

September

Unity LiveWire

2009

“Easy Does It”

710 Broadway Avenue Lorain, Ohio 44052

“First Things First”

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Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

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WHO'S SITTING NEXT TO YOU? (AA Grapevine, March 1991)

I know who you are. You are "X" who attends the ABC Meeting at the XYZ Club where AA's meet in Anywhere, USA. 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 the one I go to 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 door--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 welcoming and so comfortable.

You talked about how the newcomer is the life-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 was 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'd 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 drunk-a-log that occurred in my part of the country.

Why didn't I? I was hungry, lonely, and tired. The only thing missing was angry, but 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 hometown.

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.

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., New Orleans, LA

Mon. Night

Lorain

7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.

7th. Amy B.

14th. James T.

21st/ Wanita

28th. William D.

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.

4th. James P.

11th. 10th Step

18th. LaPhenie C.

25th. Cliff J.

Mid- Night

Elyria Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

4th & Middle Ave.

5th Dave B.

12th. Karen C.

19th Sy

26th Bob.

Fri. Night

Amherst

7:30 PM

Church of the Nazarene
Cooper Foster Park Rd.

4th. Debi G.

11th Tom Hicken

18th Nancy P.

25th Mike Hicken

Elyria

Men's Stag

Mon. 8:00 PM

Lake & Lowell
Elyria

7th. Jim B.

14th. Ed C.

21st. Joe C.

28th. Zack

LaPorte

Tues. Group

8:00 PM

301 Washington Ave.

1st. Dave W.

8th. Sober AA.

15th. Debbie L.

22nd. Connie C.

29th. Mike K.

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.

Meeting Move: Spencer Under Construction will be moving back to the Catholic Church on SR301, Spencer beginning the 1st Thursday of September, 9/3.

Discontinued Meeting
Saturday, 10:00 AM, First Church Of Oberlin

"I'd rather go through life sober believing I'm an alcoholic, than go through life drunk, trying to prove I'm not."

Thought to Ponder . . . Humility is not a station we arrive at; it's a way of traveling.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Ron C. Sold by Joe. Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET from any Advisory Board

"No matter what step your on there is the NEXT STEP"

A worship celebration for those in recovery. A interdenominational support fellowship for individuals and family for whom addiction is a ongoing threat. A safe place where love & acceptance is found. Saturdays from 6:00 till 7:15 pm at the Amherst Church of the Nazarene, Cooper Foster Pk Rd. Amherst , Ohio. Saturday Night Amherst A.A. meeting follows at 8:00.

Concepts 9: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Promise 9: Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

Tradition 9: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

THANK YOU LORAIN COUNTY A.A.!!!

The Friends of Porky P. would like to thank ALL the people who helped and supported us. This was the 4th annual pig roast and it was a Great success! Special thanks to Juan & the guys who started cooking Porky at 6:30 a.m., we really appreciate all the work they did on such a hot day. Also to The Half Measures and The Peculiar Mental Twist who donated time and talent! And to ALL the many, many others who are too many to list who helped in many ways including buying tickets and 50/50's. All of this work and support for Lorain Inter-group paid off and we were able to raise \$1440. The 50/50 raffle gave away \$382.

THANKS A.A.'s of LORAIN COUNTY

Humbly, Your friends at porky p.



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, Vicki T. 440 225-1314, Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280, Opal A. 440 670-6619, Donna L. 440 574-3464, Amy D. 440 714-7444, via: Call, email or leave the information at the Inter-Group Office before the 25th. of each month.

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

Elyria Sun. Night Group

Annual Steak Fry

at St. Jude's

594 Poplar St.

Elyria, Ohio

Sept. 20, 2009

Sunday

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meal includes:

steak, salad, potato, corn on the cob, dinner roll,

coffee, dessert,

and lots of fellowship

\$12.00 per person

(soft drinks- \$.50)

Proceeds to benefit the

Children's Christmas Party

Spirit of the Pines

Sept. 18, 19, 20, 2009

Lutheran Memorial Camp, Fulton, OH

6 miles south of Mt. Gilead, Rte 61

Topic: Resentments

\$95 per person for the weekend

Includes lodging, Friday Night Cookout,

3 meals Saturday, and Sunday Brunch

Pre-payment required by Sept. 4, 2009

Make checks payable to: Larry Cassidy,

40078 St. Rte. 18, Wellington, OH 44090

Contact Persons

Rose W. (419) 502-6660

H.A.L.T. Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired.

The Annual Key Brunch

Celebrating 16 sweet years.

Saturday September 26th

From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

DeLuca's Place in the Park

6075 Middle Ridge Rd. Lorain, OH.

Tickets will be \$15 each or

sponsor a table for \$120

Lead Speaker: Jessica Reynolds

Various themed baskets to be raffled off.

50/50 raffle will be drawn as well.

If you have any questions or ticket requests please

Contact: Kirstin at 452-3506 or

Brenda at 365-9018

"Filling women's hope chests for a new tomorrow"

34th. Anniversary

Mid-night Elyria

Group

Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.

Elyria (NS)

September 19th.

Lead:@ 12:00 PM

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Dinner after Lead:

Door Prizes, 50/50,

Chinese Raffle

Fellowship

• September Anniversaries •

1st. Chuck F. 22 yrs.

