

AA Unity LiveWire AA

577 Broadway Avenue. Lorain, Ohio 44052 Phone 440 246-1800

June

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

2006

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What Early A.A. Was Really Like:

You won't learn this in A.A.'s basic text today or in our meetings. But the simplicity of early A.A. will really astound you! Usually there was hospitalization or at least medical help to save the newcomer's life. Only the Bible was allowed in the room. Recovered drunks visited the patient and told their success stories. The newcomer had to identify, admit that he too was licked, and that he would do whatever it took. Dr. Bob visited daily. Then, he would explain the disease as they then understood it; and, on the final day, asked two questions to which there was only one answer: (1) Do you believe in God? (2) Are you willing to get down on your knees and pray? The newcomer then gave his life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Many were too sick to venture far; so they lived with the Smiths (and later others) in Akron homes. It is a myth that they recovered in an afternoon or in four easy lessons. They shook. They shivered. They fidgeted. They forgot. They were ashamed, insecure, and guilt-ridden. But they learned what a loving God had made available. At the homes, they had daily Quiet Time (Bible study, prayer, asking guidance, reading a devotional, and discussing Anne Smith's Journal). They shared their woes and problems with Dr. Bob, with Anne (his wife), and with Henrietta Seiberling. They had similar Quiet Times in their personal lives or at their home. They had one meeting a week. No drunkalogs. No whining. No psychobabble. Just prayer. Reading from Scripture. Quiet Time. Use of The Upper Room or similar devotionals for discussion. Then surrender upstairs for the newcomer in a prayer session resembling that in James 5:14-16. He accepted Christ. The "elders" prayed with him that alcohol be taken out of his life, and asked that he be guided to devote himself to living according to God's will. Following that, downstairs there were announcements about newcomers at hospitals. Socializing. And it started all over again. There were sessions with Dr. Bob involving a moral inventory (as to adherence to the Four Absolutes), confession, prayer to have the sins removed, and plans for restitution. Did it work? You bet it did. 75% recovered in Akron. Soon, 93% were recovering in Cleveland. That's why we need to know about early A.A.! It took surrender. It took God. It took the Bible. It took a life-change decision. It took consistent action, and witnessing to others. It took fellowship. And it took time--lots of it.

Anne Smith's Journal, 1933-1939

Undoubtedly the most forgotten, least quoted, and least understood of early A.A.'s six major spiritual roots is Anne Smith's Journal. Anne Ripley Smith was the wife of A.A.'s co-founder, Dr. Bob. She was called by A.A.'s other co-founder, Bill Wilson, a "founder" of A.A. and the "Mother of A.A." It was she who read the Bible daily to Dr. Bob and Bill during the summer of 1935 when Bill was living with the Smiths and the spiritual recovery principles of A.A. were being developed. It was she, beginning in 1933, who recorded the basic ideas from the Bible, the Oxford Group's life-changing program, the Quiet Time practices, the Christian literature, and the practical ideas for depending upon God that became part and parcel of the A.A. Twelve Steps and A.A.'s Fellowship. Anne assembled these in her journal from 1933 to 1939. She read from this journal and used it as a basis for discussion from A.A.'s earliest Quiet Time days at the Smith home in Akron. Anne was declared to be the one who gave Bill W. and Dr. Bob a much needed "spiritual infusion." She attended all pioneer meetings. She acted as house-mother, nurse, evangelist, counselor, and employment agent for A.A. pioneers and their families. To know what Anne Smith wrote and was teaching is to know the real heart of A.A.'s spiritual ideas and program. This was the program that set the stage for the astonishing 75% to 93% success rate in Akron and Cleveland for "medically incurable" alcoholics who really tried and recovered. It was a program that put God and His Word first!

Monday Night

Lorain
7:30 PM
Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.
Lorain (NS)
5th. Yolanda
12th. Marv V.
19th. Bonnie L.
26th. C.J. Plato
(early)

Mid-Night

Elyria Group
Sat. 12:00 PM
St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
Elyria (NS)
3rd. Bob Costello
10th. Matt
17th. Larry H.
24th. Ask it Basket

Amherst Sat.

