

# December

# Unity LiveWire

# 2009

**“Easy Does It”**

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**“First Things First”**

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*At this Holiday time, may we be grateful for our sobriety and continue to extend the hand and the love of A.A. to the alcoholic who still suffers. Having left the darkness behind us, may we look toward the light of the future with gratitude and hope, sharing in the fellowship of the spirit.*

*We wish each of you a sober and Happy Holiday Season. May God be with You All.*

*Lorain Inter-Group Central Office Board of Directors, Staff, Advisory Board and Committees*

## The Holidays

*Marty S, Hagerstown Group*

It's that time of year again when coping with the holidays seems to be a popular topic of discussion at meetings. Loneliness and depression are cited as difficult problems we alcoholics must contend with at this time of year. Judging from the media, depression at the holidays is a malady not confined to alcoholics, and numerous articles are often found in print media with suggestions on how to handle the holiday time.

I remember my first holiday time in sobriety. It was 1967, and I was young, only six months sober, and scared to death about getting through this time without drinking. Office parties, vendors and suppliers sending bottles of booze as presents, invitations from family members (those who were still speaking to me), and neighborhood gatherings were to be expected. How could I cope with all that alcohol flowing freely?

My friend, Vic, and the other members of the Wednesday night St. David's group were the first to come to my rescue. They reminded me that ANY holiday was simply another 24-hour period and that we do this one day at a time. Vic also strongly suggested, as only he could, that I get to as many meetings as possible over this time period. Finally, I was reminded that I needed to concentrate on being grateful for the blessings of the program I had been freely given. It was enough to get me through.

Since then, I have come to realize that we have a multitude of tools available to us to cope with the depression, loneliness, and fear we experience, not only during the holidays, but all through the year.

There is, of course, the fellowship of other sober members of the program. Several groups that have permanent meeting sites stay open 24 hours a day all through the holidays.

Additionally, there are usually social gatherings of sober AAs having open house parties, groups sponsoring dances, and other opportunities to be surrounded by sober members of AA.

Finally, this time of year also gives us a chance to do some twelfth-step work, since lonely and depressed active alcoholics may be at last ready to hear the marvelous message of Alcoholics Anonymous and our program of recovery — one day at a time!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**Mon. Night**

**Lorain**

**7:30 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church

5100 Ashland Ave.

7th. Pat W.

14th. Debbie M.

21st. Clyde

28th. Antonio

**LaPorte**

**Tues. Group**

**8:00 PM**

301 Washington Ave.

1st. Frank B.

8th. Lin Y.

15th. Sober

Alcoholic

22nd. Stacey L.

29th. Tonia E.

**Mid- Night**

**Elyria Group**

**Sat. 12:00 PM**

4th & Middle Ave.

5th. Dave B.

12th George K.

19th. A.I.C.

(free dinner)

26th Greg M.

**Fri. Night**

**Amherst**

**7:30 PM**

Church of the Nazarene

Cooper Foster Park Rd.

4th Ken B.

11th Carol R.

18th Sober Alcoholic

25th Bob R.

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**Elyria New Way of**

**Life**

**8:00 PM**

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

Winkles & Broad St.

2nd Nikki T.

9th Mark "Spudd" S.

16th Maria M.

23rd Jesse W.

30th. April C.

**Elyria Sunday Night**

**7:30 PM**

St. Jude Church Poplar St.

6th Sybil

13th Amy W.

20th Dave M.

27th Tim C.

**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.

**Meeting Change:** Wellington Monday Night 12x12 Discussion (7:30 p.m.) and Wednesday Morning Discussion (10 a.m.) that met at 133 Bennet St, have both moved to 110 Kelly St, Wellington.

**Friday Night Lagrange Sobriety** will NOT be having a meeting on Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, or on Friday, Jan 1, New Years Day, due to the bank being closed for the holidays.

**Meeting Change:** Spencer Under Construction is moving to Spencer United Methodist Church. 201 E.Main St. (St Rt 162), Spencer. Starting 1st Thursday in December, 12/3.

**Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle**

Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET . Be A Winner.

This month's 50/50 winner was Wayne W. sold by Smiley Joe.

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.  
--Helen Keller*

**Concepts 12:** The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. Tradition, taking care that it never becomes the perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

**Step 12:** Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**Promise 12:** We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

**Tradition 12:** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

To Lorain County AA's: Bill A and Debbie H would like to thank all for prayers, support and cards received over the last few months.

