

September

Unity LiveWire

2011

“Easy Does It”

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“First Things First”

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????? And What of Responsibility ?????

Living AA carries great responsibilities as well as the deepest joy human beings can know. There is no question about the joys! They are accepted, expected, demanded wholeheartedly - but the responsibilities? These are grave matters requiring a sense of duty, a willingness to sacrifice for the love of others, a consciousness of obligations. Only the courageous disciplined soul takes them on to a triumphant end.

AA requires an adult viewpoint, and it would seem some of us dwell too long in adolescence (the first three Steps) during this time we are as children in a halfway stage of growth, a most uncomfortable situation. We have ambitions without ability, desires without self-control, appetites without discretion, and life is not kindly in its dealings with us. Either we submit to the laws that require duty, sacrifice, love and relinquishment, or we go down in bitter defeat as failures, unhappy to the end. Either we grow up, sober up, and fly right, or we get into a heck of a mess. For us there is no other way.

AA is a great force in the education and maturation of men and women. It demands the abandonment of former habits, and the acceptance of maturity and its duties, joys and sorrows. We can no longer feel free to go away from home at will; no longer spend money for fun as freely as before. Even the atmosphere of the house be suited to the requirements of our new life. The coming of AA can change a house into a home, and a couple into a family. We have now begun to learn to grow into well rounded seasoned souls; to know what life really means to us. AA is a great disciplinary force. Not only does it change habits by changing the center of interest, it changes character. We watch our words, our attitudes; because those who love us will absorb every tone, every gesture, and every word.

We alcoholics feel long before we know, and behave accordingly. And we know long before we can express our knowledge in action and words. Most of find AA a great responsibility, but well guided by the Twelve Steps, our maturity crowns us with laurels.

---P.S., Huntington, West Va. (Reprinted with permission from the GrapeVine August 1951) ...

All Powdered, Well Pampered, AND DRY!

Growing old in AA does not mean growing up with AA. Perhaps too many of us for too long remain very smug and contented in our dry little cribs of sobriety. We rosy cheeked infants with flowing white beards should crawl out of our trundles and learn how to walk. We must move toward the ripening harvest. Every pilgrim has his Mecca, and vouchsafed to us, above all others, are vineyards of plenty undreamed of by the “unredeemed”. We agree, in most cases, that emotional pubescence is a common particularity among alcoholics. It has required as ascension, in the first place, over our swaddling immaturities to reach the solid ground of complete temperance. Apparently, most of us carried upon the crest of a great emotional wave of necessity when we land on the safe shores of AA. During the early days of exploring this isle of dryness certainly the primary emotional fervor should yield to a better intellectual comprehension of the many rich stores awaiting further search.

Our founders charted these waters with great care so that we might find refuge from the whirlpools of an unmanageable voyage. The early settlers who ventured before us have hewed the forests and broken the ground. With infinite Wisdom our predecessors have been guided, and our soil, by His Grace, made bountiful. It only remains for us to completely mature that we may more fully enjoy this land of fertility and gracious way of life! The promised land, for we lost wanderers, is confined within the boundaries of our Program, our meetings, our associations, our organizational functions and our spiritual acknowledgements. The meeting-places are the foundries where the implements of planting and harvest are forged. Surely it seems indicated that we *continue to grow* that we may better employ these tools with which to till our fields.

So, out of our dry beds of infancy and following the first step of admission, let's toddle forward, with hands outstretched, grasping for the support of a Power greater than our own. When it's time for rompers, let's choose Faith as our Governess and take a peek in the mirror to see just how good or bad we really are. When knickers replace rompers and during our first days of school, let's admit to our Teacher and perhaps whisper to a few classmates the exact nature of our wrongs. We are ready to erase the mistakes from our slates, and as we learn to write, we can chalk dawn names of those we have made cry. We are growing up some now, and soon, at Commencement, we will be able to make amends to those we have harmed. The development of mind and emotions progresses until we become wedded to a more conscious contact with our Creator and we can learn from Him the things He would have us do. In humble dignity we will then pray for complete maturity, until at full stature we perceive the grey light of true dawn. With this light, glowing ever brighter, and His watchful guidance, we will stride forward, illuminating the darkened pathways so others may follow.

All the things that we have wanted and expected from life stem abundantly from the twelve-tiered vine of AA. To reach the serene clusters of real happiness that ripen nearest the top, we do not have to grow old, *but we must grow up!*

---B.D., Manhattan, New York (Reprinted with permission from the GrapeVine August 1951)...

