

AA Unity LiveWire AA

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2007

A New Year's Message. It Works!

NOTHING is so brittle as a New Year's resolution, unless it be a glass crutch.

Most New Year's resolutions shatter within a few days. Then their broken pieces lie around, as sharp as needles, remindful of failure until the skin, or the conscience, has again become calloused. What, in fact, is so rare as an unbroken New Year's resolution in June?

Yet, we in particular, were among the most prolific New Year's resolution makers. We turned them out on a mass production scale. All through the year we stored up our awareness of personal deficiencies and faults, planning to correct them all in one vast wash of resolutions. Do it all at once, we said, with splendid optimism. Easy does it, in reverse.

OF course, it probably is better to have one day or a few days of high resolution than none at all, but how much more practical if the purpose behind the New Year's resolution is built into daily life. How much easier it is to correct the deficiencies and the faults one by one as we go along day by day, than to try to level a mountain in one stroke.

The kindness and the realism of the A.A. approach to the task of self-improvement offer more hope of success than the high resolution sworn to once a year. At least they have offered more hope and yielded more success for many.

There are, to be sure, other ways, and, of course, some New Year's resolutions do endure. But the inventory that is taken more often than annually and the resolution that is formed at the beginning and the close of each 24 hours have worked convincingly for many and will continue to work for many more.

The new hope that comes from this overwhelming evidence of a new approach to an old and deadly trouble is the offer of the New Year, of each New Year. "It works!" is the electrifying promise that we can give to others.

IF there has to be a resolution today, let it be that we will offer those two words fraught with the ringing message that has been proven over and over. "It works!" They offer a new year to any who are still burdened with the past. They bring a new year whenever and wherever they are accepted. Today is the day, any day and every day, to try the new way. Today, "It works!" Tomorrow, "It works!"

Through the 13 years of A.A., people have been doubting those words at first, testing them skeptically, and finally coming to believe them. Perhaps the message they speak makes the best resolution of all.

THE A.A. who knows that "it works" needs no ceremony to remind him. His day of high resolution came the moment he took the 1st Step. His New Year began then and continues as long as he follows the new way that others have blazed. His New Year's resolutions are forged and strengthened day by day. Where the glass crutch was brittle and shattered easily, he now has at hand a staff stronger than steel. He has faith built upon proof that, "It works."

(T.D.Y. AA Grapevine January 1949 Vol. 5 No. 8)

C H A N G E D = Choosing Humility Allows New Growth Each Day.

Prayer for the Day: I pray that I may gladly serve others out of deep gratitude for what I have received. I pray that I may keep a deep sense of Obligation.

During this holiday season, a time to be with family and friends, we give thanks for the healing power of love and sobriety in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Elyria Sun.
Night
7:30 PM

St. Jude's School
594 Poplar St.
Elyria (NS)
8th. Christine M.
14th. Tom B.
21st. Bud Y.
28th. Scott P.

Mon. Night
Lorain
7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.
Lorain (NS)
1st. Anonymous
8th. Nikki L.
15th. Richard B.
22nd. Lorrie C.
29th. Ellen B.

Fri. Night
Faith Group
11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.
Sheffield (NS)
5th. Amy B.
12th. LaPhenie
19th Jim Banks
26th. Louis K.

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. (**Feb. 4th., 2007**)

The Lorain Central Office 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, Get Active) (**Feb. 4th., 2007**)

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the **3rd. Thursday** of the month, at the **Central Office**. (**Jan. 15th., 2006**)

Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Rich Buckosh \$106.50. Just another way you can **Help support the Central Office**. Buy a **TICKET** from any **Advisory Board Member**.

Have You Visited the Lorain County website???

Lorain County AA has its own website it started on Nov. 1, 2006. The address is aaloraincounty.org check it out. **Mike Smeck is our Webmaster**, he has done a wonderful job, but he would like your input so check out the web site and let him know how you like it, send messages to WebMaster@aaloraincounty.org Meeting schedule, calendar, other AA web sites, and much more. Come Visit **Your Site!**

Thought For the Day:

The **A.A. program** is a way of life. It's a way of living and we have to live the program if we're going to stay sober. The twelve steps in the **Big Book** are like guidepost. They point the direction in which we have to go. But all members of the group have to find their own best way to live the program. We don't all do it exactly alike. Whether by quiet times in the morning, meetings, working with others, or spreading the word, we have to learn to live the Program.

