

AA Unity LiveWire AA

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“First Things First”

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“Easy Does It”

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THERE IS MORE TO BEING AN AA MEMBER - THAN JUST SAYING YOU ARE

So many times I've heard at meetings, "AA has done so much for me" or "I can never repay AA for saving my life" but little being done for AA by that same member. The third tradition states: the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. "You are an AA member if you say so. You can declare yourself in nobody can keep you out. You're an AA member the minute you declare yourself."

My concern, is the action of the member after membership. I believe, for me to be a 'member', I must try to do all I can for the suffering alcoholic and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

For starters, I need to get a Home Group and support that group as the lifeline which it is. I need to volunteer to make coffee, greet newcomers at the 'once painful step' of coming through the doors, set out the literature display, chair the meeting on a regular basis, not just when 'it's' convenient for me. As a 'member', I also need to attend all my Home Group's group conscience meetings. My sponsor asked, "What part of 'all' don't you understand?" He also suggested. Don't tell me about your gratitude toward AA, show me by getting active in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous."

I'm concerned that most groups need volunteers at all levels of service. How many times have you seen the monthly chairperson ask for a 'next month' chairperson or pass the key for next month in the basket, only to watch it go by like a 'hot potato' and returned to them?

What about the slogans: " Let it begin with me", or " I am responsible... When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible. I must ask myself ('member') do I or don't I want it to be there?

The willingness to try, is the key to a happy, joyous and free life. I'll try to make coffee, try to greet newcomers, try to be a group officer, try to be a general service representative, try to be a Grapevine Representative, try to make 12 step calls with the local answering service, try to be a District Committee Member, try to be an Area Officer, and try to pay back the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, that saved me from an alcoholic death. Do you know AA's Declaration of Unity statement? It states; "This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come".

This is how Dr. Bob summed up his 'Nightmare': "I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons: 1. Sense of Duty; 2. It is a pleasure; 3. Because in doing so I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me; 4. Because everytime I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip." (Big Book pages 180-181)

With the theme of the 1996 General Service Conference being; "Preserving Our Fellowship - Our Challenge", I'm challenging myself and the 'members' to see if there is something more we can do!

HandleBar Rick; Wapakoneta, Oh.

Mon. Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

- 6th. Liz F.**
- 13th. Karen H.**
- 20th. Mark M.**
- 27th. Tom W.**

Vermillion

Mon. Night

8:00 PM

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Vermillion

- 6th. Jan B.**
- 13th. Ken Z.**
- 20th. Pam H.**
- 27th. Andy & Dee K.**

Grafton

Wed. Night

8:30 PM

Grafton Fire Station

1050 Novak Rd.

- 1st. Stacey P.**
- 8th. Layman C.**
- 15th. Patty M.**
- 22nd. Bobby K.**
- 29th. Beth G.**

The Lorain Central Office Meeting is the **2nd. 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, Get Active) (**Sept. 9th., 2007**)

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting: The Multi-District meeting is held at **11 AM** on the **2nd. 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. (**Sept. 9th., 2007**)

Advisory Board Meeting: Will Not Be Held For The Month Of August. Thank You Tom O.

Notice to All Group Secretaries: When I became a secretary of my Home Group I was told that I had to attend the Lorain Central Office Meeting the first Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM at the Central Office. So that I would be aware of what was going on in Alcoholics Anonymous in Lorain County. I did that for the three years, that I was secretary of the group. We have 112 groups in Lorain County and at the meetings we only get about 3 secretaries or group members at each meeting. When you attend this meeting you can purchase the literature for your group, get the latest meeting schedule, get copies of the LiveWire, help with your advice on solving some of the problems effecting A.A. in Lorain County. If you are the secretary of your group please attend the meeting yourself or send a representative from your home group to the meeting. We hope to see you at the next Central Office Meeting or someone from your home group. (Russ W.)

"You Have Already Succeeded When You Dared To Try"

Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Lowell H. \$64.00, Sold by Smiley Joe. Just another way you can Help support the Central Office. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member.

Concepts 8: The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Promise 8: Self-seeking will slip away.

Tradition 8: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Elyria

St Mary's

Group

Sun. 8:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

- 5th. Clint B.**
- 12th. Terry T.**
- 19th. Matt V.**
- 26th. Joe R.**

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

- 3rd. Arlen (A.J.)**
- 10th. Stanley T.**
- 17th. Danny C.**
- 24th. Ask it Basket**
- 31st. Brittany M.**

Mid- Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.

