a Bowery derelict. If he had died then there would have been no funeral, only a dismal burial in Potter's Field. There would have been no long lines of people to say "So long, pal!" to a well loved friend who would be missed. Six years ago if anyone had noticed at all it would have been to say, "Good ride!"

Even a friendly, sympathetic gendarme might find such a story hard to take. For in those 72 months this man had created no wealth in money, builded no temples, achieved no fame. But to A.A.s he proved many things, even in death. However grim the thought, each of us realizes that he too must pass on someday and we wonder what the final accounting will be. Here was a friend whose life's balance sheet was in. And we could read it.

He had made an ugly failure, a shambles, of nearly a half century of living. Yet in six short years he had redeemed fifty, twice over. These had been years of deep humility, of good humor, of decency, of contentment, and best of all, of usefulness to hundreds and hundreds who desperately needed the help he had to give. There had been a family--lost, and rewon--who at the end were grief stricken--but proud!

So to us, young and old, and for however many years may be left to each of us, comes one final proof--the ultimate lesson. Maybe a curious cop wouldn't understand. But we need ask and work for no finer epitaph than these simple words: "He was a good A.A.!"

(Grapevine June 1959 Vol. 16 No. 1)

**Mon. Night**

**Lorain**

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church  
5100 Ashland Ave.

7th. Bob S.

14th. Keith S.

21th. Pat C.

28th. Bobbi M.

**Fri. Night**

**Faith Group**

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

4th. Renee S.

11th. James J.

18th. 4th Step

25th. Beatrice

**Mid-Night**

**Elyria Group**

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.

5th. Londa A.

12th. Renee S.

19th. Jason T.

26th. Gary K.

**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.

**The Lorain Inter-Group 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, Be Active)

**Advisory Board Meeting:** The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month, at the Inter-Group Office.

If you want to learn what changes in Alcoholics Anonymous, will be discussed at the next General Service Conference in New York City at the end of April 2008. Come to the Mini Conference April 11-12-13, 2008, At the Holiday Inn, Westlake, to become a part of the process, by reviewing and voting on the Agenda Items. Please take advantage of the Conference, it being so close to home. See you there, register as soon as possible.

We have the honor this year to host the Area 54 picnic. Area 54 is all of Northeast, Ohio. We will need many volunteers to be on the Picnic committee, helping to cook, clean up, make signs, and donations of money from those Groups that can afford to donate. The Lead Speaker at the Picnic will be Judy S. from Elyria, Ohio. If you are willing to help, or wish to donate to help defray the costs; Please call Russ W. 440-327-1308, Judy S. 440-322-2619, or Mary Ann S. at 440-453-4115. We need the help of Lorain County A.A.'s. The Picnic Will be Sunday, June 22, 2008 from Noon to ? at the Day's Dam on East 31st. Street.

**Thought to Ponder . . .** The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

**Prayer for the Day:** I pray that I may learn how to rest and to listen, as well as how to work. I pray that I may know when to withdraw for renewal of strength.

**Thought For the Day:** This program is one of submission, release, and action. When we were irrational, we were submitting to a power greater than ourselves - our affliction. Our self-wills were no use against the power. One encounter and we were completely adrift. In our group we stop submitting to the power of our affliction. Instead we submit to a Higher Power, greater than ourselves. Have I submitted myself to that Higher Power?

**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.

**Spanish**

**American**

Fri. 8:30 PM

St. Ladislaus  
1412 29th St.

4th. Sandra

11th. Rick

18th. Doris

25th. Sober A.A.

**Lorain Consolidated**

Sun. 2:30 PM

577 Broadway

6th. Anita C.

13th. Irvin R.

20th. Kirstine

27th. Paulette L.

*But for  
the  
Grace  
of God*

**Celebrate!!**

**Founders' Day**

73rd. Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous  
June 6 • 7 • 8, 2008  
Akron, OH Birthplace of A.A.  
Cost: \$17.00

Registration packages are also available at the Lorain InterGroup Central Office and the Akron Internet [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org)

• April Anniversaries •

- 1st. Mary K. 8 yrs.
- 1st. Renee S. 3 yrs.
- 4th. Darrell C. 9 yrs.
- 5th. Ken H. 4 yrs.
- 9th. Steve R. 3 yrs.
- 11th. Judy S. 21 yrs.
- 15th. Bobbie M. 8 yrs.
- 16th. Andy B. 8 yrs.
- 19th. Teresa W. 18 yrs.
- 22nd. John S. 13 yrs.
- 24th. Layman C. 7 yrs.
- 29th. Ed D. 1 yr.
- 30th. Tim M. 29 yrs.

**HONESTY • PURITY  
UNSELFISHNESS • LOVE**

**NEW MEETINGS:**

**Big Book Open Disc.** (O) Wed., 7:00 PM International Plaza Kitchen, 1825 Homewood Dr., Lorain. For More Info Call Bruce 310-1903

**Never Too Young** (O) Sat., 6:30 PM Inter-Group Office, 577 Broadway Ave., Lorain. It is in fact a place for young people to go when they need a solid support group of their peers. Thank you, and God Bless. Chairman of LCYPAA For More Info. Call John Flores 308-5421

**Sisters of Sobriety** (CW) 12 Step Disc., Wed., 7:30 PM First Merit Bank, 35621 Center Ridge Rd., N. Ridgeville.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Ken M., Sold by Darrell C. Just another way you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a **TICKET** from any Advisory Board Member.

