

Lorain Inter-Group Office
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~ UNITY LIVEWIRE ~
'A SOBER PUBLICATION'
July - 2021

Monday thru Saturday
10:00AM - 2:00PM

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*"The Rose" July 1991 AA Grapevine Story from the Publication "Step by Step:
Real AAs, Real Recovery"*

In January, I celebrated my seventh birthday in AA. As I look back over the year, I realize it was the very best year ever in my sobriety, for it was linked inextricably with the Seventh Step and the absolute necessity for me to keep on changing. As Dr. Silkworth states in the Big Book, unless the alcoholic can "experience an entire psychic change there is very little hope of his recovery." Frequently last year, I was confronted with yet another painful defect.

At first, I did what I usually do at such times. I tried to rationalize the defect away, then tried to blame it on somebody else, and finally began to say to myself, "This I shall never give up." That's when I knew I was in real trouble. At about this time, I went to a meeting that was on exactly what I needed to hear- Step Seven. As I listed to my friends share their practical experience with this step, I became increasingly aware that I didn't want to give up this particular defect because I was afraid- afraid of what might become of me, afraid of what God might change me into. What if I didn't like it? As I heard one of my friends refer to the "psychic change" my fear and defiance increased. But I began to listen more carefully.

When my turn came to talk, I found myself sharing with the group my first real understanding of the Seventh Step. It had occurred to me during my third year of sobriety. I had been figuring out Steps Six and Seven and working hard on them for over a year and had gotten absolutely nowhere. My sponsor, realizing that I was stuck, asked me to speak on these Steps at a Friday night meeting. I spend the rest of that week in a state of semi-panic, realizing that I knew all of the words but had been unable to practice the Steps due to my inordinate fear of change.

Early Friday morning when I arrived at the high school where I taught, I was met at the back door by two boys who were in my 11th grade class. They were both grinning from ear to ear with a great surprise they had planned. All of my students had been attending an arts festival that week and were enjoying the challenge of finding a "poem" to bring back to English in order to earn extra credit, I had received all sorts of "poems" – from weeds and wild flowers to a sublime strawberry crepe, whipped cream and all! These two students were eager to walk me to class to show me their "poem" before everybody else arrived.

When we arrived in the classroom, I saw a huge yellow helium balloon on my desk. The boys had tied the string inside a small vase that sat on my desk, and the balloon floated there like a bright, happy exclamation mark. On the balloon they had written some sort of ridiculous poem which they knew would make me laugh.

Then one of the students, Larry, pulled a long florist's pin from behind his back and held it out toward me. "Pop it, Mrs. E," he said.

I recoiled. I couldn't. I hate to pop balloons. It scares me, I usually scream. "Pop it, Mrs. E." Larry was insistent, I continued to refuse, giving all sorts of great excuses and reasons. "Pop it, Mrs. E." I laughed, I teased, I cajoled. But one of Larry's greatest assets was his stubborn persistence, and I knew we would stand there forever or at least until I popped the balloon. Finally, I took the pin, put one hand over an ear, closed my eyes and popped the balloon. Concealed inside the now disintegrated balloon was a long-stemmed red rose. I have no idea how they put it inside the balloon. I felt my eyes fill with joy, and I hugged Larry.

At last I understood the Seventh Step. I am so full of hot air; I am afraid to let God pop my balloon of pride and fear. I am afraid of what I will find. But that day, God showed me- an American Beauty rose. That night I shared the story with a roomful of drunks, I looked at all of them and realized I was looking at God's garden of roses. Again, I wept for joy. I realized that I too am part of his garden. I have really learned only one thing since that day. I will not see my own rose. I must trust God for that as I continue to practice Steps Six and Seven. But my faith in this process of change increases as I look upon my fellow drunks and watch them blossom. I trust they are a reflection of what happens to me when I let go and let God.

-Annie E. Oklahoma

**MIDNIGHT
ELYRIA GROUP**

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

- 7/3 Open Podium
- 7/10 Jeff R., 1st lead
- 7/17 Brianna R., 1st lead
- 7/24 Nancee H., 5 Yr.
anniversary lead
- 7/31 Jefferson W.,
10 Yr. anniversary lead,
(*Snack Night)

This Meeting NEEDS support.
With other late night "events"
going on, our fellowship needs a
safe place to go.

