

# AA Unity LiveWire AA

577 Broadway Avenue Lorain, Ohio 44052

March

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

2007

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*"First Things First"*

## **THE MINI-CONFERENCE – A SPIRITED EXPERIENCE**

Every year in April, ninety-three members of Alcoholics Anonymous from all over the United States and Canada meet in New York City for a week-long General Service Conference. These people are called *Delegates*. They bring to the Conference the opinions and feelings of the members of A.A. who elected them. They share these views with all the other Delegates attending. Collectively, with the Trustees, Directors and Staff, these 134 individuals come to a meeting of the minds on the issues brought before the Conference this year. Their foremost thought remains what is best for A.A. as a whole.

Every member of our Fellowship is potentially a delegate if he or she is willing to serve in this manner, yet not everyone will be chosen to do so. It is for this reason that the mini-Conference was devised; so that all members of our Fellowship get an opportunity to see how the Conference takes place. Everyone may participate in discussions of the actual agenda items that will come before the Conference this year. This also gives the delegate from our area last minute information of our collective area conscience just prior to his or her departure for New York.

The first known mini-Conference was staged in Washington, D.C. in 1974. Then, a recent past delegate named John W[aterfield] had the vision and inspiration to make this a reality. He became a regional trustee to the General Service Board. An account of this event was reported to the 1975 General Service Conference and the delegate from our area, Bob B[acon], felt encouraged to attempt to do the same.

The first Northeast Ohio mini-Conference was held in the fall of 1975 at the Cleveland Hotel (now known as the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel). It was not well attended but everyone who did attend was impressed and pleased with what they saw and heard, and expressed the hope that these would continue. Our next delegate, Fred B[oyd], liked the idea. He felt the ideal time to hold the mini-Conference would be in March just preceding the Conference in New York City. Thus, Area 54's next mini-Conference was held in March 1976. This has been continued every year since then, growing in popularity and attendance. It has become self-supporting and is seen as a valuable tool in service work.

## **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE AREA 54 MINI-CONFERENCE?**

This Mini-Conference was developed to give our Delegate the informed conscience of the groups in Area 54, Northeast Ohio, on some of the agenda that will be addressed at the General Service Conference. Due to time constraints it is not possible to address all of the agenda of the General Service Conference. The selected agenda is mailed to the registered GSR's of the groups in advance. The group can discuss the issues and send their group's conscience to the Mini-Conference via their GSR. At the Mini-Conference the issues are discussed with AA Members from many groups throughout Area 54. Using the committee system and voting procedures described in the AA Service Manual, a consensus is reached. This consensus will be taken to the General Service Conference via our seated Delegate.

The Mini-Conference will also feature displays and information provided by the Area 54 Standing Committees and a variety of ways for everyone to share with others committed to their service to others. Those attending can meet the East Central Regional Trustee, a staff member from the General Service Office and the Area Committee. There are also sharing sessions for All and an Ask-it-basket hosted by Past Delegates, the Trustee and GSO Staff member.

We welcome you all in our 32<sup>nd</sup> year and hope you will understand more of the General Service structure and experience the excitement of our Third Legacy of Service.

**March**      *N O W = No Other Way*      **2007**

**Mon. Night**

**Lorain**

**7:30 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church  
5100 Ashland Ave.

**Lorain (NS)**

**5th. Loretta**

**12th. Bob S.**

**19th. Andy B.**

**25th. James M.**

**St. Agnes**

**Thur. Night**

**8:00 PM**

1741 N. Ridge Rd.

**Sheffield(NS)**

**1st. Jeff G.**

**8th. Juan O.**

**15th. Patti S.**

**22nd. Brian O.**

**29th. Margaret G.**

**Fri. Night**

**Faith Group**

**11:00 PM**

1741 N Ridge Rd.

**Sheffield(NS)**

**2nd. Shawn M.**

**9th. Discussion**

**16th. Darrell C.**

**23th. James M.**

**30th. Disc.**

**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)      **(April 1st., 2007)**

**Advisory Board Meeting:** The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the **3rd. Thursday** of the month, at the **Central Office.**      **(March 15th., 2007)**

**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.      **(April 1st., 2007)**

**We NEED people** to answer the phones at the Central Office on Friday, if you have at least one year of sobriety please call the Central Office at 440-246-1800 to volunteer.

**Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: #5872 Chuck A. \$81.00, Sold by Smiling Joe. Just another way you can Help support the Central Office. Buy a Ticket from any Advisory Board Member.**

**The Passing of Nell Wing:**  
**Dear Friends:**

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Nell Wing died on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.. after a lengthy illness. Nell was 89 years old.

As most of you know, Nell was Bill W.'s secretary and assistant for 17 years and a close friend and long-time companion to Lois W. She worked at the General Service Office of A.A. from the beginning of 1947 until her retirement at the close of 1982, starting as a receptionist and later becoming secretary of A.A. World Services, Inc. Additionally, she served as G.S.O.'s first archivist for the last ten of her years at the office. The Archives opened in 1975.

