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Autonomy Is Not an Excuse

Tradition Four - Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

The Fourth Tradition seems to me to be one of the least understood and most misinterpreted. During discussions of Tradition Four I've heard opinions expressed all the way from "Autonomous means we can do whatever we want" to "AA as a whole is affected by everything a group does--it's just a matter of degree." In my experience, the truth lies somewhere in between these two.

The idea that a group is autonomous has been used to justify breaking other Traditions (such as affiliating with a club or a treatment facility or failing to be self-supporting by accepting gifts of money or services or rent-free meeting places from other organization), and to justify failure to participate in AA as a whole through the service structure. Disunity has been seen as independence, and self-will has been justified, all in the name of autonomy.

Familiarity with the long form of Tradition Four has helped me understand the principle involved. The long form reads: "With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole without conferring with the Trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

In the long form, the emphasis is on responsibility to the group conscience, and independence from outside influence. No mention is made of separation from other groups or AA as a whole. Instead, emphasis is placed on concern for the welfare of other groups and of AA as a whole: "On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

On matters affecting only my group we have unlimited freedom. No other group can say when, where, or how often our groups should meet. Our format, meeting length, room setup, and internal business affairs concern only the members of our group. We are guided by all of the Twelve Traditions in making our group decisions, but they are our decisions to make. And no other individual or organization has a right to dictate to a group regarding these matters. We ensure our autonomy from outside influence by applying the other Traditions--we are self-supporting; we do not endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to other organizations or causes; we avoid public controversy; we remain nonprofessional.

When the actions of our group affect other groups, however, we are told those groups ought to be consulted. Such situations might include scheduling conflicts, public information efforts, carrying the message into local treatment and correctional facilities, and directing the activities of our local central office. Our group has found that these matters can best be handled in cooperation with other groups through participation in the AA service structure at the district level.

And what about matters affecting AA as a whole? Our group feels strongly that any public anonymity break, solicitation of funds from outside our Fellowship, affiliation with other organizations or institutions--in short, any violation of the Traditions has the potential to affect AA as a whole, and in these matters it is essential to confer with the General Service structure through our area delegate.

We also have a responsibility to share with our delegate, and through him with the entire Fellowship, any bright and shining idea for improvement of Alcoholics Anonymous we may come up with. Do we have a more effective way to carry the message? Have we found the answer to encouraging better communication and participation? Are we aware of a strong need for an additional service committee, pamphlet, video, or other tool for carrying the message? We have not only the opportunity, but the obligation, to share our ideas and information.

Mickey H.

Springville, Utah

(AA Grapevine, April 1998, Vol. 54 No. 11)

**Friday Night
Sobriety Group**

8:00 PM
First Merit Bank
106 Center St., Lagrange
2nd. Scott B.
9th. Sean M.
16th. Cecil H.
23rd. Jerry G.
30th. Al S.

**Sun. Harbourtown
Breakfast**

Food: 8:30 AM
Speaker: 10:00 AM
Methodist Youth Center
South St., Birmingham
4th. Jesse M.
11th. John H.
18th. Monica H.
25th. Harvey (from Toledo)

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.

Turning Point: Thursdays at Elyria Baptist Church, 276 Washington Ave., Elyria. Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle

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

"When you get to your wit's end, you'll find that God lives there."

**Fri. Night
Faith Group**

11:00 PM
1741 N Ridge Rd.
2nd. Renee S.
9th. Debbie H.
16th. Bobbi M.
23rd. Discussion
30th. Discussion

**Midnight
Elyria Group**

12:00 AM
St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
3rd John M.
10th Anthony A.
(6th annual PJ Mtg.)
17th Jack S.
24th Chuck E.

**Amherst
Saturday
Group**

8:00 PM
Church of the Nazarene
210 Cooper Foster Park
3rd. Bill S.
10th Bob S.
17th. Pete C.
24th. Dave D.

Phone Line Report:

Month of March 2010

12 Step Calls.....	4
Sponsorship.....	4
Al-A-Non.....	5
Meeting Info.....	133
General Info.....	65
Phone Service.....	84

Total:.....	295

• **April Anniversary** •

- 1st. Renee S. 5 yrs.
- 5th Bobby K. 6 yrs.
- 6th Laurie S. 1 yr.
- 9th. Steve R. 5 yrs.
- 11th. Judy S. 23 yrs.
- 15th. Bobbi M. 10 yrs.
- 17th. Trinidad W. 2yrs.
- 21st Dave B. 16 yrs.
- 24th. Patti R. 2 yrs.
- 24th. Layman C. (Pyro) 9 yrs.
- 30th. Tim M. 31 yrs.

Inactive Meetings

Oberlin Tuesday Noon Discussion at Wilder Hall in Room 204.
Thursday @ Noon in Oberlin As Bill Sees It at Wilder Hall in Room 204.
Saturday @ 10:00 am in Oberlin at First Church of Oberlin, a Women's Only meeting.

Slow Down and Live

Many of us rush through our days as well as rush through our meals. Often we let ourselves get so busy that we do not enjoy what we are doing or what we are eating. We swallow life in great gulps instead of savoring it moment by moment.

Hurry and busyness are forms of self-will. Deluded by an exaggerated sense of our own importance, we deem it crucial to perform all tasks and activities according to our personal schedule. Impatient with traffic tie-ups, other people's slowness, or unavoidable delays, we make ourselves tense and miserable by our refusal to accept life as it comes.

