

# August

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# 2008

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## The Man I Never Met

### Same old, same old message gets an infusion

Somebody special came my way a long time ago and I'm now realizing, again, how special he was. I had noticed him several times before, but on this particular night, at this not-too-particular AA meeting, he appeared different to me and different from others present. An aura of peace seemed to surround him -- offering up the appearance of a man at one with his God.

I had been attending this meeting most Wednesday nights for over a year, and this was to be the last time. I was relocating out of state the following Saturday and I had already started making up my mind that when I moved, I would cut back my meetings to one or two a week, maybe just one, instead of the four or five I had been attending in this, my first year in AA. I had yet to let my sponsor know, if indeed I would. After all, he wasn't moving with me.

When the meeting began, the chairperson let us know that the visiting group that was scheduled to lead the meeting had been unable to keep their commitment and so it would just be group members sharing that night. Having already heard all of them before -- several times -- I felt I was in for a slow, boring meeting. And it turned out just as I thought: four speakers, four familiar stories. Same old, same old to me -- and, from my point of view, no longer relevant. I had all this living sober stuff down pat. I could spout it chapter and verse.

And then, to my surprise, they also called on the fellow I had noticed when I arrived at the meeting. Great, I thought, at last I might hear something new. He shared what it had been like for him when he was drinking, what happened to make him stop, and then, after a moment or two of pause, he told us what it was like now. That was the part that saved my life.

He said that he had been attending this meeting once a month for the last twenty-five years. He and his wife came down from another city on the first Wednesday of the month to spend a day visiting with their son, his "special boy," a patient in the nearby state hospital. They would always end their day by having dinner and then this meeting. His wife had died a few years ago, so now he came down alone, following the same routine. He also told us that in all those years this was the first time he had been asked to speak and he was deeply grateful. It gave him the opportunity to express his gratitude to the group for their having been a big part of his Wednesdays all those years, and that without them, his visits would have been heartbreaking.

He told us that he had only two prayers these last few years; one, of course, was that God help him stay sober, and the other was that God let his son die first. He said if he died first, there would be no one left to spend Wednesdays with his son, and that he would be left alone and more than likely never know why. Then, after another brief pause, looking out to all of us, he said that he had buried his son, that day, that he hadn't taken a drink ... and that God had answered all of his prayers.

When the meeting ended, I looked for him, but he was gone. I did move the next week, but I did not cut back on my meetings, wanting -- and still wanting -- what he had shown me on that Wednesday night, so long ago. While I've forgotten his name, I haven't forgotten him or how I almost walked away from the most important part of my life -- my sobriety and the peace founded thereon.

(B.M., Lancaster, Pennsylvania)

• • *My Mind is My Garden • My Thoughts are My Seeds • I will Harvest • Either Flowers or Weeds* • •

#### HELPING OTHERS

"Our very lives, as ex-problem drinkers, depend upon our constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs."

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 20

Self-centeredness was my problem. All my life people had been doing things for me and I not only expected it, but I was ungrateful and resentful they didn't do more. Why should I help others, when they were supposed to help me? If others had troubles, didn't they deserve them? I was filled with self-pity, anger and resentment. Then I learned that by helping others, with no thought of return, I could overcome this obsession with selfishness, and if I understood humility, I would know peace and serenity. No longer do I need to drink. (Anonymous)

**Mon. Night**

**Lorain**

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church  
5100 Ashland Ave.

- 4th. Gary K.
- 11th. Shawn M.
- 18th. Shawn K.
- 25th. Mary Lou

**LaPorte**

**Tues. Group**

8:00 PM

Christian Church  
301 Washington Ave.

- 5th. Bonne
- 12th. Wendy
- 19th. Mark W.
- 26th. Roger M.

**Fri. Night**

**Faith Group**

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.  
1st. Marilyn O.

- 8th. Mary M.
- 15th. 8th. Step
- 22nd. Amy B.
- 29th. Ask it Basket

**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.

**NEW MEETINGS:** The Key Women's Discussion (CW) Thurs. 7 PM. The Key 32nd. & Seneca Ave., Lorain  
St. Anthony's Saturday, 6:15 PM [Big Book Study]  
Newly Formed And Growing [THE NEXT STEP] Is A Worship Celebration For Those In Any Type Of Recovery. An Interdenominational Supportive Fellowship For Individuals & Family members Whom Addiction Is An Ongoing Threat. A Safe Place Where Love & Acceptance Is Found. Saturdays 6:00 To 7:15 PM. At The Amherst Church Of The Nazarene. All Welcome. Any Questions Call (440)985-1099. Kim P.

**TIME CHANGE:** Early Morning Discussion Meeting, Monday Thru Friday At The Y.W.C.A. In Elyria Is Now At 8:00 A.M. Instead of 8:15 A.M.

