

July

Unity LiveWire

2011

“Easy Does It”

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“First Things First”

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Tradition Seven keeps us from getting too extravagant or grandiose

"In the early days of AA, some wealthy friends were able to see that too much money would spoil our aims."

The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority." (Tradition Seven, Long form.)

Generally speaking, practicing alcoholics enjoy grand financial gestures, like throwing a wad of cash down on the bar and announcing free drinks for all.

The closest I came to any kind of selfless donation was pledging a large sum of money during some charity appeal on television, only to frantically try getting out of it later.

Unacknowledged contributions were boring. We didn't get much of a buzz out of that. When we arrived at AA, beaten and broken, some of us could barely scrape together enough for a cup of tea.

As we got on with the program, offered freely to us, our sponsors guided us back to work. Material things became available to us and we were able to put a bit more into the pot.

Those who had lost little materially were obviously able to put more into the pot from the outset. Did this make them better AAs? Of course not. Nor did it give us any more rights. We all give according to our circumstances, however, there have to be limits. AA cannot risk being at the mercy of donations from a few wealthy contributors who might start acting like share holders, demanding things must be done a certain way. Excess funds at a group level may cause disputes as well. Tradition Seven tells us to keep a prudent reserve. Any surplus is forwarded on to the AA general service structure.

In the early days of AA, some wealthy friends were able to see that too much money would spoil our aims. They gave us a nominal amount to help at the time, but could see clearly that our organization would only survive by supporting itself. At the time, AAs were desperately trying to find the money to get the Big Book published, build hospitals, dispatch messengers to the far corners of the earth and change the world by Friday. A meeting with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and some of his business acquaintances led to an organized dinner attended by some very wealthy and influential business men. The early AAs thought their money worries were over. These men did not supply AA with great sums of money. Their experience and support, however, were highly valuable to our newly formed Fellowship. Some even became nonalcoholic trustees. Their good business sense and general prudence surely saved us from many costly mistakes and Alcoholics Anonymous is forever grateful to our early business, medical and spiritual friends. For the full story, pick up AA Comes of Age.

Lessons learned from the struggles of these old-timers indicate that the most important thing for us to remember is our obligation to the future. We have taken responsibility for our lives, our recovery and, therefore, for the continuation of AA. We have made amends or are making good our debts. We do not need and will not look for handouts.

To ensure that the message is carried on into the future, for the alcoholic who has not yet suffered or has yet to even be born, I always need to remember what AA has given me. I need to look at what I have been given and what I am ready to give.

Tradition Seven ensures there will be a help line, literature, newcomer cards and a meeting space with AA recovery for the shaky, baffled newcomer.

Tradition Seven is the foundation of our service structure. Unfortunately, without money, AA would wither and die. There will always be a great need for member contributions. Money and spirituality mix in the basket. Our society remains in precarious financial times. Our resources will no doubt be put to the test. There will always be many, like us, who will find themselves lost in that strange, miserable world of alcoholism.

So, I say to you today, just as the treasurer said to Bill W. and the other old-timers at a New York meeting in the early days: "Now boys, please go heavier on the hat tonight, will you?"

Today, we of course include the girls.

—Anonymous

July

Serenity

2011

Tues. Night

Laporte

8:00 PM

Elyria Baptist Church
276 Washington Ave.
5th Bobbi M.
12th Ryan S.
19th Linda S.
26th James P. (Toad)

**St. Mary's
Sunday Night**

Sobriety

7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
3rd Paul
(Oball)
10th April C.
17th Maria M.
24th Layman
(Pyro)
31st Nicki L.

**Midnight
Elyria Group**

12:00 AM

St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
2nd Barry W.
9th Michelle W.
16th Arlen G. (AJ)
23rd Deb M.
30th Johny M.
(free dinner)

Friday Nite

Haven

7:00 PM

Haven Center
1536 E. 30th St.,
Lorain
1st Ray B.
8th Karen C.
15th Debbie H.
22nd Stacie S.
29th Ray G.

**Grafton
Wednesday**

Night

8:00 PM

Grafton Fire Station
1050 Novak Rd.,
6th Bas Elliot
13th Roger
Buttler
20th Gary
Daubner
27th Brian Baker

Monday Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran
Church
5100 Ashland Ave.
4th Naaman T.
11th Santos
18th Dave
25th Penney B.