**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
Make checks payable to:
General Service Office

15% NE Ohio General Service

ATTN: Area 54 Treasurer
P.O. Box 91384,
Cleveland, OH 44101-3384
Make checks payable to:
NE Ohio General Service

10% Lorain Co. Multi-District

710 Broadway Avenue,
Lorain, OH 44052
ATTN: Dan F.- Treas.
(440)723-7690
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Lorain County Multi-District

**July
Anniversaries**

- 7/1 Aaron H. 15 yrs.
- 7/1 Nancee H. 5 yrs.
- 7/2 Renee E. 17 yrs.
- 7/5 Jeff W. 13 yrs.
- 7/6 Renee M. 31 yrs.
- 7/7 Marty F. 39 yrs.
- 7/10 Kathy K. 3 yrs.
- 7/10 Jamie S. 5 yrs.
- 7/11 Gary K. 18 yrs.
- 7/13 Connie S. 37 yrs.
- 7/13 Christine C. 23 yrs.
- 7/13 Jefferson W. 10 yrs.
- 7/15 Ron R. 46 yrs.
- 7/16 Apryl S. 4 yrs.
- 7/23 Rick A. 12 yrs.
- 7/24 Angela G 3 yrs.
- 7/24 Andrew S. 4 yrs.
- 7/27 Bret R. 14 yrs.
- 7/29 Linda S, 37 yrs.
- 7/30 Ruben P. 5 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***

Anniversaries will not be
carried over to next year

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
See YOUR Inter-Group at
work!

710 Broadway Avenue, Lorain
(Central Office)

**65TH ANNUAL OHIO STATE
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**

AUGUST 20-22, 2021

"Our Great Responsibility"

HOSTED BY AREA 55

ON-LINE REGISTRATION FOR
CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN AT

[https:// area55aa.org/20585-2/](https://area55aa.org/20585-2/)

When making any contribution: 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.

As of July 1st, 2021, what was the **Wednesday Lorain Industrial Group** will be moving over to join the **Thursday Compass Group**. The new name of the combined group will be **"The Lorain Industrial Compass Group."** They will meet every Thursday, 8pm in the gymnasium at the St. Francis Cabrini Parish on the corner of Homewood and Grove Ave in South Lorain.

Thursday 10:30 AM Open Big Book Discussion

Meeting for summer at LCMP Duck Pond
12550 Diagonal Road, Elyria

2021 PENN/OHIO FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, August 7, 2021. WALDAMEER PARK AND WATER WORLD, 220 Peninsula Drive, Erie Ohio 16506

Picnic Grove: Southern #1

Speaker Meetings: 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. Tickets: **\$27**. With tickets, you get access to Water World (swimsuit required)

Water World opens at 1pm, rides open at 11 am. **FREE** parking and admission to general park area. Use discount

combo tickets for Rides/Water World when you purchase in advance or on 8/7 for anytime during the 2021 season

(\$2 surcharge for any weekend day except 8/7)

Call Bob D to buy advance tix 216-408-9020 or send your order to **PO BOX 8 Orwell, OH 44076**. Secondary OH

phone contact: **Susan R 216-407-6049** or in **PA, contact Terri H at 814-898-2415**

FREE: Coffee, Iced Tea, and Hot Dogs while they last. *Bring your family and friends and a picnic basket.* Soda available at cost.

24th Annual Northeast Ohio Women's Luncheon Saturday, Aug 14, 2021. 11am-3pm.

Hot lunch served at 12:00pm. Speaker TBA. Theme: Woman to Woman: We Recover Better Together.

Double Tree Hilton Cleveland-Independence, 6200 Quarry Lane, CLE 4413 177 S/Rockside Rd., Ex 155

\$30 PP. Table of up to 10 ppl. Adults ONLY, order together, sit together. Deadline to register is 8/1/2021

For details Contact:

Chair: Kisha M: 216-894-1228

Co Chair: Delores S: 216-548-8111

Ck payable to: NEOAAWWL: P.O. BOX 181393 Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118 list address, and contact info.

Committee meets on ZOOM 3rd Tues ea month: Zoom: 2082041456 P/C 05222021 (looking for hostesses as well)

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 22-24, 2021. The Theme of the workshop is *'Design for Living'*

Speakers from Canada, California, Texas and Illinois

Double Tree by Hilton 1100 Crocker Road, Westlake OH 44145 440-871-6000 for room reservations

(Mention "Sunlight" to get the \$99 p/n rate which includes breakfast)

Registration for the retreat is \$35 per woman. You can contact the following members for info.

