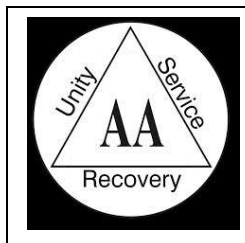


February

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2019

One Day at a Time

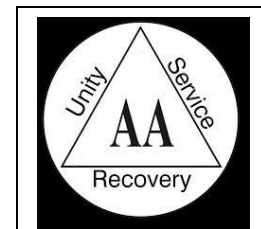


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Step 2 – Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

In the preceding chapters you have learned something of alcoholism. We hope we have made clear the distinction between the alcoholic and the non-alcoholic. If, when you honestly want to, you find you cannot quit entirely, or if when drinking, you have little control over the amount you take, you are probably alcoholic. If that be the case, you may be suffering from an illness which only a spiritual experience will conquer.

To one who feels he is an atheist or agnostic such an experience seems impossible, but to continue as he is means disaster, especially if he is an alcoholic of the hopeless variety. To be doomed to an alcoholic death or to live on a spiritual basis are not always easy alternatives to face.

But it isn't so difficult. About half our original fellowship were of exactly that type. At first some of us tried to avoid the issue, hoping against hope we were not true alcoholics. But after a while we had to face the fact that we must find a spiritual basis of life-or else. Perhaps it is going to be that way with you. But cheer up, something like half of us thought we were atheists or agnostics. Our experience shows that you need not be disconcerted.

If a mere code of morals or a better philosophy of life were sufficient to overcome alcoholism, many of us would have recovered long ago. But we found that such codes and philosophies did not save us, no matter how much we tried. We could wish to be moral, we could wish to be philosophically comforted, in fact, we could will these things with all our might, but the needed power wasn't there. Our human resources, as marshalled by the will, were not sufficient; they failed utterly.

Lack of power, that was our dilemma. We had to find a power by which we could live, and it had to be a Power greater than ourselves. Obviously. But where and how were we to find this Power?

Well, that's exactly what this book is about. Its main object is to enable you to find a Power greater than yourself which will solve your problem. That means we have written a book which we believe to be spiritual as well as moral. And it means, of course, that we are going to talk about God. Here difficulty arises with agnostics. Many times we talk to a new man and watch his hope rise as we discuss his alcoholic problems and explain our fellowship. But his face falls when we speak of spiritual matters, especially when we mention God, for we have re-opened a subject which our man thought he had neatly evaded or entirely ignored.

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Carry the Message

Need groups to Volunteer to take meetings into the Oriana House in Sandusky. Call Ron Gray to sign up. 419-366-4898

Intergroup Officers

Chairman = Chrissy Porter

Vice Chairman = Andrew Alexander

Treasurer = Dave Deer

Secretary = Bill Fisk

Member at Large = Open

Member at Large = Carol Reiman

Member at Large = Bill Ryf

Member at Large = Libby Burroughs

Member at Large = Tom Fannin

Literature Room Hours

Monday - - - Closed

Tuesday 11:00 – 2:00, 3:00 – 5:00

Wednesday 11:00 – 2:00, 3:00 – 5:00

Thursday 11:00–12:30, 2:30 – 5:00

Friday 11:00 – 2:00, 3:00 – 5:00

Saturday 11:00 – 2:00, 3:00 – 5:00

Sunday - - - Closed

Closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas.

Winter Weather Advisory – If roads are bad, please call before coming out – 419-625-5995.

Step 2: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Promise 2: We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Group Donations (as suggested by World Service Pamphlet “Self-Support – Where Money and Spirituality

Mix”)

**NCOAA Intergroup
PO Box 338
Sandusky, OH 44870
(50% of total)**

**(for groups in Erie and Huron Counties)
NE Ohio General Service Office
PO Box 91384
Cleveland, OH 44101-3384
(25% of total)**

OR

**General Service Office
PO Box 459
Central Station New York, NY 10163-0459
(25% of total)**

**(for groups in Sandusky, Seneca and Ottawa Counties)
Area 55
PO Box 401
Toledo, OH 43697
(25% of total)**

Attention ALL Groups: Please help us to help you!! If you have changed GSR'S (General Service Representative) in your group, have changed your Primary Mail Contact and have not attended the Monthly Intergroup Meeting to file a Group Change Form. Please do of the following:

- 1) Attend 1st Saturday of the Month @ 11:00AM**
- 2) Call the Inter-Group Office with your new information. 419-625-5995**

There is always a place in the Sober Horizons for your Group Anniversaries, Leads, Dances, Weekends, Dinners, Activities, etc. Please Contact:

Bob T. (440-666-3310)

Candy C. (419-266-4094)

Office (419-625-5995)

Email: soberhorizon@gmail.com

Please get them in by the 23rd

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Service volunteers are needed!! After years of dedication and hard work, our dear friend Lizzie A. is passing the torch to someone new. We hope that you will grab that torch and run with it!