Group 8:30 PM
Church of the
Nazarene 210
Cooper-Foster Rd.
Amherst (NS)
3rd. Kelly B.
10th. Kevin S.
17th. Bruce S.
24th. Doc.

We need Members of the A.A. Community that have at least Three (3) years of Sobriety and are Interested in Serving on the Central Office Advisory Board to Send a letter explaining why they would like to Serve on the Board to the Central Office at 577 Broadway Ave, Lorain, OH. 44052. Addressed to the Advisory Board. Thank You, Your Central Office Committee.

April Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: David H. \$97.00. Just another way you can Help support the Central Office. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member.

OUR CENTRAL OFFICE ANSWERING SERVICE WAS ADDRESSED BY GEORGE S. AND ALL FUTURE CALLS WE BE HANDLED IN THE MATTER THAT BEST SUPPORTS OUR SERVICES.

NEW MEETINGS:
New Meeting Starting Thurs., April 27, 2006 At: Salvation Army, Elyria Time: 10:30 A.M. (NS) Wheelchair Accessible Open Disc.
T.G.I.F. Starting Fri., April 28, 2006 At: Salvation Army, Elyria Time: 10:30 A.M. (NS) Wheelchair Accessible Open Disc.

Spencer Under Construction Thur., 8:00 PM, Catholic Church State Rt 301 Spencer, Oh. Has a new Moderator Powerless Pete.

Lorain County Central Office would like to Thank All the Groups for their Contributions and EXTRA SUPPORT to help with the Tax Payments that were due and PAID in FULL.

Don't Miss the June Grapevine:
The June issue of the Grapevine features the story of an interview with Stoney S., a Cree celebrating 47 years of sobriety and report from Tahiti on its First Convention in French Polynesia. Also, check out the Special Section with stories from Native Americans as well as fourteen more contemporary articles from fellow AAs.

Concepts 6: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Promise 6: That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

Tradition 6: An A.A. Group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. Name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

HELP NEEDED

A.A. Men & Women to carry the message to other Alcoholics that are incarcerated in Jail or Prison in Lorain County:

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Requirements:

1 yr. Sobriety

(if you would like to help)

Please Call:
Russ Walker
440 668-6650

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Elyria

Friday Night
8:00 PM
Lake & Lowell St.
Elyria (NS)
2nd. Kevin
9th. Sober Alcoholic
16th. Bonnie
23rd. Schervl
30th. Stan

• *List Your •*
Anniversaries
June 3rd.
Melani
14Yrs.
June 9th.
Tom Coughlin
22Yrs.

Area 54 N.E. Ohio Picnic!!

Sunday June 25

Noon to 5:00 pm.

Lead: 3:00 pm.

Dave B.

from Detroit

Horseshoe

Lake Park

(off South Park Blvd., just east of Lee Road in Shaker Heights)

Bring a dish to share:

24th ANNUAL NEW LONDON CAMPOUT

When: June 22nd through Sunday June 25th, 2006

Where: New London Recreation Park.

New London, Ohio

Grove Street

(off State Rt. 60)

For more information call:

• Bas and Judy Elliott

419-929-0054

• John and Mary Ott

419-668-4122

• Pat Morgan

440-949-1079

Dancing: At the Arid Fellowship Center every other **Saturday!!!! Sober Fun •**

• DJ Big Shawn • 50/50 Raffle •

Cost: \$3.00 or Couples: \$5.00

• *The Word of God Is Power Over Fear.* •

Burgers & Que

Arid Fellowship Center
1741 N. Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH

Beginning Friday, May 12th we will be serving hamburgers, bar-b-que chicken, bar-b-que pork, & potato or macaroni salad every other Friday. On the alternate Fridays we will be serving tacos

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| Tacos | \$1.50 |
| Hamburgers | \$1.50 |
| Cheese Burgers | \$1.75 |
| Piece of chicken | \$1 |
| Bar-B-Que Pork | \$1 |

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| Potato Salad | .75 |
| Macaroni Salad | .75 |

6:30PM until 11PM
Every Friday



Arid Fellowship Center
Annual Steak Fry
Saturday, June 17, 2006
5PM until ??

