

May

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2011

“First Things First”

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Fired up

A lesson in putting God first in the Fifth Step

WHEN I finally finished writing my Fourth Step inventory, I was eager to tell my sponsor. He had been giving me a hard time about taking so long to complete it. "Come on," he said. "What are you writing—a moral inventory, or the great American novel?"

Now I was ready to move ahead. So I phoned to ask if we could get together to talk about it. When we met, I was still fired up about moving on to Step Five quickly. But he had other ideas: "You need to shift gears now," he said. "Slow down. Take time to be grateful for the progress you're making, and to thank your Higher Power."

As soon as he started talking to me that way, I knew he was right. I thanked him for helping me through these Steps and said I knew I could not work this program by myself. But then I tried to turn back to my agenda, asking him again about the Fifth Step.

"Before we get into that," he said, "I want to ask you a personal question about your concept of God. I mean do you really have a God-idea that works for you?"

"Sure," I said, "I go along with what the Big Book says. The way it talks about a Power greater than ourselves makes good sense to me."

My sponsor agreed, but added: "I suppose most of us in AA have that Higher Power idea in common. But I was asking about your own concept of God. Your idea is not the same as mine, you know. In fact, I believe that each of us has a very individualized idea of God."

Then he paused before asking: "What do you suppose your idea of God was when you were 10 months old?"

"For Pete's sakes," I said, "I don't know. Probably whatever had been programmed into me by my mother."

"How about when you were 4 years old?" he said.

"Same thing," I answered.

He pressed on: "What was your idea of God when you were 7?" This strange interrogation hit me hard. It helped open my mind to see that my concept of God—if I honestly faced it—was deeply ingrained in me. It was an idea that has been forming, changing and evolving in me from my earliest days.

My sponsor's questions helped me put the God idea up front in the Fifth Step process. The Step itself says that I should admit the "exact nature of my wrongs" first to God, then to myself, and then to another human being.

My sponsor said that I could, if I chose to, share some of my inventory with him (as I had been doing all along), but that I needed to find someone—he suggested a clergy member—to hear my whole story, "withholding nothing," as the book says. I told him I did not want to talk to a priest, because I had tried confession during my drinking days and it was useless.

"This isn't confession," he said. "It's the Fifth Step." Then he asked me to read the Big Book instructions again, on pages 72-75. To help me get started, he suggested that I use the phone book, select a Catholic church, then call and ask to speak to a priest. "Find out if he's familiar with the AA program and its Fifth Step," he said. "If so, make an appointment, and bring your written inventory."

I followed directions, and met a priest in the church rectory. It was a long session, but time passed quickly. There were no interruptions. He listened intently and asked a few questions. When I was finished, he told me we had turned all this over to God and I was forgiven. But now, he said, I must resolve to forgive myself and let go of any guilt over matters now in God's hands.

After he finished speaking, I felt a sense of relief. And I noticed, that he, too, appeared relaxed and in good spirits. Then as I was preparing to say goodbye, the priest said something unexpected: He said that he, too, was an alcoholic, and a member of AA, newly arrived in that city.

He said, 'This isn't confession. It's the Fifth Step.' He asked me to read the instructions again.

DAVE M.
Pueblo, Colorado

Thought to Consider . . .

The smallest package in the world is an alcoholic all wrapped up in himself.



May

Responsibility

2011

Friday Night

Amherst

7:30 PM

Church of the Nazarene
Cooper Foster
Park Rd.
6th Bob Pyle
13th Scott H.
20th Monica S.
27th Jessie H.

**Amherst
Saturday Group**

8:00 PM

Church of the
Nazarene
Cooper Foster
Park Rd.
7th **Ronda H.**
14th **Patty Mc.**
21st **Patti R.**
28th **Jackie B.**

**Midnight
Elyria Group**

12:00 AM

St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
7th **Warren**
14th **Jobie**
21st **Mary**
28th **Karen C.**
(free dinner)

Monday Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.
2nd **Sarah H.**
9th **Rhonda A.**
16th **Troy S.**
23rd **Lois R.**
30th **Dave M.**

**Fri. Night
Faith Group**

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.
Sheffield Village
6th **Rick B.**
13th **Jenn I.**
20th **One-topic
Disc.**
27th **James P.**

Friday Nite

Haven

7:00 PM

Haven Center
1536 E. 30th St.,
Lorain
6th **Ray B.**
13th **Greg R.**
20th **Tim M.**
27th **Sober
Alcoholic**

Avon Tues.

Night 'The Barn'

8:30 PM

Methodist Church
37711 Detroit Rd.
3rd **Bert M.**
10th **Kent Coleman**
17th **Beth Gordon**
24th **Pat F.**
31st **Joyce T.**

**St. Agnes
Thursday**

Night

8:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran
Church
1140 W. River Road,
Elyria
5th **Kenny K.**
12th **James P.**
(Toad)
19th **Stacie S.**
26th **Linda H.**

**St. Mary's
Sunday Night**

Sobriety

7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
1st **Don T.**
8th **Barry**
15th **Chuck C.**
22nd **Tony M.**
29th **Al M.**

Get It
Give It
Grow in It



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: Sam H. \$85.00. Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET . Be A Winner.

Meeting time change: Living Life, Kennedy Plaza 1730 Broadway Ave., Lorain has changed the time of meeting on Sundays to 4:40pm-5:30pm.

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrong.

