

October

Unity LiveWire

2011

“Easy Does It”

710 Broadway Avenue Lorain, Ohio 44052

“First Things First”

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A SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE AMEND

I recently completed the Eighth Step and have decided that my first amends should be to Alcoholics Anonymous itself, which I believe I have harmed to some extent by violating its singleness of purpose.

I used to identify myself as an alcoholic and an addict. I do not anymore because I now believe other addictions are irrelevant at AA meetings. But, aside from that, I also used to insist on talking about my other addictions beyond what was necessary to relate them to alcohol. And I refused to attend any other fellowship.

I justified this by saying that alcohol was just another drug and so it was unfair to expect me not to talk about all my addictions beyond what was necessary to relate them to alcohol. And I refused to attend any other fellowship because I claimed to prefer the wisdom and sobriety in AA.

I realize now how inconsiderate and self-centered this position was. It is not a question of what is fair or whether alcohol is just another drug. The Traditions and primary purpose of A.A. are what they are whether I agree with them or not.....

In the past, when I was active, I often had dinner at the homes of people who did not use drugs, but who did drink. I never considered insisting that I had the right to smoke a joint at their dinner table because they were drinking wine.

And imagine if I had, and then added insult to injury by saying: “And not only do I have a right to use any drug I want to around here if you’re going to drink, but I’m going to keep coming back and I’m going to keep using any drug I want to in your home because I like the food you serve and your company better than the food and company I find in the homes of my drug addict friends.”

And I have the right to do this because all drugs are the same and I don’t care what the rules or customs of your home are.

Such a gross abuse of hospitality sounds preposterous, but that is essentially what I was doing by insisting that I had a right to violate A.A.’s singleness of purpose. I was abusing the hospitality of this Fellowship.

This is not an apology. I was too sick to realize how selfishly I was acting, and a mere apology is not necessarily an amends.

I am hoping to amend the harm I did by stating clearly what I did, for the benefit of others, and, further, by not doing it again.

H.D., New Medford, NJ
Room 502
Fort Lauderdale, FL
The Messenger, September 2010

Problems Other Than Alcohol by Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous (excerpts)

The problem of drug addiction in its several forms lies close to us all. It stirs our deepest interest and sympathy. Many AA’s, especially those who have suffered these particular addictions, are now asking, “What can we do about drugs - within our Fellowship, and without?” Specifically, here is a list of questions we are often asked:

- * “Can a nonalcoholic pill or drug addict become an A.A. Member?” NO
- * “Can such a person be brought, as a visitor, to an open A.A. meeting for help and inspiration?” YES
- * “If so, should these nonalcoholic pill or drug users be led to believe that they have become A.A. Members?” NO
- * “Can a pill or drug taker, who also has a genuine alcoholic history, become a member of A.A.?” YES

REMEMBER: ANYONE WHO COMES TO AN OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IS WELCOME. HOWEVER, AT BOTH LEAD AND DISCUSSION MEETINGS (OPEN OR CLOSED) COMMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOLISM.

A.A.’S Singleness of Purpose

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

-Tradition Three: (Long form) our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. Membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. Group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

-Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

We also need to remember what the Big Book says at the bottom of page 84 on Step 10. “Love and tolerance of others is our code. And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone--even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned.”

Let’s bring Sanity back !

Fri. Night
Faith Group
11:00 PM
 1741 N Ridge Rd.
 Sheffield Village
7th One Topic Disc.
14th Layman C.
(Pyro)
21st Adrian B.
28th Walt P. (Gater)

Monday Night
Lorain
7:30 PM
 Zion Lutheran
 Church
 5100 Ashland Ave.
3rd Krissy G.
10th Jeffri N.
17th Vicki T.
24th Kristy W.
31st Joe C.

Midnight
Elyria Group
12:00 AM
 St. Mary's Church
 4 & Middle Ave.
1st Judy S.
8th Bill H.
15th Greg R.
22th Chris
29th Debbie H.
 (free dinner)

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting: The Multi-District meeting is held at 11:00AM 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., \$71.00 Sold by Sam H. Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET . Be A Winner.

