

AA Unity LiveWire AA

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February Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

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2007

The G.S.R.

If you have been elected GSR, congratulations! You are being afforded the opportunity to perform a very special type of Twelfth Step work. As the General Service Representative of your group, in Northeast Ohio, Area 54, you are the key to AA as a whole. The co-founder of A.A., Bill W., stated,

"The strength at our whole A.A. service structure starts with the General Service Representative the group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly their importance".

When you, or your District Committee Member, registers your name with the Mailing Secretary of Area 54, your name will be listed as contact for your group in the next printing of the Eastern US AA Directory. The General Service Office Of Alcoholics Anonymous In NY will send you a GSR kit of valuable information, plus the bimonthly bulletin Box 4-5-9. You will receive other mailings from the GSO and all Area 54 mailings. Share this material with your group.

Remember, you are your group's link to AA as a whole.

We are the General Service Representatives.

We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority in A. A. is a loving God expressed in our group conscience.

As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience; we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us therefore have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

KEEP IT SIMPLE?

A group ought to choose its G.S.R. with as much care as it does in choosing its treasurer. Both are custodians of the group's welfare. The G.S. R. should have knowledge of the A. A. service structure, the traditions and the program.

The G. S. R. is elected for a two-year term, during which they should hold no other office. Two or three years of sobriety are usually required. Ability, experience and willingness to serve are essential. The election of the G.S.R. (and Alternate G.S.R.) usually takes place just before the election of the Area Conference Delegate.

If the group does not understand its place in A. A. or the service structure, the G.S.R. needs to inform and guide the group.

The attitude of the group determines how well its G.S.R. can function. Many group members actively interfere with their own G.S.R.'s efforts to involve the group in legitimate A.A. business and the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Their reason is usually an objection to "all that politics," or "We don't need all that stuff," and finally they will say, "Dr. Bob said 'keep it simple'." Somehow the false A. A. "slogan" of "Keep It Simple" has become an all-purpose cop-out and an effective argument against love and service.

Bill W. was concerned about the exhortation to "keep it simple." In a Grapevine article (July 1970) Bill says:

"A return to the kitchen table era would bring no hoped for simplicity. It could mean wholesale irresponsibility, disharmony and ineffectiveness". Lets picture this:

No definite guiding principles. • No literature. • No meeting halls. • No group fund. • No planned sponsorship. • No stable leadership. • No clear relations with hospitals. • No sound public relations. • No local services. • No world services.

Returning to that early-time brand of simplicity would be as absurd as selling the steering wheel, the gas tank, and the tires off our family car. The car would be simplified all right -no more gas and repair bills, either! But our car wouldn't go anyplace. The family life would hardly be simplified, it would instantly become confused and complicated."

Mon. Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

Lorain (NS)

5th. Ted A.

12th. Tom O.

19th. Bob K.

26th. Mary Lou

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.
Sheffield(NS)

2nd. Bonnie L.

9th. Jeff K.

16th. Dan L.

23rd. Irvin

Spanish

American

Fri.8:30 PM

St. Ladisiaus
1412 29th St.

Lorain (NS)

2nd. John J.

9th. Walt P.

16th. John R.

23rd. Peter O.

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. **(March 4th., 2007)**

The Lorain Central Office 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, Get Active) **(March 4th., 2007)**

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the **3rd. Thursday** of the month, at the **Central Office**. **(February 15th., 2007)**

Have You Visited the Lorain County website???

Lorain County AA has its own website it started on Nov. 1, 2006. The address is aaloraincounty.org check it out. Mike Smeck is our Webmaster, he has done a wonderful job, but he would like your input so check out the web site and let him know how you like it, send messages to WebMaster@aaloraincounty.org Meeting schedule, calendar, other AA web sites, and much more. **Come Visit Your Site!!**

MOVED: A LA LIBERTAD Spanish speaking meeting has move from the Nord Center on Thursdays to Tuesday night a 6 PM at the Old Lincoln School at 31st and Vine.

NEW MEETING: Starting March **Women to Women(C)** Women Disc. Group Friday Night 7:30 PM Arid Fellowship 1741 N Ridge Rd., Sheffield(NS)

Humility:

"Perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and pray to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble."
(From Plaque on Dr. Bob's Desk Which to Him Best Describes Humilty)

Concepts 2: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

Step 2: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Promise 2: We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

*I Can't
But
God Can
Let Him*

**Elyria Sun.
Night**

7:30 PM

St. Jude's School
594 Poplar St.

Elyria (NS)

4th. Debbie S.

11th. Chris B.

18th. Terry S.

25th. Peggy B.