To all A.A. Groups: Thank you for your thought's & prayers during my Wife's illness. Thank You All. Charlie and Sandy Pitts.....

Sunday Night**Sobriety****7:00 PM**St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.4th Jennifer H.11th Johny C.18th John B25th Bobbi M.**Midnight Elyria****Group****12:00 AM**St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.3rd Evan10th Linda17th Pat-**(36th Anniv)**24th Willy

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.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle

Last month's Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle Winner: Wanda J. \$95.00 Sold by Kenny. Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET. Be A Winner.

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 on life will change.

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

Concept 9: Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. Must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A very special Thank You to Vicki T. For all her dedication, hard work and patience for doing the LiveWire ! She has tremendous abilities and always seems to go above and beyond to be responsible. She is truly an awesome person with an inner glow that shows in everything she does . I am looking forward to learning much from her in all aspects. It is a blessing to have her involved in service work !

- Patti R.

**The 18th Annual Key Brunch****"THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE"****Saturday, September 24, 2011**

Time: 10 a.m. To 1 p.m.

Place: DeLuca's Place in the Park

6075 Middle ridge Rd., Lorain

Tickets are \$15 each

or you can sponsor a table of 8 for \$100

No tickets will be sold at the door

Guest Speaker - Stephanie G.

Themed Basket Raffles and 50/50 Raffle

Good Food, Fellowship and Entertainment !

Devin at the Key 277-8190, Stacey 387-9178

Kirsten 452-3506 or Stephanie 752-2614

All Proceeds go to the Women and Children at the Key

Area 54
Assembly

3rd Sunday

Sept 18th.

2P.M.

12 Step
Recovery Club

1480 Pearl Road

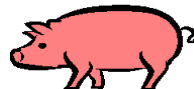
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Be There !

Be Informed !

**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 7th annual pig roast and it was a Great Success. We hope a good time was had by all. Special thanks to all who donated time and effort in cooking Porky. And also to the guys in the "HALF MEASURES" band and all the other entertainment who donated time and talent in playing for us. All your support for the inter-group office paid off and we were able to raise \$1009.00. for the Inter - Group office The 50/50 raffle was \$435,



Thanks to all for your support
We love each one of you.

Thought to Consider . . .Doing nothing becomes tiresome- because you can't stop and rest !

14th Annual "Fall In Sobriety"

Women's Mini-Convention

Theme: A Vision For You

Saturday, November 5th, 2011

9:00 a.m. Until 3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$17.00 pre-registration ONLY
Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door !

A Continental Breakfast & Luncheon Will be Served.

Panel Speakers, Lead Speakers, and Raffles .

Rosewood Place
4493 Oberlin Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44053

Registrar: Susan Z. (440) 213-8833

Info: Linda S. (440) 323-9217

Email for information: FallInSobriety@yahoo.com

Elyria Sunday Night

Annual Steak Fry

Sunday, September 18, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

High Meadows Park

Ford Rd.

(behind Toys R Us)

Tickets \$12.00

Proceeds Benefit the Children's
Christmas Party

Arid Club Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 24th

Chicken Dinner 5-7 p.m.

Lead @ 8:00 p.m.

Dance @ 9:00 p.m.

At the Arid Fellowship Club

Tickets:

Single \$8.00, Couple \$15.00

Survivors List:

Groups in need of
Support to stay afloat . Please
Attend, Contribute,
Be Active, Help Chair,
Be a Secretary,
Be Responsible

Friday Night Faith Group

11:00 PM

Arid Club

1741 N.Ridge Rd.

Tuesday Night Haven

7:00 p.m.

Friday Nite Haven

7:00 p.m.

Haven Center

1536 E. 30th St., Lorain

Sat. Young Person's

Group

Sat. 2:00 PM

Arid Fellowship Club

Midnight Elyria Group

12:00 AM

St. Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.

Great Fact Group

Wed. 12:00 pm

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

523 E. Broad St. & Winckles St.,

Elyria

Sunday Living Life

New Time

4:30 - 5:30 PM

1730 Broadway JFK

Back Entrance

Turning Point

Thursday 6:00 PM

Elyria Baptist Church

276 Washington Ave.

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT

THE GROUPS.

• Sept Anniversaries •

3rd. Jeff K. 2 yrs.

8th. Larry K. 1 yr.