Promise 5: No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concepts 5: Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

NEW WOMENS MEETING

Avon Trinity's Healing Women - Held at Holy Trinity Church in Avon.(Lear and Detroit). Meeting Room is behind the church in the Modular Bldg (looks like a trailer). First meeting Saturday 3-26-2011 from 8:00 - 9:00am. We will be reading from the Womens meditation book Each day a new beginning.

*Faith is not
belief without
proof;
it's trust without
reservation.*

*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.

The Key Alumni is looking for members!

The only requirement is to be a past graduate with continuous sobriety. If you are interested call Stephanie G. @ 440-752-2614 All volunteers are welcome.

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

**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

• May Anniversary •

4th Chris J. 7 yrs.

5th Arlen (A.J.) 2 yrs.

9th Rhonda A. 6 yrs.

27th Pamela L. 17 yrs.

28th Troy S. 10 yrs.

29th Brenda S. 10 yrs.

Phone Line Report:

Month of April 2011

12 Step Calls.....	8
Sponsorship.....	2
Al-A-Non.....	7
Meeting Info.....	88
General Info.....	52
Phone Service.....	61

Total:..... 218

**13th Anniversary
Monday Night**

Big Book Discussion

June 6, 2011

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Lead at 7:00: Bobby K.

ARID Club

1741 N. Ridge Rd.

Sheffield Township

ARID

Fellowship Club

**Is seeking volunteers to keep
our doors open.**

**3 months continued sobriety
required to volunteer.**

Call Christina

At ARID: 233-4801

Cell: 309-3536

SPRING

EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, May 7, 2011

**Elyria Baptist Church
276 Washington Ave.**

Starts at 2:00 pm

Dinner: 5:00 pm

Dual AA/Alanon Lead:

8:00 pm

Tickets \$10.00

Not Sold at the Door

Kids under 10 free

FOOD * FUN *

FELLOWSHIP

RAFFLES * 50/50

Contacts for Info:

Jeff Kamms 452-7342

Ted Engelhardt 759-2302

Big Tony Montanaro 731-9315

All proceeds benefit

Road To Hope

Children's National Mental Health

Day

Sponsored by LCADA

May 3rd, 2011

5-8 pm

3200 Clinton Ave.

Lorain, Ohio 44055

Memorial Day

Breakfast

Monday, May 30, 2011

Breakfast at 9:00AM Lead at

10:00AM

Speaker

Don McMullen

German's Villa

3330 Liberty Ave.(Rt.6) Vermilion,

Ohio

Between Rt.60 & Baumhart Road

Donation \$9.00

No Children Please

For Tickets Contact:

Any Advisory Board Member

Or call Intergroup Office at 246-

1800

**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.**

Rule 62: "Don't take yourself too damn seriously."

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

Unity LiveWire Committee

Vicki Tomlinson..... 440 225-1314

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Linda S.440 245-2928

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Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

Grapevine Committee

Linda S.440 245-2928

Coretta Farley440 308-1714

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District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield,

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

Alt. DCM Opal A.440-670-6619

District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)

DCM Patti 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 March, 2011.

Rents:

Month of March , 2011

1. Blue Monday
2. Friday Morning Survivor
3. Lorain Consolidated Group
4. Mid Week Morning discussion
5. Monday Happy Hour
6. Serenity Hall
7. Sharing Our Sobriety
8. Strength In Sobriety
9. Tuesday Night Central
10. Unity Hall Discussion

Month of March 2011

Donations/Rents	\$4,467.53
Coca Cola Sales	\$38.34
Interest on Savings Account	\$0.39
Total Income	\$4,506.26
Expenses	\$3,315.62

Total Gain March, 2011 \$1,190.64

Expenses

1.Rent	\$650.00
2.Columbia Gas	\$168.00
3. All Service Telecommunications	\$222.69
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$211.72
5. Time Warner	\$91.00
6. House Managers	\$1,619.93
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$64.29
8.Live Wire Printing	\$69.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$20.05
10.Printer Cartridge	\$68.94
1 1/4 Cases Toilet Paper	
11. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Comp	\$30.00
12. Petty Cash	\$100.00

Donations/Rents

<u>By Week</u>	
1.....	\$472.75
2.....	\$1,407.27
3.....	\$1,116.69
4.....	\$463.19
5.....	\$1,007.63

\$3,315.62

\$4,467.53

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 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 | 21. Memorial Donation |
| 2. Anonymous | 22. Midnight Elyria Group |
| 3. Attitude of Gratitude | 23. Mid-Week Morning Discussion |
| 4. Back To Basics Discussion | 24. Monday Morning Live Discussion |
| 5. Blue Monday | 25. Monday Night Lorain |
| 6. CBS Big Book Step Study | 26. North Ridgeville 1st Step |
| 7. Columbia Station Group | 27. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 8. Compass Group | 28. Oberlin Group |
| 9. Early Morning Discussion | 29. Oberlin Women's Closed Group |
| 10. Elyria Friday Night | 30. S.I.O.G.A. |
| 11. Elyria Men's Stag | 31. Saturday Twelve Step Discussion |
| 12. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion | 32. Serenity Hall |
| 13. Elyria Women's Discussion | 33. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 14. Friday AM Discussion | 34. Sisters Of Sobriety |
| 15. Friday Morning Survivor | 35. St. Agnes Thursday Night |
| 16. Friday Night Amherst | 36. Stepping Into Sobriety |
| 17. Friday Night Haven | 37. Strength in Sobriety |
| 18. Grafton Wednesday Night | 38. Sunday Brunch Bay Village |
| 19. Industrial Group | 39. Tuesday Night Haven |
| 20. Living Life | 40. Vermilion 12 X 12 Discussion |
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Board Of Directors

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