Tuesday Nite

Haven

7:00 PM

Haven Center
1536 E. 30th St.,
Lorain
5th Tim K.
12th Paulette
19th Marilye
26th Jason B.

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.
Sheffield Village
1st One Topic Disc.
8th Ed P.
15th Aaron G.
22nd Trinidad M.
29th Thumper

Friday Night

Amherst

7:30 PM

Church of the
Nazarene
Cooper Foster
Park Rd.
1st. Danny Green
8th Tanya M.
15th Lisa Manley
22nd John Rak
29th Betsy T.

Amherst

Saturday Group

8:00 PM

Church of the
Nazarene
Cooper Foster
Park Rd.
2nd John H.
9th Tim L.
16th Marty F.
23rd Basil E.
30th Marilyn A.

TRUST GOD

"Bring the body, the mind will follow"

**There is always Space
Available in The LiveWire for your
Group's Messages, News, Activities
& Anniversaries**

Contact:

Vicki T.

440 225-1314

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.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle

Last month's Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Tommy O. , \$20.00. Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET . Be A Winner.

Meeting Update: Birmingham Spaghetti Dinner will hold it's last dinner/meeting on July 14th due to no one

Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Promise 7: We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

Tradition 7: Every A.A. Group ought to be fully selfsupporting, declining outside contributions.

Concepts 7: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A.

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

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THE 12 REWARDS

1. HOPE, Instead of desperation.
2. FAITH, Instead of despair.
3. COURAGE, Instead of fear.
4. PEACE OF MIND, Instead of confusion.
5. SELF-RESPECT, Instead of self-contempt.
6. SELF-CONFIDENCE, Instead of helplessness.
7. THE RESPECT OF OTHERS, Instead of their pity and contempt.
8. A CLEAN CONSCIENCE, Instead of a sense of guilt.
9. GREAT FRIENDSHIPS, Instead of loneliness.
10. A CLEAN PATTERN OF LIFE, Instead of purposeless existence.
11. THE LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAMILY, Instead of their doubts and fears.
12. THE FREEDOM OF A HAPPY LIFE, Instead of the bondage of alcoholic obsession.

**10th ANNIVERSARY
Friday Night Amherst**

Friday, July 15
Church of the Nazarene
210 Cooper Foster Park Rd.

Dinner: 6:30 pm
Lead: 7:30 pm
Lisa Manley
Columbus, OH

50/50 Raffle
Door Prizes • Fun • Fellowship
Covered Dish is appreciated

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.

**Elyria Sunday Night
Group**

St. Jude's

Breakfast in the Park

Join us at

High Meadows Park, Ford Road in
Elyria
(behind Elyria Wal-Mart near
Midway
Mall)

Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.

Lead: 10:00 a.m.

Dates:

July 17

Aug. 21

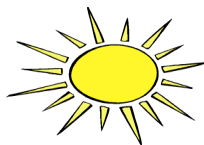
Breakfast includes:
Scrambled eggs, Cheesy hash brown
potatoes,
bacon, sausage, toast, juice, and coffee.

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00

**One
Day
At
A
Time**

*I Can't
God Can
Let Him*

Thought to
Consider...
*The smallest
package in the
world is an
alcoholic all
wrapped up in
himself.*



Thought for the
Day:

Just because I'm
powerless
does not mean that I
am helpless.



Happy 4th!

AA/AlAnon
Gratitude Breakfast

Monday, July 4, 2011
9:00 a.m Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Gratitude Meeting

St. Peter's Church Gym
35777 Center Ridge Rd.
N.Ridgeville, OH
50/50 Raffle

Hat will be passed for donations

• July Anniversary •

- 7/1 Richard 10 yrs.
- 7/5 Pam H. 25 yrs.
- 7/5 Jeff W. 3 yrs.
- 7/7 Marty F. 29 yrs.
- 7/9 Andrea B. 2 yrs.
- 7/13 Christine C. 13 yrs.
- 7/15 Ron R. 36 yrs.
- 7/15 Will B. 2 yrs.
- 7/16 Michelle W. 1 yr.
- 7/17 Angela W. 1 yr.
- 7/19 Donna L. 12 yrs.
- 7/21 Jeff O. 11 yrs.
- 7/24 Ricki 2 yrs.
- 7/27 Chip 4 yrs.
- 7/29 Mary T. 1 yr.

