

**July**

# Unity LiveWire

**2009**

**"Easy Does It"**

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**"First Things First"**

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The Lorain Inter-Group Central Office email address and phone service has Changed, we have gone over to Time Warner Cable at a savings of about \$30.00. Lorain Inter-Group Central Office email address: [intergroup@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:intergroup@neohio.twcbc.com)

**Humility Makes Sense: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.** (December 1966 Vol. 23 No. 7)

PEOPLE often think that the Eleventh Step is the only one which suggests prayer; but this isn't so. The Seventh Step is a prayer Step. Although prayer is not mentioned as such in the Step, the word prayer is just a way of describing any attempt by man to converse with a Higher Power. One of the oldest forms of prayer is that in which he who prays asks something of God.

The Seventh Step is the shortest of the Twelve. Tucked away in the middle of the program, it seems to be much less demanding of time and attention than the "clean-up" Steps--Four, Five, Eight and Nine--which surround it.

Of all the Steps, perhaps the Seventh would be the easiest to pass over quickly and forget about. If you do, as I did at first, and then find yourself having trouble staying sober or dissatisfied with the quality of your sobriety--plagued by hostility, fear, guilt, despondency, self-pity or the like, turn back to the Seventh Step and you may well find the channel for strength that you have been missing.

The shortness of the Step in no way implies that it lacks depth and bite. All of us alcoholics, whether we be theists, agnostics or atheists, share the common history of having either abused or failed to use this petitionary or asking type of prayer. So we are all starting from the same position--scratch.

The first word of the Step tells us how to do the asking. Humbly. Not only is humility something we have all lacked, most of us don't really know what it means or how to go about getting some of it.

First, a word about what humility is not, because the word is widely misunderstood and, as alcoholics, our lives may depend on changing some long-held misconceptions here. Humility does not mean being servile or scraping, nor does it mean becoming a doormat.

With many of us the word "humble" conjures up images of the character Uriah Heap from Charles Dickens' novel David Copperfield, or some other equally spineless and loathsome fellow. Here is a strange situation. Dickens never intended to represent humility through Uriah Heap. He was trying to represent hypocrisy which is the very opposite of humility. There is, in reality, no conflict between humility and taking a strong stand against injustice or wrong--provided we are as quick to oppose the injustices and wrongs within ourselves as those without.

The Big Book says that "the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot, though he usually doesn't think so." The fact that most of us when we first come to the program don't think we fit this category is the classic indication that we do fit it. Egotism is unable to see itself; humility, its opposite, is the ability to see one's true position in the universe. It is the ability to see one's good points without getting puffed up, and it is the blessed ability to see one's shortcomings without becoming depressed, or bugged.

Humility for the alcoholic begins with admission and acceptance of the First Step. It develops in the decision made in the Third Step that God's will is to come first in our lives--even and especially when we don't much want it to. It bears fruit in action in the inventory and admission of wrongs in the Fourth and Fifth Steps. Why is the Fifth Step fought by those of us who come into AA with east-iron egos? Because it is humbling in the true sense of the word.

The first six Steps of the program, worked at carefully and honestly, bring us to a point where we can do what before, as alcoholics, we could not, no matter what our religious persuasions and training--humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings.

This is how we begin to be relieved of dishonesty, self-will, resentment and the rest. We ask God to remove them. We don't ask once, but again and again as often as we see shortcomings in ourselves and have the grace to remember the Seventh Step.

This Step has worked in two different stages in my life on the program: first in follow-up to the Fourth and Fifth Steps and in preparation for setting out to make restitution for past wrongs, and second, as part of a regular daily program of dealing with character defects as they come up. As I have been able to remember it, it has made life easier and happier by working against my natural tendency to drift back into old patterns of thinking and acting which got me into so much trouble before.

T. P. Jr. Hankins, New York

**Mon. Night**

**Lorain**

**7:30 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church  
5100 Ashland Ave.

**6th. Nikki T.**

**13th. James T.**

**20th. Wayne W.**

**27th. Vicki T.**

**Fri. Night**

**Faith Group**

**11:00 PM**

1741 N Ridge Rd.

**3rd. Terry T.**

**10th. David R.**

**17th. 7th Step**

**24th. Jesse T.**

**31st. Robert H.**

**Mid- Night**

**Elyria Group**

**Sat. 12:00 PM**

4th & Middle Ave.