Dinner includes

Strip Steak - grilled to order, Baked
Potato, Salad, Roll, & Dessert

Tickets \$10

You must have a ticket,
so please purchase
tickets early.
Ticket sales end
Monday, June 12th.

Dance begins at
7PM until
whenever
50/50 Raffles

DJ Big Shawn



Survivors List:
Groups in need of **Support** to stay
afloat please contact:
Lorain County Central Office.
Call 440 246-1800

St. Agnes Thur. Night (O)
Thur., 8:00 PM Arid Club, 1741 N.
Ridge Rd., Sheffield Township (NS)
Elyria New Way of Life

Group (O) Wed., 8:00 PM Pilgrim
United Church of Christ, Winkles &
Board St., Elyria (NS)

The Key Big Book Disc. (CW)
Sun., 11PM 225 W. 6th St. (Bring Friend)

We Need You!!
Don't let them Close **HELP**
SUPPORT the groups.

It's Time for St. Jude's Sunday Breakfast in the Park

Join us at
Cascade Park in Elyria
West River Road Entrance

9:00 Breakfast

June 18th.

July 16th. Aug. 20th.

10:00 Lead

Sober Alcoholic

Breakfast includes:

Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Potatoes
Bacon, Sausage, Toast,
Juice, Coffee and Deserts.

Breakfast cost: \$3.00

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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. **(July 9th., 2006)**

The **Lorain Central Office 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. Get Active) **(July 9th., 2006)**

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the **3rd. Thursday** of the month, at the **Central Office**. **(June 15th., 2006)**

The Lorain Central Office and the A.A. Fellowship would like to Thank Marty at Mariotti Printing for the outstanding job and the new look of the LiveWire. God Bless, and Thank You!!

Founders' Day Herald

TRADITION 6 - "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

71st Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 9, 10, 11 2006 • Akron, Ohio • Birthplace of A.A.

FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 18TH
ONE OF THE GREATEST BLESSINGS
GOD GIVES US IS THE GIFT OF
SOMEONE WHO CARES.
THANK YOU FOR BEING THAT
SOMEONE, DAD.
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY AND
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

THE HABORTOWN BREAKFAST GROUP IN BIRMINGHAM, OHIO IS HOSTING THE LORAIN COUNTY A.A. PICNIC THEY NEED HELP FROM OTHER GROUPS IN LORAIN COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THE FRIENDS OF BILL W. PICNIC IS A SUCCESS. IF YOUR GROUP CAN HELP PLEASE CALL TOM ORTIZ AT 440-315-8600 OR ART CLEARLY AT 440-323-2246 TO VOLUNTEER.

Honesty • Unselfishness • Love • Purity

Committee Chairs

Unity LiveWire

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Russ Walker..... | 327-1308 |
| *e mail russ8859@aol.com | |
| Jim Parks..... | 440 210-1899 |
| *e mail parkspphoto@adelphia.net | |

Archives Committee

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| Kevin Sexton..... | 323-9217 |
| e mail bigbook@alltel.net | |

Schools

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| Ellen B..... | 322-5306 |
| e mail irishmimi1@comcast.net | |

Correctional Committee

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| DCM.Russ Walker..... | 327-1308 |
| e mail russ8859@aol.com | |
| Maureen Leach..... | 967-6305 |
| Coretta Farley..... | 308-1714 |

District Committee

District #19a

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| DCM.Russ Walker..... | 327-1308 |
| e mail russ8859@aol.com | |

District #19b

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| DCM.Pam Krueck..... | 984-3805 |
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District #20c

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| DCM.Donna Lawson..... | cell# 440 574-3464 |
| Alt.Craig Warren..... | cell# 440 985-3403 |

District #20b

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| DCM.Judy Sexton..... | 322-2619 |
| Alt.Marilyn Oliver..... | 284-9834 |

District #20a vacant

Help Needed

Board Of Directors

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| Co-Chairperson | Terri Poznako..... | 225-6897 |
| Co-Chairperson | Tom Ortiz..... | 315-8600 |
| Treasurer | Bill Post..... | 933-4153 |
| Secretary | Tom Banks..... | 823-5159 |
| Office Managers | George Schmidt..... | 288-8935 |
| | Sam Hensley..... | 288-4942 |

