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LIVING THE TRADITIONS

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They work for individuals as well as for groups IN OUR BOOK *AA Comes of Age*, Bill W. says: "Our Traditions are a guide to better ways of working and living, and they are also an antidote for our various maladies. The Twelve Traditions are to group survival and harmony what AA's Twelve Steps are to each member's sobriety and peace of mind.

"But the Twelve Traditions also point straight at many of our individual defects. By implication they ask each of us to lay aside pride and resentment. They ask for personal as well as group sacrifice . . . The Traditions guarantee the equality of all members . . . They show how we may best relate ourselves to each other and to the world outside."

For some of us, the Traditions have been in reality an extension of the Twelve Steps. In trying to understand the last part of the Twelfth Step--"practice these principles in all our affairs"--I know I found it helpful to use the Twelve Traditions as a guideline. Here are some of the ways each Tradition affected me personally:

1. It didn't take long for me to realize that without other AA members, my group, and AA as a whole, I would probably find it difficult to stay sober. Even though I was sometimes in hearty disagreement, I learned that I must be willing to yield--first to my sponsor, then to our group conscience, finally to the principles of AA as a whole. I tried to learn how to "disagree without being disagreeable."

2. As I kept coming back, I began to believe that the Higher Power was speaking through the members of my home group. It was the beginning of faith in the group conscience, belief that it might represent God's will for me today. The concept of AA leaders who are "but trusted servants" calmed my rebellious nature and guided me toward trust in other people and peace of mind.

3. When I first arrived at the doors of AA, I had little or no feeling of self-worth. I was filled with guilt over my "sins of commission and omission." How

comforting to know that I was welcome as a member in spite of my imagined or actual faults--no questions asked! I felt the urge to earn the friendship of those wonderful people around the tables. So I began the long journey back to self-respect, to productivity, and to rejoining society as a whole--just because of Tradition Three.

4. For too long, I thought I was autonomous in my own right; this is also called being self-centered or selfish, with "self-will run riot." This Tradition helped me understand that I could not take any actions harmful to others without dire consequences to myself. I learned that nothing was really good unless other people also were considered.

5. This Tradition, I realized, delineated pretty clearly my own primary purpose, as well as the group's. I was told that I could not keep my sobriety unless I gave it away. Each of us is but a small part of the whole, but by joining AA's primary purpose to our own, we become something bigger than our individual selves.

6. In this Tradition, I began to learn the importance of singleness of purpose, both in AA and in my private life. I came to understand the difference between that which helps and that which hinders. By keeping my AA program simple, I underscored my own way to "Live and Let Live."

7. Self-support lent me a sense of freedom of thought and of action. As an AA member, I knew, I was not bound by what other people thought. That helped me to open up my mind and start to think for myself--for the first time in a long time. AA gave me proof that money and spirituality can mix.

8/9. When I began AA service work, these Traditions Eight and Nine told me I was simply one of many trusted servants, for whom special training or talent was unimportant. The fact that this Society was nonprofessional was reassuring. . . .

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MIDNIGHT ELYRIA GROUP

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

11/07 Open Podium

11/14 Deb M.

11/21 Tamara S.

11/28 Ellen Y.
8 yr. 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

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ATTN: Area 54 Treasurer
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OCTOBER

Anniversaries

11/03	Ray S.	28 yrs.
11/03	Tom F.	3 yrs.
11/04	Ken T.	29 yrs.
11/04	John L.	11 yrs.
11/07	LeeAnn O.	17 yrs.
11/15	Mark S.	31 yrs.
11/16	Rome D.	32 yrs.
11/18	Guy S.	22 yrs.
11/19	Rick S.	18 yrs.
11/22	Frank T.	38 yrs.
11/22	Dave M.	36 yrs.
11/23	Bob C.	9 yrs.
11/24	Scott H.	12 yrs.
11/27	Theresa M.	18 yrs.
11/27	Ellen Y.	8 yrs.
11/28	Dave N.	30 yrs.

To have your anniversary
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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

ARE OPEN AGAIN

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, LITERATURE SALES & SOME MEETINGS

The office has reopened for meetings on a case by case basis.
Each meeting must agree to cleaning protocol and mask/distancing mandates.
People should check on the website or with the office
as to which meeting have reopened

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.

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

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Titles and degrees became trivial. I felt a new sense of responsibility to myself and to others. It made me aware of pride and ambition as defects, so I could commence to learn my true identity before God

10. Here, I began to understand that as an AA member, I owed certain disciplines, obligations, and responsibilities to AA as a whole. I could speak out as an individual on any matter with which I was concerned; but as an AA member, I had to operate within certain limits, try to "engage the mind before opening the mouth."

11. "Walk like you talk," I heard. If I could do that, I knew there would be a sufficient difference in my way of living and thinking to be noticeable by example, and there should be no necessity for me to blow my own horn. I didn't need to break my arm by patting myself on the back for staying sober, either (millions of people have been doing that for centuries). Tradition Eleven reminded me

Not to take personal credit for anything that I might do; ego and personal ambition have no place in AA life.

12. When I listened to others, this Tradition told me, the important thing was the principle expressed, not the person expressing it. If I could go a step further and learn to place AA principles before my own personality, I could travel a long way on my journey of spiritual progress. Public anonymity was essential to such development--that was clear. But I also had to learn that I should not seek praise within the Fellowship. A simple job well done speaks for itself.

Using the Traditions as guides to spiritual progress, we begin to know that "God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves," and the sense of humility is enhanced. So, although the Twelve Traditions are designed to further group survival and harmony (and those are most important!), a closer examination shows that another ultimate objective is the welfare of the individual AA member--truly an extension of the Twelve Steps to recovery.

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

INTER-GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT – September, 2020

INCOME

Donations/Rent	\$2,812.57
Literature Sales	1,155.00
Fundraising Income	0.00
Interest Income	.03

Total INCOME \$3,967.60

EXPENSES

Rent	\$ 800.00
Columbia Gas	313.00
Answering Service	225.71
Ohio Edison	0.00
Time Warner	126.66
Vivial: Yellow Pages	28.80
House Managers	697.37
Payroll Fees	80.30
Literature Purchases	155.30
Petty Cash	100.00

Total EXPENSES \$2,527.14

GAIN/(LOSS) \$1,440.46



GIVE THANKS
FAMILY · FRIENDS · GRATITUDE

No Rents Received

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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

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Alt DCM ***POSITION OPEN***

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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)

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Donations

- Amherst Saturday Group*
- Anonymous*
- Avon Lake Saturday*
- Avon Tuesdays*
- Elyria Friday Night*
- Elyria Monday Closed Disc.*
- Friday Night Amherst*
- Grafton Wednesday Night*
- Harbourtown Breakfast*
- Industrial Group*
- Keep It Simple Men's Big Book*
- LaGrange Monday Night*
- New Life Women's Disc. – N.R.*
- North Ridge. Fri Night Disc.*
- Oberlin Women's Closed Gr.*
- Saturday Night Security*
- Sheffield Lake Civic Center Gr.*
- Wellington Thursday Night*

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