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My Easter Celebration

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TODAY is Good Friday, the day my Savior went to the cross to die for my sins. That's my religious faith and it's as sacred and personal as my own private life. But religion isn't AA and AA isn't religion. I've had the same religious belief for as long as I can remember but I didn't stay sober. In fact, Easter was one of the times I was certain to drink. It's a long holiday weekend, and it called for a celebration. Getting drunk was my way of celebrating anything.

Today Easter has a special significance for me. It calls for a very special celebration. In humble gratitude I think of my own rebirth, brought about through AA and faith in a Higher Power. Before AA I didn't care about anyone, not even myself. Today I care very much what happens to *you* and when you're troubled I wonder if I can help, because I love you. This is my spiritual faith, and I think it's very much AA.

What I was like is pretty well answered in the beginning of this story. Everything good, bad or indifferent called for a celebration and my way of celebrating was to get 'drunk. I loathed myself; I couldn't care about anyone else. I had little or no control over myself when drinking; I was afraid to drink unless my husband was with me. He'd noticed my lack of control when we were married fifteen years before and had extracted a promise from me that I'd drink only if he was with me. I thought it was pretty nice of me to be so faithful. But I nagged and argued all the time we were together if we didn't have something to drink. I was twice as bad if we did and he thought we'd had enough.

That awful thirst! God keep me from the first one that starts it. Never did I stop unless I was

forced to. I never went into bars alone so I didn't have to pick up men to buy drinks for me. But I'm an alcoholic; I had to drink, and I was getting progressively worse. I'd reached a point where I needed a drink when I was alone in the evening (although I still told my husband about it). And even though I hadn't yet picked up any men, I remember sitting in a bar in Anchorage, Alaska, kissing some guy in an Air Force uniform. I don't even know what he looked like but I do remember the expression in my husband's eyes when he came over to say we were going home. My husband didn't look angry, just very sad; I was so ashamed, and thought I must be going crazy.

A woman I know left her husband after she got sober because she said she couldn't respect a man who would take what he had. She thought he was gutless, but I think it takes tremendous courage to stand patiently aside while the woman you love kisses drunken strangers, always hoping for the day when she'll be normal again. My husband understood better than I how sick I was; I hope I never forget to be grateful. I blamed him for my drinking when actually he was my only control, and that control seemed to be slipping awfully fast. I suddenly seemed to be on a toboggan-slide and couldn't get off.

I was a completely confused alkie and for years I'd been afraid my husband would leave me because of my drinking. When the time came that I called AA for help I was afraid he'd leave me because I couldn't drink with him. But I wanted sobriety so badly I was willing to take that chance; of course when I told him what I'd done he was
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MIDNIGHT
ELYRIA GROUP

St. Mary's
4th & Middle
Saturday 12:00

- 04/03 Open Podium
- 04/10 Quinn A.
- 04/17 Tim M.
- 04/24 Christine T:
35th Anniversary
Snack Nite

BRING YOUR MASK

SUGGESTED
AA Group Contributions:

50% Lorain Inter-Group Office

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

25% The General Service Office

P.O. Box 459, Central Station
New York, NY 10163-0459
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15% NE Ohio General Service

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P.O. Box 91384,
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APRIL
Anniversaries

- 04/01 Renee S. 16 yrs.
- 04/04 Steve E. 2 yrs.
- 04/08 Jenny O. 27 yrs.
- 04/09 Steve R. 16 yrs.
- 04/12 Rachele B. 6 yrs.
- 04/14 Caitlyn B. 5 yrs.
- 04/15 Bobbi M. 21 yrs.
- 04/15 Tim P. 18 yrs.
- 04/17 Trini M. 13 yrs.
- 04/19 Pat C. 25 yrs.
- 04/21 Joe M. 38 yrs.
- 04/24 Vicky F. 40 yrs.
- 04/24 Christine T. 35 yrs.
- 04/24 Layman C.(Pyro)20 yrs.
- 04/25 Stanley W. 4 yrs.
- 04/27 Joe C. 27 yrs.
- 04/30 Tim M. 42 yrs.
- 04/30 Father Steve 13 yrs.

If you would like your anniversary printed in the LiveWire, please choose one of the following ways
By the 20th of the previous month

email to:
unitylivewire@gmail.com

Call (440)574-0143
and leave a voicemail

Call Bobbi M. at
(440)537-4280

MONTHLY
BUSINESS MEETINGS

HAVE REOPENED

First Sunday of Each Month

Lorain County Multi-District
@10:30am

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting
Be the voice of your HomeGroup
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Lorain Inter-Group
@ 12:30 p.m.

ALL members are invited to participate

HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE

EMH & MERCY HOSPITAL

(Behavioral Health Unit)
Sunday at 4:00PM
Wednesday at 7:00PM

Must have 2 years of sobriety per hospital guidelines

ClearVista Behavioral Health

3364 Kolbe Road, Lorain
Sunday at 8:00PM

CALL Tamara SR
440-670-8888

When making any donation: PLEASE identify yourself by placing the group's General Service #, District # and Area 54 on all donations. Your General Service # can be found in the meeting schedule or on the internet at aalorain.org under A.A. Meetings. Your District # is on the back page of the LiveWire. If you don't have a General Service number attached to your group, please contact your DCM listed on the back page of the LiveWire & they will register your Group OR ATTEND a monthly Multi-District meeting.



If your meeting has reopened,
please notify Central Office
so it can be added to the website again.
AND notify the LiveWire and it will appear here.



LORAIN COUNTY INTER-GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS **IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS and LITERATURE SALES**

Central Office has **OPENED** meetings again at their location.
Please keep watching the website for updates

Visitors should conduct themselves as they would in any public place.
We ask that masks be worn.

We are following all State mandates regarding group dynamics.

April is National Alcohol Awareness Month

Every April the **National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)** sponsors Alcohol Awareness Month to increase awareness and understanding of the causes and treatment of the nation's #1 public health problem: alcoholism. The theme this year is "Changing Attitudes: It's not a 'rite of passage.'" The target audience: youth and their parents.

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delighted, and has never ceased to help and encourage me.

So you see it was only by the Grace of God that I found AA and sobriety. Only my Higher Power can keep me sober even though I'm the only one who can make me drink. For many years I'd prayed that if God would just take away the desire to drink, give me the strength to say "no," I could manage everything else. And it didn't work, I still drank. But when I could say, "Just show me the way, I can't take any more," I was free.

That's what I was like and that's what happened. What am I like now? I'm alive and free and I've learned to love. I look at this beautiful earth and give thanks for the privilege of spending some time on it. I have no serious problems because I give them to my Higher Power and I *don't* have to drink.

Lorain County AA meetings, times & locations can be found on our new website aalorain.org