**Young People's Committee** is in need of support. There will be an open committee meeting on Dec. 13 for anyone who would like to see how the committee works or to get active. Please contact John Flores at (440) 308-5421 for information or questions.

\*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Vicki T. 440 225-1314, Jim Parks 440 385-5687, Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280, Opal A. 440 670-6619, Donna L. 440 574-3464, Amy D. 440 714-7444, via: Call, email or leave the information at the Inter-Group Office before the 25th. of each month.

## **Anniversary**

• 30 years •  
**December 7th**  
**Monday Night**

### **Lorain**

7:30 p.m.  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
5100 Ashland Ave.  
Lead: Pat W.

- Door Prizes • Pizza •
- Cake •
- Fellowship •
- 50/50 Raffle •

## **Easy Does It**

Come Watch  
**Browns vs. Steelers**  
ARID Fellowship Club  
Dec. 10  
8:00 pm

Food available to purchase  
Bring a covered dish to share

### **Phone Line Report:**

#### **Month of October, 2009**

12 Step Calls.....	6
Sponsorship.....	1
Al-A-Non.....	7
Meeting Info.....	138
General Info.....	92
Phone Service.....	82
Total:.....	326



## **Anniversary**

• 20 years •  
**December 9th**  
**Stepping Into**

### **Sobriety**

**The Nord Center**

6:30 p.m.

- Pizza •
- Pop •
- Cake •

### **ARID Fellowship Club**

Will be Open from Dec. 31st  
at 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on  
Jan. 3rd  
Bring in the New Year with  
a  
Traditional Pork Dinner &  
Dance  
Tickets \$6.00 person/\$10.00  
couple

## **Gratitude Dinner** **ARID Fellowship Club**

1741 N. Ridge Rd.  
Sheffield Township  
December 26, 2009

6:00 pm - Dinner

7:00 - Clyde's 34th  
anniversary lead

### **Dance to Follow**

Tickets \$3.00 person/\$5.00  
couple

### **ARID Fellowship Club**

Will be Open from Dec.  
24th at 11:00 a.m.-  
Midnight on Sun. Dec.  
27th  
• Food •  
• Fellowship •  
Food Donations  
Appreciated Now through  
the Holidays

## **2009 Children's Christmas Party**

### **Schedule of events :**

Sept. 20 -Meeting at Central Office 12:00 pm  
Oct. 18 - Meeting at Central Office 12:00 pm  
Nov. 22 -Return raffle tickets and money to Central Office  
12:00 pm  
Nov. 29 -Last day ticket request form returned to Troy  
Dec. 4-Dance at St.Anthony  
Dec. 6 -Pick up children's tickets after Central Office meeting  
Dec. 6-Go to Sam's Club  
Dec. 13-Stocking stuffing 1:00 pm , 15704 Trinter, Vermilion  
,OH.  
Dec. 15-Order pizza

### **Dec.20-Christmas party**

9:00 am -15704 Trinter for transporting  
10:45 am -Set up at St. John's Hall  
12:00 pm-Costume people at hall  
1:00 pm-Party starts  
4:00 pm- Clean up starts  
5:00 pm-Transport stuff back to 15704 Trinter

## **Survivors List:**

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

### **Lorain Consolidated**

**Sunday 2:30 PM**

710 Broadway Ave. Lorain

### **Serenity Hall**

### **"The Gould"**

**Sat.8:30pm**

710 Broadway Ave. Lorain

### **St Agnes Thurs. Gp.**

**Thurs. 8:00 PM**

St. John's Luthern Church

W. River Road

### **St. Anthony's**

### **Fri. Nite**

1305 E. Erie Ave.

Lorain

### **Friday Night Faith**

**Fri. 11:00 PM**

### **Monday Night Big Book**

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

### **Sat. Young Person's**

### **Group**

**Sat. 2:00 PM**

### **Sun. Night Serenity**

**Sun. 8:00 PM**

Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd.,

Sheffield Township

### **We Need Your Help!!**

**Don't let them Close**

### **HELP SUPPORT**

**THE GROUPS.**

### **• December Anniversary •**

- 2nd. James M. 1 yr.
- 3rd. Rachel W. 3 yrs.
- 6th George K. 1 yr.
- 8th. Carlos V. 28 yrs.
- 9th. Mark McC. 25 yrs.
- 11th. Bill C. 50 yrs.
- 14th. Charles S. 2 yr.
- 27th. Lisa P. 7 yrs.
- 27th. Maria M. 5 yrs.
- 31st. Jim Banks. 22 yrs.

