

# March

# Unity LiveWire

# 2011

"Easy Does It"

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## "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

When one comes up against this Step, he is likely to ask: What does a decision of this nature entail? Does this mean that forever after I must cut myself off from all the things and all of the people I have known? Must I become a hermit? Must I lead a purely esthetic life?

The initial reading of the 3rd Step often conjures up in the mind of the newcomer some pretty drab images of a dull and barren life he thinks he is going to have to live. In fact, sometimes the first reaction is, "I'd rather be dead."

The reason, of course, is that in the early stages the newcomer has great difficulty imagining any kind of life except in a monastery from which drinking has been deleted. Because he has included drinking in so many of his activities he cannot see how they can be continued without the drinking.

Experience proves that anyone can do virtually anything without liquor that he did with it. There will be, of course, a number of things which he won't care to do that he formerly did while drinking. But this choice is voluntary.

Turning "our will and our lives over to God" does not impose severe restraints or require isolation from normal activities. It is not a shrinking process based upon a series of negations and prohibitions.

To the contrary, this is an expansion. The application of the 3rd Step opens up a whole new world of activities which the alcoholic usually has forgotten about or never really knew. Even when measured from a wholly realistic and practical view-point, the turning of our will and our lives over to a Higher Power unfolds new interest, new enjoyment and happiness greater than ever experienced before.

No one who has developed an extreme aversion to anything relating even remotely to "religion" need have any fear that this is an invitation to join a church or participate in any ritual. The careful wording of the Step resolves that obstacle with the phrase, "to God as we understand him."

Some may not "understand" Him when inside a church. Some may find it easier to direct thoughts in this direction while shaving in the morning or after retiring at night, or at some other time in some other place. That is their privilege, and it is one of the key principles of A.A.

The decision is one exercise of the privilege. We make it with a free will. We do it voluntarily. And we find that we have much greater freedom than we ever had before. Where previously we could do very few things without the up-propping of liquor, we now find that we can do all of those things and many others, without it. We learn that we have added to, not subtracted from, our lives infinitely by making this decision.

Of course, at the point of development at which we usually take up this Step, considerable courage is required to make the decision. A look around at others who have taken the step helps. Are they hermits? The fact is that anyone who is operating on a negative basis and who has surrounded his life with a chain of "don'ts" has miscued somewhere. Proper application of the 3rd Step is a wholly constructive and positive evolution to which "do" rather than "don't" is the key. It is a Step towards greater strength, greater safety and greater opportunity than can ever be experienced in a prohibitive and limiting theory of life.

This Step is a key that opens--not closes--the door to a rich and virile and happy life.

T.Y.

Greenwich Village, New York

(AA Grapevine, January 1947, Vol. 3 No. 8)

### A STEP 3 PARABLE

A drunk is staggering along the street and he meets God. "God, I can't do this anymore," he says. "Please, please, will you give me sobriety?" God says, "Sobriety isn't free, how much money have you got?" The drunk reaches into his pocket. "Fifty bucks." "I'll take it," says God, "you're sober."

The man stands up straight, drunk no more. It feels pretty good. "Yeah but, God?" "Yes?" "I know I gave you my money willingly. But, you see, I need to get gas for my car." "You have a car?" says God. "Well, yes." "You didn't tell Me that. I'll take the car." "But..." "I'll take the car. It's part of the price for your sobriety."

"But how will I get to work?" "You have a job? I'll take the job, too." "But God, how will I pay my mortgage?" "Mortgage? You have a house? I'll take that too." "But God, my family. How will I take care of them if you have my house and my job?"

God says to him gently and lovingly: "In order to keep your sobriety; you must give Me these things. But I will let you drive My car as long as you remember it's My car. You can have the job, but remember you're working it for me. It's My house but I will let you live in it. And as for the family, they are My family but I will trust you to take care of them."

March

Hope

2011

**St. Mary's  
Sunday Night**

**Sobriety**

**7:00 PM**

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

- 6th Iris M.
- 13th Tamara O.
- 20th John H.
- 27th Jay H.

**Friday Nite**

**Haven**

**7:00 PM**

Haven Center  
1536 E. 30th St.,  
Lorain

- 4th Sober Alcoholic
- 11th Opal A.
- 18th Jennifer R.
- 25th Dave C.

**Midnight Elyria**

**Group**

**12:00 AM**

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

- 5th Kirby
- 12th Bob P.
- 19th Steve S.
- 26th Frank L.  
(free dinner)

**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**

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle: Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET . Be A Winner.

