

May

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Beyond Our Primary Purpose

Our Preamble holds out the hope of something more than just a cork in the bottle.

ANYONE WHO has attended a few AA meetings has heard the AA Preamble, but do we all listen to it? Do we listen when we hear "Our primary purpose is to stay sober. . ." ? It does not say "to get sober" but "to stay sober." And, in my opinion just as important, it states "our primary purpose."

Those who go by the book, as I try to do, believe that every word is to be taken seriously, that every single verb, noun, or adjective was providentially inspired, and therefore not one of them should be bypassed. It naturally follows, of course, that I don't agree with those who say, "The only reason I'm in AA is to stay sober."

If sobriety was the only purpose of AA, I don't think the word "primary" would have been used. There are AA members who stay physically sober for many years without going any further in the program. I myself don't know how they do it and still live with themselves.

When I express this opinion, I often get the answer "Okay, so we all know he's dishonest or a phony or promiscuous, but he's sober. And that's what it's all about--sobriety."

I think there's a great deal more than sobriety to be gained from the AA way of living. It goes without saying, of course, that sobriety is first. It's understandable that the only concern of newcomers is their sobriety. That is the way it should be. However, after they've lost the compulsion to drink, most of them begin to work the Steps. Watching the change in them is the most inspiring experience of my life.

By the same token, the few who stay sober for many years and either cannot or will not try to correct their character defects are the most discouraging. Fortunately, such people are in the minority. Whenever I become discouraged, I think of one young man who came to his first AA meeting two or three years ago. He made no attempt to hide or gloss over the fact that he had been a thief and had served time in prison for his crimes. Today, he's one of the most honest AA members I know. His very presence gladdens my heart, for his is not only cash-register honesty, but honesty in every facet of his life. He's even honest enough to say that he's not always honest!

I also think of a young woman who, in telling her story, says that during her drinking years she did anything to get a drink. She doesn't go into unpleasant details. She doesn't have to. We all know what she means. Even though her life was sordid, her talk is still in good taste. She also says she's been reborn, and it's obviously true. Her story of the miracle wrought in her life through living the AA program is truly beautiful. That she is a real lady, there can be no doubt.

I don't care in the least what a man or woman alcoholic has done in the past, but I do care if such past behavior continues after a number of years of sobriety. I've been told this attitude is intolerant. Maybe it is. But if I'm to be honest, and I try to be, I cannot imagine myself ever being tolerant, as I understand the word, of dishonesty, malice, and promiscuity in those who have been sober AA members for many years. B. B. Naples, Florida

Quote of the Week : "Give all your problems to God - He'll be up all night anyway!"

When I first heard this saying I instantly thought of all the nights I used to lay in bed worrying, rehashing, or trying to solve all my problems. In fact, before early recovery it was actually easier to sleep because I would use drugs or alcohol or even enmeshment with other people to help distract me. But when I entered the program, it seemed like it was just me and my problems - I didn't get a lot of sleep!

It took a long time for me to develop enough faith to turn my will and my life (and problems) over to my Higher Power. The idea of it sounded good, but it proved very difficult to do in practice. Oh I could turn it over in my morning meditation, but by noon I had usually taken it all back. And by night? Whew! It was just me and my problems again!

As I progressed in my recovery, I learned that the definition of faith is believing what you cannot see, and the reward of faith is seeing what you believe. Through faith and a developing practice of turning situations, people and problems over to God, I've been rewarded with a life that is, for the most part, happy joyous and free.

And now when I go to sleep, I give all my problems to God because my faith tells me he'll be up all night anyway!

Mon. Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

- 5th. Chris J.
- 12th. Lakisha B.
- 19th. Jeff W.
- 26th. Rhonda A.

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.
2nd. Bruce B.

- 9th. Iris M.
- 16th. 5th. Step
- 23rd. Debbie H.
- 30th. Ask it Basket

LaPorte

Tues. Group

8:00 PM

Christian Church
301 Washington Ave.

- 6th. Susie P.
- 13th. Eric M.
- 20th. Brian L.
- 27th. Randy D.

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.

We have the honor this year to host the Area 54 picnic. Area 54 is all of Northeast, Ohio. We will need many volunteers to be on the Picnic committee, helping to cook, clean up, make signs, and donations of money from those Groups that can afford to donate. The Lead Speaker at the Picnic will be Judy S. From Elyria, Ohio. If you are willing to help, or wish to donate to help defray the costs; Please call , Mary Ann S. at 440-453-4115, Tom Ortiz 440 315-8600, Judy Sexton 440-322-2619, or . We need the help of Lorain County A.A.'s. The Picnic Will be Sunday, June 22, 2008 from Noon to ? at the Oakwood Park on East 36th. Street.

Mid- Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.

- 3rd. Mike B.
- 10th. Shawn E.
- 17th. Dave
- 24th. Nikki T.
- 31st. Jeff O.

