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Unity LiveWire

2008

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Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM Phone 440 246-1800

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“First Things First”

The Officers and Advisory Board members are dedicated to establish and maintain the Standing Committees listed below. We need the help and cooperation of the AA community to make this happen. We are going to have a orientation meeting **Saturday 1:00 PM, January 19, 2008 at the Inter-Group Office**. If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the committees, or just want to find out what each committee duties are please attend. Thank you from the Officers and Advisory Board members.

BYLAW SIX LORAIN INTER-GROUP COMMITTEES

6. (a) STANDING COMMITTEES: The Lorain Inter-Group shall have the following standing committees:

- (1) The Advisory Board Committee. (2) The Newsletter Committee. (3) The Corrections Committee.
- (4) The Finance Committee. (5) The Memorial Day Breakfast Committee. (6) The Pig Roast Committee.
- (7) The Archives Committee. (8) Cooperation with the Professional Committee. (9) Public Information Committee. (10) The Special Needs Committee. (11) The Treatment Facilities Committee.
- (12) The Holiday Committee. (13) The Picnic Committee.

(Additional standing committees may be established from time to time by the Advisory Board.)

6. (b) STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS: The Chairperson of a standing committee shall preside over all meetings of that standing committee, The vice-chairperson of a standing committee shall preside over all meetings of that standing committee in the absence of the chairperson. The vice-chairperson of a standing committee shall automatically become the chairperson of that standing committee during the calendar year following the expiration of his or her term as vice-chairperson.

6.(c) OTHER STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Within one month of assuming his or her duties as chairperson of a standing committee, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the standing committee chairperson shall give the Lorain Inter-Group Secretary written notice of the names of those individuals selected to serve as members of that standing committee. Standing committee members shall be selected from among Representatives of member Groups and the AA membership at large. Each standing committee chairperson shall fill committee vacancies without undue delay.

6. (c) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Each standing committee shall meet at least once prior to each regular monthly meeting of the Lorain Inter-Group. These meetings shall be open to attendance by any member of AA, and any non-member guest who has been invited for a specific purpose by the committee. Each standing committee shall submit oral and written reports of its activities at each regular monthly meeting of the Lorain Inter-Group. The Lorain Inter-Group shall take such action with respect to each standing committee's monthly reports, as it deems appropriate.

Shut-In Committee

I received a phone call last week from a person I have know since I came into the program in 1990. He had helped me out when I first began working the Steps. He was in and out of my life the first five years I was in the program, and helped me very much. I haven't seen him much lately, he has had many health issues. He had visited my home group a few months ago was still having health problems ,but was trying to get to as many meetings as possible. He called me to tell me that he was upset with A.A. members spreading rumors about his health, (maybe he's not as sick as he said) and, no one calling him or writing or sending a card from the group. He felt after all these years in the program that he deserved better. I felt bad and apologized to him for not calling but since I didn't go to the same meetings as he I didn't know he was out sick. The next day I went to one of the prisons I am a facilitator at and the inmates were complaining about writing to people and never getting an return letter. We talked about this at the meeting and realized those that are sick and those incarcerated have time to think about what other people should be doing for them, when they were on the outside they admitted they didn't write to anyone either. We came to the conclusion that if we wanted some one to write to us or call us,maybe we should keep reminding them by our writing and calling them, . Not giving up but constantly reaching out,and then we know that the hand of A.A. will always be there. So get that letter out that you have been procrastinating about or call that person that you haven't seen for awhile. I have found some literature on A Shut-In List, and I am going to make a commitment to work to have a Shut-In Committee at the Lorain Inter-Group Office and also at the Area level to get Cards, Phone calls and Visits to AA members confined to home or nursing Home for more than 30 days. Extend your Hand to help another. Your friend in service Russ W.

Mon. Night
Lorain
7:30 PM
 Zion Lutheran Church
 5100 Ashland Ave.
7th. Katie I.
14th. Bil F.
21st. Chris J.
28th. Marie W.

Fri. Night
Faith Group
11:00 PM
 1741 N Ridge Rd.
4th. Lillie R.
11th. Angela W.
18th. Ask It
Basket
25th. Charlie R.

Mid- Night
Elyria Group
Sat. 12:00 PM
 St Mary's Church
 4th & Middle Ave.
5th. John P.
12th. Tom J.
19th. Buck
26th. Jaun 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.

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**.

H O W = Honesty, Open-mindedness, Willingness.

"The God Stuff" You'd think being spared the ravages of a terminal illness that kills about eighty percent of those afflicted -- a rate higher than a lot of cancers -- would be enough to drive that home. Not so with me in the beginning. I was a "show me" kind of guy. So my sponsor addressed my resistance to **"the God stuff,"** not with prescription, but with fact. "The central fact of your life right now," he said, "is that on your own, you can't stay away from a drink, not even for one day." I had to agree. The evidence was overwhelming.
 The AA Grapevine, November 2007, p. 53

Amherst Sat.
Group
8:00 PM
 Church of the Nazarene
 210 Cooper-Foster Rd.
5th. Ed P.
12th. Rich W.
19th. Moureen W.
26th. Pat M.

