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Attitude Adjustment: A nice way to start the day

I am an alcoholic who has been sober and recovering for just over eight months now. What an incredible ride it has been. From the moment I pulled open the doors to my very first meeting, I felt something different, something good was going to happen. Those doors, which at the time I believed to be the heaviest ever made, allowed me to walk into a new way of life. I don't remember what exactly was said, nor do I remember any one person in particular, but I do remember the incredible feeling of positive power in that room. It certainly struck me hard enough to make me come back the next day, and I did. I chased that feeling from room to room, the same way I chased the seemingly wonderful effects of my first drunk. Every drunk got progressively worse. To my surprise, I found that same great feeling that I had in my first meeting in every room I went to. Sometimes more powerfully than others, sometimes the same, but never less.

It hasn't been easy. My emotional bottom came in sobriety. Everything seemed to be going wrong, with one tragic occurrence after another. My life was suffering emotionally, professionally, and spiritually. I was mired in depression. It was awful. I lost weight and was slowly losing my mind. I actually had to sit and feel all of those feelings I worked so hard to drown out with alcohol. I knew that I couldn't drink anymore. It would only make things worse. I just had to deal with those things called feelings. I guess I always had them, I just never felt them before. Too drunk to. Waking every morning, I would ask myself, What else could possibly go wrong today? I knew something would go wrong. Who knew what, but something would. Nice way to start the day, huh?

So, I made the decision to keep coming to the rooms. It was the only thing going right for me. I felt great when I was in a meeting. The "committee" in my head took a break when I was there. I laughed, smiled, and listened. Little by little, I got it. Then, one day, nothing went right, but nothing went wrong. It just went. I went with it. Then another day. Then another, but this time I smiled and even chuckled. The next one, I laughed. It seemed that the good feelings from the meetings were starting to carry over to the rest of my day. My days were actually getting better.

I was starting to feel joy. I was smiling on the inside. Gratitude, dare I say, was beginning to creep into my vocabulary. I shared those feeling with new comers. I felt better. I started working the Steps and felt better still. Sobriety, I realized, is also progressive.

Now, months later, I have a great deal of respect and gratitude for my disease. Without it, I would never have found this new way of life. I have become happy, joyous, and free. Don't get me wrong: my life isn't perfect. There are many situations that I'm working to resolve, but I don't pick up a drink a day at a time. Not picking up a drink creates infinite possibilities for me. What are those possibilities? I don't know, but I do know that when I wake up in the morning I pray for what I need to get through the day sober. I also smile and say to myself, Who knows? This could be the greatest day of my life!

Nice way to start the day, huh

Gee New York, New York

Your Move What works for me:

AA Grapevine readers respond to "Should We Go Easy on the God Stuff?" featured in the April 2002 issue

In response to "Should We Go Easy on the God Stuff?": I was not surprised but amused. The author quotes the passage from the Big Book that tells us to "stress the spiritual feature" and then complains because someone is not doing it the way he feels it should be done.

I thought a meeting was a place to share our experience, strength, and hope. If my experience is with a God whom I call Jesus, then why should I not share that? It does not force the word Jesus upon anyone; it just allows others to know what has worked for me. I do not flash the name to beat others over the head; rather I rely on my relationship with my Higher Power to lead and direct what I am saying, which includes his name on occasion.

The main object of the Big Book is to enable us to find a power greater than ourselves. Step Eleven is there so that our God continues to grow, so that our principles grow into a working relationship with the God of our understanding.

Others can present their experience without it seeming as if we're in a competition. Hopefully, this adds to the different perspectives brought into meetings and allows others to identify and chose from those who have what they want. Most of us sense that real tolerance of others' shortcomings and viewpoints and respect for their opinions are attitudes which make us more useful to others. May we all seek to understand rather than to be understood.

Christy S. Denton, Texas

Mon. Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

3rd. Jamie W.

10th. Andy B.

17th. Steve R.

24th. Judy S.

31st. Susie P.

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

7th. Discussion

14th. Kevin S.

