

August

# UNITY LIVEWIRE

2016

NO SMOKING AT THE INTER-GROUP OFFICE

"Easy Does It"

710 Broadway Avenue Lorain, Ohio 44052

"First Things First"

\*area54.org\*

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM Phone: 440-246-1800

\*aa.org\*

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## THE INSANITY OF ALCOHOLISM

The INSANITY of Alcoholism is NOT the goofy behavior that people exhibit when they are drunk. Everyone who ingests enough alcohol will act goofy.

The **INSANITY of ALCOHOLISM** is the alcoholic's persistent return to alcohol in the face of overwhelming evidence that it is destroying his or her life, **over and over again.**

There are some in our fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous who have serious mental problems, but most of us joke about how "insane" or "crazy" or "goofy" we are or have been, when what we really are talking about is our emotional immaturity, our impulsiveness, our lack of self-discipline – our character defects if you will. Most of us would have a hard time describing many of our thoughts and actions as being insane. In fact, in some areas of life, we may exhibit a high degree of sanity.

However, there is something about the way we perceive the world around us that has always caused us a great deal of discomfort in simply living our lives.

Our general discomfort with living has much to do with the way we perceive the effects of alcohol. Our falling short of what is called "well adjusted" is definitely a part of our makeup as an alcoholic. However, that alone does not separate us much from the general population. **It is our physical as well as our mental response to alcohol that is INSANE, and that is what separates the alcoholic from the non-alcoholic.**

There are two problems alcoholics have with alcohol: "(1) the obsession of the mind, and (2) the compulsion of the body, an incomprehensible craving. Somewhere along the line, early or late, we develop an obsession with the idea that alcohol eases our minds and solves our problems. Then, our physical response to alcohol manifests in what the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous calls an allergy. Our alcoholic bodies process the alcohol in a manner which causes us to crave more. The alcoholic insanity of our minds tells us that it is a good idea to drink to relieve our stresses and to have fun. Once we start, our alcoholic bodies tell us we must drink more to satisfy the craving.

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### Where to Send Contributions:

50% Lorain Inter-Group Office

710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052  
Make checks payable to Lorain Inter-Group

25% The General Service Office

Post Office Box 459, Central Station, New York, NY 10163-0459  
Make checks payable to General Service Office

15% NE Ohio General Service, Area 54

P.O. Box 91384  
Cleveland, OH 44101-3384

10% To Your Local District: Lorain County Multi-District

ATTN: Joyce L Treasurer-(440)315-1183  
710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052  
Make checks payable to Lorain County Multi-District

**TUESDAY NIGHT**  
**HAVEN**  
 1536 E. 30<sup>TH</sup>  
 LORAIN, OH  
 7:00

Come support  
 this meeting

**MIDNIGHT ELYRIA**  
**GROUP**  
 St .Mary Church  
 4<sup>th</sup> & Middle Ave.  
 ELYRIA, OH  
 Sat. 12:00

Come support this  
 meeting

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**HAVEN**  
 1536 E. 30<sup>th</sup>  
 LORAIN, OH  
 7:00

Come support  
 this meeting

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**FAITH GROUP**  
 @  
 Arid  
 1741 N. RIDGE  
 LORAIN, OH  
 11:00

Come support  
 this meeting

Area 54 meets every 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday @ 2:00 pm Area  
 Assembly, Committee Reports  
 12 Step Recovery Club, 1480 Pearl Rd.,  
 (In Brunswick Plaza) Brunswick, OH 44212  
 U.S RT 42. 1/4 Mile South of State RT 303.

**G.S.R/D.C.M. Meeting(s):** The Multi -District meeting at  
 10:30AM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.  
**No Children Please!**

**The Lorain Inter-Group Meeting** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the  
 month at 12:30PM It is very important that all the  
 Secretaries of each Group attend this meeting. Your  
 participation is encouraged and greatly appreciated.  
**No Children Please!**

**Advisory Board Meeting:** The meeting will be held at 6:30PM  
 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, at the Inter-Group  
 Office. Closed to Advisory Board Members ONLY! Please.

