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UNITY LIVEWIRE

2017

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Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Programs

Not all of us come to our first NA meeting drug free. Some of us were uncertain about whether recovery was possible for us and initially came to meetings while still using.

Others came to their first meetings on drug replacement programs such as methadone and found it frightening to consider becoming abstinent.

One of the first things we heard was that NA is a program of complete abstinence and "The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop using." Some of us, upon hearing these statements, may have felt that we were not welcome at NA meetings until we were clean. But NA members reassured us that this was not the case and we were encouraged to "keep coming back." We were told that through listening to the experience, strength, and hope of other recovering addicts that we too could find freedom from active addiction if we did what they did.

Many of our members, however, have expressed concern about individuals on drug replacement programs. Questions come up regarding such individuals' membership status, ability to share at meetings, lead meetings, or become trusted servants on any level. "Are these members clean?" they ask. "Can one really be a 'member' and still be using?"

Perhaps by answering the most important question first—the issue of membership—we can establish a context by which to approach this issue. Tradition Three says that the only requirement for NA membership is a desire to stop using. There are no exceptions to this. Desire itself establishes membership; nothing else matters, not even abstinence. It is up to the individual, no one else, to determine membership. Therefore, someone who is using and who has a desire to stop using, can be a member of NA.

Members on drug replacement programs such as methadone are encouraged to attend NA meetings. But, this raises the question: "Does NA have the right to limit members participation in meetings?" We believe so. While some groups choose to allow such members to share, it is also a common practice for NA groups to encourage these members (or any other addict who is still using), to participate only by listening and by talking with members after the meeting or during the break.

This is not meant to alienate or embarrass; this is meant only to preserve an atmosphere of recovery in our meetings.

Our Fifth Tradition defines our groups' purpose: to carry the message that any addict can stop using and find a new way to live. We carry that message at our recovery meetings, where those who have some experience with NA recovery can share about it, and those who need to hear about NA recovery can listen. When an individual under the influence of a drug attempts to speak on recovery in Narcotics Anonymous, it is our experience that a mixed, or confused message may be given to a newcomer (or any member, for that matter) For this reason, many groups believe it is inappropriate for these members to share at meetings of Narcotics Anonymous.

It may be argued that a group's autonomy, as described in our Fourth Tradition, allows them to decide who may share at their meetings. However, while this is true, we believe that group autonomy does not justify allowing someone who is using to lead a meeting, be a speaker, or serve as a trusted servant. Group autonomy stands only until it affects other groups or NA as a whole. We believe it affects other groups and NA as a whole when we allow members who are not clean to be a speaker, chair a meeting, or be a trusted servant for NA.

Many groups have developed guidelines to ensure that an atmosphere of recovery is maintained in their meetings. The following points are usually included:

- Suggesting that those who have used any drug within the last twenty-four hours refrain from sharing, but encouraging them to get together with members during the break or after the meeting.
- Abiding by our fellowship's suggested clean time requirements for service positions.
- Seeking meeting leaders, chairpersons, or speakers who help further our primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

We make a distinction between drugs used by drug replacement programs and other prescribed drugs because such drugs are prescribed specifically as addiction treatment. Our program approaches recovery from addiction through abstinence, cautioning against the substitution of one drug for another. That's our program; it's what we offer the addict who still suffers. However, we have absolutely no opinion on methadone maintenance or any other program aimed at treating addiction. Our only purpose in addressing drug replacement and its use by our members is to define abstinence for ourselves.

Our fellowship must be mindful of what kind of message we are carrying if a still-using addict leads a meeting, or becomes a trusted servant. We believe that under these circumstances we would not be carrying the Narcotics Anonymous message of recovery. Permissiveness in this area is not consistent with our traditions. We believe our position on this issue reinforces our recovery, protects our meetings, and supports addicts in striving for total abstinence.

Note: This bulletin addresses the use of methadone maintenance as a drug replacement strategy. It is not addressing the medicinal use of methadone as a pain killer. We encourage those who have concerns about the use of methadone in pain management to refer to Narcotics Anonymous pamphlet, In Times of Illness.