**Tues. Night**

**Laporte**

**8:00 PM**

Elyria Baptist Church  
276 Washington Ave.

- 1st Russ B.
- 8th Jeff (Wall)
- 15th Kim S.D.
- 22nd Penney B.
- 29th Margaret G.

**One  
Day  
At  
A  
Time**

**Friday Night**

**Amherst**

**7:30 PM**

Church of the Nazarene  
Cooper Foster  
Park Rd.

- 4th Alisha F.
- 11th Bill C.
- 18th Bob C.
- 25th Stephanie G.

**Today I will remember...God is in charge!**

**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.

**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."

The ARID Club will be holding their annual membership meeting and elections on Sunday, March 20. Voting will be held from 2:00 pm - 4:00pm and meeting will start at 4.

**Monday Night**

**Lorain**

**7:30 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church  
5100 Ashland Ave.

- 7th John J.
- 14th Bob S.
- 21st Dave R.
- 28th McClinton  
(Mac)

**Fri. Night**

**Faith Group**

**11:00 PM**

1741 N Ridge Rd.  
Sheffield Village

- 4th Jen
- 11th Dave
- 18th Stacie S.
- 25th 3rd Step  
Discussion

**St. Agnes**

**Thursday**

**Night**

**8:00 PM**

St. John's  
Lutheran Church  
1140 W. River

- Road, Elyria
- 3rd Debbie D.
- 10th Chuck D.
- 17th Diane C.
- 24th Tony F.
- 31st Anni Z.

*Thought for the Day...*

*Change is not visible on a daily basis but may be revealed when I am not looking.*

***Thought to Consider . . .***

*The Steps protect me from myself;  
the Traditions protect AA from me.*

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.

\*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Vicki T. 440 225-1314, Jim Parks 440 385-5687, Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280, Opal A. 440 670-6619, Donna L. 440 574-3464, Amy D. 440 714-7444, via: Call, email or leave the information at the Inter-Group Office before the 25th. of each month.

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

*...Breaking out of this bondage of self does not mean we ignore or deny our needs. In fact, quite the reverse is true. If we can discover healthy, God-directed ways to meet our emotional and physical needs, then we become less needy, less selfish, less self-preoccupied individuals. This is another recovery paradox. Discovering what our needs are and asking to have those needs met may be one of the most unselfish things we do. All of us have needs, and all of us have choices as to how those needs are to be met. Addictions, compulsions, and codependencies are counterfeit means of trying to meet our basic physical, emotional, and spiritual hungers. With God's help we can find genuine ways of satisfying them.*

*- Serenity, A Companion for Twelve Step Recovery, p. 34,35*

**29th ANNUAL  
NEW LONDON  
CAMPOUT**  
Thursday June 23rd  
through  
Sunday June 26th , 2010  
New London Recreation Park,  
New London, Ohio  
Grove Street  
(off State Rt. 60)  
For more information call:  
Bas and Judy Elliott  
419-929-0054  
Mary Ott 419-668-4122  
Pat Morgan 440-225-0125  
Larry Nagy 440-371-4751

**F A I T H**  
Facing  
All,  
Intuitively  
Trusting  
Him



**Arid Club  
Annual  
St Patrick's Day Dance**  
Sat. March 19th  
7 PM till Midnight  
1741 N. Ridge Rd.,  
Sheffield Township  
DJ \* 50/50 \* Raffles  
**FREE**  
Donations accepted

**3rd Annual Cabin Fever  
Steak Fry**  
Sunday, March 27,  
2011  
Noon-5:00 PM  
Birmingham Youth Center  
South Street, Birmingham  
(same place as Harbourtown  
Breakfast)

**\$15.00 Donation**  
12-14 oz. Strip steak, baked  
potato, salad and soda or coffee  
(extra soda .75 cents)  
All proceeds benefit the  
Friends of Bill W. Picnic  
Contact person:  
Art C. 440-773-9474



- **Mar. Anniversary •**
- 5th Debbie H. 6 yrs.
- 8th Nikki L. 8 yrs.
- 8th Jerry F. 17 yrs.
- 8th Bob S. 14 yrs.
- 9th Kristen K. 1 yr.
- 9th Ted E. 21 yrs.
- 10th Angel L. 3 yrs.
- 11th David F. 3 yrs.
- 15th Sam C. 27 yrs.
- 15th James M. 8 yrs.
- 20th Kim S. 5 yrs.
- 24th Vicki T. 4 yrs.
- 25th Zori T. 3 yrs.