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

Hosted by the groups of The Akron Multidistrict Districts 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 49, 50, 60

When: Sunday, November 20, 2011
1:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
 1945 Portage Trail - Cuyahoga Falls - All Purpose Room

Doors open at 12:30 PM
 Lunch at 1:30 PM
 Panel at 3:30 PM

Past Delegate Panel:

"Gratitude for my Service Journey"

District will provide main course and beverages

Please Bring A Covered Dish

Donations needed and welcomed - Contact
 Jeremy M 330-524-5071

Meeting Update: Carlisle Lunch Bunch - Wednesday at Noon - Is now a Lead Meeting !

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

Promise 10: Fear of People and 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.

Concept 10: Every Service Responsibility Should be Matched by an Equal Service Authority--The Scope of Such Authority to be Always Well Defined Whether by Tradition, by Resolution, by Specific Job Description or by Appropriate Charters and Bylaws.

H **Friday Nite**
A **Haven**
P **7:00 PM**
P Haven Center
 1536 E. 30th St.,
Y Lorain
7th Barry W.
H **14th John B.**
A **21st Sue E.**
L **28th Steve B.**
L (Cleveland)

Area 54
Assembly
 3rd Sunday
 Oct.,16 2P.M.
 12 Step Recovery
 Club
 1480 Pearl Road
 Brunswick
 Be There !
 Be Informed !

New Meeting:
 New Dimension
 International
 Worship Center
 400 6th Street,
 Lorain
 Open Meeting,
 7:00 pm
 Wednesday &
 Thursday
 Evenings

Public Information Committee

Men & Women needed with 1 year Sobriety required to speak at Mercy Medical Center:
 Wednesday Evenings 7:30 - 8:30 PM
 Sunday Evenings 3:00 - 4:00 PM
 Contact - Bob Pyle (216) 224-7657

O **There is always Space**
W **Available in The LiveWire for your Group's**
E **Messages, News, Activities & Anniversaries!**
E **Please Contact:**
N **Bobbi M. 440 537-4280 & Patti R. 440 284-6677**

14th Annual "Fall In Sobriety"

Women's Mini-Convention

Theme: A Vision For You

Saturday, November 5th, 2011

9:00 a.m. Until 3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$17.00 pre-registration ONLY

Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door !

A Continental Breakfast & Luncheon Will be Served.

Panel Speakers, Lead Speakers, and Raffles .

Rosewood Place

4493 Oberlin Avenue

Lorain, Ohio 44053

Registrar: Susan Z. (440) 213-8833

Info: Linda S. (440) 323-9217

Email for information: FallInSobriety@yahoo.com

ARID Fellowship Center

Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 22, 2011

7 p.m. - Midnight

1741 N. Ridge Road, Sheffield

Kids under 10yrs - Free

Tickets \$3.00

Food will be provided

Best/Cutest Costume

Prizes, Campfire & Pictures in

Autumn Setting for \$5.00

Donated Side Dishes and Desserts

Welcome!!

Survivors List:

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

Friday Night Faith Group

11:00 PM

Arid Club

1741 N.Ridge Rd.

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

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

New Time

4:30 - 5:30 PM

1730 Broadway JFK

Back Entrance

Turning Point

Thursday 6:00 PM

Elyria Baptist Church

276 Washington Ave.

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT

THE GROUPS.

My Thank You to Vicki T.
Should Have Included ALL
Lorain County LiveWire
Readers!! I Did Not Mean to
Intentionally Leave Anyone Out
And I am Truly Sorry For The
Error. Thank You For Letting
Me Know. - Patti R.

• October

Anniversaries :

4th. Bill J. 8 yrs.

13th. Sandy W. 16 yrs.

13th. Nora M. 11 yrs.

15th. Shawn M. 12 yrs.

15th. Bill H. 10 yrs.

18th. Saturday Morning
Survivors, Avon Lake 23 yrs

21st. Caroline J.S. 23 yrs.

21st. John J. 8 yrs.

22nd. Roy P. 28 yrs.

23rd. Jim P. 7 yrs.

26th. Theresa B. 4yrs.

28th. Sarah H. 3 yrs.

30th. Stephan K. 1 yr.

