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LIVEWIRE



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Central Office Notes

The Lorain County Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous is located at 577 Broadway in downtown Lorain. The office will be open from 9 AM - 5 PM weekdays. The phone number is 246-1800. Please send all donations for the Central Office to:
P.O. Box 563, Lorain, OH 44052

GSR Meeting

District 19 and District 20 hold a combined meeting every second Saturday of the month, 6 PM at the Arid Fellowship Center in Elyria. All are welcome to attend. The next meeting is December 13th

Central Office Meeting

The next Central Office meeting will be on Sunday, January 10, 1999 12:30 PM at the Central Office. All are welcome to attend.
 November Central Office 50/50 Raffle winner: Paul Young

Advisory Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15th

Newsletter Update

The Lorain Central Office for the AA community of Lorain County publishes the Unity Livewire. We encourage individuals and groups to participate in the sharing of ideas and information in the Livewire. Any newsworthy material can be dropped off at the Central Office by Monday before the next Central Office meeting. Phone calls will be accepted. You may call the office or one of the committee members listed. This is your voice, Use it!

Phone Line Report

12 Step	23	Sponsorship.....	02
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General Info ..	138	Total	302

Includes Answering service calls

New Year's Eve Dance

We still need committee members for the 1998 New Year's Eve Dance at Baumhart Road U.A.W. Hall this year. New Year's Eve is getting closer and we need to get busy with planning, so GET ACTIVE and call Jerry G. at 323-0398 to sign up to volunteer. Committee meetings begin Sunday November 1 at 30th & Seneca (First Presbyterian Church) at 2PM and will be held each Sunday after then. Enjoy your sobriety! Dinner & 50/50 Raffle tickets are available.

Annual Children's Christmas Party

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 20th 1PM to 4PM at the UAW Hall Baumhart Road, Lorain. Please see your Home Group Secretary for free gift tickets for children 12 and under. All families are welcome. Donations of side dishes & help are still needed. This year, by a group decision the party will be non-smoking (for the children's sake). Tickets are available. Contact for more information:

Wendy T. (440) 934-1615
Patty P. (440) 244-9556
Dennis E. (440) 245-5696

AA Meeting News

Birmingham Twilight Sunday's 7:30 will be held in the (non-smoking) church basement on December 13th & 20th, but will be held as usual in the community center all other times.

Saturday EST Lowell St. Elyria has changed their meeting time from 8:30PM to 8PM. Time change already in affect.

A meeting room is available Monday through Friday evenings at the Delaware United Methodist Church, 658 E. Erie Avenue Lorain (Non-smoking, only) Call Reverend Richard Reid at 288-3239.

There will be no meeting Thursday, December 17th at St. John's Compass Group.

Central Office News

Bob Oswalt has retired from the Advisory Board, and Don Klier will be assuming his position.

Thanks, Bob for your time and efforts; Good Luck in your retirement. Welcome Aboard Don.

A new and welcomed addition to Central Office is showcases for our own Lorain County history and memorabilia. If you have anything of historical importance please call Central Office if you would like it showcased.

Central Office Phone Lines

The answering service needs our help. Last month the answering service had to make 4 phone calls before they could return a 12th step call. Home Groups need to update their contact list. When we are called we need to pass the message to the still suffering alcoholic. "I Am Available"

Central Office Holidays

The Central Office would like to announce their holiday office hours. On Thursday December 24th the office will open at 9 AM and remain open until the end of the business hours on Friday. The office will hold the same hours for New Year's Eve. That's 'round the clock for each holiday. The office will provide meats and would like for you to bring other food faire to share. We also need you to come down to keep us company, fellowship, help us stay awake, and share the holiday spirit with each other. Hope to see you even if it's for a short time. If you would like to volunteer to man the phones call Connie or George at Central Office.

Decorating

We could use some help in decorating the Central Office for Christmas. While this is not as personal as a 12 Step call, it is an opportunity to be of service to your fellows & lots of fun. If you would like to help please contact Connie or George at Central Office to find out: date, time & more information. Thanks, Your help is appreciated.

A Note of Gratitude

Diane Attie and her family express their thanks to the AA community for all the cards & prayers in their recent time of loss and sorrow.

Sober Football

If you liked Sober Softball and want more sober fun be at Lakeview Park beginning Sunday November 8th at 1PM for some Sober Football. For more information call Chuck S. at 967-9619.

December Speakers

Lorain Central 15th & Reid

12-1	Jerry Fabian
12-8	Curtis Nelson
12-15	Lorie Caire
12-22	Bill Watkins
12-29	Del Molnar

NEOAA Area 54 Gratitude Dinner

Gratitude Sunday was celebrated this year on November 15th at St. Philip Neri Church Hall in Cleveland. The Cleveland Multi-District hosted the event that drew approximately 300 people from all over NorthEast Ohio, including several from Lorain County.

We were treated to a fine banquet and lots of good fellowship.

Gratitude Sunday is traditionally the time to announce the "Changing of the Guard," so to speak. We recognized our outgoing trusted servants and welcomed our new delegates and committee chairs for Area 54 that serves and represents NorthEast Ohio through AA's General Service Office in New York City.

The keynote speaker was Helen K. of Canton, Ohio. Helen shared her experience, strength, and hope in her lead along with her gratitude. Helen will serve as the new chairperson for Area 54.

Gratitude Sunday will be celebrated next year on November 21st. The time and place will be announced. For more information contact the G.S.R. of your home group or your district committee member (D.C.M.)

Detox

Due to the upcoming holidays and the 12th stepping anticipated we will be running this article through January 1999. Please remember that Community Health Partners does not have detox services. There is a daytime procedure for indigent patients in need of detox and Lorain County AA Central Office does have this information. However, we did compile a list of the nearest detox facilities out of Lorain County for after hours & emergency detox: Please call the hospital or facility before you attempt to take someone for detox.

Cleveland:

Stella Maris (216) 781-0550
Harbor Lights (216) 781-2121
St John's West Shore

Elyria 323-1164
Lorain 933-4363

Davenport Center
(formerly Campus Hospital)
(800) 444-4220

Insurance & Medicare only
(adolescent, adult, & psychiatric)

Sandusky:

Providence Hospital(419)621-7000
Firelands Hospital (800) 342-1177

Akron:

St Thomas Hospital(330) 375-3000
Indigent Patients
A.D.M. (330) 996-7730

Veterans only

V. A. Center Lorain 960-3545 or
246-0043 Counselors will make
arrangements to get veterans
detoxed at the Wade Park V. A.
Hospital. After hours call
Wade Park VA Hospital directly at:
(216) 791-3800

District 19 & 20 Elections

The election for committee members for Lorain County is now official. We would like to thank Lee Kaufman for his involvement and wish him luck in future endeavors & welcome Diana Sammut as Alternate DCM. Reelected are Mike Tomlin, Yolanda Arimont, and George Schmidt.

Men's 13th Annual "Steps to Recovery"

January 29-30-31

St. Joseph's Christian Life Center
18485 Lakeshore Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44119

Cost \$105

(Payment plans can be arranged)

Call for registration & information:

Mike Fekete (440) 327-6232
Tom Corrigan (440) 835-3989
Hal Schichtel (440) 236-3759

MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR



From the Workers, Board, and LiveWire Staff at Central Office
Wishing you all a safe, sober, and serene holiday.
See you next year!