5th. Mary Ann S. 9 yrs.

11th. James T. 12 yrs

12th. Frankie B. 4 yrs

12th. Karen C. 26 yrs

17th. Lois R. 8 yrs.

17th. Linda H. 31 yrs.

25th. Naaman T. 23 yrs.

26th. Ron T. 1 yr.

Meeting Update: Monday Big Book Discussion, 7:30 p.m.
At the ARID Club has been closed. Due to lack of support.

Midnight Elyria Group

Come out and Celebrate
36 Years of Carrying the
Message of Recovery

St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
Saturday, Sept. 17th

Out of Town Speaker-Pat
Free Door Prizes
50/50 & Chinese Raffles
Food, Fun and Fellowship
to Follow !
Covered Dish

Thought for the Day:

Is it Attitude ?
Or is It
Gratitude?

Phone Line Report:

Month of August 2011

12 Step Calls.....	2
Sponsorship.....	2
Al-A-Non.....	3
Meeting Info.....	95
General Info.....	82
Phone Service.....	90
Total:.....	274

Notice to All

The Lorain Intergroup Office is actively seeking new Advisory Board Members., especially from Vermilion, Lorain, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Wellington, Grafton or North Ridgeville areas of the county. Requirements are 3 years of continued sobriety, availability on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and 1st Sunday of the month for meetings, and a commitment to service. If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to any board member or contact the InterGroup Office.

THIS IS NOT THE MARINES!!!!

We do NOT want a few
good men.

Just One Good Woman (or Two)

Female Volunteers needed to
help the Corrections Committee

Please contact :

Alan Revercomb Sr.

440-541-2473

Revercomb69@yahoo.com

At least 1 year sobriety required

For information on Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous or Al-Anon meetings, please contact the Intergroup office at 440-246-1800.

ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community - help needed on various Committees! If interested, please contact one of the Advisory Board Members and VOLUNTEER!!!! Help Make A Difference!!!

Committee Chairs

Unity LiveWire Committee

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Art C.....440 773-9474



District Committees

District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton DCM .Ellen Winson.440 327-8812
Alt DCM .Bob P.216-224-7657

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

District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle) DCM..Patty McMullen.....440 365-3778

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club) DCM.. Judy Sexton.440 322-2619

District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Tnsp., Pittsfield Tnsp., BrightonTnsp., Wellington Meetings) DCM. .Patti Rodgers440-284-6677
Alt DCM .Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the Month of July, 2011.

Rents:

Month of July , 2011

1. Blue Monday
2. Monday Happy Hour
3. Serenity Hall
4. Spanish American
5. Unity Hall Discussion

Expenses

1. Rent \$650.00
2. Columbia Gas \$360.73
3. All Service Telecommunications \$152.03
4. Ohio Edison 710 Broadway \$247.07
5. Time Warner \$94.28
6. House Managers \$1,549.51
7. Pay Cor Fees \$64.29
8. Live Wire Printing \$69.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages \$20.05
10. Liability Insurance Directors & Officers \$1,050.00
11. Bank Service Charge \$11.50

Month of July 2011

Donations/Rents	\$2,786.23
Coca Cola Sales	\$19.13
Interest From Savings	\$0.39
Total Income	\$2,805.75
Expenses	\$4,268.46

Donations/Rents

By Week

1.....	\$55.50
2.....	\$469.56
3.....	\$898.25
4.....	\$732.42
5.....	\$630.50

\$4,268.46

Total Loss July, 2011 (\$1,462.71)

\$2,786.23

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.

Donations

1. Amherst Saturday Night
2. Amherst Who Me
3. Anonymous
4. Attitude of Gratitude
5. Blue Monday
6. CBS Big Book Step Study
7. Compass Group
8. Elyria Men's Stag
9. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion
10. Friday Morning Survivor
11. Friday Night Haven
12. Grafton Wednesday Night
13. Industrial Group
14. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle
15. Mid Week Morning discussion
16. Midnight Elyria Group
17. Monday Morning Live Discussion
18. Monday Night Lorain

19. Oberlin Breakfast Group
20. Oberlin Group
21. S.I.O.G.A.
22. Serenity Hall
23. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
24. Stepping Into Sobriety
25. Wellington Group

Please submit your groups' or personal anniversaries to the Livewire by the 25th of each month. Anniversaries will not be carried over to the next year for publication automatically. Thank you for your cooperation.

Advisory Board Members

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