

January

# UNITY LIVEWIRE

2017

NO SMOKING AT THE INTER-GROUP OFFICE

"Easy Does It"

710 Broadway Avenue Lorain, Ohio 44052

"First Things First"

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How do you justify calling alcoholism an illness, and not a moral responsibility? (The Disease Concept)

Early in A.A.'s history, very natural questions arose among theologians. There was a Mr. Henry Link who had written "The Return to Religion (Macmillan Co., 1937). One day I received a call from him. He stated that he strongly objected to the A.A. position that alcoholism was an illness. This concept, he felt, removed moral responsibility from alcoholics. He had been voicing this complaint about psychiatrists in the American Mercury. And now, he stated, he was about to lambaste A.A. too. Of course, I made haste to point out that we A. A.'s did not use the concept of sickness to absolve our members from moral responsibility. On the contrary, we used the fact of fatal illness to clamp the heaviest kind of moral responsibility on to the sufferer. The further point was made that in his early days of drinking the alcoholic often was no doubt guilty of irresponsibility and gluttony. But once the time of compulsive drinking, veritable lunacy had arrived and he couldn't very well be held accountable for his conduct. He then had a lunacy which condemned him to drink, in spite of all he could do; he had developed a bodily sensitivity to alcohol that guaranteed his final madness and death. When this state of affairs was pointed out to him, he was placed immediately under the heaviest kind of pressure to accept A.A.'s moral and spiritual program of regeneration - namely, our Twelve Steps. Fortunately, Mr. Link was satisfied with this view of the use that we were making of the alcoholic's illness. I am glad to report that nearly all theologians who have since thought about this matter have also agreed with that early position. While it is most obvious that free will in the matter of alcohol has virtually disappeared in most cases, we A.A. 's do point out that plenty of free will is left in other areas, It certainly takes a large amount of willingness, and a great exertion of the will to accept and practice the A.A. program. It is by this very exertion of the will that the alcoholic corresponds with the grace by which his drinking obsession can be expelled. (N.C.C.A. 'Blue Book', Vol.12, 1960)

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  
Make checks payable to Lorain County Multi-District

<p><b><u>TUESDAY NIGHT</u></b>  <b><u>HAVEN</u></b>                  1536 E. 30<sup>TH</sup>                  LORAIN, OH                  7:00                  1/3 Kenneth J                  1/10 John P.                  Pita 24<sup>th</sup> aniv                  1/17 Iris M                  21<sup>st</sup> aniv                  1/24 Krissy G                  1/31 Doug Z.</p>	<p><b><u>MIDNIGHT ELYRIA</u></b>  <b><u>GROUP</u></b>                  St .Mary Church                  4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Middle Ave.                  ELYRIA, OH                  Sat. 12:00                  1/7 open podium                  1/14 Bobbi M.                  1/21 Amanda Q.                  Workshop                  1/28 Dan B.                  (Nacho Night)</p>	<p><b><u>FRIDAY NIGHT</u></b>  <b><u>HAVEN</u></b>                  1536 E. 30<sup>th</sup>                  LORAIN, OH                  7:00                  1/6 Ken M                  11<sup>th</sup> aniv                  1/13 Trini M.                  1/20 Discussion                  1/27 A New You                  Ange S</p>	<p>Harbor town                  Breakfast                  Breakfast 8:30                  Lead 10:00                  Birmingham                  1/1 Discussion @10                  (no breakfast)                  1/8 Beverly M.                  1/15 David M.                  1/22 Kristen B                  1<sup>st</sup> lead                  1/29 TBD</p>	<p>Area 54 meets every 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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**

1/2 Peggy A. 6yrs  
 1/2 Mike H. Thumper 25 yrs  
 1/4 John P. Pita 24yrs  
 1/4 Rick B. 11yrs  
 1/6 Ken M. 11yrs  
 1/10 John B. 3yrs  
 1/10 Ken C. 21yrs  
 1/12 Iris M. 21yrs  
 1/24 Mark W. 29yrs

This space available for your Meeting!