- 4th. Barry W.**
- 11th. Troy S.**
- 18th. Jesse T.**
- 25th. Ask it Basket**

Spanish

American

Fri. 8:30 PM

St. Ladislaus
1412 29th St.

- 3rd. John R.**
- 10th. Mike R.**
- 17th. Joe C.**
- 24th. John C.**
- 31st. Carlos V.**

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• August Anniversaries •

- Aug. 1st. Jesse T. 9 yrs.
- Aug. 9th. Fred I. 18 yrs.
- Aug. 14th. Rick M. 10 yrs.
- Aug. 15th. Jess C. 10 yrs.
- Aug. 26th. Denise M. 24 yrs.
- Aug. 27th. Susan B. 14 yrs.
- Aug. 28th. Charlie P. 33 yrs.

• July Anniversaries •

- July 13th. Christine C. 9 yrs.

Quote of the Week

"A Big Book that's falling apart is usually carried by a person who isn't."

I have heard so many times in meetings that the answers to my alcoholism and to the problems in my life are to be found in the Big Book. The question I have to ask myself is how often do I go there to find them? And the answer these days is not often enough.

When I was new I spent a lot of time reading the Big Book. My sponsor and I went through it page by page, and I'd attend book study meetings where I would break it down even more. And as my book began falling apart, I realized that my life no longer was.

Recently I've made a commitment to get back to basics and read the Big Book again. There are areas of my life that aren't where I want them, and I know that I'll find the answers I need in the Big Book. I've got the latest edition, a yellow high lighter, and I'm going to read and study it until it begins to fall apart. By then I know my life will be in order once again.

(<http://www.theWisdomoftheRooms.com>)

Elyria Sunday Night
Group
St. Jude's
Breakfast in the Park
Join us at
Cascade Park in Elyria
W. River Road Entrance
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Lead
Dates:
Aug. 19
Breakfast includes:
Scrambled eggs,
hash brown potatoes,
bacon, sausage, toast, juice,
and coffee.
Breakfast Cost: \$3.00

Summer Bash
Benefit Dancer
Saturday Aug. 18th.
Gathering Hope
House
1173 North Ridge Rd. E.
Lorain, Oh
Cost: \$ 5.00
Time: 7 PM till 12 PM
DJ Rhythm Master

Arid Family
Picnic
Aug. 25th., 2007
Time:
2 PM TILL 7 PM
DINNER: 5 PM
Food Provided:
COVERED DISH
Appreciated
Come Join Us!!
FUN and GAMES
Fellowship
Donations Appreciated

Friends of
Porky P.
3rd. Annual Pig Roast
August 18th.
2 PM-11 PM
Scotts Lake Park
Rt. 58 between Russia Rd.
And Butternut Ridge Rd.
Cost: \$10.00
For info Call:
Central Office 440-246 1800
Troy Smith 440-365-9018
Or any Advisory Board
Member
COME AND HAVE FUN!!
Live Music, Food, Fun,
Fellowship, Raffles
Eat at 4 PM
(Must Have Ticket)
Group Donations are
Appreciated
Volunteers are Welcome
Kids Under 12
Free Hot Dogs
Pitch in and get active!!!

Anniversary
• 36 years •
August 10th.
Spanish American
Held at Puska's
2493 N. Ridge Rd.
Dinner: @ 6:00 PM
Lead: @ 8:00 PM
Mike R.
Come Join Us !!!

Anniversary
• 61 years •
August 27th.
Vermillion Mon.
Night
8:00 PM
Food: 7:00 PM
Lead: 8:00 PM
Covered Dish
Appreciated

G.S.R.
Workshop
Aug. 19th., 2007
Time:
2:00 PM
At:
The 12 Step
Recovery Club
1480 Pearl Rd.,
Brunswick, OH
(PLEASE BRING A
COVERED DISH)
Get on the Starting LINE
Get Active in Service

I Can't
But
God Can
Let Him

Arid Fellowship
Center
Space Available
30x30 Bldg.
Meeting Rooms
For More Info.
Contact:
Mark Weaver
440 225-3031

Let Go,
Let God!!

• Serenity isn't freedom from the storm; it is peace within the storm. •

How beautiful it is to do nothing, and then rest afterward.

