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## *Starting Over*

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GRAPEVINE - DECEMBER 2011

At my first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, I peered up at the Twelve Steps banner on the wall and nearly burst into tears at the sight of one word—unmanageable. That word seemed to sum up my entire existence. My life had gone from one I was capably and competently breezing through to one where thoughts and cravings for booze haunted me mercilessly, night and day.

I could barely make it through each day without ending up drunk and then, I found out I was pregnant. How would I ever manage a difficult pregnancy and eventually a brand new baby to take care of?

The woman sitting at the front of the room was my first lesson on how it could be done—by living life one day at a time and continuing on to the next right thing when life got rough. Donna B.'s husband was stationed in an extremely dangerous part of Iraq. She told me later, "I buried him every day in my mind." But outwardly, she managed to raise three terrifically rambunctious kids and keep this meeting alive for anyone who needed it three days a week, all the while simply waiting for her husband's next call, whenever it would come, to know he was still alive.

She became my first sponsor, and I followed her every step, literally, during my first year in the program. I rarely left her side and she helped me work the Steps for the first time, and then again on each day that followed. Donna never told me how to live my life without alcohol. She just showed me that she could live her that way. She told me during difficult times, "When you get sober, life isn't going to be okay, but as long as you don't drink, you will be."

Truer words were never spoken. I sobered up just in time to face a terribly colicky baby, severe post-partum depression, and the discovery that my six-year marriage—rock solid through so many of my husband's military deployments—now consisted of a hollow relationship that was devoid of any emotional intimacy or caring. Desperately, I tried every imaginable remedy for us, and eventually learned another lesson all on my own: I could not change someone else.

Instead, I changed myself. My life and sobriety were both in danger by the time of our final split, and that night I took my 13-month-old daughter to a meeting where I vaguely knew some of the oldtimers. There I sobbed out my story, ending with the fearful realization that I had no idea where I was going to live or how I would even get my daughter's crib there in a few short days.

But by the end of that meeting, a group of AAs had an apartment, a U-haul truck, and a moving date all arranged for me. I could hardly believe it: How could these people give so much caring and support to a virtual stranger? It was the miracles of my Higher Power and of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Today, life is not always okay. Sometimes being a single parent makes me wonder if any part of life will reach "okay" again. However, through the power and fellowship of this program, I am now close friends and neighbors with many of those oldtimers, and I know that I can count on them when going any further by myself seems "unmanageable" again. Today, I sit in Donna's chair at that original meeting, now my home group, three days a week. We frequently have a First Step meeting for newcomers, and we tell them what Donna told me—and that for today, because I am here, I am okay.

**MIDNIGHT**  
**ELYRIA GROUP**

St. Mary's  
4<sup>th</sup> & Middle  
Saturday 12:00

- 01/02 Open Podium
- 01/09 Scott B.
- 01/16 Dan F.
- 01/23 Sean S.
- 01/30 Shawn K.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
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  
Make checks payable to:  
General Service Office

**15% NE Ohio General Service**

ATTN: Area 54 Treasurer  
P.O. Box 91384,  
Cleveland, OH 44101-3384  
Make checks payable to:  
NE Ohio General Service

**10% Lorain Co. Multi-District**

710 Broadway Avenue,  
Lorain, OH 44052  
ATTN: Dan F.- Treas.  
(440)723-7690  
Make checks payable to:  
Lorain County Multi-District

**January**  
**Anniversaries**

- 01/01 Greg R. 27 yrs.
- 01/02 Mike H.  
(Thumper) 29 yrs.
- 01/02 Pegi D. 10 yrs.
- 01/04 Rick B. 15 yrs.
- 01/04 Marjorie L. 8 yrs.
- 01/06 Ken M. 15 yrs.
- 01/07 Gary C. 2 yrs.
- 01/10 John B. 7 yrs.
- 01/11 Ron S. 10 yrs.
- 01/12 Andy K. 40 yrs.
- 01/15 Jessica J. 7 yrs.
- 01/18 Mary V. 11 yrs.
- 01/21 Angela W. 4 yrs.
- 01/24 Mark W. 33 yrs.
- 01/24 Joyce L. 16 yrs.
- 01/28 Shawn K. 2 yrs.
- 01/29 Don F. 38 yrs.
- 01/29 Tamara S.R. 1 yr.
- 01/30 Matt M. 10 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 office 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)