Phone Line Report:

Month of May 2011

12 Step Calls.....	5
Sponsorship.....	2
Al-A-Non.....	6
Meeting Info.....	90
General Info.....	71
Phone Service.....	70
Total:.....	244

Notice to All

The Lorain Intergroup Office is actively seeking new Advisory Board Members., especially from Vermilion, Lorain, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Wellington, Grafton or North Ridgeville areas of the county. Requirements are 3 years of continued sobriety, availability on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and 1st Sunday of the month for meetings, and a commitment to service. If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to any board member or contact the InterGroup Office.

Survivors List:

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

Friday Night Faith Group

11:00 PM
Arid Club

1741 N.Ridge Rd.

Tuesday Night Haven

7:00 p.m.

Friday Nite Haven

7:00 p.m.

Haven Center

1536 E. 30th St., Lorain

**Sat. Young Person's
Group**

Sat. 2:00 PM

**Monday Big Book
Discussion**

7:30 PM

Midnight Elyria Group

12:00 AM

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

Great Fact Group

Wed. 12:00 pm

Pilgrim United Church of
Christ

523 E. Broad St. & Winckles
St., Elyria

Sunday Living Life

5:30 PM

1730 Broadway JFK
Back Entrance

Turning Point

Thursday 6:00 PM

Elyria Baptist Church
276 Washington Ave.

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT

THE GROUPS.



ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community - help needed on various Committees! If interested, please contact one of the Advisory Board Members and VOLUNTEER!!!! Help Make A Difference!!!

Committee Chairs

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Coretta Farley440 308-1714

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Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton

DCM Ellen Winson.440 327-8812

Alt DCM Bob P.216-224-7657

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Vermilion)

DCM. Linda S.....440-245-2928

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

Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst,

Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twp., Pittsfield Twp.,

BrightonTwp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM. Patti Rodgers440-284-6677

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

Financial Report

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

Rents:

Month of May , 2011

1. Lorain Consolidated Group
2. Mid Week Morning discussion
3. Mid Week Morning discussion
4. Sharing Our Sobriety
5. Spanish American
6. Strength In Sobriety
7. Tuesday Night Central
8. Unity Hall Discussion
9. Blue Monday
10. We Care Tuesday

Expenses

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1.Rent | \$650.00 |
| 2.Columbia Gas | \$168.00 |
| 3.All Service Telephone Answering | \$159.17 |
| 4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway | \$144.28 |
| 5. Time Warner | \$92.71 |
| 6. House Managers | \$1,549.50 |
| 7.Pay Cor Fees | \$64.29 |
| 8.Live Wire Printing | \$69.00 |
| 9. Berry Yellow Pages | \$20.26 |

\$2,917.21

Month of May 2011

Donations/Rents	\$3,108.83
Coca Cola Sales	\$40.21
Interest Income	\$0.39
Total Income	<u>\$3,149.43</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,917.21

Donations/Rents

<u>By Week</u>	1.....	792.60
	2.....	1071.17
	3.....	954.05
	4.....	186.01
	5.....	105.00

\$3108.83

Total Gain May, 2011 \$232.22

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

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| 1. Amherst Saturday Night | 16. Harbortown Breakfast |
| 2. Elyria Men's Stag | 17. Noon Discussion Group |
| 3. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion | 18. CBS Big Book Step Study |
| 4. Friday Morning Survivor | 19. Anonymous |
| 5. Grafton Wednesday Night | 20. Vermilion 12 X 12 Discussion |
| 6. LaPorte Tuesday Group | 21. St. Anthony's Friday Night |
| 7. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle | 22. Industrial Group |
| 8. Mid Week Morning discussion | 23. Wellington Thursday Night |
| 9. Monday Night Lorain | 24. Elyria Friday Night |
| 10. Oberlin Breakfast Group | 25. Sunday Night Sobriety |
| 11. Oberlin Group | 26. LaGrange Monday Night |
| 12. Serenity Hall | 27. Sheffield Lake Monday Night |
| 13. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group | 28. Amherst Thursday |
| 14. S.I.O.G.A. | 29. Avon Tuesday |
| 15. Friday Night Sobriety | 30. Design For Living |
| | 31. Compass Group |



Board Of Directors

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