**Monday Morning Live**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary August 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**  
**Pilgrim Church in Elyria**  
**Larry Schuler speaking**  
**Food and fellowship to follow**

**Time to get involved in service work**  
**People with 1 year or more needed for the 12**  
**step call list**  
**Call inter-group office or send e-mail to**  
**unitylivewire@gmail.com**

**Advisory Board of Directors**

Steve S.	440-308-1352	Chairperson
Troy S.	440-365-9018	Vice Chairperson
Art C.	440-773-9474	Secretary
Mark P.	440-452-5946	Treasurer

**Advisory Board**

Donna L.	440-574-3464
Eddie G.	216-630-6638
Rich Y.	440-221-9838
Tom O.	440-315-8600
Mike B.	440-309-5788

**\*ATTENTION\***

Please submit your groups' or personal anniversaries to the LiveWire by the **20<sup>th</sup>** of each month. Anniversaries will not be carried over to the next year for publication automatically. Thank you for your cooperation.

There is always A Place and A Space for your Groups Messages, News, Activities and Anniversaries in The Live Wire!  
 Please Contact:

Trini M. (440)574-0143  
 Bobbi. M (440)537-4280  
 Office Main Number:  
 (440)246-1800

**Anniversaries**  
 8/9 Maxine N.....4 years

**Put you sobriety date in the live wire lets show the new comer this thing works**

Send you name and sobriety date and number of years to [unitylivewire@gmail.com](mailto:unitylivewire@gmail.com)

**GRAFTON**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**NIGHT**  
 1050 NOVAK RD.  
 GRAFTON, OH  
 8:00 PM  
 Come support  
 this meeting

This space  
 available for your  
 Meeting!

**Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle:**  
**\$ was won by It could be You**  
**Next Time! Support your Inter-**  
**Group Office Buy Today!!**

**Office Managers**

Sam H.	440-522-3639
Tom N.	440-258-7286
Tony W.	440-342-5488
Main Office	440-246-1800

**July Phone Line Report**

<u>Answering Service</u>	<u>63</u>
12 Step Calls	5
Meeting Info	59
General Info	64
Sponsorship	0
Al-Anon	<u>2</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>130</b>

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**ATTN ALL GROUPS:** Please help us to help you!! If you have changed GSR'S (General Service Representative) in your group, have changed your Primary Mail Contact and have not attended the Monthly Multi-District Meeting to file a Group Change Form. Please do of the following-. 1) Attend 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month @ 10:30AM, 2) Call your District Committee Member listed on the last page, Or 3) Call the Inter-Group Office with your new information so it can be passed on to the appropriate person (DCM).

\*For information on Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Marijuana Anonymous, Heroin Anonymous, or Al-Anon meetings,\*

Please contact: Intergroup Office @ (440)246-1800.

## Announcements For The Good of AA

Dear Family

Ray B. here I will be doing the Unity Live Wire from now on as Trini life is getting busy and I am retired and have more free time. But we owe Trini our gratitude for his service work.

The phone number and e-mail will remain the same. The e-mail will remain the best way to get what you need accurately put in the Unity Live Wire. Being how people knew this change was coming but did not know the phone number and e-mail would not change I have very little for this month mostly just what I know about myself

Thanks for your understanding  
Ray

### Soberfest

Soberfest will be at  
Oakwood Park this year

Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

Come Fellowship  
Celebrate the Gift  
Starts at 9am

### *Help Carry The Message!*

Volunteers are needed to speak at  
Detox  
Sundays at 4:00 PM  
Wednesdays at 7:30 PM  
at EMH and Mercy Hospital

Also for a meeting at Lakepoint  
Nursing Home

Call Christabel: 440-787-3363

## Friends of Porky P. Pig Roast

Scotts lake park located between  
Russia Rd and Butternut Rdg. Rd.  
on Rt.58

**Scott Lake Park 11595 State  
Route 58. Oberlin, OH 44074**

Saturday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> From 2 till 11pm

Tickets are \$10 or \$12 at door

Proceeds go to the Inter-group Office

COME JOIN US

Music, Corn Hole, Horse Shoes, Fishing

Food, fun and fellowship

Children under 12 receive a free hot dog and chips meal

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As every alcoholic should know, that is where the well known cycle begins, and continues over and over again, leading to death, incarceration, or "wet brain" insanity. What Dr. Silkworth called the "phenomenon of craving," manifesting as an "allergy," is so overpowering that all else comes in second to our primary concern of getting the next drink, even life itself takes second place.

That, my friends, is the "**INSANITY OF ALCOHOLISM.**" It is only relieved and arrested by total abstinence, and as we have found, by the **thorough** application of the 12 Steps of AA in our lives, in all our affairs. to achieve a psychic change, a "spiritual awakening," leading to growth and maturity, and a firm grasp of the reality of life and the world about us.