• *The Word of God Is Power Over Fear* •
A B C = Acceptance, Belief, Change.

Concepts 1: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable.

Promise 1: We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. Unity.

“Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do!”

Amherst Sat.
Group
8:00 PM

Church of the Nazarene
210 Cooper-Foster Rd.
Amherst (NS)
6th. Mike W.
13th. Ed F.
20th. Edwin T.
27th. Mary Lou

Mid- Night

Elyria Group
Sat. 12:00 PM

St Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
Elyria (NS)
6th. Pat West
13th. Bruce B.
20th. Ask-it-Basket
27th. Ron R.

A Prayer from one who is willing, but does not yet believe:

I want desperately to refrain from using alcohol and drugs. I am willing to follow the path taken by those who are already sober. They say I must come to believe in a Spiritual Power. I would like to do that. So, here I go.....Dear Spirit, It is not for me to say there is no God, but I do not know of your existence. Please reveal yourself to me. I do not know your name. Please tell me what to call You. I do not know your nature. Please help me to not worry about that right now. I do not know your church. Please help me not to be concerned with theology until, if ever, You think it is important to me. I do not know how to pray. Please teach me. I ask that my prejudice about things spiritual be removed. I ask that I be willing to be willing to accept the reality that is You. Help me to learn from those who already know You. Above all, though, at this time, keep me sober. May this beginning be the beginning of my knowing You. Help me to be willing always to see and know You. Let me see Your works. Let me be open to Your working within me. I invite You to be alive within me. Please show me Your path for me. Please help me to climb onto Your path. Please turn me in the right direction, and Please prod me gently to move toward You. Help me to pray better next time, and Let that be soon. Thank You.

(Staying sober with the Big Book Bunch at)
<http://www.sober.org>

• *List Your Anniversaries* •
Jan.4th. Hal Schichtel 24yrs.
Jan.9th. Linda Sexton 10yrs.
Jan.10th. Ken Cain 11yrs
Jan.16th. Kevin Sexton 15yrs.
Jan.24th. Mark Weaver 19yrs.
Jan.29th. Don Findley 24yrs.

"We Agnostic's" Video Tape

by **Bill Findley**
as the reader and narrator.

January 14, 2007
at 11 a.m..

577 Broadway Ave.

Come join us, as we go
over this Chapter of the
Big Book.

Sponsored by the Lorain
Multi-District

Building a Foundation in **the New Year Workshop** **January 6th.,2007**

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
523 E. Broad St. Elyria
12:00 Noon Til

(Lunch & Beverages Included)

Contact:

Katie or Fred Ings 440 452-8948
Bring Your Big Book and 12 & 12
\$5.00 donation
(Scholarship Available)

Important Notice: The Lorain Central Office, is having a survey, on the Office hours of the Central Office Literature Department. Presently the Office hours are 9 a.m.. to 5 p.m.. Monday thru Friday. We would like your input on evening hours one or two nights a week open till 8 p.m.. Or would you like the Office to be open on Saturdays or Sundays at certain times. Please call one of the Advisory Board members or the Central Office Managers. All numbers are listed in the Livewire. Thank You in advance for your help in this matter.
The Advisory Board

We would like to thank all the Groups that helped to make this years Kids Christmas Party a Success. Thanks to your support we will be able to show our love to the kids once more.

We would also like to thank St. Anthony's Group for another great job on the Dance. It took a lot of work, Thanks! The 50/50 was \$2091, NathaN Mollohan was the lucky winner. The winning ticket was sold by Vicki Stewart.

Thanks to the A.A. Community for all you have done, for buying dance tickets, for buying 50/50 tickets, for volunteering and for just being who you are.

I'm sure that Russ would be proud of the way you all pitched in. We would like to give Russ, Gerry, and the whole Harkins Family our deepest love and appreciation for all they have given to this party, to the kids, to this fellowship and to me. We love you!

With Love,

Brenda,Patti and Troy Smith

We need Members of the A.A. Comunity that have at least Three (3) years of Sobriety and are Interested in Serving on the Central Office Advisory Board to Send a letter explaining why they would like to Serve on the Board to the Central Office at 577 Broadway Ave, Lorain, OH. 44052. Addressed to the Advisory Board.
Thank You, Your Central Office Committee.