**4th. Iris**

**11th. Clint B.**

**18th. M ed. Disc.**

**25th. Steve S.**

**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.

**Amherst**

**Sat. Group**

**8:00 PM**

Church of the Nazarene  
210 Cooper-Foster Rd.

**4th. Jimmy M.**

**11th. Marty F.**

**18th. Kevin E.**

**25th. Sober AA**

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**8th ANNIVERSARY**

**Friday Night Amherst**

**Friday, July 17**

Church of the Nazarene  
210 Cooper Foster Park Rd.

**Dinner: 6:30 pm**

**Lead: 7:30 pm**

**Chris Campbell**

Coshocton, OH

50/50 Raffle

Door Prizes • Fun • Fellowship

Covered Dish is appreciated

At the Lorain Inter-Group Meeting Troy read the portion of the by-laws regarding the Special Needs committee and Yolanda A. volunteered to Chair the Committee. A motion was made and Yolanda was voted in as Chair of the Committee.

**Price List July 15, 2009**

<u>Alcoholic Anonymous – hardcover</u>	<u>7.25</u>
<u>Alcoholic Anonymous – softcover</u>	<u>7.10</u>
<u>Alcoholic Anonymous – large print</u>	<u>8.30</u>
<u>Alcoholic Anonymous – pocket size</u>	<u>4.00</u>
<u>Twelve &amp; Twelve – hardcover</u>	<u>7.40</u>
<u>Twelve &amp; Twelve – softcover</u>	<u>7.00</u>
<u>Twelve &amp; Twelve – large print</u>	<u>7.75</u>
<u>Twelve &amp; Twelve – pocket size</u>	<u>5.50</u>
<u>AA Comes Of Age</u>	<u>8.50</u>
<u>As Bill Sees It</u>	<u>8.00</u>
<u>Dr. Bob &amp; The Good Oldtimers</u>	<u>9.50</u>
<u>Pass It On</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Experience, Strength &amp; Hope</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<u>Daily Reflections</u>	<u>8.25</u>
<u>Came To Believe</u>	<u>4.00</u>
<u>Living Sober</u>	<u>4.00</u>

**Let Go,  
Let God**

**Time Change:** Vermilion Disc. Thursday has changed time from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM

**Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner:** Ken S., \$78.00 sold by Barb. Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board Member. Be A Winner.

**New Meeting:** Starting July 9th. Called "Turning Point" Where: 716 East Broad St., Elyria, Time: 6:00 PM -7:30 PM will be a "Open" Meeting.

**\*To submit information for the news letter please contact:** Jim Parks 440 385-5687, Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280, Opal A. 440 670-6619, Vicki T. 440 225-1314, Donna L. 440 574-3464, via: Call, email or leave the information at the Inter-Group Office before the 25th. of each month.

It's a lot easier to stay sober than to get sober.

**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

**PEOPLE NEEDED** to speak to the patients at Elyria Memorial Hospitals psychiatric unit on Thursday at 4:00PM.  
Call Mike Heller 440-309-7983.

The discounted prices will remain in effect as long as the Lorain County groups continue their support of the Inter-group office. Thank You, The Inter-group office

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

**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. purpose 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.

## Freedom Day

### Breakfast

Sat. July 4, 2009

9:00AM

### Breakfast

10:00AM

## Gratitude Meeting

St. Peter's

Church Gym

35777 Center

Ridge Rd.

50/50 Raffle

( We will pass the hat  
for Cost)

## Friends of Porky P.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast

August 15<sup>th</sup>

2pm-11pm

Scotts Lake Park

Route 58 between Russia Rd.  
and Butternut Ridge Rd.

Tickets are \$10.00

for more Info Contact:

Inter-group Office

Advisory Board Member

InterGroup 440-246-1800

Troy Smith 440-365-9018

Come and have Some Fun!!!