**Area 54 Northeast Ohio  
Is Hosting  
The Ohio State and East Central  
Regional Conventions.  
July 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
At the Holiday Inn Westlake  
We need the support of the  
Home Groups to host the  
Hospitality Room during the  
Convention. We are asking  
that your Group volunteer to  
be  
responsible for a Time slot of  
Your choice during the  
Convention.  
For more Information:  
Please contact:  
Calvin L. (216-334-4594)**

**Benefit Fund Riser  
Dinner Dance  
For IRENE WILBERT  
Elyria YWCA  
Holly Hall  
318 West Ave.  
Sat. April 12th.  
Dinner: 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Chicken or Stuff Cabbage  
Cost: \$5.00  
Dance Cost: \$3.00 per person  
\$5.00 Couples  
Door Prizes • Desert Action  
(Bake Goods Appreciated)  
Raffles: 50/50 • Leather Coat  
• Lap Quilt  
Contact: Marilyn 310-0443**

**The 4th. Annual  
Pajama Meeting  
April 5th.  
Mid-Night Elyria  
Group  
Sat. Mid Night  
St Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.  
Lead: Londa A.  
• Door Prizes •  
• Food & Cake •  
• 50/50 Raffle •**

**33rd ANNUAL  
AREA 54 NORTHEAST OHIO  
GENERAL SERVICE  
MINI-CONFERENCE  
April 11-13, 2008  
"Communication and Participation  
The Key to Unity and Self-Support"  
(All AA members are encouraged  
to attend this conference)  
Holiday Inn Westlake  
\$72 per night  
(Plus State & Local Tax)  
reserve by March 11, 2008  
Phone:(440)871-6000 (800)426-0122  
Make reference to:  
**Northeast Ohio  
Mini-Conference**  
Free parking for hotel guests and local  
participants.**

**Let Go,  
Let God!!**

**A. A. CORRECTIONS  
VOLUNTEER  
TRAINING WORKSHOP  
Saturday May 3, 2008  
10 AM - NOON  
A.A. Central Office  
Basement of Reserve Square  
Superior and Chester at East 12th  
Learn how to take meetings  
into Jails/Prisons in  
Northeast Ohio,**

**Volunteer for A.A. Meetings,  
Write to inmates or even  
Help on the committee  
Contacts:  
Tom Merriman 216 741 7804  
or Molly Schaeffer 216 224 6219  
for questions and/or registration**

**Compass House  
Alumni & Friends  
Breakfast  
Last Saturday  
of the month.  
St. Ladislaus  
1412 29th St. &  
Wood Ave.  
Breakfast @ 9:00 am  
Lead @ 10:00 am  
Cost Only \$4.00  
• FOOD •  
• FUN •  
• FELLOWSHIP •  
• FUN •**

**Area 54 Picnic  
June 22nd. 2008  
Noon till ?  
Day's Dam  
2729 East 31st. Street  
Lorain, Ohio 44055  
Please bring Covered  
Dish To Share  
(Lawn Chair to sit on)  
Lead: 3:00 PM  
Judy Sexton  
D.C.M. Dist. 20A, Elyria  
For More Info Please call  
Russ W. 440-327-1308  
Judy S. 440-322-2619  
Mary Ann S. 440-453-4115  
Need Help!!!!**

**Survivors List:**  
Groups in need of  
**Support** to stay afloat Please  
Attend, Contribute,  
Be Active, Help Chair,  
Be a Secretary,  
Be Responsible  
**Women's Big Book Study**  
Sat. 11:00 AM  
**Sat. Young Person's Gp.**  
Sat. 2:00 PM  
**Elyria St. Mary's**  
Sun. 8:00 PM  
**Tues. Lunch Break**  
Tues. 12:00 Noon  
**Friday Night Faith**  
Fri. 11:00 PM  
Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd.,  
Sheffield Township  
**St Agnes Thurs. Group**  
Thurs. 8:00 PM  
St. John's Luthern Church  
W. River Road  
We Need Your Help!!  
Don't let them Close  
**HELP SUPPORT  
THE GROUPS.**

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**Need A. A. Volunteers to Speak, Lead and or Assist at the Lake Point Nursing Home on  
Monday's 7 PM. Contact Coretta Farley. 308-1714**

**\*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Jim Parks 440 385-5687 or  
Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280 via: Call, \*email or leave the information at the Inter-  
Group Office before the 25th. of each month.**

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**Memorial Day  
Breakfast  
Monday, May 26, 2008  
Breakfast at 9:00AM Lead at 10:00AM  
Speaker  
George Schmidt  
German's Villa  
3330 Liberty Ave.(Rt.6) Vermilion, Ohio  
Between Rt.60 & Baumhart Road  
Donation \$9.00  
No Children Please  
For Tickets Contact:  
Any Advisory Board Member**

