

AA Unity LiveWire AA

577 Broadway Avenue Lorain, Ohio 44052

July

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

2007

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"First Things First"

"Easy Does It"

Principles Before Personalities

AA is an exceedingly diverse and usually colorful collection of people with all kinds of personalities and problems in addition to that of alcoholism. Individual meetings also tend to acquire a special flavor and "personality" of their own. All in all, AA represents a vast cross-section of the general population. Along with the many good people who attend and who are sober are always some who are not so good and who may or may not be sober. An AA saying wryly but accurately notes that "If you like everyone you meet in AA, you haven't been to enough meetings."

Although the natural fear and anxiety of many newcomers usually serves to protect them from premature and unwise involvement with those who may not be good for them, occasionally the newcomer is so desperate for real human contact and even affection that he or she may be vulnerable to exploitation for money, sex or other favors by unscrupulous individuals. "Thirteenth Stepping" –there are actually only twelve steps in the Twelve Step program- is the common term for sexual exploitation of female newcomers by males in the program. The reasons to avoid premature emotional and physical intimacy in early recovery are obvious and really come down to just one principal concern: such involvements frequently become unmanageably complex or turn sour, and the risk of alcoholic relapse for the newcomer is extremely high. It is always best to keep one's life as simple and non-stressful as possible in the beginning of recovery.

Sometimes newcomers plunge right into the after-meeting socializing and personal relationships among members at a pace that is too fast for their own good. Non-program related issues and concerns may sometimes dominate these friendships and work to the detriment of the individual's recovery by blurring their focus on the AA program itself. Conflicts and complications in personal friendships with other AA members may even serve to disillusion the newcomer and undermine his trust in the program itself. It is therefore always wise to remember the advice, "Principles before personalities." Individual human beings are always fallible and hence apt to disappoint, but the principles of recovery and of right conduct remain and are untouched by individual failings.

A New Vocabulary

One of the commonest stumbling blocks for AA newcomers is the AA vocabulary itself. Familiar and everyday terms such as acceptance, powerlessness, and humility are used in AA in ways that are somewhat different from ordinary usage. This causes a good deal of confusion and misunderstanding in some minds, as for example when the term "acceptance" is mistakenly supposed to mean merely rolling over and playing dead, or letting other people walk all over one; or when "humility" is misunderstood to mean self-condemnation, groveling, or putting oneself down. Although most newcomers, after a few meetings, seem to pick up the context and the actual meanings of such terms when used in AA, others have great difficulty understanding the AA usage and continue to misconstrue them in ways that are often antithetical to their intended meaning. The word "powerless" has probably resulted in more confusion than any other single term used by AA.

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July Happy, Joyous, Free. 2007

Mon. Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

2nd. Doug Z.

9th. Ness I.

16th. Dave C.

23rd. Oscar

30th. Dan N.

Grafton

Wed. Night

8:30 PM

Grafton Fire Station
1050 Novak Rd.

4th. Steve B.

11th. Tony Z.

18th. Dave E.

25th. Bill A.

Fri. Night

Sobriety

8:00PM

First Merit
106 Center St.

6th. Debbie

13th. SoberAA

20th. Bud

27th. Jim S.

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 5th., 2007**)

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the **3rd. Thursday** of the month, at the **Central Office.** (**July 19th., 2007**)

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 5th., 2007**)

Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: MaryAnn Schulz; \$77.00, Sold by Central Office. 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.

But for the Grace of God

Fri. Night
Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

6th. Ron R.

13th. C.J.

20th. Ask it

Basket

27th. Tom N.

Mid-Night
Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.

7th. Ask it

Basket

14th. Tom M.

21th. Steve R.

28th. John S.

Spanish
American

Fri.8:30 PM

St. Ladisiaus
1412 29th St.

6th. Maria O.

13th. Frank B.

20th. Irvin R.

27th. Lynn R.

The **Elyria Thurs. Women's Disc. Group** will not meet on Thursday **July 19th** due to a church function, but will resume meeting at the New Life Baptist Church at 7:00pm as usual on the following Thurs., **July 26th.** Peace & Serenity, Linda

God Bless Donna McCauley who passed away after a long bout with illness. She will truly be missed by all, friends and the A.A. Fellowship. She was so helpful to so many over the years.

Continued:

Acceptance. Recognizing and admitting the actual facts of the case rather than clinging to what one would prefer to be true. Starting from a reality base. Behaving like an adult in the face of disappointment and frustration. It is acceptance to make other plans when it rains on the day one had planned a picnic. Lack of acceptance would be manifested by self-pity, sulking, and brooding all day on the unfairness of the rain shower. Far from being passive, acceptance in this sense is active and creative.

Humility. Seeing oneself and one's concerns in correct perspective. Behaving in accordance with such a correct understanding of oneself rather than in accordance with a falsely inflated or deflated idea of oneself. Humility thus understood is merely perspective - sanity - honesty. It is comparable to a scientific investigator doing his best to collect, analyze and report his findings objectively, no matter how he might wish them to turn out. It represents a net gain rather than a loss in the adaptive repertoire of the individual, hence a potential augmentation of his personal power.

Powerlessness. Lack of complete control over events, especially one's intake of alcohol once he has started to drink. Powerlessness is seldom absolute. But even relative or occasional powerlessness is sufficient to do great harm. The valid identification, admission, and acceptance of circumstances in which one is absolutely or relatively powerless actually increases one's actual power. "Nature, to be commanded, must be obeyed."