Lorain Consolidated
Sun. 2:30 PM
 577 Broadway
6th. Chuck W.
13th. Lillie R.
20th. John S.
27th. Tammy K.

Elyria Sun.
Night
7:30 PM
 St. Jude's School
 594 Poplar St.
6th. Stacy S.
13th. Kimberly M.
20th. Aimee G.
27th. Londa A.

Thought to Ponder: Breathe in faith, breathe out fear.

Elyria St.
Mary's
Sun. 8:00 PM
 1741 N Ridge Rd.
6th. Al M.
13th. Pam
20th. Kim C.
27th. Tim S.

• List Your •
 • Group Anniversaries •
 • Leads •
 • Special Events •
Make the LiveWire your
News Media

• List Your Anniversaries •
 Jan. 4th. Hal S. 24yrs.
 Jan. 9th. Linda S. 10yrs.
 Jan. 10th. Ken C. 11yrs
 Jan. 10th. Irvin R. 6yrs.
 Jan. 16th. Kevin S. 15yrs.
 Jan. 24th. Mark W. 19yrs.

Big Book Quotes:
"If you are as seriously alcoholic as we were, we believe there is no middle-of-the-road solution. We were in a position where life was becoming impossible, and if we had passed into the region from which there is no return through human aid, we had but two alternatives: One was to go on to the bitter end, blotting out the consciousness of our intolerable situation as best we could; and the other, to accept spiritual help. This we did because we honestly wanted to, and were willing to make the effort."
~Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, We Agnostics, pg. 46~

"With God, all things are possible!"

I Can't, But God Can, Let Him

Thought for the Day: Living in the Present
 One day at a time, this is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past. For it is gone. . . and do not be troubled about the future. For it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful. That it will be worth remembering.

Prayer for the Day: I pray that God will guide me one day at a time in the New Year. I pray that for each day, God will supply the wisdom and the strength that I need, so I may be there for others.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Kathy Currence \$62.00 , Sold by C/O.. Just another way you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member.

Concepts 1: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable.

Promise 1: We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. Unity.

Standing Committees

Information & Discussion

Seminar

Help the Lorain Inter-Group in it's effort to attain a Strong and Active Inter-Group. By Staffing the Standing Committees and helping them to perform their Duties. This Seminar will address the duties of each of the Committees according to the Inter-Group By-Laws

All are Welcome!!!!

Please Attend

Date: Saturday January 19, 2008

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: Inter-Group Office

577 Broadway, Lorain

Members of the Area 54 Standing Committees will be there to advise and answer questions.

Get Active

Begin the New Year By Helping Others

Arid Fellowship Center

Needs Volunteers to start a Entertainment Committee to help in the planing and setup of events

throughout the year. If interested

Contact; Kim C.,

Little Nikki or Bobbie M.

Leave a message at:

Arid Club (440 233-4801) or

Bobbie M. (440 537-4280)

SUNDAY BAY BRUNCH
AND WEDNESDAY

BACK TO BASICS PRESENT

New Years Eve 2008

DINNER AND DANCE

Doors open at 7:00 PM -

Dinner served at 8:00 PM

Dancing with DJ until 1:00 AM

\$15.00 Per Person

United Church of Christ

32801 Electric Blvd. Avon Lake

Tickets Contact:

Vaughn 5.: 216-905-0032

Mark 8.: 440-949-2141

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A Twelve Step Journey

Saturday

January 19, 2008

10 am. Till 6 pm.

Salvation Army Hall

5204 Broadway Ave

Lorain, Ohio

\$5.00 donation

Scholarships Available

Lunch and Beverages provided

Presented by: Fred and Katie Ings

For Info call:

(440)452-8948 or

(440)453-8948

Email-Fritz689@roadrunner.com

Through the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

Survivors List:

Groups in need of

Support to stay afloat

Please Attend, Contribute,

Be Active, Help Chair,

Be a Secretary,

Be Responsible

Women's Big Book Study

Sat. 11:00 AM

Sat. Young Person's Gp.

Sat. 2:00 PM

Elyria St. Mary's

Sun. 8:00 PM

Tues. Lunch Break

Tues. 12:00 Noon

Friday Night Faith

Fri. 11:00 PM

Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

UAW Big Book Study

Thurs. 10:00 AM

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

523 E. Broad St. & Winckles St.

Elyria

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT the groups.

HELP NEEDED

A.A. Men & Women

To carry the

message to other

Alcoholics in the Lorain

County Prisons

& Jails:

Mondays thru

Thursdays

Requirements:

1 yr. Sobriety

(if you would like to help)

Please Call:

Russ Walker

440 668-6650

Northern Ohio Recovery Assoc.

"Crack's"

The Big Book

Wed. & Thurs

10 am. to Noon

4642 Oberlin Ave.

Suite 205

More Info Call:

Joyce Pleasant

282-1800

To Check for

Transportation Eligibility

Arid Fellowship

Invites you to a

Pajama Dance

January 12th.

