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A CHRISTMAS CYNIC

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A CYNIC, my dictionary informs me, is "a sneering fault-finder; one who doubts or denies the goodness of human motives, and who often displays his attitude by sneers, sarcasm, etc."

During my drinking years, I managed to develop a finely tuned cynicism about Christmas that was both illogical and disquieting. On one hand, I no longer believed in God; so what was all the fuss concerning this alleged birth, anyway? On the other hand, I looked down my Olympian nose at the crass way that merchants and advertisers sought to exploit something spiritual for profit.

Now that's genuine, grade-A, bottled-in-bond, U.S. Government-inspected alcoholic thinking. I felt contempt for a belief but also despised others who appeared not to honor it. And at frequent intervals, I would offer judgments about how dumb the human race got every December 15 or so.

Not content to be illogical, judgmental, contemptuous, and cynical, I had to throw in a little phony magnanimity, too. In other words, I saw through this baloney; but as a family member, I had to put my own feelings aside and see that all around me had a "good Christmas." This translated into my being surly, cranky, uncooperative, and withdrawn, and at the same time making sure that my loved ones had a Merry Christmas even if it killed them.

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In a little while, I will be passed out on the sofa, probably to my wife's immense relief, and she will finish assembling the toys, easily understanding the directions that overwhelmed her befuddled mate. When the kids wake up in the morning, a couple of eye-openers will help distract me from the pile of unpaid bills on my desk and the cruddy Christmas music that everybody else seems to enjoy. As long as I can drink, what difference does anything else make?

Sometimes, that scene changed from Christmas to Christmas over the twenty years of my drinking, but one ingredient--"self-will run riot"--remained constant as long as I was there. Other AAs have their memories of Christmas, memories equally charged with emotional dynamite, however different they may be from mine. That's why living one day at a time and staying close to the program have been especially important to me at Christmastime, and each holiday season finds me happier to be a part of it.

This year, I celebrate my tenth sober Christmas. The family that suffered my drunken days with me is blown away on the winds of alcoholism, but there is another family now, and there is another me--sober and glad

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MIDNIGHT ELYRIA GROUP

St. Mary's – 4th & Middle
Saturday 12:00

12/05 Open Podium

12/12 Jessica J.

12/19 Steve K.

12/26 DeWann M.
Snack Nite

BRING YOUR MASK

Suggested

AA Group Contributions:

50% Lorain Inter-Group Office

710 Broadway Avenue
Lorain, OH 44052

Make checks payable to:
Lorain Inter-Group

25% The General Service Office

P.O. Box 459, Central Station
New York, NY 10163-0459

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15% NE Ohio General Service

ATTN: Area 54 Treasurer
P.O. Box 91384,
Cleveland, OH 44101-3384

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710 Broadway Avenue,
Lorain, OH 44052

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Lorain County Multi-District

December Anniversaries

12/06 John W. 21 yrs.

12/08 Carlos V. 39 yrs.

12/12 Chris B. 1 yr.

12/17 Deb M. 12 yrs.

12/19 Larry S. Sr. 31 yrs.

12/20 Frank G. 6 yrs.

12/21 Doug Z. 22 yrs.

12/23 Lisa D. 8 yrs.

12/25 Stacie H. 12 yrs.

12/27 Bill Q. 15 yrs.

12/27 Stephanie H. 12 yrs.

12/28 Charlie R. 4 yrs.

12/29 Kasey S. 3 yrs.

To have your anniversary
printed in the LiveWire
please email to:

unitylivewire@gmail.com
or by calling (440)574-0143

and leave a voicemail

OR Call Bobbi M. at
(440)537-4280

by the 20th of each month.
Anniversaries will not be
carried over to next year

HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE!!

EMH and Mercy Hospital

(Behavioral Health Unit)

Sundays at 4:00pm/Wednesdays at
7:00pm

ClearVista (3364 Kolbe Road, Lorain)

Sunday at 8:00pm

Must have 2 years of sobriety per
hospital guidelines

When making any donation: PLEASE identify yourself by placing the group's General Service #, District # and Area 54 on all donations. Your General Service # can be found in the meeting schedule or on the internet at aaloraincounty.org under A.A. Meetings. Your District # is on the back page of the LiveWire. If you don't have a General Service number attached to your group, please contact your DCM listed on the back page of the LiveWire and they will register your Group OR ATTEND a monthly Multi-District meeting.