Mid-Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.

Elyria (NS)

3rd. Dave L.

10th. Darrell C.

17th. Brain A.

24th. Katie B.

Valentine Dance

February 10, 2007

St. John's
Catholic Church
Rt. 57 & Homewood Drive,
Lorain

Dance at 7 p.m..

Big Daddy D. J.

Tickets:

\$5.00 in advance

\$6.00 at the door

Food & 50/50 Raffle

Contact: For tickets or info.

Pat West 440-284-1563 or

Tom Ortiz 440-315-8600

**Dance/Karaoke
Night!!!**

Arid Fellowship Center

1741 North Ridge Road
Sheffield Township

Saturday, February 17th.

8PM until

Provided by:

HD Entertainment CO.

Come and Share

Fun & Fellowship

Cost: Couples \$8.00

Singles \$5.00

For More Info:

440 233-4801

• List Your Anniversaries •

Feb.8th. Yolanda Arimont 17yrs.

Feb.10th. Keith Shagie 4yrs.

Feb.10th. Earl Elwell 1yrs.

Feb.12th. Terry Standen 8yrs.

Feb.16th. Jessica 7yrs.

Feb.17th. Kim C. 5yrs.

Feb.21th. Gregg Roberts 13yrs

Feb.24th. Bruce W. 25yrs.

Feb.25th. Ed Logan. 2yrs.

Anniversary

• 17 years •

February 7th.

Grafton Wed. Night

Grafton Fire Station
1050 Novak Rd.

8:30 PM

Lead: Darlene C.

• Fellowship •

• Pizza • Door Prizes •

Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Ryan Szklar, seller was Little Joe. Just another way you can Help support the Central Office. Buy a **Ticket** from any Advisory Board Member.

**32nd ANNUAL
NORTHEAST OHIO
GENERAL SERVICE
MINI-CONFERENCE
March 30, APRIL 1, 2007**

Theme:

**"Our 12th Step Responsibility -
Are We Going to Any Length?"**
(All A.A. members are encouraged
to attend this conference)

Speakers

Banquet (Open AA Meeting)

Adrienne B., from our

General Service Office

Trustee's Report

Bob M.

East Central Region Trustee

Registration

Friday: 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Conference Begins

Friday: 7:30 PM

Holiday Inn Westlake

Registration \$ 20.00

Saturday Banquet \$29.00

**Select either Beef or Chicken
reserve by**

March 2, 2007

Phone: (440) 871-6000

(800) 448-2296

Make reference to:

Northeast Ohio

Mini-Conference

**Free parking for hotel guests and
local participants.**

C H A N G E D =

Choosing Humility Allows

New Growth Each Day.

From "The Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous":

"We got so scared of money that we went tightwad, half-refusing to support A.A.'s simple but essential area-and-over-all services, without which we would fail to function and grow. Even now we haven't quite surmounted this one. We still drag our heels when the hat is passed to support local Intergroup offices and General Headquarters. And this holding back is not for lack of folding money either. The collective income of A.A.'s membership – the sum of our wages, salaries, and other emoluments – will presently reach a total of a billion dollars yearly [c.1955]. When sober and working, few alcoholics have any money trouble. Our earning power as individuals may actually be double the average. The material pay-off, as well as the spiritual pay-off, of A.A.'s way of life is downright incredible. Nevertheless, we still balk a bit when it comes to paying A.A.'s very reasonable service bills." (© 2001 AAWS, Inc.; Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, pg. 111)

THANK YOU to the ladies at the Key that decorated the windows at the Central Office. As usual you have done a beautiful job. Thank You the Advisory Board

We NEED people to answer the phones at the Central Office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, if you have at least one year of sobriety please call the Central Office at 440-246-1800 to volunteer.

We are LOOKING for people that the Seventh Promise has come true in their lives " We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows." and the ninth promise " Our whole attitude and outlook on life will Change" Which means they are ready to get active in the A.A. Community by seeking to become a member of the Lorain Central Office Advisory Board. Please send in your letter of acceptance to the BOARD as soon as possible as we NEED to FILL FOUR VACANCIES of Members that have RETIRED.

Election was held at the last meeting of the Central Office and new Vice-Chairman Troy Smith, was elected to replace Terri Poznako who has done a fine job as vice chairperson for many years. Donna Lawson was elected recording secretary to replace Bob Paton who has also served on the Board of Directors for many years.

What is the purpose of the Area 54 Mini-Conference?