8:00 PM

(Munchies Available
Side Dishes Welcome)

Cost:

\$5.00 Singles

\$8.00 Couples

\$2.00 Children

Sponsored by

Arid Fellowship Ctn. Inc.

440 233-4801

Arid Fellowship Center

Space Available

30 x 30 Bldg.

Meeting Rooms

For More Info.

Contact:

Mark Weaver

440 225-3031

Arid Fellowship

Invites you to a

Lasagna Dinner

January 26th.

5:00 PM

Cost: \$6.50

(\$2.00 Children

10 & under)

Join Us

For Fellowship

Compass House Alumni & Friends Breakfast

Last Saturday

of the month.

Breakfast @ 9:00 am

Lead @ 10:00 am

Cost Only \$4.00

• & FELLOWSHIP •

Need A. A. Volunteers to Speak, Lead and or Assist at the Lake Point Nursing Home on Monday's 7 PM. Contact Coretta Farley. 308-1714



**Service
Through
Action**

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

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District Committee

District #19a (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton Meetings)	
DCM. MaryAnn Schulz.....	453-4115
e mail maschulz@oh.rr.com	

District #19b (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion)

DCM. Craig Warren.....	989-2786
Alt. Edwin Tories.....	989-0362

District #20a Vacant. (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)

DCM.Judy Sexton.....	322-2619
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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 Twp., Pittsfield Twp., Brighton Twp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM.Donna Lawson.....	574-3464
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Board Of Directors

Chairperson	Tom Ortiz.....	315-8600
Vice-Chairperson	Troy Smith.....	365-9018
Treasurer	Bill Post.....	933-4153
Secretary	Donna Lawson.....	574-3464
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Tom Banks.....	309-3226
Bill Jackson.....	935-3251
Terri Poznako.....	225-6897
Russ Walker.....	327-1308
Mark Potter.....	452-5946

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Rents: Month of Nov., 2007

1. Mon. Happy Hour
2. Lorain Monday
3. Who Me
4. Lorain Wednesday

Rents: Month of Dec., 2007

1. Tues. Night Central
2. We Care Tues. Morn.
3. Blue Monday
4. Sat. Morn. Disc.

Let Go, Let God!!

Phone Line Report:

Month of Dec., 2007

12 Step Calls....	6
Sponsorship....	9
AI-A-Non.....	7
Meeting Info....	104
General Info....	55
Total:.....	181

Financial Report

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

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>	
1.Rent	\$ 725.00	1.....	\$ 802.92
2.Columbia Gas	\$ 407.00	2.....	\$ 327.68
3.All Service Telephone Ans.	\$ 140.88	3.....	\$ 380.02
4.Ohio Edison	\$ 126.73	4.....	\$ 259.14
5.Ohio Edison (Deposit)	\$ 190.00	5.....	\$ 470.41
6.Century Telephone	\$ 85.78		
7. House Managers	\$1,425.16		\$2,240.17
8.Pay Cor Fees	\$ 58.23		
9.Live Wire Printing	\$ 49.00	<u>Donations/Rent</u>	\$2,240.17
10. Windstream Yellow Pages	\$ 18.30	<u>Expenses</u>	\$3,415.58
11. Address Stamp	\$ 22.50		
12. Garbage Bags, Coffee, Sugar, Paper Towels	\$ 120.00	<u>Loss Nov. 2007</u>	-\$1,175.41
13. Quill- Copy Paper	\$ 47.00		
	<u>\$3,415.58</u>		

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. Make all checks or money orders payable to Lorain Inter-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 for the month of December, 2007

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| 1. Blue Monday | 14. LaGrange Friday Night |
| 2. Oberlin Women's Closed Group | 15. Wellington Thursday Night |
| 3. Amherst Saturday Group | 16. Saturday Morning Survivor's |
| 4. Elyria Men's Stag | 17. Lorain Intergroup 50/50 |
| 5. Oberlin Group | 18. St. Anthony's Friday Night |
| 6. LaGrange Monday Night | 19. Saturday Night Security |
| 7. S.I.O.G.A. | 20. Lorain Wednesday Group |
| 8. Vermilion Mon. Night Group | 21. Alocholics-R-U's |
| 9. Carlisle Lunch Bunch | 22. Tuesday Woman's |
| 10. Serenity Hall | 23. Wellington Monday Night |
| 11. Mid-Week Morning Disc. | 24. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 12. Grafton Wed. Night | 25. Sunday Civic Center |
| 13. Elyria Sunday Night | 26. Strength In Sobriety |

Change: A belief in the basic spirituality of life has grown and with it belief in a supreme and guiding power for good. In the process of this change I can recognize two immensely significant steps for me. The first step I took when I admitted to myself for the first time that all my previous thinking might be wrong. The second step came when I first consciously wished to believe. As a result of this experience I am convinced that to seek is to find, to ask is to be given. The day never passes that I do not silently cry out in thankfulness, not merely for my release from alcohol, but even more for a change that has given life new meaning, dignity, and beauty.

c. 2003 AAWS, Experience, Strength and Hope, p. 107