MONTHLY

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Call to verify if

meetings are open

First Sunday of Each Month

Lorain County Multi-District

@10:30am

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting

Be the voice of your Home Group

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Lorain Inter-Group @ 12:30 p.m.

ALL members are invited to
participate

See YOUR Inter-Group at work!

710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain
(Central Office)



LORAIN COUNTY INTER-GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS and LITERATURE SALES

Central Office has closed meetings again at their location.
Please keep watching the website for updates

Visitors should conduct themselves as they would in any public place.

We ask that masks be worn.

We are following all State mandates regarding group dynamics.

A Christmas Cynic

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to be part of life. Now, life seems even more full-blown and rich at Christmastime. Maybe that's why Christmas was so uncomfortable during my drinking years--although the other 364 days of the year are no bargain to a drinking alcoholic, either.

Since last Christmas, I have watched my daughter marry and my mother die; so, in one sense, there have been changes. Yet my constant companions--ego, self-pity, resentment--are still there and continue to skip about me like bad little boys. My character defects may be, thanks to AA, a little less noisy this Christmas. I hope so, and those close to me hope so.

One thing's for sure: If, this Christmas, you should happen to see a middle-aged man even more deeply grateful for sobriety, even more awe-struck by the miracle of God's love, and even more able to take genuine pleasure in the joy of others, it'll probably be me. Or it might be you, for "our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change," and "we will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace." Isn't that what December 25 is all about?

The Children's
Christmas Party has been
cancelled for this year.



***Lorain County A.A. meetings, times & locations can be found on
our new website aalorain.org***

INTER-GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT – October, 2020

INCOME

Donations/Rent	\$1,954.34
Literature Sales	1,210.79
Fundraising Income	0.00
Interest Income	.03

Total INCOME **\$3,165.16**

EXPENSES

Rent	\$ 850.00
Columbia Gas	313.00
Answering Service	168.61
Ohio Edison	93.04
Time Warner	126.66
Vival: Yellow Pages	28.80
House Managers	738.38
Payroll Fees	80.30
Literature Purchases	545.53
Petty Cash	0.00

Total EXPENSES **\$2,944.32**

GAIN/(LOSS) **\$ 220.84**



**No Rents
Received**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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Melissa S..... (440)242-9769

Picnic Committee
Art C..... (440)773-9474

Pig Roast
Troy S..... (440)365-9018

Memorial Day Breakfast
Steve S..... (440)308-1352

ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community
Help is needed for KEY DISTRICT POSITIONS!
STEP UP & GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE WORK
Contact LCMD Chairperson

DISTRICT COMMITTEES:

Lorain County Multi-District
Chairperson: Andrew S.....(440)529-4582
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N. Ridgeville, Sheffield, Sheffield Lake)
DCM Mark P ... (216)406-1169
Alt DCM ***POSITION OPEN***

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DCM Tom M.... (440)308-5885
Alt DCM Jeremy S..(440)444-2044

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Alt DCM ***POSITION OPEN***

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(Amherst, Brighton Twp, Brownhelm Twp,
Camden Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton,
LaGrange, Oberlin, Penfield, Pittsfield Twp,
S.Amherst, Wellington)
DCM Randy W...(330)591-7328
Alt DCM Penny F...(440)773-3098

Donations

Anonymous
Avon Healing Women
Birmingham Dinner Group
Crazy but Sober
Elyria Monday Closed Disc.
Elyria Women's Discussion
Friday AM Discussion
Friday Night Recovery Group
Grafton Wednesday Night
Keep It Simple Men's Big Book
Oberlin Group
One Day at a Time
Saturday Night Security
Sheffield Lake Civic Center Gr
Sunday Open Men's Discuss.
Thurs. Morning Big Book Study
Turning Point
Vermilion Tues Night Big Book

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