

# AA Unity LiveWire AA

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## The BIG BOOK BUNCH

ATTENDING A.A. MEETINGS IS GOOD FOR SOBRIETY

<http://sober.org/Meetings.html>

Our Big Book does not encourage "meetings" as a necessary activity to retain sobriety. Of course, there were not that many meetings around in 1939. On the contrary, it emphasizes cleaning house (via the steps), trusting God and working with other alcoholics. But even though "meetings" are not a common word, the Big Book does say:

I know I must get along without liquor, but how can I? Have you a sufficient substitute?" Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus we find the fellowship and so will you. "How is that to come about?" you ask. "Where am I to find these people?" You are going to meet these new friends in your own community. ....Among them you will make lifelong friends. You will be bound to them with new and wonderful ties, for you will escape disaster together and you will commence shoulder to shoulder your common journey. Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life. You will learn the full meaning of "Love thy neighbor as thy self." [Big Book page 152]

Today, in just Los Angeles, there are thousands of meetings a week. Most of us had our first direct encounter with A.A. at an A.A. meeting.

Elsewhere, we (the Big Book Bunch) point out that the A.A. program is like a tripod (or, a three legged bar stool, if that is more familiar) of three essential components:

1. The 12 steps of recovery, which define the "process".
2. A fellowship of recovered alcoholics (meetings are a primary manifestation)
3. The presence and direction of God.

We have put our heads together to figure out just why meetings can and should play an essential part in our recovery and that of newcomers. Here are the primary reasons we identified.

**SANCTUARY.** We rarely encounter demons in A.A. meetings, except, of course, for the ones we bring with us in our heads. We can be free of the pressures of family, work, and the streets for a while.

**ABSTINENCE.** (For at least an hour). We have heard stories about folks who bring a pint with them into a meeting for medication in the rest room, or who tittle from a bottle in the car during the break. None of us have witnessed these foolish actions.

**SOBER COMPANIONS.** Instead of hanging out with the old drinking cronies, we have adopted new associates.

We have in common at least two things: we are alcoholics, and we are recovering from the disease of alcoholism.

**SCHOOLING.** A.A. meetings are like the old country school house. The more advanced students teach the newer ones what they have learned. We have a common text, our Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous (and 12 Steps and 12 Traditions), as well as pamphlets and meeting directories. But, during the meeting our primary means of learning is from the experience of our fellows. We identify. Both their successes and failures are laid out for our inspection. We can adjust our own lives from their experience. It has been said that experience is a dear (expensive) teacher. And it is a fool who learns by no other. We discover we no longer need to be fools.

**EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT.** Our Big Book explains in at least three places that God is to be found deep within ourselves. Whenever two or more persons are gathered for the purposes of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous, the amount of Godness present is multiplied over that within any one individual. If the meeting is one of those which is obviously spiritual, we sense the power of the Spirit. It can be almost electric during the final prayer.

We have all felt this. We cannot get enough

So, there are a few of the reasons to attend A.A. meetings - to get INTO A.A. instead of just ON A.A.

**Monday Night**  
**Lorain**  
7:30 PM  
Zion Lutheran Church  
5100 Ashland Ave.  
Lorain (NS)  
6th. Bob S.  
13th. Eddie F.  
20th. James M.  
27th. Bill W.

**Grafton**  
**Wed. Night**  
8:30 PM  
Grafton Fire Station  
1050 Novak Rd.  
Grafton (S)  
8th. Troy S.  
15th. Charlie P.  
22nd. Mark P.  
29th. Basil E.

**St. Agnes**  
**Thurs. Night**  
8:00 PM  
1714 N. Ridge Rd.  
Sheffield  
Township (NS)  
2nd. Steve S.  
9th. John J.  
16th. Spud  
23rd. Troy S.  
30th. Jim K.

**Friday Night**  
**Sobriety**  
8:00 PM  
First Merit Bank  
106 Center St.  
LaGrange (NS)  
3rd. Mike H.  
10th. Ron R.  
17th. Nora M.  
24th. Abel  
31st. Valarie

**Spanish**  
**American**  
Fri. 8:30 PM  
15th. & Reid Ave.  
Lorain (S)  
3rd. Keith D.  
10th. Bob K.  
17th. Edwin T.  
24th. Johnny C.  
31st. Charlie P.