**CANCELED:** Friday Men Discussion Meeting 8:00 PM., 577 Broadway Ave., Lorain (S)

**Friends of Bill W. Picnic:**

We would like to Thank all the groups that helped us, with money, gifts, meat, buns and pop. If you haven't heard it was a great time had by all who came. Good food and fun and fellowship. Thanks for all the covered dishes. Special Thanks to the picnic committee and Shawn for the music all day and for the Kids games, that were filled with smiles and laughter, Thanks to James M.. Russ Walker is proud of us and so are we, Chairman Susie P. and Co-Chair Tom B.

The Friends of Bill W. Picnic raised \$519.00 for Inter-Group Central Office; 50/50 Raffle Winner was Missy W. \$417.00. Hope to see you there next year!!!!

**Concepts 8:** The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

**Step 8:** Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

**Promise 8:** Self-seeking will slip away.

**Tradition 8:** Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

**Mid- Night**

**Elyria Group**

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.

- 2nd. Dan R.
- 9th. Ask it Basket
- 16th. Dale H.
- 23rd. Matt H.
- 30th. Jason

**Lorain**

**Consolidated**

Sun. 2:30 PM

577 Broadway

- 3rd. Mike B.
- 10th. Lorrie C.
- 17th. Lynda C.
- 24th. Richard P
- 31st. John P.

**Spanish**

**American**

Fri. 8:30 PM

St. Ladisiaus  
1412 29th St.

- 1st. Ed B.
- 8th. William G.
- 15th. Carlos V.
- 22nd. John D.
- 29th. Darrell C.

**August Anniversaries**

- 1st. Jesse T. 10 yrs.
- 1st. Lillie R. 9 yrs.
- 6th. Kevin W. 1 yrs.
- 9th. Fred I. 19 yrs.
- 14th. Rick M. 11 yrs.
- 15th. Jess C. 11 yrs.
- 17th. Lynda C. 1 yrs.
- 26th. Denise M. 25 yrs.
- 27th. Susan B. 15 yrs.
- 28th. Charlie P. 34 yrs.

**Sheffield Lake  
Monday Night**

8:00 PM

United Church of  
Christ

603 Sunset Ave.

- 4th. Mau reen W.
- 11th. Roberta L.
- 18th. Ian U.
- 25th. Bill W.

**A B C =  
Acceptance,  
Belief,  
Change.**

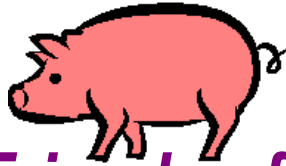
**In need of help! The Key**

Get active and help someone! The key is in need of female volunteers to help girls with rides, sponsorship, big book study and many other tasks. So if your program is getting stagnant or you are not sponsoring right now. Think about giving back to the place that has given to so many. It would be nice if you had one year of sobriety but if not we are sure they could find something for you to do.

We all know the best way to stay sober is to give back. So let's show some love for our treatment centers and show the new person how people in A.A. take care of each other.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Laura J. \$105.00, Sold by Inter-Group Office. Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member.

\*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



## Friends of Porky P.

4<sup>th</sup> annual pig roast  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm-11pm

Scotts' Lake Park  
Route 58 between Russia Rd  
and Butternut Ridge Rd  
Tickets are \$10.00

Come and have some fun!!  
Music, food, fun, fellowship, raffles  
Back by popular demand:  
"The Half Measures"!!

And more live music to be  
announced.. ..

Eat at 4pm: must have ticket  
Pig cooked by Juan Ortiz  
Hot dogs for kids 12 and  
under at no charge

Pitch in and get active !!!  
Group donations are  
appreciated

Volunteers are welcome  
Tickets are available at the  
Inter-group office or from any  
Advisory Board member

The Inter-group:  
440-246-1800

Troy Smith:  
440-365-9018

Elyria Sunday Night Group  
St. Jude's Breakfast in the Park

Aug. 17

Join us at

Cascade Park in Elyria  
West River Road Entrance

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Lead

Breakfast includes:

Scrambled eggs, hash brown  
potatoes, bacon, sausage, toast,  
juice, and coffee.

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00

## Arid Fellowship Summer Splash Dance

Sat. August 30th.  
8:00 PM until Midnight  
Great Fun!!

Tickets:

Singles \$3.00

Couples \$5.00

Covered Dish

Appreciated

Grilled Hamburger's &

Hot Dogs

For Sale

Contact: Arid Club 233-4801

DJ Big Mike

## Anniversary

• 37 years •

August 8th.

## Spanish American

Held at Puska's

2493 N. Ridge Rd.

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Lead: 8:00 PM

William G.

Come Join Us !!!

## Anniversary

• 62 years •

August 25th.

