

AA Unity LiveWire AA

577 Broadway Avenue. Lorain, Ohio 44052 Phone 440 246-1800

July

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

2006

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THE HOME GROUP Who's Sitting Next to You?

I know who you are. You are "X" who attends the "ABC Meeting" at the "XYZ Club" where AAs meet in Anywhere, U.S.A.

I saw you there the other night at the eight o'clock meeting. I don't know how long you've been sober, but I know you've been coming around for a while because you spoke to a lot of people who knew you. I wasn't one of them.

You don't know who I am. I wandered into your meeting place alone the other night, a stranger in a strange town. I got a cup of coffee, paid for it, and sat down by myself.

You didn't speak to me.

Oh, you saw me. You glanced my way, but you didn't recognize me, so you quickly averted your eyes and sought out a familiar face.

I sat there through the meeting.

It was okay--a slightly different format but basically the same kind of meeting as I attend at home.

The topic was gratitude. You and your friends spoke about how much AA means to you. You talked about the camaraderie in your meeting place. You said how much the people there had helped you when you first came through the doors--how they extended the hand of friendship to make you feel welcome, and asked you to come back.

And I wondered where they had gone, those nice people who made your entrance so easy and so comfortable.

You talked about how the newcomer is the life's blood of AA. I agree, but I didn't say so. In fact, I didn't share in your meeting. I signed my name in the book that was passed around, but the chairperson didn't refer to it. He only called on those people in the room whom he knew.

So who am I? You don't know, because you didn't bother to find out. Although yours was a closed meeting, you didn't even ask if I belonged there.

It might have been my first meeting. I could have been full of fear and distrust, knowing AA wouldn't work any better than anything else I'd tried, and I would have left convinced that I was right.

I might have been suicidal, grasping at one last straw, hoping someone would reach out and pull me from the pit of loathing and self-pity from which, by myself, I could find no escape.

I might have been a student with a tape recorder in my pocket, assigned to write a paper on how AA works--someone who shouldn't have been permitted to sit there at all but could have been directed to an open meeting to learn what I needed to know.

Or I could have been sent by the courts, wanting to know more, but afraid to ask.

It happens that I was none of the above.

I'm just an ordinary drunk with a few years of sober living in AA who was traveling and was in need of a meeting. My only problem that night was that I'd been alone with my own mind too long. I just needed to touch base with my AA family.

I know from past experience that I could have walked into your meeting place smiling, stuck out my hand to the first person I saw and said, "Hi. My name is ---. I'm an alcoholic from ---."

If I had felt like doing that, I probably would have been warmly welcomed. You would have asked me if I knew "Old So-and-so" from my state, or you might have shared a part of your drunkalog that occurred in my part of the country.

Why didn't I? HALT. I was hungry, lonely, and tired. (The only thing missing was angry, and three out of four isn't a good place for me to be.)

So I sat silently through your meeting, and when it was over I watched enviously as all of you gathered in small-groups, talking to one another the same way we do in my home town.

You and some of your friends were planning a meeting after the meeting at a nearby coffee shop. By this time I had been silent too long to reach out to you. I stopped by the bulletin board to read the notices there, kind of hanging around without being too obvious, hoping you might ask if I wanted to join you, but you didn't.

July God Give us Strength To Do Your Will Daily 2006

Monday Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church

5100 Ashland Ave.

Lorain (NS)

3rd. Jim Banks

10th. Edwin T.

17th. Tim S.

24th. Moe White

31st. Mike S.

Mid-Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.

Elyria (NS)

1st. Bonnie Joe L.

8th. Tommy Z.

15th. Nora M.

22nd. Dave M.

29th. Don Findley

St. Anthony's

Fri. Night

8:00 PM

1305 E. Erie Ave.

Lorian (S)

7th. (Thumper)

14th. Ken Zander

21st. Bruce Shagazac

28th. Sober Alcoholic

Grafton Wed.

8:30 PM

Grafton Fire Station

1050 Novak Rd.

Grafton (S)

5th. Gerry W.

12th. Rav L. (the poet)

19th. Tom & Denise S.

26th. Mark C.

Oberlin

Breakfast

Sun. 10:00 AM

Concord Manor 95

E. Vine St.

Oberlin (NS)

2nd. Discussion

9th. Chris J.

16th. Richard P.

23rd. Joe R.

30th. Penny

Serenity Hall

7:00 PM

St. Ladislaus 1412

29th St. & Wood Ave.

Lorain (NS)

1st. Larry Shuller jr.

8th. John Rak

15th. Tom Ortiz

22nd. Chris

Cerfranko

29th. Al Williams

Elyria

Sunday Night

7:30 PM

St. Jude's School

594 Poplar St.

Elyria (NS)

2nd. Vaughan S.

9th. Gene B.

16th. Rick C.

23rd. Denise S.

30th. Carol L.

• List Your • Anniversaries

July 6th. Renee M. 16yrs.

July 7th. Lisa Rubin 15yrs.

