

Lorain Inter-Group Office
710 Broadway Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44052
Phone: 440-246-1800



~ UNITY LIVEWIRE ~
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Monday – Friday
9AM – 5PM
Email address:
lorainaa@live.com

Lorain County A.A. meetings, times & locations can also be found on aaloraincounty.org

THOUGHTS FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON.....

I would like to start out by saying something that I was told early in my sobriety. That is, I don't need to cause resentments in AA. I did that enough when I was drinking. I failed to try and understand people and went head strong into situations.

When people get upset about addicts coming into AA it is because Bill and Bob set AA up for alcoholics. They both came from the Oxford Group, although a good fellowship, it failed because it was all inclusive. They welcomed every problem under the sun and they failed.

If you are an addict and are in AA, you must be here because it is helping you. I have asked a lot of guys that think they don't have a drinking problem if they are still drinking? Their response was "no because if I drink I go get high". Well that sounds like a drinking problem. People are not upset because you have more than one problem, they are upset because you don't want to admit to the one problem this program was set up to help. Is admitting you're an alcoholic that frightening, if so, maybe you need to take a closer look at why.

In the words of Bill W. "if we treat our alcoholism the rest of our problems will surely improve as a result."

THIS IS A CLOSED MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. In support of A.A.'s singleness of purpose, attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this meeting. We ask that when discussing our problems, we confine ourselves to those problems as they relate to alcoholism. (The 1987 General Service Conference made this statement available as an A.A. service piece for those groups who wish to use it.)

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here — especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking," we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol. (The 1987 General Service Conference made this statement available as an A.A. service piece for those groups who wish to use it.)

This was just a thought from a grateful recovering Alcoholic,
Troy S. - Inter-Group Advisory Board Chairperson



Merry Christmas!!!



Twas the Night Before Christmas...an A.A. Christmas Poem

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the halls;
not an alkie was drinking or eating rumballs.
The children were happy, their folks were serene,
Asleep in their rooms dreaming Christmastime dreams.
The sponsees were nestled all snug by their phones;
Hoping their sponsors soon would be home.
Papa in his bathrobe, and I in my gown;
Were grateful to be home, not stumbling 'round town!

When out in the driveway I saw some headlights;
Who was coming to my house at this time of night?
Away to the window I flew at great speed;
I wanted to see what these people would need.
The night it was late, didn't they know?
I would go downstairs quickly, and tell them to go.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
But a lawn full of drunks, and not one with a beer!
With hope in their hearts, anxious looks on each face;
They were scoping the town, for their next meeting place.

I opened the door, to let my friends in;
The Christmas Eve meeting was about to begin!
On coffeepot, cups, and some sugar and cream,
Old-timers, newcomers, and those in between.
"In my home you are safe!" "Come on in!" hear my call
Now sober drunks, sober drunks, sober drunks, all!
As dry drunks before a meeting do cry,
when they meet with the "obstacles selves" they deny;
So into the kitchen, the alkies they flew,
With a room full of feelinas. some iovous. some blue

And then in a moment, the meeting did start;
A gratitude meeting, sober living...and heart!
As we went 'round the room there were stories of woe,
Descriptions of lives only alkies would know.
Stories dressed all in booze, from beginning to end,
that "drink" was a gut-wrenching, fair-weather friend.
A bundle of pain, each drunk slung on her back;
The road was quite bumpy! The deck had been stacked!
Relationships, crumbled, our finances, weary,
Our souls were like vacuums, our eyes always teary.

Each drunk bared their soul, and shared through the hour;
Of recovery held dear, and a new "Higher Power"
The fellowship gave, new life to each face;
All sober men and women, with dignity and grace.
A desire to stop drinking, is all that's required,
A way out, a way up; new lives to inspire!
It was time for the meeting to come to an end.
Alcoholic brothers and sisters and friends.

