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Unity LiveWire

2012

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## A.A. and Medicine Forge a Durable Relationship

### The New 'Cure': Off to a Shaky Start

"The one valid thing in the book is the recognition of the seriousness of addiction to alcohol. Other than this [it] has no scientific interest." So scoffed the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) in its Oct. 14, 1939, review of Alcoholics Anonymous, published the previous April. "It is in no sense a scientific book," the review continued, "although it is introduced by a letter from a physician [William D. Silkworth, M.D.] who claims to know some of the anonymous contributors who have been 'cured' of addiction to alcohol and have joined together in an organization which would save other addicts by a kind of religious conversion."

Interestingly, the same issue of JAMA carried numerous ads for centers specializing in the cure of mental and nervous disorders, "general invalidism" and alcohol and drug addiction—few more prominently displayed than one touting the Charles B. Towns Hospital in Manhattan, where Dr. Silkworth had successfully treated A.A. cofounder Bill W. But, undaunted, the reviewer noted, "For many years the public was beguiled into believing that short courses of enforced abstinence and catharsis in 'institutes' and 'rest homes' would do the trick, and now that the failure of such temporizing has become common knowledge, a considerable number of other forms of quack treatment have sprung up. The book under review is a curious combination of organizing propaganda and religious exhortation."

There were others who felt differently, however. The

Christian Science Monitor, in its Aug. 17, 1939, edition, predicted, "The book Alcoholics Anonymous, on the subject of liquor addiction and its remedy, seems designed for a wide usefulness.... It has indeed been proved true... that something more than individual willpower—or 'won't' power—is necessary to heal what at least one special sanitarium recognizes in its advertising as a 'disease.'" And across the country medical practitioners were taking notice of reports that alcoholics long given up on by doctors were staying sober in the fledgling Fellowship.

Bill and his A.A. co-founder Dr. Bob were quick to point out that the A.A. program of recovery was a synthesis of principles borrowed from the great religions, movements like the Oxford Group (a religious movement that was having some success with alcoholics), and medicine. Bill disarmed contentious members of the medical community when he acknowledged in an address before the New York Medical Society in 1944 that he couldn't explain exactly how A.A. works—then proceeded to intrigue them with stories showing it did work.

One by one, as they saw their "hopeless" patients recovering in A.A., doctors became staunch advocates. Many, at risk to their professional reputations, would offer public support and even become integral parts of the Fellowship as Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees. Some started A.A. groups themselves when there was no one else to do so.

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**January                      Renewal                      2012**

**Fri. Night Faith Group**  
**11:00 PM**  
 1741 N Ridge Rd.  
 Sheffield Village  
 6th **One Topic Disc.**  
 13th **Sherri C.**  
 16th **Peter M.**  
 20th **Mark**  
 27th **Mary D.**

**St. Agnes Thursday Night 8:00PM**  
 St. John's  
 Lutheran Church  
 1140 W. River Rd.  
 5th **Jack G.**  
 12th **Krissy G.**  
 19th **Becky C.**  
 26th **Mark W.**

**Midnight Elyria Group**  
**12:00AM**  
 St. Mary's Church  
 4th & Middle Ave.  
 7th **John P.**  
 14th **Sober Alc.**  
 21st **Stacey S.**  
 28th **Joe C.**  
 (Free Dinner)

**Friday Nite Haven**  
**7:00 PM**  
 Haven Center  
 1536 E. 30th St.,  
 Lorain  
 6th **Terri T.**  
 13th **Pat W.**  
 20th **Dave R.**  
 27th **Rick B.**

**Area 54 Assembly January 15th**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Sunday**  
**12 Step Recovery Club,**  
**1480 Pearl Road,**  
**Brunswick**

**Monday Night Lorain 7:30 PM**  
 Zion Lutheran Church  
 5100 Ashland Ave.  
 2nd **Jim B.**  
 9th **Bob P.**  
 16th **John J.**  
 23rd **Tom T.**  
 30th **Paulette**

**Oberlin Breakfast Group**  
**Sun., 10:00 AM**  
 Concord Manor,  
 95 E. Vine St  
 1st **Discussion**  
 8th **John R.**  
 15th **Art M.**  
 22nd **Rick M.**  
 29th **Kathy R.**

**Harbortown Breakfast Sun.,**  
**10:00 AM**  
 Methodist Youth Center, South St.,  
 Birmingham  
**Breakfast-8:30**  
 1st **Gratitude Disc**  
 8th **Larry N.**  
 15th **Roger H.**  
 22nd **Frank C.**  
 29th **Paul B.**

**LaPorte Tuesday Group**  
**8:00 PM**  
 Elyria Baptist Church, 276 Washington Ave.  
 3rd **Dozer-Akron**  
 10th **Rick B.**  
 17th **John K.**  
 24rd **Kim C.**  
 31st **Michelle W.**

**G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting:** The Multi-District meeting is held at 11:00AM 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**  
 Raffle Winner: Keith S., \$80.00 Sold by Office Managers.  
 Just another way that you can help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET. Be A Winner.