Tickets Available NOW

Music, Food, Fun,

Fellowship, Raffles

Back by popular demand  
the Half Measures!!

And more live music to be  
announced.. ..

Eat at 4 PM must have ticket

Pig cooked by Juan Ortiz

Hot dogs for kids

12 and under at no charge

Pitch in and get active!!!

Group donations

are appreciated

Volunteers are Welcome

## Easy Does It

## Elyria Sunday Night

### Group

St. Jude's

Breakfast in

the Park

Come Join us at

High Meadow Park

Ford Road

Behind WalMart

Breakfast: 9:00

Lead: 10:00

Dates:

July 19

Aug. 16

Breakfast includes:

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

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00

## Friends of Bill W. Picnic

Supported by the Home Groups  
of Lorain County

Come see what your Steak Fry  
Support Did!!!

We would like door prize  
donations to raffle!!

July 18, 2009

12:00 -5:00 PM

Brimingham Methodist

Youth Center

South Street, Brimingham Please

Bring cover dish to share.

Games for Young and Old

corn hole, softball, volleyball and  
kids games. So don't forget your

gloves, bats lawn chairs, and

fellowship

Things provided:

Burgers and Dogs,

Condiments, Buns

and Soda for \$.50. Coffee, punch,

50/50 Raffle

Contact persons:

Susie K. 440-309-0491

Airt C. 440- 773-9474

## Phone Line Report:

Month of June, 2009

12 Step Calls..... 7

Sponsorship..... 3

Al-A-Non..... 4

Meeting Info..... 142

General Info..... 63

Total:..... 219

## • July Anniversaries •

4th. Joe S 29yrs.

5th. Pam H. 23yrs.

6th. Renee M. 19yrs.

7th. Ellen Y. 2yrs.

7th. Lisa R. 18yrs.

7th. Marty F. 27yrs.

13th. Christine C. 11yrs.

13th. Connie S. 25yrs.

15th. Laurie K. 8yrs.

17th. Donna L. 10yrs.

20th. Cowboy 13yrs.

24th. Shawn K. 2yr.

26th. Tracy H. 4yr.

## Arid Fellowship Pool Tournament

July 7th. Through

September 1st.

Game Starts at

7:00 PM

Will Last 9 Weeks

Entry Fees

\$5.00 First 8 weeks

\$10.00 Final week

Straight 8 Elimination

Sign Up See Stan

440 233-4801

## Arid Club "Bike Night"

All Summer!!!

Starting

July 7th.

6:00 PM Until?

1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Contest, Raffles

Clean Sober Fun!!

## Survivors List:

Groups in need of  
Support to stay afloat Please

Attend, Contribute,

Be Active, Help Chair,

Be a Secretary,

Be Responsible

Avon Lake Mon. Disc.

Monday 8:30 PM

Lakeshore Methodist Church,

33119 Electric Blvd., Avon

Lake, OH

Blue Monday

Mon. 10:30 AM

Serenity Hall

"The Gould"

Sat. 8:30pm

710 Broadway Ave. Lorain

Thursday Morning

Big Book Study

10.30 AM

Pilgrim Church

Broad and Winkles

Elyria, Oh

Haven Shelter

Rainbow Group

Mon. 7:30 PM

6th. & Washington

Lorain

St Agnes Thurs. Gp.

Thurs. 8:00 PM

St. John's Luthern Church

W. River Road

St. Anthony's Fri. Nite

1305 E. Erie Ave.

Lorain

Friday Night Faith

Fri. 11:00 PM

Sun. Night Serenity

Sun. 8:00 PM

Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT

THE GROUPS.