The Serenity Prayer was then said as we held hands and prayed,
Electricity, wonder and magic displayed.
We did "clean up" and chattered and when saying good-bye
Embraces, well wishes, and not a dry eye.
I sprang to my bed, and thanked God for this night.
I snuggled under the covers; and all felt so right!
But I heard them exclaim, as they all drove away,
"Thank God for A. A. and each sober day!"

December 23, 2013 by [Mark](#)

<p>ST. MARY'S SUNDAY NIGHT SOBRIETY 320 Middle Ave., Elyria 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>12/02 Jason C. 12/09 NeNe 12/16 Treasure 12/23 Kevin K. 12/30 Lyndsey B.</p>	<p>LAGRANGE MONDAY NIGHT United Methodist Church 105 W. Main – Route 303 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>12/03 Jessica A. 12/10 Sean S. 12/17 Natasha D. 12/24 Bobbi M. 12/31 Roger D.</p>	<p>TUESDAY NIGHT HAVEN 1536 E. 30TH - Lorain 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>12/04 Brenda G. 12/11 Carlos V.- 37th Anniv. 12/18 Wendy C. 12/25 NO Meeting: Merry Christmas!! 01/01 NO Meeting: Happy New Year!!</p>	<p>FRIDAY NIGHT HAVEN 1536 E. 30th, LORAIN 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>12/07 Rachele B. 12/14 Andrew S. 12/21 Maria M. 12/28 Charlie R.-2 yr. Ann.</p>
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MIDNIGHT ELYRIA GROUP
St. Mary's – 4th and Middle
Saturday 12:00

12/01 Open Podium:
12/08 Scott B.
12/15 Dave M.
12/22 Nyles C.
12/29 Bobbi M. /Snack Nite

Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle



\$24 was won by Sam H.
Thank you for supporting
YOUR Central Office!

**LOTS & LOTS of Cookies
are needed for the
Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 16th**



See next page for drop-off times

**FREE Phone App for
locating AA meetings:
meetingguide.org**



Especially handy if you
travel during the holidays

**Service Work Is
VERY Rewarding**

*Come share your Experience,
Strength and Hope!*

EMH and Mercy Hospital
(Behavioral Health Unit)
Sundays at 4:00pm
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Lake Pointe Nursing Home
Monday at 6:00pm

**Must have 2 years of sobriety
per hospital guidelines**

Call Melissa S. (440)242-9769

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

Lorain County Multi-District @10:30am

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting
Be the voice of your Home Group
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Lorain Inter-Group @ 12:30 p.m.

ALL members are invited
to come and participate.
See YOUR Inter-Group at work

First Sunday of Each Month
(Except for Holidays)

710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain
(Central Office)

**DECEMBER
Anniversaries**

| | | |
|-------|------------|---------|
| 12/08 | Carlos V. | 37 yrs. |
| 12/08 | Briana E. | 4 yrs. |
| 12/11 | Chris C. | 3 yrs. |
| 12/12 | Bill Q. | 13 yrs. |
| 12/17 | Deb M. | 9 yrs. |
| 12/20 | Frank G. | 4 yrs. |
| 12/21 | Doug Z. | 20 yrs. |
| 12/23 | Lisa D. | 6 yrs. |
| 12/24 | Jack S. | 14 yrs. |
| 12/25 | John A. | 1 yr. |
| 12/25 | Stacie S. | 9 yrs. |
| 12/28 | Ray D. | 27 yrs. |
| 12/28 | Charlie R. | 2 yrs. |
| 12/29 | Kasey P. | 2 yrs. |

To have your anniversary printed in
the LiveWire please email to:
unitylivewire@gmail.com
or by calling (440)574-0143
and leaving a voicemail
OR Call Bobbi M. at
(440)537-4280
by the 20th of each month.
Anniversaries will not be carried
over to the next year

Suggested AA Group Contributions:

50% Lorain Inter-Group Office
710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052
Make checks payable to: Lorain Inter-Group

25% The General Service Office
P.O. Box 459, Central Station,
New York, NY 10163-0459
Make checks payable to: General Service Office

15% NE Ohio General Service
ATTN: Area 54 Treasurer
P.O. Box 91384, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-3384
Make checks payable to:
NE Ohio General Service