This Mini-Conference was developed to give our Delegate the informed conscience of the groups in Area 54, Northeast Ohio, on some of the agenda that will be addressed at the General Service Conference. Due to time constraints it is not possible to address all of the agenda of the General Service Conference. The selected agenda is mailed to the registered GSR's of the groups in advance. The group can discuss the issues and send their group's conscience to the Mini-Conference via their GSR. At the Mini-Conference the issues are discussed with AA Members from many groups throughout Area 54. Using the committee system and voting procedures described in the AA Service Manual, a consensus is reached. This consensus will be taken to the General Service Conference via our seated Delegate.

The Mini-Conference will also feature displays and information provided by the Area 54 Standing Committees and a variety of ways for everyone to share with others committed to their service to others. Those attending can meet the East Central Regional Trustee, a staff member from the General Service Office and the Area Committee. There are also sharing sessions for All and an Ask-it-basket hosted by Past Delegates, the Trustee and GSO Staff member.

Committee Chairs

Unity LiveWire

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District Committee

District #19a (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton Meetings)
 DCM.Russ Walker.....327-1308
 e mail russ8859@aol.com

District #19b (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion)
 DCM.Craig Warren.....989-2786

District #20a Vacant. (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)
 DCM.Judy Sexton.....322-2619

District #20b (All Meetings at ARID Club)
 DCM.Judy Sexton.....322-2619
 Alt.Marilyn Oliver.....284-9834

District #20c (LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twsp., Pittsfield Twsp., Brithton Twsp., Wellington Meetings)
 DCM.Donna Lawson.....574-3464

Board Of Directors

Chairperson Tom Ortiz.....315-8600
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Russ Walker.....327-1308
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 Terri Poznako.....225-6897

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of December, 2006.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 675.00	1..... \$ 1,425.96
2. Columbia Gas	459.00	2..... 537.02
3. All Service Telephone	122.63	3..... 275.00
4. Ohio Edison	159.39	4..... 787.50
5. Century Telephone	93.16	
6. House Manager's	1,317.93	\$ 3,025.48
7. PayCor Fee	53.41	
8. Live Wire Printing	30.00	
9. Windstream Yellow Pgs.	18.30	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$ 3,025.48
10. Petty Cash	55.00	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 4,659.86
11. Janitor Supplies	137.04	<u>Loss</u> - \$ 1,634.38
12. 50/50 Raffle Ticket Printing	139.00	
13. Holiday Open House	100.00	
14. Zurich Office Liability Ins.	500.00	
15. Donation to NY G.S.B.	800.00	
	\$ 4,659.86	

Donations for the month of Dec., 2006

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!!

1. Blue Monday	19. Grafton Wednesday Night
2. New Life Women's Discussion	20. Attitude of Gratitude Oberlin
3. Oberlin Women's Closed Group	21. Wellington Thursday Night
4. Monday Night Lorain	22. Amherst Thursday
5. Monday Happy Hour	23. Compass House Group
6. Elyria Men's Stag	24. Oberlin Group
7. LaGrange Monday Night	25. Amherst Friday Night
8. Early Morning Discussion Elyria	26. Elyria Friday Night
9. New Beginnings Big Book Disc.	27. Wellington Friday Group
10. We Care Tuesday Morning	28. LaGrange Friday Night
11. Elyria Women's Discussion	29. Serenity Hall
12. Crazy But Sober B.B. Study	30. Amherst Saturday Group
13. S.I.O.G.A.	31. Oberlin Breakfast Group
14. Amherst Who Me	32. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
15. Tuesday Night Central	33. North Ridgeville Men's
16. Vermilion Tues. Morn. Disc.	34. Sunday Open Men's Discussion
17. Mid-Week Morning Disc.	35. Anonymous
18. Lorain Wednesday Group	36. Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle

Rents:

for the month of Dec., 2006

1. Monday Happy Hour
2. Tuesday Night Central
3. Mid Week Morning Disc.
4. Strength In Sobriety
5. Friday Morning Survivor
6. Friday Men's Discussion
7. Unity Hall Discussion

Phone Line Report:

for the month of Jan., 2007

12 Step Calls....	51
Sponsorship.....	3
Al-A-Non.....	5
Meeting Info.....	279
General Info.....	140
<u>Total:.....</u>	<u>478</u>

The Lorain Central Office, is having a survey, on the Office hours of the Central Office Literature Department. Presently the Office hours are 9 a.m.. to 5 p.m.. Monday thru Friday. We would like your input on evening hours one or two nights a week open till 8 p.m.. Or would you like the Office to be open on Saturdays or Sundays at certain times. Please call one of the Advisory Board members or the Central Office Managers. All numbers are listed in the Livewire. If you have a phone handy call NOW. Thank You, The Advisory Board.