

AA Unity LiveWire AA

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Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

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"First Things First"

"Easy Does It"

Bill W. Tells us what were the conditions that led to the Twelve Traditions?

After the Jack Alexander article was published in 1941 it brought down a deluge on our little New York office of thousands upon thousands of inquiries from frantic alcoholics, their wives, their employers and at that moment we passed out of our infancy and embarked upon our next phase - the phase of adolescence.

Well, adolescence by definition is a troubled time of young life and we were no exception as groups began to take shape all over the land and these groups immediately had trouble. We made the very sad discovery that just because you sobered up a drunk you haven't made a saint out of him by a long shot. We found that we could be bitterly resentful and we discovered that we had a much better booze cure than we thought possible. A lot of us found that we could gripe like thunder and still stay sober. We found that we were in all sorts of petty struggles for leadership and prestige. A lot of us were very suspicious of the Book enterprise in the hands of that fellow Wilson who has a truck backed up to Mr. Rockefeller who has all the dough. And we began to have all sorts of troubles.

Money had entered the picture - it had to. We had to hire halls that didn't come for nothing, the book cost something, we had dinners once in a while. Yes, money came into it.

Then we found little by little that the groups had to have chores done. Who was going to be the Chairman, would we hand pick him or elect him or what? You know what those troubles were and they became so fearsome that we went through another period of flying blind. The first period of flying blind you remember had to do with whether the individual could be restored into one piece, whether the forces of destruction in him could be contained and subdued. Now, we were beginning to wonder in the early part of our adolescence, whether the destructive forces in our groups would rend us apart and destroy the society. Ah, those were fearsome days.

Our little New York office began to be deluged with mail from these groups, growing up at distances and not in contact with our old centers and they were having these troubles: There were people coming out of the insane asylums. Lord, what would these lunatics do to us? There were prisoners, would we be sand-bagged? There were queer people. There were people, believe it or not, whose morals were bad and the respectable alcoholics of that time shook their heads and said, "surely these immoral people are going to render us asunder." Little Red Riding Hood and the bad wolves began to abound. Ah yes, could our society last?

It kept growing, more groups, more members. Sometimes the groups divided because the leaders were mad at each other and sometimes they divided because they were just too big. But by a process of fission and sub-division this movement grew and grew and grew. Ten years later it had spread into thirty countries.

Out of that vast welter of experience in our adolescence it began to be evident that we were going to take very different attitudes towards many things than our fellow Americans. We were deeply convinced for example, that the survival of the whole was far more important than the survival of any individual or group of individuals. This was a thing far bigger than any one of us. We began to suspect that once a mass of alcoholics were adhering even halfway to the Twelve Steps, that God could speak in their Group conscience and up out of that Group conscience could come a wisdom greater than any inspired leadership.

In the early days we all had membership rules. Where have they gone now? We're not afraid anymore.

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June Easy Does it 2007

Mon. Night
Lorain
7:30 PM
 Zion Lutheran Church
 5100 Ashland Ave.
4th. Patty N.
11th. Brian A.
18th. Dave M.
25th. Jerry G.

Grafton
Wed. Night
8:30 PM
 Grafton Fire Station
 1050 Novak Rd.
6th. Jimmy K.
13th. Roger D.
20th. Barney B.
27th. Tom S.

Lorain Wed.
Group
7:30 PM
 First Lutheran Church
 6th & Washington Ave
6th. Dave P.
13th. Joe H.
20th Bill F.
27th. Denise

Fri. Night
Faith Group
11:00 PM
 1741 N Ridge Rd.
1st. Ed P.
8th. Ask it Basket
15th. C.J.
22nd. Johnny W.
29th. Lorrie S.

Mid- Night
Elyria Group
Sat. 12:00 PM
 St Mary's Church
 4th & Middle Ave.
2nd. Clint B.
9th Paul G.
16th. Larry H.
23rd. Sober AA
30th. Johnie

Oberlin
Breakfast
Sun. 10:00 AM
 Concord Manor
 95 E. Vine St.
3rd. Disc. 6th Step
10th. Don McM.
 (Arizona)
17th Jeff O.
24th. Paulet H.