**Step 1:** We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

**Promise 1:** We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

**Tradition 1:** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

**Concept 1:** Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

**Meeting Update:** Monday Morning Live Discussion at 10:30 AM is MOVING to Pilgrim Church, 523 E. Broad St. & Winckles St., Elyria. Starting on January 2nd, 2012, it will no longer be at the ARID Club.

**Meeting Update:** Birmingham Thursday Dinner Group is in need of your support!! We just saved this group from closing. Please show your gratitude and help out this group please!

Please submit your groups' or personal anniversaries to the Livewire by the 25th of each month. Anniversaries will not be carried over to the next year for publication automatically. Thank you for your cooperation.

There is always Space Available in The LiveWire for your Group's Messages, News, Activities & Anniversaries! Please Contact:  
**Bobbi M. 440 537-4280**  
**& Patti R. 440 284-6677**

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

**HELP WANTED**  
**ARID FELLOWSHIP CLUB**  
 1741 N. Ridge Rd., Sheffield Township  
**VOLUNTEERS with 3 months or more of Sobriety needed.**  
**Meeting slots available also !!!**  
**Help Keep the Club Open !!!**  
**Contact Kim C. 440 731-0850**

**37th Annual Area 54 Northeast Ohio General Service MINI-CONFERENCE**  
 "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age!" All members of A.A. are encouraged to attend this conference!  
 April 6,7, & 8, 2012 [www.area54.org](http://www.area54.org)  
 Doubletree Hotel South in Independence

## Area 54 GSR School WorkShop

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2012, at 2:00 P.M.**

At the 12 Step Recovery Club, 1480 Pearl Rd.,  
Brunswick OH 44212

The club is in the Brunswick Plaza on U.S. Rte. 42,  
1/4 mile south of State Route 303.  
Entrance is in the rear, lower level  
next to the bowling alley.

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If possible, please bring your Service Manual and  
"The AA Group" Pamphlet, a highlighter and a pen!  
(Additional Materials will be supplied)

## 25 Year Anniversary

January 6th

## Friday Night LaGrange

LaGrange Lion's Club

250 Glendale

8:00 PM

Lead: Ken Dunbrook

Food First

Then Speaker !!!

Celebrate with us !



Renew, Relax, Cherish the Moment

## February 5th

## Multi-District

## Meeting

*Area 54 Delegate*

*Bob D.*

*Starts 10AM*

*He will be here to discuss  
the Twelve Concepts  
with us !!*

**FUN, FUN, FUN,!!!!**

## New Meeting:

## New Dimension

## International

## Worship Center

400 6th Street, Lorain

Open Meeting, 7:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday

Evenings

## January

## Anniversaries

1st Marilyn A. 4 yrs.

1st Ed E. 18 yrs.

1st Greg R. 17 yrs.

4th John G. 3 yrs.

4th John P. 19 yrs.

4th Rick B. 6 yrs.

6th Ken M. 7 yrs.

7th Terri P. 16 yrs.

9th Linda S. 15 yrs.

10th Ken C. 16 yrs.

12th Iris 16 yrs.

12th Tom B. 24 yrs.

15th Barley 7 yrs.

16th Kevin S. 20 yrs.

18th Ernie S. 2 yrs.

20th Tom P. 1 yr.

24th Mark D. 23 yrs.

24th Mark W. 24 yrs.

29th Chris B. 29 yrs.

29th Don F. 29 yrs.

30th Kevin L. 1 yr.

31st Greg D. 20 yrs.

Call Before You Fall !!

## Phone Line Report:

For the Month as of  
December 27, 2011

12 Step Calls.....	4
Sponsorship.....	2
Al-A-Non.....	7
Meeting Info.....	78
General Info.....	63
Phone Services..	65
Total:.....	219

Quote of the Day: Friends  
and coffee, a perfect combo.

We print all our mistakes due  
to some people that's all they  
look for, and we want to  
make everybody happy!!!