**Phone Line Report:**

**Month of Feb. 2011**

12 Step Calls.....	6
Sponsorship.....	7
Al-A-Non.....	8
Meeting Info.....	117
General Info.....	64
Phone Service.....	62
<b>Total:.....</b>	<b>264</b>

**Thursday, March 17**  
**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
ARID Fellowship Club  
1741 N. Ridge Rd.,  
Sheffield Township  
**Corned Beef & Cabbage & all trimmings**  
\$7 per person/\$12 per couple

**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

**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

**Friday Night Faith Group**  
11:00 PM  
Arid Club  
1741 N.Ridge Rd.

**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.

**Mon. Night Rainbow**  
**Group**  
7:30 PM  
1st Lutheran Church  
6th & Washington

**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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Alan Revercomb .....440 541-2473

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**Public Information Committee**

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**Treatment Facilities Committee**

Patti Rodgers ..... 440-284-6677

**Pig Roast Committee**

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

**Memorial Day Breakfast Committee**

Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

**Grapevine Committee**

Linda S. ....440 245-2928  
 Coretta Farley .....440 308-1714

**District Committee**

**District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton DCM Ellen Winson. ....440 327-8812**

**District 19B (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion ) DCM. Yolanda A. ....440 541-2216**

**District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle) DCM Patty McMullen.....440 365-3778  
 Alt. DCM. Judy Sexton. ....440 322-2619**

**District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club) DCM. Debbie McConnell.....440 277-0162**

**District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Tnsp., Pittsfield Tnsp., BrightonTnsp., Wellington Meetings) DCM. Patti Rodgers .....440-284-6677  
 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 January , 2011.

**Rents:**

**Month of Jan. , 2011**

1. Blue Monday
2. Friday Morning Survivor
3. Lorain Consolidated
4. Mid-Week Morning Discussion
5. Serenity Hall
6. Spanish American
7. Tuesday Night Central
8. Unity Hall Discussion

**Month of Jan. 2011**

Donations/Rents	\$4,354.53
Coca Cola Sales	\$0.00
Insurance Rebate	\$4.10
Total Income	\$4,358.63
Expenses	\$4,361.13

Total Loss January, 2011 (\$2.50)

**Expenses**

1.Rent	\$650.00
2.Columbia Gas	\$193.00
3. All Service Telecommunications	\$160.43
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$224.57
5. Time Warner	\$90.61
6. House Managers	\$1,479.08
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$150.08
8.Live Wire Printing	\$69.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$20.05
10. Romco Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	\$56.50
11. Locksmith	\$117.81
12. Picnic Committee Steak Fry Advance	\$250.00
13. Contribution To New York General Service Office	\$800.00
14. Petty Cash - Janitor supplies, Postage, Office Supplies	\$100.00

**Donations/Rents**

\$4,361.13

**By Week**

1.....	\$1,398.23
2.....	\$1,001.86
3.....	\$857.07
4.....	\$960.55
5.....	\$136.82

\$4,354.53

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](http://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**

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Alcoholics-R-Us Avon Lake       | 20. Joy of Living                     |
| 2. Amherst Post Office Thursday    | 21. Lorain Industrial                 |
| 3. Amherst Saturday Night          | 22. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle   |
| 4. Amherst "Who Me"                | 23. Lorain Wednesday Night            |
| 5. Arid Club                       | 24. Meat & Potatoes                   |
| 6. Avon Lake 12 Step               | 25. Mid-Week Morning Discussion       |
| 7. Avon Lake Friday                | 26. Midnight Elyria Group             |
| 8. Avon Tuesday                    | 27. Monday Big Book                   |
| 9. Back to Basics Discussion       | 28. Monday Night 12 X 12 Discussion   |
| 10. Blue Monday                    | 29. Monday Night Lorain               |
| 11. CBS Big Book Step Study        | 30. New Way of Life                   |
| 12. Compass Group                  | 31. North Ridgeville Men's            |
| 13. Early Morning Discussion       | 32. Oberlin Breakfast Group           |
| 14. Elyria Friday Night            | 33. Oberlin Group                     |
| 15. Elyria Men's Closed Discussion | 34. S.I.O.G.A.                        |
| 16. Elyria Men's Stag              | 35. Saturday Morning Survivors        |
| 17. Friday Morning Survivor        | 36. Saturday Night Security           |
| 18. Friday Night Sobriety          | 37. Serenity Hall                     |
| 19. Grafton Wednesday Night        | 38. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
|                                    | 39. Sheffield Lake Men's              |
|                                    | 40. Stepping Into Sobriety            |
|                                    | 41. Vermilion 12 X 12 Discussion      |

**Board Of Directors**

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