2nd. Arlen G. 4 yrs.

3rd. Amy B. 5 yrs.

5th. Mary Ann S. 7 yrs.

5th. Sandy H. 18 yrs.

7th. Jeff H. 10 yrs.

8th. Karen C. 24 yrs.

11th James T. 10 yrs.

12th. Tracy T. 24 yrs.

12th. Frank B. 2 yrs.

17th. Linda H. 29 yrs.

17th. Lois R. 6 yrs.

25th. Naaman 21 yrs.

28th. Susan Z. 6 yrs.

29th. Steve H. 33 yrs.

2009 Children's Christmas Party

Schedule of events :

Sept. 20-Meeting at Central Office 12:00 pm

Oct. 18 - Meeting at Central Office 12:00 pm

Nov. 22 -Return raffle tickets and money to Central Office 12:00 pm

Nov. 29 -Last day ticket request form returned to Troy

Dec. 4 -Dance at St.Anthony

Dec. 6 -Pick up children's tickets after Central Office meeting

Dec. 6-Go to Sam's Club

Dec. 13-Stocking stuffing 1:00 pm , 15704 Trinter, Vermilion ,OH.

Dec. 15-Order pizza

Dec.20-Christmas party

9:00 am -15704 Trinter for transporting

10:00 am -Set up at St. John's hall

12:00 pm-Costume people at hall

1:00 pm-Party starts

4:00 pm- Clean up starts

5:00 pm-Transport stuff back to 15704 Trinter

Sunday, September 13

Huron Thursday Night AA Group Meeting on the Lake, boat ride

Boarding at 6:30 pm promptly at Jackson St.

Pier in Sandusky

Open AA Lead at 7:00 ish

Pizza, snacks, and coffee 8:00ish after lead

Soda, refreshments at extra cost

Return to dock 10:00-10:30ish

NO CHILDREN PLEASE

A fun time for all, rain or shine

For more information contact:

Regan L. 419-433-5084

Ken Z., 440-714-9284



Birmingham Twilight Group

Methodist Youth Center

South St., Birmingham

50th Anniversary

Sunday, Sept. 20

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Lead -John H.

Sloppy Joes, Cake, Ice Cream

Phone Line Report:

Month of July, 2009

12 Step Calls..... 5

Sponsorship..... 3

Al-A-Non..... 10

Meeting Info..... 135

General Info..... 82

Total:..... 235

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Thought to Ponder . . . Just for today, I choose not to drink.

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

Vicki Tomlinson..... 440 225-1314

*e mail vickitom@oh.rr.com

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 Revercomb440 541-2473

Correctional Committee

Eddie Logan.....440 829-7541

Alan Revercomb440 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 Farley440 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 Snodgrass440 241-7166

District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm

Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst,

Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Tnsp., Pittsfield Tnsp.,

Brighton Tnsp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM. Donna L.440 574-3464

Alt. DCM. Patti R.440-284-6677

Financial Report

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

Expenses

1.Rent	\$ 650.00
2.Columbia Gas	\$ 568.45
3.All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 144.53
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$ 239.24
5.Century Telephone	\$ 90.10
6. Time Warner	\$ 117.43
6. House Managers	\$1482.22
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$ 58.35
8.Live Wire Printing	\$ 64.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$ 19.46
10. Compuer Router	\$ 42.59
11. Directors & Officers Liability Ins.	\$1000.00
12. Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$4,576.37</u>

Donations/Rents \$3754.82

Coca Cola Sales \$43.30

Expenses \$4,576.37

Total Loss July, 2009 -\$778.25

Donations

1.....	801.59
2.....	\$1436.80
3.....	\$233.87
4.....	\$703.14
5.....	<u>\$579.42</u>

Rents:

Month of July, 2009

1. Blue Monday
- 2.. Lorain County Consolidated Group
3. Never Too Young
4. Serenity Hall
5. Sharing Our Sobriety
6. Spanish American
7. Strength In Sobriety
8. Tuesday Night Central
9. Unity Hall Disc.ussion

Donations Month of July, 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 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 | 19. Mid Week Morning discussion |
| 2. Anonymous | 20. Monday Night Lorain |
| 3. Attitude of Gratitude | 21. Never Too Young |
| 4. Back to Basics Discussion | 22. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 5. Birmingham Dinner Group | 23. Oberlin Group |
| 6. Blue Monday | 24. Rainbow Group |
| 7. CBS Big Book Step Study | 25. S.I.O.G.A. |
| 8. Compass Group | 26. Serenity Hall |
| 9. Early Morning Discussion | 27. Sharing Our Sobriety |
| 10. Elyria Men's Stag | 28. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 11. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion | 29. Spanish American |
| 12. Elyria New Way of Life | 30. Stepping Into Sobriety |
| 13. Elyria Sunday Night Group | 31. St. Anthony's Friday Night |
| 14. Elyria Women's Discussion | 32. Thursday Morning Big Book Study |
| 15. Friday Morning Survivor | 33. Tuesday Morning Discussion |
| 16. Grafton Wednesday Night | 34. Tuesday Night Central |
| 17. Industrial Group | 35. Tuesday Women's Sobriety |
| 18. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle | 36. Unity Hall Discussion |

Board Of Directors

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