As a young man (with tears in his eyes) in his first AA meeting said:

**... "I'm here because I just want to live ... that's it ... I just want to live" ...**

**ATTENTION:** Lorain County A.A. Community Help is needed for various committees! Interested please contact an Advisory Board Member/Committee Chair. **INTO ACTION!**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**Livewire**

Ray B..... (440)574-0143  
\*EMAIL [unitylivewire@gmail.com](mailto:unitylivewire@gmail.com)

**Internet Committee (aaloraincounty.org)**

Mike..... (440)670-9910  
\*EMAIL [webmaster@aaloraincounty.org](mailto:webmaster@aaloraincounty.org)

**Correctional Committee**

Andy K. .... (440)343-3644  
\*EMAIL [poolguy@windstream.net](mailto:poolguy@windstream.net)  
Bud Y. .... (440)506-3131

**Public Information Committee**

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

**Picnic Committee**

Dave G.....(440)723-1923

**Pig Roast**

Troy S..... (440)365-9081

**Memorial Day Breakfast**

Steve S ..... (440)308-1352



**District Committees**

Multi District Chairperson: Sean M. .... (440)310-1934

**District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon,) (N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton)**

DCM \*\*\*\*\* Position Available \*\*\*\*\*  
Alt DCM Ray B. .... 440)574-0143

**District 19B (Lorain City Meetings, and Part of Vermilion)**

DCM Tom M. ....  
Alt DCM Steve H..... (440)219-2511

**District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings and Carlisle)**

DCM \*\*\*\*\* Position Available \*\*\*\*\*  
Alt DCM \*\*\*\*\* Position Available \*\*\*\*\*

**District 20B (All Meetings at the Arid Club)**

DCM \*\*\*\*\* Position Available \*\*\*\*\*  
Alt DCM \*\*\*\*\* Position Available \*\*\*\*\*

**District 20C (Lagrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Twp., Amherst, Henrietta Twp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twp. Pittsfield Twp., Brighton Twp., Wellington Meetings.)**

DCM Christabel R. .... (440)787-3363  
Alt DCM \*\*\*\*\* Position Available \*\*\*\*\*

**District 24 (North Olmsted, Fairview Park, West Lake)**

DCM Mark P. .... (216)406-1169  
Alt DCM Bob P. .... (216)224-7657

**FINANCIAL REPORT – 2016**

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**Expenses:**

Rent	\$ 700.00
Columbia Gas	\$ 210.00
All Service (Phones)	\$ 217.13
Ohio Edison	\$ 172.21
Time Warner	\$ 109.91
Berry Yellow Pages	\$ 24.80
House Managers	\$1,619.43
Literature Purchases	\$ 229.06
Fund Raising expense	\$ 99.00
Bank Fee	\$ 9.56
Misc	\$ 50.00
Office Expense	\$ 99.00

**Total Expenses: \$3,679.99**

Donations/Rents	\$ 2,848.14
Literature Sales	\$ 1,310.10
Fund Raising Income	\$ 28.00
Interest Income	\$ .03
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 4,186.27</b>

Income for Month: **\$ 4,186.27**

Expenses for Month: **\$ 3,679.99**

**GAIN for the Month: \$ 506.28**

**Donations**

- Amherst Saturday Group
- Amherst Who Me
- Attitude of Gratitude
- Avon Lake 12 Step Discussion
- Carlisle Lunch Bunch
- Elyria Monday Closed Discussion
- Friday AM Discussion
- Grafton Wednesday Night
- Harbortown Breakfast
- Industrial Group
- LaGrange Monday Night
- Mid Week Morning Discussion
- Monday Happy Hour
- Monday Night Lorain
- North Ridgeville First Step
- North Ridgeville Men's
- Oberlin Group
- Oberlin Women's Closed Group
- S.I.O.G.A.
- Safe Harbor Discussion
- Serenity Hall
- Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
- Sheffield Lake Monday Night
- St Mary Sunday Night Sobriety
- Tuesday Night Central
- Turning Point

**Rents**

- Friday Morning Survivor
- Lorain Wednesday Group
- Mid Week Morning discussion
- Monday Happy Hour
- Multi-District Meeting
- Serenity Hall
- Strength in Sobriety
- Unity Hall Discussion
- We Care Tuesday