Time spent each day in quiet meditation can give us glimpses of God's timelessness. We see that our schedule is not that important after all, when measured against eternity. As the presence of God seeps into our consciousness, we relax into the fullness and peace of each moment. Trusting our Higher Power to order our lives, we can slow down and enjoy His gifts.

May I exchange hurry and busyness for Your peace.

from the book: Food for Thought by Elisabeth L.

***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.

Concepts 4: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Promise 4: We will know peace.

Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.



Survivors List:

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

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

Monday Night Big Book

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

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.

Friends of Bill W. Picnic

Steak Fry

Sunday, April 28, 2010

Noon-5:00 PM

Birmingham Youth Center

South Street, Birmingham

(same place as Sunday Breakfast and

Thursday Spaghetti)

\$15.00 Donation

12-14 oz. Strip steak, baked potato, salad and
soda or coffee (extra soda .75 cents)

Come have some fellowship and fun while
helping us put on the annual FREE picnic this
summer.

We will have a 50/50, and we hope some door
prizes. Anybody willing to help or donate please
call the numbers below! All proceeds go to bring
you the picnic.

Contact persons:
Sue 440-309-0491
Art 440-773-9474

28th ANNUAL NEW LONDON CAMPOUT

**Thursday June 24th
through**

Sunday June 27th , 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 440-965-4165

Happy

Joyous &

Free

6th Annual Pajama Meeting

Sat. April 10,

2010

Midnight

St. Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.,

Elyria

Dinner**Door

Prizes**Chinese

Raffle**50/50

Raffle**

Lead: Anthony A.

Garage Sale

**Arid Fellowship
Club**

April 8, 2010

9:00am - 8:00pm

1741 N. Ridge Rd.

Sheffield Township

\$7.50 Table Rental

call Sandy 233-

4801, or

610-7777

Jennifer's Gate Grand Opening Celebration

April 24, 2010

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Rosebud Party Center

4493 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, OH

Breakfast & Lunch will be served

Donation: \$15.00

For Ticket Info Call:

Katie I.(440)453-8948

Penny (440)204-8413

Greetings, From NE Ohio General Service!

Please come join us in a day of sharing at the **3rd
Annual Northeast Ohio**

General Service Unity Day!

Date: April 16, 2010

Time: 2:00PM

Location: 12-Step Recovery Club 1480 Pearl
Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212

(Brunswick Plaza; ¼ mile south of State Rt. 303

(216) 273-7216

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ARID Fellowship Bike Night & Pitoff

Dance

May 1, 2010

8:00 pm - ?

Raffles/Food available

Rock & Roll the night away

Volunteers Needed

Counter Help

Entertainment Committee

call Sandy 233- 4801, or

610-7777

Or apply at:

1741 N. Ridge Rd.

Sheffield Township

**There is always
Space
Available in
The LiveWire
for your Group's
Messages, News,
Activities &
Anniversaries**

Contact:

Vicki T.

440 225-1314

Easter Get-Together Arid Fellowship Club

April 3, 2010

5:30-7:00 pm

1741 N. Ridge Rd.

Sheffield Township

50/50 Raffle/Door Prizes

Contact: Marilyn Oliver

440-323-9987

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

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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John Flores.....440 308-5421

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Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

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Yolanda A.440 541-4843

Memorial Day Breakfast Committee

Terry Poznako.....440 225-6897

Grapevine Committee

Linda S.440 240-1189
 Coretta Farley440 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.440 541-4843**

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

**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., Brighton Tnsp., 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 February, 2010.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations/Rents</u>	
		<u>By Week</u>	
1.Rent	\$650.00	1.....	\$604.75
2.Columbia Gas	\$201.00	2.....	\$941.00
3.All Service Telephone Answering	\$145.37	3.....	\$902.65
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$188.62	4.....	\$1,031.80
5. Time Warner	\$91.05	5.....	\$0.00
6. House Managers	\$1,432.97		
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$64.57		
8.Live Wire Printing	\$69.00		
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$19.46		
11. Ohio Worker's Compensation	\$50.00		
12. Petty Cash	\$100.00		
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			\$3,480.20

Month of February 2010

Donations/Rents	\$3,480.20
Total Income	\$3,480.20
Expenses	\$3,012.04
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Total Gain February, 2010	\$468.16

Rents:

Month of February, 2010

1. Blue Monday
2. Lorain County Consolidated Group
3. Mid Week Morning discussion
4. Never Too Young
5. Serenity Hall
6. Sharing Our Sobriety
7. Spanish American
8. Strength In Sobriety
9. Tuesday Night Central
10. Unity Hall Discussion
11. We Care Tuesday

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 | 14. S.I.O.G.A. |
| 2. Anonymous | 15. Serenity Hall |
| 3. Compass Group | 16. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 4. Elyria Men's Stag | 17. Sheffield Men's |
| 5. Elyria New Way of Life | 18. St. Agnes Thursday Night |
| 6. Elyria Women's Discussion | 19. St. Anthony's Friday Night |
| 7. Friday Night Sobriety | 20. Stepping Into Sobriety |
| 8. Grafton Wednesday Night | 21. Strength in Sobriety |
| 9. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle | 22. Sunday Night Sobriety |
| 10. Lorain Wednesday Group | 23. Thursday Morning Big Book |
| 11. Mid Week Morning Discussion | 24. Tuesday Morning Discussion |
| 12. Monday Night Lorain | 25. Wellington Thursday Night |
| 13. Oberlin Breakfast Group | 26. Who Me |

Board Of Directors

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