Advisory Board Members

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| Tom Coughlin..... | 315-6846 |
| Russ Walker..... | 327-1308 |
| Bob Paton..... | 965-7786 |
| Troy Smith..... | 365-9018 |
| Donna Lawson..... | 574-3464 |
| Charlie Crawford..... | 988-7061 |

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of April 2006.

| Expenses | | Donations | |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Rent | \$ 650.00 | 1..... | 170.00 |
| 2. All Service Telephone | 122.63 | 2..... | 893.63 |
| 3. Columbia Gas | 457.00 | 3..... | 655.10 |
| 4. Ohio Edison | 185.73 | 4..... | 1,386.75 |
| 5. Century Telephone | 117.66 | 5..... | 539.03 |
| 6. House Manager's | 1322.41 | | |
| 7. PayCor Fee | 53.41 | | \$ 3,644.51 |
| 8. Live Wire Printing | 20.00 | Donations | \$ 3,644.51 |
| 9. Alltel Pub. Yellow Pgs. | 18.30 | Expenses | \$ 2,947.14 |
| | | Gain | \$ 697.37 |
| | \$ 2,947.14 | | |

Donations for the month of April 2006

Please include General Service # if you know it, and Phone # with your donations. Thank You!!

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| 1. Mon. Night Happy Hour | 23. S.I.O.G.A. |
| 2. Thursday Compass Group | 24. S.I.O.G.A. |
| 3. Friday Night LaGrange | 25. Stepping Into Sobriety |
| 4. Grafton Wednesday Night | 26. Blue Monday |
| 5. Anonymous | 27. North Ridgeville Men's |
| 6. Anonymous | 28. Anonymous |
| 7. Anonymous | 29. Anonymous |
| 8. Sheffield Lake Civic Center | 30. Anonymous |
| 9. Strength In Sobriety | 31. Anonymous |
| 10. Lorain County 50/50 Raffle | 32. Tuesday Night Central |
| 11. Oberlin Group Thurs. Night | 33. St Lads Gould |
| 12. Oberlin Group Tues. Noon Disc. | 34. Anonymous |
| 13. As Bill Sees It | 35. Monday Men's Stag |
| 14. Serenity Hall ST Lad's | 36. Turning Point |
| 15. Saturday Night Security | 37. Lorain Wednesday Night |
| 16. Wellington Monday Disc. | 38. Anonymous |
| 17. Elyria Friday Night | 39. Monday Women's Oberlin |
| 18. Early Morning Disc. Elyria | 40. Amherst Saturday Night |
| 19. New Beginnings Big Book | 41. Lorain Monday |
| 20. Serenity Hall ST Lad's | 42. Tuesday Night Central |
| 21. Sunday Men's 4PM Disc. | 43. Vermillion Tuesday Night Big Book |
| 22. Anonymous | 44. St. Lad's Serenity |

Phone Line Report: for the month of May, 2006

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| 12 Step Calls.... | 26 |
| Sponsorship..... | 10 |
| Al-A-Non..... | 5 |
| Meeting Info.... | 155 |
| General Info..... | 61 |
| Total:..... | 252 |

Rents: for the month of April, 2006

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| 1. Mon. Night Happy Hour |
| 2. Tues. Central |
| 3. Strength In Sobriety |
| 4. Fri. Morn. Survivor |
| 5. We Care Tues. Morn. Disc. |
| 6. Tuesday Central |
| 7. Sharing Our Sobriety |
| 8. Mid Week Morn. Disc. |
| 9. Friday Morn. Survivor |
| 10. Tuesday We Care |
| 11. Tuesday Central |

One
Day
At
A
Time

*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Russ Walker or Jim Parks via: Call, *email or leave the information at the Central Office before the 25th. of each month.

Any of the Groups that have Moved, or have become Inactive in the last year should contact the Central Office and **Fill Out a Group Change Form**. Or come to the Multi-District meeting at **11 AM (July 2nd., 2006)** or the Central Office meeting at 12:30 PM. that same day and we will help you fill out the Form.

Please Be responsible Members of Aloholic Anonymous: