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Unity LiveWire

2009

"Easy Does It"

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"First Things First"

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"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

This step is really an extension of the 4th Step. It is the "follow through" on that long list of things that we put down on paper after reading the 4th Step. The new twist is the part about "when we were wrong promptly admitted it." The going may get a little tough when we try to put this Step into practice.

It's easy to write down our good qualities and our bad qualities honestly if it's done privately and we are sure nobody else sees it. If we are honest, the list of bad qualities will be very much longer than the list of good qualities. If we are trying honestly to live the A.A. program, we try to do something about that longer list. We make resolutions. We plan to "turn over a new leaf." Then, unfortunately for most of us, we tear the list into tiny pieces, burn it and carefully bury the ashes.

Admission of an unkind remark to someone or of a persistent feeling of resentment is an overt act which means a growing maturity. And it is a matter of a person's emotional maturity. Perhaps a better word would be childishness. How often have we acted like a child when we should have acted like a man?

A man admits his mistakes and tries to make amends; a child pouts. As problem drinkers, we were problem children. As problem drinkers, we sought to escape the consequences of voluntarily childish acts through alcohol. As arrested alcoholic cases, we must learn to face reality and responsibility for our acts if we are to "stay on the beam."

The 10th Step is simply a device we use in attaining maturity. None knows better than we how hard it is to admit to our wife, or our boss, or our friends that we have been wrong about so many things. And yet, if we follow this device and make our admissions promptly we go a long way towards attaining the maturity necessary to a happy sobriety.

In a way, this Step is tied to those old standbys in A.A., tolerance and humility. To admit that we were wrong is truly to show humility; to revalue our own importance is truly to be humble. If we are trying to be tolerant, we are trying to understand the other fellow's point of view. And if we understand his point of view, we are much less likely to treat him unkindly.

To "continue to take personal inventory" means to know ourselves. It's so easy--and so human, too--to feel a little proud of our sobriety at times. How often have we said to ourselves: Poor old Willie! He was so drunk at the office party. What an ass he made of himself! What makes him so stupid? Why doesn't he get smart and come into A.A.? We, of course, didn't do anything wrong at the party. We were sober. We are quite a wonderful fellow! Oh, brother, are we the big A.A.!

This type of thinking is very dangerous. As a matter of fact, lots of persons at the office party probably thought that we were becoming a very stuffy individual. If we were smart, we would thank God that we were able to live through the office party without drinking. If we were honest, we would get down on our knees and thank God that we found A.A. And, as for criticizing Willie! We should try to secure our own sobriety by helping Willie instead of kicking him around.

The 10th Step is really a reminder. It reminds us to be alert about ourselves. It reminds us that we are only an arm's length from a drink and a slip. It is a very important step. We would do well to learn its implications.

J.T.

Greenwich Village, New York City
(AA Grapevine, August 1946, Vol. 3 No. 3)

The Beauty of Tradition Ten

it allows us to concentrate on what we have in common

Sobriety in AA is the first thing in my life that has really worked. I'm grateful to fellow AAs who've shown me how not to drink on a daily basis, and to alcoholics I've never met who established our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts for World Service. When I live these principles to the best of my ability, they keep me sober and in touch with the God of my understanding.

I'm especially grateful for Tradition Ten, where it is suggested that AA groups never get involved in the messy business of debating outside issues. The wonderful "extra" implied by this Tradition is that I, as an individual recovering alcoholic, am free to simply enjoy sobriety in AA, without having to defend my position on any outside issue.

You see, I grew up in the sixties. I lived with my parents (one alcoholic, one social drinker) who were closely associated with a small, left-wing, private college in the Northeast. It was a school where expressing your opinions in public was very important. On campus, where I hung out as a thirteen-year-old, I heard lots of angry rhetoric about Vietnam, civil rights, and a lot else. My parents brought the same kind of political anger home with them, and challenged me to come up with informed positions on the same issues. I was only an eighth grader, but I was expected to engage in adult-style discussions. If I didn't have an opinion on the issue at hand, I was considered a failure or a nonthinker.

