

# April

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“First Things First”

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## Are you glad you're an alcoholic?

The question is answered both "yes" and "no" in A.A. Some members are glad they can't drink socially, others regret it. Two letters answering the question in the affirmative happened to come to The A.A. Grapevine recently and are published below. The same columns are wide open to anyone who wishes to present the other side!

### A CHANCE TO HELP

From Portland, Oregon

Yes, I am glad I became an alcoholic, and here is my reason for saying that. I would have gone through life as a social drinker or an occasional drinker who often drank to excess, saying and doing many wrong things at the right time. And by my unnatural actions while under the influence of alcohol, I would have hurt feelings or perhaps actually harmed my loved ones and friends. Had I not become an alcoholic, I would have been a very miserable man without peace of mind, and I would have had a constant dread of what might happen next.

Don't misunderstand me. I did all of the aforementioned things and many far worse things over a period of drinking years in my development of the alcoholic pattern of life. And I went far down that road of life (and I mean skid road) before I would admit I was completely whipped. I came to the place of realization we all must reach if we are alcoholics before Alcoholics Anonymous can help us to find and help ourselves.

After we begin to find ourselves and learn how to help ourselves through acceptance and willingness to apply our lives to the very best of our ability to this 12 Step program of Alcoholics Anonymous, we have a desire to straighten out our confused lives as much as possible. We also have a desire to help the other fellow find and help himself. Therefore, we make many amends for the wrongs we have done, and when we realize that we are overcoming some of our shortcomings, we are more capable of helping others to avoid making the same mistakes we made.

How? By applying ourselves to the 12 Steps and not in applying the 12 Steps to ourselves. Let us keep that always in mind. And always be careful not to get the cart before the horse. Here is what Robert O. Ballou has to say:

"Do not push forward a wagon--you will only raise dust about yourself. Do not think of all your anxieties--you will only make yourself ill."

Just how many times we have done what this man has said not to do isn't really important, but the fact is that we did become very ill in the process of developing into alcoholics. As beginners, we may say, "Ah, I don't believe that." Well, whether we believe it or not doesn't alter the fact that it is very true. All alcoholics are very sick people who have contracted a two-fold sickness from drinking to excess over a long period of time--an obsession of the mind coupled with an allergy of the body. Yes, an incurable disease, but it can be arrested through the proper application of this wonderful prescription--the 12 Step program of Alcoholics Anonymous--just as sugar diabetes can be arrested by proper diet and prescribed injections of insulin--or tuberculosis by proper treatment and rest.--C. T.

### LIFE IS FULLER

From Fresno, Calif.

I'm glad I became an alcoholic!

To many people that statement sounds fantastic, but to me it's the honest truth. Life has dealt a far from pleasant hand to us alcoholics, one which brings disgrace, sickness, insanity and many times even death. But an alcoholic who has found a new way of life through A.A. is far richer than those poor mortals who have seen only one side of the picture. It's like being deprived of something you wanted desperately all your life, and then, all of a sudden, having it handed to you on a silver platter. People who have always had that silver platter seldom know its worth, but we alcoholics know.

Life offers little that we take for granted now. After having lived in the depths of despair, full of disgust, hate and fear, we appreciate and hang on with all our strength, to every moment of happiness. We revel in the fact that each day is new, is beautiful, and given to us to do with as we see fit. To live better, to learn more, and to help others. Life is very small, meaningless and unhappy, if we live it in a shell, never giving of ourselves. Through A.A. we learn the power of unselfish giving, and helpfulness, the outcome of which is fulfillment, satisfaction, and ultimate happiness. We have worked hard for our sobriety, but the fulfillment of success is a never ending reward. Life is fuller, its meaning greater, and its beauties more vivid.

To say I am glad only because I have learned a new way of living, is untrue. I am glad because of the people I have met. They are so honest and sincere. They are people who work hard at making life worthwhile, people you can depend upon when you need help. Going through the agony of alcoholism and overcoming it seems to soften a person's heart, open his mind, and give to him an infinite understanding. People who live in a world where nothing drastic happens, and living is comparatively unconfused, miss the complexities in life that we alcoholics experience, and through which we gain a fuller value of life. Perhaps these people think we're unlucky creatures of fate, but to me we're the luckiest of them all, and I'm glad I'm an alcoholic.--Betty F.