We need volunteers from our Lorain County A.A. Community to help on all these various Committees listed, if anyone is interested please contact one or more of the chairperson and **VOLUNTEER!!!!**

**Help Make A Difference**

**Committee Chairs**

**Unity LiveWire Committee**

Jim Parks.....440 385-5687  
\*e mail jbparks2542@yahoo.com

**Internet Committee (aaloraincounty.org)**

Mike.....440 670-9910  
e mail webmaster@aaloraincounty.org

**Cooperation with the Professionals Committee**

Alan Revercomb .....440 541-2473

**Correctional Committee**

Eddie Logan.....440 829-7541  
Alan Revercomb .....440 541-2473

**Archives Committee**

Linda S. ....440 240-1189

**Young Peoples Committee**

John Flores.....440 308-5421

**Treatment Facilities Committee**

Edwin Torres.....440 989-0362

**Picnic Committee**

Sue Prosser.....440 309-0491

**Finance Committee**

Mark Potter.....440 452-5946

**Pig Roast Committee**

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

**Special Needs Committee**

Yolanda A. ....440 654-3429

**Memorial Day Breakfast Committee**

Terry Poznako.....440 225-6897

**Grapevine Committee**

Linda S. ....440 240-1189  
Coretta Farley .....440 308-1714

**District Committee**

District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton DCM. James Barker.....440 233-4992

District 19B (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion )

DCM. Yolanda A. ....440 654-3429

District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle) DCM. Judy Sexton. ....440 322-2619

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM. Kevin Snodgrass .....440 241-7166

District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twsp., Pittsfield Twsp., Brighton Twsp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM. Donna L. ....440 574-3464  
e mail maschulz@oh.rr.com

Alt. DCM.MaryAnn S. ....440 453-4115

**Financial Report**

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the Month of May, 2009.

**Expenses**

1. Rent	\$ 650.00
2. Columbia Gas	\$ 302.00
3. All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 144.53
4. Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$ 301.11
5. Century Telephone	\$ 133.90
6. House Managers	\$ 1,353.34
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 58.35
8. Live Wire Printing	\$ 64.00
9. Insight Yellow Pages	\$ 19.46
10. Pre Payment Hall Rent 2010	\$ 300.00
Memorial Day Breakfast	\$ 3,326.69

Donations/Rents	\$ 2,551.20
Coca Cola Sales	\$ 47.02
Refund TVP Realty (Floor Repair)	\$ 200.00
Expenses	\$ 3,326.69

Total Loss May, 2009 - \$ 528.47

**Donations**

1.....	\$ 258.25
2.....	\$ 599.00
3.....	\$ 621.65
4.....	\$ 328.25
5.....	\$ 744.05
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	\$ 2551.20

**Rents:**

**Month of May, 2009**

1. Spanish American
2. Strength In Sobriety
3. Tuesday Night Central
4. Unity Hall Disc.
5. We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.



**Service Through Actions!!!**

Memorial Day Breakfast	
Tickets sold (389 X \$9.00)	\$ 3,486.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 672.00
Total Proceeds	\$ 4,158.00
Breakfasts (370 X \$8.00)	\$ 2,960.00
Hall Rental	\$ 300.00
Plaque for Lead	\$ 78.00
400 Tickets ( Paid in March 2009)	\$ 54.00
400 Programs	
( To Be Paid in June 2009)	\$ 69.00
Total Expenses	\$ 3,461.00
Total Gain Memorial Day Breakfast	\$ 697.00

**Donations Month of May, 2009**

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](http://aaloraincounty.org) under A.A. Meetings. Please put your Area & District numbers on the donation, it also helps to identify your 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.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Amherst Saturday Night           | 13. Mid Week Morning Disc.              |
| 2. Anonymous                        | 14. Monday Night Lorain                 |
| 3. Avon Tuesday (in the barn)       | 15. North Ridgeville Friday Night Disc. |
| 4. Birmingham Dinner Group          | 16. Oberlin Breakfast Group             |
| 5. Blue Monday                      | 17. Oberlin Group                       |
| 6. Early Morning Disc.              | 18. S.I.O.G.A.                          |
| 7. Elyria Monday Closed Disc.       | 19. Saint Anthony's Friday Night        |
| 8. Friday Night Amherst             | 20. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group   |
| 9. Friday Night Sobriety            | 21. Sheffield Men's                     |
| 10. LaGrange Monday Night           | 22. Stepping Into Sobriety              |
| 11. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle | 23. Strength In Sobriety                |
| 12. Lorain Wednesday Group          | 24. Vermilion 12 X 12 Disc.             |

**Board Of Directors**

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