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) (**July 1st., 2007**)

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the **3rd. Thursday** of the month, at the **Central Office.** (**June 21st., 2007**)

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. (**July 1st., 2007**)

Concepts 6: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Promise 6: That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

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We open our arms wide, we say we don't care who you are, what your difficulties are. You just need say, "I'm an alcoholic and I'm interested." You declare yourself in. Our membership idea is put exactly in reverse.

Years ago we thought this society should go into research and education, to do everything for drunks all the time. We know better now. We have one sole object in this society, we shoemakers are going to stick to our last and we will carry that message to other alcoholics and leave these other matters to the more competent. We will do one thing supremely well rather than many things badly.

And so our Tradition grew. Our Tradition is not American tradition. Take our public relations policy. Why, in America everything runs on big names, advertising people. We are a country devoted to heroism. It is a beloved tradition and yet this movement in the wisdom of it's Group's soul, knew that this was not for us. So our public relations policy is anonymity at the public level. No advertising of people, principles before personalities. Anonymity has a deep spiritual significance - the greatest protection this movement has.

As our society has grown up it has developed its way of life. It's a way of relating ourselves together, it's a way of relating ourselves to these troublesome questions of property, money and prestige and authority and the world at large. The A.A. Tradition developed not because I dictated it but because you people, your experience formed it and I merely set it on paper and tried beginning four years ago (1946) to reflect it back to you. Such were our years of adolescence, and before we leave them I must say that a powerful impetus was given the Traditions by the Gentleman who introduced me. (Earl T.)

One day he came down to Bedford Hills after the long form of the Traditions were written out at some length, because in the office we were forever having to answer questions about Group troubles, so the original Traditions were longer and covered more possibilities of trouble. Earl looked at me rather quizzically and he said "Bill, don't you get it through your thick head that these drunks do not like to read. They will listen for a while but they will not read anything. Now, you want to capsule these Traditions as simply as are the Twelve Steps to Recovery."

So he and I started the capsulizing process, which lasted a day or two and that put the Traditions into their present form. Well, by this time we had a lot of experience on these principles, which we began to think might bind us together in unity for so long as God might need us. And at Cleveland (1950), seven thousand of us did declare "Yes, these are the traditional principles upon which we are willing to stand, upon which we can safely commit ourselves to the future, and so we emerged from adolescence. Again, last year we took destiny by the hand. (Transcribed from tape. Chicago, IL, February 1951).

Elyria Sunday Night Group
St. Jude's
Breakfast in the Park

Join us at
Cascade Park in Elyria
West River Road Entrance

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Lead

Dates:

June 17

July 15, Aug. 19

Breakfast includes:

*Scrambled eggs,
hash brown potatoes,
bacon, sausage, toast, juice,
and coffee.*

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00

25th ANNUAL NEW LONDON
CAMPOUT

In Memory of Morris C. and John O.
When: Thurs. June 21st through
Sun. June 24th, 2007

Where: New London Recreation
Park, New London, Ohio
Grove Street (off State Rt. 60)

- AA Leads and Meetings •
- Old Timers Panel
- 50/50 Raffles •

(All WeekEnd Fun & AA.)

Sat. 3:00 P.M. Pot Luck Dinner

- Bring your favorite dish •

Cost: \$12.00 per unit, per night

For More Info. Call:

- Bas and Judy E. 419-929-0054
- Mary O. 419-668-4122
- Pat M. 440-949-1079

Area 54 Open House
Picnic!!

Sunday June 24th.

Time: 10AM till?

Lead: 5:00PM

Dan F., Bedford, OH

Waddell Park in
Niles, OH

(Large Pavilion on McRoberts Rd.)
Meat & Beverages Provided
Please bring a covered dish to share

• **Swimming** •
• **Games** • **Fellowship**

•• **God Give us Strength To Do Your Will Daily** ••

Celebrate!!

Founders' Day

72nd. Anniversary of

Alcoholics Anonymous

June 8 • 9 • 10, 2007

Akron, OH Birthplace of A.A.

Cost: \$15.00

• **June Anniversaries** •

1st. Orval Conley 39yrs.

3rd. Melani 15yrs.

9th. Tom Coughlin 23yrs.

12th. Larry Henchey 19yrs.

14th. Bob Ponchock 12yrs.

24th. Darrell Campbell 2yrs.

29th. Scott C. 19yrs.

Amherst Sat.

Group

8:00 PM

Church of the Nazarene
210 Cooper-Foster Rd.