The beauty of the Third Step is that there's no real work for us to do. Making a decision to turn our will and our life over to the care of God requires no energy, no movement. We don't have to grit our teeth. It's only a decision and can be made in the blink of an eye. The action comes from God.

We don't need to do anything to earn the grace of God. In fact, there isn't any way we could earn it. This grace is ours when we let it come to us. Trusting God's love for us is all it takes. I will rest knowing that my life is in God's hands.

Honesty

Thought to Ponder . . . May the road always lead where you need to be.

AA Thought for the Day: A New Path

I approached Alcoholics Anonymous with fear and hesitation. Then, urged by the dread of what was behind me, I took tiny delicate steps onto this new path. When I found the footing was firm, each tentative move brought me a little nearer to trust. Confidence grew, faith in my Higher Power expanded, and I came to recognize a light I had not known existed. Something within me shifted and welcomed a new source of strength, understanding, tolerance, and love.

(courtesy AAOnline.net)

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*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Russ Walker or Jim Parks via: Call, *email or leave the information at the Central Office before the 25th. of each month.

Rents: Month of June, 2007

1. Blue Monday
2. Monday Happy Hour
3. Tuesday Night Central
4. Mid Week Morn. Discussion
5. Strength In Sobriety
6. Fri. Men's Discussion
7. Unity Hall Discussion

*Trust
Faith*

Action for the Day: Today, I'll list the people I'm closest to at work, school, and home. I'll think of how I talk about them to others, and ask myself am I kind?

Prayer for the Day: Higher Power, help me see others clearly, and in their best light. Let me bring out the good in others.

N O W = No Other Way

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of June, 2007.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>	
1. Rent	\$ 675.00	1.....	\$ 1,058.97
2. Columbia Gas	\$ 221.23	2.....	\$ 589.32
3. All Service Telephone	\$ 140.88	3.....	\$ 1,308.28
4. Ohio Edison	\$ 90.99	4.....	\$ 1,102.87
5. Century Telephone	\$ 107.16	5.....	\$ 0.00
6. House Managers	\$ 1,301.24		
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 53.41		\$4,059.44
8. Live Wire Printing	\$36.00		
9. Windstream Yellow Pages	\$ 18.30	<u>Donations/Rent</u>	\$4,059.44
10. Janitorial Supplies	\$ 111.48	<u>Expenses</u>	\$3,373.07
11. Pig Roast Advance	\$ 100.00	<u>Gain</u>	\$ \$686.37
12. Tom Weojciechowski (Door replacement)	\$ 217.38		
13. Tom Ortiz (Safe Replacement)	\$ 300.00		
	<u>\$3,373.07</u>		

Donations for the month of June, 2007

When making Donations Please include General Service # and Phone # if you know it, if not look on the internet at aaloraincounty.org under A.A. Meetings, if your group is registered the General Service # will be listed. Thank You!!

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| 1. Blue Monday | 18. Arid Lunch Bunch (Carlisle) |
| 2. Oberlin Women's Closed Group | 19. Oberlin Group |
| 3. Monday Night Lorain | 20. Friday Morning Survivor |
| 4. Elyria Men's Stag | 21. Friday Night Amherst |
| 5. Vermilion Monday Night | 22. St. Anthony's Friday Night |
| 6. Elyria Monday Closed Disc. | 23. Friday Night Sobriety LaGrange |
| 7. We Care Tuesday Morning | 24. Wellington Friday Group |
| 8. Tuesday LaPorte | 25. Sereenity Hall |
| 9. S.I.O.G.A. | 26. Amherst Saturday Group |
| 10. Avon Tuesday | 27. New London First Methodist |
| 11. Mid-Week Morning Discussion | 28. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 12. Great Fact Group | 29. Sunday Open Men's Disc. |
| 13. Lorain Wednesday Group | 30. Anonymous |
| 14. Wellington Big Book Study | 31. New London Camp Out |
| 15. Wednesday Industrial Group | 32. P.T.O.Y. |
| 16. Grafton Wednesday Night | 33. Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle |
| 17. Strength In Sobriety | |

Phone Line Report:

Month of July, 2007

12 Step Calls....	8
Sponsorship....	1
AI-A-Non.....	7
Meeting Info....	143
General Info....	82
<u>Total:.....</u>	<u>241</u>



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