**Mid-Night**  
**Elvria Group**  
Sat. 12:00 PM  
St Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.  
Elvria (NS)  
4th. Jim Banks  
11th. Bob S.  
18th. Jeff W.  
25th. Louis K.

**Oberlin**  
**Breakfast**  
**Group**  
Sun. 8:00 PM  
Masonic Temple  
S. Pleasant & Vine St.  
Oberlin (NS)  
5th. 3rd Step Disc.  
12th. Tommy O.  
19th. Leon H.  
26th. Bill G.

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ACCEPTANCE

**Anniversary**  
• 22 years •  
**March 12th.**  
**North Ridgville**  
**Men's**  
**7:30 PM**  
First Merit Bank  
35621 Center Ridge Rd.  
**Lead: Bob Z.**  
• Door Prizes •  
• Pizza & Cake •

*The Lorain Central Office and the A.A. Fellowship would like to welcome Sam Hensley to Office Manager replacing Charlie Crawford*

• List Your •  
Group Anniversaries • Leads • Special Events  
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*The 2nd. Annual*  
**Pajama Meeting**  
**April 8th.**  
**Mid-Night Elvria**  
**Group**  
Sat. 12:00 PM  
St Mary's Church  
4th & Middle Ave.  
Lead: Donna Mc.  
• Door Prizes •  
• Pizza & Cake •

**April Fools**  
**Dance**  
**St. Anthony's Social**  
**Hall**  
7:PM Til Mid-Night  
1305 E. Eria Ave., Lorain  
**March 12th.**  
Donations; \$5.00  
*Proceeds benefit Compass House*

**TO ALL GROUPS:** Please notify Lorain County Central Office of Any Changes concerning your **GROUP** by phone or mail. It is so necessary for **YOUR** Central Office to have correct Information to **Print Schedules** and give out **Information** to others needing **HELP**. Thank You!!

**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 2006 Now. *Your chance to be Creative!!!*

The Lorain County Central Office has the **NEW Schedules** available. **February 2006** hot off the press. There has been a lot of changes over the past few months. Please get them now for your **Groups** distribution. Thank You!!

**MOVED TO:**  
**Oberlin Breakfast Group** (O) Sun., 10 AM Concord Manor 95 E. Vine St., Oberlin (NS)  
**Serenity Hall Group** (O) Sat., 7:00 PM St Ladislaus Church 1412 29th. St. & Wood Ave., Lorain (NS)  
**Rainbow Group** (O) Mon., 7:30 PM St Ladislaus Church 1412 29th. St. & Wood Ave., Lorain (NS)  
**Sheffield Lake Wed. Night** (O) Tues., 8:00 PM Tennyson School, 555 Kenilworth (NS)  
**NEW MEETINGS**  
**Women's Discussion Group** (CW) Wed., 5:00 PM Arid Club, 1741 N. Ridge Rd. E., Lorain, (NS) Wheelchair Accessible  
**Thursday Sobriety** (O) Thur., 8:00 PM 577 Broadway Ave., Lorain (S)  
**NEW TIME CHANGE:**  
**Amherst Sat. Group** (O) Sat., 8:00 PM Amhurst Church of the Nazarene, 210 Cooper-Foster Rd., Amherst (NS)  
**Vermillion 12x12 Discussion** (O) Fri., 8:00 PM 990 State St., Rt. 60, Vermillion (NS)  
**NAME CHANGE:**  
**Sunday Night Acceptance Big Book Disc.** (C-M) Sun., 7:00 PM St. Ladislaus 1412 29th St. & Wood Ave., Lorain (S)

You are embarking on a phase that will produce a long-awaited breakthrough, but it will require a certain level of unselfishness. Be sensitive to the moving of My Spirit in your circumstances. And, be sure make choices that are basically motivated by an attitude of generosity. Refuse to take advantage of another person or elevate yourself by putting someone else at a disadvantage.

**Concepts 3:** To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.-- the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives-- with a traditional "Right of Decision."