Lorain

Consolidated

Sun. 2:30 PM

577 Broadway

- 4th. Peggy B.
- 11th. Joe C.
- 18th. Oscar L.
- 25th. Renee F.

Elyria Sun.

Night

7:30 PM

St. Jude's School
594 Poplar St.

- 4th. Pete S.
- 11th. Kelly S.
- 18th. Lynn Y.
- 25th. Joe S.

Celebrate!!

Founders' Day

73rd. Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous
June 6 • 7 • 8, 2008
Akron, OH Birthplace of A.A.
Cost: \$17.00

Registration packages are also available at the Lorain InterGroup Central Office and the Akron Internet www.akronaa.org

• May Anniversaries •

- 1st. Mykki 5 yrs.
- 2nd. Spudd Mark S. 12 yrs.
- 2nd. Jennifer F. 2 yrs.
- 4th. Chris J. 4 yrs.
- 5th. Jeff W. 6 yrs.
- 9th. Rhonda A. 3 yrs.
- 11th. Bill F. 44 yrs.
- 25th. Bert M. 20 yrs.
- 26th. Fred R. 4 yrs.
- 26th. Jerry G. 22 yrs.
- 28th. Troy S. 7 yrs.
- 29th. Brenda S. 7 yrs.
- 31st. Paul B. 33 yrs.

Thought For the Day: Opportunity: The God I thought had judged and damned me had done nothing of the sort. He had been listening, and in His own good time His answer came. His answer was threefold: the opportunity for a life of sobriety; Twelve Steps to practice, in order to attain and maintain that life of sobriety; fellowship within the program, ever ready to sustain and help me each twenty-four hour day. I hold no illusion that I brought the AA program of recovery into my life. I must always consider it as a gift of opportunity. In the use of this opportunity, the obligation is on me.

PEOPLE NEEDED to speak to the patients at Elyria Memorial Hospitals psychiatric unit on Thursday at 4:00PM.

Call Mike Heller 440-309-7983.

Prayer for the Day: Higher Power, help me lovingly forgive those who have hurt me.

NEW MEETINGS:

Never Too Young (O) Sat., 6:30 PM Inter-Group Office, 577 Broadway Ave., Lorain. It is in fact a place for young people to go when they need a solid support group of their peers. Thank you, and God Bless. Chairman of LCYPAA For More Info. Call John Flores 308-5421

NAME CHANGE:

Elyria St. Mary's Group changed to **Sunday Night Serenity (O) Sun., 8:00 PM** 1741 N. Ridge Rd. Sheffield. The last Sunday of each month will be a Disc. Meeting, and dinner to be served at 7 PM (Light Dinner)

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrong.

Promise 5: No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concepts 5: Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Lee Anne Tally, Sold by Darrell C. Just another way you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a **TICKET** from any Advisory Board Member.

**A. A. CORRECTIONS
VOLUNTEER
TRAINING WORKSHOP
Saturday May 3, 2008
10 AM - NOON**

A.A. Central Office
Basement of Reserve Square
Superior and Chester at East 12th

Learn how to take meetings
into Jails/Prisons in
Northeast Ohio,

Volunteer for A.A. Meetings,
Write to inmates or even
Help on the committee

Contacts:
Tom Merriman 216 741 7804
or Molly Schaeffer 216 224 6219
for questions and/or registration

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**Compass Rose's
Spaghetti Dinner
May 4th. 2008
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
St. Lads School
2926 Wood Ave.
Adult \$7.00
Children Under 7 \$3.50**

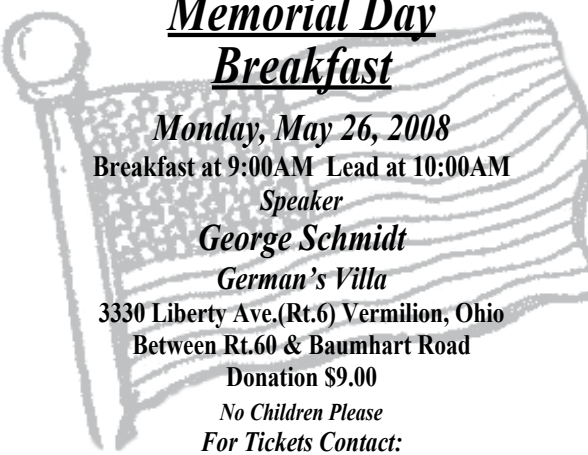
**HONESTY • PURITY
UNSELFISHNESS • LOVE**

**Arid Club
"Sunday Bike Day"
All Summer!!!
Starting May 4th.
3:00 PM
1741 N. Ridge Rd.,
(Food For Sale)**

**Memorial Day
Breakfast**

Monday, May 26, 2008
Breakfast at 9:00AM Lead at 10:00AM

Speaker
George Schmidt
German's Villa
3330 Liberty Ave. (Rt.6) Vermilion, Ohio
Between Rt.60 & Baumhart Road
Donation \$9.00
No Children Please
For Tickets Contact:
Any Advisory Board Member
Please return TICKETS BEFORE May 21st.