10% Local - Lorain County Multi-District
710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052
ATTN: Frank F. – Treasurer (440)723-7690
Make checks payable to:
Lorain County Multi-District

When making any donation PLEASE
identify yourself by placing the group's
General Service #, District # and Area 54
on all donations. Your General Service #
can be found in the meeting schedule or
on the internet @ aaloraincounty.org
under A.A. Meetings. Your District # is on
the back page of the LiveWire. If you
don't have a General Service number
attached to your group, please contact
your DCM listed on the back page of the
LiveWire and they will register your
Group OR ATTEND a monthly Multi-
District meeting.

Please contact: The Inter-Group Office @ (440)246 -1800 for information on:
Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Marijuana Anonymous,
Al-Anon and Heroin Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF A.A.

The Inter-Group Office doors will be open around the clock for the holidays!

Monday - December 24th @ 9:00am thru Tuesday - December 25th @ 8:30pm

AND

Monday - December 31st @ 9:00am thru Tuesday - January 1st @ 8:30pm



Come down for a meeting, fellowship, play cards or just a cup of coffee during these holidays

~ ~ ~ *Donations of food/cookies would be appreciated* ~ ~ ~

Volunteers are needed to answer the phone lines or just be there for a fellow alcoholic.
To fill a time slot or for any questions, please contact Andrew S. (440)529-4582

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!!



December 16th

1:00 - 4:00pm @ St. Francis Cabrini
(Corner of Rt. 57 & Homewood)

Volunteers are needed for all aspects of this event
Contact Troy S. to volunteer or with questions
(440)365-9018 leave a message & phone number



Sunday - Dec. 9th

1:00 pm - Stocking Stuffing at Pilgrim Church (pizza after)
All Raffle tickets and money due in to Troy



Party Day Schedule - Dec. 16th

11:00am - Set up St. Francis Cabrini Hall
Noon - Costume people need to be at the Hall
1:00pm - 4:00 PARTY
4:00pm - Start hall cleanup
5:00pm - Transport items back to Pilgrim Church



Wishing ALL a Sober
& Safe Holiday!

The Haven Homegroup

**NO MEETINGS ON
TUESDAY
CHRISTMAS DAY
OR
NEW YEAR'S DAY
AT
THE HAVEN**



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!!

Cookies, Cookies & MORE Cookies are needed

(Please drop-off cookies after 11:00am but before 12:30 at the hall)

2018 New Year's Eve Benefit for THE HAVEN CENTER

Presented by Recovering Souls Corporation*

Ukrainian Hall - 3010 Charleston Ave., Lorain

(This is a 16 and older event)

DOOR OPENS AT 6:30
DINNER FROM 7:00 - 9:00PM
DANCE FROM 9:00 - ??



50/50 Raffle

PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY FOR DINNER TILL DECEMBER 26TH!

Dinner/Dance Tickets are \$10/person OR \$20/Couple
Dance Tickets are \$3/person OR \$5/Couple

Serving: Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Salad

For more information please contact April at (440)670-2554

Door
Prizes

* Recovering Souls A.M.A. is a Non-Profit Motorcyclist Organization that freely gives back what has freely been given us.

INTER-GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2018

INCOME

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Donations/Rent | \$4,375.77 |
| Literature Sales | 2,236.73 |
| Fundraising Income | 32.00 |
| Interest Income | .06 |
| Coca-Cola | 00.00 |
| Total INCOME | \$6,644.56 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Rent | \$ 800.00 |
| Columbia Gas | 214.00 |
| Answering Service | 153.67 |
| Ohio Edison | 250.14 |
| Spectrum: Phone/Int | 129.14 |
| Vival: Yellow Pages | 26.85 |
| House Managers | 1,890.47 |
| Payroll Fees | 80.30 |
| Literature Purchases | 901.70 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| Accountant Fee | 175.00 |
| Office Expenses: | |
| Water Heater | 800.00 |
| Office Painting | 118.19 |
| Total EXPENSES | \$5,639.46 |