April

Honesty

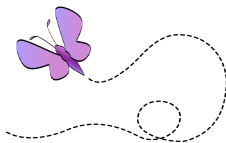
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**Sheffield Lake  
Monday Night**

**8:00 PM**

United Church of  
Christ  
603 Sunset Ave.  
4th Mark H.  
11th Joe C.  
18th Tony R.  
25th Ed F.

*I Can't  
God Can  
Let Him*



**Friday Nite  
Haven**

**7:00 PM**

Haven Center  
1536 E. 30th St., Lorain  
1st Barbara S. (BA)  
8th Arlen (AJ)  
15th Rick S.  
22nd Greg R.  
29th James P.  
(Toad)

**Midnight  
Elyria Group**

**12:00 AM**

St. Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.  
2nd Renee S.  
9th Sandy W.  
16th Cris J.  
23rd Jenn I.  
30th Kim S.

*Trust God.  
Clean house.  
Help others.*

**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.

**Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle**

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle: Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET . Be A Winner.

**Cancelled meeting:** Friday Night Free For All at 7:30 at the ARID club has been cancelled due to lack of support.

**Monday Night**

**Lorain**

**7:30 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church  
5100 Ashland Ave.  
4th Felix S.  
11th Antonio F.  
18th Pat C  
25th Trinidad M.

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**Fri. Night  
Faith Group**

**11:00 PM**

1741 N Ridge Rd.  
Sheffield Village  
1st 1-Topic Disc.  
8th Larry H.  
15th Renee S.  
22nd Judy S.  
29th Donna Mc.

**Friday Night  
Sobriety Group**

**8:00 PM**

First Merit Bank  
106 Center St.,  
Lagrange  
1st Steve S.  
8th Rodger D.  
15th Bryan H.  
22nd Sober  
Alcoholic  
29th Debbie E.

**Elyria Friday  
Night**

**8:00 PM**

Lake Ave. & Lowell St.,  
1st Lois K.  
8th Paulette  
15th Michael R.  
22nd Bobbi M.  
29th Penny B.



**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.

**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.

**NEW WOMENS MEETING**

**Avon Trinity's Healing Women** - Held at Holy Trinity Church in Avon.(Lear and Detroit). Meeting Room is behind the church in the Modular Bldg (looks like a trailer). First meeting Saturday 3-26-2011 from 8:00 - 9:00am. We will be reading from the Womens meditation book Each day a new beginning.

\*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Vicki T. 440 225-1314, Jim Parks 440 385-5687, Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280, Opal A. 440 670-6619, Donna L. 440 574-3464, Amy D. 440 714-7444, via: Call, email or leave the information at the Inter-Group Office before the 25th. of each month.

89 dinners were enjoyed by all who supported the Steak Fry- Thanks to ALL who came out for a great steak and helped raise the funds to put on the FREE picnic coming June 26<sup>th</sup>. The 50/50 was won by Cheryl W. \$312.00. A very special thank you goes out from me- Art- to my wife, Janie and to all the Harbourtown Breakfast home group members that gave a full day to pull this off. Without your support and efforts things would not have been as enjoyable and run as smooth as it did!!! We look forward to a wonderful time at the picnic. Look for the 2nd picnic 50/50 tickets after the Memorial Day Breakfast."

**The Key Alumni is looking for members!**

The only requirement is to be a past graduate with continuous sobriety. If you are interested call Stephanie G. @ 440-752-2614 All volunteers are welcome.

For information on Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous or Al-Anon meetings, please contact the Intergroup office at 440-246-1800.