July 7th. Donna Lawson 7yrs.

July 13th. Londa 8yrs.

July 15th. Laurie Kistner 5yrs.

July 20th. Cowboy 10yrs.

July 26th. Tracy H. 1yr.

July 7th. Donna Lawson 7yrs.

Teach Me, O God to rejoice in every opportunity to help another. I see so many who need a new life. Some I cannot reach. They seem to hear me, but not to listen in their hearts. Teach me to accept this kind of frustration, to realize that it is only possible to help those who are willing to be helped. And so lead me: that I may always be as ready and as kind as others have been to me.

Continued: Who's Sitting Next to You?

As I walked slowly across the parking lot to my car with the out-of-state license plates you looked my way again. Our eyes met briefly and I mustered a smile. Again, you looked away.

I buckled my seat belt, started the car, and drove to the motel where I was staying.

As I lay in my bed waiting for sleep to come I made a gratitude list. You were on it, along with your friends at the meeting place. I knew that you were there for me, and that I needed you far more than you needed me. I knew that if I had needed help, and had asked for it, you would have gladly given it. But I wondered... what if I hadn't been able to ask?

I know who you are. Do you remember me?

Fran D.

AA Grapevine March 1991

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. (Aug. 6th., 2006)

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) (Aug. 6th., 2006)

The Passing of Our Beloved Trusted Servant

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing on of our friend Alice R. Heath, Panel 55 Delegate - Area 54 Northeast Ohio, this noon, June 18, 2006.

Alice served Alcoholics Anonymous tirelessly since December 29, 1976. Friends in Ashtabula County tell us that she has held probably every service position in the Dual District 23/39 since moving to Ohio in 1993. She was also well respected for her corrections efforts and twelfth step work in her neighborhood.

Past service positions included GSR, DCM, District treasurer, Area 54 mini-conference treasurer, Area treasurer (Panel 51), Alternate Delegate (Panel 53), and Panel 55 Delegate.

At the state and regional level, Alice was sought out for her good counsel, even temper, and fair-mindedness. She was a peacemaker and consensus builder among her fellow delegates, always thinking of the good of the whole of AA.

Her long battle with cancer had finally taken its terrible toll. Most of the folks who came in contact with Alice never knew how much pain she quietly and humbly shouldered as she trudged our road to happy destiny. She has met her happy destiny now and rests with her Higher Power.

In Love and Service,
Jeff Your, Alternate Delegate
Area 54 - Northeast Ohio

But For The Grace Of God.

May Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Lowell H. \$90.50.
Just another way you can Help support the Central Office.
Buy a **TICKET** from any Advisory Board Member.

Concepts 7: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Promise 7: We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

Tradition 7: Every A.A. Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

It's Time for St. Jude's Sunday Breakfast in the Park

Join us at
Cascade Park in Elyria
West River Road Entrance

9:00 Breakfast

July 16th.

Aug. 20th.

10:00 Lead

Sober Alcoholic

Breakfast includes:
Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Potatoes

Bacon, Sausage, Toast,
Juice, Coffee and Deserts.

Breakfast cost: \$3.00

Friends of Porky P.

2nd ANNUAL PIG ROAST AUGUST 19th 2PM-11PM

SCOTTS LAKE PARK

ROUTE 58 BETWEEN RUSSIA ROAD AND BUTTERNUT RIDGE
ROAD

TICKETS ARE 10\$

FOR INFORMATION CALL CENTRAL OFFICE OR AN

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

CENTRAL OFFICE-440-246-1800

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Come and have some fun!!

MUSIC, FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, RAFFLES
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND--THE HALF MEASURES!!!
AND MORE LIVE MUSIC TO BE ANNOUNCED... ..

- EAT AT 4PM MUST HAVE TICKET
- PIG COOKED BY JUAN ORTIZ
- HOT DOGS FOR KIDS AT NO CHARGE

Pitch in and get active!!!

GROUP DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED
VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME



Burgers & Que

Arid Fellowship Center
1741 N. Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH

Beginning Friday, May 12th we will be
serving hamburgers, bar-b-que chicken,
bar-b-que pork, & potato or macaroni salad
every other Friday. On the alternate Fridays
we will be serving tacos

Tacos	\$1.50
Hamburgers	\$1.50
Cheese Burgers	\$1.75
Piece of chicken	\$1
Bar-B-Que Pork	\$1

Potato Salad	.75
Macaroni Salad	.75

6:30PM until 11PM
Every Friday



DCM WORKSHOP

Sunday July 16, 2006, 2:00 PM

12 Step Recovery Club

1480 Pearl Rd, Brunswick, Ohio

Duties and Responsibilities of the DCM and A.A.

How to build from the ground up.



Group Discussions
Idea Sharing

Workshop to be chaired by:

Bob D., Area 54 Mailing Secretary

All DCM's are encouraged to attend and bring along
your Alternate and other prospective future DCM.

All A.A. members are welcome to attend.