Dolly A- (440) 429-0369

Chris H- (440) 570-8380

Carol L (440)309-6710

Allison P (440) 665-4229

Michelle K (216) 906-4218

Leah S (330) 241-3471

You can also Venmo a private transaction along with your address to: "Sunlightof-TheSpirit"

Or mail a check payable to "Sunlight of the Spirit" to Dolly Abbott 5677 Faraday Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124

Taping by George & Freddie Tapes will also be on sight during the conference.

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

INTER-GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT – July 2021

INCOME

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Donations/Rent | \$2,571.76 |
| Literature Sales | 1,819.59 |
| Fundraising Income | 20.00 |
| Interest Income | .03 |
| Total INCOME | \$4,411.38 |

EXPENSES

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Rent | \$ 850.00 |
| Columbia Gas | 115.00 |
| Answering Service | 580.00 |
| Ohio Edison | 128.34 |
| Spectrum | 127.01 |
| Vivial: Yellow Pages | 28.95 |
| House Managers | 700.60 |
| Payroll Fees | 80.30 |
| Literature Purchases | 2725.88 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| Total EXPENSES | \$ 5,436.98 |

GAIN/(LOSS)

\$(1,025.60)

Meeting Announcements

TUESDAY SAFE HAVEN MEETING

Meeting has moved to
THE INTER GROUP OFFICE
Time: 7 PM

MEETING FORMAT: DISCUSSION

*LAST TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH IS A LEAD

SPAN AM MEETING

7/2: DOC
7/9: JAMES J.
7/16: STEVE
7/23 LLOYD
7/30: SOBER AA

If you have meeting info,
email or call and we will
post it here!

-in unity and service! 😊

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Unity LiveWire

Jody B. Google Voice.... (440)574-0143
*EMAIL: unitylivewire@gmail.com

Technology Committee..... 440-246-1800
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Tyler F. and Ed F...
Email: lorainaa@live.com

Correctional Committee

Andy K..... (440)343-3644
*EMAIL: poolguy@windstream.net

Public Information Committee

Tamara SR..... (440) 670-8888

Picnic Committee/Steak Fry

Art C..... (440)773-9474

Pig Roast

Troy S..... (440)365-9018

Memorial Day Breakfast

Steve S..... (440)308-1352

ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community

Help is needed for KEY DISTRICT POSITIONS!

STEP UP & GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE WORK

Contact LCMD Chairperson

DISTRICT COMMITTEES:

Lorain County Multi-District

Chairperson: Mark P..... (216) 406-1169

Alt Chair: Ellen W.....(440) 327-8812

District 19A

(Avon, Avon Lake, Columbia, Eaton, Grafton,
N. Ridgeville, Sheffield, Sheffield Lake)

DCM Mark P ... (216)406-1169

Alt DCM ***POSITION OPEN***

District 19B

(All of the City of Lorain & Part of Vermilion)

DCM Tom M.... (440)308-5885

Alt DCM Jeremy S..(440)444-2044

District 20A

(All of the City of Elyria and Carlisle)

DCM ***** Position Open****

Alt DCM - Summer H. (440) 328-7596

District 20C

(Amherst, Brighton Twp, Brownhelm Twp,
Camden Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton,
LaGrange, Oberlin, Penfield, Pittsfield Twp,
S.Amherst, Wellington)

DCM Randy W...(330)591-7328

Alt DCM Penny F....(440)773-3098

Rents Received

Friday Morning Survivor
Lorain Wednesday Group
Multi-District Meeting
Serenity Hall
Sharing our Sobriety
Strength in Sobriety
Unity Hall Discussion
We Care Tuesday Morning Discussion
Blue Monday

Office Managers

Sam H. 440-522-3639
Tom N. 440-258-7286
Ed F. 440-309-0551
Office 440-246-1800

Contributions

A Place for Us
Anonymous
Blue Monday
Elyria Men's Stag
Elyria Monday Closed Discussion
Friday Morning Survivor
Friday Night Recovery Group
Grafton Monday Night
Keep It Simple Men's Big Book
Lorain Wednesday Group
Midnight Elyria Group
Saturday Night Security
Sharing Our Sobriety
Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group
Strength in Sobriety
Sunday Brunch Bunch- Bay Village
Thursday Morning BB Study
Unity Hall Discussion
Wellington Group

Inter-Group Advisory Board of Directors

Jody B. 440-225-2412 Chair
Dave G. 440-723-1923 V. Chair
Art C. 440-773-9474 Sec.
Mark P. 440-452-5946 Treas.

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Donna L. 440-574-3464
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Russ K. 440-370-6575
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