The Lorain County Central Office is seeking Group Volunteers to decorate the front windows. (Holiday's and Seasonal displays) Sign-up your group for the New Year 2007 Now. Your chance to be Creative, and service your A.A. Community!!!

"Overheard at a meeting - 'How are you?' 'Probably a lot better than I think'"

When I first heard this, it resonated deep inside. What a perfect and accurate way to answer a question I get asked so many times a day. And isn't it true? Most of the time I walk around with a completely distorted picture of how I'm doing and what's going on in my life. It's often hard to distinguish between my thoughts about my life and the reality of it.

For me, this quote reminds me that my thinking is still driven by the disease of alcoholism. My head rarely tells me the truth; instead it's busy painting dark scenarios and building cases against why and how things won't work out. It's no wonder I drank so much.

One of the gifts of recovery is that I have tools I can use to step outside my thinking. I've recognized now that my disease rarely leads me to anything positive or hopeful, and when I find that it has taken my thoughts down a path I haven't approved, I gently bring it back. Today I only have to clearly look at things as they are - not as I think they are. When I do that, I know the truth - things are a lot better than I think.

(Wisdom of the Rooms <Michaelz@thewisdomoftherooms.com>)

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District #20a Vacant. (All of Elyria City Meetings and Carlisle)

Board Of Directors

Co-Chairperson Terri Poznako.....225-6897
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Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of November, 2006.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1. Rent	\$ 675.00	1.....\$ 811.52
2. Columbia Gas	459.00	2..... 1,648.86
3. All Service Telephone	122.63	3..... 597.22
4. Ohio Edison	145.70	4..... 114.50
5. Century Telephone	92.71	5..... 583.51
6. House Manager's	1,195.33	
7. PayCor Fee	55.47	\$ 3,755.61
8. Live Wire Printing	30.00	
9. Windstream Yellow Pgs.	18.30	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$ 3,755.61
10. Petty Cash	235.00	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 3,132.74
11. Janitor Supplies	103.60	<u>Gain</u> \$ 622.87
	\$ 3,132.74	

Donations for the month of Nov., 2006

When making Donations Please include General Service # and Phone # if you know it, if not look on the internet at aaloraincounty.org under A.A. Meetings, if your group is registered the General Service # will be listed. Thank You!!

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| 1. Tuesday Central | 15. Grafton Wednesday Night |
| 2. Mid Week Morning Disc. | 16. Elyria Friday Night |
| 3. Serenity Hall St. Lad's | 17. Saturday Night Security |
| 4. Streight In Sobriety | 18. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 5. Elyria Sunday Night | 19. Lorain County 50/50 Raffle |
| 6. Wellington Friday | 20. LaGrange Friday Night |
| 7. Oberlin Women's Closed Group | 21. Blue Monday |
| 8. Amherst Who Me | 22. S.I.O.G.A. |
| 9. Amherst Friday Night | 23. S.O.S. Sunday |
| 10. Harbourtown Breakfast | 24. Lorain Industrial |
| 11. Monday Night Lorain | 25. We Care Tuesday Morning |
| 12. Oberlin Group | 26. Vermilion Tues. Morning Disc. |
| 13. Monday Happy Hour | 27. Elyria Men's Stag |
| 14. Alcoholics-R-Us | 28. Vermilion Tuesday Night |

Rents:

for the month of Nov., 2006

1. We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.
2. Strength In Sobriety
3. Monday Happy Hour
4. S.O.S. Sunday
5. Friday Morning Disc.
6. Blue Monday
7. Saturday Morning Disc.
8. Tuesday Night Central

Phone Line Report:

for the month of Dec., 2006

12 Step Calls.... 9
 Sponsorship..... 40
 Al-A-Non..... 89
 Meeting Info.... 3
 General Info..... 3
Total:..... 144

One Day At A Time

The Path to Eternal Life:

Oh Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love, For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born, To eternal life. (St. Francis of Assisi)

*To submit information for the news letter please contact: **Russ Walker** or **Jim Parks** via: **Call**, ***email** or leave the information at the **Central Office** before the **25th.** of each month.