

November

Unity LiveWire

2009

“Easy Does It”

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What is left out can sometimes be as important as what is there

From June 1976

Several months ago, my husband and I enrolled in a beginners' art course. We didn't become great painters, but both of us now see things, such as leaves and blades of grass and shadings of color, that we weren't aware of before. One day, the instructor showed us a Picasso drawing of the artist's daughter. It pictured her in profile, and it consisted of only three lines. What was left out dramatized what was there. We learned also that in shading a tree, what is left out is as important as the pencil lines, for the blanks create sunlight on the leaves.

It seems to me that I achieve growth by leaving things out when I don't say the cross word, when I don't answer sarcastically. If I can only delay one second, maybe two, I have time to ask myself, "Do I really want to say that?"

When I wrote down my list of people to make amends to, it was made up mostly of family. I wasn't just thinking of the things I had done. I also remembered the many things I should have, would have, might have done, had I not been drinking! The things I had left out ranged from the nice bouquets I could have given, and didn't, all the way to downright neglect.

I used to tell all! To anybody who would listen! And things were going to be my way, too. "Self-will run riot"! Now it's becoming easier to spot ego, and I work at getting the big Me out of the way.

I have discovered a new way to learn by shutting my mouth and listening. Again, it's not so much what I'm doing as what I'm not doing. I'm not talking. So I'm open; I'm teachable.

I used to like to direct my children's affairs, offering advice when it wasn't wanted and commanding activities and behavior. I'm more secure now. I've thrown out my director's chair. Now, when I see one of my children heading on a certain course and I question the outcome, I keep my mouth shut and practice the Third Step. Whenever there's a problem and I'm involved, I look to see what part of the problem I am causing (as one of my sponsors advised). I'm usually about 80 percent of the problem, well, maybe 60 percent, but the major part, you can bet on that. If I leave out the largest percent (me), there is hardly any problem at all!

I'm becoming so secure in AA, I've even discarded the cute, funny, phony me my civilian friends used to know. I don't have to dance with a rose in my teeth; I can just dance. And I don't have to be the only girl at the picnic who can swing Tarzan-style from a rope into the river. I can swim calmly, like the 40-year-old mother of four I am.

I don't have to show off long legs in a miniskirt any more. I can just sit on them and be happy. And I can say no to a lot of things I'm not interested in. All the people-pleasing activities I used to engage in, I can cut out now. That gives me time to do the truly helpful, gut-warming little things, just because they need doing and I truly care. I have time to work my program.

I can sit quietly and really listen to people trying to communicate with me. My mind is no longer racing to find just the perfect quip to say or story to top theirs.

The eternal internal war I can do without, too. The fighting inside me is over, and am I glad!

And the most important item of all to leave out is the old, familiar foe, alcohol. Without it, life is just plain wonderful!

Tricia J.

Houston, Texas

Friends,

Greetings! Today, I am writing to you wearing my hat of Assistant Secretary to the General Service Board. I have been asked to report to you the delay in the release of the new video: "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous". We understand that many A.A. members were expecting to be able to purchase this video for their service meetings and committee work in September. However, the "Hope" video is currently on hold pending a request to the General Service Board which will be heard at their November meeting. We will update everyone on the status of the video's release shortly after this meeting. Thank you for your patience.

Warm regards,

Doug Richardson , Assistant Secretary, General Service Board

Mon. Night**Lorain**

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran
Church

5100 Ashland Ave.

2nd Jason B.

9th Chip

16th Jesse W.

23rd. Shawn M.

30th. John F.

Fri. Night**Amherst**

7:30 PM

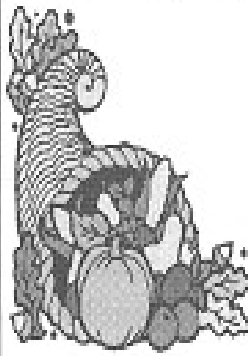
Church of the
NazareneCooper Foster
Park Rd.

6th Terry H.

13th Shawn D.

20th Penny G.

27th Ray D.



*Gratitude
Month*

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.

Meeting Change: Tuesday North Ridgeville First Step Group is moving to 1st Congregational Church of Christ, 36363 Center Ridge Rd. Thursdays, beginning October 6 at 8:30.

Fri. Night**Faith Group**

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

6th. Nyle C.

13th. Mark B.