## Vermilion Mon.

## Night

990 Rt. 60, Vermilion

Food: 7:00 PM

Lead: 8:00 PM

• 50/50 • Door prizes •

Covered Dish

Appreciated

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## Survivors List:

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

## Sisters In Sobriety

Wed. 7:30 PM

Firstmerit Bank

Center Ridge Road

North Ridgeville

## Friday Morn. Trad.

Fri. 10:00 AM

St. Clarence Church

30106 Lorain Rd. N. Olmsted

## St Agnes Thurs. Gp.

Thurs. 8:00 PM

St. John's Luthern Church

W. River Road

## Young Person's Gp.

Sat. 2:00 PM

## Sunday Night Serenity

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

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT

THE GROUPS.

**Easy Does It**

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

**Committee Chairs**

**Unity LiveWire Committee**

Jim P. ....440 385-5687  
 \*e mail jbparks2542@yahoo.com

**Internet Committee (aaloraincounty.org)**

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

**Cooperation with the Professionals Committee**

Alan Revercomb .....440 541-2473

**Correctional Committee**

Eddie Logan..... 440 829-7541

**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

**Vacant NEED Volunteers**

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

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.,

Brighton Twsp., Wellington Meetings)

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

e mail maschulz@oh.rr.com

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

**Financial Report**

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

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 700.00	1..... \$ 1,387.50
2. Columbia Gas- Monthly Budget	\$ 274.00	2..... \$ 349.28
3. All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 148.18	3..... \$ 551.57
4. Ohio Edison	\$ 93.82	4..... \$ 275.03
5. Century Telephone	\$ 135.24	5..... \$ 102.10
6. House Managers	\$ 1,297.71	
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 79.33	\$ 2,665.48
8. Live Wire Printing	\$ 64.00	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$ 2,665.48
9. Insight Yellow Pages	\$ 19.43	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 3,133.10
10. Treasurer of State	\$ 21.39	<u>Proceeds from Coke</u>
11. Friends of Bill W Picnic	\$ 200.00	<u>Machine</u> \$ 35.04
12. Advance for Porky P Picnic	\$ 100.00	<u>Loss June 2008</u> -\$ 467.62
	\$ 3,133.10	

**Donations: Month of June, 2008**

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.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Amherst Saturday                 | 17. Monday Night Lorain               |
| 2. Anonymous                        | 18. Never Too Young                   |
| 3. Birmingham Dinner Group          | 19. New Beginning Big Book Disc.      |
| 4. Blue Monday                      | 20. North Ridgeville 1st Step         |
| 5. Carlisle Lunch Bunch             | 21. Oberlin Breakfast Group           |
| 6. Early Morning Disc.              | 22. Oberlin Group                     |
| 7. Elyria Monday Closed Disc.       | 23. P.T.O.Y.                          |
| 8. Elyria Sunday Night Group        | 24. S.I.O.G.A.                        |
| 9. Elyria Women's Disc.             | 25. S.I.O.G.A.                        |
| 10. Grafton Wednesday Night         | 26. Saturday Night Security Group     |
| 11. LaGrange Monday Night           | 27. Serenity Hall                     |
| 12. LaPorte Tuesday Group           | 28. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 13. Grafton Wednesday Night         | 29. St Agnes Thursday Night           |
| 14. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle | 30. Tuesday Night Central             |
| 15. Mid-Week Morning Disc.          | 31. Vermilion 12 & 12 Disc.           |
| 16. Oberlin Breakfast Group         | 32. Tuesday Night Central             |
|                                     | 33. 12 & 12 Discussion                |
|                                     | 34. We Care Tuesday Morning Disc.     |
|                                     | 35. Wed. Morning Disc. Wellington     |
|                                     | 36. Who Me                            |

**Phone Line Report:**

**Month of July, 2008**

12 Step Calls.....	9
Sponsorship.....	2
Al-A-Non.....	10
Meeting Info.....	118
General Info.....	62
<b>Total:.....</b>	<b>201</b>



**Board Of Directors**

Chairperson	Tom Ortiz.....315-8600
Vice-Chairperson	Troy Smith.....365-9018
Treasurer	Bill Post.....933-4153
Secretary	Mark Potter.....452-5946
Office Managers	George Schmidt....288-8935
	Sam Hensley.....288-4942
	Tom Niemiec.....258-7286

**Let  
Go  
Let  
God**

**Rents:**

**Month of June, 2008**

1. Blue Monday
2. Friday Men's Disc.
3. Mid-Week Morn.
4. Disc. Tues. Night Central
5. We Care Tues. Morn.

**Advisory Board Members**

Tom Banks.....	309-3226
Bill Jackson.....	935-3251
Terri Poznako.....	225-6897
Nikki Lustek .....	225-6036
Donna Lawson .....	574-3464