***Friends of Bill W
Picnic***

Supported by the home groups of Lorain County
*We need gifts to raffle or cash donations to
support it*

July 13, 08 12:00 -5:00pm
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 and bats/lawn chairs
50/50
*Things provided: Hot dogs and hamburgers
and buns. Coffee, punch, grill if you want to cook*
Contact persons
Title: Chairman Name: Susie P 440-309-0491
Title: Co-chair Name: Tom B 440-309-3226

Thought to Ponder . . . A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

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

*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Jim Parks 440 385-5687 or Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280 via: Call, *email or leave the information at the Inter-Group Office before the 25th. of each month.

**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:
May 18
June 15
July 20
Aug. 17
Breakfast includes:
Scrambled eggs,
hash brown potatoes,
bacon, sausage, toast, juice,
and coffee.
Breakfast Cost: \$3.00

**"There Are Infinite
Possibilities
In Little Beginnings
If God Is In Them."**

**Area 54 Picnic
June 22nd. 2008
Noon till ?**
Oakwood Park
2729 East 31st. Street
Lorain, Ohio 44055
Hamburgers / Hot Dogs
Provided
Please bring Covered
Dish To Share
(and Lawn Chair to sit on)
Lead: 3:00 PM
Judy Sexton
D.C.M. Dist. 20A, Elyria
For More Info Please call
MaryAnn Schulz 440-453-4115
Tom Ortiz 440-327-1308
Judy Sexton 440-322-2619
Donations Appreciated

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 P.440 385-5687

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Mike.....440 670-9910

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Picnic Committee

Sue Prosser.....440 309-0491

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Mark Potter.....440 452-5946

Pig Roast Committee

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

Special Needs Committee

Maggie Middleton.....440 775-1274

Memorial Day Breakfast Committee

Terry Poznako.....440 225-6897

Grapevine Committee

Sarah Lamb.....440 787-7520

District Committee

District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton

DCM. MaryAnn S.440 453-4115

e mail maschulz@oh.rr.com

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

District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)

DCM. Judy S.440 322-2619

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM. Kevin Snodgrass440 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

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of March, 2008.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 700.00	1..... \$ 1,371.75
2. Columbia Gas- Monthly Budget	\$ 274.00	2..... \$ 378.47
3. All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 140.88	3..... \$ 1,488.29
4. Ohio Edison	\$ 204.43	4..... \$ 526.00
5. Century Telephone	\$ 121.34	5..... \$ 0.00
6. House Managers	\$ 1,668.48	
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 60.38	
8. Live Wire Printing	\$ 64.00	
9. Insight Yellow Pages	\$ 18.86	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$ 3,764.51
10. Russ Walker Literature for committees	\$ 53.24	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 3,454.78
11. Office Supplies	\$ 49.17	
12. Repairs & Plug for Pop Machine	\$ 100.00	<u>Gain March 2008</u> \$ 309.73
	<u>\$ 3,454.78</u>	

Thought to Ponder . . . Joy is in knowing there is an answer.

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. 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.

Phone Line Report:

Month of April, 2008

12 Step Calls.....	11
Sponsorship.....	2
Al-A-Non.....	7
Meeting Info.....	123
General Info.....	60
Total:.....	203

Rents:

Month of March, 2008

1. Unity Hall Disc.
2. Strength In Sobriety
3. Blue Monday
4. Mid-Week Morning Disc.
5. Sharing Our Sobriety
6. Friday Night Unity
7. Men's We Care Tuesday
8. Morning Discussion
9. Happy Hour

Donations for the month of March, 2008

1. 50/50 Raffle	19. Oberlin Group
2. Carlisle Lunch Bunch	20. Back To Basics
3. Elyria Friday Night	21. Avon Lake Friday
4. Grafton Wed. Night	22. In Memory of D Pullin-
5. We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.	Neighbors Richard Hial
6. Blue Monday	23. In Memory of D Pullin-
7. Amherst Saturday Group	Hemrych Family
8. Wellington Thurs. Night	24. Sunday Brunch
9. Oberlin Breakfast Group	25. S.I.O.G.A.
10. Strength In Sobriety	26. Stepping Into Sobriety
11. Serenity Hall	27. Saturday 12 X 12
12. Vermilion Friday Night	28. Tuesday LaPorte
13. Spanish American	29. Great Fact Group
14. Lorain Industrial	30. Anonymous
15. Sheffield Civic Center	31. Elyria Mon. Night Disc.
16. Mid-Week Morn. Disc.	32. Crazy But Sober
17. Tues. Night Central	33. LaGrange Mon. Night
18. Lorain Wednesday Night	

"The Elevator to Sobriety is Broken, You'll Have to Use the Steps." (Carlos V.)

When I change what I believe, I change what I do.

Board Of Directors

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May 13th. Mother's Day