21st. 3rd. Step

28th. Tommy Z.

Mid-Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.

1st. Tom N.

8th. Jerry G.

15th. Shawn M.

22nd. Jeff K.

29th. Ask It Basket

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.

If you want to learn what changes in Alcoholics Anonymous, will be discussed at the next General Service Conference in New York City at the end of April 2008. Come to the Mini Conference April 11,12,13, 2008, At the Holiday Inn, Westlake, to become a part of the process, by reviewing and voting on the Agenda Items. Please take advantage of the Conference, it being so close to home. See you there , register as soon as possible.

We have the honor this year to host the Area 54 picnic. Area 54 is all of Northeast, Ohio. We will need many volunteers to be on the Picnic committee, helping to cook, clean up, make signs, and donations of money from those Groups that can afford to donate. The Lead Speaker at the Picnic will be Judy S. from Elyria, Ohio. If you are willing to help, or wish to donate to help defray the costs; Please call Russ W. 440-327-1308, Judy S. 440-322-2619, or Mary Ann S. at 440-453-4115. We need the help of Lorain County A.A.'s. The Picnic Will be Sunday, June 22, 2008 from Noon to ? at the Day's Dam on East 31st. Street.

Thought to Ponder: The goal of the spiritual life is in sight. All I need is the final effort. The saddest records are made by people who ran well, with brave, stout hearts, until the sight of the goal, and then some weakness or self-indulgence held them back. They never knew how near they were to victory.

Thought For the Day: The A.A. program is a way of life. It's a way of living and we have to live the program if we're going to stay sober. The twelve steps in the Big Book are like guidepost. They point the direction in which we have to go. But all members of the group have to find their own best way to live the program. We don't all do it exactly alike. Whether by quiet times in the morning, meetings, working with others, or spreading the word, we have to learn to live the Program.

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.

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*A B C =
Acceptance,
Belief,
Change.*
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Lorain

Consolidated

Sun.2:30 PM

577 Broadway

2nd. Margaret G.

9th. Patty Mc M.

16th. David M.

23rd. Terri P.

30th. Richard P.

No
Other
Way

Arid Club Children's

Easter Party

March 16th.

3:00 till 6:00 PM

EASTER BUNNY!!

Snacks • Games • Prizes

Bring a Fun Dish to Share

FUN FUN FUN

• **List Your Anniversaries •**

March 1st. Kris K. 7yrs.

March 5th. Debbi S. 3yrs.

March 8th. Bob S. 11yrs.

March 11th. Russ W. 18yrs.

March 13th. Sandra S. 2yrs.

March 19th. Denny L. 34yrs.

March 22nd. James M. 5yrs.

March 25th. Scott B. 23yrs.

The Grafton Wed Night Meeting has CHANGED the Time to an 8 PM Meeting and that it will be an OPEN Discussion Meeting as of MARCH, 2008.

A Notice For Help: To all alumni and concerned members of the recovery community, Compass House desperately needs your financial support. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. For more information please Call Craig R. Caire Executive Director 440-246-5111 (craigc@compass-house.org)

Prayer for the Day: I pray that I may press on until the goal is reached. I pray that I will not give up in the final stretch.

Thank You: "Compass House would like to thank everyone for their support of the Lasagna Dinner. It was a big success." God Bless and Many Thanks Craig C.

"If God leads you to it, He will lead you through it."

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Tom O. , Sold by Inter-Group Office. Just another way you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member.

**Area 54 Northeast Ohio
Is Hosting
The Ohio State and East Central
Regional Conventions.**

July 25th - 27th, 2008

At the Holiday Inn Westlake
We need the support of the
Home Groups to host the Hospi-
tality Room during the Conven-
tion. We are asking that your
Group volunteer to be responsi-
ble for a Time slot of Your choice
during the Convention.