**29th ANNUAL  
NEW LONDON  
CAMPOUT**  
Thursday June 23rd  
through  
Sunday June 26th , 2010  
New London Recreation  
Park,  
New London, Ohio  
Grove Street  
(off State Rt. 60)  
For more information  
call:  
Bas and Judy Elliott  
419-929-0054  
Mary Ott 419-668-4122  
Pat Morgan 440-225-0125  
Larry Nagy 440-371-4751

- **April Anniversary** •
- 1st Barbara S. 1 yr.
- 1st Mary K. 11 yrs.
- 1st Renee S. 6 yrs.
- 1st Renee B. 21 yrs.
- 4th Darrell C. 12 yrs.
- 5th Earl W. 22 yrs.
- 7th Antonio F. 3 yrs.
- 9th Steve R. 6 yrs.
- 11th Judy S. 24 yrs.
- 13th Desarae O. 1 yr.
- 15th Bobbi M. 11 yrs.
- 17th Trinidad M. 3 yrs.
- 19th Pat C. 15 yrs.
- 21st Glenn D. 12 yrs.
- 24th Patti R. 3 yrs.
- 27th Joe C. 17 yrs.

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### Phone Line Report:

Month of March 2011

12 Step Calls.....	4
Sponsorship.....	5
Al-A-Non.....	4
Meeting Info.....	101
General Info.....	59
Phone Service.....	52

Total:..... 225

**7th Annual  
Pajama Meeting**  
Sat. April 9  
**Elyria Midnight Group**  
St. Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.  
**Speaker: Sandy W.**  
\*Fun\*Food\*Fellowship  
\*Free Door Prize for All\*  
\*Chinese Raffle\*  
\*50/50 Raffle\*  
Call Bobbi M. 537-4280

**ARID Club  
Easter Party**  
Saturday, April 23  
4:30-7:00 pm  
Easter Bunny \* Face Painting \*  
Games \* Everyone gets a prize  
Lots of Fun  
Children up to 12 years old  
**Must Preregister**  
Call  
Sandy W. 610-7777  
Bobbi M. 537-4280  
**Bring your own camera**  
**Big 50/50** available 4/1-4/23  
Drawing at 5:30 on 4/23 to help  
with cost of pizza

**Children's National Mental Health  
Day**  
Sponsored by LCADA  
May 3rd, 2011  
5-8 pm  
3200 Clinton Ave.  
Lorain, Ohio 44055

**Memorial Day  
Breakfast**  
Monday, May 29, 2011  
Breakfast at 9:00AM Lead at  
10:00AM  
  
*Speaker*  
**Don McMullen**  
  
*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  
Or call Intergroup Office at 246-  
1800

## TRUST GOD

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 9th**  
**1:00p.m. TO 3:00p.m.**  
**INTERGROUP OFFICE**  
**710 BROADWAY**

**GET ACTIVE-GET BUSY-GET IN SERVICES**  
**COFFEE-SNACKS-FELLOWSHIP**

*Notice to All*  
The Lorain Intergroup Office is actively seeking new Advisory Board Members., especially from Vermilion, Lorain, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Wellington, Grafton or North Ridgeville areas of the county. Requirements are 3 years of continued sobriety, availability on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and 1st Sunday of the month for meetings, and a commitment to service. If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to any board member or contact the InterGroup Office.

## Survivors List:

*Groups in need of  
Support to stay afloat . Please  
Attend, Contribute,  
Be Active, Help Chair,  
Be a Secretary,  
Be Responsible*

**Tuesday Night Haven**  
7:00 p.m.  
**Friday Nite Haven**  
7:00 p.m.  
Haven Center  
1536 E. 30th St., Lorain  
**Sat. Young Person's  
Group**  
Sat. 2:00 PM  
**Monday Big Book  
Discussion**  
7:30 PM

**Friday Night Faith Group**  
11:00 PM  
Arid Club  
1741 N.Ridge Rd.  
**Midnight Elyria Group**  
12:00 AM  
St. Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.  
**Great Fact Group**  
Wed. 12:00 pm  
Pilgrim United Church of  
Christ  
523 E. Broad St. & Winckles  
St., Elyria

**Sunday Living Life**  
5:30 PM  
1730 Broadway JFK  
Back Entrance  
**Turning Point**  
Thursday 6:00 PM  
Elyria Baptist Church  
276 Washington Ave.  
**Mon. Night Rainbow  
Group**  
7:30 PM

1st Lutheran Church  
6th & Washington

**We Need Your Help!!**  
Don't let them Close  
**HELP SUPPORT**  
THE GROUPS.

**ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community - help needed on various Committees! If interested, please contact one of the Advisory Board Members and VOLUNTEER!!!! Help Make A Difference!!!**

