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~ UNITY LIVEWIRE ~  
'A SOBER PUBLICATION'  
*October - 2021*

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

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## General Service Representative, have you heard of one?

Before COVID-19 came and ravaged our world, Lorain County had approximately **120** meetings in the books. **One hundred and twenty** opportunities every week for someone to get to a meeting, talk to another alcoholic and share their worries, talk about their moments, get a chance to maybe not be alone.

Not only was it an opportunity for people like you and me to share with another alcoholic, it was also an opportunity for those homegroups to be represented at a much different level.

Currently, we have approximately 80 meetings operating in this county. It would stand to reason that if every meeting were following the guidelines set forth by AA, there would be different tasks taken up in each homegroup right? A Chairperson, a Secretary, someone to make coffee... those are all important jobs to be sure, but what about your **GSR (General Service Representative)**?

This is the person that should be attending the monthly meeting as outlined on page of this newsletter down at the Lorain Innergroup Office. This person is the one who can speak for your homegroup. Bring YOUR HOMEGROUP VOICE to Lorain County AA and bring BACK information from AREA 54.

There is so much to share and be shared at this meeting that never gets an opportunity to flourish in Lorain County AA because as of our last meeting we had 11 folks show up. This is incredibly sad to see.

There are so many important decisions being made in Alcoholics Anonymous on the national level and Lorain County and our Area cannot have a voice without the local AA community speaking up! There are discussions going on right now that affect the first 164 pages of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

You do not have a voice if you don't have a representative. Your representative is by way of your homegroup. Each homegroup is encouraged to nominate and send a General Service Representative to the Innergroup Office for the meetings every first Sunday of each month at 10:30. Get registered so your GSR is getting the mailed information that is sent to every homegroup so you and your fellow members are not left out in the dark.

Every month a representative is there to ask if there are issues or concerns to take to Area 54 and if you aren't there to speak to them... the issues are not heard. Do you care if the first 164 are amended? You may, but if you don't know what the proposed changes

Are, nor take the time to find out your voice won't be heard and your vote will not be counted.

Lorain County AA has always been a proud beacon of AA in Ohio. Don't go silent now!

GET ACTIVE. Get your homegroup together and get a General Service Representative to the next meeting. We will be there and ready to sign up as many new GSRs that show up! We hope we get a TON of new attendees! 😊

Respectfully,

Jody B.

P.S.

The Innergroup Office Business Meeting is held at 12:30 on the same day and attendance to that meeting is embarrassingly low as well. If you haven't been present to that one either, the same thing applies, this is the time to show up, ask questions and voice any concerns. You might be surprised how welcoming we can be. Just sayin'.

**MIDNIGHT  
ELYRIA GROUP**

St. Mary's  
4<sup>th</sup> & Middle

Saturday 12:00am

- 10/2 Open Podium
- 10/9 Dave M.
- 10/16 Kristen M (Dover)
- 10/23 Tommy H. 6 yr Ann.
- 10/30 Steve B (Cleve)
- \*snack Night

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

**OCTOBER  
Anniversaries**

10/1	JOE P.	3 YR
10/2	ED F.	17 YR.
10/4	BILL J.	18 YR.
10/5	DAN M.	34 YR.
10/6	NICK C.	13 YR.
10/6	CHRISTIAN F.	8 YR.
10/11	LOGAM MCD.	1 YR.
10/11	JAMIE W.	5 YR.
10/13	KELLY V.	15 YR.
10/14	KRISSY H.	12 YR.
10/15	SHAWN M.	22 YR.
10/16	CHASTA G.	3 YR.
10/17	SAM H.	33 YR.
10/18	ERIN R.	13 YR.
10/22	ROY P.	39 YR.
10/22	TOMMY H.	6 YR.
10/22	GREGORY S.	1 YR.
10/28	DELILAH B.	31 YR.
10/30	MEGAN D.	3 YR.

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

Anniversaries will not be  
carried over to next year

email to:  
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Call (440)574-0143  
and leave a voicemail

Call Bobbi M. at  
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**MONTHLY  
BUSINESS MEETINGS**

**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)

**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  
Make checks payable to:  
Lorain County Multi-District

October 28 is National  
First Responders Day!  
Be sure to thank a First  
Responder, as they have  
saved MANY LIVES!!!!

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.

### Step Ten (AA Grapevine Step by Step)

*“Continued to Take Personal Inventory and When we were wrong promptly admitted it.”*

Step ten is not an overnight matter, but rather continues for a lifetime. AAs take regular inventory and watch out for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. “we make amends quickly when they pop up,” the Big Book says. But our goal is “progress, not perfection.”

The soul-searching required by this Step helps AAs correct what is wrong. This could happen in a spot-check inventory, a day’s end balance sheet or a periodic review of progress, or perhaps an annual or semi-annual housecleaning. Step Ten has helped AAs stay on track spiritually and helped prevent bad situations from becoming worse. “Step Ten has saved me from more mistakes than I can count. But time and again I’ve delayed taking this step- because of pride and fear. One of my sneakiest evasions has simply been in posing as morally superior to the person I have wronged,” an AA writes in a 1992 Grapevine story.