GAIN/(LOSS) \$1,005.10

Rents Received

- Blue Monday
- Friday Morning Survivor
- Lorain Wednesday Group
- Mid-Week Morning Disc.
- Monday Happy Hour
- Multi-District Meeting
- Saturday Young Peoples
- Serenity Hall
- Sharing Our Sobriety
- Strength in Sobriety
- Tuesday Night Central
- Unity Hall Discussion



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Donations

- Amherst Saturday Group
- Attitude of Gratitude
- Blue Monday
- CBS Big Book Step Study
- Elyria Men's Stag
- Elyria Monday Closed Discussion
- Friday Morning Survivor
- Friday Night Sobriety
- Grafton Wednesday Night
- Great Fact Group
- LaGrange Monday Night
- Midweek Morning Discussion
- Midnight Elyria Group
- Monday Happy Hour
- Monday Night Lorain
- North Ridgeville Big Book
- Oberlin Group
- Oberlin Women's Closed Disc.
- Safe Harbor Discussion
- Serenity Hall
- Sharing Our Journey
- Sharing Our Sobriety
- St. Mary Sunday Night Sobriety
- Stepping Into Sobriety
- Sunday Night Sobriety
- Sunday Open Men's Discussion
- Thursday Women's Sobriety
- Tuesday Night Haven
- Unity Hall Discussion
- Vermilion 12 X 12 Discussion
- We Care Tuesday Morning Disc.
- Wednesday Night Men's/PP
- Wellington Group

Inter-Group

Advisory Board of Directors

- Troy S. 440-365-9018 Chair
- Steve S. 440-308-1352 V-Chair
- Art C. 440-773-9474 Secr.
- Mark P. 440-452-5946 Treas.

Inter-Group Advisory Board

- Donna L. 440-574-3464
- Eddie G 216-630-6638
- Tom O. 440-315-8600
- Mike B. 440-309-5788
- Jackie S. 248-757-1925
- Dave G. 440-723-1923
- Jody B. 440-225-2412

Office Managers

- Sam H. 440-522-3639
- Tom N. 440-258-7286
- Tony W. 440-342-5488
- Office 440-246-1800

Phone Line Report

- 12 Step: 1
- General Info: 61
- Meeting Info: 52
- Alanon: 0
- Sponsorship: 0
- Total Office Calls 114

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Unity LiveWire

Joyce L....Google Voice... (440)574-0143
*EMAIL: unitylivewire@gmail.com

Internet Committee..... (aaloraincounty.org)

Mike..... (440)670-9910
*EMAIL: webmaster@aaloraincounty.org

Correctional Committee

Andy K..... (440)343-3644
*EMAIL: poolguy@windstream.net

Public Information Committee

Melissa S.....(440)242-9769

Picnic Committee

Dave G..... (440)723-1923

Pig Roast

Troy S..... (440)365-9081

Memorial Day Breakfast

Steve S..... (440)308-1352

ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community

Help is needed for KEY DISTRICT POSITIONS!

STEP UP & GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE WORK

Contact LCMD Chairperson

DISTRICT COMMITTEES:

Lorain Co. Multi-District Chairperson:

Art C.....(440)773-9474

District 19A

(Avon, Avon Lake, Columbia, Eaton, Grafton, N. Ridgeville, Sheffield, Sheffield Lake)

DCM Mark P ... (216)406-1169

Alt DCM Ray B..... (440)574-0143

District 19B

(All of the City of Lorain & Part of Vermilion)

DCM Tom M.. (440)308-5885

Alt DCM ** POSITION OPEN **

District 20A

(All of the City of Elyria and Carlisle)

DCM Andrew S (440)529-4582

Alt DCM ** POSITION OPEN **

District 20C

(Amherst, Brighton Twp, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton, LaGrange, Oberlin, Penfield, Pittsfield Twp, S.Amherst, Wellington)

DCM ** POSITION OPEN **

Alt DCM ** POSITION OPEN **