The Sandusky Intergroup is searching for our next Entertainment Committee Chairperson, and Event Leaders to continue our Memorial Breakfast, Intergroup Picnic and Gratitude Dinner. We want to extend our sincere gratitude to Lizzie and to our outgoing Entertainment Chairperson, Joe B. Your dedication to service is an inspiration to all.

If you are willing to be a part of our efforts to host successful events, please join us at the next Intergroup meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 2nd. We meet at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky at "O" Cottage. Remember - it takes a lot of volunteers to coordinate these wonderful activities. We hope you will get involved and join us!

**New London "Saturday Nite"
53rd Anniversary
February 9, 2019**

**United Methodist Church
58 East Main St.
New London, OH**

**Doors Open 6:00
Dinner at 7:00**

Lead at 8:00 AA and Al-Anon dual lead (TBA)

Pork Salad, cake and coffee provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

**50/50 and door prizes.
Please join us for a great sober time.**

**Milan New Hope
39th Anniversary
February 17, 2019**

**St. Anthony Fellowship Hall
130 South Main St.
Milan, OH**

**Doors Open 5:30
Dinner at 6:30**

Lead at 7:30 Kevin B. from Willoughby, OH

Food and drinks provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Come out and help us celebrate.

**Euchre Tournament
Last Saturday of the Month
October 2018 thru April 2019**

**St. Paul Episcopal Church
206 N. Park Avenue
Fremont, OH**

**Doors Open 5:00
Dinner at 5:30
Euchre at 6:30**

**Please bring a dish to share for potluck.
Cost is \$2.00 per person. Euchre players \$3.00 additional. Dominoes and games for those that don't.**

The Birmingham Youth Center will be closed in January and February. The four groups that meet there will do the following:

Sunday Night Birmingham "Twilight" Group is meeting at the Congregational Church at 990 State Rd. at 7:30 in Vermilion.

Sunday Morning Harbourtown Breakfast will meet in the Welcome Center of the Harbourtown Mobile Home Park 6320 Poorman Rd. Vermilion at 10 AM – No breakfast, but will have a lead. This is where the meeting originated.

Clarksfield Monday Morning Discussion will be at the Congregational Church in South Amherst at 114 W. Main St. at 10 AM.

The Birmingham Spaghetti Dinner Group will not be meeting in January and February.

We have received some notices about our members passing since our last Memorial Day. Please contact the Intergroup Office at 419-625-5995 with others for remembrance in May 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Dec. 2018	
Literature Room:	
Sales	\$1106.26
Book Purchases	1837.66
LOSS for the Month	\$ 731.40
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Operating Account:	
Group Donations	\$1228.00
Total Income:	\$1228.00
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Payroll	\$ 505.35
Telephone/Telecomm.	159.49
AA Function	2907.00
Printing/Copying	58.00
Operations	9.00
Postage/Mailing	60.00
OVH Donation	150.00
Total Expenses:	\$3848.84
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LOSS for the Month	\$2620.84

December 2018 Phone Report	
Total Calls	63
12 Step Calls	3
Rides	2
Meeting	39
Office Info	14
Volunteer Hours	123

December 2018 Group Donations	
\$ 500.00	As Bill Sees It
400.00	Milan Women's Meeting
100.00	Milan New Hope
140.00	Norwalk Wed. Back to Basics
18.00	Intergroup
20.00	Norwalk How It Works
50.00	Fitchville Monday Night
\$1228.00	
<u>Thank You All</u>	

AA Birthdays	
2/19	Robbie F.
2/21	Joe G.

AA Anniversaries		
2/5	Chrissy P.	20 yrs.
2/6	Terry C.	37 yrs.
2/8	Bob T.	31 yrs.
2/16	Greg F.	33 yrs.
2/23	Ken A.	6 yrs.
2/28	Mark J.	13 yrs.

Tiffin Wednesday Night	
2/6	Bob T. (Monroeville)
2/13	Mike D. (Fremont)
2/20	Bill D. (Clyde)
2/27	Steve D. (Fremont)

Friday Bellevue 'Lighthouse'	
2/1	Chris (Fremont)
2/8	Joe D. (Greenwich)
2/15	George J. (Clyde)
2/22	Libby M. (Fremont)

Port Clinton Thursday Night	
2/7	Bridgette R. (Oak Harbor Monday)
2/14	John P. (Port Clinton Thursday)
2/21	Marge M. (Port Clinton Thursday)
2/28	Libby B. (Fremont Monday)