2nd. Fred I.

9th. Jim K.

16th. Jerry J.

23rd. Tom S.

30th. Linda H.

AA Thought for the Day: Giving It Away To Keep It
Carrying the message is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives: this is our principle aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action.

We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Bill W., 1951 c. 1998 AAWS, The AA Service Manual, p. s7

Prayer for the Day: I pray that I may see God with eyes of faith. I pray that this seeing will produce a change in my personality.

I met a presidential candidate at a meeting of Alcoholic Anonymous last month if you want to know who he is go to www.voteforjoe.com.

June
17th.
Father's
Day

History of Founders Day for Lorain Newsletter

In the fall of 1941 Cleveland had a "Founder Day" honoring Dr. Bob. In 1942 Bill W. spoke in Cleveland to a large audience. Dr. Bob and an unnamed Cleveland AA also spoke.

Bill's 10th Anniversary talk on June 10th, 1945 at the historic Mayflower Hotel was the precursor of Founders' Days to come. It finished to a weekend gathering in Cleveland. These anniversary meetings continued in Cleveland in '46 and '47, moving to Akron in 1948. In '49 with neither Dr. Bob (his wife Anne had just died) nor Bill W., attended the anniversary meeting.

The International Convention in 1950 preempted this gathering.

Formal Founders' Days didn't resume until 1954, when Bill was again asked to speak. An arrangements committee" was formed in '57 and moved the event in 1958 to the University of Akron where it is still held.

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Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of April, 2007.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>
1.Rent	\$ 675.00	1..... \$1,811.10
2.Columbia Gas	\$ 459.00	2..... \$ 545.57
3.All Service Telephone	\$ 140.88	3..... \$ 282.62
4.Ohio Edison	\$ 182.16	4..... \$ 725.60
5.Century Telephone	\$ 109.07	5..... \$ 0.00
6. House Managers	\$1,321.24	
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$ 53.41	\$3,364.89
8.Louis Stenard Payment	-\$ 100.00	<u>Donations/Rent</u> \$3,364.89
Furnace Repair		<u>Expenses</u> \$3,016.87
9.Windstream Yellow Pages	\$ 18.30	<u>Gain</u> \$348.02
10. Postage	\$ 24.60	
11. Janitor Supplies	\$ 126.85	
12. Office Supplies	\$ 6.36	
	<u>\$3,016.87</u>	

Donations for the month of April, 2007

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. Blue Monday | 17. 12 X 12 Discussion Avon Lake |
| 2. Monday Night 12 X 12 Wellington | 18. Compass House Group |
| 3. Oberlin Women's Closed Group | 19. Oberlin Group |
| 4. Elyria Men's Stag | 20. Thursday Women's Sobriety |
| 5. LaGrange Monday Night | 21. Friday Night Amherst |
| 6. Early Morning Discussion Elyria | 22. Wellington Friday Group |
| 7. We Care Tuesday Morning | 23. Spanish American |
| 8. LaPorte Tuesday Group | 24. Amherst Saturday Group |
| 9. S.I.O.G.A. | 25. New London First Methodist |
| 10. Amherst Who Me | 26. Harbortown Breakfast Group |
| 11. Vermilion Tuesday Night Group | 27. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 12. Mid-Week Morning Discussion | 28. Sunday Night St. Judes Elyria |
| 13. Lorain Wednesday Group | 29. North Ridgeville Men's |
| 14. Grafton Wednesday Night | 30. A La Libertad |
| 15. Carlisle Noon Discussion Group | 31. Anonymous |
| 16. Sisters of Sobriety | 32. Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle |

Rents:

for the month of April, 2007

1. Blue Monday
2. Monday Happy Hour
3. Tuesday We Care
4. Tuesday Night Central
5. Mid Week Morning Discussion
6. Thursday Morning Discussion
7. Friday Men's Discussion
8. Unity Hall Discussion
9. S.O.S Unity

Phone Line Report:

for the month of May, 2007

12 Step Calls.... 22
 Sponsorship..... 9
 Al-A-Non..... 10
 Meeting Info.... 137
 General Info..... 86
Total:..... 264

Tradition 6: An A.A. Group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. Name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Lorain Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Roger Ward; \$92.00, Sold by Smily Joe. Just another way you can Help support the Central Office. Buy a Ticket from any Advisory Board Member.