If NA considers there unfortunates to not be clean why would we in AA

Where to Send Contributions:

50% Lorain Inter-Group Office

710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052

Make checks payable to Lorain Inter-Group

15% NE Ohio General Service, Area 54

P.O. Box 91384

Cleveland, OH 44101-3384

25% The General Service Office

Post Office Box 459, Central Station, New York, NY 10163-0459

Make checks payable to General Service Office

10% To Your Local District: Lorain County Multi-District

ATTN: Joyce L Treasurer-(440)315-1183

710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052

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<p><u>TUESDAY NIGHT</u> HAVEN 1536 E. 30TH LORAIN, OH 7:00 4/4 Renee S 12 yr anni 4/11 Jenny O 23 yr anni 4/18 Dave R 4/25 Larry S</p>	<p><u>MIDNIGHT ELYRIA</u> St .Mary Church 4th & Middle Ave. ELYRIA, OH Sat. 12:00 4/1 open podium 4/8 Ross 4/15 Bobbi M 17 yr anni 4/22 Judy S 30 yr anni 4/29 Charlie nacho night</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY NIGHT</u> HAVEN 1536 E. 30th LORAIN, OH 7:00 4/7 Renso L 4/14 Tim M 38yr anni 4/21 Trini M 9 ys anni 4/28 Joe C</p>	<p>This space available for your Meeting!</p>	<p>Area 54 meets every 3rd. Sunday @ 2:00 pm Area Assembly, Committee Reports 12 Step Recovery Club, 1480 Pearl Rd., (In Brunswick Plaza) Brunswick, OH 44212 U.S RT 42, 1/4 Mile South of State RT 303.</p>
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Anniversaries

4/1 MaryK H 17 yrs
 4/1 Renee S 12 yrs
 4/8 Jenny O 23 yrs
 4/9 Steve R 12 yrs
 4/14 Judy S 30 yrs
 4/14 Caitlin B 1yr
 4/15 Lana T 33 yrs
 4/15 Tim P 14 yrs
 4/15 Bobbi M 17 yrs
 4/17 Trini M 9 yrs
 4/19 Pat C 21 yrs
 4/21 Joe M 34 yrs
 4/24 Layman C 16 yrs (Pyro)
 4/27 Joe C 23 yrs
 4/28 Laura C 1 yr
 4/30 Priest Steve 9 yrs
 4/30 Tim M 38 yrs

To Have you anniversary in the live wire call Bobbi M at (440)537-4280 or E-mail unitylivewire@gmail.com

This space available for your Meeting!

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Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle:
 Money was won by Anonyms
 It could be You Next Time!
 Support your Inter-Group Office
 Buy Today!!

Office Managers

Sam H. 440-522-3639
 Tom N. 440-258-7286
 Tony W. 440-342-5488
 Main Office 440-246-1800

Phone Line Report

<u>Answering Service</u>	40
12 Step Calls	2
Meeting Info	53
General Info	101
Sponsorship	0
Al-Anon	<u>0</u>
Total:	156

G.S.R/D.C.M. Meeting(s): The Multi -District meeting at 10:30AM on the 1st Sunday of every month.
No Children Please!

The Lorain Inter-Group Meeting is the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30PM It is very important that all the Secretaries of each Group attend this meeting. Your participation is encouraged and greatly appreciated.
No Children Please!

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at the Inter-Group Office. Closed to Advisory Board Members ONLY! Please.

**Volunteers are needed to speak at Detox
 Sundays at 4:00 PM Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
 at EMH and Mercy Hospital
 Also for a meeting at Lakepoint Nursing Home
 Call Melissa S 440 242-9769**

**Time to get involved in service work
 People with 1 year or more needed for the 12
 step call list
 Call inter-group office or send e-mail to
unitylivewire@gmail.com**

Advisory Board of Directors

Troy S	440-365-9018	Chairperson
Steve S.	440-308-1352	Vice Chairperson
Art C.	440-773-9474	Secretary
Mark P.	440-452-5946	Treasurer

Advisory Board

Donna L.	440-574-3464
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ATTN ALL GROUPS: Please help us to help you!! If you have changed GSR'S (General Service Representative) in your group, have changed your Primary Mail Contact and have not attended the Monthly Multi-District Meeting to file a Group Change Form. Please do of the following-. 1) Attend 1st Sunday of the Month @ 10:30AM, 2) Call your District Committee Member listed on the last page, Or 3) Call the Inter-Group Office with your new information so it can be passed on to the appropriate person (DCM).

ATTENTION

Please submit your groups' or personal anniversaries to the LiveWire by the 20th of each month. Anniversaries will not be carried over to the next year for publication automatically. Thank you for your cooperation.

There is always A Place and A Space for your Groups Messages, News, Activities and Anniversaries in The Live Wire!
 Please Contact:
 Ray B. (440)574-0143
 Bobbi. M (440)537-4280
 Office Main Number:
 (440)246-1800

For information on Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Marijuana Anonymous, Heroin Anonymous, or Al-Anon meetings,
 Please contact: Intergroup Office @ (440)246-1800.