**Step 3:** Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.

**Promise 3:** We will comprehend the word serenity.

**Tradition 3:** The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.



## Committee Chairs

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*Help Needed*

## Board of Directors

|                 |                     |          |
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| Co-Chairperson  | Terri Poznako.....  | 225-6897 |
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\*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Russ Walker or Jim Parks via: \*email or leave the information at the Central Office before the 26th. of each month.

## Financial Report

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

| <b>Expenses</b>               |                    | <b>Donations</b>             |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Rent                       | \$ 650.00          | 1.....576.23                 |
| 2. All Service Telephone      | 115.13             | 2.....402.93                 |
| 3. Columbia Gas               | 312.00             | 3.....527.00                 |
| 4. Ohio Edison                | 153.92             | 4.....436.35                 |
| 5. Century Telephone          | 125.57             |                              |
| 6. House Manager's            | 1,196.46           | \$ 1,942.51                  |
| 7. Petty Cash                 | 65.00              |                              |
| 8. Janitorial Supplies        | 95.70              |                              |
| 9. Liability Insurance        | 1,000.00           |                              |
| 10. Live Wire Printing        | 35.00              | <b>Donations</b> \$ 1,942.51 |
| 11. Alltel Pub.Yellow Pgs.    | 36.87              | <b>Expenses</b> \$ 3,935.69  |
| 12. Abco Fire Protection      | 46.00              | <b>Loss</b> \$ -1,993.18     |
| 13. Carbon Monoxide Detectors | 104.04             |                              |
|                               | <b>\$ 3,935.69</b> |                              |

## Donations for the month of January 2006

Please include General Service # if you know it, and Phone # with your donations. Thank You!!

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Tuesday Lorain Central           | 19. As Bill Sees It             |
| 2. Strength In Sobriety             | 20. Friday Night Amherst        |
| 3. Happy Hour                       | 21. Saturday Night Security     |
| 4. LaPorte Tuesday Group            | 22. C.O. 50/50 Raffle           |
| 5. Blue Monday                      | 23. Grafton Wednesday Night     |
| 6. Wellington Thursday Night        | 24. Elyria Friday Night         |
| 7. Wellington Friday Night          | 25. Grafton Wednesday           |
| 8. Compass Group                    | 26. Thursday Turning Point      |
| 9. Tuesday Lorain Central           | 27. Compass Group               |
| 10. Wellington Big Book Study       | 28. Amherst Saturday Night      |
| 11. Thursday Night Turning Point    | 29. Thursday Womens Discussion  |
| 12. Rainbow Group                   | 30. Tuesday Night Central       |
| 13. Thursday St. Agnes              | 31. S.I.O.G.A.                  |
| 14. St. Lad's Saturday Night        | 32. Saturday Serenity St. Lad's |
| 15. Oberlin Breakfast Group         | 33. Thursday Turning Point      |
| 16. Serenity Hall St. Lad's         | 34. Monday Night Lorain         |
| 17. Oberlin Group Thursday Night    | 35. Anonymus                    |
| 18. Oberlin Tuesday Noon Discussion |                                 |

### Phone Line Report:

for the month of Feb., 2006

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| 12 Step Calls....  | 27         |
| Sponsorship.....   | 6          |
| Al-A-Non.....      | 5          |
| Meeting Info....   | 107        |
| General Info.....  | 54         |
| <b>Total:.....</b> | <b>199</b> |

*In  
God  
We  
Trust*

### Rents:

for the month of Jan., 2006

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| 1. Tuesday We Care        |
| 2. Strength In Sobriety   |
| 3. Happy Hour             |
| 4. Blue Monday            |
| 5. Mid Week Morn. Disc.   |
| 6. Friday Morn. Survivors |

*• Easy Does It •*

January's Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Rick Houdeshell \$72.00

Any of the Groups that have Moved, or have become Inactive in the last year should contact the Central Office and **Fill Out a Group Change Form**. Or come to the Multi-District meeting at **11 AM (April 2nd., 2006)** or the Central Office meeting at **12:30 PM.** that same day and we will help you fill out the **Form**.  
*Please Be responsible Members of Aloholic Anonymous:*