**Committee Chairs**

**Unity LiveWire Committee**

Vicki Tomlinson..... 440 225-1314  
 \*e mail vickitom@oh.rr.com  
 Jim Parks.....440 385-5687  
 \*e mail jbparks2542@yahoo.com

**Internet Committee (aaloraincounty.org)**

Mike.....440 670-9910  
 e mail webmaster@aaloraincounty.org

**Correctional Committee**

Alan Revercomb .....440 541-2473

**Archives Committee**

Linda S. ....440 245-2928

**Public Information Committee**

Opal A.....440 670-6619

**Picnic Committee**

Art C.....440 773-9474

**Treatment Facilities Committee**

Patti Rodgers ..... 440-284-6677

**Pig Roast Committee**

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

**Memorial Day Breakfast Committee**

Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

**Grapevine Committee**

Linda S. ....440 245-2928  
 Coretta Farley .....440 308-1714

**District Committee**

**District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton**

DCM Ellen Winson. ....440 327-8812  
 Alt DCM Bob P. ....216-224-7657

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

DCM. Linda S.....440-245-2928  
 Alt. DCM Opal A. ....440-670-6619

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

DCM Patty McMullen.....440 365-3778  
 Alt. DCM. Judy Sexton. ....440 322-2619

**District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)**

DCM. ....NEED VOLUNTEER

**District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm**

Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Tnsp., Pittsfield Tnsp., Brighton Tnsp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM. Patti Rodgers .....440-284-6677  
 Alt DCM Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

**Financial Report**

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the Month of February , 2011.

**Rents:**

**Month of Feb. , 2011**

1. Lorain Consolidated
2. Spanish American
3. Strength In Sobriety
4. Unity Hall Discussion
5. We Care Tuesday

**Expenses**

1.Rent	\$650.00
2.Columbia Gas	\$193.00
3. All Service Telecommunications	\$154.97
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$211.72
5. Time Warner	\$92.72
6. House Managers	\$1,408.64
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$67.59
8.Live Wire Printing	\$69.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$20.05
10.Janitor supplies-4 Cases Paper Towels; 1 1/4 Cases Toilet Paper	\$162.00
11. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation	\$208.32

**Month of Feb. 2011**

Donations/Rents	\$2,435.60
Coca Cola Sales	\$0.00
Interest on Savings	<u>\$0.56</u>
Account	
Total Income	<u>\$2,436.16</u>
Expenses	\$3,238.01

**Donations/Rents**

**By Week**

1.....	\$88.69
2.....	\$1,038.75
3.....	\$560.13
4.....	\$542.28
5.....	<u>\$205.75</u>

**Total Loss February, 2011 (\$801.85)**

**\$2,435.60**

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**

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. A La Libertad-Spanish Groups    | 15. Grafton Wednesday Night           |
| 2. Amherst "Who Me"                | 16. Industrial Group                  |
| 3. Amherst Saturday Night          | 17. LaPorte Tuesday Group             |
| 4. Blue Monday                     | 18. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle   |
| 5. Compass Group                   | 19. Mid-Week Morning Discussion       |
| 6. Early Morning Discussion        | 20. Monday Night Lorain               |
| 7. Elyria Friday Night             | 21. Oberlin Breakfast Group           |
| 8. Elyria Men's Stag               | 22. Oberlin Group                     |
| 9. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion | 23. Serenity Hall                     |
| 10. Elyria Sunday Night Group      | 24. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 11. Elyria Women's Discussion      | 25. St. Mary's Sunday Night Sobriety  |
| 12. Friday Morning Survivor        | 26. Stepping Into Sobriety            |
| 13. Friday Night Amherst           | 27. Thursday Morning Big Book Study   |
| 14. Friday Night Sobriety          | 28. Tuesday Morning Discussion        |

**I didn't learn humility with my head.  
 I learned humility with my heart.**

**Board Of Directors**

Chairperson	Ken Cain..... 322-2496
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	Tom Niemiec.....258-7286
	Keith Shagie.....258-1159

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Tom Ortiz.....315-8600
Nikki Lustek.....409-2136
Vicki Tomlinson.....225-1314
Rich Yowler.....477-1019