Thursday  
North Ridgeville  
Big Book

8:00 PM

Download the  
GoToMeeting App  
(NOT ZOOM)  
ID# 443964949

We look forward to  
having you join us



TELEPHONE MEETINGS  
NO INTERNET NEEDED

Sober Voices Group  
(712)432-0075  
Enter code 654443  
Then push the # key

Every day at NOON  
Every Evening at 10:00PM  
Fridays & Saturdays at Midnight

ALL MEETINGS ARE  
CONDUCTED IN THE SPIRIT OF AA  
& IT'S TRADITIONS

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.**

*Lorain County A.A. meetings, times & locations can be found on  
our new website [aalorain.org](http://aalorain.org)*

**INTER-GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT – November, 2020**

**INCOME**

Donations/Rent	\$1,624.64
Literature Sales	442.29
Fundraising Income	0.00
Interest Income	.03

**Total INCOME** \$2,066.96

**EXPENSES**

Rent	\$ 850.00
Columbia Gas	164.00
Answering Service	219.01
Ohio Edison	0.00
Spectrum	126.70
Vivial: Yellow Pages	28.80
House Managers	697.37
Payroll Fees	80.30
Literature Purchases	0.00
Misc. Expenses	102.23

**Total EXPENSES** \$2,268.41

**GAIN/(LOSS)** **(\$201.45)**



**Rents Received**

- Friday Morn. Survivor
- Mid-Week Morn. Disc.
- Sharing Our Sobriety
- Strength in Sobriety

**Donations**

- Amherst Saturday Group
- Anonymous
- Attitude of Gratitude
- Avon Lake Tuesday Men's
- Elyria Friday Night
- Elyria Monday Closed Disc.
- Elyria Sunday Night Group
- Friday Morning Survivor
- Grafton Wednesday Night
- Industrial Group
- LaGrange Monday Night
- Lorain Wednesday Group
- Misery is Optional
- Saturday Night Security
- Sharing Our Sobriety
- Strength in Sobriety
- We Care Tues. Morn. Disc

**Office Managers**

Sam H.	440-522-3639
Tom N.	440-258-7286
Ed F.	440-309-0551
Office	440-246-1800

**Inter-Group Advisory Board of Directors**

Steve S.	440-308-1352	Chair
Jody B.	440-225-2412	V.Chair
Art C.	440-773-9474	Secr.
Mark P.	440-452-5946	Treas.

**Inter-Group Advisory Board**

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Mike B.	440-309-5788
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Public Information Committee  
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  
**Alt Chair:** Mark P.....(216)406-1169

**District 19A**  
(Avon, Avon Lake, Columbia, Eaton, Grafton, N. Ridgeville, Sheffield, Sheffield Lake)  
**DCM** Mark P ... (216)406-1169  
**Alt DCM** \*\*\*POSITION OPEN\*\*\*

**District 19B**  
(All of the City of Lorain & Part of Vermilion)  
**DCM** Tom M.... (440)308-5885  
**Alt DCM** Jeremy S..(440)444-2044

**District 20A**  
(All of the City of Elyria and Carlisle)  
**DCM** Kasey P.....(440)494-1676  
**Alt DCM** \*\*\*POSITION OPEN\*\*\*

**District 20C**  
(Amherst, Brighton Twp, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton, LaGrange, Oberlin, Penfield, Pittsfield Twp, S.Amherst, Wellington)  
**DCM** Randy W...(330)591-7328  
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