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**Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle:**  
 \$29.00 was won by Amy S 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

**July Phone Line Report**

Answering Service	0
12 Step Calls	3
Meeting Info	70
General Info	89
Sponsorship	0
Al-Anon	<u>0</u>
Total:	162

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

**The Lorain Inter-Group Meeting** is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, at the Inter-Group Office. Closed to Advisory Board Members ONLY! Please.

**Wednesday clean and sober starting December we will be having our first week 12 @12 second week big book discussion third week open discussion 4th week lead**

**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](mailto:unitylivewire@gmail.com)**

**Advisory Board of Directors**

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

**Advisory Board**

Donna L.	440-574-3464
Eddie G.	216-630-6638
Rich Y.	440-221-9838
Tom O.	440-315-8600
Mike B.	440-309-5788

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:  
 Trini M. (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

**New Meeting**

**at the**

**Road to Hope**

**A Big Book Study**

**Fridays at 7:30**

**There are 2 new Mens Meetings**

**At**

**Primary Purpose in**

**Sheffield Township**

**(old river edge racket ball club)**

**Wednesdays there is a lead Meeting**

**And**

**Thursdays there is a Discussion Meeting**

**Both are at 7:30pm**

**Come Help the New Guy**

## KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016

**A Grateful Thank You**

**To Every Person**

**And**

**Every Group**

**That Contributed**

**In Anyway to Make the Christmas Party a**

**Success for all the Kids**

**And Parents**

**A Special Thank You**

**To**

**Troy and Brenda Smith**

**For Having**

**Everyone in the**

**Right Place at**

**The Right Time**

Helping others is the corner stone of recovery

**Lagrange Friday night  
anniversary dinner**

Jan 20th 2017

Dinner at 7:00p.m.

Lead at 8:00p.m.

Larry Van Duesen will be speaking.

Meeting will be held at Lagrange Lions Park

240 Glendale st.

Lagrange oh

***Help Carry The Message!***

**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**

**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**

Ray B..... (440)574-0143  
\*EMAIL [unitylivewire@gmail.com](mailto:unitylivewire@gmail.com)

**Internet Committee (aaloraincounty.org)**

Mike..... (440)670-9910  
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**Correctional Committee**

Andy K. .... (440)343-3644  
\*EMAIL [poolguy@windstream.net](mailto: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 Telephone Answering	\$ 217.13	
Ohio Edison	\$ 147.21	
Time Warner	\$ 113.09	
Berry Yellow Pages	\$ 24.80	
House Managers	\$ 1,619.42	
PayCor fees	\$ 81.32	
Literature Purchases	\$ 2,319.13	
Administrative Fees/Expenses	\$ 27.94	
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 5,543.04</b>
Donations/Rents	\$ 4,202.91	
Literature Sales	\$ 1,969.58	
Fund Raising Income	\$ 459.00	
Interest Income	\$ 0.13	
Coca-Cola		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,631.62</b>	
Expenses	\$5,543.04	
Gain	\$1,088.58	

**Rent**

Blue Monday
Friday Morning Survivor
Lorain Wednesday Group
Multi-District Meeting
Sharing Our Sobriety
Strength in Sobriety
Tuesday Night Central
Unity Hall Discussion

**Donations**

- Amherst Saturday Group
- Amherst Who Me
- Anonymous
- Carlisle Lunch Bunch
- Elyria Friday Night
- Elyria Men's Stag
- Elyria Monday Closed Discussion
- Friday Night Amherst
- Friday Night Avon Lake
- Grafton Wednesday Night
- Great Fact Group
- Harbortown Breakfast
- Keep It Simple Mens Big Book
- Mid Week Morning discussion
- Multi-District Meeting
- New Beginnings Big Book Discussion
- Oberlin Group
- Oberlin Women's Closed Group
- S.I.O.G.A.
- Saturday Night Security
- Serenity Hall
- Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
- Tuesday Night Central
- We Care Tuesday Morning Discussion