Announcements For The Good of AA

Meeting Changes

Monday

12:00 Noon

(O) Open to Everyone

Discussion

BU 113D LCCC Campus Care

Center

Tuesday -----Moved From Arid Club

12:00 Noon

(O) Welcome To Sobriety

BU 113D LCCC Campus Care

Center

Saturday -----Moved From Arid Club

2:00 P_M

(O) Young Peoples Meeting

710 Broadway Ave. Lorain

Wednesday -----Moved From Arid Club

7:00 PM

(O) Clean & Sober Discussion

1st Church of Christ

2nd St. Elyria



The Primary Purpose Fundraiser

May 6, 2017
St. Vincent De Paul
41295 North Ridge Rd. Elyria

Pasta Dinner • Side Boards •
Basket Raffle • 50/50 Raffle • DJ

Tickets \$30 (includes entry into 50/50 raffle)
\$10 50/50 tickets (win up to \$6,500)

To purchase tickets

- Call (440) 219-4774
- Or stop by the PPC at 3222 North Ridge Rd. Sheffield Township
- Kids 12 and under free

Doors open at 5:30 PM • Dinner at 6:30 PM

The Primary Purpose is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization

Founders Day 2017

Akron U
Akron Ohio

June 9,10,11

Register on line

\$25

On Site

\$30

Saturday Lead

Clancy L

Please E-Mail

Your Fundraise

Flyers to

Unitylivewire@gmail.com

That way you get exactly what you want

In live wire

ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community Help is needed for various committees! Interested please contact an Advisory Board Member/Committee Chair. INTO ACTION!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Livewire

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Mike..... (440)670-9910
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Andy K. (440)343-3644
*EMAIL poolguy@windstream.net
Bud Y. (440)506-3131

Public Information Committee

Melissa S (440)242-9769

Picnic Committee

Dave G.....(440)723-1923

Pig Roast

Troy S..... (440)365-9081

Memorial Day Breakfast

Steve S (440)308-1352



District Committees

Multi District Chairperson: Steven H (440)219-2511

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

DCM ***** Position Available *****
Alt DCM Ray B. (440)574-0143

District 19B (Lorain City Meetings, and Part of Vermilion)

DCM Tom M.(440)308-5885
Alt DCM Steve H..... (440)219-2511

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

DCM ***** Position Available *****
Alt DCM ***** Position Available *****

District 20B (All Meetings at the Arid Club)

DCM ***** Position Available *****
Alt DCM ***** Position Available *****

District 20C (Lagrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Twp., Amherst, Henrietta Twp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twp. Pittsfield Twp., Brighton Twp., Wellington Meetings.)

DCM Christabel R. (440)787-3363
Alt DCM ***** Position Available *****

District 24 (North Olmsted, Fairview Park, West Lake)

DCM Mark P. (216)406-1169
Alt DCM Bob P. (216)224-7657

FINANCIAL REPORT – 2016

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Expenses:

Rent	\$ 700.00
Columbia Gas	\$ 193.00
All Service (Phones)	\$ 389.66
Ohio Edison	\$ 172.63
Spectrum	\$ 110.44
House Managers	\$1,479.01
PayCor Fees	\$ 81.32
Literature Purchases	\$ 1256.14
State of Ohio	\$ 25.00
Donation to World Service	\$1,200.00
Total Expenses:	\$5,632.00

Donations/Rents	\$ 2,953.00
Literature Sales	\$ 1,366.87
Fund Raising Income	\$ 36.00
Coca-Cola	\$ 22.95
Interest Income	\$.05
Total Income:	\$ 4,378.87

Rent

Friday Morning Survivor
Lorain Wednesday Group
Mid Week Morning discussion
Monday Happy Hour
Multi-District Meeting
Sharing Our Sobriety
Tuesday Night Central
Unity Hall Discussion
We Care Tuesday Morning Discussion
Young Peoples Group

Donations

Anonymous
Blue Monday
Carlisle Lunch Bunch
Compass Group
Elyria Men's Stag
Friday AM Discussion
Friday Morning Survivor
Grafton Wednesday Night
Mid Week Morning discussion
Monday Happy Hour
Monday Night Lorain
Oberlin Group
S.I.O.G.A.
Saturday Night Security
Serenity Hall
Serenity Hall
Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
Sunday Open Men's Discussion
Thursday Women's Sobriety Group
Vermilion Tuesday Night Group
We Care Tuesday Morning Discussion