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Phone Line Report:

Month of

September 2011

12 Step Calls.....	7
Sponsorship.....	0
Al-A-Non.....	3
Meeting Info.....	98
General Info.....	69
Phone Service.....	101

Total:..... 278

Children's

Dec.18 • 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

Contact Troy (440) 365-9018

Oct.16 • Meeting at Central Office
12:00 PM

Nov.20 • Return raffle tickets and
money to Central Office 12:00 pm

Nov.27 • Last day ticket request form
returned to Troy

Dec.2 • Dance at St. Anthony's

Dec.4 • Pick up children's tickets after
Central Office meeting

Dec.4 • Go to Sam's Club

Dec.11 • Stocking Stuffing 1:00 pm
15704 Trinter, Vermillion OH.

Dec.14 • order pizza

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

St.John's Hall

Halloween Dance

Rt 57 & Homewood

Saturday, October 29, 2011

7 p.m. - Midnight

Kids under 12yrs - Free

Tickets \$5.00 or Pay at the Door

Food will be provided

Best Costume Prizes for Kids!

50/50 Raffle

D-Jay Chris

Contact: Tom O. - (440) 315-8600



Thought for the

Day:

The Only Thing I
Need To Take
Personally Is My
Person.

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.

GSR's in District 20C - In the Spirit of Rotation

Elections for DCM & Alt DCM will be held at
year-end ! Come to Multi-District Meeting
1st Sunday of the Month Or Contact Patti
Rodgers - your current DCM for 20C

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

Patti Rodgers 440-284-6677
*e mail prodgers7@windstream.net

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Mike.....440 670-9910
*e mail webmaster@aaloraincounty.org

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Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

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Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

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Linda S.440 245-4068
Coretta Farley440 308-1714

Picnic Committee

Art C.....440 773-9474

District Committees



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

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

DCM. Linda S.....440-245-4068

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

DCM Patty 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

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the Month of August, 2011.

Rents:

Month of August , 2011

1. Blue Monday
2. Friday Morning Survivor
3. Lorain Consolidated
4. Monday Happy Hour
5. Sharing Our Sobriety
6. Spanish American
7. Strength In Sobriety
8. Tuesday Night Central
9. Unity Hall Discussion
10. We Care Tuesday

Month of August 2011

Donations/Rents	\$3,561.44
Coca Cola Sales	\$13.64
Interest Income	\$0.44
Total Income	\$3,575.52
Total Expenses	\$7,511.04

Expenses

1. Rent	\$650.00
2. Columbia Gas	\$163.00
3. All Service Telecommunications	\$152.03
4. Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$176.38
5. Time Warner	\$90.37
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. Liability Insurance	\$4,177.00
11. Gergely's Maintenance King-Floor Cleaning/Waxing	\$133.74

Supplies

12. Janitor Supplies- 4 Cs Hand Towels \$120; 13/4 Cs Toilet Paper \$75.25	\$195.25
	\$7,511.04

<u>Donations/Rents</u>	1..... \$893.92
<u>By Week</u>	2.....\$1,060.86
	3..... \$445.09
	4..... \$824.47
	5..... \$337.10

Total Loss fir August, 2011 (-\$3,935.52)

\$3,561.44

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

1. Amherst Saturday Night
2. Amherst Thursday
3. Amherst Who Me
4. Blue Monday
5. CBS Big Book Step Study
6. Compass Group
7. Elyria Friday Night
8. Elyria Men's Stag
9. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion
10. Elyria New Way of Life
11. Friday Morning Survivor
12. Friday Night Amherst
13. Grafton Wednesday Night
14. Industrial Group
15. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle
16. Lorain Wednesday Group
17. Mid Week Morning discussion
18. Midnight Elyria Group
19. Monday Night 12 X 12 Discussion
20. Monday Night Lorain
21. New London Campout
22. Oberlin Breakfast Group
23. Saturday Night Security
24. Saturday Night Security
25. Serenity Hall
26. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
27. Sunday Night Sobriety
28. Sunday Open Men's Discussion
29. Wednesday Morning Discussion
30. Wellington Thursday Night

H .A.L.T.

[Don't get too] Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired.

G.O.D.

Good Orderly Direction

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