For more Information:

Please contact:

Calvin L. (216-334-4594)

Klaus K. (216-441-5804)

**Founder of the
Compass House
Bill Findley**

Dinner & Roast

Held at:

Tom's Country Place

3442 Stoney Ridge Road
Avon, Ohio 44011

April 03, 2008

6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Dinner - Roast -

Silent Auction -

50/50 Raffle Door Prizes

\$55.00 per person Includes

(1) Dinner and

(1) 50/50 Raffle Ticket

Purchase a Table \$ 545.00

Includes (10) Dinner Tickets and (20)

50/50 Raffle Tickets

Payment Options

MasterCard, Visa Credit Cards,

Debit Cards, Checks and Cash

440-246-5111

Need A. A. Volunteers to Speak,
Lead and or Assist at the Lake Point
Nursing Home on Monday's 7 PM.
Contact Coretta Farley. 308-1714

Anniversary

• 25 years •

Sun. March 9th.

North Ridgeville

Men's

7:30 PM

First Merit Bank
35621 Center Ridge Rd.

Lead: Paul G.

His story is in the B.B.

"Gutter Bravado"

• Spaghetti & Cake •

Area 54 Picnic

June 22nd. 2008

Noon till ?

Day's Dam

2729 East 31st. Street

Lorain, Ohio 44055

Please bring Covered

Dish To Share

(Lawn Chair to sit on)

Lead: 3:00 PM

Judy Sexton

D.C.M. Dist. 20A, Elyria

For More Info Please call

Russ W. 440-327-1308

Judy S. 440-322-2619

Mary Ann S. 440-453-4115

All's Welcome

Standing

Committee

Workshop

Saturday

March 22, 2008

Time 1 P.M.

at the

Inter-Group Office

577 Broadway Avenue,
Lorain, OH.

More Info Call:

Russ: 440 668-6650

**The 4th. Annual
Pajama Meeting**

April 5th.

Mid-Night Elyria

Group

Sat. Mid Night

St Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.

Lead: Londa A.

• Door Prizes •

• Food & Cake •

• 50/50 Raffle •

**Compass House
Alumni & Friends**

Breakfast

Last Saturday
of the month.

St. Ladislaus

1412 29th St. &

Wood Ave.

Breakfast @ 9:00 am

Lead @ 10:00 am

Cost Only \$4.00

• FOOD •

• FUN •

• & FELLOWSHIP •

Arid Club

Annual

St Patrick's Day

Dinner & Dance

1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

8PM Til Mid-Night

Sat. March 15th

Food Provided

(Bring a Dish to Share)

Cost:

Dinner & Dance \$8.00

Children 5-10 \$4.00

D.J. 50/50

For more info:

Arid Club (440 233-4801)

33rd ANNUAL

**AREA 54 NORTHEAST OHIO
GENERAL SERVICE**

MINI-CONFERENCE

April 11-13, 2008

**"Communication and Participation -
The Key to Unity and Self-Support"**

(All AA members are encouraged
to attend this conference)

Holiday Inn Westlake

\$72 per night

(Plus State & Local Tax)

reserve by March 11, 2008

Phone: (440)871-6000 (800)426-0122

Make reference to:

Northeast Ohio

Mini-Conference

Free parking for hotel guests and local
participants.

Survivors List:

Groups in need of

Support to stay afloat Please

Attend, Contribute,

Be Active, Help Chair,

Be a Secretary,

Be Responsible

Women's Big Book Study

Sat. 11:00 AM

Sat. Young Person's Gp.

Sat. 2:00 PM

Elyria St. Mary's

Sun. 8:00 PM

Tues. Lunch Break

Tues. 12:00 Noon

Friday Night Faith

Fri. 11:00 PM

Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

UAW Big Book Study

Thurs. 10:30 AM

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

523 E. Broad St. & Winckles St.

Elyria

St Agnes Thurs. Group

Thurs. 8:00 PM

St. John's Luthern Church

W. River Road

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT the groups.

Quote of the Week: "The key to my serenity today is directly linked to my ability to stay in the moment—to be in the present."

