



Unity *LIVEWIRE*



February 1999
Published by the Lorain County Central Office

Central Offices

Co-Chair Jim Buchanan
Co-Chair Bob Patton
Treasurer Millie Herrmann
Secretary George Sheridan

Committee Chairs

Unity Livewire

Donna McCauley..... 288-3495
E-mail — dmccauley@centuryinter.net
Don Henderson.....(440) 823-8409
E-mail—zmtn51a@prodigy.com
Gregg R.....277-7349

Literature

Jack Smith323-6500

Phone Lines

Dee Carter288-8435

Schools

Ellen B.322-5306

District Committees

District #19

19A Mike Tomlin.....949-5664
19B George Schmidt.288-6288

District #20

Yolanda Arimont..... 284-1015
Diana L. Sammut (Alt)...323-8408

Advisory Board

Jim Buchanan949-5813
George Sheridan.....647-4654
Jack Smith323-6500
Karen Nickoli.....365-2896
Millie Herrmann..... 324-3572
Fred Koons323-9330
Bob Patton965-7786
Tom Coughlin.....366-5330
Jan O'Hern.....244-6681
Don Klier.....647-6472
Jackie Klier.....647-6472
Rob Oswalt 245-2151

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 February 13th

Central Office Meeting

The next Central Office meeting will be on Sunday, March 7th, 12:30 PM at the Central Office. All are welcome to attend.

January Central Office 50/50 Raffle winner: Elsie Modesto

Advisory Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16th

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 or E-mail Donna or Don. This is your voice, Use it!

Phone Line Report

12 Step 18	Sponsorship.....04
Al-A-Non06	Meeting Info.....108
General Info ..136	Total 272

Includes Answering service calls

AA Meeting News

Central Office will be ordering new meeting schedules soon, and need your meeting date, time, and place updated. Call Central Office during business hours for corrections.

A new open discussion meeting will be held at Ark Ministries 1039 Bridge Drive, Lorain, OH (off 21st St. behind Double R Restaurant). Tuesday's at 7PM. (Correction)

A new discussion meeting has begun January 30, 1999 on Saturdays at 10:30 Am in N. Ridgeville at 34861 Lorain Rd. New Heart Community Church. Closed and non-smoking

The Oberlin Sunday Morning Meeting has moved from the Campus Restaurant to the Masonic Temple at Pleasant & Vine St in Oberlin. Effective immediately.

AA Meeting Anniversaries

Oberlin Sunday Morning Meeting will be celebrating their 16th Anniversary.

Wednesday Night Grafton is celebrating their 9th anniversary February 10th. Speaker for that meeting is Bob Knittel. Pizza and soft drinks to follow.

Central Office Phone Lines

The answering service needs our help. 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"

Arid Fellowship Center Inc

Saturday February 13, 1999 7PM till 1AM the annual "Sweetheart's Ball" will be held. Tickets are \$5.00. Fliers & tickets are available. 50/50 raffle. (Winner need not be present.)

Saturday March 13, 1999 7PM till 1AM will be the annual St Patrick's Day Dance. Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Admission \$5.00. Fliers available

24th Annual Northeast Ohio

General Service

Mini-Conference

Any AA member is welcome & encouraged to attend.

April 9 — 11, 1999
Four Points — Sheraton
Sandusky, OH

Registration Fliers available

Central Office Literature

There is an abundance of 1999 — 2000 pocket calendars available at C. O. and a great assortment of books (meditation, history, etc.), cups, tapes, and a variety of items for sale. Come in and check out the literature room.

Lost & Found

A camera left at the Children's Christmas Party was turned in to Central Office. If you lost a camera call or stop in to claim it.

Big Book 4th Edition Update

Have you ever wondered how the proposed fourth edition of the Big Book is coming along? We have information gained from the Area Assembly on the progress of the work.

June 1, 1998 was the cutoff date for individual AA members to submit their personal stories for consideration to be included in the fourth edition.

Over twelve hundred stories were sent to the General Service Office in New York from around the world. A committee was formed to read each story and consider its merit. At last month's assembly we learned that the committee had whittled the selection down to about four hundred stories.

Obviously the selection process is a tedious and painstaking effort. From the four hundred stories approximately ten to twelve of these will be included in the new Big Book.

Perhaps by the year 2001 we may see in print a new fourth edition of the Big Book.

February Speakers

Sunday Sheffield Civic Center

2-7 Mark S.

2-14 Scott W.

2-21 Mike K.

2-28 David D.

Wednesday New Life
(St Mary's Elyria)

2-3 Jim B.

2-10 Darlene C.

2-17 Johnny C.

2-24 Ellen B.

Saturday New Beginnings
St Mary's (Elyria)

2-6 Jean S.

2-13 Ingrid W.

2-20 Discussion

2-27 Wanetta G.

Something to Ponder

"Resentment is what I feel when something didn't go the way I wanted in the past."

"Anger is what I feel when something doesn't go my way in the present."

"Fear is what I feel when I think something won't go my way in the future..."

(This was mentioned in a recent discussion meeting)

As Bill Sees It

Those adolescent urges that so many of us have for complete approval, utter security, and perfect romance—urges quite appropriate to age seventeen—prove to be an impossible way of life at forty-seven or fifty-seven.

Since A.A. began, I've taken huge wallops in all these areas because of my failure to grow up, emotionally and spiritually...

For Bill's answer to the problem read As Bill Sees it page 330.

To My Dear Friends:

I thank you all for allowing me for the past three years to serve as your trusted servant. Since November 1995 I have been one of the committee chairpersons for the Unity Live Wire. This has been a most satisfactory experience, as well as an opportunity to grow in my sobriety.

Many times in the past three years I have had to inventory myself with regards to our program, and fellowship. I have wondered to myself (and to a few others) how well I practice the AA principals and traditions both on a personal level, and with respect to this newsletter. My aim has always been to provide an informative service to the fellowship here in Lorain County, but also to follow the guidelines suggested by our twelve traditions. It is not always a simple task to handle.

Without going into great detail, the principles (in service) I most often deal with are: carrying the message, personal anonymity, humility, unity, outside enterprises, and responsibility. I am sure that all AA's struggle with these issues from time to time, and the decisions we have to make are not always easy. I try to let God show me the way; in his way, and I am also fortunate to have good people in my life to lead me on the path.

It is always a challenge to grow in service, and another principle I am going to meet involves the spirit of rotation. While serving as one of your chairpersons of this newsletter I have had the pleasure to work with Jerry F. (and his wife Marti), and also with Art C. (and his wife Janie), and most recently with Donna McC. Both Jerry and Art have worked in this capacity, and rotated out, and now I believe it is time for me to do the same.

I am happy to hand over the reins for our newsletter to Donna McC., because I know that she will be a capable servant. She has a level of enthusiasm, expertise, and commitment that by now should be evident. For the time being I will help in an advisory capacity (and whoever new might come on to the staff) will make a smooth transition. Remember that this is your newsletter and help is always needed.

Perhaps it will come to pass that you might get involved with our Central Office, or even with the Unity Live Wire. If so, I hope your experience will be as good for you as it has been for all of us.

Thank you so much and God bless you.

Yours in fellowship, Gregg R.