Francis Bacon. (<http://legacyaa.com/book/firstmeeting.htm>)

Elyria Sunday Night Group
St. Jude's
Breakfast in the Park

Join us at
Cascade Park in Elyria
West River Road Entrance

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Lead

Dates:

July 15

Aug. 19

Breakfast includes:

*Scrambled eggs,
hash brown potatoes,
bacon, sausage, toast, juice,
and coffee.*

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00

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 !!!

Compass Group
17th. Anniversary
Picnic

July 7, 2007

AT: OAKWOOD PARK

TIME:

2 PM TILL 6 PM

DONATION:

**PLEASE BRING A
COVERED DISH**

FOOD PROVIDED:

HOT DOGS AND BURGERS

SODA POP

JOIN US

HAVE FUN MAKE NEW

FRIENDS

MEET SOME OLD

ACQUAINTANCES

ARID CLUB
POKER RUN
July 28th.

Contact: Laymen
216 324-0498

• **July Anniversaries** •

July 6th. Renee M. 17yrs.

July 7th. Lisa Rubin 16yrs.

July 7th. Donna Lawson 8yrs.

July 13th. Londa 9yrs.

July 15th. Laurie Kistner 6yrs.

July 20th. Cowboy 11yrs.

July 26th. Tracy H. 2yr.

Survivors List:

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

Lorain County Central Office.

Call 440 246-1800

UAW Big Book Study

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
523 E. Board St. & Winckles St.

We Need You!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT

the groups.

Freedom Breakfast

Wednesday

July 4 , 2007

A.A. & AL-ANON

Free Breakfast

Served at 9 AM.

Bring the Whole Family!!!

St. Peter's Church Gym

35777 Center Ridge Road

North Ridgeville, Ohio

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

To the Lorain County AA Community

There was a recent break in at the Central Office. We were forced to close the Office to meetings for a few days to repair the several hundred dollars of damage suffered. Monetary losses were limited since funds are deposited daily and not kept over night. As best as we can determine, no literature was taken, so the desire to go to any lengths to get "it" was not sobriety.

The fourth tradition reminds us that "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole". We apologize for the inconvenience to the many trusted and responsible AA members for the selfish actions of a few.

Yours in Service,

Central Office Advisory Board

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 N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton Meetings)
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 Alt. Edwin Tories.....989-0362

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 Twp., Pittsfield Twp., Brighton Twp.,
 Wellington Meetings)
 DCM.Donna Lawson.....574-3464

Board Of Directors

Chairperson Tom Ortiz.....315-8600
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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, 2007.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>	
1.Rent	\$ 675.00	1.....	\$ 559.45
2.Columbia Gas	\$ 459.00	2.....	\$1,479.78
3.All Service Telephone	\$ 140.88	3.....	\$ 95.13
4.Ohio Edison	\$ 138.67	4.....	\$ 322.31
5.Century Telephone	\$ 115.92	5.....	\$ 0.00
6. House Managers	\$1,487.14		\$2,556.67
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$ 53.41		
8.Live Wire Printing	\$ 36.00	<u>Donations/Rent</u>	\$2,556.67
9.Windstream Yellow Pages	\$ 18.30	<u>Expenses</u>	\$3,146.32
10. Office Supplies	\$ 22.00	<u>Gain</u>	\$ -589.65

<u>Memorial Day Breakfast</u>	
Ticket Sale	\$3,177.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 604.00
Total Proceeds	\$3,781.00
Expenses	\$2,884.00
Gain	\$ 897.00
Grand Total Gain	\$ 307.35

\$3,146.32

“There Are Infinite
 Possibilities In Little
 Beginnings If God Is In
 Them.”

Donations for the month of May, 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 regis-
 tered the General Service # will be listed. Thank You!!

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| 1. Blue Monday | 15. Arid Lunch Bunch |
| 2. Oberlin Women's Closed
Group | 16. Vermilion Thursday Disc. |
| 3. Monday Night Lorain | 17. Oberlin Group |
| 4. Elyria Men's Stag | 18. Fri. Night Sobriety LaGrange |
| 5. Mon. Night Sheffield Lake | 19. Elyria Friday Night |
| 6. We Care Tuesday Morning | 20. Fri. Night Avon Lake Group |
| 7. Crazy But Sober Big Book | 21. Conscious Contact Group
Oberlin |
| 8. S.I.O.G.A. | 22. Saturday Night Security |
| 9. Tuesday Night Central | 23. Amherst Saturday Group |
| 10. Mid-Week Morn. Disc. | 24. St. Mary's Saturday Midnight |
| 11. Lorain Wednesday Group | 25. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 12. Grafton Wednesday Night | 26. Sunday Night Sobriety Lorain |
| 13. Elyria New Way Of Life | 27. Lorain C/O 50/50 Raffle |
| 14. Early Morn. Disc. Elyria | |

Rents:

for the month of May, 2007

- Blue Monday
- Monday Happy Hour
- Tuesday We Care
- Tuesday Night Central
- Mid Week Morn. Disc.
- Thurs. Morn. Disc.
- Fri. Morn. Survivor
- Fri. Men's Disc.
- Unity Hall Disc.
- Lorain County Consolidated

Phone Line Report:

for the month of June, 2007

12 Step Calls.... 30
 Sponsorship..... 6
 Al-A-Non..... 4
 Meeting Info.... 152
 General Info..... 92
Total:..... 284

•• God Give us Strength
 To Do Your Will Daily ••

**We are looking for volunteer's to do data entry of Lo-
 rain County group information in the Central Office
 Computer. Please Contact Advisory Board**