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

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Vacant

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

District #20b (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM. Kevin S.
 Alt. Marilyn O.284-9834

District #20c (LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Twp., Amherst, Henrietta Twp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twp., Pittsfield Twp., Brighton Twp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM. Donna L.574-3464

Board Of Directors

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Service
Through
Action

Rents: Month of Jan., 2008

1. Friday Men's Discussion
2. Mid-Week Morning Disc.
3. Strength In Sobriety
4. Tuesday Night Central
5. Unity Hall Disc.
6. We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.

Phone Line Report: Month of Feb., 2008

12 Step Calls.....	17
Sponsorship.....	1
AI-A-Non.....	7
Meeting Info.....	139
General Info.....	57
Total:	221

Financial Report

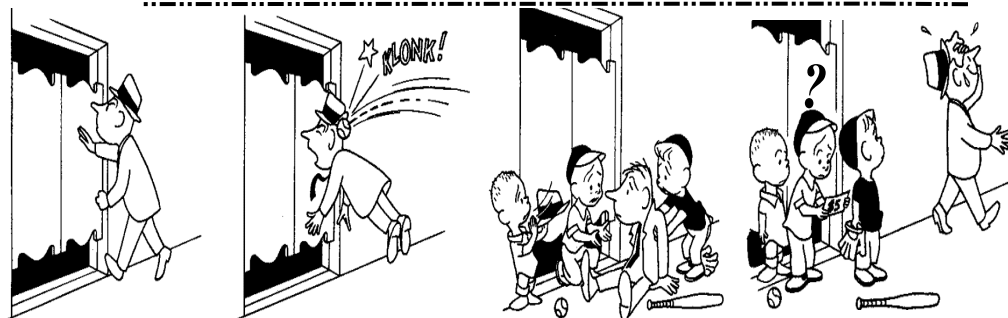
Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of January, 2008.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 700.00	1..... \$ 837.70
2. Columbia Gas	\$ 407.00	2..... \$ 902.00
3. All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 140.88	3..... \$ 943.31
4. Ohio Edison	\$ 18.86	4..... \$ 397.35
5. Century Telephone	\$ 178.37	5..... 0.00
6. House Managers	\$ 1,421.32	
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 96.10	\$ 3,080.36
8. Live Wire Printing	\$ 58.00	
9. Windstream Yellow Pages	\$ 19.14	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$ 3,080.36
10. Zurich North America	\$ 500.00	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 3,707.35
11. Dennis Schuster (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)	\$ 132.00	<u>Loss Jan. 2008</u> -\$626.99
12. Tom Ortiz (Computer Table, Garbage Bags)	\$ 35.68	
	<u>\$ 3,707.35</u>	

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 for the month of January, 2008

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. 50/50 Raffle | 12. Mid-Week Morning Disc. |
| 2. Wednesday Back To Basics | 13. North Ridgeville Men's |
| 3. Amherst Saturday Group | 14. Oberlin Group |
| 4. Anonymous | 15. Serenity Hall |
| 5. Blue Monday | 16. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 6. Elyria Friday Night | 17. St Agnes Thursday Night |
| 7. Elyria Sunday Night Group | 18. Stepping Into Sobriety Group |
| 8. Friday Night Avon Lake Group | 19. Strength In Sobriety |
| 9. Grafton Wednesday Night | 20. Vermilion Tues. Night Group |
| 10. LaGrange Monday Night | 21. We Care Tues. Morning Disc. |
| 11. Lorain Monday | 22. Wednesday Morning Disc. |



THANK YOU: The Inter-Group Office would like to thank ALL of those that Attended the Standing Committee Workshop. We will be calling all those that SIGNED UP to be on a Committee, before February 20, 2008 ; so that by March 2, 2008 MEETING of the Inter-Group, we will have some of the Committees Functioning . All are welcome!!! Any other members of A.A. That would like to get information about the Standing Committees should also attend this meeting. The next Standing Committee Workshop will be Saturday March 22, 2008, Time 1 P.M. at the Inter-Group Office 577 Broadway Avenue, Lorain , OH. Thank You Again from Your Inter-Group Officers.