It's a lot easier to stay sober than to get sober.

**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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Jim Parks.....440 385-5687

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Mike.....440 670-9910

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**Cooperation with the Professionals Committee**

Alan Revercomb .....440 541-2473

**Correctional Committee**

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**Archives Committee**

Linda S. ....440 240-1189

**Young Peoples Committee**

John Flores.....440 308-5421

**Treatment Facilities Committee**

Edwin Torres.....440 989-0362

**Picnic Committee**

Sue Prosser.....440 309-0491

**Finance Committee**

Mark Potter.....440 452-5946

**Pig Roast Committee**

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

**Special Needs Committee**

Yolanda A. ....440 541-4843

**Memorial Day Breakfast Committee**

Terry Poznako.....440 225-6897

**Grapevine Committee**

Linda S. ....440 240-1189

Coretta Farley .....440 308-1714

**District Committee**

District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield,

Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton

DCM. James Barker.....440 233-4992

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

DCM. Yolanda A. ....440 541-4843

District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)

DCM. Judy Sexton. ....440 322-2619

District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM. Kevin Snodgrass .....440 241-7166

District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm

Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst,

Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Tnsp., Pittsfield Tnsp.,

Brighton Tnsp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM. Donna L. ....440 574-3464

Alt. DCM. Patti R. ....440-284-6677

**Financial Report**

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the Month of October, 2009.

**Expenses**

1.Rent	\$ 650.00
2.Columbia Gas	\$ 201.00
3.All Service Telephone Answering	\$ 147.47
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$ 175.36
5. Time Warner	\$ 91.06
6. House Managers	\$1417.77
7. Pay Cor Fees	\$ 64.57
8. Live Wire Printing	\$ 69.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$ 19.46
10. Donation to the General Service	\$ 800.00

Office in New York

**Donations/Rents**

1.....	\$100.00
2.....	\$1,691.95
3.....	\$331.52
4.....	\$265.20
5.....	\$741.20

**3129.87**

**\$3,635.69**

**Rents:**

**Month of October, 2009**

1. Blue Monday
2. Friday Morning Survivor
3. Lorain Consolidated
4. Serenity Hall
5. Sharing Our Sobriety
6. Spanish American
7. Strength In Sobriety
8. Tuesday Night Central
9. Unity Hall Discussion

**Month of October, 2009**

Donations/Rents	\$3,129.87
Coca Cola Sales	\$29.73
Total Income	\$3,159.60
Expenses	\$3,635.69

**Total Loss October, 2009 - \$476.09**

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](http://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          | 18. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle   |
| 2. Amherst Who Me                  | 19. Lorain Wednesday Group            |
| 3 Anonymous                        | 20. Memorial for Lorie Caire          |
| 4. Back to Basics Discussion       | 21. Mid Week Morning Discussion       |
| 5. Blue Monday                     | 22. Monday Night 12x12 Discussion     |
| 6. Clean and Sober                 | 23. Monday Night Lorain               |
| 7. Early Morning Discussion        | 24. North Ridgeville Men's            |
| 8. Elyria Men's Stag               | 25. Oberlin Breakfast Group           |
| 9. Elyria Monday Closed Discussion | 26. Oberlin Group                     |
| 10. Elyria Sunday Night Group      | 27. Memorial for Peter Celik          |
| 11. Elyria Women's Discussion      | 28. S.I.O.G.A.                        |
| 12. Friday Morning Survivor        | 29. Saturday Morning Discussion       |
| 13. Friday Night Amherst           | 30. Serenity Hall                     |
| 14. Friday Night Sobriety          | 31. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 15. Grafton Wednesday Night        | 32. St. Anthony's Friday Night        |
| 16.. Lagrange Monday Night         | 33. Vermilion Tuesday Night Group     |
| 17. Laporte Tuesday Group          | 34. Wellington Group                  |

**Board Of Directors**

Chairperson	Troy Smith.....365-9018
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	Tom Niemiec.....258-7286
	Keith Shagie.....258-1159

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Tom Ortiz.....	315-8600
Tom Banks.....	309-3226
Bill Jackson.....	935-3251
Terri Poznako.....	225-6897
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