20th. Step 11

27th. Discussion

LaPorte**Tues. Group**

8:00 PM

301 Washington Ave.

3rd. Bonnie B.

10th. Millie T.

17th. Diane J.

24th. Stephanie

G.

Mid- Night**Elyria Group**

Sat. 12:00 PM

4th & Middle Ave.

7th. Amy B.

14th. Bobby K.

21st. Mary M.

28th. James T

(free dinner)

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle

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

This month's 50/50 winner of \$61.00 was Oscar W. sold by Patty M.

"Wisdom is knowledge you learn after you know it all."

Thought to Ponder... *"It all works out in the end...if it hasn't worked out yet, it's not the end."*

The Tuesday Night AA Meeting hosted by the "Who Me?" Group at 8:00 p.m. will not be holding meetings at this location (379 Main St., Amherst, OH) until on or about December 15, 2009 because of extensive remodeling being done by the church. The church has graciously arranged for our meetings to be held at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 582 Church Street. This location is behind this church to the south at the corner of Church and Elyria. The fellowship hall also has easy elevator access. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays.

*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.

"No matter what step your on there is the NEXT STEP"

A worship celebration for those in recovery. A interdenominational support fellowship for individuals and family for whom addiction is a ongoing threat. A safe place where love & acceptance is found. Saturdays from 6:00 till 7:15 pm at the Amherst Church of the Nazarene, Cooper Foster Pk Rd. Amherst , Ohio. Saturday Night Amherst A.A. meeting follows at 8:00.

Concepts 11: The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, Induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only or knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Promise 11: We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.

Tradition 11: Our public relations policy is based on Attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film.

• **November Anniversary** •

- 1st. Cliff J. 2 yrs.
- 1st. Joann B. 7 yrs.
- 2nd. John F. 3 yrs.
- 4th. Margaret 7 yrs.
- 5th. Nicole R. 2 yrs.
- 7th. LeeAnn O. 6 yrs.
- 14th. Kaye A. 24 yrs.
- 15th. Christy G. 3 yrs.
- 18th. Nyle C. 4 yrs.
- 16th. Jeannie C. 28 yrs.
- 16th. Nelson G. 2 yrs.
- 17th. Alisha F. 3 yrs.
- 19th. John W. 23 yrs.
- 25th. Curtis N. 54 yrs.
- 26th. Dave M. 25 yrs.
- 27th. DC M. 20 yrs.
- 28th. Clyde McC. 38 yrs.
- 29th. Scott C. 20 yrs.
- 30th. Mike H. 25 yrs.

Let Go Let God

Phone Line Report:

Month of September, 2009

12 Step Calls.....	7
Sponsorship.....	4
Al-A-Non.....	3
Meeting Info.....	96
General Info.....	74
General Info.....	63
Total:.....	287

DANCE

ARID Fellowship Club

1741 N. Ridge Rd.
 Sherffield Township
 November 14, 2009
 8:00 p.m - Midnight
 Tickets \$3.00 person/\$5.00
 couple
 Food for Sale

ARID Fellowship Club

Will be Open from Nov.
 26th at 11:00 a.m.-
 Midnight on Nov. 29th

2009 Children's Christmas Party

Schedule of events :

- Sept. 20 -Meeting at Central Office 12:00 pm
- Oct. 18 - Meeting at Central Office 12:00 pm
- Nov. 22 -Return raffle tickets and money to Central Office 12:00 pm
- Nov. 29 -Last day ticket request form returned to Troy
- Dec. 4-Dance at St.Anthony
- Dec. 6 -Pick up children's tickets after Central Office meeting
- Dec. 6-Go to Sam's Club
- Dec. 13-Stocking stuffing 1:00 pm , 15704 Trinter, Vermilion ,OH.
- Dec. 15-Order pizza
- Dec.20-Christmas party
- 9:00 am -15704 Trinter for transporting
- 10:45 am -Set up at St. John's Hall
- 12:00 pm-Costume people at hall
- 1:00 pm-Party starts
- 4:00 pm- Clean up starts
- 5:00 pm-Transport stuff back to 15704 Trinter

There is always
 Space
 Available in
 The LiveWire
 for your Group's
 Messages, News
 & Activities
 Contact:
 Vicki T.
 440 225-1314

**Arid Fellowship Club
 GRATITUDE DINNER**

November 28th

1741 N. Ridge Rd.
 Sheffield Township

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Lead following Dinner

Dance following Lead until

Midnight

FUN • DANCE • FUN

Cost: \$3.00 Per/Person

\$5.00 Couples

COVERED DISH APPRECIATED

Anniversary

• 38 years •
 November 8th
Elyria
Sunday
Night
 St. Jude's School
 594 Poplar St.
 7:30 p.m.