**Service  
Through  
Action**



## Committee Chairs

### Unity LiveWire Committee

Jim P. ....440 385-5687

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### Internet Committee (aaloraincounty.org)

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e mail webmaster@aaloraincounty.org

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### Archives Committee

Mary Ann Schulz.....440 453-4115

### Young Peoples Committee

John Flores.....440 308-5421

### Treatment Facilities Committee

Edwin Torres.....440 989-0362

### Picnic Committee

Sue Prosser.....440 309-0491

### Finance Committee

Mark Potter.....440 452-5946

### Pig Roast Committee

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

### Special Needs Committee

Maggie Middleton.....440 775-1274

### Memorial Day Breakfast Committee

Terry Poznako.....440 225-6897

### Grapevine Committee

Sarah Lamb.....440 787-7520

### District Committee

District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield,

Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton

DCM. MaryAnn S. ....440 453-4115

e mail maschulz@oh.rr.com

District 19B (Lorain City Meetings and some in  
Vermilion )

District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)

DCM. Judy S. ....440 322-2619

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM. Kevin Snodgrass .....440 241-7166

District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp.,

Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton,

Oberlin, Camden Twsp., Pittsfield Twsp.,

BrightonTwsp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM.Donna L. ....440 574-3464

### Rents: Month of Feb., 2008

1. Blue Monday
2. Friday Night Unity Men's
3. Lorain Consolidated
4. Mid-Week Morning Disc.
5. Monday Happy Hour
6. P.T.O.Y.
7. Tuesday Night Central
8. Unity Hall Discussion
9. We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.

### Phone Line Report:

#### Month of March., 2008

12 Step Calls.....	18
Sponsorship.....	4
Al-A-Non.....	6
Meeting Info.....	350
General Info.....	144
<b>Total!.....</b>	<b>522</b>

## Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of February, 2008.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 700.00	1..... \$ 173.10
2. Columbia Gas- Monthly Budget	\$ 253.00	2..... \$ 1,873.29
3. Columbia Gas-Deposit	\$ 562.00	3..... \$ 316.85
4. All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 140.88	4..... \$ 590.77
5. Ohio Edison	\$ 242.44	5..... \$ 1,130.02
6. Century Telephone	\$ 118.92	
7. House Managers	\$1,235.89	<b>\$ 4,084.03</b>
8. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 96.10	<u>Donations/Rent</u>
9. Live Wire Printing	\$ 64.00	\$ 4,084.03
10. Insight Yellow Pages	\$ 18.86	<u>Expenses</u>
11. ABCO Fire Protection	\$ 46.00	\$ 3,738.41
12. Ohio BWC ( Worker's Compensation)	\$ 30.57	<u>Gain Feb. 2008</u>
13. Stamps & Mousetraps	\$ 9.75	\$ 345.62
14. Fauver Keyse- Walker & Donovan	\$ 220.00	
	<b>\$3,738.41</b>	

When making Donations to the Lorain Inter-Group, Area 54, Multi-District, or the General Service Office in New York. PLEASE put your Groups General Service number on the Donation. You can find your Groups General Service number in the meeting schedule or on the internet at [aaloraincounty.org](http://aaloraincounty.org) under A.A. Meetings. Please put your Area & District numbers on the donation, it also helps to identify your Group. If you don't have a General Service number under your Groups information in the meeting schedule you can contact your District Committee person listed in the LiveWire to help you get registered.

### Donations for the month of February, 2008

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. 50/50 Raffle                    | 16. Lorain Monday                      |
| 2. Compass House                   | 17. Memorial Contribution              |
| 3. Friday Night Amherst            | 18. Mid-Week Morning Discussion        |
| 4. Oberlin Breakfast Group         | 19. North Ridgeville Men's             |
| 5. Saturday Night Security         | 20. Oberlin Group                      |
| 6. Spanish American                | 21. S.I.O.G.A.                         |
| 7. Amherst Saturday Group          | 22. Serenity Hall                      |
| 8. Anonymous                       | 23. Sheffield Civic Center             |
| 9. Blue Monday                     | 24. Stepping Into Sobriety             |
| 10. Carlisle Lunch Bunch           | 25. Tuesday LaPorte                    |
| 11. Dennis Pullen Memorial         | 26. Tuesday Night Central              |
| 12. Elyria Men's Stag              | 27. Unity Hall Discussion              |
| 13. Elyria Monday Night Discussion | 28. Vermilion Thursday Discussion      |
| 14. Grafton Wednesday Night        | 29. We Care Tuesday Morning Discussion |
| 15. LaGrange Monday Night          | 30. Who Me                             |

We need volunteers from our Lorain County A.A. Community to help on all the various Committees listed, if anyone is interested please contact one or more of the chairperson and **VOLUNTEER!!!!**

*"The Elevator to Sobriety is Broken, You'll Have to use the Steps." (Carlos V.)*

### Board Of Directors

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	Sam Hensley.....288-4942
	Tom Niemiec.....258-7286

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