Looking back, it was probably great training for a future alcoholic. I got very good at hiding the things I was truly ashamed of (especially the amount I drank), using a smoke screen of vaguely directed political opinion.

As my disease progressed, I was often broke, unemployed, hungover, and in need of a place to stay. Usually, my parents would take me in, and for months at a time I'd live at home, trying to get my act together. Deep down inside I knew I was sick and crazy from booze. But at the time, dealing with it was too frightening. It was easier to engage my parents in a petty debate over some global issue beyond our control than to draw attention to the real reason I was out of work.

Today, I'm sober and grateful for what it was like, what happened, and what it's like now. I'm even grateful to my parents, who put up with me as an active alcoholic while also living with their own illnesses. But I'm especially grateful to the alcoholics who founded this Fellowship and gave us the guidelines by which we run our groups. Tradition Ten frees AAs to concentrate on what we have in common--recovery, unity, service--rather than waste time debating outside issues. Angry debate of things over which we have no power can only serve to split us.

Matt F.
Brooklyn, New York

(AA Grapevine, July 1991 Vol. 48 No. 2)

Mon. Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

5th Sober

Alcoholic

12th Zorri

19th Mike S.

26th John R.

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

2nd George K.

9th 10th Step

16th John S.

23rd Mike L.

30th Back to Basics Discussion

Mid- Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

4th & Middle Ave.

3rd Rachael W.

10th Tony M.

***17th Mark W.**

(*free dinner)

24th Debbie H.

31st Papa Bear

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: New Life Women's Discussion is moving to the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ, 36363 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, OH. Starting Oct. 5 at 7:30 pm. This is a Closed Women's Discussion.

Meeting Change: Turning Point is moving to Elyria Baptist Church, 276 Washington Ave., Elyria. Thursdays at 6:00 - 7:30 pm. This is an Open Lead meeting.

Thought to Ponder... Instead of telling God how big your fears are, start telling your fears how big your God is.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle
Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member. Be A Winner.

"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 10: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Promise 10: Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us..

Tradition 10: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. Name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Fri. Night

Amherst

7:30 PM

Church of the Nazarene
Cooper Foster Park Rd.

2nd. Jack Hicken

9th Dawn B.

16th Paul Hicken

23rd Julie R.

30th Wayne Hicken

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There is always Space Available in The LiveWire for your Groups Messages, News & Activities
Contact:
Vicki T.
440 225-1314

CBCF is in need of both male and female AA volunteers. You must have 2 years of sobriety and not be on paper. For more information, please call Nicole Hepler at 440-323-3233, ext. 2239.

The Lorain Inter-Group office would like to thank all those who organized the "Friends of Bill W" picnic. It was a good time for all who attended and your donation is greatly appreciated. Thanks for showing that there is fun to be had in AA.

*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Jim Parks 440 385-5687, Vicki T. 440 225-1314, 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.

PEOPLE NEEDED to speak to the patients at Elyria Memorial Hospitals psychiatric unit on Thursday at 4:00PM.
Call Mike Heller 440-309-7983.

Anniversary

• 35 years •

October 5th

Elyria Monday

Night Closed

Discussion

Redeemer Lutheran

Across from LCCC

Food: 7:00 PM

Discussion: 8:30 PM

• Oct. Anniversary •

1st. Dave L. 4 yrs.

4th. Bill J. 6 yrs.

7th. Joe L. 37 yrs.

13th. Nora M. 9 yrs.

15th. Shawn M. 10 yrs.

21st. Caroline J. S. 21 yrs.

22nd. Roy P. 27 yrs.

23rd. Big Tony M. 2 yr.

23rd. Jim P. 5 yrs.

23rd. Corey S. 6 yrs.

24th. Bill A. 21 yrs.

26th. Theresa B. 2 yr.

28th Terry H. 1 yr.

29th. Hallie R. 2 yr.