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Anniversary

• 43 years •
 November 13th
Elyria Friday
Night
 Lake & Lowell St.
 8:00 p.m.

Survivors List:

Groups in need of
 Support to stay afloat Please
 Attend, Contribute,
 Be Active, Help Chair,
 Be a Secretary,
 Be Responsible

Avon Lake Mon.Disc.

Monday 8:30 PM
 Lakeshore Methodist Church,
 33119 Electric Blvd., Avon
 Lake, OH

Lorain Consolidated

Sunday 2:30 PM
 710 Broadway Ave. Lorain

Serenity Hall

"The Gould"

Sat. 8:30pm

710 Broadway Ave. Lorain

St Agnes Thurs. Gp.

Thurs. 8:00 PM

St. John's Luthern Church

W. River Road

St. Anthony's

Fri. Nite

1305 E. Erie Ave.

Lorain

Friday Night Faith

Fri. 11:00 PM

Sat. Young Person's

Group

Sat. 2:00 PM

Sun. Night Serenity

Sun. 8:00 PM

Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

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!!

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District Committee

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

Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton

DCM. James Barker.....440 233-4992

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DCM. Yolanda A.440 541-4843

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

DCM. Judy Sexton.440 322-2619

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)

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Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst,

Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Tnsp., Pittsfield Tnsp.,

Brighton Tnsp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM. Donna L.440 574-3464

Alt. DCM. Patti R.440-284-6677

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the Month of September, 2009.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations/Rents</u>	
1.Rent	\$ 650.00	1.....	1,015.82
2.Columbia Gas	\$ 201.00	2.....	837.71
3.All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 147.47	3.....	329.40
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$ 248.07	4.....	719.02
5.Century Telephone	\$ 0.00	5.....	522.18
6. Time Warner	\$ 90.71		<u>3424.13</u>
7. House Managers	\$1417.77		
8. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 61.27		
9. Live Wire Printing	\$ 64.00		
10. Berry Yellow Pages	\$ 19.46		
11. Liability Insurance Billing	\$ 50.00		
12. Speakers for Meeting Room	\$ 22.00		
13. Office Supplies	\$ 77.00		
	<u>\$3,048.75</u>		

Month of September, 2009

Donations/Rents	\$ 3,424.13
Coca Cola Sales	\$ 47.40
Porky Pig	\$1,541.00
AA Picnic	\$ 500.00
CenturyTel Refund	\$ 22.46
Total Income	\$5534.99

Tota Gain September, 2009 \$2,463.78

Rents:

Month of September, 2009

- 1.. Friday Morning Survivor
2. Never Too Young
3. Spanish American
4. Tuesday Night Central
5. Unity Hall Discussion

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.

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| 1. Amherst Saturday Night | 19. Lorain Wednesday Group |
| 2. Amherst Who Me | 20. Lorie Caire |
| 3. Anonymous | 21. Mid Week Morning Discussion |
| 4. Back to Basics Discussion | 22. Monday Night 12x12 Discussion |
| 5. Blue Monday | 23. Monday Night Lorain |
| 6. CBS Big Book Step Study | 24. North Ridgeville Big Book Discussion |
| 7. Early Morning Discussion | 25. North Ridgeville Friday Night |
| 8. Elyria Men's Stag | 26. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 9. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion | 27. Oberlin Group |
| 10. Elyria New Way of Life | 28. Memorial for Peter Celik |
| 11. Elyria Sunday Night Group | 29. Rainbow Group |
| 12. Elyria Women's Discussion | 30. Saturday Night Security |
| 13. Friday Morning Survivor | 31. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 14. Friday Night Avon Lake | 32. St. Agnes Thursday Night |
| 15. Friday Night Sobriety | 33. Stepping Into Sobriety |
| 16.. Grafton Wednesday Night | 34. Vermilion Tuesday Night Group |
| 17. LCCC After Lunch Bunch Discussion | 35. Wednesday Morning Discussion |
| 18. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle | 36. Wellington Group |
| | 37. Wellington Thursday Night |

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