Please join all of us at the General Service Office in extending our heartfelt condolences to Nell's family.

**"If you keep doing what you're doing --You'll keep getting what you're getting. If you don't like what you're getting. Change what you're doing!"**

**Concepts 3:** To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.-- the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives-- with a traditional "Right of Decision."

**Step 3:** Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.

**Promise 3:** We will comprehend the word serenity.

**Tradition 3:** The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**Wellington**  
**Thurs. Night**

**7:30 PM**

137 Lincoln St.

**Wellington (NS)**

**1st. Dee Carter**

**8th. Dave Archer**

**15th. Debi Frey**

**22nd. John G.**

**29th. Pat Morgan**

**Mid- Night**

**Elyria Group**

**Sat. 12:00 PM**

St Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.

**Elyria (NS)**

**3rd. Fred**

**10th. George S.**

**17th. John J.**

**24th. Donna**

**31st. Melany**

**Elyria Sun.**  
**Night**

**7:30 PM**

St. Jude's School

594 Poplar St.

**Elyria (NS)**

**4th. Tommy S.**

**11th. Sue P.**

**18th. Sam C.**

**25th Jan H.**

***Anniversary***

• 24 years •

**Sun. March 11th.**

**North Ridgeville**

**Men's**

**7:30 PM**

First Merit Bank  
35621 Center Ridge Rd.

**Lead:**

**Larry Vandusen**

- Door Prizes •
- Pizza & Cake •

**Arid Club Annual**

**St Patrick's Day**

**Dinner & Dance**

1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

**7:PM Til 1:AM**

**Sat. March 17th**

**Traditional Dinner:**

**Cornbeef & Cabbage**

**Cost: Dinner&Dance**

**\$8.00**

Children 5-12 \$4.00

HD Entertainment Co.

Call: Nikki: 233-4801

**Arid Fellowship**

**Spaghetti**

**Dinner**

**Sat. March 24th.**

1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

**Proceeds:**

**For Children's**

**Easter Party**

**5:PM Til ?**

**Cost: To Be Announced**

Call: Nikki: 233-4801

***The 3rd. Annual***

***Pajama Meeting***

**April 7th.**

**Mid-Night Elyria**

**Group**

**Sat.12:00 PM**

**St Mary's Church**

**4th & Middle Ave.**

**Lead: Renee S.**

- Door Prizes •
- Pizza & Cake •
- 50/50 Raffle •

**H O W = Honesty, Open-mindedness, Willingness.**

### AA Thought for the Day: Serenity

That word "serenity" looked like an impossible goal then we didn't even want to aim at it. But we found that serenity meant no such thing. When it comes to us now, it is more as plain recognition -- a clear-eyed, realistic way of seeing the world, accompanied by inner peace and strength. Serenity is like the gyroscope that lets us keep our balance no matter what turbulence swirls around us. And that is a state of mind worth aiming for.

c. 1998 AAWS, Living Sober, p. 19

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### • March Anniversaries •

- 1st. Kris Kamms 6yrs.
- 5th. Debbi Sexton 2yrs.
- 8th. Bob Schuman 10yrs.
- 14th. Russ Walker 17yrs.
- 19th. Denny Lawrence 33yrs.
- 25th. Scott Brown 22yrs.
- James Miskov 4yrs.

*I Can't,  
But  
God Can,  
Let Him*

**If You Were On Trial For Being An Active AA Member Would There Be Enough Evidence To Convict You?**

### Grapevine check out the March issue:

We've got:

- \* Step Three: the practice of letting go
- \* Special Section: Working With Wet Drunks (including resources)
- \* Early AA: an early female AA shares what it was like and her memories of Nell Wing
- \* Around AA: Special Hispanic Forum

### 32nd ANNUAL NORTHEAST OHIO GENERAL SERVICE MINI-CONFERENCE

March 30, APRIL 1, 2007

Theme:

**"Our 12th Step Responsibility - Are We Going to Any Length?"**

(All A.A. members are encouraged to attend this conference)

Speakers

Banquet (Open AA Meeting)

Adrienne B., from our General Service Office Trustee's Report

Bob M. East Central Region Trustee

Registration: Friday: 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Conference Begins Friday: 7:30 PM

Holiday Inn Westlake

Registration \$ 20.00

Saturday Banquet \$29.00

Select either Beef or Chicken

reserve by March 2, 2007

Phone: (440) 871-6000 (800) 448-2296

Make reference to: Northeast Ohio Mini-Conference

Free parking for hotel guests and local participants.

**"As Lee See's It"**

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
About my past life I do weep.  
If I should live but one more day,  
Please let me live it in a sober way.  
For many years I drank and roamed,  
I spent most of my whole life stoned.  
But now my past has slipped away,  
Thank you, my savior, for AA.

(by Lee J., Lima, OH.)