Phone Line Report:

Month of August, 2009

12 Step Calls.....	8
Sponsorship.....	5
Al-A-Non.....	10
Meeting Info.....	136
General Info.....	97
Total:.....	236

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

10:00 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

Halloween Party

St. John's Hall

Rt 57 & Homewood

Saturday, October 31st

7pm - 12 midnight

Tickets \$5.00 in Advance

\$7.00 at the door

Children under 12 are Free

Food, Treats, Raffle

DJ Big Daddy

Best Costume Prizes for Adults & Children

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

Thursday Morning

Big Book Study

10.30 AM

*Pilgrim Church
Broad and Winkles
Elyria, Oh*

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.

To the area A.A. community. First please accept my personal apology for the lateness of this final report and thanks due to all that supported the steak fry and picnic. Thanks to Friday Night Lagrange, Friday Night Elyria, Sunday morning Harbourtown Breakfast and all those who served on the Friends of Bill W. picnic committee. Thanks again.

Art C. and the committee.



We need volunteers from our Lorain County A.A. Community to help on all these various Committees listed, if anyone is interested please contact one or more of the chairperson and **VOLUNTEER!!!! Help Make A Difference**

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Yolanda A.440 654-3429

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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

District 19B (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion)

DCM. Yolanda A.440 654-3429

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

DCM. Judy Sexton.440 322-2619

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM. Kevin Snodgrass440 241-7166

District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm

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

Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twsp., Pittsfield Twsp.,

Brighton Twsp., 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 August, 2009.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations/Rents</u>	
1.Rent	\$ 650.00	1.....	1898.77
2.Columbia Gas	\$ 123.00	2.....	532.46
3.All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 144.53	3.....	908.50
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$ 262.31	4.....	1307.04
5.Century Telephone	\$ 0.00	5.....	56.70
6. Time Warner	\$ 118.46		<u>4703.47</u>
7. House Managers	\$1353.34		
8. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 58.35		
9. Live Wire Printing	\$ 64.00		
10. Berry Yellow Pages	\$ 19.46		
11. Janitor Supplies	\$ 206.00		
12. Building Repairs	\$ 83.00		
13. Donation 4 Big Books	\$ 24.00		
Memorial Day Breakfast	<u>\$3,106.45</u>		
Donations/Rents	\$4,703.47		
Coca Cola Sales	\$ 0.00		
Expenses	<u>\$3,106.45</u>		
Tota Gain August, 2009	1,597.02		

Rents:

Month of August, 2009

1. Blue Monday
- 2.. Friday Morning Survivor
3. Mid Week Morning Discussion
4. Monday Happy Hour
5. Saturday Morning Discussion
6. Serenity Hall
7. Sharing Our Sobriety
8. Spanish American
9. Strength In Sobriety
10. We Care Tuesday

Donations Month of August, 2009

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 | 20. New London Campout |
| 2. Anonymous | 21. North Ridgeville 1st Step |
| 3. Birmingham Twilight | 22. North Ridgeville Friday Night Discussion |
| 4. Blue Monday | 23. North Ridgeville Men's |
| 5. CBS Big Book Step Study | 24. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 6. Early Morning Discussion | 25. Oberlin Group |
| 7. Elyria Friday Night | 26. Oberlin Women's Closed Group |
| 8. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion | 27. Rainbow Group |
| 9. Elyria Sunday Night Group | 28. Saturday Morning Survivor's |
| 10. Friday Night Amherst | 29. Serenity Hall |
| 11. Friday Night Sobriety | 30. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 12. Grafton Wednesday Night | 31. Spanish American |
| 13. Industrial Group | 32. Stepping Into Sobriety |
| 14. LaGrange Monday Night | 33. Strength in Sobriety |
| 15. LaPorte Tuesday Group | 34. Sunday Night Sobriety |
| 16. Livin g Life | 35. Sunday Open Men's Discussion |
| 17. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle | 36. Vermilion 12 x 12 Discussion |
| 18. Mid Week Morning Discussion | 37. Vermilion Tuesday Night Group |
| 19. Monday Night Lorain | 38. Wellington Thursday Night |

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