## Survivors List:

Groups in need of Support to  
stay afloat . Please Attend, Con-  
tribute, Be Active, Help Chair, Be  
a Secretary, Be Responsible

## MICA House

Fri. 6:00 pm

1049 Infirmary Rd.,  
Elyria

## Turning Point

Thursday 6:00 PM

Elyria Baptist Church  
276 Washington Ave.,  
Elyria

## Friday Night Faith Group

11:00 PM

## Sat. Young Person's Group

Sat. 2:00 PM

Arid Club  
1741 N.Ridge Rd.

## Great Fact Group

12:00 Noon Wednesday

Pilgrim United Church of  
Christ, 523 E. Broad St. &  
Winckles St., Elyria

## Midnight Elyria Group

12:00 AM

St. Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.,  
Elyria

## Sunday Living Life

\*New Time\*

4:30 - 5:30 PM

1730 Broadway JFK  
Back Entrance

## Lorain County Consoli- dated Group

2:30 Sunday

Lorain Inter-Group Office, 710  
Broadway, Lorain

## Spanish American

8:30 Friday

Lorain Inter-Group Office, 710  
Broadway, Lorain

**We Need Your Help!!**

**Don't let them Close**

**ATTENTION:** Lorain County A.A. Community— Help is needed on Various Committees! If interested, please contact one of the Advisory Board Members or Committee Chairs and **VOLUNTEER!! Help Make A Difference**

## Financial Report

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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Unity LiveWire Committee

Patti Rodgers.....440 284-6677  
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#### Internet Committee (aaloraincounty.org)

Mike.....440 670-9910  
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#### Correctional Committee

Ted Englehardt.....440 759-2302

#### Archives Committee

Linda S. ....440 245-4068

#### Public Information Committee

Bob Pyle.....216 224-7657

#### Picnic Committee

Art C.....440 773-9474

#### Pig Roast Committee

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

#### Memorial Day Breakfast Committee

Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

#### Grapevine Committee

Linda S. ....440 245-4068

#### District Committees

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.....440 245-4068

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

DCM Patty McMullen.....440 365-3778

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM. Judy Sexton. ....440 322-2619

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

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



### Rents:

#### Month of November , 2011

1. Blue Monday
2. Lorain Consolidated
3. Mid Week Morning Discussion
4. Monday Happy Hour
5. Sharing Our Sobriety
6. Spanish American
7. Tuesday Night Central
8. Unity Hall Discussion

### Expenses

1. Rent	\$700.00
2. Columbia Gas	\$163.00
3. All Service Telecommunications	\$152.03
4. Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$122.44
5. Time Warner	\$90.29
6. House Managers	\$1,549.51
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$64.29
8. Live Wire Printing	\$69.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$20.26
10. Donation to AA World Services In New York	<u>\$800.00</u>

### Month of November

Donations/Rents	\$2,465.18
Coca Cola Sales	\$26.75
Interest from Savings	<u>\$0.43</u>
Total Income	\$2,492.36
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,730.82</u>

Total November 2011 Expenses **\$3,730.82**

<u>Donations/Rents</u>	1.....	\$662.25
<u>By Week</u>	2.....	\$627.72
	3.....	\$614.36
	4.....	\$246.57
	5.....	<u>\$314.28</u>

Total Loss For November 2011 **\$-1,238.46** \$2,465.18

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 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. Amherst Saturday Night
2. Anonymous
3. Attitude of Gratitude
4. Compass Group
5. Elyria Friday Night
6. Elyria Men's Stag
7. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion
8. Friday Morning Survivor
9. Friday Night Amherst
10. Friday Night Haven Center
11. Friday Night Sobriety
12. Grafton Wednesday Night
13. Harbortown Breakfast Group
14. Living Life
15. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle
16. Mid Week Morning discussion
17. Midnight Elyria
18. Monday Night Lorain
19. Noon Discussion Group
20. North Ridgeville Men's
21. Oberlin Breakfast Group
22. Saturday Night Security
23. Serenity Hall
24. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
25. Sister's of Sobriety
26. Stepping into Sobriety
27. Tuesday Night Central
28. Tuesday Night Haven Center

### Advisory Board Members

Troy Smith.....	365-9018
Tom Ortiz.....	315-8600
Nikki Lustek.....	799-1943
Vicki Tomlinson.....	225-1314
Rich Yowler.....	477-1019
Paul Benson.....	933-3925
Patti Rodgers.....	284-6677
Steve Smith.....	308-1352
Liz Follen.....	963-7288

### Board of Directors

Chairperson	Ken Cain.....	322-2496
Vice-Chairperson	Donna Lawson.....	574-3464
Treasurer	Bill Post.....	933-4153
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