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You may have traveled to Pennsylvania twice a year to visit Cook's Forest to experience Spiritual A.A., and you may have traveled to Akron, Ohio to see what Founder's Weekend is all about. Now you must travel to the Holiday Inn, at the exit of Route 90 and Crocker Road in Westlake for the Area 54 Mini-Conference to experience how Alcoholics Anonymous works. See You There. March 30, 31, & April 1, 2007. Dont Miss Out, Sign Up, Come Join Us!!!

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Name (2)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

No.

Registration \_\_\_ x \$ 20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ List Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet \_\_\_ x \$ 29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Select either --> Beef \_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone can register at the door, however, the banquet may not be available.

Please make checks payable to: NE Ohio Mini-Conference

Mail to: Mini-Conference, 1076 Woodview Rd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44121

Email Inquiries to: [MiniConference@aneoh.org](mailto:MiniConference@aneoh.org)

POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 24th or please register at the conference.

## Committee Chairs

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 DCM.Russ Walker.....327-1308  
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 Alt. Edwin Tories.....989-0362

District #20a Vacant. (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)  
 DCM.Judy Sexton.....322-2619

District #20b (All Meetings at ARID Club)  
 DCM.Judy Sexton.....322-2619  
 Alt.Marilyn Oliver.....284-9834

District #20c (LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twsp., Pittsfield Twsp., Brithton Twsp., Wellington Meetings)  
 DCM.Donna Lawson.....574-3464

## Board Of Directors

Chairperson Tom Ortiz.....315-8600  
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\*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.

## Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of January, 2007.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 675.00	1..... \$ 893.39
2. Columbia Gas	\$ 459.00	2..... \$ 920.63
3. All Service Telephone	\$ 140.88	3..... \$ 966.00
4. Ohio Edison	\$ 184.19	4..... \$1,217.00
5. Century Telephone	\$ 91.11	5..... \$1,557.65
6. House Managers	\$1,487.14	
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 53.41	\$5,554.67
8. LiveWire Printing	\$ 30.00	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$5,554.67
9. Windstream Yellow Pages	\$ 18.30	<u>Expenses</u> \$3,540.63
10. Holiday Open House	\$ 24.92	<u>Gain</u> \$2,014.04
11. Cigarette Ash Receptacles	\$ 178.90	
12. Cups 10oz.	\$ 151.78	
13. ABCO Fire Protection Inc.	\$ 46.00	
	<u>\$3,540.63</u>	

A B C = Acceptance, Belief, Change.

A N O N Y M O U S = Actions, Not Our Names Yield Maintenance Of Unity and Service.

## Donations for the month of Jan., 2007

When making Donations Please include General Service # and Phone # if you know it, if not look on the internet at [aaloraincounty.org](http://aaloraincounty.org) under A.A. Meetings, if your group is registered the General Service # will be listed. Thank You!!

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| 1. Blue Monday                   | 19. Wellington Thursday Night          |
| 2. Mon. Night 12 & 12 Wellington | 20. Oberlin Group                      |
| 3. Monday Night Lorain           | 21. Thursday Women's Sobriety          |
| 4. Monday Happy Hour             | 22. Friday Night Amherst               |
| 5. Elyria Men's Stag             | 23. Elyria Friday Night                |
| 6. We Care Tuesday Morning       | 24. Friday Night Avon Lake Group       |
| 7. Tuesday LaPorte               | 25. Vermilion 12 X 12 Discussion       |
| 8. S.I.O.G.A.                    | 26. Spanish American Group             |
| 9. Vermilion Tues. Night Group   | 27. LaGrange Friday Night              |
| 10. Tuesday Night Central        | 28. Serenity Hall                      |
| 11. Mid-Week Morning Disc.       | 29. Saturday Night Security            |
| 12. Lorain Wednesday Group       | 30. Amherst Saturday Group             |
| 13. Wellington Big Book Study    | 31. Midnight Elyria Group              |
| 14. Back To Basics Avon Lake     | 32. Oberlin Breakfast Group            |
| 15. Grafton Wednesday Night      | 33. Elyria Sunday Night Group          |
| 16. Elyria New Way of Life Group | 34. Anonymous                          |
| 17. Strength In Sobriety         | 35. Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle |
| 18. Vermilion Thursday Disc.     |  |

### Rents:

for the month of Jan., 2007

Blue Monday  
 Monday Happy Hour  
 We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.  
 Tuesday Night Central  
 Mid Week Morning Disc.  
 Strength In Sobriety  
 Friday Morning Survivor  
 Friday Men's Disc.  
 Unity Hall Disc.  
 Lorain County Consolidated

### Phone Line Report:

for the month of Feb., 2007

12 Step Calls.... 12  
 Sponsorship..... 8  
 Al-A-Non..... 7  
 Meeting Info....114  
 General Info..... 56  
**Total:..... 197**

*Let Go, Let God!!*

If you freely admit your faults, you deprive your friends of the pleasure of pointing them out!