**Dancing: At the Arid Fellow-
ship Center every other
Saturday!!!! • Sober Fun •
DJ Big Shawn • 50/50 Raffle
Cost: \$3.00 or Couples: \$5.00**



Friends Of Bill W. Picnic
Date: Sunday July 16, 2006
At: Methodist Youth Center
South St., Birmingham, Ohio
Time: 1:00 pm To 6:00 pm

*There will be games for the Children,
and also for the adults.*

*Please bring a covered dish to share
(we will provide the Hot Dogs & Burgers)
If you like to spend a day having fun and
sharing with other A.A.'s come join us
The friends of Bill W.*

**"Every Problem Is An Opportunity Waiting To Be Discovered." Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you Great and Mighty things which you do not know.**

Survivors List:

Groups in need of **Support** to
stay afloat please contact:

Lorain County Central Office.

Call 440 246-1800

Arid Lunch Break (C)

Tues, 12:00 Noon Arid Club, 1741 N.
Ridge Rd., Sheffield Township (NS)

We Need You!!

Don't let them Close **HELP**
SUPPORT the groups.

Thought for July:

Refuse to allow the enemy to instill a sense of rejection
and reproach. If you receive this lie it will be like a seed
planted in your heart that will only yield bitter fruit.
Choose to let My love flow through you like a river of pure
water, which will produce life and joy both in you and
around you. In order to overcome this attack you must
keep your eyes fixed on Me instead of focusing on yourself,
says the Lord. If you will walk in the Spirit, you will easily
overcome this attack against you.

by Marsha Burns

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District #19b Vacant

Help Needed

District #20c

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District #20a Vacant

Help Needed

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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.

Financial Report

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

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 650.00	1..... 1,086.25
2. All Service Telephone	122.63	2..... 1,150.25
3. Columbia Gas	457.00	3..... 820.04
4. Ohio Edison	138.67	4..... 377.45
5. Century Telephone	110.44	5..... 863.10
6. House Manager's	1448.35	
7. PayCor Fee	53.41	\$ 4,297.09
8. Live Wire Printing	20.00	
9. Alltel Pub. Yellow Pgs.	18.30	<u>Donations</u> \$ 7,689.14
10. Janitorial Supplies	166.96	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 6,048.76
11. German's Villa	2,800.00	<u>Gain</u> \$ 1,640.38
12. Petty Cash	63.00	
	\$ 6,048.76	

Memorial Day Breakfast Ticket Sales	\$2,702.05
50/50 raffle Memorial Day Breakfast	690.00
Total Proceeds Memorial Day Breakfast	\$3,392.05
German's Ville	\$2,800.00
Net from Memorial Day Breakfast	592.05
Total Donations & Memorial Day Breakfast	\$7,689.14

Donations for the month of May, 2006

Please include General Service # if you know it, and Phone # with your donations. Thank You!!

1. Blue Monday	24. N. Ridgeville Fri. Night
2. Monday Night Happy Hour	25. LaGrange Monday
3. Avon Lake Mon. Night Disc.	26. Tuesday Central
4. Amherst Saturday Night	27. Serenity Hall ST Lad's
5. Tuesday Night Central	28. Vermillion Discussion
6. Lorain Wednesday Night	29. Great Fact Group
7. Serenity Hall St Lad's	30. Elyria Sunday Night
8. Thursday Morning Sobriety	31. Ford Local 425 Group
9. Lorain Industrial	32. Tuesday Night Central
10. Elyria Friday Night	33. S.L.O.G.A.
11. Oberlin Breakfast Group	34. St Lads Gould
12. Oberlin Breakfast Group	35. Elyria Men's Stag
13. As Bill Sees It	36. Compass Group
14. Oberlin Group Tues. Noon Disc.	37. N. Ridgeville Fri. Night Disc.
15. Oberlin Group Thursday Night	38. Thursday Night Wellington
16. Wellington Wed. Morn. Disc.	39. Elyria Midnite
17. Grafton Wednesday Night	40. Tuesday Central
18. Saturday Night Security	41. Midweek Discussion
19. LaGrange Sobriety	42. Serenity Hall ST Lad's
20. Lorain County 50/50 Raffle	43. Lorain Wednesday
21. Wellington Thursday Night	44. St Anthony's Friday Night
22. Elyria Friday Morning	45. Oberlin Womens
23. Wellington Friday	46. Monday Lorain

Phone Line Report:

for the month of June, 2006

12 Step Calls.....	21
Sponsorship.....	3
Al-A-Non.....	12
Meeting Info.....	156
General Info.....	83
Total.....	275

Rents:

for the month of May, 2006

1. S.O.S.
2. Sat. Morn. Disc. Unity
3. Mon. Night Happy Hour
4. Thurs. Men's Sobriety
5. Fri. Night Men's Disc.
6. Tues. We Care
7. Fri. Morn. Survivor
8. Fri. Men's Disc.
9. Tues. Night Central

One
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At
A
Time