### LIKE A SHIP AT SEA (Oct 1950)

In Search for a daily “operating schedule” which would help to make the Tenth Step habitual and as pleasant as possible, the write hit upon the following analogy and found it helpful on a ship’s bridge, at sea, the navigator is charged with keeping his ship on her course. When he is piloting near islands, shoals, and coastal waters, he must constantly take sights or bearings o rock, lighthouses, mountain peaks and other reference points that appear on his chart. The compass bearings of these objects from his ship enable him to mark his progress on the chart and to steer a safe course. The point of the analogy is that the navigator constantly regards each of the menacing objects in the sea around him as aids to the safe passage of his vessel. As long as he notes the bearing of each one it cannot harm him. The “sighting” pr experiencing of “fear, resentment, self-pity, anger and self-righteousness doesn’t mean that the ship is off her course at all. Each is a menace to be expected and encountered every day of a normal busy life. If, however, the watch on the bridge is habitually alert, the menace can be an aid to safe passage. -**Frank M. Piedmont, CA.**

### THE TENTH STEP (December 1975)

In getting an apartment ready for a new tenant, who also happened to be an AA and a real friend of mine, I “salvaged” three full gallon cans of paint from the partially decorated confines of that apartment and hid them in my own place. My scheme was to sell the new tenant the three gallons to finish the badly needed painting, for a total of \$15. After sleeping on the plot, or not sleeping, but tossing, awoke early feeling upset about something that I couldn’t figure out. Facing the uneasiness squarely, I began to search the Twelve Steps with a desire to understand the problem. After just one inventory of the previous day’s dealings, I came up with the awareness that my old con tactic was recurring: I had tricked myself into thinking I could be comfortable with making a lousy \$14 by cheating and lying to another AA. Now, being aware of what I had done, was I going to continue to let this bug me to distraction? Or should I use the honesty of the rest of the Tenth Step ask for forgiveness? I decided that the best way was to approach my friend with what I had done and take the consequences. Whether they were good or bad, I would feel clean of the garbage. I proceeded to ask my friend if I could take a Tenth Step. And I did. His answer was beautiful: “Thank you for being honest. We all have character defects, and they trigger us back to the old habits that drove us to drink, because we weren’t measuring up to what we thought we should be.” It was out! Thank God, it came from one who was able to forgive another human error. That’s what the Tenth Step did for me today. Without the promptness of the admission, I wouldn’t have had only one sleepless night, it could have been nights upon end. This AA way oof life has many rewards if we search for the honest way to live it. I’m very happy with the continuing reward that I am aware of, if only we can see what is making our lives uncomfortable! Try the Tenth Step again, buddy. I’m glad I tried it today. ~ **J.M. Rantoul, Illinois**

**INTER-GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT –October 2021**

**INCOME**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Donations/Rent      | \$3,777.39        |
| Literature Sales    | 1,737.50          |
| Fundraising Income  | 15.50             |
| Interest Income     | .03               |
| <b>Total INCOME</b> | <b>\$5,530.42</b> |

**EXPENSES**

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Rent                  | \$ 850.00         |
| Columbia Gas          | 298.64            |
| Answering Service     | (95.00)           |
| Ohio Edison           | 130.53            |
| Spectrum              | 136.90            |
| Vival: Yellow Pages   | 28.95             |
| House Managers        | 1,071.49          |
| Payroll Fees          | 80.30             |
| Literature Purchase   | 2,806.30          |
| GFS: paper supplies   | 73.41             |
| Petty Cash            | 100.00            |
| <b>Total EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$5,481.52</b> |

**GAIN/(LOSS) 48.90**

**Rents Received**

|                                    |
|------------------------------------|
| Friday Morning Survivor            |
| Lorain Wednesday Group             |
| Multi-District Meeting             |
| Sharing our Sobriety               |
| Strength in Sobriety               |
| Unity Hall Discussion              |
| We Care Tuesday Morning Discussion |
| Blue Monday                        |
| Safe Haven                         |
| Mid week Morning Disc.             |
| Serenity Hall                      |

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

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Andy K..... (440)343-3644  
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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

**Secretary:** Jody B. (440) 225-2412

**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** Summer H. (440) 328-7596

**Alt. DCM** Mike W. (440) 865-1145

**District 20C**

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

**Contributions**

- A Place For Us
- Amherst Saturday Group
- Anonymous
- Avon Lake Tuesday Men's
- Blue Monday
- Casual Tuesday
- CBS Big Book Study
- Elyria Monday Discussion
- Friday Morning Survivor
- Grafton Wednesday Night
- Lagrange Monday Night
- Lorain Industrial/Compass Group
- Lorain Wednesday Group
- Mid-Week Morning Discussion
- Midnight Elyria Group
- Oberlin Group
- Saturday Night Security
- Sharing Our Sobriety
- Sheffield Lake Civic Ctr Group
- St. Jude's New Life
- Strength in Sobriety
- Thursday Women's Sobriety Group
- Unity Hall Discussion
- Vermilion Tuesday Night Big Book
- We Care Tuesday Morning Disc.
- Wellington Thursday Night

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